

## **Col Roy Smoker**

### **USAF, Comptroller Headquarters Space and Missile Systems Center**

Colonel Smoker is the Comptroller of Headquarters Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He leads a 300 person organization responsible for the \$6 billion budget used to finance and procure satellites to equip US and allied forces with the capability to support global military operations.

Colonel Smoker is a graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL, with a bachelor of arts degree in Mathematics and Economics. He received his masters degree in Economics from the University of North Dakota and his doctorate in Economics from the University of Missouri.

A Distinguished Graduate of the University of Missouri ROTC detachment, Colonel Smoker entered the Air Force in 1971. His first assignment was as a Manpower Econometrician in the Directorate of Manpower and Organization, Headquarters, United States Air Force.

In 1976 he assisted in the establishment of the Air Force Management Engineering Agency (AFMEA) at Randolph AFB, TX. He returned to the Pentagon in 1980, serving first in the Office of Productivity and Research as Chief, Research Integration, and then as the Senior Military Estate Program analyst on the Staff of the Fifth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation.

Following his graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College, Colonel Smoker led the first computerized theater logistics war game (LOGEX 85) in the Republic of Korea. In 1985, he moved to Los Angeles AFB to become Deputy Director and later Director of Program Control for the Milstar Joint Program Office, where he served until June 1989.

Colonel Smoker returned to the Pentagon for a third tour in 1989, this time as Chief Economic Analysis, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Cost and Economics, where his economic analyses for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory facility, gained Congressional approval. In July

1990, he was reassigned as Chief, Space Systems, in the Office of Cost and Economics, where he conducted costs estimates for all space and strategic defense programs, and was a voting member of the Air Force Space Panel.

Colonel Smoker returned to Los Angeles AFB in May 1991 where he served as Director Business Operations for the Titan System Program Office in charge of launching the nation's largest satellites on the Titan IV launch vehicle.

In April 1993, Colonel Smoker was assigned to the position of Director of Financial Management and Comptroller, Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC), Arnold AFB, TN. In this position he was responsible for financial operations of the Nation's largest complex of aerospace simulation flight test facilities to expedite research and development of aircraft, missiles, and space systems.

In Jul 95, Colonel Smoker was assigned as Comptroller to the Air Force Flight Development Test Center (AFDTC), Eglin Air Force Base, FL. AFDTC operates and maintains the largest instrumented air base in the world with land and water ranges supporting test and development of weapons systems and associated munitions packages.

Colonel Smoker is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Air War College. He has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Colonel Smoker and the former Linda Kensinger have two daughters, Cheryl and Deborah.