

The Class of 2009 Selects...

Patrick C. Smith (Class of 1971)



Mr. Smith has spent 30 years serving the United States as an officer in the United States Secret Service. He attended St Paul's School and McQuiston Elementary School. Mr. Smith started his career with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and later received a Masters Degree in Forensic Science from Georgetown University.

Mr. Smith has been assigned to protect six sitting presidents, one former president, and former vice president, Dick Cheney. He has held numerous positions within the Secret Service, starting in the uniformed division, moving on to Special Agent in Charge of the Firearms Training Branch. He was Agent in Charge for Administration, Resident Agent in Charge of the Raleigh North Carolina office, Special Agent in Charge of the Special Investigations and Security Division in Washington D.C., then on to Assistant Deputy Director of the Office of Investigations. Finally he was assigned as Agent in Charge of the Vice Presidential Protective Division and the Technical Security Division. Among his many duties and responsibilities have been overseeing the physical security of all Secret Service employees, planning, coordinating, directing and supervising all personnel and programs relative to the investigative mission of the Secret Service, acting as principal liaison between Senior White House Staff, military aides and the press corps and planning, coordinating and supervising personnel assigned to protect the President, Vice-President and their families.

Recently he retired from the Secret Service and was recognized for his service by President Bush in 2005 with a Presidential Meritorious Rank Award and appointed by the United States Senate in 2006 as the U.S. Marshall to the Western District of North Carolina.