

# Chaplain (Colonel) James LaMar Griffin

Commandant, US Army Chaplain Center and School



Chaplain (Colonel) James LaMar Griffin was commissioned and assigned as an Army Chaplain in 1986. Prior to entering active duty, he served as Associate Pastor, White Oak Hills Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia 1983-1986.

His academic education includes a Master of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Science, National Security Strategy from the National Defense University; and a Bachelor of Arts, Religion/History from Mercer University.

His military education includes the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Airborne School; Jumpmaster School; Combined Arms Service School; Command and General Staff College; Division Chaplain Course; the TRADOC Senior Training and Education Managers Course; and the National War College.

Chaplain Griffin assumed the Commandant responsibility from his previous assignment as the Director for Center of Spiritual Leadership, US Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Jackson, SC. Previous assignments include: Command Chaplain, US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Fort Eustis, VA; Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Command Chaplain, Multi-national Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq; Division Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany; Career Management Officer, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Executive & Operations Officer, Office of the Command Chaplain, US Army Europe/7<sup>th</sup> Army; Co-Pastor, Patrick Henry Village Chapel, Heidelberg, Germany; Deputy Division Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Bad Kreuznach, Germany; Division Artillery Chaplain, 319<sup>th</sup> Airborne Field Artillery, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division; Co-Pastor, 82<sup>nd</sup> Division Memorial Chapel, Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Chaplain, 50<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion (Airborne) (CORPS); Co-Pastor, Faith Community Chapel, Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry; Co-Pastor, Ledward Barracks Chapel, Schweinfurt, West Germany; Assistant Group Chaplain, 43<sup>rd</sup> Area Support Group; Battalion Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry; Co-Pastor Ivy Memorial Chapel, Fort Carson, CO.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1OLC), Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC); the Army Commendation Medal (2OLC); the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC); the National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/Campaign Star); Global War on Terrorism Support Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4); NATO Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Ribbon; the Army Staff Identification Badge; Senior Parachutist Badge; British Army Parachutist Badge; Royal Australian Army Parachutist Badge; and a member of the Honorable Order of St. Barbara of US Field Artillery.

Chaplain Griffin is married to Dixie for 35 years. She is a graduate student, Drexel University. They have three children and five grandchildren.