

## **Dr. James D. Key**

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## **Work Experience**

### **U.S. Army Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel)**

1/7/2003 – Present

The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division "The Big Red One", Fort Riley, Kansas

- Conduct workshops, seminars and teach on a variety of subjects (religion, stress management and resiliency)
- Provide doctrinal expertise on the integration of religious support into military tactical operations.
- Provide direct religious support to Soldiers, Family members and Civilians
- Advise Commander on matters of religion, moral and ethical issues
- Preach and provide or perform pastoral care for personnel of all faiths and traditions
- Analyze units mission and provide and perform religious support
- Coach, mentor and supervise brigade Religious Support Teams
- Senior Pastor (Chapel Service)

### **Guest Columnist**

2/2005 - 2011 USA Today Newspaper, Washington, D.C.

- Opinion Editorials on a variety of topics

### **Pastor**

3/1998 - 1/2003 Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA

- Preach and preside over all services
- Moderator for all church business meetings
- Pastoral counseling
- Financial oversight/Administrative supervision
- Instructor (Bible Study and Sunday School)
- Conduct workshops and developed new ministries.

### **Adjunct Professor**

1/2000 - 12/2002 Paul D. Camp Community College, Franklin, VA

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Introduction to Speech Communication

### **Executive Director**

9/1996 - 6/1998 Sojourners Neighborhood Center, Washington, DC

- Outreach Relations
- Fundraising/Financial Oversight and Program Oversight
- Administrative Management

### **Associate Minister and Associate Pastor**

2/1990 - 3/1998 First Baptist Church of Deanwood - Washington, DC

- Presided over worship services and developed new ministries
- Pastoral counseling and preaching
- Instructor for several biblical courses

### **Chaplain**

2/1995 - 8/1996 Ecumenical Campus Ministry, University of the District of Columbia,

- Coordinated programs, activities and projects
- Counseling/preaching
- Fundraising

#### Legislative Assistant/Office Manager

6/1991 - 8/1996 United States House of Representatives, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA), Washington, DC

- Budget projection, planning and reporting
- Personnel recruitment and outreach relations
- Administrative management
- Monitored and analyzed legislation (Transportation, Civil Rights and Foreign Affairs)
- Met with constituents, organizations and lobbyists
- Coordinated briefings, workshops and other Congressional related activities

#### Staff Assistant

2/1990 - 6/1991 United States House of Representatives, Congressman Sander Levin (MI), Washington, DC

- Recruited and supervised interns-Monitored and analyzed legislation

#### Sales Representative

6/1988 - 8/1989 Johnson & Johnson Baby Products, Company, Los Angeles, CA

- Managed \$1.5 million dollar territory (San Bernardino/Riverside)
- Budget projection and reporting
- Sold products, promotional ads and displays to regional and national accounts

### **Education**

5/2012 Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

- Master of Theology
- Major Field: World Religions

5/1996 Howard University, Washington, DC

- Doctor of Ministry
  - Major Field: Religion and Politics
- Dissertation title: "Politics and Religion: Political Advocacy and the Black Church"  
Dr. Cain Hope Felder (Advisor)

5/1992 Howard University, Washington, DC

- Master of Divinity
- Major: General Religion

5/1988 California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA

- Bachelor of Arts
- Major: Speech Communication

### **Author of two Books**

*A Long Way from Crenshaw: Lessons and Stories about Race, Love, Honor, and Faith for These Changing Times* (Westbow Press, a division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan).

*Touch and Go: From the Streets of South Central Los Angeles to the War in Iraq* (Eloquent Books).

### **Published Articles in *USA Today***

James Key, "Timeless Messages of War and Sacrifice," *USA Today*, 25 May 2007, 21A.

James Key, "Our heroes, this day and the year-round" *USA Today*, 6 November 2009, 13A.

James Key, "This Year, Give Loved Ones What They Need," *USA Today*, 22 December 2006, 21A

James Key, "She Paved the Path," *USA Today*, 23 February 2005, 13A.

James Key, "Remember the guys in the foxholes," *USA Today*, 26 May 2006, 11A.

James Key, "Homeless Vets Reveal a Hidden cost of War," *USA Today*, 18 January 2008, 11A.

James Key, "Emotional Wounds Require Focus, too," *USA Today*, 22 September 2006, 11A.

James Key, "Military Knows How to Boost Racial Unity," *USA Today*, 26 October 2007, 9A.

James Key, "War & Faith," *USA Today*, 14 November 2005, 21A.

James Key, "Politics aside, a day to think our troops," *USA Today*, 23 November 2007, 11A.

James Key, "Young veterans face financial battles," *USA Today*, 26 December 2008, 11A.

James Key, "Best gift we can give to others? Our time," *USA Today*, 24 December 2008, 11A.

James Key, "Post-Racial Nation Isn't out of Reach," *USA Today*, March 17, 2011, 9A.

James Key, "Sacred Places Remind Us of Past Heroes," *USA Today*, February 27, 2009, 11A.

James Key, "The Importance of Making a Hard Change of Religion in Iraq," *USA Today*, November 14, 2005, 9A.

James Key, "On holiday, remember the empty chairs," *USA Today*, May 27, 2011, 11A.

James Key, "More people of color need to donate organs," *USA Today*, July 28, 2011, 9A

James Key, "The World Needs More Good Samaritans," *USA Today*, December 22, 2011, 9A.

James Key, "For BP, halfhearted gestures won't work," *USA Today*, August 13, 2010, 9A.

James Key, "Spring of hope lags for needy students," *USA Today*, April 16, 2010, 11A.

James Key, "I've seen both sides of racial profiling," *USA Today*, May 21, 2010, 9A.

James Key, "Reality TV' numbs real-life empathy," *USA Today*, July, 2010, 9A.

James Key, "Grief and honor at Arlington cemetery," *USA Today*, May 22, 2010, 7A.

James Key, "Ted Williams – and second chances," *USA Today*, January 21, 2011, 7A.

James Key, "A woman who knew how to be a neighbor," *USA Today*, August 28, 2009, 7A.

James Key, "Honor 9/11: Follow U.S. military's lead," *USA Today*, September 9, 2011, 11A.

James Key, "As Iraq war ends, let Muslim healing begin," *USA Today*, November 4, 2011, 7A.

James Key, "Small business: Jobs and life lessons," *USA Today*, October 29, 2010, 7A.

James Key, "A holiday message on hope and freedom," *USA Today*, July 2, 2009, 11A.

James Key, "America needs more Good Samaritans," *USA Today*, December 23, 201, 11A.

James Key, "This time of year to 'count blessings'," *USA Today*, December 26, 2010, 11A.

James Key, "With strain of war, thoughts of suicide," *USA Today*, March 21, 2008, 15A.

James Key, "What Obama's run means to Sweetie Pie," *USA Today*, July 3, 2008, 11A.

James Key, "Month to remember all the Sweetie Pies'," *USA Today*, February 23, 2007, 11A.

James Key, "Black History Month: What about Haiti?" *USA Today*, February 10, 2010, 11A.

James Key, "For BP, War chaplain finds peace on Good Friday," *USA Today*, April 22, 2011, 7A.

### **Awards and Honors**

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Los Angeles NAACP Men of Valor Award
- Los Angeles Dodgers' Military Hero of the Game
- Minister of the Week, Afro-American Newspaper, Washington, DC
- Chapter President, National Association of Black Seminarians, Howard

University School of Divinity

- Senior Class Vice-President, Howard University School of Divinity
- Outstanding Graduate Award/Graduation Speaker (Pan-African Studies Department, CSUN)
- Western Regional Assistant Vice-President, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Western Regional College Brother of the Year, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Western Regional Oratorical Contest Winner, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### **Professional Memberships & Affiliations**

- National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
- ROCKS, Inc.
- Democratic National Committee
- U.S. Cavalry & Armor Association
- Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni Association
- Howard University School of Divinity Alumni Association
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Prince Hall Freemasonry

### **Invited Talks (Present – 2014)**

1. Invited Keynote (February 2020) United States Department of Homeland Security Black History Month Program, Los Angeles, CA.
2. Invited Keynote (January 2020) Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Fort Irwin, CA.
3. Invited Panelist (March 2020) "How to build healthy relationships," Fort Irwin, CA.
4. Featured Guest (April 2020) "Race Relations in America," Nightcaps, live on Facebook and YouTube.
5. Guest Speaker (August 2019) Amos Temple CME Church, Riverside, CA.
6. Guest Speaker (July 2019) Grace Christian Community Church, Victorville, CA.
7. Invited Keynote (May 2019) Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Victorville, CA.
8. Invited Keynote (February 2019) Black History Month Program, Fort Irwin, CA.
9. Invited Speaker (January 2019) Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Yorba Linda, CA.
10. Invited Panelist (September 2018) Suicide Prevention, Victor Valley Community College.
11. Guest Speaker (October 2018) Dunton Presbyterian Church, Queens, NY.
12. Invited Guest (May 2018) "What does it take to be an Army chaplain?" North Country National Public Radio.
13. Guest Speaker (April 2018) Inspirational Gospel Service, Fort Drum, NY
14. Guest Speaker (March 2018) Chapel Next, Fort Drum, NY
15. Guest Instructor (October 2017) "Suicide Prevention" Sweet Haven 3, Black River NY.
16. Invited Keynote (September 2017) 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Fort Drum, NY.
17. Invited Keynote (February 2017) Black History Month Program, Fort Drum, NY.
18. Featured (February 2017) "Facing the Rising Sun" Spectrum 1 News
19. Guest Speaker (November 2017) Annual Veterans Day Program, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC.
20. Invited Keynote (January 2017) City of Lancaster MLK Day, Lancaster, CA
21. Guest Speaker (June 2016) Igreja Batista da Lagoinha (English Service), Belo

Horizonte City, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

22. Guest Speaker (June 2016) Igreja Evangelica Comunidade Atos, Contagem City, Minas Gerais, Brazil.
23. Guest Speaker (January 2015) Argonne Hill Chapel, Fort Meade, MD.
24. Guest Speaker (July 2014) Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA.
25. Invited Keynote (June 2014) Seoul American High School, Seoul, South Korea.
26. Invited Speaker (May 2014) Men's Conference on Resiliency, Seoul, South Korea.
27. Invited Speaker (March 2014) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Seoul South Korea.
28. Invited Speaker (April 2014) Far East Broadcasting Company, Seoul South Korea.
29. Guest Speaker (January 2014 – May 2014) American Forces Network-South Korea.