



## **Chaplain (Colonel-Retired) Steven L. Berry**

Chaplain (Colonel-Retired) Steven L. Berry received his commission to the rank of Second Lieutenant as a Staff Specialist (Chaplain Candidate) in the US Army Reserve in May 1984. He entered Active Federal Service as a First Lieutenant in the US Army Chaplain Corps in July 1986. Chaplain Berry retired from Active Federal Service on 1 September 2014.

Steve's civilian education includes: BA in Religious Studies from East Texas Baptist University (1975), MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1986), ThM in Ethics from Duke University (1995), and an MA in National Security Strategy from the US Army War College (2007). He remains an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention. Prior to entering the US Army, he served churches in Texas, Wyoming, and Montana.

His assignments include: Battalion Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment; Regimental Chaplain, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment; Deputy Command Chaplain, Multi-National Forces, Iraq; Command Chaplain, US Forces-Afghanistan; Command Chaplain, Joint Special Operations Command. His awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Belgian Parachutist Badge, and Canadian Parachutist Badge. Steve is a Distinguished Member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment (2007) and a member of the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame (2020).

Steve is married to Colonel (Retired) Vanessa Berry, a former United States Army Judge Advocate. They are retired in Missoula, Montana, where they enjoy outdoor living in the Rocky Mountains. They have three children and four grandchildren. Steve serves as the Spiritual Fitness and Wellness Director for Three Rangers Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to help US Army Rangers achieve a successful transition from Active Duty in the 75th Ranger Regiment back into civilian life.

