

Robert G. Certain, DMin

Robert G. Certain is currently the Rector (senior pastor) of St. Peter & St. Paul Episcopal Church in Marietta, Georgia. His past positions with the Episcopal Church have been in Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Arizona and California.

Dr. Certain's education and professional training was at Emory University (BA, 1969) in Atlanta, Georgia and The University of the South (MDiv, 1976; DMin, 1990) in Sewanee, Tennessee. He was ordained a Deacon in 1975 and a Priest in 1976. He has published three books and numerous articles, most recently "Panning for Gold in the Muck of War", *The Military Chaplain*, Summer 2009.

Colonel Certain's military career began in 1969 with a regular commission into the USAF through ROTC at Emory University. He was trained as a Navigator/Bombardier and flew B-52s with the 97th Bombardment (Heavy) Wing at Blytheville, Arkansas, including two combat tours in Southeast Asia. From 1972-1973 he was a prisoner of war in Hanoi, North Vietnam. Following repatriation and seminary education, he became a USAF chaplain, serving on active duty and in the reserves. Chaplain Certain served at Andrews AFB, Kelly AFB, Keesler AFB, Eaker AFB, Lackland AFB, HQ Strategic Air Command, HQ Air Mobility Command, Air War College, and USAF Academy. He retired from the Air Force at the USAF Academy on July 8, 1999.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross (Heroism), Bronze Star (Valor), Purple Heart (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (4 OLC), Prisoner of War Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and ten others. As a civilian pastor, he presided and preached funeral services for former President Gerald R. Ford.