

## Rev. Dwain E. Harrell

Dwain currently serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chaplain for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, responsible for MD, NJ, NY, PA, and DE. Dwain has been a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, since December 3, 1978. He has been a dedicated member of the American Legion, Post 275 for the past 8 years. He is also an Associate Minister, and previously served as the head of the Men's Ministries, at Christian Unity Baptist Church located in Waldorf, MD. Dwain was licensed (1995) and ordained (1997) at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located in Suisun City, California, under the leadership of the late Rev. Claybon Lea, Sr. He has preached the word throughout the United States as well as in the European theater.

Dwain currently serves as the Chief of the Policy Planning and Education Branch, for the Office of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). He provides leadership for the following areas: Training Policy and Publications; Special Emphasis Programs; Employee Resource Groups; Reporting and Analysis; and Alternate Dispute Resolution. With over 30 years of training and development experience, Dwain Harrell served as the Chief of the Leadership Development Branch, Workforce Development Division, for DISA located at Fort Meade, MD. Dwain Harrell has also served as the Training Manager within the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA), National Training Center in Arlington, Virginia. He was responsible for daily operational planning and execution of the comprehensive professional and executive development program for FMCSA.

A U.S. Air Force retiree, Dwain has held numerous training and development positions throughout his 21 plus year career. As the Commandant of the Airman Leadership School, he implemented Professional Military Education policies and procedures in Europe and stateside locations. During his tenure as Superintendent, Curriculum Development, Total Quality Management Office, he provided manpower management advice for over 16, 800 active and reserve military personnel annually.

Following the military, Dwain became the Business Development Officer for the Andrews Federal Credit Union. He later became Vice President of GPE Consulting Group. He has worked with the firm on training activities and was in constant demand for various lectures and seminars. Dwain also served as the President of the National Community Development Organization, Incorporated (NCDOI). The NCDOI is a nonprofit grassroots organization designed to improve the quality of life and the socioeconomic status in local communities throughout the United States. Under his leadership NCDOI hosted the Post Katrina Economic Development Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2007. Dwain also served as a Human Resources Specialist with the Training and Development Division, Office of Human Capital, at the Small Business Administration Headquarters.

Dwain was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where he earned a degree in Workforce Education and Development and was on the Dean's list for the last three semesters. Dwain completed a Masters in Human Resources

Management and Development from National Louis University. He has completed all courses for a Doctoral program in Business Administration, Quality Systems Management, through the National Graduate School, Falmouth Massachusetts. He also received a Doctorate of Humane Letters from BBC Theological Seminary and serves as their Chaplain.

Dwain's military awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and a variety of other awards.