



CPT DONALD R. DAVIS US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 15 April 2023

CPT Davis was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned in the Medical Services Corps upon his December 1987 graduation from Northwestern State with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. His military education includes the AMEDD Basic and Advanced Officer Course, Air Assault School, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, and other specialty and developmental courses. He later earned a Master of Arts in Human Resources Development from Webster University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, and Doctor of Divinity from the Omega Bible Institute and Seminary.

CPT Davis began his military career as an enlisted Soldier in January 1976. He has held a variety of leadership positions ranging from Medical Company Squad Leader to Platoon Sergeant and finally Company Commander. He served with various medical units from battalion through installation level. He is a Distinguished Member of the Army Medical Department Regiment and belongs to the Order of Military Medical Merit. For his military service, CPT Davis has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Medical Badge, and additional awards and decorations.

He is a Life Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. His membership into the fraternity was initiated through the Theta Chi Chapter at NSU in 1986. He has served in many leadership roles in Alpha chapters nationally and worldwide. CPT Davis served as the Southwestern Region Officer for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita spearheading the Fraternity's recovery efforts.

After his retirement from the military in 1998, CPT Davis became an active member of his community. He is the Associate Minister of Greater Emmanuel Family Worship Center and the past executive director of their youth outreach center. He began his second career in the education field shortly after military retirement and has worked as a JROTC Senior Army Instructor for more than 20 years. He was named Distinguished Educator Scholar and JROTC Instructor of the Year. Following his exceptional educator career, he was elected to the Spring Independent School District School Board for three terms. In 2013, he was appointed as a Director of the Spring ISD Education Foundation and served as a member of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Board. CPT Davis currently serves as a key member on the Spring ISD Bond Steering Committee and Political Action Committee.

CPT Davis is the proud father of two daughters, Sharon, and Dieatra. In 2000, he helped create the Nellie Marshall "D'Ray" Educational Scholarship in honor of his great-grandmother, noted as the first Black female business owner in Gilbert, LA. A writer, CPT Davis entitled his first book *Imagery-From Whence I Come*, which is the true story of Donald Ray Davis inspired by his great-grandmother.