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# Dr. Eric L. Whitmore

## Executive Committee ECVAC Representative

Dr. Whitmore is the Associate Endorser for Chaplain Calling and Endorsement, Office of Baptist Chaplaincy Relations, Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) in Dallas. In that role he assists the Director, Dr. Bobby Smith, in discovering, developing, and endorsing chaplains to the military, health care, corrections and other entities which utilize chaplains. He also oversees strategic communications and administration for Chaplaincy Relations. He holds endorsements from the BGCT as a retired military chaplain and a clinical chaplain.

Eric was born in Cameron, Texas. His father was a professor of education and his mother a school teacher. He grew up in many locations, graduating from high school in 1982 in Denton, Texas. After a few years of college, Eric married W. Jean Whitmore in 1986, and enlisted in the United States Air Force as a Public Affairs Broadcaster in 1987. In 1991, he received a Bachelor's of Science degree with University of Maryland – University College while serving in Europe. In 1997, he left active service to become a Chaplain Candidate. In 2000, he completed a Master's of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was awarded a Doctor of Ministry a Logsdon Seminary, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, in 2019.

Chaplain Whitmore was commissioned in 2000 as a reserve chaplain and entered active duty in 2002. In 27.5 years of military service, he was assigned to Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal; Soesterberg AB, The Netherlands; Kelly AFB, Texas; Naval Air Station Fort Worth – Joint Reserve Base, Texas; Altus AFB, Oklahoma; Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan; Keesler AFB, Mississippi; and Hill AFB, Utah. Chaplain Whitmore retired from active duty in 2014 in the grade of Major.

As a civilian clinical chaplain, Chaplain Whitmore completed five units of Clinical Pastoral Education at Methodist Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, and Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He also completed a three year internship as a prison chaplain at Federal Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

Chaplain Whitmore completed many combat tours. In 1993, he served as a Broadcaster and Combat Cameraman in Mogadishu, Somalia, with the UN and 10th Mountain Division, and was involved in the recovery of soldiers from the infamous “Blackhawk Down” operation. In 1995, he supported Operation Desert Storm at Kuwait International Airport. In 2004, Chaplain Whitmore served with the USAF as Chaplain at Camp Sather, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. In 2008-2009, he was the garrison Chaplain for NATO Headquarters, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Chaplain Whitmore also won numerous media and public affairs awards as a Broadcaster, including the prestigious Public Affairs Worldwide Airman of the Year in 1989. His hobbies include writing, reading, travelling, amateur photography, and horseback riding.

Chaplain Whitmore is married to the former Winifred Jean Anderson of Snyder, Texas. They have three children: Victoria (Tori) is a Registered Nurse and missionary. She is married to Daniel Nilsen, a missionary for Child Evangelism Fellowship – Portugal. Katherine (Katie) is a graduate student at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. She is married to Ethan Tan, a data analyst from Malaysia. Asa is a graduate of University of North Texas, Denton. He is married to Becca (Croel), a staff minister on the Baptist Student Ministry team at UNT.

In his work with the Texas Baptists, Eric offices in the BGCT building in Dallas.