

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WESLEY J. MODDER

Chaplain Corps, United States Navy
Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Lieutenant Commander Wesley J. Modder, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Chaplain for Commander, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing at the Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, California. He was born in Flint, Michigan.



Chaplain Modder served in the United States Marine Corps for eight years in 1984. Upon completion of Basic Training at MCRD San Diego, he reported to Infantry Training School, Camp Pendleton, CA. PFC Modder's MOS was a 0341 Mortarman. Upon graduation from Infantry Training School he reported to Sea School at MCRD San Diego in 1985. His duty stations include: the Marine Detachment on the USS Carl Vinson CVN 70, 3rd BN 7th Marines, (deployed to Okinawa as a part of the Unit Deployment Program, with an additional deployment on the USS San Bernardino), Marine Corps Recruiting Sub-Station Flint, MI. As a Sergeant with Military Police Company 4th Marine Division Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fort Snelling, MN. Sgt. Modder participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, which took him from Camp LeJeune to Saudi Arabia in 1990. While serving as a Marine in Okinawa CPL Modder experienced his calling at the Camp Hanson Chapel to full time ministry. In 1999 he was commissioned a United States Navy Chaplain at the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Chaplain Modder was promoted to his current rank of Lieutenant Commander October 2009. After his Naval Chaplain School Training he completed training in Critical Incident Stress Management (C.I.S.M.). Following this training Chaplain Modder completed Chaplain and Religious Program Specialist Expeditionary Skills Training (C.R.E.S.T.) at Camp LeJeune, NC. His tours include being stationed with 1 MAW, MAG 24 in Kailua Hawaii from October 2000 to September 2003. Naval Base Coronado at the Naval Amphibious Base, San Diego, CA. Chapel from September 2003 to June 2006. USS Bunker Hill (CG-52) Command Chaplain deployed to Iraq for OIF Operation Iraqi Freedom and OEF Operation Enduring Freedom CG CLASSRON Chaplain for West Coast Guided Missile Cruisers at the Surface Force Ministry Center, San Diego, CA. from June 2006 to May 2008. Force Chaplain for the Naval Special Warfare Command, Navy Seals and BUDS at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado CA. from July 2008 to July 2010. During his tour as the Force Chaplain for the Navy SEALs Chaplain Modder deployed to Afghanistan. Now Chaplain Modder serves as the Command Chaplain for Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific Fleet. His awards are as follows: Navy Commendation Medal 3rd award, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation 3rd award, Battle Efficiency Ribbon 3rd award, Marine Corps Good Conduct, Fleet Marine Forces Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal 2nd award, South West Asia Service Medal 2nd award, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon 6th award, Navy Arctic Service Ribbon, Navy Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal, Rifle Expert, Pistol Expert.

His educational credentials are a Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Studies, North Central University, Minneapolis, MN; Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Ministries, Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN; ABD, D-MIN, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA. During his educational years Rev. Modder served as a youth pastor, college pastor and pastor in several churches. He served as a Chaplain for the Washington County Sheriff and Ramsey County Sheriff Departments in Minnesota. Rev. Modder is endorsed and ordained by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, from the Minnesota District to serve as a United States Navy Chaplain. Chaplain Modder is a highly sought-after, articulate, national Assemblies of God Pentecostal speaker who brings a refreshing perspective on God's Holy Word. He speaks at several men's ministries around the world, military settings, military Special Forces and Royal Ranger venues. He has a dynamic delivery in presentation in several settings with a diverse background. He is recognized for his balance in preaching the Word, and avoiding extremes while not diluting or compromising the demands of truth. Chaplain Modder's heart is to bring unity across all denominational and racial boundaries with a focus on men's ministry in the local church. Chaplain Modder is married to his wife Beth of San Marino, California. They have four children: James, Julia Joy and Jana Modder. The Modder's reside in San Diego, California.



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