

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WESLEY J. MODDER

Chaplain Corps, United States Navy Navy Special Warfare Command

Lieutenant Commander Wesley J. Modder, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Force Chaplain for the Navy Special Warfare Command, Navy SEAL's and BUDS at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, California. He was born on the 31st of March 1966 in Flint, Michigan.



Chaplain Modder entered the Marine Corps for eight years in the enlisted ranks as an 0341 Mortarman in 1984. Upon his completion of Boot Camp from MCRD San Diego, he reported to Infantry Training School, Camp Pendleton, CA. PFC Modder then 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. 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. 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 on 1 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 9 October 2000 to 1 September 2003. Naval Base Coronado at the Naval Amphibious Base, San Diego, CA. Chapel from 3 September 2003 to 1 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 Operational Ministry Center, San Diego, CA. from 2 June 2006 to 30 May 2008. Now currently serving as the Force Chaplain for the Naval Special Warfare Command, Navy Seals and BUDS at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado CA. Chaplain Modder has deployed to Afghanistan in support of our Navy SEALs. His awards are as follows: Navy Commendation Medal 2nd award, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, 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 Artic 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; 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 was married in 1994 to the former Beth Ann Griebe of San Marino, California. They have three children: James, Julia and Joy Modder. The Modder's reside in San Diego, California.



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