

GARY P. WEEDEN

CAPTAIN, CHAPLAIN CORPS, U.S. NAVY

Chaplain Weeden was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Northern Virginia. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard from 1977-1981. Additionally, Chaplain Weeden served in the Oregon Air National Guard from 1985-1987 as a Staff Sergeant

While a student at the Western Seminary, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Theological Student Programs Officer in February, 1987 and completed the U.S. Navy Chaplain School Basic Course at the NETC, Newport, RI. He was ordained and served on the Pastoral Staff at McLean Bible Church, McLean, Virginia. He is endorsed by the National Association of Evangelicals.

Chaplain Weeden has served with commands from all three Sea Services. From 1988-1991, he served as the Staff Chaplain at Naval Training Center and Naval Recruit Command, Great Lakes, IL. From 1991-93, he served as Command Chaplain onboard USS FOX (CG-33), deploying in support of Operation Desert Storm. From 1993-1997, he served as plankowner District Chaplain of the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, OH. From 1997-1998, he was selected for post graduate studies. From 1998-2001, he was assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC. From 2001-2003, Chaplain Weeden served as Group Chaplain for Commander, Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet/ Amphibious Group One, Okinawa, Japan. In 2003, he was selected to attend the Naval War College. Upon graduation, Chaplain Weeden served in a special assignment as Deputy Chaplain for US Central Command. Following this tour, Chaplain Weeden served as Director for CREDO Navy Region Northeast. From July 2006-October 2008, Chaplain Weeden was assigned as Command Chaplain at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. In 2008 to 2010, Chaplain Weeden served as Area Chaplain for US Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Portsmouth, VA. In June 2010, He assumed his current assignment as the ninth Chaplain of the Coast Guard.

Chaplain Weeden holds a Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies [Washington Bible College, Lanham, MD], a Master of Divinity [Western Seminary, Portland, OR], A Master of Theology [Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL] and a Master of Arts in National Strategy and Security Studies [Naval War College, Newport, RI]. Chaplain Weeden subsequently earned his JPME1

Chaplain Weeden's personal decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, CG Good Conduct Award, and numerous unit awards, campaign and service medals.

Chaplain Weeden is married to the former Grace Knecht of Falls Church, VA and has two sons, Adam and Conrad (currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard)