

Biography

Chaplain (Colonel) Whit Woodard, CAP National Chief of Chaplain Service

Chaplain (Colonel) Whit Woodard began his CAP career as a Cadet in the Florida Wing in 1954 prior to active duty service in the United States Air Force. In 1967, as a senior member, he was appointed to the Chaplain Service, serving as both a unit and group chaplain before a break in service in 1973. He returned to the USAF Auxiliary chaplaincy in 1996 as unit chaplain at Auburn Composite Squadron 92 in the California Wing. Whit is endorsed by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

While assigned in Auburn, Woodard was appointed chaplain for Gold Country Group 25 (later NorCal Group 5) in addition to other duties. In March, 1998 his roles were reversed following a transfer to Group staff while he continued to serve Squadron 92 (IAOD). Whit served as a Cadet Encampment Chaplain in both California and Nevada wings. In October, 2000 he was named Deputy Pacific Region Chaplain and assumed the duties of Region Chaplain in July of 2004. In 2001, he was appointed to the Council of Special Assistants to the National Chief of Chaplain Service, with the responsibility of developing curriculum for Region Chaplain Service Staff Colleges. He was appointed National Chief of Chaplain Service 1 October 2008.



For several years, Woodard has been the California Wing Liaison Officer for chaplain assistance to active duty chaplains at Travis AFB and has been cited by the Air Force for his participation in Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as chaplain for Company A, 328th Combat Support Hospital, an Army Active Reserve unit, when their assigned chaplain was deployed to Germany. Subsequently, he was tasked to provide chaplain services for the Army Signal Corps High Tech Training Facility in Sacramento.

Chaplain Woodard has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies; a Master of Divinity degree; and Doctor of Ministry degree. He holds the Master Chaplain specialty rating and current qualification as Mission Chaplain, and General Emergency Services. He has completed the entire senior member training track through Level V. In 1999, Chaplain Woodard developed and taught the *Mission Chaplain Course*. In July of 1999, he presented the course at the CAP National Board Meeting in Denver, CO. In that same year he was appointed to chair a committee to make recommendations to Pacific Region with regard to the chaplain's role in emergency services.

Woodard brings to the CAP emergency services mission over twelve years of experience as a law enforcement chaplain, Senior Chaplain, Training Officer and Administrator. He has earned the prestigious Master Chaplain diploma from the International Conference of Police Chaplains. His doctoral dissertation addressed concerns confronting chaplaincy, offering insight in often challenging areas including chaplain qualifications, pluralism, prayer and proselytism.

In 2002, the Military Chaplains Association of the USA honored Whit with the Distinguished Service Award. Subsequently, he was elected to the national Executive Committee and served the maximum 3 year term. He is Vice President of the Northern California Chapter of MCA, and an active member of the Air Force Association.

Chaplain Woodard's CAP decorations include the Gill Robb Wilson Award, two Exceptional Service Awards, three Meritorious Service Awards, three Commander's Commendations, the Paul E. Garber Award, the Grover Loening Award, the Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award, Leadership Ribbon with a Silver Star, the Red Service Ribbon, and Encampment Ribbon. In 2003, he was cited as the Senior Chaplain of the Year for Civil Air Patrol.

Whit holds Basic and Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management certification through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and is an approved instructor for the *Pastoral Crisis Intervention* and *CISM: Individual and Peer Support* (Assisting Individuals in Crisis) courses providing ICISF certification. He served as coordinator for the Placer County, California Critical Incident Stress Management team.

Whit is married to Capt. Nancy Woodard, who is assigned as a Character Development Instructor and Public Affairs Officer. Two sons are career military, a MSgt. in the Air Force and a Major in the Army.

Current as of October, 2008.