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From: Executive Officer, USS Boxer LHD4
To: PRESIDENT, FY16 ACTIVE DUTY O-5 CDR, CHAPLAIN CORPS
PROMOTION SELECTION BOARD #265

Via: LCDR Wesley Modder, CHC, USN

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION ICO LCDR WESLEY J.
MODDER, [REDACTED]

1. Forwarded, strongly recommending the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Wesley J. Modder to the rank of Commander.

2. I can personally say that Chaplain Modder is a national asset and a mission essential, mission critical officer to any command. I have had Chaplain Modder work directly for me with a unique set of skills in Professional Naval Chaplaincy and Navy officer leadership relevant to the 21st Century Navy. Chaplain Modder's leadership as a seasoned officer brings the needed leadership in the Navy and with his peers. His responsibilities as a future Commander in the Navy Chaplain Corps encompass the spiritual fitness, leadership and vision of our Navy. He is the Commander Chaplain we need to serve our Navy and he has shown his ability and commitment with the completion of his Doctorate work in Military Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

3. Some may have come to an inaccurate conclusion on the MP fitness report which may have caused his failure of selection to Commander. Chaplain Modder is physically, mentally and spiritually fit received a MP from a Marine Commander on his special fitness report serving with the Marines only 90 days. Currently he is trying to correct this with his reporting senior. Prior to this fitness report he is a Navy officer who for the past 10 years is an EP chaplain. This MP should not in any way communicate anything except the difference of reporting style.

4. Chaplain Modder's contributions to the Navy are unequalled. His experience, skills, and proven leadership make him an unmatched officer of personal production, proficiency, influence, accountability and mission essential skills relevant to the Navy. This letter is not intended to dispute the judgment of a previous statutory board, but rather to clarify the value of this gifted officer very much ready for promotion to

Commander. Simply put, his selection to Commander will benefit our Nation, and the men and women and families of the Navy and the future leadership of the Chaplain Corps. His dedication and loyalty to the Navy separates him from his peers!

5. Lieutenant Commander Modder has rendered 360 degree leadership by demonstrating appropriate confidence and diplomacy to speak to the entire chain of command which I have seen. His distinguished performance in personal production, proficiency and influence have directly impacted the moral, ethical climate in the command. His pastoral endurance and capability of taking care of sailors and their families is a clear benchmark of Professional Naval Chaplaincy. Lieutenant Commander Modder's outstanding performance reflects the highest standards of leadership, professionalism and integrity. His ALL STAR contributions are no doubt a part of the future of the Navy Chaplain Corps. His ability to effectively manage all transitions, training and readiness guidelines and instructions, complex readiness religious ministry functions integrating diverse stakeholders, have consistently produced top notch results. The Navy has the best of the best in Chaplain Wes Modder. This talented officer has my strongest and highest recommendation possible to Promotion to Commander, and is ready to take on the Navy's most challenging ministry positions!!!
PRESS 100 NOW MAKE HIM A COMMANDER.

M. S. Ruth
Capt. USN