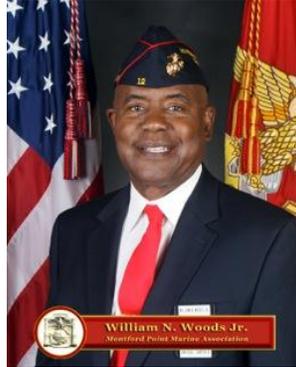




Dr. William N. Woods, Jr.
Gy/Sgt USMC (Retired)



William N. Woods, Jr. has been a therapist for over thirty-five years. He started his career in counseling while still serving in the **United States Marine Corps**. He was part of a special group trained to lead groups of Marines in discussing issues concerning Marines of all ranks, following withdrawal from Vietnam. During this time he facilitated groups containing ranks from Private to Major.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in **Psychology**, a Master's degree in **Education** with a specialty in **Counseling Psychology**, and a Doctorate in **Transpersonal Psychology**. He is currently semi-retired.

Upon retiring from the United States Marine Corps in 1976, he attended Saddleback College to earn his AA degree in **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling**. Furthermore, he has worked with recovering addict groups in Laguna Beach and Newport Beach. Dr. Woods has spoken at different recovering women's groups throughout Southern CA.

After raising three children and spending time working in Real Estate, he returned to school and earned his Doctorate in **Psychology**.

Before becoming a college professor at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo--he taught counseling psychology to students who later worked with diverse populations-- he had a private practice in Old Town, San Diego. Currently, he has a private practice in Laguna Niguel where he works with families dealing with discipline issues and with women dealing with issues of childhood sexual abuse.

Additionally, he was an outreach counselor while attending California State University, San Marcos. During this time he talked at the many high schools surrounding Cal State San Marcos in North San Diego and talked with the students about the importance of getting a higher education. At the same time, he worked with elementary and middle school students. Later, he attended San Diego State University, obtaining his **Masters**. While working on his doctorate he worked with Helice Bridges and her "**Who I Am Makes A Difference**" program. He traveled to elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the San Diego area working with young people. Dr. Woods was also content advisor for **Compass Point Books**, written for teens and tweens.

He has a natural ability to speak to people of any age group and understand them and their needs.



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Aside from these accomplishments, Dr. Woods has facilitated--with his wife-- a women's seminar called, **Going There: A Seminar for Women**. He has also created, led, and facilitated a seminar for men throughout the United States and Canada.

Dr. Woods has worked as a group leader and motivational speaker. He understands the importance of a higher education, and continually encourages students to stay in school to earn the highest degree they can.

Dr. Woods is a husband, father, and grandfather and lives in Laguna Niguel, CA with Kari, his wife of nearly twenty years.

Organizations:

Life Member: **Montford Point Marine Association**

Life Member: **Disabled American Veterans**

Member: **American Legion**

Member: **1st Marine Division Association**

Member: **NAACP**

Member: **Museum of Tolerance**