

Dennis R. Newton grew up in Whittier, California in a family that spent time in the outdoors and has hiked since he was small. He graduated with a BA in History from San Diego State University and a Master of Divinity in Church History from Talbot Theological Seminary, BIOLA University, La Mirada, California. He holds certificates in various Tech disciplines. His military education includes completion of Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College and the Force Management Course. He retired in 2014 from the Army after 35 years of service with the rank of Colonel. He has maintained an Endorsement from CBAmerica as a Trail Chaplain. He thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2015 and the Benton Mackay Trail in 2017. Dennis hiked Section A of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2019 and has hundreds of day hikes on Section C in the San Bernardino Mountains of California and in the Olympics of Washington. He resides in Ozark, Alabama and is on the Board of the Fort Rucker Military Officer's Association (MOAA) and is the State Chaplain for MOAA, Alabama. He currently serves on the ALDHA Board in order to help hikers learn the art of hiking.