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Surgeon General's Column

Now that the summer is in full swing, there are many seasonal health issues that I would like to discuss with you. Because prevention of disease is as important as treatment, I think it prudent to remind you that there are things you can do to ensure that the summer months are safe and healthy ones for you and the people you care for and about.

Below I have compiled some statistics on *unhealthy* summer behavior that you should avoid, but before I share them with you, I want to mention a report titled "The Importance of Physical Activity for All Ages" released on June 20, 2002, by Secretary Tommy Thompson, Department of Health and Human Services. The Secretary's report not only describes the pressing need to get Americans to be more active, it also makes clear recommendations on how to go about doing it.

The Secretary's report focuses on being healthy all year long—an important message. But because summer is here, I thought the following statistics might serve as a reminder that at different times during the year we must pay special attention to our health.

Tanning, and the sunburn that precedes it, is still regarded by many to be a 'healthy glow.' Of course, now we know that prolonged exposure to the sun's harmful rays has a direct relationship to skin cancer. In fact, according to the National Cancer Institute, about a million people learn they have skin cancer each year, and it can be fatal.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), between 175-200 people die from heat-

related disorders during an average year in the United States. This statistic has risen to more than 1,500 people during years when there are long heat waves. The exact number of persons seeking treatment for heat-related disorders is not recorded but believed to be in the thousands.

Did you know that drowning is the 4th leading cause of accidental death in the United States, claiming 4,000 lives annually? Boating accidents, diving accidents, and other types of water-related injuries also account for thousands more injuries and fatalities each year. Many of them involve alcohol use in some way. Factor in the growing popularity of personal watercrafts and we shouldn't expect to see those trends reversed.

For automobile drivers, the summer holidays offer equally serious statistics. There are about a thousand or so traffic fatalities each Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day combined, and about half are alcohol related.

Even when summer get-togethers are alcohol-free, there are things to watch out for. This time of year is traditionally the height of barbecue and picnic season. Many summertime favorites, like ice cream, fresh fruit, and salads can sometimes cause food poisoning. These foods caused at least 130 confirmed food-poisoning outbreaks between 1990 and 2001, according to a report by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). CSPI's advice for summer chefs is to "keep it cold, keep it clean, and cook it well-done."

Summer is also a time when disease can be transmitted by insects. Two of

these diseases that you may have heard a lot about lately are the West Nile Virus and Lyme disease. West Nile Virus has been documented in 27 States (and the District of Columbia) in the northeast, south, and mid-west. It may be spread by mosquitoes that pass it through birds to humans by biting. The West Nile Virus causes flu-like symptoms; the most serious manifestation is fatal encephalitis, but it is rarely found in humans. However, when transmitted, it can be fatal, especially to the elderly and very young.

Also, Lyme disease, named in 1977 when arthritis was observed in a cluster of children in and around Lyme, Connecticut, is a serious disease that tends to be associated with summer activity. Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium that is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected deer ticks. In 1999, a total of 16,273 cases of Lyme disease were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by 50 States and the District of Columbia. Lyme disease is rarely, if ever, fatal. If left untreated, patients may develop arthritis, including

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intermittent episodes of swelling and pain in the large joints, neurologic abnormalities, and, rarely, cardiac problems.

Finally, there are many warm weather activities to be enjoyed including cycling, miniature golf, gardening, and just plain walking. If you participate in them, take basic precautions to ensure your safety. Enjoy yourselves, enjoy the weather, enjoy your health.

Most of the health issues I mentioned are summer-specific, but all are serious. Obviously, we should take Secretary Thompson's advice and work toward healthy behavior all year long. With that in mind, I encourage those of you who have yet to participate in the Healthy Lifestyles Program's Web-based nutrition and physical activity survey to do so today. The survey is a follow-up to the one that was mailed to commissioned corps officers in early 2000, which encouraged officers to identify and implement a healthy lifestyle for themselves. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and the result will help to develop a baseline program that meets your healthy lifestyle needs as commissioned corps officers. Your input counts! (Note: Please see the article titled "Healthy Lifestyles" on page 9 of this issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.)

Medical Reserve Corps Update

In my May column I told you about developments for the Citizen Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a few updates that I hope you'll find interesting.

To date, a lot of 'behind the scenes' work has been done on the MRC. As of June 1, more than 8,000 people had registered with the USA Freedom Corps, via its Web site, to be volunteers for MRC in their local communities. Along those same lines, the Office of the Surgeon General has developed a comprehensive "Guide for Local Officials" for communities wishing to begin their own MRC. The Guide is nearing completion and should be available either this month or next.

A Web site and a monthly newsletter are in development. The URL for the new Web site has not been determined as of

this writing, but I will be sure to share it with you in an upcoming column. The newsletter will be available on the Web site. Also, the Office of the Surgeon General is putting together a grant program that will provide funds to qualified Citizen Corps Councils.

The MRC is a very exciting new initiative, and I anticipate the number of local sites and enrollment to increase exponentially over the next 6 months.

For more information about the MRC or Citizen Corps Councils, visit the USA Freedom Corps Web site at www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

RADM Kenneth Moritsugu
Acting Surgeon General



Medical Affairs Branch

BMP Corner

The Beneficiary Medical Program (BMP) Section of the Medical Affairs Branch, Division of Commissioned Personnel, authorizes annual eye exams, including contact lens fittings, with an optometrist for those officers who are stationed outside the catchment area of a Military Treatment Facility (MTF). Eyeglass lens, frames, contact lens (hardware), and LASIK eye surgery are not covered benefits outside an MTF and are the responsibility of the officer. The officer may obtain corrective eye hardware through MTFs which have eyeglass programs.

When an officer is injured on the job and is treated at a healthcare facility other than an MTF, the payment of medical bills is still the responsibility of BMP. The officer is responsible for contacting BMP within 72 hours of the incident to report any emergency care for sickness or injury. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers are not covered by Federal or State worker compensation programs, but completion of incident reports or information for statistical purposes may be required from the officer.



2002 Exceptional Capability Promotion Cycle

The Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) recently completed the 2002 Exceptional Capability (EC) promotion cycle. Forty-nine (49) nominations were received in DCP for EC promotion consideration for grades O-3 through O-6.

The Director, DCP, is pleased to announce the following EC promotions effective July 1, 2002:

<i>Grade Promoted to: Name</i>	<i>Category</i>
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To Temporary Captain (O-6)

D.W. Chen	Medical
Peter J. Delany	Health Services
Scott F. Dowell	Medical
Michael P. Keiffer	Environmental Health
Daryl A. Melvin	Engineer
Karen L. Parko	Medical
Glen C. Stonebraker	Engineer
Paul S. Wood	Dental

To Temporary Commander (O-5)

Daniel S. Beck	Engineer
James L. Bresette	Pharmacy
William T. Going III	Environmental Health
Darrell W. Laroche	Engineer
Richard A. Orlando	Environmental Health
Domenic J. Veneziano	Engineer

To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)

Benjamin F. Brown, Jr.	Nurse
Gregory S. Davis	Pharmacy
Michael P. Lee	Pharmacy

To Temporary Lieutenant (O-3)

Jill Lauryl Vanderkin	Dietetics
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Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan open season is from **May 15 through July 31, 2002**. Information is available on the Thrift Savings Plan Web site—www.tsp.gov.



Commissioned Corps Readiness Force

CCRF Training Provides CEUs

The Commissioned Corps Readiness Force's (CCRF) Web-based training modules, developed in cooperation with the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, are complete. As of January 1, 2003, all officers who wish to be considered for deployments must have completed all of these modules. Upon completion of a session, officers (in most categories) may receive continuing education credits from the University of Maryland.

Summer Courses: USPHS Noble Training Center

Listed below are the dates for the July and August training at the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Noble Training Center in Anniston, AL, and in the Parklawn Building in Rockville, MD. CCRF/Noble will assume air and per diem costs. Please note that the first and last days are travel days. For further information, visit the CCRF Web site—<http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>.

July 8-12

Emergency Coordinator Augmentee
Noble Training Center

July 15-19

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile
Noble Training Center

July 16-20

Liaison Training
Parklawn Building

August 5-9

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile
Noble Training Center

August 12-16

Liaison Training
Parklawn Building

August 12-16

Emergency Coordinator Augmentee
Noble Training Center

September 9-13

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile
Noble Training Center

CCRF Exhibit at SAME and ANA

The CCRF exhibit was recently deployed to the Society of American Military Engineers' (SAME) 2002 National

Education and Training Conference in Kansas City, MO, in May, and to the American Nurses Association's (ANA) 2002 Convention in Philadelphia, PA, in June. The exhibit is a medical tent, which includes a number of pictures and banners depicting CCRF and NDMS personnel during various responses.

Avian Flu

CCRF and the NDMS continue to support the U.S. Department of Agriculture in controlling an outbreak of avian influenza on turkey and chicken farms in Virginia. CCRF veterinarians and epidemiologists continue to supplement the efforts of the Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams, as they work to contain the spread of the disease. CCRF officers are involved in surveillance, laboratory work, epidemiology studies, and supervision of depopulation activities.

HHS Command Center

CCRF continues to support the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Command Center. Many thanks to our officers who 'stepped up to the plate' at a moment's notice to offer their time and talents over the Memorial Day weekend.

Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB)

All Web-based training modules have now been completed and are posted on the Web. If you wish to receive the FMRB, please submit the items listed below, to:

Commissioned Corps Readiness Force
ATTN: RADM John Babb
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 360
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

- (1) A photocopy of the front and back of your AHA BLS Healthcare Provider card.
- (2) A copy of a statement, signed by the individual supervising your work, that you have completed a minimum of 112 hours of work in your deployment role. The statement must include the following: your name; facility where you performed the work; a one sentence description of the services provided; the number of work hours performed in the last 12 months; the name, title, and contact

information of the supervisor; and the supervisor's signature.

- (3) A copy of form PHS-731 (yellow Immunization Card) showing compliance with all required vaccinations.
- (4) A statement, signed by your healthcare provider, certifying your height and weight within the last 12 months. The statement must include the following: your full name; the date; your weight in pounds, height in inches, and age; and the name, address, contact information, and signature of the provider.
- (5) A statement, signed by another active-duty PHS officer, that you have successfully completed the Annual Physical Fitness Test (APFT). The statement must contain your name and age; the date of the APFT; number of pushups completed in 2 minutes; number of sit ups completed in 2 minutes (or your time on the Sidebridge); time on the 1½ mile run (or the 500 yard swim); and the name, rank, PHS serial number, and contact information of the officer certifying your results.

CCRF personnel will verify the following: current license on file with the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP); physical exam on file with the Medical Affairs Branch, DCP, dated within the last 5 years; validation of login to the CCRF Web site; and currency of your information

CCRF personnel will review officer qualifications for the FMRB on a quarterly basis beginning in June 2002. DCP will consider officers who fulfill the requirements for the FMRB. Those who do not fulfill the requirements will be notified and given further guidance. □



Promotion Year 2002 Temporary Grade Promotions Announced

The Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) completed the annual temporary grade promotion process for Promotion Year (PY) 2002 with the issuance of 516 temporary promotions to grades O-4 through O-6. These promotions were effective July 1, 2002, or on the officer's date of eligibility, dependent upon his or her training and experience date.

Exceptional capability promotions were effective July 1, 2002, and are in addition to those made through the regular promotion process. DCP plans to publish the permanent grade promotion results on DCP's Web site—<http://dcp.psc.gov>—on August 1, 2002 and in the September issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

The success rate for the O-4, O-5, and O-6 grades, exclusive of the medical temporary O-4 grade, were distributed as equally as possible across all categories. General statistical information is available as a link on DCP's Web site under "2002 Temporary Grade Promotion Results."

Letters notifying officers of their eligibility for consideration for temporary and/or permanent promotion in PY 2003 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004) will be mailed in September.

Congratulations to the officers listed below.

*Category and
Grade Promoted to:* *Effective
Date:*

MEDICAL

To Temporary Captain (O-6)

Leslie K. Ball	01-01-03
Beth P. Bell	07-01-02
Robert F. Branche	07-01-02
M. Miles Braun	07-01-02
Harry J. Brown	10-01-02
James E. Cheek	07-01-02
Theresa Diaz Vargas	07-01-02
Ahmed M. Elkashef	07-01-02
Anderson B. Funke	10-01-02
Scott A. Hamstra	07-01-02
John K. Hsiao	07-01-02
Stephen J. Kinsley	07-01-02
Julius R. Krevans, Jr.	07-01-02
Eve M. Lackritz	07-01-02
Francisco Lago-Velez	07-01-02
Robert C. Laliberte	07-01-02
Donnie Lee	07-01-02
Amy J. Light	07-01-02
Mary L. Lindegren	07-01-02
John R. Mascola	07-01-02
Susan E. Molchan	07-01-02
Gina T. Mootrey	07-01-02

*Category
Grade Promoted to:*

Mark J. Papania	07-01-02
Monica E. Parise	07-01-02
Aron Primack	07-01-02
Mary E. Purucker	07-01-02
Victoria T. Ramirez	07-01-02
Renee Ridzon	07-01-02
John S. Santelli	07-01-02
Steven G. Scott	07-01-02
Craig N. Shapiro	07-01-02
Robert J. Simonds	07-01-02
David L. Swerdlow	07-01-02
Mark J. Tedesco	07-01-02
Jerome I. Tokars, Jr.	07-01-02
Anne E. Trontell	07-01-02
Hillard S. Weinstock	07-01-02
Lauren V. Wood	07-01-02

To Temporary Commander (O-5)

Marta-Louise Ackers	07-01-02
Paul M. Arguin	07-01-02
John W. Barrett	07-01-02
Linda L. Barrett	07-01-02
Elise M. Beltrami	07-01-02
Thomas L. Bostwick	07-01-02
Kim C. Brownell	07-01-02
Jeffrey M. Curtis	07-01-02
Inger K. Damon	07-01-02
Noel G. Delmundo	07-01-02
Carlos A. Duchesne	07-01-02
Alicia M. Fry	07-01-02
Sandra A. Gladding	07-01-02
Paul T. Harvey	07-01-02
James D. Heffelfinger	07-01-02
David P. Hopkins	07-01-02
Sharon R. James-Schmidt	07-01-02
David K. Kim	07-01-02
Roderick K. King	07-01-02
Urszula H. Kotlow	07-01-02
Matthew J. Kuehnert	10-01-02
Julie M. Magri	07-01-02
Gerald H. Mazurek	07-01-02
Kenneth P. Moore	07-01-02
Valerie J. Ohman	07-01-02
Kelton H. Oliver	07-01-02
John J. Perkner	07-01-02
Diane L. Pond	04-01-03
Kevin A. Prohaska	07-01-02
Dori Reissman	07-01-02
Stephen A. Savoia	07-01-02
Leslie K. Serchuck	07-01-02
Ellen B. Steinberg	07-01-02
Madeline Y. Sutton	07-01-02
Elizabeth A. Talbot	07-01-02
Timothy M. Uyeki	07-01-02
Jaye L. Viner	07-01-02
Brent B. Warren	07-01-02
Stephen H. Waterman	07-01-02
Seymour G. Williams	07-01-02
Roger C. Willis	10-01-02

DENTAL

To Temporary Captain (O-6)

William E. Atwood	07-01-02
Ronald E. Bajuscak	10-01-02

*Effective
Date:*

*Category
Grade Promoted to:*

Robert A. Cabanas	07-01-02
Roger L. Cho	07-01-02
Matthew S. Fisher	07-01-02
Steven P. Geiermann	01-01-03
Jerome S. Holbrook	07-01-02
Michael E. Korale	07-01-02
Timothy L. Lozon	07-01-02
Lynn G. Price	07-01-02
Thomas A. Reese	07-01-02
Joseph P. Rose, Jr.	07-01-02
James H. Tennyson	07-01-02
Walton L. Vanhose	07-01-02

To Temporary Commander (O-5)

Daniel W. Brockmeier	07-01-02
Kelly L. Buttrick	07-01-02
Katherine T. Cotton	07-01-02
Amanda L. Cramer	10-01-02
William J. Esposito	10-01-02
Ronald L. Fuller	07-01-02
Clay D. Henning	07-01-02
Edmund Jedry	07-01-02
Steven A. Johnson	07-01-02
Renee Joskow	07-01-02
Arlene M. Lester	07-01-02
Randall B. Mayberry	07-01-02
Coleman O. Palmertree, Jr.	07-01-02
Ronald D. Shepherd II	07-01-02
Curtis D. Spann	01-01-03
Kimberly K. Sturm	07-01-02
James W. Sullivan	07-01-02

To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)

Annette L. Barbay	07-01-02
Jennifer R. Bodziak	04-01-03
Stephanie M. Burrell	07-01-02
Marisol Cordero	07-01-02
Michael L. Crane	07-01-02
Michael J. Donaleski	07-01-02
Eric L. Eltzroth	07-01-02
Craig S. Kluger	07-01-02
Anthony L. Likes	07-01-02
Polly T. Michaels	07-01-02
Godfrey O. Onugha	07-01-02
Michael J. Overbeck	07-01-02
Angie J. Roach	04-01-03
Robert C. Schryer	07-01-02
William D. Schultz	07-01-02
Charles M. Weber	07-01-02
Randle L. Wells	07-01-02
Lori S. Wilson	10-01-02
Stella Yuk Kwan Lau Wisner	01-01-03
Peter A. Yelk	07-01-02

NURSE

To Temporary Captain (O-6)

Robyn Brown	07-01-02
Annette C. Currier	10-01-02
Daniel R. Dause	07-01-02
Maria L. Dinger	07-01-02
Debra L. Doornbos	04-01-03
David W. Eddinger	07-01-02
David A. Forsythe	07-01-02

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Grade Promoted to:	Date:	Grade Promoted to:	Date:	Grade Promoted to:	Date:
NURSE (Continued)					
<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6) (Continued)</i>					
John M. Framstad	07-01-02	Claudia M. Brown	07-01-02	Sharon L. Kercher	07-01-02
Marylouise F. Ganaway	07-01-02	Susan K. Brown	07-01-02	Craig W. Larson	04-01-03
Louis J. Glass	07-01-02	William F. Coyner	07-01-02	George D. Pringle, Jr.	07-01-02
Earlene S. Groseclose	07-01-02	Brian R. Cronenwett	07-01-02	Joseph R. Winkelmaier	04-01-03
Michelle T. Hall	07-01-02	John W. David, Jr.	07-01-02		
Mary C. Herrmann	07-01-02	Susie P. Dill	04-01-03	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>	
Kirk L. Hopinka	10-01-02	David J. Dintelman	07-01-02	Samie Niver. Allen	07-01-02
Rose A. Jenkins	07-01-02	Jenny Doan	01-01-03	Stephen R. Bolan	07-01-02
Ellen J. King	10-01-02	Kimberly J. Elenberg	10-01-02	Robert J. Drummond	04-01-03
Ann R. Knebel	01-01-03	Susan J. Ferree	07-01-02	Richard J. Gelting	07-01-02
Kitty R. MacFarlane	07-01-02	Jason T. Genzer	07-01-02	Nathan D. Gjovik	01-01-03
Ellen P. Madigan	07-01-02	Todd D. Genzer	01-01-03	Robert J. Lorenz	07-01-02
Ann Marie Mayer	07-01-02	Akilah K. Green	07-01-02	Kenneth R. Mead	07-01-02
Russ P. Metler	04-01-03	Chris L. Henneford	07-01-02	Mary C. Miner	07-01-02
Elnora A. Qualls	07-01-02	Kenneth E. Heslop	10-01-02	Dale M. Mossefin	07-01-02
Gwethlyn J. Sabatinos	07-01-02	Erik S. Hierholzer	07-01-02	Mark A. Nasi	10-01-02
Paul R. Varney	07-01-02	Blondell Hill	07-01-02	Eric Y. Shih	07-01-02
Mary R. Vienna	01-01-03	Elsie Begay Howard	04-01-03	Dennis M. Taddy	07-01-02
Diane R. Walsh	10-01-02	Michael J. Jenkins	07-01-02	Vernon L. Tomanek	07-01-02
Holly A. Williams	04-01-03	Deanna M. Johnson	07-01-02	Mary M. Weber	07-01-02
Cindy L. Wilson	04-01-03	Eunice F. Jones-Wills	07-01-02	Richard S. Wermers	07-01-02
		Natalie A. Keating	07-01-02		
<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>		Charles M. Kerns	10-01-02	<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>	
Irene Bekis-Begay	07-01-02	Nicole A. Knight	10-01-02	Mark T. Bader	07-01-02
Katherine M. Berkhausen	07-01-02	Jeffrey D. Krouskop	07-01-02	James E. Begeman	07-01-02
Sandra A. Chatfield	07-01-02	Guadalupe R. Langbehn	07-01-02	Sean M. Boyd	07-01-02
Mary L. Clift	07-01-02	Sherry L. Lulf	07-01-02	Theodore K. Corcoran	01-01-03
Martha E. Culver	07-01-02	Lisa A. Marunycz	07-01-02	Tracy D. Gilchrist	07-01-02
Michelle E. Dossett	07-01-02	Leigh A. Matheny	04-01-03	Ramsey D. Hawasly	01-01-03
Thomas B. Ellis	07-01-02	Christine M. Mattson	07-01-02	David E. Johnson	07-01-02
Charlotte A. Fafard	01-01-03	Tami L. McBride	07-01-02	Jason G. Lovett	01-01-03
Eddie L. Frazier	07-01-02	Alberta M. McCabe	07-01-02	Seth A. Mailhot	07-01-02
Karla J. Hackett	07-01-02	Pamela M. McCormick	01-01-03	Stephen B. Martin, Jr.	07-01-02
Nancy M. Halonen	07-01-02	Georgia Y. McCray	07-01-02	Jennifer E. Martin	04-01-03
Leonard L. Howell	07-01-02	Clarice V. Merrill	07-01-02	Marcus C. Martinez	04-01-03
Anita L. Johnson	07-01-02	Brenda E. Mitchell	07-01-02	Kurt D. Sauers	01-01-03
Jodie A. Jolly	07-01-02	Thel Moore, Jr.	10-01-02	Chad A. Snell	04-01-03
Janie M. Kirvin	07-01-02	Ferrel V. Nelson	07-01-02	David G. Steen	07-01-02
Michelle R. Larock-Tully	04-01-03	Victoria L. Oboczky	07-01-02	James O. White	07-01-02
Melinda S. Mandrillo	07-01-02	Antonio Palladino	07-01-02	Michael R. Young	07-01-02
Ivy L. Manning	07-01-02	Robin S. Peterson	07-01-02		
Terry L. Porter	07-01-02	Anita E. Pollard	07-01-02	SCIENTIST	
Joyce A. Prince	07-01-02	Molly M. Purscell	10-01-02	<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>	
Doris L. Raymond	07-01-02	Michael C. Ray	07-01-02	S. Lori Brown	07-01-02
Keysha L. Ross	07-01-02	Edecia A. Richards	07-01-02	Ralph C. O'Connor, Jr.	07-01-02
Mary F. Rossi-Coajou	07-01-02	Todd A. Ridge	10-01-02	Palmer A. Orlandi, Jr.	07-01-02
James M. Simmerman	07-01-02	William Ruiz-Colon	10-01-02	Roger R. Rosa	07-01-02
James L. Vickroy	07-01-02	Tonia L. Sawyer	10-01-02	Joyce L. Smith	04-01-03
Steven M. Wacha	04-01-03	Deborah A. Shirley	07-01-02	Elizabeth A. Whelan	07-01-02
Dominic T. Weskamp	01-01-03	Cynthia M. Sturdivant	07-01-02		
Adolfo Zorrilla	07-01-02	Michael J. Tartaglia	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>	
		Kim A. Vaughn	10-01-02	Raymond G. Anderson	07-01-02
<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>		Sean-David A. Waterman	10-01-02	Jon R. Daugherty	07-01-02
Kirk D. Alford	04-01-03	Katherine M. M. Wendell	10-01-02	John C. Hill	07-01-02
Dawn A. Anderson-Gary	07-01-02	Tracy S. Williams	07-01-02	Kayla F. Laserson	04-01-03
Felicia A. Andrews	07-01-02	Zenja D. Woodley	07-01-02	Donna J. Schuyler	04-01-03
Debra D. Aynes	07-01-02			Douglas A. Thoroughman	07-01-02
Justin L. Blevins	07-01-02	ENGINEER		Bennie D. Wheat	07-01-02
Elizabeth A. Boot	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>			
Alicia A. Bradford	07-01-02	Ezio E. Borchini	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>	
Cassandra R. Brown	01-01-03	Randy J. Correll	07-01-02	Denise R. Allen	07-01-02
		Robert W. Faaland	07-01-02	Rachel N. Avchen	10-01-02
		Kenneth J. Fisher	04-01-03	Michael F. Ballesteros	04-01-03

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Category	Effective Date:	Category	Effective Date:	Category	Effective Date:
Grade Promoted to:		Grade Promoted to:		Grade Promoted to:	
SCIENTIST (Continued)					
<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>					
<i>(Continued)</i>					
Diana M. Bensyl	07-01-02	Jose R. Cintron	07-01-02	Nina C. Mezu-Nwaba	07-01-02
Artensie R. Flowers	07-01-02	Carmen N. Galindo	07-01-02	Lisa L. Milburn	07-01-02
Dara S. Friedman	07-01-02	Thomas P. Gammarano	01-01-03	David G. Moeny	07-01-02
Lisa N. Pealer	10-01-02	Gary M. Givens	07-01-02	Craig Ostroff	07-01-02
Joseph F. Perz	07-01-02	Raymond Goldstine	01-01-03	Suryamohan V. Palanki	07-01-02
Toya V. Russell	07-01-02	Felicita Gonzalez	07-01-02	Laura L. Pincock	07-01-02
Diana L. Schneider	07-01-02	Grady H. James, Jr.	07-01-02	Annemarie B. Randow	01-01-03
Allison L. Stock	07-01-02	Michael D. Jones	04-01-03	David L. Ransom	07-01-02
Joseph J. Temenak	07-01-02	Richard B. Lawson	07-01-02	Louis J. Riel	07-01-02
David A. Thompson	07-01-02	Andrew J. Litavec IV	07-01-02	Melaine M. Shin	07-01-02
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH					
<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>					
Byron P. Bailey	07-01-02	Kurt M. Riley	07-01-02	Donald L. Smith	07-01-02
Gail G. Buonviri	04-01-03	Renee J. Roncone	07-01-02	Pedro Solis, Jr.	07-01-02
Enrique Delgado	07-01-02	Daniel R. Struckman	07-01-02	Mark N. Strong	07-01-02
Alan J. Dellapenna, Jr.	10-01-02	Kelvin N. Whitehead	07-01-02	Brandon L. Taylor	07-01-02
Shawn W. Googins	07-01-02	Cathy Pierce Zehrung	07-01-02	Jacqueline K. Thomas	07-01-02
Thomas A. Hill	04-01-03	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>			
Martha D. Kent	01-01-03	Sammie G. Beam	07-01-02	Teresa A. Watkins	07-01-02
Aubrey C. Smelley, Jr.	01-01-03	Heidi C. Brainerd	07-01-02	Samuel Y. Wu	07-01-02
<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>					
Robert Bialas	04-01-03	Ronald F. Chapman	07-01-02	DIETETICS	
Alan L. Brend	01-01-03	John M. Coleman	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>	
Myrna J. Buckles	07-01-02	Scott M. Dallas	07-01-02	Elaine J. Ayres	07-01-02
Renee J. Dufault	04-01-03	Alison R. Dion	07-01-02	Wynona A. Woolf	07-01-02
Jean A. Gaunce	07-01-02	Barbara J. Finnegan	07-01-02	Miranda S. Yang-Oshida	07-01-02
Robert W. Gruhot	07-01-02	Jeffrey R. Fritsch	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>	
Mark L. Jackson	10-01-02	Traci C. Gale	07-01-02	Charlene F. Johnson	01-01-03
Diana M. Kuklinski	07-01-02	Irene J. Humphrey	07-01-02	Young S. Song	04-01-03
Laura A. Rabb	07-01-02	Valerie E. Jensen	07-01-02	Melissa A. Zafonte	07-01-02
Cynthia L. Rashid	07-01-02	Nick Karpachinski	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>	
Daniel C. Strausbaugh	01-01-03	Alexandr E. Kosyak	07-01-02	Suzan E. Dunaway	07-01-02
<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>					
Michael E. Barsan	07-01-02	Houda Mahayni	07-01-02	Graydon T. Yatabe	07-01-02
Kimberly K. Chapman	10-01-02	John R. Martin	07-01-02	THERAPY	
Joselito S. Ignacio	07-01-02	Paul J. Na	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>	
Dino A. Mattorano	07-01-02	Judy L. Rose	07-01-02	Terry T. Cavanaugh	07-01-02
Mathew J. Thomas	10-01-02	Brian D. Schilling	10-01-02	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>	
Bobby T. Villines	01-01-03	Kassandra C. Sherrod	07-01-02	Mary Beth Dorgan	07-01-02
Kevin G. Zweifel	01-01-03	Pamela Stewart-Kuhn	07-01-02	Bart E. Drinkard	10-01-02
VETERINARY					
<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>					
Sean F. Altekruise	07-01-02	Jeffrey W. Walling	07-01-02	Scott P. Gaustad	07-01-02
Mark A. Bryant	07-01-02	Jacqueline H. Ware	07-01-02	Lily A. Hugar	07-01-02
Patricia E. Hasemann	07-01-02	Travis E. Watts	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>	
<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>					
Terri R. Clark	07-01-02	<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>			
Katherine A. Hollinger	07-01-02	Cynthia Aguiar	07-01-02	Maria L. Bacilio	07-01-02
Brent C. Morse	07-01-02	Mitzie A. Allen	07-01-02	Terri E. Ellsworth	07-01-02
<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>					
Nelva J. Bryant	07-01-02	Kingsley A. Asare	04-01-03	Kathleen M. Manrique	07-01-02
Kristy M. Lillibridge	07-01-02	James T. Barlow	07-01-02	Grant N. Mead	01-01-03
Regina L. Tan	10-01-02	Sean K. Bradley	07-01-02	Tarri Ann Randall	07-01-02
Allison M. Williams	07-01-02	Carlos D. Christenberry	07-01-02	Mary D. Reidhead	07-01-02
PHARMACY					
<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>					
Diane Centeno-Deshields	07-01-02	Tamara A. Close	01-01-03	Bridgette A. Seago	07-01-02
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Grade Promoted to:		Grade Promoted to:		Grade Promoted to:	
HEALTH SERVICES (Continued)					
<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>					
Scott M. Anderson	07-01-02	Mary J. Bryant	07-01-02	Lawrence S. Tennyson	07-01-02
Bradley L. Austin	07-01-02	Jeffrey S. Buckser	10-01-02	Joseph E. Tritchler, Jr.	07-01-02
Jeffrey T. Bosshart	04-01-03	Jennifer M. Card	07-01-02	Ariel E. Vidales	07-01-02
John J. Cardarelli II	07-01-02	George L. Carter	07-01-02	Felicia B. Williams	04-01-03
Keith W. Cespon	07-01-02	Jeffrey A. Christopher	10-01-02	Kathleen A. Wooten	01-01-03
Pamela G. Conrad	07-01-02	Christopher C. Duncan	01-01-03	RESEARCH OFFICER GROUP	
Jan Davis	07-01-02	Amanda K. Dunnick	04-01-03	<i>To Temporary Captain (O-6)</i>	
Janelle M. Froelich	10-01-02	Nima D. Feldman	10-01-02	Jeffrey Baron	07-01-02
Steve Gurski III	10-01-02	Celia S. Gabrel	07-01-02	McDonald K. Horne III	07-01-02
Kathleen D. Heiden	07-01-02	Ronald K. Harris	07-01-02	Richard S. Kaplan	07-01-02
Jon D. Hemphill	07-01-02	Sharyn M. Healy	07-01-02	Matthew P. Longnecker	07-01-02
R. Andrew Hunt	07-01-02	Nichollette Y. Hemingway	01-01-03	<i>To Temporary Commander (O-5)</i>	
Kevin J. Kolenda	04-01-03	Daniel H. Hesselgesser	07-01-02	David M. Frucht	07-01-02
Guy J. Mahoney	10-01-02	Stacy M. Jennings	10-01-02	Stephen A. Migueles	07-01-02
Gail Walters Osborne	07-01-02	David W. Keene	07-01-02	Joannie C. Shen	07-01-02
Barry M. Owens	07-01-02	Stephen C. Keller	07-01-02		□
Gilbert E. Varney, Jr.	10-01-02	Erich Kleinschmidt	07-01-02		
Jeanan D. Willis	07-01-02	Audrey G. Lum	04-01-03		
Lawrence M. Zubel	07-01-02	Nancy R. Mautone-Smith	10-01-02		
<i>To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)</i>					
Adam T. Archuleta	10-01-02	Marsha R. McCrimmon	10-01-02		
Monta A. Breeden	07-01-02	Vickie S. Owens	07-01-02		
		Priscilla Rodriguez	10-01-02		
		Torris C. Smith	07-01-02		
		Edward M. Sottong	04-01-03		



Keeping You Informed

Although the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) and the Agencies/Operating Divisions/Programs to which Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers are assigned attempt to process orders as quickly and efficiently as possible, some glitches still occur. The many levels of communication that take place to move an officer during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or initial Call to Active Duty (CAD) can be overwhelming for everyone, especially the officer. Many times, orders for a transfer are not received until the last minute. This can be very **STRESSFUL** during an already nerve-racking period. Trying to coordinate all aspects of the move—including you, the family, the household goods (HHG), the current job, and all the other details—is almost impossible.

Temporary Lodging Expense is an entitlement that can help in this stressful period. Up to 10 days of Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) is authorized to **partially** pay for the lodging/meal

expenses when it is necessary to occupy temporary quarters during a move. This means, if you received your orders at the last minute and have trouble finding housing at your new duty station, you have up to 10 days of assistance to locate a place to live. This entitlement can also be used before you leave your old duty station, but remember a maximum of 10 days may be used.

Increased Entitlement

As of May 2002 with Change 185 of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR)—and effective from January 1, 2002—TLE is authorized for all member moves including initial CAD, and the maximum daily allowance has increased from \$110 to \$180 per day. (*Note: This is a change from the article on TLE which appeared in the June 2002 issue of the Commissioned Corps Bulletin.*)

This increased entitlement is **not** a flat rate of \$180; so don't demand "10 x \$180" from your new duty station. There is a computation that adjusts for your Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) and is determined by the local per diem rate where the losing or gaining duty stations

are located. A TLE computation sheet is available on the DCP Web site—<http://dcp.psc.gov>—to assist you. (*Note: This site has not been updated to reflect the new changes as of the printing of this issue of the Commissioned Corps Bulletin.*) Check with your Human Resource department for assistance, or visit the JFTR Web site at www.dtic.mil/perdiem/.

If you have questions pertaining to your travel entitlements, please contact:

LCDR Ron Keats
Division of Commissioned Personnel
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-36
Rockville, MD 20857-0001
Phone: 301-594-3376
E-mail: rkeats@psc.gov

Oops!!! A correction to the *Travel Tips* article that appeared in the June issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*! Dislocation Allowance (DLA) is **not** only applicable to members with dependents who move with the member during the initial CAD. **DLA is an entitlement for all active-duty members during a PCS and new members going through their initial CAD with dependents who move their household in accordance with the JFTR.**

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- Q. I have seen Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers wearing their pants at many different lengths. What is the correct length for wear on women's slacks and men's trousers?
- A. The correct wear for the women's slacks and the men's trousers is to button all buttons, close all fasteners, and wear a belt through all loops. Trousers should cover the top of the shoe by 1 inch at the heel. In addition, for women, the skirt length may range from 1.5 inches above to 1.5 inches below the crease behind the knee. Wear the zipper centered in the back and a belt through all loops. Any wear of these items that varies from the above is considered unauthorized and out of uniform.
- Q. Many officers complain about the uncomfortable shoes they have to wear with their uniforms. I have even seen officers wearing cross-trainers and tennis shoes with the uniform. What is the authorized footwear with the uniform?
- A. The bottom line is we are a uniformed service. Whether the shoes are uncomfortable or not, there are regulations that dictate what is correct and not correct. Officers have a variety of shoes that are available to wear. These shoes are described in Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual Pamphlet No.61, "Information on Uniforms," available online on the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) Web site—<http://dcp.psc.gov>—click on 'Publications.' The only authorized reason for not wearing the appropriate footwear is if an officer has a medical reason. In this case, a medical profile describing the reason, the time limit, and other criteria should be maintained in the medical file in DCP and carried at all times while in uniform.
- Q. I have seen officers not wearing undershirts. What are the proper undergarments for the uniform?
- A. For men, the undergarments to be worn are (1) Undershirt, white: Made of white cotton or polyester/cotton. May be sleeveless and have a V-neck or crew neck. (2) Undershorts: Shall be boxer or brief style, and white when wearing white uniforms.
- For women, the undergarments to be worn are (1) Brassiere: White when worn under white shirts. Otherwise, color is wearer's option. (2) Underpants: White when worn under white skirt/slacks. Otherwise, color is wearer's option. (3) Slip: May be full or half slip. Shall be white when wearing white uniform components.
- Q: What is the correct wear for hair?
- A: Men:
Hair shall be neat and clean and present a groomed appearance. Hair above the ears and around the neck shall be tapered from the lower hairline upwards and outwards so as to blend smoothly with the hair style. Hair on the back of the neck may not touch the collar. Individual hair shall be no longer than 4 inches; however, hair which lies close to the head may be longer than 4 inches, if necessary, in order to cover thin or bald areas. Hair shall be groomed so that it does not touch the ears or the collar, nor extend below the eyebrows when headgear is removed. The bulk of the hair shall not exceed 2 inches.
- Women:
The hair shall be neatly arranged and shaped to present a conservative appearance. Hair on the back of the neck may touch but may not fall below the collar. No hair shall show under the front brim of the hat. Afro, natural, bouffant, and similar hair styles are permitted; but exaggerated styles and styles with excessive fullness or extreme height are not authorized. Pony tails and plaited hair are not permitted while in uniform. Hair may be braided provided that the braids are held close to the head and do not interfere with the correct fit of the headgear. Hair coloring must have a natural appearance, be of a color which would occur normally, and be applied in a fashion so as to complement the individual.
- Q. Do I have to wear my ribbons on my uniform?
- Yes. Ribbons and medals are a *required* part of all the uniforms except the working khaki uniform, indoor duty uniform, and with the service dress blue sweater. The arrangement of ribbons shall be in the order of precedence in rows from top down, inboard to outboard with rows. A minimum of three ribbons shall be worn by those possessing three or more; all ribbons may be worn, if desired. If only one row of ribbons is worn, it shall consist of the three senior ribbons. Membership ribbons (Commissioned Officers Association, Reserve Officers Association, Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S.) may not be worn without at least one service ribbon on the uniform.
- Q. I have noticed that uniforms come in different materials. Can I mix and match the materials used with my uniform?
- A. No. When you wear the uniform, you want to present yourself in a professional manner. The uniform needs to be neat and clean and appear as if the components of the uniform belong together. Different materials, i.e., cotton, Certified Navy Twill (CNT), and polywool blends do not look alike. Make sure, when you buy your uniforms, that the materials match.
- Q. Are the brown shoes authorized with the khaki uniform?
- A. Yes. Brown shoes are now authorized to wear with the khaki uniform. When brown shoes are worn, brown socks are required. In addition for women, if you choose to wear brown shoes with your khaki uniform and choose to carry a handbag, the handbag must be of a matching brown color.
- If you have questions about your uniforms, please e-mail CDR Ron Keats, Officer Support Branch, DCP, at rkeats@psc.gov. □

CMS Officers Prepare Library Collection and Corps Display



CMS Commissioned Corps Officers

Back Row, Left to Right:

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CAPT William Krushat
CAPT Georgia Johnson
CAPT Michael Lopatin
LT Thel Moore, Jr.
LCDR Jacqueline Morgan*

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CDR James Merrill, II
CAPT Carolyn (Kaye) Riley*

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CAPT Cynthia Wark*

It was with pride and a deep commitment to the Nation's health that the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) dedicated a permanent addition to the CMS Central Library. The library collection features a continuous display of the life, history, regiment, commitment, officer's ranks, Surgeons General, and duties of PHS commissioned officers.

The officers also created a display that is housed in the CMS central building that honors corps officers and informs other CMS employees of the role these officers play in assuring a healthy status for the American public. The display features officers at work, not only with the American public, but with immigrants and those who are incarcerated. This display changes every 60 days and features some of the many roles corps officers undertake.

A formal dedication of this section of the library's collection as well as the display is planned for this winter to correspond with the anniversary date of the founding of the PHS Commissioned Corps.



The CMS Central Library's PHS Commissioned Corps Display Case with LCDR Janice Adams-King and CAPT Cynthia Wark.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

**Get Active—Your Own Way,
Every Day, for Life**

REMINDER—

The Healthy Lifestyles Program is conducting a Web-based nutrition and physical activity survey. The results will be used to design a flexible, challenging program that meets *your* needs. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

You can access the survey at the Healthy Lifestyles Web site—www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/usphs (look down the page under 'Related Resources', then click on 'USPHS Commissioned Corps Healthy Lifestyles Survey'), *User ID is: phs* - *Password is: healthy*. Your responses are anonymous and will be compiled and reported only in a summary manner for the purpose of making the Healthy Lifestyles Program better for all officers.

Hispanic Officers Advisory Committee—Call for Nominations for the Juan Carlos Finlay Award

The Juan Carlos Finlay Award was established by the Hispanic Officers Advisory Committee (HOAC) to honor individuals, organizations, and groups who through work performance and other activities have demonstrated leadership in the development of programs, methods, or initiatives that improve health services for Hispanics. This award was named after Juan Carlos Finlay (1833-1915), a Cuban physician and epidemiologist who discovered that the mosquito was the vector of "fiebre amarilla" or yellow fever.

Nominations for the Juan Carlos Finlay Award should describe the specific accomplishments of the candidate (individual or organization) in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) leadership in their area of expertise as it pertains to Hispanic healthcare issues;
- (2) accomplishments in Hispanic healthcare development, management, and/or improvement; and/or
- (3) organization and/or implementation of activities/programs that significantly improve Hispanic access to healthcare and healthcare services.

Nominations may be submitted by the Department's Operating Divisions (OPDIVs) and regional offices, private nonprofit groups, and others with special knowledge of Hispanic health issues and programs. Each nomination must be signed by the individual making the nomination, and in the case of an OPDIV or organization, the head of the OPDIV or organization should sign, and only one nominee should be submitted by each. Endorsements are encouraged since they provide verification and support. Nominations are due by **September 30, 2002**.

To request a nomination packet or if you need additional information, please contact:

CAPT Jose F. Cuzme

Phone: 301-443-1851

(or)

Ms. Lisa Flach

HOAC Award Committee

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9A-27

Rockville, MD 20857-0001

Phone: 301-443-8646

E-mail: lflach@hrsa.gov



Dental Professional Advisory Committee—Call for Nominations

The Dental Professional Advisory Committee (DePAC) seeks motivated commissioned corps and civil service dentists for terms beginning January 1, 2003. The DePAC provides advice to the Surgeon General and the Dental Chief Professional Officer on professional and personnel issues related to the Dental category. The DePAC focuses on improving the Public Health Service (PHS) dental workforce by examining issues concerning awards/recognition, communications, promotions, retention/recruitment, clinical issues, and overall career development.

New DePAC members will be selected based on their commitment to improving the capabilities of the dental workforce in the PHS. Openings are available for new representatives for 3-year terms beginning *January 1, 2003*. The meetings are typically held in Rockville, Maryland, and members in the field are usually connected via teleconference if they are unable to travel to attend.

The DePAC needs *you!* Please consider this as an important step in your career and self-nominate today! Request a blank self-nomination form (which includes a space for supervisory approval) by using the Faxback feature of *CorpsLine*. You can reach *CorpsLine* at 301-443-6843. Listen to the menu and choose the option, "To retrieve documents through Faxback," and request document number **6539**.

Complete the self-nomination form and send it along with a current curriculum vita and cover letter describing how your experience and expertise will benefit the DePAC. The completed package must be submitted by **September 1, 2002**, to the address below:

LCDR Kathy Cotton

Tuba City Indian Medical Center

Dental Department

167 N. Main

Tuba City, AZ 86045

Phone: 928-283-2672

Fax: 928-283-2887

E-mail: kathy.cotton@tcimc.his.gov



Black Commissioned Officer Advisory Group—Call for Nominations

The Black Commissioned Officer Advisory Group (BCOAG) is soliciting nominations, including self-nominations, to serve a 3-year term beginning *January 2003*.

The purpose of the BCOAG is to serve as an advocate for black commissioned officers in regard to their (1) participation and representation in activities of the Public Health Service (PHS), and (2) professional and personal growth in the commissioned corps. BCOAG's membership consists of officers from the Department's Agencies/Operating Divisions and from non-Department programs that are routinely staffed by PHS Commissioned Corps personnel. BCOAG serves an important leadership role by providing advice and consultation to the Surgeon General on matters related to the corps.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to the BCOAG, please request that a blank self-nomination form be faxed to you by using the Faxback feature of *CorpsLine*. Listen to the menu and choose the second option, "To retrieve documents through Faxback," and request document number **6538**. Complete and send the self-nomination form along with a current curriculum vitae by **August 15, 2002**, to:

LT Celia S. Gabrel

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-90

Rockville, MD 20857-0001

Phone: 301-443-6563

Fax: 301-594-2511

E-mail: cgabrel@hrsa.gov



Reminder

2002 Annual COERs

The 2002 Annual Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Reports (COERs) are due to the Division of Commissioned Personnel by *July 26, 2002*.



Dietitian of the Year Award— Call for Nominations

The Dietitian/Nutritionist Professional Advisory Committee (D/N PAC) of the Office of the Surgeon General is seeking nominations for the Dietitian of the Year Award. The Dietitian of the Year Award recognizes the achievements of dietitians/nutritionists in the Public Health Service (PHS). It was established in 1991 by the D/N PAC and the Chief Professional Officer of the Dietetics category. The award is designed to allow consideration of junior and senior dietitians/nutritionists in both the civil service and commissioned corps personnel systems.

The award will be presented at the D/N PAC Category Day at the Commissioned Officers Association Professional Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, in the spring of 2003. Nomination packets can be obtained from the D/N PAC Web site at—<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/diet/dietpac.html>.

All nominations must be received by the Chairperson, D/N PAC, by close of business **August 1, 2002**. Each nomination must include: (1) cover sheet per exact format as in the nomination packet (no others will be accepted), and (2) justification per criteria and format as in the nomination packet. Nominations should be marked “CONFIDENTIAL: TO BE OPENED BY CHAIRPERSON, D/N PAC” on the envelope, and mailed to the following address:

CAPT Laura McNally
Chairperson, D/N PAC
HRSA, Office of Planning and Evaluation
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-45
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

COA Announces 2002-2003 Board of Directors

The Commissioned Officers Association (COA) of the U.S. Public Health Service announces the elected officers for the Board of Directors for 2002-2003:

CAPT Rebecca A. Parks - Chairperson
CDR Dean J. Coppola - Chairperson-Elect
CAPT Jon P. Casamento - Treasurer

Reminders Regarding Annual Leave

The summer vacation season is underway and officers are reminded and encouraged to schedule their annual leave through the year so as to preclude any disappointment or misunderstanding resulting from the loss of accrued leave at the end of the year.

The maximum annual leave that may be carried forward from one leave year to the next is 60 days. The leave year is a calendar year; the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The 60-day limitation on the amount of unused annual leave that can be carried forward from one year to the next is imposed by statute. Therefore, no waiver is legally permissible. In other words, no one can grant an exception.

Important Note: Those officers who were authorized to accumulate up to 90 annual leave days as of December 31, 2001 under the leave accrual provisions of 10 U.S.C 70, should review Manual Circular No. 368, “Annual Leave—Implementation of Special Leave Accrual Policy and Amendment,” dated December 12, 2001, which appeared on page 7 of the the January 2002 issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

Officers are also reminded that they are required to keep their leave-granting authority and leave maintenance clerk informed of their whereabouts during any period of leave. In addition to providing this information on form PHS-1345, “Request and Authority for Leave of Absence (Commissioned Officers),” supervisors must be furnished with the address and phone number where you can be reached while you are on leave.

LCDR Dominic Weskamp Earns Degree from USUHS

LCDR Dominic Weskamp received a master of science in nursing degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) Graduate School of Nursing in Bethesda, Maryland. He was among 13 active-duty officers to receive master of science in nursing degrees during USUHS’ 23rd commencement on May 18, 2002.

LCDR Weskamp is the recipient of the 2002 Family Nurse Practitioner Outstanding Student Award, the 2002 Dean’s Award for Research Excellence, the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Chief Nurse Award, and Director’s Award for USPHS.

LCDR Weskamp works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and has been assigned to the Federal Correctional Institution in Manchester, Kentucky.

Recent Calls to Active Duty

Title / Name Agency / OPDIV / Program

DENTAL

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

Virgilio A. Beltran BOP
Big Spring TX

NURSE

LIEUTENANT

Geri L. Hawks NIH
Bethesda MD
Sean M. McMahan NIH
Bethesda MD

LIEUTENANT J.G.

Jonathan B. Lewis BOP
Ayer MA

HEALTH SERVICES

LIEUTENANT

Todd D. Alspach FDA
Bridgeport CT
Lavonne M. Hammelman IHS
Nespelem WA
Jennifer A. Norris PSC
Rockville MD

LIEUTENANT J.G.

Eduardo R. Faytong BOP
Oxford WI
Eduardo Y. Lim FDA
Rockville, MD

Recent Deaths

Note: To report the death of a retired officer or an annuitant to the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP), please phone 1-800-638-8744.

The deaths of the following retired officers were recently reported to DCP:

Title / Name Date

MEDICAL

RADM Donald S. Fredrickson 06/07/02
CAPT William E. Newby 05/31/02

DENTAL

CAPT Lawrence R. Fess 05/21/02

SCIENTIST

CAPT Dohrman H. Beyers 05/27/02

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

CDR William T. Dickey, Jr. 05/04/02

DIETETICS

CAPT Eileen M. Reid 05/12/02

Officers Promoted to the Rank of Assistant Surgeon General

RADM John Babb has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral lower half) effective May 1, 2002.

RADM Babb, a pharmacist officer, is the Director of the Commissioned Corps Readiness Force (CCRF) within the Office of Emergency Preparedness. The CCRF is responsible for the deployment of commissioned officers to disasters, terrorist attacks, public health emergencies, and special security events, both within the United States and internationally. In the last year, CCRF has deployed almost 900 officers to Tropical Storm Allison, the attacks on September 11, six anthrax events, the United Nations Special Assembly Meeting, the State of the Union Address, the Winter Olympics, the Washington, D.C. Immunization Project, the March for Israel Rally, and the Avian Flu Outbreak. CCRF officers have served on the front lines of American public health responses, and have been recognized as serving a vital role in the mission of the Department.

Commissioned in 1989, RADM Babb is a regular corps officer. He has received the Public Health Service (PHS) Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, PHS Outstanding Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal (two awards), PHS Citation (two awards), Outstanding Unit Citation, (two awards), Unit Commendation (two awards), and Bureau of Prisons (BOP) MSM.

RADM Babb was a community pharmacist for 21 years prior to entering the PHS Commissioned Corps, then served as the Chief Pharmacist of the Federal Correctional Institution in Memphis, Chief Pharmacist of the BOP, and Chief of Health Programs for the BOP prior to his selection as the Director of the CCRF in 2000. He has devoted most of his career to the delivery of quality pharmaceutical care and the protection of the public's health.

RADM Eric B. Broderick has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral lower half) effective May 1, 2002.

RADM Broderick, a dental officer, is the Director of the Division of Oral Health in the Indian Health Service (IHS). The Division is responsible for national operations of the oral healthcare system of IHS. Since December 1, 2001, RADM Broderick has been on detail to the Immediate Office of the Secretary as Senior Advisor for Tribal Health Policy in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

RADM Broderick was commissioned in 1973. He is a regular corps officer and has devoted his career to the area of public health and improving the health of Indian people.

RADM Broderick has received the Public Health Service (PHS) Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, PHS Citation, Outstanding Unit Citation, and Unit Commendation.

Retirements - June

Title/Name Agency/OPDIV/Program

MEDICAL

CAPTAIN

Dale E. Haveman IHS

COMMANDER

Wilma J. Kale IHS

DENTAL

CAPTAIN

Donald O. Forsee IHS

COMMANDER

Steven A. Mogel IHS

NURSE

CAPTAIN

Kathleen L. Walker FDA

Martina P. Callaghan IHS

COMMANDER

Kathleen G. Austin IHS

ENGINEER

COMMANDER

Michael M. Roder CDC

SCIENTIST

COMMANDER

John M. Russo CDC

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COMMANDER

Jerome F. Joyce EPA

THERAPY

CAPTAIN

Arthur J. Plumstead, Jr. PSC

HEALTH SERVICES

CAPTAIN

John Rodak, Jr. HRSA



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