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# Surgeon General's Column

In my role as Surgeon General—a central part of which is to be the Nation's family doctor-I am frequently asked about what I do to maintain and enhance my personal health status. For many years, I have been an avid runner. Although I have never come close to a 4minute mile first obtained by another physician, Roger Bannister, I always try to run in the early morning hours at least 5 times a week for a distance of 3 to 5 miles. Physical activity has become so integral to my day that if, for some reason, I am unable to take my customary run, I miss not having done it and feel that my day was not complete.

Running improves both my physical and mental condition. I find that I have far more energy to focus on the challenging issues that confront me each day if I maintain regular physical exercise. Thus, I certainly was not surprised by the findings of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health that was released in July 1996. The report provided strong scientific documentation that even moderate levels of physical activity provide physiological and psychological benefits to those who participate on a regular basis.

It is my firm view that, as members of a Uniformed Service, we in the Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps have a responsibility to lead by example in the promotion of health and wellbeing. Although it is the Army's slogan, "Be all you can be!" offers a goal that all uniformed personnel should strive to attain. To reach our zenith, we must devote time not only to improving our minds but also to taking care of our bodies. Of the seven Uniformed Services, we alone have as our principal mission the protection and enhancement of the entire Nation's health. I also firmly believe that those we serve pay as much attention to what we do as

they do to what we say. Officers serve as role models for others, especially visible when wearing the uniform.

Many of our active-duty officers are part of the Commissioned Corps Readiness Force (CCRF) and have received special training that will enable them to respond competently and quickly in the aftermath of natural and manmade disasters. To be able to respond efficiently and effectively under the wide variety of emergency circumstances for which the PHS is responsible, officers must maintain a high level of physical fitness. Thus, it is imperative that every officer involved in the CCRF develop a routine regimen of strenuous physical activity that will permit him or her to function at peak efficiency under adverse conditions if and when the need arises. Additionally, all officers, whether members of the CCRF or not, are subject to being called to respond to emergencies, including full militarization. Each officer should immediately review their personal physical status and develop an approach to maintaining it, and where indicated improving it.

One of the more disheartening findings of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health was the relatively high percentage of our young people who do not engage in any meaningful physical activity. There are a host of opportunities for us to make a difference in this area, and I would like to offer several suggestions that I hope you will consider.

First, do a careful evaluation of the types and frequency of physical activities that are engaged in by your family members. Then take action to improve any deficiencies noted.

Second, review the physical education activities offered at your local school. If the school does not appear to offer an adequate physical education program, contact the local school officials and offer your assistance to develop a more structured program.

Third, determine what types of opportunities for physical activities there may be at your work place. If these opportunities are inadequate or underutilized, try to take steps to correct the problems.

Four, do a survey of the types of physical activity programs that are available in your community, especially those focusing on special populations groups such as the elderly and disabled. You will probably find that these programs are greatly in need of your assistance and health care expertise.

These are but a few suggestions for improving your health and that of your family and community. As PHS officers, we are looked to as role models and leaders, and that is exactly as it should be. Each of you is personally responsible for setting the tone and being prepared for the eventuality of emergency response or incorporation into the military. I know that I can count on each of you to do your part.

ADM David Satcher Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General

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David Ng

Armando Oliva

David G. Orloff

Lisa G. Rider

Monica E. Parise

Lynne E. Pinkerton

Carlos M. Plasencia

Steven R. Rosenthal

Randall C. Schick

Joann M. Schulte

Monica C. Skarulis

Douglas C. Smith

Douglas B. Trout

Donald D. Vasser

Jon M. Wigginton

To Temporary Captain (O-6)

Rita M. Washko

Carol D. Weiss

Steven S. Wolf

William D. Bailey

Robin S. Berrin

Robert A. Best

Gary T. Blache

Thomas B. Bornstein

DENTAL

Thomas J. Vangilder

Paul S. Mead

Joann M. Mican

Aubrev K. Miller

Abelardo Montalvo

Ronald L. Moolenaar

Pauline A. Mysliwiec

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Date:

# Promotion Year 1998 Temporary Grade Promotions Announced

Category

Grade Promoted to:

Alan E. Greenberg

Terry J. Golden

Marta L. Gwinn

Evan C. Hadley

Edward B. Hayes

Clare Helminiak

Stephen A. Holve

Robert H. Johnson

Michael J. Linnan

John M. Midthun

John S. Moran

Neil J. Murphy

Mary L. Kamb

Joseph M. Kaczmarczyk

Jose R. Morales-Rodriguez

Manette T Malacane Niu

Frederick P. Ognibene

Thomas A. Peterman

Laurence M. Slutsker

Lydia E. Soto-Torres

Katherine M. Stone

Jordan W. Tappero

Bradley A. Woodruff

Stefan Z. Wiktor

Anthony F. Suffredini

Mark G. Peterson

Robert W. Pinner

Kevin J. Stange

Paul Joe

Margaret A. Hayes

George H. Hays, Jr.

Barbara L. Herwaldt

The Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) completed the annual temporary grade promotion process for Promotion Year (PY) 1998 with the issuance of 697 temporary promotions to grades O-4 through O-6. These promotions were effective July 1, 1998, or on the officer's date of eligibility, dependent upon his or her training and experience date.

All of the competitive promotions for PY 1998 have been released. Exceptional Capability promotions were effective July 1, 1998, and are in addition to those made through the regular promotion process. DCP plans to release the permanent promotions in August.

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. A new mathematical model was used balancing the needs of the Corps and approaching parity with other Uniformed Services.

Letters notifying officers of their eligibility for consideration for temporary and/ or permanent promotion in PY 1999 (July 1. 1998 through June 30, 1999) should be mailed in September.

Congratulations to the officers listed

Congratulations to the officers listed		H. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp	07-01-98	Thomas B. Bornstein	07 - 01 - 98	
	below:		11. Marsharyh learghi-Ansopp	07-01-30	Michael A. Foster	07-01-98
	Category	<i>Effective</i>	To Temporary Commander (O-5)		Janie G. Fuller	07-01-98
	Grade Promoted to:	Date:	Susan Blank	07-01-98	A. Isabel Garcia	04-01-99
	Grade Fromolea to.	Date.	Amy S. Bloom	07-01-98	David W. Grau	07-01-98
	MEDICAL		Michael J. Boquard	07-01-98	Shawneequa M. Harris	07-01-98
	To Temporary Captain (O-6)		J. Russell Bowman	07-01-98	Kenneth E. Hoffman	07-01-98
	Kelly J. Acton	07-01-98	Eric A. Brody	07-01-98	James J. Jan	07-01-98
	Mary P. Andrich	07-01-98	Gregory M. Buchalter	07-01-98	Jan T. Josephson	07-01-98
	George C. Baacke II	07-01-98	Quirico C. Cabredo	07-01-98	Mark Koday	07-01-98
	Alan B. Bloch	07-01-98	Lawrence E. Chance, Jr.	07-01-98	James M. Logan	07-01-98
	Lynn A. Bosco	07-01-98	Rosa I. Colon	07-01-98	Ray M. McCullough	07-01-98
	Robert D. Brewer III	07-01-98	Susan T. Cookson	07-01-98	Marilyn R. McKean	07-01-98
	Ralph T. Bryan	07-01-98	Mark J. Cowan	07-01-98	Marian P. Mehegan	07-01-98
	M. Blake Caldwell	07-01-98	Alexander E. Crosby	07-01-98	Michael W. Remillard	07-01-98
	Richard J. Calvert	07-01-98	Wilfredo Diaz-Romero	07-01-98	Raul A. Romaguera	07-01-98
	Grant L. Campbell	07-01-98	Maura K. Dollymore	07-01-98	Clifford D. White	07-01-98
	Vito M. Caserta	07-01-98	Scott F. Dowell	07-01-98	Horace M. Whitt	07-01-98
	Edwin Chappabitty, Jr.	07-01-98	Elias Durry	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)	
	Robert T. Chen	07-01-98	Rafael Harpaz	07-01-98	Edward H. Arnold, Jr.	07-01-98
	Joanne C. Chinnici	07-01-98	Denise M. Hawks	07-01-98	Michael C. Arnold	07-01-98
	Robert B. Craven	07-01-98	Richard P. Hedlund	07-01-98	Ronald E. Bajuscak	07-01-98
	Andrew L. Dannenberg	07-01-98	Humberto Hernandez-Aponte	10-01-98	Thomas T. Barnes, Jr.	07-01-98
	Harold Davis	07-01-98	Rosemarie Hirsch	07-01-98	Donald C. Belcher	07-01-98
	Robert E. Dawson	07-01-98	Newton E. Kendig	07-01-98	Brian C. Berg	07-01-98
	Delores A. Endres	07-01-98	Stephen J. Kinsley	07-01-98	George G. Bird	07-01-98
	Michael M. Engelgau	07-01-98	Jonathan Krakoff	07-01-98	Michael L. Campsmith	07-01-98
	Barbara B. Fleming	07-01-98	Mark N. Lobato	07-01-98	Randolph A. Coffey	07-01-98
	Steven H. Fox	07-01-98	Vernon A. Maas	07-01-98	Sherwood G. Crow	07-01-98
	Arthur J. French III	07-01-98	Susan A. Maloney	07-01-98		

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Grade Promoted to:	Date:	Grade Promoted to:	Date:	Grade Promoted to:	Date:
DENTAL (Continued)		Garry B. Criddle	07-01-98	Ann M. McCarthy	07-01-98
To Temporary Commander (O-5) (	Continued)	Regan L. Crump	07-01-98	Stephanie V. Middleton	07-01-98
David R. Douglas	07-01-98	Larry D. Curtis	01-01-99	Marian H. Moe	07-01-98
Bret A. Downing	07-01-98	Joanne Derdak	07-01-98	Samuel Monroe	07-01-98
		Janice A. Drass	07-01-98	Brenda J. Murray	07-01-98
Milton J. Eisiminger	07-01-98				
Mark S. Elliott	07-01-98	Robert E. Eaton	07-01-98	Barbara B. Nakai	07-01-98
Paul J. Farkas	07-01-98	Catherine R. Esbenshade	07-01-98	Janet D. Odom	07-01-98
Steven D. Florer	07-01-98	Margaret S. Filios	07-01-98	Martha T. Olone	07-01-98
Randy J. German	07-01-98	Gale L. Heavner	07-01-98	Suzanne M. Portello	07-01-98
Elmer J. Guerrero	10-01-98	Diane P. Holzem	07-01-98	Theresa E. McKinney Prigmore	07-01-98
Marvin L. Guia	10-01-98	Gwendolyn M. Hosey	01-01-99	Cherryll F. Ranger	07-01-98
George Haddy	07-01-98	Eva L. Jones	07-01-98	Patricia K. Rasch	07-01-98
Daniel J. Hickey	07-01-98	Mary J. Kozma-Fornaro	07-01-98	James R. Reid	07-01-98
James H. Hyland	07-01-98	Lynn M. Lowry	07-01-98	Mary J. Riley	10-01-98
Michael D. Jones	07-01-98	Judith E. Maeda	07-01-98	John J. Rosenberger	07-01-98
Raymond F. Lala	07-01-98	Kenneth H. Marmon	07-01-98	Leslie L. Royall	01-01-99
Steven J. Lien	07-01-98	Carol D. Moffett	01-01-99	Juliana M. Sadovich	07 - 01 - 98
Janet E. McDowell-Travis	10-01-98	John S. Motter	07-01-98	Rose Saltclah	07-01-98
Michael Mendelson	07-01-98	Steven E. Nesseler	01-01-99	Edward R. Sanmartin	07-01-98
William G. Morningstar	07-01-98	Nanette H. Pepper	04-01-99	Thomas M. Scheidel	10-01-98
Kenneth A. Reed	07-01-98	James M. Pobrislo	07-01-98	Michael W. Scott	07-01-98
Jose C. Rodriguez	07-01-98	Kolynn F. Powell	10-01-98	Gail J. Siqueiros	07-01-98
Robert A. Ruff	07-01-98	Meribeth M. Reed	07-01-98	Carolyn A. Smeltzer	07-01-98
Roy F. Schoppert III	07-01-98	Carolyn K. Riley	07-01-98	Jeffery O. Smith	07-01-98
, , ,		Jean M. Riley	07-01-98	Regina P. Stabler	07-01-98
To Temporary Lieutenant Commo	ander (O-4)	Susan M. Rooks	07-01-98	Marcia L. Standifer	07-01-98
Mohamed K. Awad	07-01-98	Lynnette Ann Scott	10-01-98	Sharon E. Still	07-01-98
Lynne K. Baker	07-01-98	Cheryl A. Seaman	07-01-98	YukikoTani	07-01-98
Christopher J. Bennett	10-01-98	Emilia G. Speer	07-01-98	Susan F. White	07-01-98
Barbara H. Brown	07-01-98	Andrew C. Stevermer	07-01-98	Holly A. Williams	07-01-98
Christopher L. Callahan	07-01-98	Bernadine L. Toya	07-01-98	Steven J. Williams	07-01-98
Cendie R. Crawley	10-01-98	Tricia L. Trinite	07-01-98	Siona W. Willie	01-01-99
Bryan S. Dawson	07-01-98	John J. Tuskan, Jr.	07-01-98	Arnette M. Wright	07-01-98
Kimberly R. Dehler	10-01-98	Cathy J. Wasem	07-01-98	Allette W. Wilght	07-01-30
Robert T. Dvorak	07-01-98	James L. Williams	07-01-98	To Temporary Lieutenant Commo	inder (O-4)
Cristino J. Gavarrete	07-01-98	William G. Wood	07-01-98	Bonnie J. Allard	01-01-99
Thomas H. Halliday	07-01-98	wimam G. wood	07-01-90	Yvonne L. Anthony	07-01-98
Laura J. Lund	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)		Wendy S. Antonowsky	10-01-98
Alex L. McCulloch	07-01-98	Andrea P. Argabrite	07-01-98	Daniel J. Aronson	01-01-99
Robert L. Miracle	07-01-98	Kathleen G. Austin	07-01-98	Winona N. Begay	07-01-98
William B. Parrish	07-01-98	Tracy A. Brower	01-01-99	Dana V. Bender	01-01-99
	07-01-98	Judith H. Budd	07-01-98	Cheryl B. Carter	10-01-98
Terryl A. Petropoulos Steven K. Rayes	07-01-98	Jeffrey N. Burnham	10-01-98	Lindsey D. Caudle	07-01-98
Robert P. Sewell	10-01-98	Gina E. Cole	07-01-98	Laurie L. Coker	07-01-98
		Beverly A. Dandridge	07-01-98	Bernadette Dayzie	07-01-98
Jeffrey S. Shepherd	07-01-98	Sandra Dodge	01-01-99	Lisa S. Dolan-Branton	07-01-98
Pablo L. Silva	07-01-98 07-01-98	Susan L. Dunn	07-01-98	Anthony L. Duran	07-01-98
Wilnetta A. Sweeting		Mary E. Fairbanks	07-01-98	Kelly J. Eagle	01-01-99
Gina O. Thornton-Evans	07-01-98	Edwin M. Galan	07-01-98		
Susan B. Tiede	07-01-98	Marylouise F. Ganaway	07-01-98	Deann M. Eastman-Jansen Christine K. Eck	07-01-98
Mary E. Williard	07-01-98	Veronica D. Gavin	07-01-98		07-01-98
Errol A. Wilson	10-01-98	Cindy E. Hamlin	07-01-98	Kathryn A. Flores	07-01-98
Valarie D. Wilson	07-01-98	Joan M. Harding	07-01-98	Patricia Nottingham Garzone	07-01-98
Darrell J. Zehr	07-01-98	Patricia A. Hawk	07-01-98	Kathleen E. Gilbert	07-01-98
NURSE		Carnie A. Hayes, Jr.	07-01-98	Virginia A. Giroux	07-01-98
		Paul S. Hunstiger	01-01-99	Lori B. Hanton	07-01-98
To Temporary Captain (O-6) Michael B. Anderson	07-01-98	Ramona Locklear Joseph	07-01-98	Sharon M. Harold	07-01-98
		Verliss L. Keller-Miller	10-01-98	John S. Hartford	10-01-98
Mary C. Aoyama	07-01-98	Lorraine D. Kelwood	07-01-98	Sherri L. Howard	07-01-98
Barbara A. Braden	10-01-98	Michele J. Kemper	07-01-98	Patrick K. Howe	07-01-98
Janice M. Carico	07-01-98	Charles D. Laine	10-01-98	Anita L. Johnson	07-01-98
Mary Chambers	07-01-98			Loretta J. Jordan	07-01-98
Kathleen Y. Cooper	07-01-98	Rita A. Lookinglass	07-01-98	Janie M. Kirvin	07-01-98
Leslie C. Cooper	07-01-98	Bobby D. Lowery	07-01-98	Diana S. Koltun	07-01-98
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		To Temporary Lieutenant Commo	undan (O. 4)	Richard J. Driscoll	07-01-98
NURSE (Continued) To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	under (O 1)	Daniel S. Beck	04-01-99	Larry J. Elliott	01-01-98
(Continued)	maer (O-4)	Daniel S. Beck David A. Engelstad	10-01-98	Thomas C. Fahres	07-01-98
Sandra K. Kozlowski	07-01-98	Thomas D. Hammack	10-01-98	Brenda J. Holman	01-01-99
Melissa A. Law	04-01-99	Craig J. Haugland	07-01-98	Alan D. Knapp	01-01-99
Peggy J. Mathis	01-01-99	Charles S. Hayden II	07-01-98	Bruce K. Molloy	04-01-99
Carolyn J. McKeown	07-01-98	Eric L. Matson	07-01-98	Kathy L. Morring	07-01-98
Linda S. Murphy	07-01-98	Peter T. Nachod	04-01-99	Theodore A. Pettit	07-01-98
Lucienne D. Nelson	01-01-99	Delrey K. Pearson	07-01-98	Michael Rathsam	07-01-98
Susan M. Orsega	07-01-98	Kenneth R. Pohl	07-01-98	Kenneth J. Secord	01-01-99
Judy L. Pearce	07-01-98	Karl R. Powers	01-01-99	Craig A. Shepherd	07-01-98
Andrea L. Pond	07-01-98	Michael B. Rea	07-01-98	Thomas J. Vegella	07-01-98
Lynn M. Power	07-01-98	Andrew H. Sallach	07-01-98	L. J. David Wallace III	07-01-98
Deborah S. Price	07-01-98	William Z. Stanley	01-01-99	Peter P. Wallis	07-01-98
Laverne Puckett	10-01-98	Darrall F. Tillock	01-01-99	Rebecca L. West	07-01-98
Rodney R. Sahr	10-01-98	Domenic J. Veneziano	04-01-99	Donald M. Wilson	07-01-98
Teresa T. Sanders	07-01-98	Michael J. Vonasek	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)	
Sharlene E. Savage	10-01-98	Geoffrey T. Wachs	01-01-99	Jaret T. Ames	04-01-99
Jeanne D. Shaffer	07-01-98	Sharon Wirth White	07-01-98	David P. Bleicher	07-01-98
Lawrence A. Stavish	07-01-98	SCIENTIST		Len M. Courtois	10-01-98
Vincent M. Thrutchley	07-01-98	To Temporary Captain (O-6)		Wendy L. Fanaselle	07-01-98
Theresa Tsosie-Robledo	07-01-98	David L. Ashley	07-01-98	Marshall S. Gray, Jr.	01-01-99
Kathleen Tyler	07-01-98	Alejo Borrero-Hernande	10-01-98	Michael G. Halko	07-01-98
Kelly L. Valley	07-01-98	William G. Brogdon	07-01-98	Thomas A. Hill	07-01-98
Karen M. Vorsteg	07-01-98	A. Roland Garcia	07-01-98	Mark A. Kelty	10-01-98
Steven M. Wacha	04-01-99	Martin D. Green	07-01-98	Theresa I. Kilgus	01-01-99
Angel L. Wilson	07-01-98	Ann M. Hardy	10-01-98	Cynthia C. Kunkel	07-01-98
ENGINEER		Deloris L. Hunter	07-01-98	Mark D. Miller	07 - 01 - 98
To Temporary Captain (O-6)		Wendy E. Kaye	01-01-99	Robert S. Newsad	07-01-98
Roger A. Anderson	07-01-98	Mahendra H. Kothary	07-01-98	John N. Powell	07-01-98
Albert J. Berreth	07-01-98	Edmond F. Maes	07-01-98	Timothy M. Radtke	07-01-98
Wallace G. Carr	07-01-98	Sara Dee McArthur	07-01-98	David E. Robbins	07-01-98
Kevin S. Chadwick	07-01-98	Helena O. Mishoe	07-01-98	Timothy S. Roddy	07-01-98
Jose F. Cuzme	07-01-98	Frank D. Sistare	07-01-98	Teresa A. Seitz	07-01-98
Raymond G. Haire	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)		To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	nder (O-4)
Scott L. Hamilton	07-01-98	Drue H. Barrett	07-01-98	Christopher W. Allen	07-01-98
Walter F. Hunter	07-01-98	Dina Birman	04-01-99	Janice Ashby	10-01-98
Geoffrey Keeler	07-01-98	Darcy E. Hanes	07-01-98	Kathleen M. Atencio	07-01-98
Sven E. Rodenbeck	01-01-99	Deborah A. Jones	07-01-98	Stephen P. Berardinelli, Jr.	10-01-98
Carl E. Sullenger, Jr.	07-01-98	Rosa J. Key-Schwartz	07-01-98	Holly C. Billie	04-01-99
Michael R. Weaver	01-01-99	David T. Laird	07-01-98	Jeffrey A. Church	01-01-99
Kim A. Yale	07-01-98	Ann M. Malarcher	07-01-98	Calvin K. Cook	07-01-98
To Temporary Commander (O-5)		Kevin M. McGuinness	10-01-98	Keith W. Cook	07-01-98
Shib S. Bajpayee	01-01-99	Patrick J. McNeilly	01-01-99	Rhonda S. Cook	10-01-98
Carole L. Boerner	01-01-99	Rebecca L. Sheets	01-01-99	Calvin W. Edwards	10-01-98
Thomas J. Degaetano	07-01-98	Joyce L. Smith	07-01-98	William T. Going III	04-01-99
Michael G. Gressel	07-01-98	Steven P. Sparenborg	07-01-98	Robert W. Gruhot	07-01-98
Thomas J. Heintzman	01-01-99	To Temporary Lieutenant Commo	under (O 1)	Wayne L. Hall	07-01-98
Louis A. Lightner, Jr.	01-01-99	Richard S. Garfein	07-01-98	Scotty L. Hargrave Daniel J. Hewett	07-01-98
Kenneth D. Linch	07-01-98	Karen A. Hennessey	07-01-98	James K. Jackson	04-01-99 10-01-98
Charles S. Little	07-01-98	Frank R. Hershberger	10-01-98	Robert B. Knowles	04-01-99
Chris A. Piacitelli	07-01-98	Kayla F. Laserson	07-01-98	Jeffrey S. Morris	07-01-98
Thomas M. Plummer	07-01-98	Robin L. Lyerla	07-01-98	Quanah H. Nail	01-01-99
Stephen P. Rhodes	04-01-99	Jon T. Perez	07-01-98	Laura A. Rabb	07-01-98
Mutahar S. Shamsi	07-01-98	Douglas A. Thoroughman	07-01-98	David B. Tibbs	01-01-99
Andrew M. Smith	10-01-98	Robert L. Williams	07-01-98	Steven E. Tome	01-01-99
James T. Sorensen	07-01-98				01 01 00
Mark A. Stafford	07-01-98	SANITARIAN		VETERINARY	
James S. Telofski	07-01-98	To Temporary Captain (O-6)		To Temporary Captain (O-6)	
Dominic J. Wolf	07-01-98	Robert D. Baldwin	07-01-98	Michael A. Eckhaus	07-01-98

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${\bf VETERINARY} (Continued)$		Vicky S. Chavez	10-01-98	Janet M. Taylor	07-01-98
To Temporary Captain (O-6) (Con	tinued)	Stephanie Donahoe	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)	
Bernard M. Flynn	10-01-98	L. Jane Duncan	07-01-98	Rebecca J. Grizzle	07-01-98
James R. Hailey	07-01-98	William D. Figg	01-01-99	Celia R. Hayes	07-01-98
Michael J. Parnell	07-01-98	Susan J. Fredericks	07-01-98	Marilyn A. Welschenbach	07-01-98
Douglas D. Sharpnack	07-01-98	Sharon K. Gershon	07-01-98		
Barton G. Weick	07-01-98	Truman L. Gillette	07-01-98	To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	
To Temporary Commander (O-5)		Gary M. Givens	07-01-98	Jean M. Kelahan	07-01-98
Estella Z. Jones	07-01-98	Rita L. Herring	07-01-98	Amy R. Maupin	07-01-98
Alfred W. Montgomery	07-01-98	Walter L. Holt, Jr. Charles V. Hoppes	07-01-98 07-01-98	THERAPY	
Kathy A. Perdue-Greenfiel	04-01-99	Joseph L. Johnson	07-01-98	To Temporary Captain (O-6)	
Douglas A. Powell	07-01-98	Anthony E. Keller	07-01-98	Dominick C. Aretino	07-01-98
Lawrence J. Ventura	07-01-98	Harold E. Kessler	07-01-98	David J. Brueggemann	07-01-98
To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	nder (O-4)	Alice D. Knoben	07-01-98	Mark W. Dardis	07-01-98
Jeremy G. Bowers	07-01-98	Marisa L. Magda	07-01-98	John T. Hurley	10-01-98
Kamela D. Evans-Davis	07-01-98	Muhammad A. Marwan	10-01-98	Franklin D. Keel	10-01-98
Katherine A. Godon	07-01-98	Robert H. McClelland	07-01-98		10 01 00
Kammy R. Johnson	07-01-98	Philip J. Minnick	07-01-98	To Temporary Commander (O-5)	05 01 00
Marianne Phelan Ross	07-01-98	Edna V. Sandoval	07-01-98	Linda C. Hemingway	07-01-98
Tracee A. Treadwell	07-01-98	Donna A. Shriner	07-01-98	Alicia S. Hoard	07-01-98
		Sharon K. Thoma	07-01-98	Karen L. Siegel	07-01-98
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To Temporary Captain (O-6)		Judy Weiss	07-01-98	To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	nder (O-4)
Elaine G.E. Abraham	07-01-98	•		John H. Figarola	07-01-98
Dennis M. Alder	07-01-98	To Temporary Lieutenant Commo	ınder (O-4)	Scott P. Gaustad	07-01-98
Gary W. Blair	07-01-98	Nonita B. Adair	07-01-98	Gregory C. Huefner	04-01-99
Margaret C. Brophy	07-01-98	Robert B. Carlile IV	07-01-98	Larry O. Otwell	07-01-98
Charles C. Bruner	07-01-98	Lisa A. Cohn	07-01-98	Eric D. Payne	10-01-98
Philip M. Budashewitz	07-01-98	Terrie L. Crescenzi	07-01-98	Sarah J. Pierre	07-01-98
Michael J. Clairmont	07-01-98	Cindy P. Dougherty	07-01-98	Richard Shumway	07-01-98
Dennis R. Dey Mary B. Forbes	07-01-98 07-01-98	Gary L. Elam	07-01-98	Deborah E. Simoncek	10-01-98
Douglas L. Herring	07-01-98	Carol A. Feldotto	07-01-98	Matthew E. Taylor	01-01-99
Joseph L. High	07-01-98	Sheryl J. Felts	07-01-98	HEALTH SERVICES	
Patrick S. Hogan	07-01-98	Barbara J. Finnegan	07-01-98	To Temporary Captain (O-6)	
James R. Hunter	07-01-98	Michael S. Forman	07-01-98	Lura J. Abbott	07-01-98
Carl W. Huntley	07-01-98	Terry L. Garberding	10-01-98	Val J. Allen	07-01-98
Andrew G. Jancosek	07-01-98	James B. Gibbon	07-01-98	Robert J. Carson	07-01-98
Paul F. Jarosinski	07-01-98	Matthew P. Grammar	07-01-98	Franklin D. Crooks	07-01-98
Max Lager	07-01-98	Robert W. Griffith	01-01-99	John D. Fugate, Jr.	04-01-99
Robert K. Leedham, Jr.	10-01-98	Dana L. Hall	01-01-99	Terence M. Grady	07-01-98
Richard S. Lipov	07-01-98	Janette L. Harrell Stacey A. Henning	07-01-98	W. Robert Hutson, Jr.	07-01-98
Michael E. Marcarelli	10-01-98	Paul E. Huntzinger	07-01-98 07-01-98	Thomas M. Jakub	07-01-98
Robert A. McGough	07-01-98	Jane M. Kreis	07-01-98	Candace M. Jones	10-01-98
James M. Moore	07-01-98	Cheryl A. Namtvedt	07-01-98	Stella P. Jones	07-01-98
Janet M. Morgan	07-01-98	Andrea Z. Powers	07-01-98	Sandra C. Ketcher	07-01-98
Michael A. Morton	07-01-98	Aida L. Sanchez	07-01-98	Greg J. Kullman	10-01-98
Robert B. Oshida	07-01-98	Deborah J. Thompson	07-01-98	Nina R. Lalich	07-01-98
Thomas H. Perez	07-01-98	Robert J. Tosatto	07-01-98	Arnulfo Manangan	07-01-98
EvelyneT. Phillips	07-01-98	Catherine L. Vieweg	07-01-98	Bobby L. Mason	07-01-98
William D. Sage	07-01-98	Todd A. Warren	07-01-98	Lawrence C. McMurtry	01-01-99
Michael R. Seybold	07-01-98	Pamela J. West	07-01-98	Robert L. Morgan	07-01-98
Cynthia P. Smith	07-01-98	Cory W. Wilton	07-01-98	Ann M. Parker	01-01-99
Leland R. Stern	07-01-98	Eddie J. Winn	10-01-98	James C. Portt	07-01-98
Robert M. Taylor	07-01-98	Rochelle B. Young	07-01-98	John W. Randall	07-01-98
Norman J. Turner	07-01-98	Ivochene D. Ioung	01 01-00	Ilze L. Ruditis	07-01-98
Charles C. Watson	07-01-98	DIETETICS		Patricia A. Rye	07-01-98
Jeannette Y. Wick	01-01-99	To Temporary Captain (O-6)		Anthony Sanchez	10-01-98
Paul F. Zimmerman	07-01-98	Karen M. Bachman-Carter	07-01-98	Wayne T. Sanderson	07-01-98
To Temporary Commander (O-5)		Denise B. Ford	10-01-98	Stephen A. Souza	07-01-98
Charles A. Bowman	07-01-98	Jan M. Frederick	07-01-98	Albert R. Tallant	10-01-98
Mark E. Burroughs	10-01-98	Karen A. Herbelin	07-01-98	Nancy A. Tollison	07-01-98
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(To Temporary Captain (O-6) (Co.	ntinued)
Richard C. Vause, Jr.	07-01-98
Charles R. Woodson	07-01-98
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To Temporary Commander (O-5)	07 01 00
Corinne J. Axelrod	07-01-98
Mark E. Baldwin	07-01-98
Nancy M. Bill	04-01-99
Mary E. Brinsko	07-01-98
Theodore P. Chiappelli	07-01-98
Frank H. Cross, Jr.	07 - 01 - 98
Candace A. Dorrough	07 - 01 - 98
Pearl J. Dry	04-01-99
Stanley Fishman	07-01-98
Howard J. Heisler	07-01-98
William D. Henriques	10-01-98
David J. Miller	07-01-98
John J. Rogers	07-01-98
Peggy J. Roys	07-01-98
Justina S. Schwemberger	07-01-98
Steven A. Smith	01-01-99
Patricia A. Stoneroad	07-01-98
Jesse V. Thomas	07-01-98
David L. Woodard	07-01-98
William P. Wyeth	01-01-99
To Temporary Lieutenant Comma	nder (O-4)
Marinna A. Banks	07-01-98
Sarah J. Begay	07-01-98
Deborah A. Boling	01-01-99
Dawn M. Clary	07-01-98
Paul S. Clemens	07-01-98
Thomas A. Costello	07-01-98
Jodee M. Dennison	07-01-98
Debora S. Descombes	01-01-99
Thomas W. Hurst	10-01-98
Dawn A. Kelly	07-01-98
Kevin J. Kolenda	07-01-98
Sandra M. Lahi	07-01-98
Lou A. Rector	01-01-99
Renee S. Roberson	10-01-98
William F. Rowell	07-01-98
Beth F. Smedstad	01-01-99
John H. Stadick	07-01-98
Bruce W. Topey	07-01-98
Gilbert E. Varney, Jr.	07-01-98
Robbin K. Williams	10-01-98
Ann M. Witherspoon	04-01-99
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To Temporary Captain (O-6)	
Robert L. Danner, Jr.	07-01-98
Jeffrey E. Green	07-01-98
Frederic J. Kaye	07-01-98
Ellen Sidransky	07-01-98
William F. Simonds	07-01-98
Malcolm A. Smith	07-01-98
Thomas J. Walsh	07-01-98
Stephen A. Wank	07-01-98
To Temporary Commander (O-5)	
Susan M. Mackem	07-01-98
To Temporary Lieutenant Comman	nder (O-4)

04-01-99

07-01-98



**Training Announcements** 

## Leadership Conference and Officer Training

Plan now to attend a Leadership Conference and Officer Training session on Friday, September 11, 1998, at the National Institutes of Health, Wilson Hall (Building 1), Bethesda, Maryland.

The conference is being organized by a coalition of Professional Advisory Committees of the Public Health Service. It will provide a foundation in leadership principles, commissioned corps history and the mission of the Corps, with a discussion of the role of the Corps in disaster relief and national emergencies. Leadership training will be provided by both contractor and Government staff, and emphasis will be placed on the application of basic leadership principles to the needs of the Public Health Service.

The conference is open to all commissioned corps officers and civil service personnel. Enrollment will be limited to the first 150 registrants, and the registration fee is \$50. Dining and parking facilities are located near Wilson Hall with the closest Metro subway stop being the Red Line "Medical Center" station.

To register, obtain a registration form using the Faxback feature of CorpsLine at 301-443-6843. Request document number 6547. Send the completed form and a check for \$50 made out to: "The Jackson Foundation" to:

CDR Lori Brown Food and Drug Administration 1350 Piccard Drive, HFZ-541 Rockville, MD 20850

The deadline for registration is: Monday, August 31, 1998. You will receive confirmation that you are registered for the conference. If you have questions, call CDR Lori Brown at 301-594-0610 or CDR Margaret McDowell at 301-436-7072, ext 173.

## CorpsLine - 301-443-6843

The latest commissioned corps news and information from the Division of Commissioned Personnel can be found at the beginning of the CorpsLine!

## 1998 Exceptional Capability **Promotion Cycle**

July 1998

Category

The Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) recently completed the 1998 Exceptional Capability (EC) Promotion Cycle. This year, a total of 50 nominations were received in DCP for EC promotion consideration.

The Director, DCP, is pleased to announce the following EC promotions effective July 1, 1998:

Grade Promoted to: Name

To Temporary Captain (O-6) Werner H. Beckerhoff, Jr. Nurse Richie K. Grinnell Sanitarian

Paul J. Higgins Medical Rodney F. Kirk Dental Sam S. Shekar Medical

To Temporary Commander (0-5)

Jeffrey C. Fultz Therapy Laurence Grummer-Strawn Scientist Kathy A. Holcroft Nurse Mark J. Tedesco Medical Stephanie Zaza Medical

To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (0-4) Scott P. Lee Engineer Edward A. Sexson Nurse

To Temporary Lieutenant (0-3)

Thomas R. Stanley Nurse Judith B. Sutcliffe Nurse

## REMINDER T



It is our hope that the information, announcements, and articles which appear in the Commissioned Corps Bulletin are of interest to all employees. The Commissioned Corps Bulletin is mailed to officers (active duty, inactive reserve, and retired) and some administrative personnel. Accordingly, many civil service employees with whom officers work, as well as other visitors to your offices, do not have regular access to the Commissioned Corps Bulletin.

Please share each copy with your colleagues and visitors by placing it where others may have a chance to read it. This will help others learn more about the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and its changes, activities, and accomplishments.



# Reimbursement of Adoption Expenses

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, effective November 18, 1997, contained provisions for reimbursement of adoption expenses as a benefit extended to Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps officers. The Surgeon General has approved INSTRUCTION 6, Subchapter CC22.1, "Reimbursement of Adoption Expenses," of the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM), implementing the benefit.

A PHS commissioned officer must be on active duty for at least 180 consecutive days before applying for adoption reimbursement. Information on reimbursement of qualifying adoption expenses (up to \$2,000 per child under the age of 18) may be requested by contacting:

Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC ATTN: Compensation Branch 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50 Rockville, MD 20857-0001 Phone: 301-594-2963

A copy of the CCPM INSTRUCTION along with form PHS-7036, "Reimbursement Request for Adoption Expenses," will be provided upon request. Reimbursement shall be paid only after the adoption is final for adoptions on or after November 18, 1997. Application for reimbursement must be submitted within 1 year of the date the adoption becomes final.

#### REMINDER



#### **Annual COERs**

The 1998 Annual Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Reports (COERs) were distributed in late May, and are due to the Division of Commissioned Personnel by *July 21, 1998*.

### **Local Uniform Authorities**

The following has been excerpted from INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC26.3, "General Information on Uniforms and Appearance," of the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual:

Section F. Guidance to Local Uniform Authorities (LUA)

- 1. Designation of LUAs
  - a. Each Public Health Service (PHS) Operating Division (OPDIV) shall designate one or more LUAs to exercise the uniform prescribing authority within particular portions of the OPDIV's area of responsibility. The OPDIV operates within the limitations of PHS rules involving uniforms, and the LUA operates within the limitations of the OPDIV rules on uniforms.
  - b. Each OPDIV shall provide a list of designated LUA's and their associated geographic areas of responsibility to the Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP). The list should include a phone number that

- can be called for information regarding uniform directives in the area(s). DCP shall be notified when changes are made to the list.
- c. Care must be taken to insure that no officer comes under the authority of more than one LUA within the same OPDIV. Uniform authority is to be exercised on a geographic basis. A LUA determines policy for all OPDIV officers within the assigned area. If a LUA's area includes multiple towns, installations, etc., the LUA may prescribe different requirements for the various areas involved. In the case of multiple OPDIVs in the same geographic area, it is strongly advised that the LUAs concerned cooperate and issue a single uniform directive to all officers in the area. Alternatively, the OPDIVs may agree to have one of the LUAs act for all OPDIVs in the area.



# Division of Commissioned Personnel Announces New Official Web Site

The Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) is pleased to announce the availability of an official Internet web site at: http://dcp.psc.dhhs.gov

For now, this site contains the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM), most CCPM pamphlets, a number of Public Health Service (PHS) forms, the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin* and other information officers might find useful.

If you have Internet access, please stop by now and check back regularly as we will be adding many additional features for conducting the personnel business of the PHS Commissioned Corps.

If you wish to receive announcements from DCP including updates to

this web site, please sign up for our mail list by sending an e-mail message to **listserv@list.psc.dhhs.gov** with the message: Subscribe DCP "your full name". Where "your full name" is in the example, replace it with your first and last name without quotation marks.

As a reminder, the PHS Commissioned Corps web site—http://www.dhhs.gov/phs/corps—remains active for sharing information about the Corps to anyone interested in its history, personnel system, appointment criteria, and employment opportunities for students and health professionals. Links to the professional category web sites are also contained there.

**EPA** 

# Physicians Professional Advisory Committee 1998 Award Recipients

Five Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps physicians were honored recently by the Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (P-PAC). The awards were presented by RADM Beth Mazzella, Chief Nurse Officer, RADM Joyce Johnson, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, CDR Robert E. Dawson, P-PAC Chair, CDR Steven Fox, P-PAC Immediate Past Chair, and CAPT Timothy Mayhew, Awards Committee Chair, on June 9 in Alexandria, Virginia, at the Commissioned Officers Association's Annual Meeting.

#### Clinical Physician of the Year Award

**LCDR Sarah Linde-Feucht**, of the National Health Service Corps, received the Clinical Physician of the Year Award for her dedicated service as a board-certified family physician in a Federally-funded community and migrant health center in rural West Virginia. LCDR Linde-Feucht has been able to consistently exceed workload projections and has provided the facility and the community with invaluable training and many new and innovative programs and services. LCDR Linde-Feucht received her medical degree in 1992 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, and completed her Family Practice residency at the Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1995. LCDR Linde-Feucht is currently a Staff Medical Officer at the Shenandoah Valley Medical Center  $in \, Martinsburg, West \, Virginia.$ 

CAPT David F. Gregory (Ret.) also received the Clinical Physician of the Year Award in recognition of his career at the Santa Fe Indian Hospital where he served as the Infectious Disease Specialist as well as simultaneously practicing primary care with the highest level of clinical knowledge and skills. He has a long record of unfailing consideration toward patients, graciousness toward colleagues, and tenacious dedication to the goal of better health for the population he serves. CAPT Gregory graduated from the Stanford University School of Medicine in 1968, completed an Internal Medicine residency at Dartmouth College School of Medicine in 1973, and completed a Fellowship in Infectious Disease at the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1977 under Department

of Health and Human Services long-term training.

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#### Physician Researcher of the Year Award

CDR John J. O'Shea, Jr. (Res.) was selected for the Physician Researcher of the Year Award. CDR O'Shea has held several positions at four National Institutes of Health institutes since 1981. He has pursued with expertise and insight a series of projects concerning receptor biology, intracellular mechanisms of signal transduction in cells of the immune system, and pathogenesis of immunodeficiencies. His work on cloning an enzyme through which the cytokine interleukin-2 activates lymphocytes, for example, links basic biomedical research to issues of clinical importance. He is currently the Chief of the Lymphocyte Cell Biology Section, Arthritis and Rheumatism Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. CDR O'Shea graduated from medical school at the University of Cincinnati in 1978 and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, New York. He is currently a PHS Inactive Reserve Corps officer.

#### Physician Executive of the Year Award

**CAPT Sara K. Dye**, Chief Medical Officer for the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service (IHS), received the Physician Executive of the Year Award for her exceptional contributions to the accomplishment of the Indian Health Service mission and goals during a time of downsizing initiatives and diminishing resources. With CAPT Dye's admin $is trative\ leadership, the\ Aberdeen\ Area$ IHS has adopted numerous cost saving initiatives in data collection and third party billing capabilities, area-wide pharmacy programs, and laboratory/ pathology contracts. CAPT Dye graduated from the Dartmouth Medical School in 1975 and obtained her residency training at the City of Memphis Hospital, the Tulsa Surgical Trust, and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. CAPT Dye served as a Medical Officer at the Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma, from 1977-1980 and was Staff Surgeon and Clinical Director at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma, until 1994. CAPT

Dye also served as staff Surgeon at the Lawton Indian Hospital until becoming the Chief Medical Officer of the Aberdeen Area IHS in September 1994.

RADM Edward D. Martin (Ret.) was also chosen for the *Physician Executive of* the Year Award in recognition of his full PHS Commissioned Corps career in several executive positions. He received his Medical Degree from the University of Kansas in 1970 and completed a residency in Social Pediatrics at the Montefiore Hospital and the Martin Luther King Health Center in New York City. RADM Martin has been the Director of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Surgeon General, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). RADM Martin has shown intelligence, decisiveness, courage, and an unwavering commitment to improve Federal programs that provide health care to the American people and to strengthen the United States Public Health Service.

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Title/Name	OPDIV/Program	
MEDICAL		
CAPTAIN		
Joel R. Greenspan		
Ephraim Y. Levin	NIH	
DENTAL		
CAPTAIN		
James A. Coope	BOP	
James W. Toothak	er IHS	
LIEUTENANT CO	OMMANDER	
Rosalyn I. Smith-l	Phillips HRSA	
NURSE		
COMMANDER		
Elizabeth K. Hopk	xins NIH	
<b>ENGINEER</b>		
CAPTAIN		
Melvin L. Myers	CDC	
Merle M. Wasson	NIH	
COMMANDER		
Larry W. Strain	IHS	
DIETETICS		
CAPTAIN		
Cynthia L. W. Chu	ing IHS	
HEALTH SERVI	CES	

**CAPTAIN** 

George J. Vasconcelos

**Retirements - June** 

# **Vacancy Announcements**

The following vacancies are provided as representative of varied opportunities currently available to Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers. If you have questions pertaining to the announcements listed below, please call the contact listed.

Additional vacancy announcements suitable for commissioned officers can be reviewed by accessing the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB). The EBB contains a listing of vacancies currently tracked by DCP's Vacancy Announcement and Tracking System (VAATS). Information regarding access and use of EBB is provided elsewhere in this *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

Any Operating Division/Program (OPDIV) wishing to list a vacancy in this column should send a written request to: Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC, ATTN: VAATS Project Officer/ODB, Room 4A-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857-0001. The VAATS Project Officer can also be reached at: Phone: 301-594-3387 or Fax: 301-594-2711.

Category / OPDIV

Description of Position

**MEDICAL** 

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION— Atlanta, GA

Director, Office of Genetics and Disease Prevention
Contact: Ms. Nancy Peterson 707-488-1785
Grade: O-6 VAATS ID: HCM-93-0051
Serves as Director for the Office of Genetics and Disease
Prevention, National Center for Environmental Health.
Provides technical, scientific, and policy leadership for
translating the advances in human genetics into public
health actions; promotes national and State policy and
program prevention strategies; and ensures collaboration of CDC program with other national, State, and
local or community-based organizations.

COAST GUARD— Washington, DC Chief, Health Systems Management Division
Contact: CDR Paul Higgins 202-267-2073
Grade: O-6 VAATS ID: HBD-93-0079
Includes oversight of the Coast Guard health system.
Interaction with the Department of Defense and civilian managed-care organizations. Supervisory position.

**DENTAL** 

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE— Various Sites Dentist

Contact: CAPT Scott Bingham 505-248-4180 Grades: O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HGD-93-0042

Call contact for more information.

NURSE

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—

Various Sites

Nurse

Contact: Mr. Raymond Goldstine 301-594-2974 Grades: O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0110/0108 Nurses of all backgrounds are welcome. Previous experience in a primary care setting is helpful, but is not required. Language proficiency is desirable. Provides ambulatory care to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) detainees in an INS Processing Center medical facility. Sites include: Florence, AZ; Elizabeth, NJ; Queens, NY; and Port Isabel, TX.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH— Bethesda, MD

Clinical Nurse

Contact: Ms. Maureen Estrin 1-800-732-5985 Grades: O-2/O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HNJ-93-0107 Provides nursing care to patients in a 325-bed hospital solely dedicated to biomedical research. Specialty areas include geriatrics, pediatrics, ambulatory care, and intensive, chronic, and acute care.

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## Anti-Discrimination Protection for Veterans

In March, the Division of Commissioned Personnel received a letter from the Secretary of Labor regarding anti-discrimination protection for veterans.

The letter stated that one of the pieces of legislation providing legal protections for veterans is the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, commonly known as USERRA.

Section 4311 of USERRA states that "[a] person who is a member of, applies to be a member of, performs, has performed, applies to perform, or has an obligation to perform service in a Uniformed Service shall not be denied initial employment, reemployment, retention in employment, promotion, or any benefit of employment by an employer on the basis of that membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation." This section became effective on October 13, 1994, the day the President signed the law, and there is no statute of limitations with regard to the filing of any lawsuit under the law. Section 4311 is an anti-discrimination provision, similar to those laws which prohibit discrimination based on race, gender, or national origin. It is not veterans' preference, affirmative action, or a guarantee of employment.

Once section of USERRA provides that the Secretary of Labor shall take action to inform veterans and employers of the rights of veterans under the Act while another provision provides that "[i]t is the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should be a model employer in carrying out the provisions of this chapter."

An agency within the Department of Labor, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), is authorized under USERRA to investigate claims of discrimination against veterans. For more information about the statute, please phone the VETS staff at 202-219-8611.

# Vacancy Announcements

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#### **PHARMACY**

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION— El Centro, CA

Chief Pharmacist

Contact: Mr. Raymond Goldstine 301-594-2974 Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0106 Provides ambulatory primary care to illegal aliens in a medical facility at Immigration and Naturalization Service Processing Center. Experience in a primary care setting is helpful, but not required. Foreign language pro-

ficiency is desirable.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

COAST GUARD-Epidemiologist

Contact: CDR Paul Higgins Washington, DC 202-267-2073

Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HBD-93-0078 Responsibilities include various epidemiology topics including prevention of infectious disease, surveillance, HIV prevention training, and oversight of publications

branch.

COAST GUARD-Staff Officer /Health Systems

Washington, DC Contact: CDR Paul Higgins 202-267-2073

> VAATS ID: HBD-93-0080 Grade: O-5 Interacts with the Department of Defense and civilian

managed-care organizations.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AGENCY— Arlington, VA Various Assignments

Contact: Mr. Ed Zager 202-382-3342 Grades: O-3/O-4/O-5 VAATS ID: P-93-0015

Office of Pesticide Programs needs individuals with various backgrounds such as chemistry, biochemistry, biology, toxicology, industrial hygiene, veterinary medicine, probabilistic analysis, risk and exposure assessment, and public health to work in its Health

Effects Division.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—

Various Sites

Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant

Contact: Mr. Raymond Goldstine 301-594-2974 Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0107 Locations include El Centro, CA; Miami, FL; Queens, NY; Manhattan, NY; and Buffalo, NY. Provides ambulatory primary care to illegal aliens in the medical facility at an Immigration and Naturalization Service Processing Center. 



Inactive Reserve Corps officers are reminded that in order to retain their inactive reserve corps commission, they must provide the following to the Division of Commissioned Personnel in a timely manner as it changes: a current curriculum vita; a photocopy of professional licensure renewal; a current address; and a current phone number.

Information or questions can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Inactive Reserve Corps Coordinator at:

Division of Commissioned Personnel, HRS/PSC

ATTN: Inactive Reserve Corps

Coordinator, ODB

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4A-18

Rockville, MD 20857-0001 Phone: 301-594-3452

FAX: 301-594-2711

E-mail: cc\_ircstaff@psc.dhhs.gov

For more detailed information regarding the Inactive Reserve Corps, visit the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps web site at http://www.dhhs.gov/phs/ corps/ccpersys.html



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## Method for Accessing DCP's **Electronic Bulletin Board**

Access to the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) requires a computer terminal equipped with a modem. The telephone number to connect to EBB is 301-594-2398. The line parameters for your modem/ terminal should be set at 300-14400 baud; 8 bits; 1 stop bit; no parity. If you do not have access to the required equipment, it is suggested that you contact your Operating Division/Program to inquire about obtaining the necessary equipment or information on how to obtain the material displayed on the EBB.

If you experience a problem regarding registration or access to the EBB, please contact:

Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC

ATTN: EBB Project Officer/ODB 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4A-18 Rockville, MD 20857-0001 Phone: 301-594-3387

Recent Deaths

The deaths of the following retired officers were reported to the Division of Commissioned Personnel:

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Title/Name	Date
MEDICAL RADM Arnold B. Kurlander	04-07-98
<b>DENTAL</b> CAPT Joe T. Hillsman	06-03-98
NURSE CAPT Hazel A. Shortal	04-22-98
ENGINEER CAPT Grover L. Morris CAPT Ralph Porges	05-27-98 05-09-98
SCIENTIST CAPT Edward M. Scott	05-12-98
PHARMACY	

CAPT Arnold H. Dodge 05-29-98

**HEALTH SERVICES** 

CAPT Ralph L. Perkins, Jr. 05-28-98



# Uniformed Services Survivor Benefit Plan

Recent legislation enacted new provisions to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). Specifically, the law provides for a 1-year period, beginning 2 years after the commencement of retired pay, during which SBP participants may choose to voluntarily discontinue participation in the plan. The law also provides those retirees who have been in the plan for more than 2 years with a one-time 1-year opportunity to discontinue the plan.

Eligible Participants: A member participating in SBP may submit a request to voluntarily discontinue participation in SBP during the 1-year period beginning on the second anniversary of the date of commencement of retired pay (i.e., during the second year of participation in SBP). For purposes of this policy, the date of commencement of retired pay is defined as the date the retiree became entitled to receive retired pay. Subsequent recall to active duty following retirement does not alter this date.

For those retirees whose second anniversary period occurred prior to the May 17, 1998 effective date (i.e., retired earlier than May 1997) will have until May 16, 1999 to submit a request to discontinue SBP.

**Procedures:** An SBP participant (Public Health Service Commissioned Corps retiree) who is eligible to discontinue participation in SBP shall make a written request to the Compensation Branch, Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP), using DD Form 2656-2 (dated May 1998), "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)Termination Request." A request for information or any request for termination that is *not* on DD Form 2656-2 is not a request to discontinue. DD Form 2656-2, along with supplementary information, will be sent to you upon request, by contacting:

Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC ATTN: Compensation Branch 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50 Rockville, MD 20857-0001 Phone: 1-800-638-8744

Notice to Affected Beneficiary:
Spouses and former spouses that concur in the request for termination shall be con-

in the request for termination shall be considered notified with the provision of Section 1448a 10 USC. The Compensation

Branch, DCP, shall ensure that natural persons and former spouses not required to concur in the request for termination are notified of the termination of SBP coverage by sending a letter to such beneficiaries at the address in the retired member's file.

Withdrawal of Request to Discontinue: Section 1448a 10 USC provides that a member may withdraw a request to discontinue participation in SBP within 30 days of having submitted such a request. The 30-day time period shall begin on the date the Compensation Branch considers it received (datestamped DD Form 2656-2).

Effect of Discontinued Participation: Once participation is discontinued under these provisions, no benefits may be paid in conjunction with the member's previous participation. No refund of any premiums properly collected shall be made. The member may not resume participation in SBP for any category of beneficiary.

# Advantages of Continued SBP Participation

**Peace of Mind.** Retired pay stops at your death. SBP gives you the assurance of potentially continuing a portion of your retired pay to your spouse (including former spouse) or insurable interest for life.

Tax Advantages. SBP premiums withheld from retired pay are not taxed. For example, if your monthly retired pay is \$2,000, your SBP costs of \$130 are not taxed, thus your real SBP cost (assuming a 28 percent marginal tax bracket) is \$93.60. Also, it may be wise financial strategy to receive SBP's tax advantage when the retiree is in a higher marginal tax bracket, rather than when the survivor may be in a lower one.

Government Subsidy. The Government pays for a portion of the SBP costs. Your premiums pay for only part of your SBP benefit and the Government subsidizes the remainder.

Ratio of Costs to Benefits. Generally, SBP premiums are 6.5 percent of your covered retired pay, and your spouse will ultimately receive at least 35 percent of that amount, resulting in a 1 to 5 ratio of monthly costs to monthly benefits (1 to 8 if your surviving spouse is under age 62).

Inflation Protected Benefits. SBP benefits are inflation-protected due to

cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). Over the years of retirement, inflation can result in substantial changes in the value of annuity payments.

Amount of Risk. In most cases, SBP premiums will be recouped as benefits within 3 years after the retiree's death. You must weigh the higher risk of leaving your survivor with insufficient income without SBP against the smaller risk that your survivor might not get back every cent paid for SBP. A spouse may receive SBP payments for many years, receiving several times the amount paid in premiums.

**Resumed Coverage.** Even if your spouse dies first, you may resume coverage for a subsequent spouse without any penalty based on advanced age, deteriorated health, or other risk factors.

# Disadvantages of Continued SBP Participation

**Permanence.** There may not be another opportunity to discontinue beyond this special 1-year period (i.e., if you no longer wish to provide a benefit to your beneficiary, this could be your only chance to discontinue).

**Return of Costs.** Your beneficiary might not recover total payments made into the plan (e.g., if you are a retiree with a much older spouse; if you are certain you will never remarry).

**Reduced Need.** You may no longer need the coverage SBP provides (e.g., if you no longer need to protect your retired pay; or if SBP payments to an incapacitated child would negatively impact other benefits as dictated by the State of residence).

**Taxable Annuity.** The SBP annuity is taxable as income when received by the beneficiary.

#### **Important Reminders**

Barred Forever. Once you discontinue participation, you cannot reenter the plan. However, you have up to 30 days after submitting DD Form 2656-2 to change your mind and you can withdraw your request to discontinue participation by sending a written request to the Compensation Branch, DCP.

**No Premium Refund.** You received protection for the period SBP costs were made. Therefore, no premiums will be refunded. Your past costs are generally immaterial to this decision; you should make your decision based on future benefits and costs.

#### Medical Affairs Branch

#### Reminders

In the interest of keeping officers aware of certain policy and procedures that can assist them in their planning, and prevent "last minute crises," Medical Affairs Branch (MAB), Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP), presents the following reminders:

- Officers serving on a medical limited tour of duty must have the medical restriction removed or the limited tour extended in order to continue on active duty beyond the tour end date stated in the call to duty personnel order. About 6 months before the end of the medical limited tour, MAB notifies officers regarding medical data that must be submitted before restriction removal or extension of the tour can be considered. If you are serving on a medical limited tour and do not receive this communication from MAB by 120 days before the end of your tour, you should call MAB immediately at 301-594-3297 or 1-800-368-2777 (option #3).
- · Post partum maternity leave is a form of sick leave that is granted only for the incapacity of the officer. As a matter of administrative uniformity, maternity leave following vaginal delivery is 42 consecutive days beginning the day after hospital discharge. For Caesarean delivery, it is 56 days. Leave beyond these limits must be charged to annual leave, unless MAB determines

that there is medical justification for additional sick leave.

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- Initiation of voluntary inactivation or retirement proceedings by an officer creates the presumption of fitness for duty and of fitness for separation on the scheduled date. In general, delays in voluntary separation are granted only if intervening medical events have raised a substantial question whether the officer remains fit for retention, if he or she were not separating from active duty. In other circumstances, unexpected medical events that are not unfitting for continued duty may be reason for granting a delay in separation if the Agency/Operating Division/ Program supports the request.
- Officers who inactivate with the plan to reactivate must meet entry physical standards at the time they wish to return to active duty. Entry standards are much more stringent than standards for remaining on active duty. If you are planning inactivation/reactivation, you should review your medical status before making a final decision.
- Medical conditions incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be the basis for receipt of "service-connected" benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) after an officer retires or otherwise separates from active duty. In evaluating claims for service-connected benefits, VA may accept only records sent from MAB. However, except for medical records that the Ben-

eficiary Medical Program Section of MAB receives to validate receipt of medical services by noncontract civilian providers, MAB does not routinely receive documentation of any medical evaluation and treatment received by active-duty officers. Contrary to the impression of many officers, military and contract medical facilities rarely forward to MAB copies of records of significant medical developments in Public Health Service commissioned officers. Even routine forwarding of periodic and separation physical examinations, although common, cannot be assumed. MAB will request the facility to provide pertinent documentation for officers' central medical files when alerted to significant medical events, but overall, each officer should assume responsibility for assuring that his/her central medical file contains documentation that may be important to him/ her in the future.

Please call MAB at 1-800-368-2777 (option #3) if you have questions regarding how commissioned corps medical policy and procedures may affect your specific situation.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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