

Junior Officer Advisory Group



The Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) is a public health professional group whose purpose is to provide advice and consultation to the Surgeon General and other Corps and non-Corps entities on interests and concerns specific to junior officers in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.



About JOAG

JOAG is a vibrant group of junior officers of the United States Public Health Service (PHS) who seek to enhance their professional experience by involvement in group activities furthering JOAG's mission.

JOAG members are junior officers at the rank of LCDR/O-4 and below, who are from any of the PHS categories, PHS agencies, and those non-PHS programs routinely staffed by Commissioned Corps officers. JOAG consists of knowledgeable junior officers who represent a cross section of the interests, concerns, and responsibilities of junior officers.

The JOAG Voting Membership consists of 21 junior officers appointed through an annual nomination and selection process. Voting Members serve up to two-year terms as a chair or co-chair of a JOAG committee and may also serve as liaison to their category's Professional Advisory Committee, or serve on JOAG's Executive Committee.

History

In 1999, the leadership of the Commissioned Corps recognized the critical importance of developing a means for the Corps to obtain advice and consultation from its junior officers in formulating policy and developing career-related programs. RADM Michael Blackwell, Chief of Staff, convened a meeting of select junior officers and formalized the Junior Officer Ad-Hoc Advisory Group (JOAHAG). JOAHAG was charged with developing and implementing an advisory group for PHS junior officers. JOAHAG drafted their Charter and successfully formulated and implemented JOAG to serve the needs of junior officers. On December 7, 2001, VADM David Satcher, the 16th United States Surgeon General, officially chartered JOAG.

Membership

Everyone is welcome!!!

Junior officers at the rank of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR/O-4) or below who participate in JOAG meetings and serve on one of JOAG's committees or workgroups are considered active participants.

Visit JOAG at

<http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/JOAG/>



**Get Involved.
Join a Committee!**

Junior officers interested in volunteering in a committee may contact the Committee Chair directly.

Please visit the "Committee" section of the JOAG Website for more information.



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JOAG Committees

Awards Committee

Facilitates the awards process and recognizes junior officers for their accomplishments and commitment to PHS.

Communications & Publications Committee

Facilitates the dissemination of Corps-related information to junior officers.

Membership Committee

Facilitates the annual selection of JOAG voting members, and helps to increase the general membership of JOAG.

Outreach Committee

Connects and recruits newly commissioned junior officers to the activities of JOAG.

Policy and Procedures Committee

Establishes guidelines and operating procedures governing JOAG.

Professional Development Committee

Provides and promotes opportunities for junior officers' professional growth and development.

Public Health and Community Service Committee

Promotes public health, enhances visibility of the PHS and encourages interaction with other uniformed services.

Readiness and Deployment Committee

Promotes officer fitness and readiness; provides opportunities to increase deployment-related knowledge, expertise and training.

Recruitment and Retention Committee

Recruits and retains qualified junior officers in the PHS.