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Junior Officer Advisory Group

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From the first Supervising Surgeon role aptly filled by Dr. Woodworth in 1871, to the lasting impact on childhood obesity by Dr. Benjamin today, Surgeons General have immeasurably improved and advanced the health and safety of the Nation. The accomplishments of these individuals have had profound effects on the public's health, and the mission of the Commissioned Corps.

The Corps owes a large part of its proud, rich history to the tireless work of these individuals.

This month's With Pride and Distinction highlights some of the accomplishments of this elite cadre of health leaders. These individual's impact on public health has spanned 140 years, and although we did not have the space in one newsletter to include all of their accomplishments, we hope you enjoy the highlights and timeline on the next page of this month's issue and encourage you to explore each of the biographies of the Surgeons General by clicking on their portrait on the timeline.

August Trivia: Continued outbreaks of which disease prompted Congress to pass federal quarantine legislation in 1878?

DID YOU KNOW ?

The cold winter months are around the corner. Now is the time for us to prepare for a warm yet comfy outerwear that will protect us from the cold weather. Did you know that there are several outerwear options to choose from? They are All-Weather Coat Blue, Reefer, Over Coat or Bridge Coat, Windbreaker jacket (in black or khaki), and Black V-Neck style sweater.

All-Weather Coat Blue: is a black, single-breasted, beltless, water repellant coat made of 65/35 percent poly/cotton poplin fabric. The coat has epaulets, tabs on the cuff, and a zip-out lining.

Reefer: is worn with six gold colored 35 or 40 line PHS buttons. A 'Reefer' made from a modified commercially available Pea Coat is not acceptable for wear as a uniform item.

Over Coat or Bridge Coat: it extends 1/3 the distance from the kneecap to the ground. A single row of five 40-line PHS gilt buttons run down each forefront.

Windbreaker jacket: has a stand up collar and knit cuffs and bottom edge. The jacket is single-breasted with a zipper front closer and shoulder epaulets for full size pin-on shiny rank insignia.

Black V-Neck style pullover sweater: comes in acrylic and wool weaves. The sweater is authorized for daily wear to and from work and in public places.

The uniform you wear is a symbol of the honor, integrity, and high achievements of the USPHS throughout our history. Respect the uniform and wear it with pride!

For further information on required and optional components of the uniform, please visit the following links:

Uniforms for Male Officers - http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/CCPM26_3_4.pdf

Uniforms for Female Officers - http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/CCPM26_3_5.pdf



The Surgeons General

*This is not a complete list of accomplishments. For more information click on the photo of each Surgeon General for a full bio. Click on the item on the timeline for more information.



1917: Blue begins a crusade against malaria in the US, issues orders for officers to assist in research

1951: Scheele acts as spokesperson for fluoridation of public drinking water supplies

1980: Richmond publishes *Promoting Health, Preventing Disease*, establishing quantitative national goals for public health

1993: Elders focuses public health on preventing teen pregnancy

1878: Hamilton organizes the battle against the Asiatic Cholera epidemic

1936: Parran leads syphilis control campaign, publishes book *Shadow on the Land*

1971: Steinfeld fights to keep the PHS from deactivation under recommendations from a Congressional report

1992: Novello initiates "Healthy Children Ready to Learn Initiative"

1998: Satcher reports on tobacco use among US minorities

1865

1890

1915

1940

1965

1990

2015

1871: Woodworth takes the helm of the MHS as the first Supervising Surgeon

1892: Wyman oversees Ellis Island, inspecting thousands of immigrants each day

1925: Cumming develops national maritime quarantine system to include immigrant inspections

1957: Burney supports response of CDC to Asian Influenza pandemic

1964: Terry releases report showing causal relationship between smoking and lung cancer

1967: Stewart releases a report on heart disease, cancer and stroke

2006: Carmona reports on dangers of second-hand smoke

1988: Koop pens the brochure "Understanding AIDS" mailed to all US Homes

2010: Benjamin releases "The Surgeon General's Vision for a healthy and Fit Nation"

