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**General Body Meeting Minutes**

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**NPAC Chair: CDR Reginald Smith**

**NPAC Executive Secretary: CDR Nikkia Clark**

<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP, RECOMMENDATIONS and ACTIONS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>
<b>Welcome: CDR Reginald Smith</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CDR Smith welcomed everyone to the NPAC February 13, 2017 General Body Meeting</li><li>• CDR Smith reminded everyone to mute their phones by pressing #5 or mute button; he also asked for those who needed to leave the call to hang up and call back instead of placing the call on mute which causes music to interrupt the call</li></ul>		
<b>CNO Report: RADM Susan Orsega</b>	<p>CNO Topics: Commissioned Corps, Leadership, and Hearts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioned Corps:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Promotion and Readiness Document Deadline of Feb. 17th Approaching.</li><li>○ Maternity policy was finalized on December 5, 2016. Active duty mothers will be entitled to 12 weeks of maternity leave.</li><li>○ The awards (such as the Ebola Campaign medal) have been announced and should be in OPFs. Please check the DCCPR website for the award and maternity policy.</li><li>○ PHS deployed more than 100 hundred nurse officers to support the Presidential Inauguration.</li><li>○ The Basic Readiness Status Report is expected to run on 31 March 2017. Please remember that the Flu Shot needs to be</li></ul></li></ul>		

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	<p>submitted to maintain readiness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Networking at COA. A great way to meet nurses and other officers. Please join us in Chattanooga on June 6-8 for the 52nd USPHS Symposium. The theme is "Mobilizing a Culture of Health - Successes and Challenges."</li><li>● Leadership:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ One of my goals is to bridge relationships with agencies, academia, and nursing communities around the world that results the awareness of the PHS and bridged connections with nursing community.</li><li>○ On 28 January, the CNO attended the Anchor and Caduceus dinner and met with the CDC nursing leadership. Thank you to CDC Nurses Work Group under the leadership of LCDR Brinker and LT Dyes and the CDC leadership. It was such a nice event to fully understand the incredible leadership work that the nurses to impact public health.</li><li>○ On next Tuesday 22 February, the CNO will be joined by RADMs Dunwoody, Parham Hopson and CAPT Ruslavage to address New York University School of Nursing. Achieving Health of the Nation symposium.</li><li>○ Doctoral prepared nurse leaders provide unique perspective in executive leadership decision tables and research in health care. I look forward to hearing Dr. Dawson's presentation today that allows all of us to reflect how advanced nursing degrees can bridge the gap in evidence based practice to improve populations across the country.</li></ul></li></ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hearts<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ February is National Heart Month. So this month, nurses should share our love from our heart and for our heart. If nurses have suggestions for other ways to do this vital work or programs you are involved in, please email the CNO your "Stories from the Heart." The CNO encourages contributions from all agencies and nurses (civilian and Commissioned Corps).</li></ul></li></ul>		
<b>Guest Speaker: Martha Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, "The Importance of Promoting Advanced Nursing Education to Improve Research Translation"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAPT Beverly Dandridge Introduced Dr. Dawson, to include her educational accolades as Assistant Professor and MSN Specialty Coordinator, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing and the elected Secretary for the National Black Nurses Association</li><li>• Dr. Dawson presented on "The Importance of Promoting Advanced Nursing Education to Improve Research Translation":<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Career Pathways to higher education, relationship between advance education, and research and evidence based practice.</li><li>○ Defined translation research</li><li>○ Barriers to translating research into practice</li></ul></li></ul>		
<b>Open Floor: CDR Smith</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAPT Nicole Knight-Glass announced a survey that went out on the Listserv discussed similar topics presented by today's speaker. The survey asks questions regarding professional nursing certification; all are encourage to complete the survey which is due Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• CDR Smith reiterated the statement from RADM Orsega about the available scholarships for COF symposium; junior officers please apply and visit the COF website.</li></ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CDR Smith commented on an inappropriate anonymous email he received this past Friday. Due to the inappropriate content of the email, all information was passed over to IT and an investigation is currently underway; more to follow.</li></ul>		
<b>Discussion of Next Meeting: CDR Smith</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next NPAC General Body meeting will be held on March 20, 2017.</li></ul>		

**Submitted: CDR Les Cruise**

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