



*Environmental Health Officer
Professional Advisory
Committee*



EHO Monthly News

August 2019 News and Updates

A place to learn about current events and updates from the EHOPAC

Leadership Updates

Welcome to the new all-digital format for sharing EHO News and Updates on a monthly basis! This web-enabled format is intended to provide timely updates and direct links to useful information for officers. The newsletter is a tool made by officers for officers, so the EHOPAC welcomes your feedback regarding the format.

Like any good publication, this newsletter deserves a great name! We are excited to announce a category-wide naming contest for this digital newsletter. Be creative! Naming entries should be submitted to CDR Jonathan Blonk at jonathan_blonk@nps.gov by August 31, 2019. The winner of the contest will receive an EHO Category Coin and enjoy long lasting bragging rights!

CCHQ Updates

The 2019 Temporary Grade Promotion results have been announced! The results for EHO's and other categories can be located on the [DCP Promotions webpage](#). Congratulations to all of our EHOs who were promoted! Bravo Zulu!

A reminder for EHOs to check their RedDOG Self-Service deployment information. The [EHOPAC Readiness Subcommittee resource page](#) has information to guide you with readiness and deployments.

Important EHOPAC Updates

Awards and Recognition:

Congratulations to the 2019 EHOPAC Award Winners!

CAPT Don Williams– John G. Todd Award

LCDR David Bales– EHO Responder of the Year Award

CDR Joseph Laco – Edward (Ted) Moran Award

LT Christine Lloyd – John C. Eason Award

CDR Sarah-Jean Snyder – Thomas E. Crow Mentor Award

Additional information and individual award narratives for these EHOPAC Awards can be found in the [EHOPAC News Section](#).

CAPT Michael Welch was awarded the American Academy of Sanitarians 2019 Wagner Award! Read a full description of CAPT Welch's selection on the [AAS brochure on the Wagner Award](#).

LCDR Katie Bante was awarded the National Safety Foundation's 2019 Walter Snyder Award! Read the [write-up from the NSF Newsroom](#).

Career Development:

The Continuing Education Summary Sheet Template was reviewed for 2019 and there are no significant changes. That document and other career development documents are in the [Career Development Subcommittee Resources](#).

Marketing and Recruitment:

The 2019 Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Externship Program (JRCOSTEP) Preceptor Guide is now available in the [Marketing & Recruitment Resources section](#). This guide was written by EHO Officers who have previously served as preceptors for JRCOSTEP students.

EHOPAC Category Coins:

The EHOPAC Secretary / Treasurer and Administrative Team are handling coin sales again this year. The new point of contact is CDR Brian Cook. Place your order using the [coin order form](#). Coins are \$10 per coin, plus shipping.

Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome the following new Environmental Health Officers who attended the following Officer Basic Courses (OBC):

LT Joshua Medero-Padin, OS/ASPR, Washington DC (April OBC)

LT Charissa Cooper, NIH, Bethesda, MD (May OBC)

LTJG Michael Gonzalez, USCG, Norfolk, VA (June OBC)

EHOPAC Calendar Events

EHOPAC Quarterly Meetings

All EHOs are encouraged to join our Quarterly Meetings! Listen for EHOPAC and Commissioned Corps updates and hear leadership discuss pertinent EHOPAC issues.

Upcoming 2019 EHOPAC Meetings: **September 10th** 1300 to 1500 EDT
Webinar link: <https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/ehopac/>

Conference Line: 1-800-832-0736; Conference Room #: 6084616

Upcoming Events

The 2019 AMSUS (The Society of Federal Health Professionals) **Annual Meeting** is taking place on December 2nd-6th in Maryland. Visit the [2019 AMSUS Annual Meeting page](#) for more info.

Organization of the Month

The American Academy of Sanitarians (AAS) was formed in 1966 to elevate the standards, improve the practice, and advance the professional proficiency and promote the highest levels of ethical conduct among professional sanitarians in every field of environmental health. To learn more about AAS and how to become a Diplomate, visit the [AAS webpage](#).

CAPT (Ret.) Gary Noonan is the EHOPAC liaison to AAS.

About EHOPAC News

Do you have a news story to share? Submit your *EHOPAC News* stories for inclusion in a future edition to CDR Jonathan Blonk at jonathan_blonk@nps.gov!

If you have any questions about the EHOPAC NEWS, please contact CDR Jonathan Blonk at jonathan_blonk@nps.gov!

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