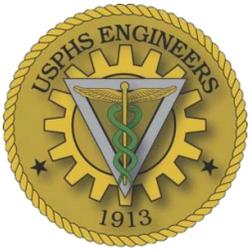
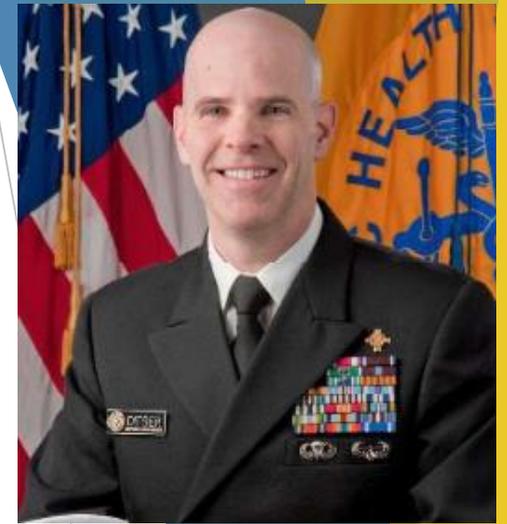


Engineer Professional Advisory Committee

March 2020 Update

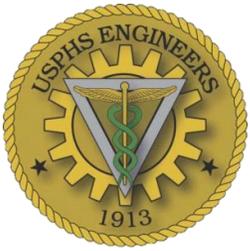


Chief Professional Officer Remarks



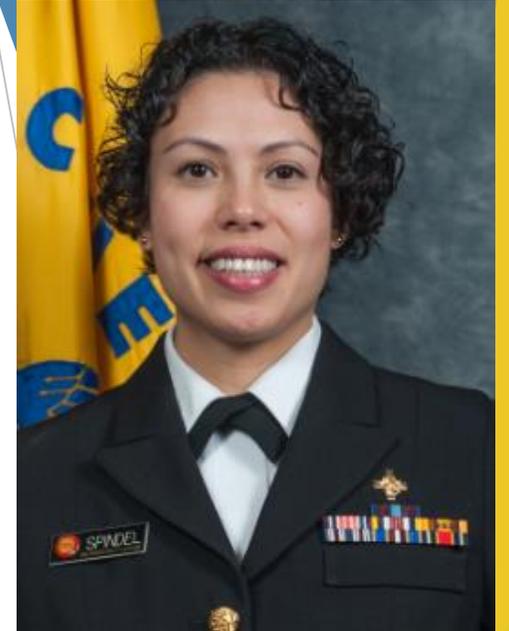
RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



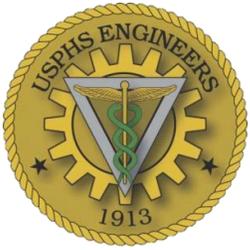


Welcome and Introductions

- ▶ ~100 Engineers joined us for the 1st Quarterly Town Hall meeting with RADM Dieser
 - ▶ Thank you for your questions and for a great discussion
 - ▶ If you have additional questions, please feel free to provide those to Samantha.spindel@fda.hhs.gov
 - ▶ Thank you to LT David Sullivan for coordinating and moderating!
- ▶ Thanks for your flexibility with re-scheduling this meeting
- ▶ Thank you to all of our subcommittees for their continued productivity

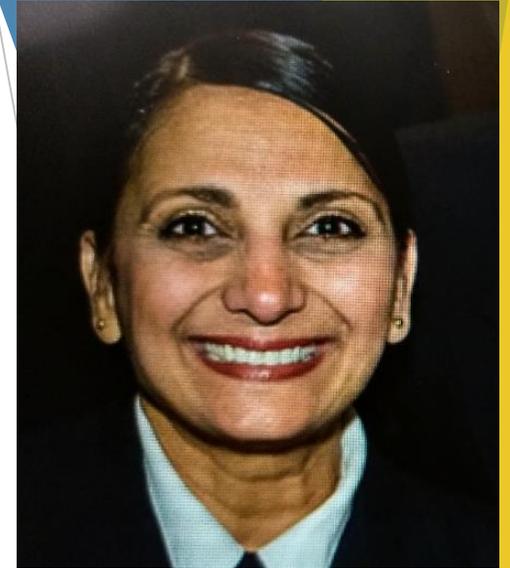


CDR Samantha Spindel,
EPAC Chair

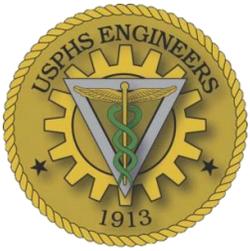


Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board Update

- ▶ CCWIAB liaison to JOAG needed
 - ▶ Seeking JOAG liaison (which would involve providing CCWIAB updates or calling into the JOAG general call to provide updates).
 - ▶ Interested? Email CCWIAB Chair CDR Eunice Chung-Davies Eunice.Chung-Davies@fda.hhs.gov



CAPT Varsha Savalia,
CCWIAB Liaison



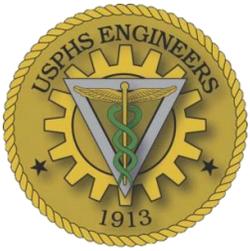
Commissioned Officer's Association Update

- ▶ 55th USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium Update - June 15-18, 2020
 - ▶ Officers can participate and receive funding to attend COF, as a co-sponsorship agreement has been signed
 - ▶ Please review email from DSG. You can use official email and reasonable limited time to participate and organize symposium related tasks.
 - ▶ Permissive TDY is an option if your agency cannot fund you. If your supervisor and agency support your attendance, but cannot provide funding due to financial limitations, and if you are willing to pay your own way, then Permissive TDY is the next option to use. Please review the Permissive TDY policy - this is considered official travel, but at no cost to the government. COA has scholarships for Junior officers for the registration portion.
 - ▶ No group can sell the merchandise at the COF symposium (no fundraising during duty hours)
 - ▶ All presenters and presentations will be vetted by the OSG.
 - ▶ For more information on the USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium, <https://www.phscof.org/symposium.html>
- ▶ Update on search for new Executive Director of COA to replace Col (Ret) Jim Currie
 - ▶ Final interviews for the candidates by the end of March
 - ▶ A replacement hopefully in place by the 2nd week of April



CDR Nikhil Thakur,
COA Liaison





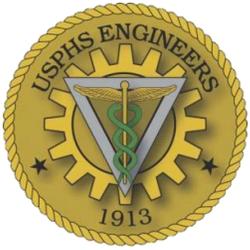
Junior Officers Advisory Group Update

- ▶ **Call for Nominations for JOAG Voting Members - Due March 23, 2020**
 - ▶ Includes one engineer requested for OY20-21 beginning 10/1/2020, position currently held by LT Tack
 - ▶ Responsibilities for the engineer Voting Member (VM) include serving as JOAG VM, serving as co-chair for one of JOAG's 9 committees, and serving as JOAG-EPAC liaison
 - ▶ For more information, see documents linked below or reach out to LT Tack (Colin.Tack@fda.hhs.gov)
 - ▶ [2020 Call for JOAG Voting Member Nominations.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [2020 JOAG Membership Application Packet.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [2020 JOAG VM FAQ.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [FY20 SO Flyer.pdf](#)
- ▶ JOAG has suspended all in-person events (e.g., Meet and Greet)



LT Colin Tack,
JOAG Liaison





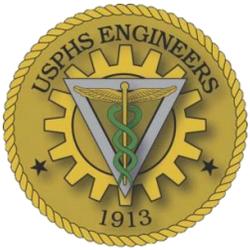
Society of American Military Engineers Update

- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



CDR Steve Sauer,
SAME Liaison





Awards Subcommittee

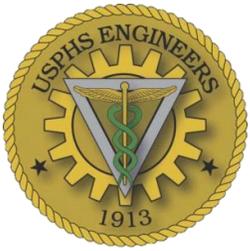
- ▶ Awards Review Board (February Cycle-Villforth, Lynch, Burgess, ELIT, SAME Awards)
 - ▶ Nomination period was extended to Feb. 28th. Resulted in an ~75% increase in nominations (26 total, 3.25 Avg. Nomination Per Award Category). All awards received a minimum of two nominations.
 - ▶ SAME Awards Review and Awardee Recommendation Sent to EPAC Chair-March 11th.
 - ▶ Recommended Awardees sent to OSG for review. Award Notification by CPO Pending Review.
 - ▶ Villforth, Lynch, Burgess and ELIT Awards currently under review.
- ▶ Strategic Initiatives Team (Lead: LCDR Travis Sorum)
 - ▶ Update Award Nomination Packets, Examine EOY/NSPE Award Nomination Process, Update Rubrics as needed, Create Review Team Criteria. Work strategy under development.
- ▶ SOP Initiative (Lead: LCDR Abbas Bandukwala)
 - ▶ 50% draft SOP complete. Work ongoing.



CDR John Kathol,
Chair



CDR Matthew
Mergenthaler, Vice Chair



Career Development Subcommittee

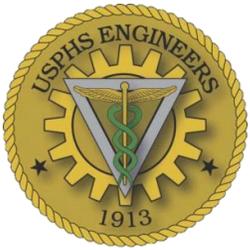
- ▶ PE Licensure Fact Sheet
 - ▶ Will be distributed to Category in next “Engineer Announcements” and posted on webpage
- ▶ EPAC Mentoring Program
 - ▶ USPHS Symposium Speed Mentoring Event
 - ▶ CDR Kurt Kesteloot (lead) will meet with event workgroup this week to discuss planning
 - ▶ Mentoring Resources
 - ▶ Started uploading resources to assist Mentor-Mentee pairs to CDS webpage
 - ▶ If you have suggested Mentoring resources, please contact CDR Eric Hanssen
- ▶ CDS Webpage
 - ▶ Working with team lead to implement a smoother interface. Have a draft from last year In the process of pushing changes to the website
- ▶ Online Engineering Masters Programs Survey
 - ▶ Survey questions have been drafted and were sent to EPAC for feedback on 4 March feedback period ends April 1st.



LCDR Omobogie Amadasu, Chair



CDR Eric Hanssen, Vice Chair



Events Subcommittee

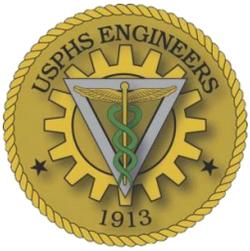
- ▶ SAME - JETC (Walter E. Washington Convention Center, DC, May 27-29, 2020)
 - ▶ The awards were recommended by the CPO and are currently being reviewed by the OSG. BG Schroedel was made aware of the situation.
 - ▶ Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, SAME is continuing to plan for the event and will provide guidance by April 15th whether or not the event will take place. Alternatives include: rescheduling, modifying the event, blending with another event, or going virtual.
 - ▶ Leads: CDR Steven Sauer, LCDR Jessica Sharpe
- ▶ COF Symposium “Cat Day” (Renaissance Hotel Glendale, AZ, June 15-18, 2020)
 - ▶ Solicitation for volunteers was sent out.
 - ▶ Will continue to update regarding the status of the event.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Fred Kelly, Co-Lead: LCDR Matthew Palo, Chair-on-Deck: LCDR Michael Gifford.
- ▶ AMSUS (Gaylord Nation Resort and Convention Center, MD, Dec. 6-10, 2020)
 - ▶ First meeting was March 6th.
 - ▶ We are still developing our roles in this event.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Michael Simpson, Co-Leads: LCDR Michael Tollon, LCDR Hanniebey Wiyor.



LCDR Derrick Buck,
Chair



LCDR Michael Gifford,
Vice Chair



Information Subcommittee

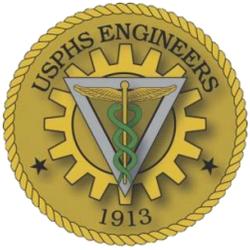
- ▶ EPAC Website Update
 - ▶ Currently working with the Career Development Subcommittee to update their pages
 - ▶ Will continue to have discussions with the other Subcommittees to update those pages
 - ▶ Need additional website designers to aid in the revamp
- ▶ Desire for a centralized file location for EPAC file sharing
 - ▶ Our category is spread amongst multiple agencies. Therefore agency-specific sharepoint cloud servers will not work.
 - ▶ Currently beta testing APAN Sharepoint - allows users to edit documents (not concurrently). Each user will be required to create an account and will require an initial user logon.
 - ▶ Reach out to garrett_chun@nps.gov if your subcommittee has need.
- ▶ EPAC Newsletter
 - ▶ Received enough articles to publish a spring newsletter



CAPT Josh Simms,
Chair



LCDR Garrett Chun,
Vice Chair



Public Health Engineering Practice Subcommittee

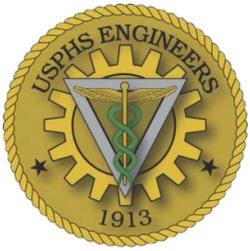
- ▶ Overall Administration
 - ▶ Drafting standard operating procedures and plan for initial draft prior to April 9, 2020
 - ▶ Redesigning PHEP website
 - ▶ Working with IT Subcommittee and ICAC to have a SharePoint for Skills database
- ▶ Engineering Library
 - ▶ Have initial file hierarchy and query rules
 - ▶ Files are hosted in OneDrive, and an embedded link will be on PHEP Website
- ▶ Engineering Standards
 - ▶ Document on accessing standards from IHS Sanitary Facilities Engineer is complete
- ▶ Vaping Activity at Science and Engineering Festival in Washington DC
 - ▶ Partner with NIH to develop an interactive activity at 2020 Science and Engineering Festival.
 - ▶ Designing interactive activity to illustrate concept of dissolved solids to show how vaping can contain solutes that are invisible that can be harmful
 - ▶ Logistics for conducting activity need to be determined



CDR Leo Gumapas,
Chair



CDR James Coburn,
Vice Chair



Readiness Subcommittee

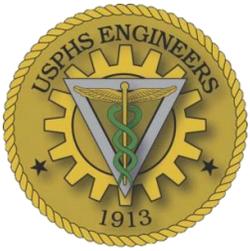
- ▶ **Deployment Readiness Support: Improve Engineer Readiness**
 - ▶ Request engineer readiness data for analysis to identify any root causes.
 - ▶ In lieu of data, develop and recommend best practice.
- ▶ **Readiness Training and Education: Training Curriculum**
 - ▶ Met March 13th to discuss Health Facility Assessment trainings with a partial list started
 - ▶ Working with Events Subcommittee to facilitate a pre-conference training at 2021 COA
 - ▶ Developing initiative - Leadership Training for Deployments
- ▶ **Information Management/Engineer Booklet: Engineer Deployment Narrative**
 - ▶ No new updates.



CDR Frank Chua,
Chair



CDR Sean Bush,
Vice Chair



Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

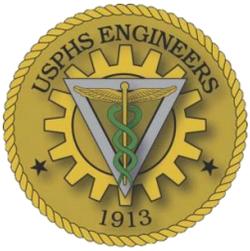
- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



LCDR Praveen KC,
Chair



LCDR Fred Kelly,
Vice Chair



Rules Subcommittee

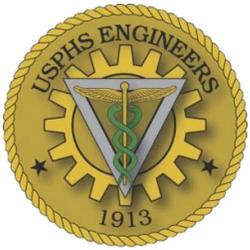
- ▶ No update, see next slide about LCDR Palo's COVID-19 Response



CDR Deb Cox,
Chair



LCDR Matt Palo,
Vice Chair



CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION

COVID-19 Border Operations

- ▶ (U) CDC Quarantine & Border Health Services Branch is conducting enhanced risk assessments at existing quarantine station locations
 - ▶ (CUI) PHS engineers are deployed in direct support of this mission at quarantine stations throughout the country
- ▶ (U) Presidential Declaration has restricted travel from certain countries (212F Declaration)
- ▶ (U) Air travel is funneled to 13 international airports
- ▶ (CUI) Enhanced risk assessment
 - ▶ (CUI) Temperature check for fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$)
 - ▶ (CUI) Visual observations for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
 - ▶ (CUI) Review of signs and symptoms in the last 24 hours
- ▶ (U) Balance between a border-based strategy and a community mitigation strategy
- ▶ (U) The most up-to-date information can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

* Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure. Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms

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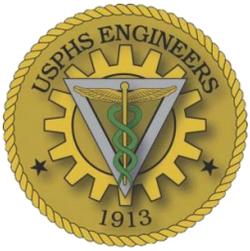
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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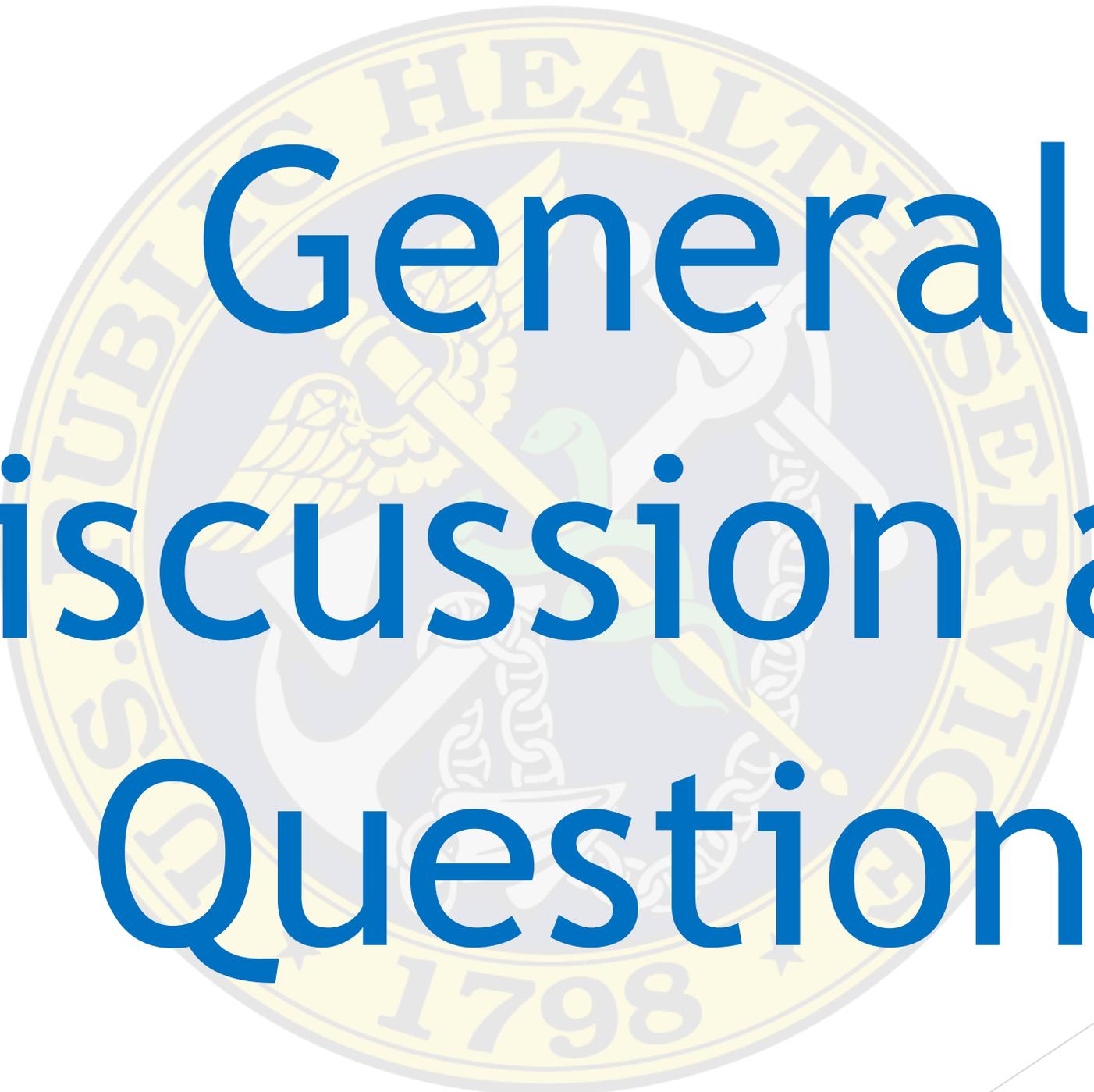
Strategic Planning for Engineering Subcommittee



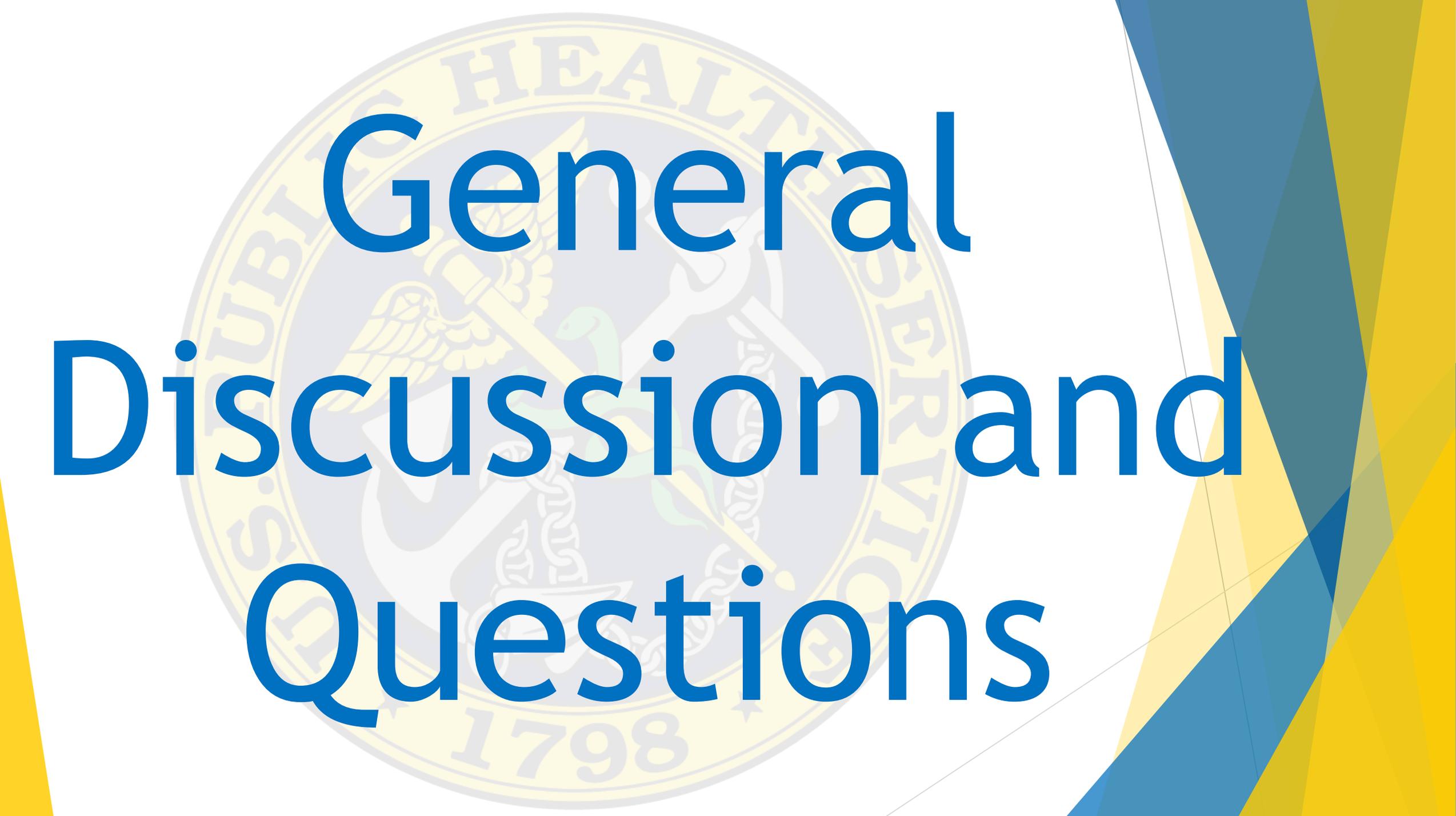
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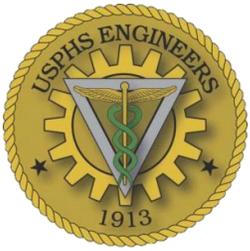


CDR Sam Russell,
Vice Chair

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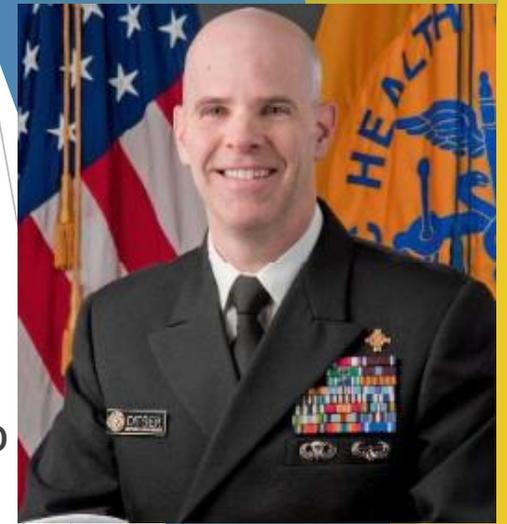
General Discussion and Questions

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Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- ▶ Stay ready!
- ▶ Monitor your health and seek medical attention if you have symptoms that appear to be similar to COVID-19 [symptoms](#)
- ▶ Practice good hygiene and social distancing!



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



1 CDR Samantha Spindel,
EPAC Chair