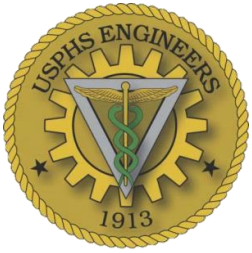


Engineer Professional Advisory Committee

May 2020 Update

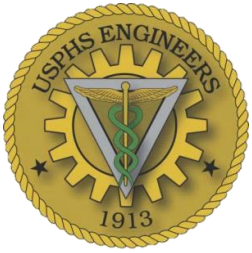


Chief Professional Officer Remarks

- ▶ Remarks to be provided during meeting



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



EPAC Chair Remarks

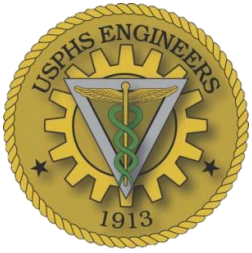
- ▶ Call for EPAC Voting Membership Applications! Contact CDR Cox if you have any questions.
- ▶ Shouts Outs to Subcommittees over last month:
 - ▶ Events - for working to coordinate virtual events in lieu of the Symposium this year
 - ▶ Information - for swiftly addressing security issues regarding past zoom meeting information present on the EPAC website
 - ▶ Recruitment & Retention - for ensuring vacancies with imminent deadlines are advertised via the list serv in a timely manner
- ▶ We are almost halfway through the operational year
 - ▶ Chairs and Vice Chairs: Provide mid-year progress reports by COB June 4th



CDR Samantha Spindel,
EPAC Chair



CDR Deb Cox,
EPAC Vice Chair



Awards Subcommittee

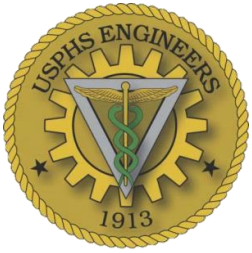
- ▶ Awards Review Board (February Cycle-Villforth, Lynch, Burgess, ELIT, SAME Awards)
 - ▶ RADM Dieser, and subsequently, OSG needs to concur on the award recipients. Award Notification by CPO Pending.
- ▶ Strategic Initiatives Team (Lead: LCDR Travis Sorum)
 - ▶ Update Award Nomination Packets, Examine EOY/NSPE Award Nomination Process, Update Rubrics as needed, Create Review Team Criteria.
 - ▶ Kickoff meeting occurred in April. Research and development is ongoing. Goal is to update EOY, EROY and Michaels award before October cycle.
- ▶ SOP Initiative (Lead: LCDR Abbas Bandukwala)
 - ▶ Kickoff meeting occurred on April 29th. Plan to internally review draft SOP over the next month.



CDR John Kathol,
Chair



CDR Matthew
Mergenthaler, Vice Chair



Career Development Subcommittee

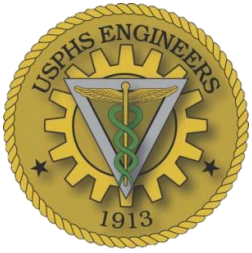
- ▶ Monthly Conference Calls are Postponed
 - ▶ CDS will communicate via email and our monthly minutes
- ▶ EPAC Mentoring Program
 - ▶ EPAC Promotion Q&A Forum
 - ▶ Approved by the CPO working on recruitment
- ▶ CDS Webpage
 - ▶ Information Committee has tweaked the logo. Site is very nice
- ▶ Online Engineering Masters Programs Survey
 - ▶ Postponed due to COVID
- ▶ Biomedical Initiative
 - ▶ High visibility with CPO. Will send out proposed survey to voting members
- ▶ Honor the late CAPT (ret) Gladys Rodriguez
 - ▶ Rough draft completed. Will send to EPAC voting members for feedback



LCDR Omobogie Amadasu, Chair



CDR Eric Hanssen, Vice Chair



Events Subcommittee

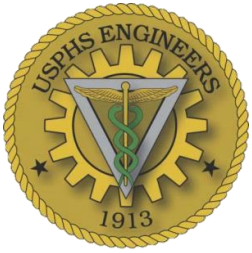
- ▶ SAME - JETC (**Virtual, May 27-29, 2020**)
 - ▶ Registration for JETC found here (https://www.samejetc.org/virtual_reg_form.cfm).
 - ▶ SAME - JETC Awards Ceremony has been postponed until a later date. Tentatively Nov. 2020 during SBC meeting.
 - ▶ They are still offering PDHs.
 - ▶ Lead: CDR Steve Sauer
- ▶ COF Symposium “Cat Day” (Renaissance Hotel Glendale, AZ, **June 21-24, 2021**)
 - ▶ The event has been postponed a year out in the same location.
 - ▶ Looking to have a virtual Cat Day/Week the week of June 15th. More details to follow.
 - ▶ 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)
 - ▶ Lecture abstracts due July 17th and Poster abstracts due August 3rd.
 - ▶ **Public Health**-These presentations should be focused on collaborative, population-based, trans-national health promotion. These presentations may discuss health concerns that cross country borders and may include coordination of care, prevention of illnesses, and treatment to sustain health as well as training of medical forces or leading during a changing healthcare landscape.
 - ▶ We need 5-6 volunteers for abstracts and awards subcommittees; please email either LCDRs Pinder (evette.d.pinder.mil@mail.mil) or Jangchup (tenzin.jangchup@fda.hhs.gov). Please respond by May 15, 2020.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Michael Simpson, Co-Leads: LCDR Michael Tollon, LCDR Hanniebey Wiyor.
- ▶ E-Week (Location: NPS, Feb. 2021)
 - ▶ Details to follow.



LCDR Derrick Buck,
Chair



LCDR Michael Gifford,
Vice Chair



Information Subcommittee

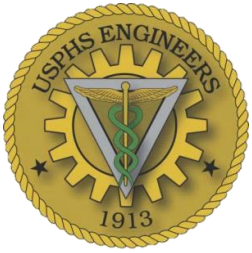
- ▶ Website is up to date on requests (vacancies, minutes)
- ▶ Spring 2020 Newsletter has been published
 - ▶ It is available on the EPAC website
 - ▶ It will be emailed out in the next Chief Engineer's Announcements email
- ▶ No new submissions through the anonymous feedback link
- ▶ Please check your subcommittee webpage and email us to let us know if it is up to date or not
 - ▶ Revamped Public Health Engineering Practice pages (CDR Gumapas and team)
- ▶ Please email us at EPAC-POSTINGS@LIST.NIH.GOV with any website updates
- ▶ Combined Category Newsletter on hold until further notice



CAPT Josh Simms,
Chair



LCDR Garrett Chun,
Vice Chair



Public Health Engineering Practice Subcommittee

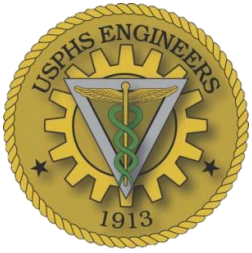
- ▶ Overall Administration
 - ▶ Completed SOPs and plan to relay to Rules Subcommittee on April 27, 2020
 - ▶ Completed redesigning of PHEP website and it can be viewed on following link:
<https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/engineer/public-health-engineering-practice-landing-page.aspx>
- ▶ Access to Engineering Standards Workgroup
 - ▶ Presentation on the June 2020 EPAC meeting
 - ▶ Investigative paper from 2015 Survey where 70% of respondents did not have access to Engineering Standards
 - ▶ Conducted market research on three commercial services
- ▶ Deployer and OPDIV Skill and Needs Workgroup
 - ▶ One volunteer to assist until December 31, 2020
 - ▶ Developing a database and standard operating procedures
 - ▶ Contact LCDR Wandersee - michael_wandersee@fws.gov
- ▶ Lead and Drinking Water
 - ▶ Draft newsletter completed on April 21, 2020
 - ▶ Article will be submitted to EPAC newsletter for consideration



CDR Leo Gumapas,
Chair



CDR James Coburn,
Vice Chair



Readiness Subcommittee

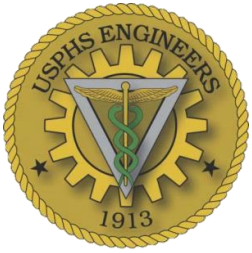
- ▶ Deployment Readiness Support: Improve Engineer Readiness
 - ▶ Working on survey questions for Readiness Survey.
- ▶ Readiness Training and Education: Training Curriculum
 - ▶ Health Facilities Assessment Training
 - ▶ Continue work on training list and collaborating with PHEP
 - ▶ Collaboration w/ Events Subcommittee to coordinate pre-conference training for 2021 Symposium
 - ▶ Developing initiative for Leadership Training for Deployments
 - ▶ No new updates
- ▶ Information Management/Engineer Booklet: Engineer Deployment Narrative
 - ▶ Met with CDR Russell on 4/30 to coordinate efforts in collecting COVID 19 engineer narratives. Submitted deliverables to CDR Russell that included:
 - ▶ Call for COVID19 Deployment Narratives
 - ▶ Updated COVID19 narrative questionnaire
 - ▶ Coordination with Information subcommittee to share stories/narratives for newsletter.



CDR Frank Chua,
Chair



CDR Sean Bush,
Vice Chair



Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

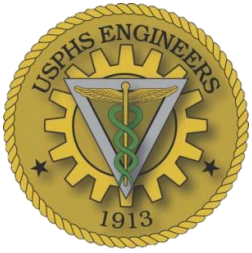
- ▶ Draft SOP submitted to Rules sub-committee for review on mid April.
- ▶ R&R's web page has been updated.
- ▶ Flyer for Junior COSTEP is ready for distribution along with EPAC Announcement for May. Open window: June 1 - September 30.
- ▶ Informally tracking and assisting couple of Applicant. Recently found out that CCHQ has started interview process for few applicant.
- ▶ R&R is developing Engineer Category recruitment presentation.



LCDR Praveen KC,
Chair



LCDR Fred Kelly,
Vice Chair



Rules Subcommittee

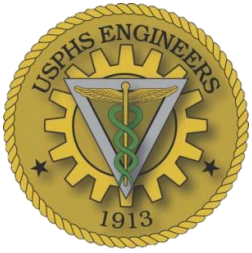
- ▶ Voting Member Selection Process
 - ▶ Announcement posted on EPAC website -2020 EPAC Voting Member Application - due 6/30/20
 - ▶ EPAC Voting Member Selection Process
 - ▶ Submit Application
 - ▶ Agency Liaisons verify applicant's eligibility status
 - ▶ Committee of current EPAC voting members and past chairs review applications and provide recommendation for EPAC vote
- ▶ EPAC SOP Implementation Project
 - ▶ Career Development SOP completed in 2019 and posted.
 - ▶ Draft SOPs anticipated from all subcommittees by May 15th
 - ▶ SOPs will be reviewed for format and content June-July 2020 and returned to subcommittees for polishing before presenting to EPAC for approval vote



CDR Deb Cox,
Chair



LCDR Matt Palo,
Vice Chair



Strategic Planning for Engineering Subcommittee

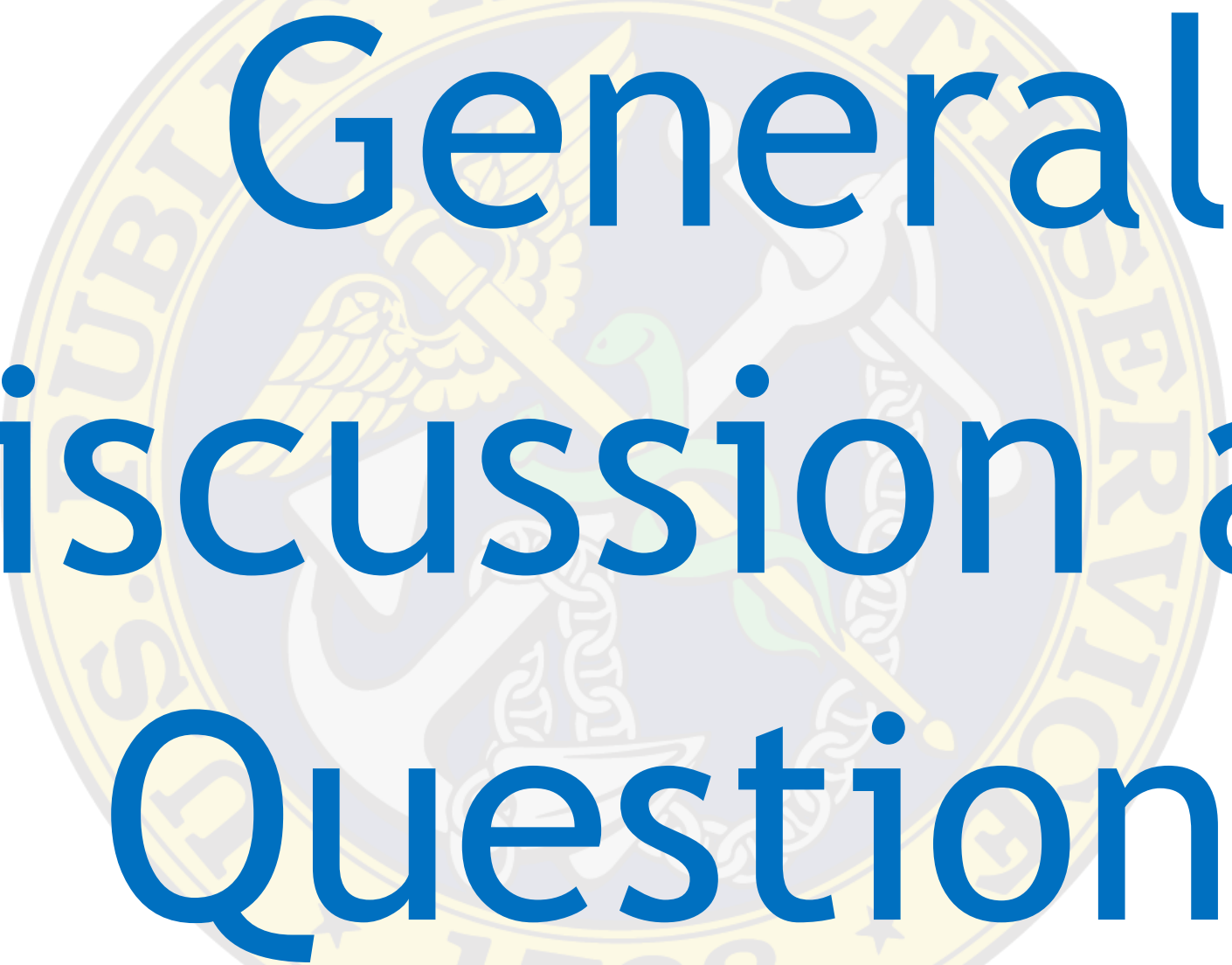
- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month




CAPT David Harvey,
Chair

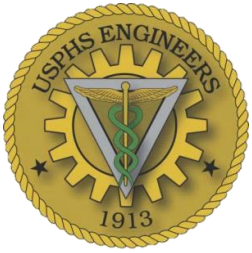


CDR Sam Russell,
Vice Chair



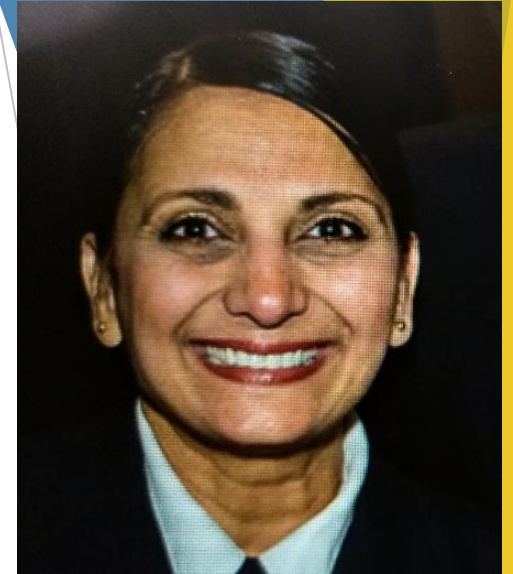
General Discussion and Questions



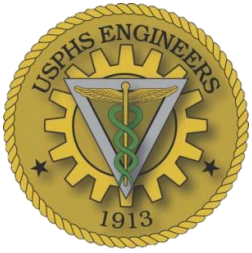


Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board Update

- ▶ Last Meeting was cancelled
- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



CAPT Varsha Savalia,
CCWIAB Liaison



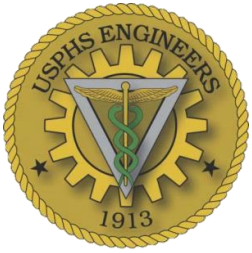
Commissioned Officer's Association Update

- ▶ Jacqueline Rychnovsky, PhD, CAPT, USN, Ret., has been selected as the Executive Director of COA and COF
- ▶ Voting for COA Board of Directors ended May 2, 2020 to fill Dietitian Officer, Field Representative, HSO Officer, Medical Officer, Nurse Officer, Retired Officer and Therapist Officer
 - ▶ Results should be posted shortly



CDR Nikhil Thakur,
COA Liaison





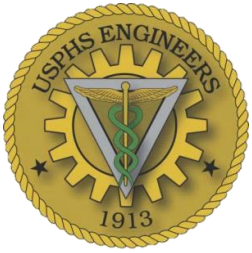
Junior Officers Advisory Group Update

- ▶ Virtual JOAG Meet & Greet Event on Wednesday, May 27th 1200 - 1300 EDT via Zoom in Raleigh/Durham, NC area
- ▶ Last Journeyman Speaker Series was Friday, May 8th - CAPT Angela Mtungwa presented on Effective Communication
 - ▶ All past JSS presentations are available on max.gov:
<https://community.max.gov/pages/viewpage.action?pagelId=945456386>
- ▶ Spring 2020 Junior Officer Chronicles (JOC) issued on May 6th via JOAG listserv
- ▶ Working with EHO PAC to schedule a virtual Koop Seminar Series sometime this summer
- ▶ Coming soon: JOAG 2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan Survey for JOAG General Members
- ▶ Next JOAG General Meeting is Friday, June 12th, 1300 - 1400 EDT



LT Colin Tack,
JOAG Liaison





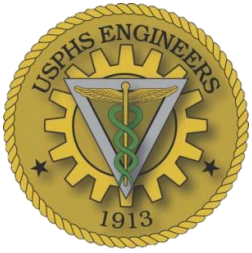
Society of American Military Engineers Update

- ▶ Virtual JETC May 27-29: <https://www.samejetc.org/>
 - ▶ SG is a keynote speaker along with Mike Rowe and Gen McChrystal
 - ▶ 35 PDH's are available for only \$30
 - ▶ You have the ability to listen and earn PDH's at a later date not just during the VJETC week.
 - ▶ FAQ https://www.samejetc.org/virtual_faq.cfm
- ▶ Service Awards (Green, Hollis and Cummings) are planned to be awarded in person at a later date
 - ▶ Likely in November at the Small Business Conference
- ▶ All Summer Camps most likely cancelled
 - ▶ So far cancelled 4 of 5 with Marines in Camp Lejeune



CDR Steve Sauer,
SAME Liaison



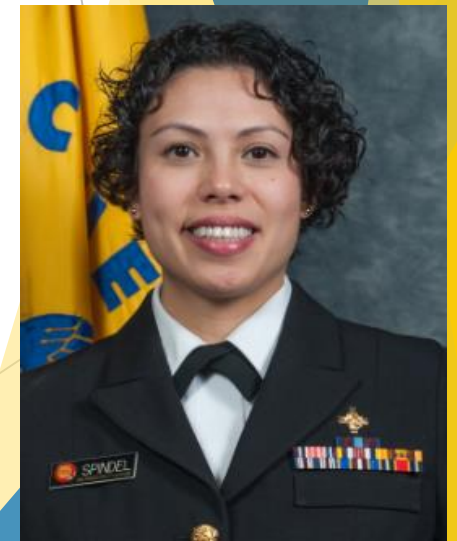


Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- ▶ The next EPAC meeting is Thursday, June 11th
- ▶ Please join us for events in lieu of the Symposium the following week!



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



CDR Samantha Spindel,
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