

Engineer Professional Advisory Committee

July 2020 Update

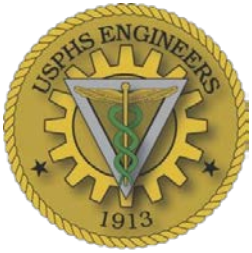


Chief Professional Officer Remarks

- ▶ Comments will be provided during meeting



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



EPAC Chair Remarks

- ▶ Virtual Category Day
 - ▶ Thank you to LCDR Buck, LCDR Gifford, LCDR Kelly, and LCDR Palo for making this a success
 - ▶ Thank you to all who presented and participated
 - ▶ Please provide feedback directly to the Events Subcommittee Leadership or to me
- ▶ Voting Members: Please provide recommendations for spending EPAC funds



CDR Samantha Spindel,
EPAC Chair



CDR Deb Cox,
EPAC Vice Chair



Awards Subcommittee

- ▶ Awards Review Board (February Cycle-Villforth, Lynch, Burgess, ELIT, SAME Awards)
 - ▶ OSG concurrent was obtained last week for Villforth, Lynch, Burges and ELIT Awards. Draft notification letters submitted for awardees to EPAC Chair. Award Notification by CPO Pending. Presentation of awards pending date, time and location.
 - ▶ SAME Awards (Hollis Medal, Green Medal and Cumming Plaque) have been selected and SAME Published the Names of the 2020 Awardees in the May/June Edition of the SAME "The Military Engineer" Magazine. Congratulatory Letters from CPO pending review. Drafts Submitted to EPAC Chair. Presentation of Awards pending date, time and location.
 - ▶ Hollis Medal-CDR Brad Cunningham (FDA)
 - ▶ Green Medal-LT Chaolong Qi (NIOSH)
 - ▶ Cumming Plaque-California Area IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Emergency Response and Recovery Team (IHS)
- ▶ Awards Strategic Initiatives Team: LCDR Travis Sorum)
 - ▶ Nomination Forms and Summary documents have been drafted for the EOY, EROY, and Michael's Awards. Currently under review by Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair. Plan is to submit forms to EPAC Chair and CPO this month for review.
 - ▶ Goal is to update EOY, EROY and Michaels award before October cycle.
- ▶ SOP Initiative (Lead: LCDR Abbas Bandukwala)
 - ▶ Updated draft of SOP has been completed. Currently under review by Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.
 - ▶ Goal is to update and adopt new SOP by November/December 2020.



CDR John Kathol,
Chair



CDR Matthew
Mergenthaler, Vice Chair



Career Development Subcommittee

- ▶ Monthly Conference Calls to Resume in August
 - ▶ CDS will host a conference call in August
- ▶ CPO Fact sheet
 - ▶ Currently in development
- ▶ Biomedical Initiative
 - ▶ Team Lead is back from deployment. Will work to release survey
- ▶ Honor the late CAPT (ret) Gladys Rodriguez
 - ▶ Article and pictures sent for feedback. Comments due to Chair by Aug 1st
- ▶ Mentoring Program
 - ▶ Mid-year check-in with Mentors/Mentees & mid-year reporting request out this week
 - ▶ Solicitation for Mentoring Program Participation in next "Engineer Announcements"
- ▶ Database of Online Engineering Master's Programs
 - ▶ Survey for the Category is complete, reviewed and ready to send out this month



LCDR Omobogie Amadasu, Chair



CAPT Eric Hanssen, Vice Chair



Events Subcommittee

- ▶ COF Symposium Category Day + Town Hall (June 19th, 2020)
 - ▶ 1st of its kind, 83 attendees, certificates projected for mid-Late July.
 - ▶ Great job team! EPAC Leadership/LCDR Fred Kelly/LCDR Matthew Palo/Presenters.
- ▶ Quarterly Town Hall (**TBD**)
 - ▶ Opportunities - Moderator & Scribe - contact derrick.buck@ihs.gov or michael_gifford@nps.gov.
- ▶ **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 - Presentations should focus on collaborative, population-based, trans-national health promotion. 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.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Michael Simpson, Co-Leads: LCDR Michael Tollon, LCDR Hanniebey Wiyor.
- ▶ E-Week (National Park Service HQ, DC, Feb. 2021)
 - ▶ Opportunities - Multiple - contact derrick.buck@ihs.gov or michael_gifford@nps.gov.
- ▶ SAME - JETC (Oregon Convention Center, OR, May 18-21, 2021)
 - ▶ Beginning conversations.



LCDR Derrick Buck,
Chair



LCDR Michael Gifford,
Vice Chair



Information Subcommittee

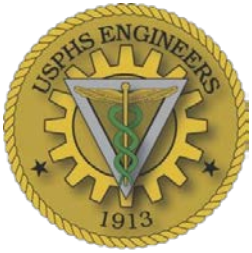
- ▶ Content Management
 - ▶ Up to date on website requests (vacancies, minutes, etc.)
 - ▶ Submit update requests to EPAC-POSTINGS@LIST.NIH.GOV
 - ▶ No new submissions through the Anonymous Feedback section on website
- ▶ EPAC Newsletter
 - ▶ Fall 2020 articles due August 31
- ▶ APAN SharePoint Site for EPAC
 - ▶ OSG has asked to discontinue use of Google Drive
 - ▶ The EPAC SharePoint is set up as an alternative site
 - ▶ Please contact garrett_chun@nps.gov if your subcommittee has a need of this



CAPT Josh Simms,
Chair



LCDR Garrett Chun,
Vice Chair



Public Health Engineering Practice Subcommittee

- ▶ Deployer and OPDIV Skill and Needs Workgroup
 - ▶ Collaborating with Career Development and Readiness Subcommittee to develop a prototype by October EPAC Meeting
 - ▶ Developing a database and standard operating procedures
 - ▶ One volunteer to assist until December 31, 2020
 - ▶ Contact LCDR Wandersee - michael_wandersee@fws.gov
- ▶ Lead and Drinking Water
 - ▶ Article submission to Information Subcommittee for Fall 2020 Newsletter consideration
- ▶ Article Publications
 - ▶ Check out May/June 2020 Issue of The Military Engineer - <https://online.fliphtml5.com/fedq/afvi/#p=72>
 - ▶ PHEP is always available to review articles, reach out to CDR James Coburn - James.Coburn@fda.hhs.gov



CDR Leo Gumapas,
Chair



CDR James Coburn,
Vice Chair



Readiness Subcommittee

- ▶ Deployment Readiness Support: Improve Engineer Readiness
 - ▶ New lead identified and Readiness is reviewing survey prior to sending to EPAC for comments.
- ▶ Readiness Training and Education: Training Curriculum
 - ▶ Continue work on training list and collaborating with PHEP
 - ▶ Collaboration w/ Events Subcommittee to coordinate pre-conference training for 2021 Symposium
- ▶ Information Management/Engineer Booklet: Engineer Deployment Narrative
 - ▶ Call for COVID19 Deployment Narratives
 - ▶ Received 7 stories to date. Working to get more stories through "word of mouth" advertising.
 - ▶ Incentive Plan for Stories: LOA
 - ▶ Posting of Deployment Stories
 - ▶ For COVID19 missions, once a specific mission is complete, we will submit narratives for review.



CDR Frank Chua,
Chair



CDR Sean Bush,
Vice Chair



Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month, meetings are bi-monthly



LCDR Praveen KC,
Chair



LCDR Fred Kelly,
Vice Chair



Rules Subcommittee

- ▶ Thank you to the engineers who submitted applications to become EPAC Voting Members.
 - ▶ 2020 EPAC Voting Member Selection Panel met today. Panel will review the applications and provide recommendation to the EPAC by September.
- ▶ Now is the time for Voting Members to think about running for Chair-Elect in 2021 and Chair in 2022.
- ▶ EPAC Bylaws Update was approved by EPAC vote June 11, 2020 and is posted on the Rules Subcommittee web page.
- ▶ Rules SOP has been forwarded to the EPAC Chair for review and will be sent to EPAC for vote afterwards.
 - ▶ Subcommittees will receive feedback on their SOPs in July.



CDR Deb Cox,
Chair



LCDR Matt Palo,
Vice Chair



Strategic Planning for Engineering Subcommittee

- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



CAPT David Harvey,
Chair

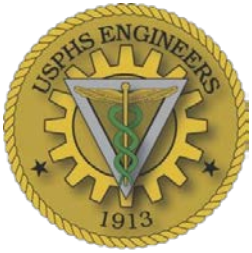


CDR Sam Russell,
Vice Chair



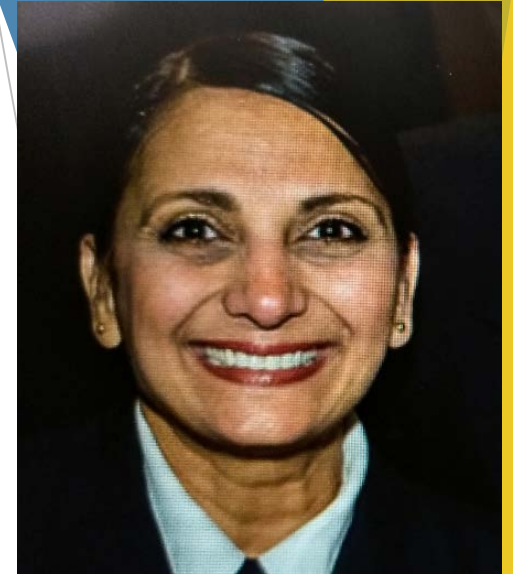
General Discussion and Questions





Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board Update

- ▶ Previous meetings have been cancelled due to COVID



CAPT Varsha Savalia,
CCWIAB Liaison



Commissioned Officer's Association Update

- ▶ The first ever Commissioned Officers Association "All Hands" Virtual Town Hall was held on **June 15th**
 - ▶ Offered a great chance to hear from leadership and to introduce the new Executive Director, CAPT (ret.) Jacqueline Rychnovsky
 - ▶ CAPT Rychnovsky stressed her support of COA's mission
- ▶ USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium
 - ▶ June 21 - 24, 2021
 - ▶ Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel
 - ▶ <https://www.phscof.org/symposium.html>



CDR Brad Cunningham,
COA Liaison





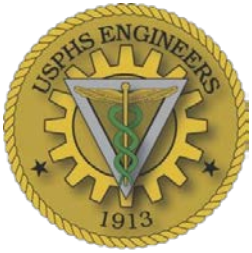
Junior Officers Advisory Group Update

- ▶ Next Journeyman Speaker Series will occur Friday, July 10th – LCDR Evette Pinder presenting on AMSUS 2020
 - ▶ All past JSS presentations are available on max.gov: <https://community.max.gov/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=945456386>
- ▶ Next JOAG General Meeting is Friday, August 14th, 1300 – 1400 EDT
 - ▶ OY 19-20 Recognition Awards will be announced



LT Colin Tack,
JOAG Liaison





Society of American Military Engineers Update

- ▶ Facilities Management Workshop has gone virtual for July 29-31, 2020
 - ▶ 24+ PDH's available
 - ▶ Only \$30 for government employees
 - ▶ <https://www.fmworkshop.org/index.cfm>
- ▶ Small Business Conference is going virtual for November 4-6, 2020
 - ▶ Great conference for learning about government procurement changes
 - ▶ Meeting businesses wanting to work with the government
 - ▶ More to follow as it develops
 - ▶ <https://www.samesbc.org/about.cfm>



CDR Steve Sauer,
SAME Liaison





Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- ▶ Voting Members - consider applying for EPAC Chair-Elect
- ▶ Please submit COVID-19 narratives!
- ▶ Please continue to maintain your readiness
 - ▶ Vaccinations are not automatically waived
- ▶ Thank you to all who have deployed!
- ▶ Congratulations to all selected for promotion!



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



CDR Samantha Spindel,
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