2017 Engineer Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC)

EPAC Calendar, Initiatives and Member Directory

February 2017
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2017 EPAC Initiatives

**EPAC Chair and Chair-Elect**
Chair: CDR Kurt Kesteloot
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Vice Chair: CDR Bradley Cunningham
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Vice Chair: CDR Hugo Gonzalez
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Vice Chair: CAPT David Harvey
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Rules Subcommittee
Chair: CAPT David Harvey
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# 2017 EPAC Members (Quick Reference Guide)

## Chief Engineer

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## EPAC Voting Members

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## Non-Voting Members in Leadership Roles

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Rear Admiral (RADM) Randall J.F. Gardner became the 13th Chief Engineer of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) on 14 November 2013. As Chief Engineer Officer, RADM Gardner leads the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) Engineer Professional Affairs, and advises the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the recruitment, assignment, deployment, retention, and career development of Corps engineer professionals.

RADM Gardner received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Howard University, Washington D.C. in 1987. His first assignment as an engineer in the PHS was at the National Institutes of Health in 1987 where he served one year before being recruited to the PHS Region VI, Office of Engineering Services (OES). He spent four years in that office working on projects with the Indian Health Service (IHS), Health Care Financing Agency, and the Department of Education. RADM Gardner then transferred to the Indian Health Service headquarters Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE) to work in the Program Development Branch, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction while becoming a Professional Engineer in 1994, and pursuing and completing an advanced degree in Engineering Management at the George Washington University in 1996. He is also a 2003 graduate of the Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives Program, “Health Care Executive Leadership”; and a 2010 graduate of the Federal Executive Institute’s Program, “Leadership for a Democratic Society.” RADM Gardner also currently serves as Senior Engineer Consultant and Acting Deputy Director, OEHE under RADM (ret) Gary Hartz, Director OEHE, IHS.

RADM Gardner was recruited by the 7th Chief Engineer RADM John Villforth, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration while in the Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program, and later in his career served as the Special Assistant to the 8th Chief Engineer RADM Bill Pearson then also the Director OEHE, IHS. RADM Gardner has spent most of his career involved with Commissioned Corps and engineering career development issues including serving on a Surgeon General’s Restructuring Workgroup; the Engineer Professional Advisory Committee as Chair, Chair-elect, Career Development and Rules Subcommittee chairs; as well as on many other workgroups and committees in his profession.

RADM Gardner has also assisted with emergency response and deployment activities. RADM Gardner’s emergency response activities started before the current deployment system was in place for the PHS. While in PHS VI OES, he volunteered and was sent to the Carolinas and Georgia to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo where he surveyed, at the request of the Department of Education, schools to determine damage and whether and when students could return to them. Also, he was sent on several occasions to the State of Oklahoma to assess tornado damage to structures which in many ways was similar to work he performed during Deep Look Surveys of Indian health facilities. These opportunities helped prepare RADM Gardner for deployments as a liaison officer and to assist with planning functions for Hurricanes Isabel, Katrina-Rita, Gustav, Hanna, and Ike.
Directory of Voting Members and Alternates

CDR Kurt Kesteloot
Member, 2015-2017
2017 EPAC Chair

CDR Kesteloot received his PHS commission in 2004 and served with the Indian Health Service (IHS) from 2004 to 2010. CDR Kesteloot started as a Junior Environmental Engineer with the Navajo Area IHS in Many Farms, AZ. He also worked in Winslow, AZ and Tuba City, AZ for the Navajo Area IHS designing and constructing water and wastewater sanitation facilities. He deployed aboard the USNS Comfort on a humanitarian mission in 2009. CDR Kesteloot has worked for the National Park Service (NPS) since 2010 and currently serves as a Public Health Consultant. He provides technical assistance to 59 National Park units in 13 states through assessments of water and wastewater facilities along with design and design review. CDR also assessed food facilities and provides guidance on many other public health related issues. CDR Kesteloot is a professionally registered Civil Engineer for the state of Arizona. Prior to commissioning with the USPHS, he was enlisted in the United States Army National Guard (USANG) in 2000 and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army in 2004. He served as a Fire Direction Control Specialist for field artillery in the Army.

CDR Kesteloot has received PHS awards for outstanding service including: Two Achievement Medals and NAIHS Engineer of the Year. He has also received numerous unit and service awards including: several unit citations and the Isolated/Hardship Award.

CDR Jeremy Nickels
Alternate for CDR Kesteloot

CDR Nickels began his career with the Indian Health Service as a JRCOSTEP in the Oklahoma City Area Office in May 2000. He then received his call to active duty in the form of a SRCOSTEP appointment during his last year of undergraduate at ULL from the Billings Area Office. His next assignment was as the Facility Manager of the Fort Belknap Hospital and Hays Clinic on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in North Central Montana. From there, CDR Nickels transferred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. While assigned to CDC, Nickels was the co-project officer on the construction of building 106, a 10 floor office building and parking deck on the Chamblee Campus. He then transferred to the National Park Service in Atlanta, GA as a Regional Maintenance Program Manager. CDR Nickels’ most recent assignment is as the Southeast Regional Project Management Branch Chief where he manages a staff of professional project managers, including PHS Officers and Civilians, who support parks within the southeast region. The Project Management Branch manages projects from renovations to water and waste water treatment facilities to stabilization of historic structures within the 66 parks of the Southeast Region.
**CAPT David Harvey**  
Member, 2015-2017  
2017 EPAC Chair-Elect, Rules Subcommittee Chair, Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee Vice Chair

CAPT David Harvey is a Commissioned Corps Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service and the Deputy Director of the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction within the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Rockville, MD. In this role, he is responsible for budget, policy and guidance development to ensure program funding, output measurement, accountability and transparency. CAPT Harvey’s first assignment in the Corps was as a Facility Manager at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington, DC. Following this assignment in 2000, he transferred to Sparks, NV where he worked as a field engineer in the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program. In 2006, CAPT Harvey transferred to Washington, DC to work with the EPA’s Water Security Division. He then transferred in 2008 to EPA’s Drinking Water Protection Division where he coordinated the National Tribal Drinking Water Program. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Maine. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maine, a Master of Science from the University of Connecticut both in Civil Engineering and a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

**LTJG Melissa de Vera**  
Alternate for CAPT Harvey

LTJG Melissa de Vera is a Commissioned Corps Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service and is serving in her first assignment as a Field Engineer with the Indian Health Service Division of Sanitation and Facilities Construction in Bemidji, MN. In this role, she is responsible for managing water, wastewater, and solid waste engineering projects and works directly with tribes to help them meet their sanitation needs. LTJG de Vera also served as a JRCOSTEP in the Reno-Sparks Office in 2011 and graduated from the University of Nevada Reno in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering.
Mark Jackson is a Commander with the U. S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS) and works as a Research Engineer in the Health Effects Laboratory Division (HELD) at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Morgantown, WV. He serves as a subject matter expert and division level consultant for inhalation exposures to occupational agents and pulmonary function measurement of small rodents utilized in occupational health research. He is responsible for developing exposure systems with computerized feedback control to simulate workplace environments for small laboratory animal studies. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in both Electrical and Computer Engineering, and a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering from West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV.

LCDR Mathew Hause is a Research Safety Engineer with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH’s mission is to provide leadership in research to prevent work-related illness, injury, disability, and death. The Division of Safety Research (DSR) serves as the focal point for the NIOSH traumatic injury research program with the goal to reduce work-related injuries and fatalities across all industry sectors. LCDR Hause’s primary role is developing and planning intramural and extramural laboratory and field research studies. He also provides technical assistance to both internal and external customers on a variety of research topics. Results from DSR programs are expected to provide a clear basis for recommendations to relevant partners and stakeholders on effective methods for preventing injuries in the workplace.

LCDR Hause holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from West Virginia University. He has an interdisciplinary background that includes human factors, ergonomics, systems safety, as well as other fields. Outside academia and work, LCDR Hause enjoys volunteering to promote his interests of safety, health, science, and engineering at local schools and health fairs in his community.
CDR Jonathan Rash
Member, 2015-2017
Career Development Subcommittee Chair

CDR Jonathan Rash is the Chief of the Project Engineering and Management Branch for the Indian Health Service in the Nashville Area Office. CDR Jonathan Rash oversees planning, design and construction of water, wastewater, and solid waste facilities for 25 different Indian communities in 11 states from Northern Maine to South Florida to East Texas. He is stationed in Manlius, NY, and supervises staff in offices in Maine, South Carolina, Alabama, and Louisiana. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California. CDR Rash began his current position in November 2012. Prior to that, he served as District Engineer in Escondido, CA, for seven years, and as a Field Engineer in Yuma, AZ, and Parker, AZ, for four years. Prior to joining the Indian Health Service, he served in the Peace Corps in Nepal from 1998 to 2000.

CDR Rash previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for COA and as Vice-Chair of JOAG. He and his wife and son enjoy travelling and getting into all kinds of trouble together. He enjoys reading, film and music.

LCDR Weston Kenney
Alternate for CDR Rash

LCDR Kenney is a Senior Field Engineer assisting his customers throughout the Southeastern U. S. He works with tribes in Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama, as well as assists where needed throughout the Nashville Area of the Indian Health Service. Prior to joining the USPHS, LCDR Kenney worked as a consulting civil engineer on large scale commercial and residential projects throughout the country. Currently, he is registered as a Professional Engineer in the state of Maine. He is a past member of the Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee as well as a past Vice-Chair of the Career Development Subcommittee.

Wes and his wife Kelly, enjoy chasing their German Shorthaired Pointers (Rosie and Brownie) through the forests of Maine. He also enjoys playing hockey and fly fishing.
CDR Joshua Simms  
Member, 2015-2017  
Information Subcommittee Vice-Chair

CDR Simms is originally from Ohio and graduated from the University of Toledo with a BS in Chemical Engineering and a MS in Engineering. In 2002, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service and worked for the Indian Health Service. He spent three years as a Staff Engineer at the Navajo Area Office (OEHE/SFC). CDR Simms then moved to the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital (Navajo Area), where he was a Supervisory Field Engineer (OEHE/SFC). CDR next transferred to the Fort Yuma Indian Hospital (Phoenix Area). He had the unique opportunity of filling multiple vital roles while there. His main role was as the Facility Manager, but he also held collateral duties as the Safety Officer, acting Administrative Officer, and acting CEO. In February 2009, CDR Simms accepted a position as a Regulatory Operations Officer in the Office of Compliance within CDRH. CDR Simms moved into his current position as the Branch Chief for the Cardiology Devices Branch (CDRH/OC/DMQ) in 2011. He has also been a member of RDF 5 since 2009.

CDR Sadaf Toor  
Alternate for CDR Simms

CDR Sadaf Toor is currently a Lead Reviewer in FDA’s Office of Device Evaluation in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health in Silver Spring, MD. CDR Toor joined FDA in March 2007 and was commissioned as a PHS officer in October 2009. She has been on 2 deployments to support logistics operations in Frederick, MD, received her FMRB in January 2014, and is an active member of the FDA Commissioned Officer Network Educational Programs Committee and Career Development Subcommittee. CDR Toor’s professional accomplishments include lead-authorship on a publication (September 2013), presenting and participating in panel discussions at multiple internationally attended conferences, and being recognized as the FDA expert in the areas of carotid stenting and embolic protection devices to prevent stroke. She has also taken on leadership roles, serving in details as a Senior Reviewer and Acting Branch Chief. CDR Toor received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Biomedical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis in May 2003. Prior to joining FDA, she worked as a Patent Examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. CDR Toor is originally from Pittsburg, PA and enjoys playing tennis.
LCDR Jennifer Stevenson
Member, 2015-2017
Mentoring Subcommittee Chair

LCDR Jennifer Stevenson was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. While she was growing up, she moved many times, living mostly on the East and West coasts of the U.S., as her father was in the Navy. LCDR Stevenson went on to study Biomedical Engineering at Vanderbilt University, earning a Bachelor of Engineering and later graduating from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC with a Master of Biomedical Engineering. LCDR Stevenson starting working for the FDA in 2004 as a civil servant, but then joined the USPHS in November 2005. LCDR Stevenson currently works in the Office of Device Evaluation as a lead reviewer for general surgery devices. She is married to her husband, an Air Force officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kendal Stevenson, who is currently stationed at the Pentagon. She enjoys running marathons with her husband and has two dogs, a Cocker Spaniel and a Shih Tzu.

LCDR Stevenson Alternative
Alternate for LCDR Stevenson
Jim Harris, PhD
Member, 2015-2017

Dr. Harris is Team Leader for the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, Morgantown Evaluation and Testing Team at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). His past research has included developing engineering controls to prevent worker injury and death due to tractor overturns. More recently, he has been working in the manufacturing sector in the area of machine safety. Dr. Harris is a past member of the ANSI B11 Accredited Standards Committee on Safety Standards for Machines and the ANSI O1 Accredited Standards Committee on Safety Standards for Industrial Woodworking Machinery.

Charles Wolfe
Alternate for Jim Harris

Mr. Wolfe works for the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, Morgantown Evaluation and Testing Team at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). His past work was working in the Air Supplied (AS) and Air Purifying (AP) Laboratory conducting certification testing for AS and AP respirators. Currently he is involved in multiple areas within the division as listed below:

- Final Review Process for Air Supplied Respirators
- Certified Product Investigation Program
- Site Audit Program
- Laboratory Testing of AP and AS Respirators
- Deputy Quality Manager
**CDR Francis Chua**  
Member, 2016-2018  
Events Subcommittee Chair

CDR Frank Chua, PE, BCEE is a Project Manager with the Division of Facilities Management, Indian Health Service (IHS), Tucson Area. He is responsible for providing professional design, project management, and construction management services for projects in support of federal direct service healthcare facilities in the IHS Tucson Area. Prior to his current duty station, CDR Chua served as a Supervisory Environmental Engineer in Opelousas, Louisiana with the Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Branch, Indian Health Service Nashville Area. There he provided professional engineering, project management, and construction management services for the SFC Program addressing sanitation deficiencies for eight tribes across five states. CDR Chua is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer and is a registered professional engineer in California and Louisiana. Prior to commissioning, CDR Chua spent 11 years in the private sector with an environmental engineering consulting firm focused in the design of advanced wastewater reclamation facilities maximizing in water reuse. On the EPAC, CDR Chua is the Events Subcommittee Chair and is also a member of the Deployment Preparedness, Mentoring, and Career Development subcommittees.

**LCDR Rolanda Frank**  
Alternate for CDR Chua

LCDR Rolanda Frank currently serves as a Project Manager with the Division of Facility Management and Engineering at the Navajo Area Indian Health Service in St. Michaels, AZ. She started her career as a civil servant and commissioned with the US Public Health Service in October 2000. For over 10 years, she worked as an Environmental Engineer with the Sanitation Facilities Construction, designing and constructing water and sewer facilities for the Navajo and White Mountain Apache communities. In 2006, she participated as a Disaster Engineer in post Katrina relief and rescue efforts with the Louisiana Nursing and Hospital Assessment survey team. This sparked her interest in managing health care facilities.

In 2009, LCDR transferred into the Facility Management program as a Facility Engineer at the Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Center. She served as a Logistics Coordinator from May 2009 to May 2013. LCDR Frank received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, AZ. She is currently pursuing her graduate studies in Construction Management and Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.
**CDR Bradley Cunningham**  
Member, 2016-2018  
Mentoring Subcommittee Vice-Chair

**LCDR James Coburn**  
Alternate for CDR Cunningham
CDR Deborah Hirst
Member, 2016-2018

CDR Hirst is a civil and environmental health engineer with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Division of Applied Research and Technology (DART), Engineering and Physical Hazards Branch (EPHB). She is also a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service. In 2003, CDR Hirst received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). In 2006, she received her doctorate in environmental health engineering also from UAB. Since joining NIOSH in 2007, she has researched and evaluated engineering control technology to reduce workers’ exposures to occupational safety and health hazards. Her work has included research on hazardous occupational air contaminants: diacetyl and other flavorings, formaldehyde, 1-bromopropane (1-BP), indium-tin oxide, and hazardous drugs. She is a contributing author for the NIOSH criteria documents on diacetyl and 2,3-pentandione, and 1-BP. In 2011, CDR Hirst completed her research on measuring airborne formaldehyde using different techniques, such as laboratory-based methods and direct-reading instruments. The study provided the only documented evaluation of the two formaldehyde direct-reading monitors. Because of this research, CDR Hirst was recognized with an Outstanding Unit Commendation as part of the larger Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) temporary housing unit (THU) response effort. She also serves as lead engineer for evaluating control technology for the Division of Respiratory Disease Studies (DRDS) indium-tin oxide project. One of CDR Hirst’s major projects is the NORA funded research on hazardous drugs. The study is evaluating the efficacy of a Type C high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter for the capture and containment of selected hazardous drugs within a laboratory and real-world setting. She is also co-project officer for the development of a protocol on closed-system transfer devices (CSTDs) for hazardous drugs. CDR Hirst is currently evaluating/developing engineering controls and work practices that reduce occupational exposures to hazardous drugs within veterinary practices.

CAPT Chuck Kardous
Alternate for LCDR Hirst

CAPT Kardous serves as a Senior Research Electrical Engineer with the Engineering and Physical Hazards Branch, Division of Applied Research and Technology at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CAPT Kardous has Bachelors and Masters degrees in Electrical Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer with the state of Ohio. CAPT Kardous is a nationally-recognized expert in the field of noise measurement and instrumentation design and currently holds U.S. Patent 7,401,519 for a noise monitoring system. CAPT Kardous is the lead manager for the CDC/NIOSH firing range research program responsible for developing recommendations and guidance to reduce occupational hazards among law enforcement and military personnel using firing ranges. CAPT Kardous has served as a Chair of the EPAC Recruitment and Retention subcommittee, President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the COA, and currently serves on the COA Legislative Committee. CAPT Kardous has also served on the USPHS accountability restructuring work group, as an Engineer Associate Recruiter, and on the Society of American Military Engineer’s Technology Advancement Subcommittee.
**LCDR Peter Littlehat**  
Member, 2016-2018

LCDR Littlehat is an Environmental Engineer with the IHS DSFC in Many Farms, Arizona since January, 2011. He received a BS in Environmental Engineering from Northern Arizona University, then worked for the IBM Corporation in Essex Junction, Vermont for three years as a Facilities System Engineer. He then moved to Tucson, Arizona and received his MS and PhD from the University of Arizona in Environmental Engineering focusing on Endocrine Disruption in wastewater. He then joined Brown & Caldwell an environmental engineering firm in Phoenix, Arizona, then later Golden, Colorado as a Process Mechanical Engineer focusing on domestic wastewater treatment design. LCDR is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Arizona.

LCDR Littlehat’s current responsibilities include providing water and sewer facilities to individual homes, designing and managing the construction of waterline extensions, designing community water wells, and managing hydraulic models of water systems in the Navajo Area.

**LCDR Helena Attakai**  
Alternate for LCDR Littlehat

LCDR Attakai P.E. currently serves as the Deputy District Engineer with the Gallup Service Unit, Navajo Area, and the Indian Health Service. Previously, she has served as Sr. Field Engineer for 1.5 years with the Kayenta Field Office, Navajo Area and the Indian Health Service, 5.5 years as a Field Engineer with the San Carlos Field Office, Phoenix Area, and the Indian Health Service, and 5.5 years as Project Engineer with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), Division of Environmental Health and Engineering. She has earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Northern Arizona University and is currently working toward a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from University of Idaho. LCDR Attakai is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Arizona.
LCDR Samuel Russell
Member, 2016-2018
Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee Chair

LCDR Samuel Russell is detailed to the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water where he helps coordinate the National Tribal Drinking Water Program and manages the Safe Drinking Water Act’s Arsenic Rule. LCDR Russell holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Clarkson University. Following undergrad he spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d’Ivoire before moving to Kayenta Arizona in 2003 to work as a Field Engineer with the Navajo Area Indian Health Service and was later commissioned into the USPHS. LCDR Russell went from Field Engineer to Assistant District Engineer during his eight years stationed in Kayenta, and completed a Master of Science in Civil Engineering with the University of New Mexico. In 2011, he decommissioned to complete a Master of Public Health degree at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2013 LCDR Russell was reinstated into the Corps as a Transportation Safety Program Manager with the National Park Service in Washington, DC. In late 2015, LCDR Russell transferred to his current position with the EPA in Washington, DC. LCDR Russell is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Arizona.

CDR David Gwisdalla
Alternate for LCDR Russell

CDR David Gwisdalla is professional engineer detailed to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) where he is an inspector for the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC). CDR Gwisdalla conducts investigations of drinking water systems, as well as industrial or domestic wastewater treatment systems. CDR Gwisdalla served the EPA since June 2010 and was commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Officer in November 2011. Prior to commissioning, CDR Gwisdalla spent 9 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force (USAF). His time in the USAF was spent as a civil engineer officer. His assignments took him around the globe leading teams and working on environmental protection, facilities management, and contracting. Upon his departure from the USAF, CDR Gwisdalla worked for Tetra Tech as a project manager/engineer supporting DoD clients. CDR Gwisdalla earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering (1996) and Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. (1998) He is a graduate of Michigan State University in E. Lansing, Michigan and is a registered professional engineer in both Michigan and Colorado. CDR Gwisdalla has supported the EPAC Recruitment and Retention and Career Development subcommittees.
LT Praveen K.C. works as a Health Facility Engineer with the Indian Health Service (IHS) serving the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) in Anchorage, Alaska. LT K.C. provides engineering services for sanitation and health facilities throughout Alaska. He has played a key role in the development of ANTHC’s Rural Energy Program through design of alternative energy and energy efficiency projects. He routinely works in extreme arctic environments. LT K.C. completed his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical engineering from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 2002. In 2005, he came to the United States for graduate study and received his Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lamar University, Beaumont TX in 2007. LT K.C. also graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Alaska Anchorage in 2012.

LT K.C. was born and raised in Nepal, where clean water, sewer and power were privileges, not granted. In 2009, he moved to Alaska to work for ANTHC, which gave him an opportunity to travel and work with Alaska’s rural communities. LT K.C. is motivated to serve underserved Alaskan communities, since he comes from a similar background.

LCDR Chadwick currently serves as an Engineering Project Manager with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), Division of Environmental Health and Engineering. Before transferring to Alaska, LCDR Chadwick spent nine years working as an Environmental Engineer with the Indian Health Service (IHS), Sanitation Facilities Construction Program in Manlius, New York and Elko, Nevada. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Brigham Young University, and a Masters of Engineering degree in Environmental Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Washington State and Alaska. LCDR Chadwick previously served as a JOAG Voting Member and Co-Chair of the Awards, and Recruitment and Retention Committees as well as the JOAG Liaison to EPAC.
CDR J ohn Kathol  
Member, 2017-2019

CDR Kathol began his career with the Indian Health Service in 2000 as a COSTEP in Mobridge, South Dakota for the Aberdeen Area. In 2003 he came on board full-time as a Junior Field Engineer in Sioux City, IA. After his three-year stint in Iowa he transferred to Manlius, NY to serve as Sr. Field Engineer for seven years before holding his current position as Deputy District Engineer for the Tucson Area Indian Health Service in Casa Grande, AZ since 2013.

CDR Kathol retains a professional engineering license in the State of Washington and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Engineering from South Dakota State University (2001) and a Master’s Degree in Engineering from South Dakota State University (2003). His experience includes approximately 14 years of design and construction management of sanitation facilities for Native American communities in the Aberdeen Area, Nashville Area and Tucson Area Indian Health Service. CDR Kathol has been involved in the planning, design and construction management of individual water and wastewater systems, sewage collection systems, lift stations and force mains, wastewater treatment lagoons, solid waste transfer stations, water treatment plants, pump houses and water distribution systems. He currently serves as a consultant engineer, design reviewer, and solid waste coordinator for the Tucson Area Sanitation Facility Construction Branch.

CDR Michael Termont  
Alternative for CDR Kathol
LCDR Abbas Bandukwala was born in Kansas City, MO and grew up in Rome, GA. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy in 2003. He served on two different ships and completed two 6 month deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism in 2004 and 2005. After completing his Navy tour, he started working at the FDA as a Biomedical Engineer in January 2009. He joined the U. S. Public Health Service in July 2010. LCDR Bandukwala is married to Dr. Reezwana Chowdhury and enjoys running and traveling to exotic locations around the world.
LCDR Shane Deckert
Member, 2017-2019
Readiness Subcommittee Vice-Chair

LCDR Shane Deckert worked at the National Institutes of Health (now IHS) for three years, serving as a Project Officer and the Resident Transportation Engineer for the Clinical Design and Construction Branch in the Division of Design & Construction Management under the Office of Research Facilities. LCDR Deckert is responsible for managing many multi-million dollar laboratory construction projects for future research by the 27 Institutes at the NIH. In October 2014, he deployed on Team 1 of the Monrovia Medical Unit as the Lead Facilities Engineer for the hospital’s opening. In November 2011, he also deployed in support of the Hurricane Sandy disaster relief. LCDR Shane Deckert earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland, Oregon with a minor in Spanish Language, and his Masters of Business Administration from Strayer University, Alexandria, VA. His previous work experience includes multiple internships for the Portland Department of Transportation throughout his college career and four years as a Civil Engineering Officer in the U.S. Air Force with a one-year deployment to Iraq in an effort to rebuild the country in 2008. LT Deckert is a registered Professional Engineer in Washington, DC as well as a LEED Green Associate.

LT Tyrrell Lang
Alternate for LT Deckert
LCDR Matthew Hunt earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, NC. He has been at the National Institutes of Health for approximately one year. He is an Environmental Engineer within the Sustainability Branch in the Division of Environmental Protection under the Office of Research Facilities. LCDR Hunt is responsible for providing support to NIH to aid the agency in meeting the requirements listed in Executive Order 13423 and 13514, to implement more sustainable practices at NIH. His previous work experience includes working with the Food and Drug Administration, as an Investigator focusing on medical device and drug manufacturing facilities for 2 years. He was also employed with the Indian Health Service, as an Environmental Engineer for 3 years. LCDR Hunt was responsible for managing water and wastewater construction projects, on the Navajo Reservation, in Chinle, AZ.

LCDR Leo Angelo M. Gumpas earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Clemson University. In April 2012, he was commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service and works in his current position as the Greenhouse Gas Program Manager for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). At the NIH, LCDR Gumpas develops strategies to reduce NIH’s carbon footprint to meet its sustainability goals. LCDR Gumpas is excited about his new role and looks forward to provide more opportunities and positive experiences for Officers in the DC Area.
LCDR Julia Kane  
Member, 2017-2019  
Public Health and Engineering Practice Subcommittee Chair

LCDR Kane is a Civil Engineer/Project Manager with the National Park Service Intermountain Regional office in Lakewood, Colorado, where she has been since April 2015. She designs and manages facility rehab projects in Parks in 8 intermountain states, from Montana to Texas. During her first 12 years in the PHS she served as a field engineer with Indian Health Service at three duty stations in the Phoenix and California Areas, designing and managing construction of water, sewer, and solid waste projects on 16 Indian Reservations. She came to the PHS after spending time on rural development projects in Mexico and Nicaragua. LCDR Kane deployed for the Unaccompanied Children response in Florida where she assessed buildings for conversion to temporary living quarters for refugee minors from Central America. In addition to being the PHEP Subcommittee Chair, LCDR Kane is the Lead on the Engineering Standards Workgroup, a member of the Pipe Materials and Healthy Communities Workgroups, as well as a member of the Awards subcommittee and COA’s Legislation and Benefits Committee.

LT Russell Moore  
Alternative for LCDR Kane

LT Russell Moore is a project manager with the National Park Service Intermountain Region Facility Management Division located in Lakewood, CO. In this role, he is responsible for managing the design and construction of various park facilities and deferred maintenance projects. LT Moore started his career with the U.S. Public Health Service in the summer of 2009 as a JRCOSTEP with the NPS Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta, GA assisting with the Regular Cyclic Maintenance Program. In 2010, he returned to the NPS Southeast Regional Office as a full-time project manager and later transferred to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park for a two year assignment located in the corners of KY, TN, and VA. LT Moore is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Tennessee and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma Christian University.
LCDR Jitendra Virani
Member, 2017-2019
Awards Subcommittee Chair

LCDR Jitendra Virani is an Engineer Officer currently stationed at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He joined FDA as a civilian in December 2006 and became a USPHS officer in July 2010. He works for the Office of Device Evaluation (ODE) of the Center of Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). He has conducted biomedical and general engineering reviews on various types of medical devices that include Laser/Light based, electrosurgical, computer assisted robotic, manual surgical, and respiratory and pulmonary devices. He also reviews bench testing, animal testing and/or clinical studies used in obtaining results to determine validity and scientific significance of the data to ensure a given device is safe and effective for public use. His regulatory experience includes serving as a lead reviewer of a variety of premarket submission types: 510(k)s, PMAs, IDEs, pre-IDEs and has also reviewed medical devices indicated for use as Over-The-Counter sales. During June 2008 to January 2011, he also worked for the Office of Surveillance and Biometric (OSB) of CDRH as an Analyst of Medical Device Report (MDR) for adverse events identifying and conducting analyses of patient and device problems, related to clinical use, for both individual devices and classes of devices to detect short term problems, trends and recurring problems. LCDR Virani received his Bachelor in Biomedical Engineering from the George Washington University in 2006, and Masters in Applied Biomedical Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University in 2009. He also received an Associate of Science in Electrical Engineering from Montgomery College in 2007. He currently serves the EPAC as the Awards Subcommittee Chair (2015) and with the Mentoring Program (2010 – Present).

LCDR George Ngatha
Alternative for LCDR Virani
LT Diana Wong is an Innovation Engineer at the National Biosurveillance Integration Center (NBIC). NBIC’s mission is to provide early warning and situational awareness during biological events such that stakeholders are able to make better decisions. The Innovation Section supports the Operations and Analysis Section by improving NBIC products through researching enhanced analytic capabilities and exploring new data sources. In order to achieve that goal, LT Wong’s primary role is in data analysis and analytic algorithm/model development. She also contributes to the evaluation of potential tools, project management, and outreach to potential collaborators (such as other DHS components). LT Wong holds a B.S. in Bioengineering from University of California, Berkeley as well as a M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. She has an interdisciplinary background that includes biophysics/structural biology, computer science, and bioinformatics, as well as other fields.

As a Commissioned Corps Engineer, LT Wong has led several projects briefed to OHA and component-level leadership and fostered other intra-DHS collaborations. Outside academia and work, LT Wong enjoys volunteering to promote the interest of girls in science and engineering.
Directory of Non-Voting Members in Leadership Roles

LCDR QuynhNhu Nguyen
Readiness Subcommittee Chair

LCDR QuynhNhu Nguyen is an Engineer Officer currently stationed at the Food and Drug Administration. She has been with FDA since March 2005. She has been working with evaluating human factors/usability of medical devices originally with the MedSun project in Office of Surveillance and Biometrics, and now with the Human Factors Premarket Evaluation Team in the Office of Device Evaluation, Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Her regulatory experience also includes reviews of a variety of premarket submission types: 510(k)s, PMAs, IDEs, pre-IDEs. She has also conducted both specialized biomedical engineering reviews and human factors reviews on a variety of combination products (drug/device, biologic/device) such as inhalation and auto-injection systems. Her current focus is in evaluating human factors/usability of combination products. She received her Bachelor in Biomedical Engineering from George Washington University in 2005, and Masters in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 2013. She also received the RADM Jerrold Michael Global Health Graduate Certificate from University of Maryland in 2010. She is currently a logistic member of RDF-1 deployment team.

LT Jessica Sharpe
2017 Executive Secretary
Directory of Liaisons and Other Ex-Officio Members

**CAPT Dan Beck**
RedDOG Liaison

**CAPT James Simpson**
Commissioned Officers Association (COA) Liaison

**CDR Tara Bizjak**
Commissioned Corps Women’s Issues Advisory Board (CCWIAB) Liaison

CDR Tara Gooen Bizjak is a Commander with the U. S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS) and works as a Senior Science Policy Advisor in the Office of Policy for Pharmaceutical Quality, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in Silver Spring, Maryland. She is responsible for the management of long-range scientific planning and policy implementation issues that impact the availability of medications to the global community, specific to the regulation of current good manufacturing practices for pharmaceutical products. While in the FDA, she also held roles as a Senior Policy Advisor in FDA’s Office of Regulatory Affairs, a Branch Chief and Team Leader in CDER’s Pre-Approval Inspection Assessment group, and a field investigator for domestic and international pharmaceutical manufacturers. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with a bioengineering option. While working at FDA, she earned a Masters in Biomedical Science degree from Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey with concentrations in biodefense and stem cell science. CDR Bizjak is a Certified Quality Engineer with the American Society of Quality and received a Certificate in Public Health from a joint FDA-Georgetown University program.

CDR Bizjak is active with the EPAC as the engineering category representative to the CCWIAB and as a member of the Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee. Tara is also a Deputy Team Commander for the Tier 1 Regional Incident Support Team in the National Capital Region (RIST-NCR), has participated in eight deployments, and has been a member of the team since 2010. She has been a clarinetist in the U.S. PHS Wind Ensemble since 2009. She volunteers to support K-8 STEM programs, such as supporting local MATHcounts chapters (a national middle-school math competition). She has run in the Army Ten Miler (2012 and 2014) with PHS Athletics. Tara enjoys spending time with her family (husband and one-year old daughter) and traveling.
LCDR Griff Miller
Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) Liaison

LCDR Miller began his Public Health Service career in 2009 after two years of civil service with the EPA. As a Remedial Project Manager for the Office of Pennsylvania Remediation in the Land and Chemicals Division of EPA Region 3 in Philadelphia, he is responsible for oversight of the cleanup of over 40 hazardous waste sites in Pennsylvania under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action program. In addition to his project management duties, LCDR Miller has provided valuable assistance as Chair of the Corrective Action Web Group, Assistant Project Management Database Manager, and the region’s Veterans Program Manager.

LCDR Miller serves as a Disaster Engineer on Applied Public Health Team 3 and deployed to Texas in 2016 in support of the unaccompanied children’s mission. He’s also a member of EPA’s Response Support Corps and has served in many of its deployments, one highlight being a deployment to Billings, Montana in the summer of 2011 to assist in the Silvertip Pipeline oil spill response.

As a junior officer, LCDR Miller has been busy helping to develop the JOAG Strategic Plan and update JOAG Committee SOPs, and is presently Co-Chair of the JOAG Outreach Committee, in addition to being the JOAG EPAC Liaison.

A musician at heart, he performs on trombone and French horn as a member of “The Surgeon General’s Own” Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Music Ensemble, and is a member of EPA Region 3’s band “The Arch Streeters”, who perform at various EPA functions throughout the year.