

Justification for _____ Award

LT Captain Wantabe, LCDR Iam Nurse, LT Please Promote Me, MR. James King and Mr. Louie Armstrong are nominated for the PHS _____ Award for their dedication, expertise and professionalism as Adjunct Faculty in support of the Officer Basic Course during the period of 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

The Officer Basic Course (OBC) is designed to provide a standardized core of basic information essential to officers embarking on careers in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service; to build spirited corps, inspire Corps officers and establish a bond to the Service; and to establish a network of Corps officers across multiple agencies and disciplines. The 2-week OBC is mandatory for all officers appointed and called to active duty after 30 September 2008, and introduces new officers to fundamental concepts in officership, leadership, readiness and public health.

The officers and civilian personnel named above have consistently demonstrated their support of OBC, contributing their time, creativity and expertise as Adjunct Faculty on a monthly basis. They develop and deliver presentations within their area(s) of expertise and respond to student questions, taking time away from their regularly-scheduled duties to do so. At times, they assist with individual issues, and also provide students with their contact information, encouraging them to call or email if they have additional questions in the future.

During Calendar Year 2008, 12 OBC's were conducted, to a total of 479 officers. The dedication of the aforementioned individuals has enhanced the quality of educational experience that is provided, allowing new officers to meet and interact with subject matter experts in areas that will directly impact their career development as PHS officers. The outstanding service and commitment of the Adjunct Faculty members exemplifies the USPHS mission and core values, and also the mission of the Commissioned Officer Training Academy: to train and inspire commissioned officers to lead by example, promote Corps values and protect the nation's health.

Therefore, in recognition of their exceptional service, I proudly and with reservation nominated these individuals for the PHS _____ Award.

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