



“COMMUNICATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY”
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (HITPAG)
Meeting Agenda

DATE & TIME:

Thursday, 23 May 2019 1400 EST

CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS:

Phone: 877-465-7975 Meeting ID 904911290

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CALL TO ORDER

LCDR David Schwab (Chair)
LCDR Joyce Davis (Chair-elect)

I. ROLL CALL [here, excused, absent]

- LCDR Joyce Davis here
- CDR Zanethia Eubanks absent
- CDR Devin Williams here
- CDR Wilson Nazario here
- CDR Francis Bertulfo here
- LCDR Shakirat Apelogun absent
- CDR Randy Saria here
- CDR Brian Bunn here

II. CHAIR’S REPORT

- COF – I saw a few of our HITPAG officers there and able to give out a few coins. It was good to see everyone. Is anyone on the call who was there? Congratulations to Senior and Junior Officer’s of the Year.
- Officer Data Survey – we have about 20 or so at this point. I would like to get a bigger portion of our group to complete it for analytics ...who we are, where we are, and what we do. I know we have people all across the country and this will help future leadership and it will show our importance in the various agencies that we work at. It’s only one pageplan for the future of our category. LCDR Davis, do you have anything you want to add here? LCDR Davis, no – you’ve covered everything
- Coins, I placed an additional order following the first batch we created. I did send those out the other day. I’m happy we were able to get a relatively quick turn-around. Thanks to those who helped with the design. I hope we can get those out to the public.
- STEM Scholarship fundraising: I would like to think we can reach out to our local businesses possibly, friends, family. Ideally it would be great to get another few companies to donate at the \$250 level to reach our goal of \$1000. Last year we had scholarships in Alaska,, and Maryland.
- This year, we have 3 voting member positions that will be opening up. So I encourage you who want to be a voting member. We will have you fill out an application to complete. We want to get everyone in place before those of us roll off to hit the ground running.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Management
- Awards
- Communications
- Data & Evaluation

LCDR Joyce Davis
CDR Zanethia Eubanks
CDR Francis Bertulfo
CDR Wilson Nazario

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| ○ Recruitment & Retention | CDR Randy Saria |
| ○ Education, Training & Mentorship | LCDR Shakirat Apelogun |
| ○ Policy | CDR Devin Williams |
| ○ Stakeholder & Community Engagement | CDR Brian Bunn |
| ○ Technical Readiness | LCDR Justin Belk |

IV. Subcommittee Reports:

- LCDR Davis: New voting members for next year. Looks like we may have 3 positions next year and get that out in the next week of so beginning of June. That is one of my top priorities right now. That's all I have.
- CDR Eubanks: ___LCDR Schwab – already went over the awards given away at Minneapolis. It was good to see the awardees. RE: STEM Scholarship (same as the above).
- CDR Bertulfo: Good Afternoon (GA) everyone, the biggest thing from a communications standpoint at COF was what they introduced Operations Corps Strong ...behavioral health resources for those going out on deployment there may be a need to tap into behavioral health resources when you get back from deployment. That was introduced at COF. Feel free to peruse the site to see what resources are available post deployment or anything outside of deployment.
- CDR Nazario: nothing to report.
- CDR Saria: nothing really to report but I was curious if everyone received the Comfort Mission – they are recruiting for IT Officers. I can't remember, I was looking for that email....what the deadline was to submit. I think there are 5 cycles for that mission. If anybody is interested they need to get their files completed and submitted.
- LCDR Schwab: followed to say, they do list us as a need and our skillset. CDR Saria, I don't know what is required of an officer. LCDR Davis was attached to that ship when she was in the Navy. It's a great opportunity for anybody to be able to partake in a Navy deployment. CDR Devin Williams added to say that it we need to work to overcome the stigma of deploying and being away from family. If we want the same benefits we cannot cherry-pick. LCDR Davis' adds that we had to high-frequency and crypto things. CDR Williams, I had to give a demonstration on satellite phonesI hope that helps people applying for this. LCDR Schwab, I think there should be pretty good competition for people applying. If IT Officers can join in too that would be great.
- LCDR Apelogun:
- CDR Williams: Policy standpoint, nothing to report.
- CDR Bunn: Stakeholder and Community engagement. I looked into corporate donations. What I found was posted out. Kind of looks like the best way to go is having a contact within a company and working it from there. A lot of the big companies don't accept unsolicited requests.
- LCDR Belk: nothing to report today.

V. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FLOOR

- LCDR Chow question to LCDR Davis, Did they train you before you deployed. LCDR Davis, I received special training for the deployment. I'm pretty sure they will help you and place you where they need you.
- CDR Walker, I just spent the past 2 days with the Army on communications and they put me in for a Military Award. There was a sponsored dinner and you got to meet up with the DOD and you got to meet up with other IT people. Awardees were also invited to attend the follow-on luncheon. This award is annual and I had no idea it would be submitted by your peers. LCDR Schwab, it was nice to see you at the COF. CDR Walker, I plan on joining the DC chapter. I made a lot of connections. If you're not a member, I plan on joining. I used to be a member when I was an Army Communications Officer. I'll let you know what the process is to become a member. LCDR Davis, how much do you know about Natural

Language Processing (NLP). CDR Walker, we were using NLP and focusing on looking at legacy data and converting that text into computable data. I met a guy with Amazon Web Service and he has some contacts.and we may be able to re-energize our project.

- CDR Williams, available to PHS Officers, If you haven't looked at the Naval War College, you can take these courses for free and you qualify for a Masters. I'm about to graduate. You need to take a fleet seminar. But they have something called the fleet seminar program and they have several locations (i.e. Capitol Hill, Navy Yard). It's a pretty stringent program and you have to do a lot of reading. Technically, it's a 3 year program but I got mine done in a year and 9-months. You can double-up after the first year. There is a lot of Navy-speak it is the Naval War College. If you double-up, it's 2 nights each week. My area of study was information operations because I studies information security. They have other areas of study. Very interesting program. Feel free to call me if you're interested. It's doable and it's free.

VI. ADJORN: 1437 hours

Meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday at 1400 every month

