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Surgeon General's Column

For 35 years, Surgeon General's Reports have stood as authoritative statements on the Nation's health and have been suitably dubbed "the Nation's voice for health." Since the first report on smoking was issued in 1964, some 50 reports addressing myriad public health topics have been written. The list of themes range from smoking, organ donation, breast-feeding, and flouride in the drinking water to violence, pornography, drunk driving, and HIV/AIDS, just to name a few. Smoking and other forms of tobacco use, by far, have been the most oft-addressed of all the topics.

Last year, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala commissioned a Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health. She directed that the Office of Public Health and Science develop a report that would "define, describe, and evaluate the interaction between oral health and well-being (quality of life), through the life span, in the context of changes in society." Intended to improve the oral health in this Nation overall, this report represents the first time a Surgeon General has dealt with this topic.

Among other things, the report will address the status of oral health in this country, the relationship between oral health and general health, methods to prevent and manage oral diseases, and actions that can be taken to improve our Nation's oral health. Sections will also be devoted to issues concerning disparities in oral health among different population groups. It will serve as a major resource for professionals across many disciplines, including dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and education, and it will be useful for the public and policymakers as well.

Federal Coordinating Committee

Preparation of the report is no small task. The National Institute of Dental Research, headed by Dr. Harold C. Slavkin, has been designated as the lead agency to coordinate preparation of the report. I am proud that we have been able to enlist the aid of Dr. Caswell A. Evans, Jr., to serve as project director and executive editor; RADM Dushanka V. Kleinman, as associate executive editor; and RADM William C. Maas, Chief Dental Officer, who will be actively involved in the project. Also greatly appreciated are the contributions of the Federal Coordinating Committee members assigned to provide leadership and guidance to the report's development. Each committee member represents a critical program that can influence this country's oral, dental, and craniofacial health. The committee members also will be instrumental in managing the extensive review process and in supporting the anticipated public, private, and public-private partnerships needed to implement the report's findings. The report, which is now in draft form, is scheduled to be released in late 1999.

The Nation's Oral Health Issues

Oral, dental, and craniofacial health are matters of great concern to public health, because despite the significant progress made in this country in dental research and care delivery, we are still confronted with sad statistics. Poor oral, dental, and craniofacial health result not only from failing to brush and floss properly, but also from not maintaining a proper diet, using tobacco products, and not having access to adequate care. Tooth decay and periodon-

tal disease are the most preventable diseases in the United States, yet we still spend \$50 billion each year on dental services. About 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral and pharyngeal cancers each year, resulting in 8,000 deaths from largely preventable neoplasms. That's more deaths than from cervical cancer, malignant melanoma, or Hodgkins disease.

The facts are even more dire when we look at the oral health of children. Healthy People 2000 reports that more than half of second graders in this country still experience cavities. As you know, I have adopted as one of my evolving priorities that every child should have an opportunity for a healthy start in life. If that is to happen, we must find a way to make oral health a supreme priority and to assist the 100-plus million people in this country that do not have access to flouridated water. We know that the type of start a child experiences plays a major part in that child's future, and we want every child to start off healthy.

Further, the issues surrounding oral health cut across all racial/ethnic groups, but significant disparities exist. At present, African American children are

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twice as likely as whites not to be treated for tooth decay. Early childhood caries disproportionately affects lower income and minority children and saps their energies and attention. We must work to eliminate the disparities in dental health equally as hard as we work to eliminate them in other health categories.

Since Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the report on smoking and health, it has been gratifying to witness America's response to "the Nation's voice for health." I look forward with great anticipation to sharing the upcoming report on oral health with you. I am confident that this report will offer a loud and clear message that will result in better oral health for the Nation and for all children.

ADM David Satcher
Assistant Secretary for Health
and Surgeon General



RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu Appointed Deputy Surgeon General



RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu

Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General David Satcher has named RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu to be Deputy Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. RADM Moritsugu assumed his new duties effective October 1.

RADM Moritsugu is a career PHS officer who most recently served as the Medical Director and Assistant Bureau Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In that position, he was responsible for the health care of more than 120,000 Federal inmates and detainees in nearly 100 institutions across the country.

RADM Moritsugu received his medical degree in 1971 and MPH degree in Health Administration and Planning in 1975. He completed residencies in Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine at the former PHS Hospital in San Francisco. He is Board Certified in General Preventive Medicine.

During his 28 years of active service in the Corps, RADM Moritsugu has served in a variety of assignments, including consultant in Health Planning and Medical Education in the San Francisco Regional Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Officer on the

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Taney*, Director of the Division of Medicine of the Bureau of Health Professions, and Director of the National Health Service Corps. Throughout his professional career, he has spoken and written extensively on a broad range of health issues pertaining to health professional education, health planning and managed care, health care delivery in underserved areas, correctional health care, and organ and tissue donation and transplantation. He has received numerous public, academic, and Departmental awards and honors.

In announcing the appointment, Surgeon General Satcher stated that, "RADM Moritsugu brings to the Office of the Surgeon General extensive experience in and knowledge of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps which will greatly assist me in carrying out my responsibilities as Surgeon General. I feel very fortunate that Ken has agreed to serve in this post, and I look forward to a very productive working relationship."



Promotion Year 1999

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PIR Corrections Postmarked no later than:

November 20, 1998

Career Counseling Completed:

November 20, 1998

Documents for OPF Postmarked no later than:

December 31, 1998

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- For Counseling: 301-594-3360
- For PIR Questions: 301-594-3471
- For verification of receipt of CV, etc.—CorpsLine 301-443-6843



Reminder

Applications for assimilation into the Regular Corps must be received in the Division of Commissioned Personnel by the close of business on Friday, **February 5, 1999**, in order to be reviewed by the 1999 board. See page 2 of the October issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin* for more information.



Celebrating the Colors



Front row (left to right) RADM Audrey F. Manley (Ret.), former Acting Surgeon General; Ms. Mary Beth Donahue, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary; LTG Ronald Blanck, Surgeon General of the Army; The Honorable Constance A. Morella, Congresswoman from Maryland; Dr. Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; ADM David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General; The Honorable Sherrod Brown, Congressman from Ohio; RADM William L. Stubblefield, Director, Office of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps Operations.



The U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps perform as part of the PHS Bicentennial program on September 22 in front of the Parklawn Building in Rockville, Maryland.

On September 22, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna E. Shalala, hosted a very special event, Celebrating the Colors, as part of a series of programs that have been organized throughout the year to honor the bicentennial of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS).

The program featured a magnificent performance by the U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. Dressed in their full 1700s regalia, the Old Guard performed intricate close order drills and special music to the delight of the large audience that assembled in front of the Parklawn Building in Rockville, Maryland.

RADM Arthur Lawrence served as master of ceremonies of the event which was attended by Congresswoman Constance A. Morella of Maryland; Congressman Sherrod Brown of Ohio; LTG Ronald R. Blanck, Surgeon General of the Army; RADM William L. Stubblefield, Director, Office of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps Operations; former Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello; former Acting Surgeon General Audrey F. Manley; as well as a large number of other dignitaries from throughout the Federal government and the private sector.

Secretary Shalala recounted some of the highlights in the history of PHS and lauded the ongoing efforts of all its officers and employees. She then used the occasion to present ADM David Satcher with his official flag as the 16th Surgeon General of PHS. ADM Satcher spoke about his pride in serving the Nation as Surgeon General and reiterated his dedication to improving the health of all Americans.

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Members of the PHS Sword Honor Guard raise the PHS flag in front of the Parklawn Building as part of the Bicentennial event, Celebrating the Colors.

With the able assistance of the PHS Sword Honor Guard, the PHS flag was raised in front of the Parklawn Building where, as directed by the Secretary, it will fly each day, alongside the United States flag and the Departmental flag.

At the close of the ceremony, Secretary Shalala accepted on behalf of the Office of the Secretary, a PHS sword presented by the District of Columbia Branch of the Commissioned Officers Association. Following the ceremony, Secretary Shalala and ADM Satcher hosted a reception for the invited guests in the Office of the Surgeon General.

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Procurement of PHS Commissioned Corps Officers Uniforms and Accessories

Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps uniforms and insignias may be purchased from:

Lighthouse Uniform Company
1532 15th Avenue West
Seattle, WA 98119
Phone: 1-800-426-5225

National Naval Medical Command
Bethesda Naval Exchange
Building 57
Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: 301-295-1489 or
1-800-368-4088

Naval Air Station Atlanta
Uniform Shop
Dobbins MCSS, Bldg. 81
Halsey Avenue
Marietta, GA 30060
Phone: 770-428-4711

Uniform Support Center
1545 Crossways Blvd., Suite 200
Chesapeake, VA 23320
Phone: 1-800-368-4088
1-800-368-4089 (in Alaska)

Note: The Black Army V-Neck Sweater must be purchased from an Army uniform shop.

PHS replacement ribbon bars, medals, name tags, and miscellaneous PHS items may be purchased from:

PHS Officers Device Supply Center
Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center
5445 Point Clair Road
Carville, LA 70721-9607
Phone: 504-642-4752

PHS name tags may be procured from:

Artcraft Badge and Sign Company
3512 John Carroll Drive
Olney, MD 20832
Phone: 301-924-4787 or
1-800-739-0709

National Naval Medical Command
Bethesda Navy Exchange
Personalized Service Manager
Building 57
Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: 301-295-1489 or
1-800-368-4088

Ultra Thin Ribbons and Medals
P.O. Box 7161
Moore, OK 73153
Phone: 405-794-7892 or
1-800-758-7265

Medals and insignia of membership organizations whose ribbons, medals, and insignia are authorized for wear by PHS officers are listed below:

Association of Military Surgeons
(AMSUS)
Membership Department
9320 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: 301-897-8800 or
1-800-761-9320

Commissioned Officers Association
(COA)
8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 560
Landover, MD 20785
Phone: 301-731-9080

Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
1 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-479-2200 or
1-800-809-9448

Note: If an officer ceases to be a member of AMSUS, COA, or ROA, the officer is no longer entitled to wear the ribbon or medal of that organization on his/her uniform.

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DIVISION OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL (DCP)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Telephone numbers listed are area code 301, unless otherwise specified
DCP's Toll-Free Phone Number – 1-877-INFO DCP (or 1-877-463-6327)

DCP's Commercial Number – 301-594-0401

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SUBJECT	PHONE	CONTACT
ADVERSE ACTIONS/AWOL REPORTING	594-2729	Adverse Actions Officer, OD
APPLES	594-3396	APPLES Project Officer, ODB
APPLICATION PROCESSING	594-3544	Military Personnel Technician, TAS/PSB
ASSIMILATION	594-3108	Assimilation Coordinator, PSB
AWARDS	594-3108	Awards Coordinator, PSB
BILLETTS	594-3466	Billet Coordinator, PSB
CAREER DEVELOPMENT/COUNSELING	594-3360	Category Staffing Officer, ODB
CHAMPUS/TRICARE	594-6330	Patient Care Coordinator, MAB
	1-800-368-2777	Patient Care Coordinator, MAB
COER	594-3466	COER Coordinator, PSB
COMMISSIONED CORPS BULLETIN	594-3462	Bulletin Editor, OD
CORPSLINE	443-6843	(To access from the toll-free number, listen to prompts and press 3 and then 6)
COSTEP		
–Junior	594-3484	JRCOSTEP Coordinator, ODB
	1-800-279-1605	JRCOSTEP Recruitment, ODB
–Senior	594-2919	Training Coordinator, ODB
CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) STATUS/DATE	443-6843	CorpsLine
DEATH/SURVIVOR BENEFITS	594-2963	Survivor Assistance Officer, CB
DEERS (ID CARDS)	594-3384	DEERS/RAPIDS Program Manager, PSB
DENTAL-FAMILY MEMBERS DENTAL PLAN		
–Claims Questions	594-3384	DEERS Technician, PSB
–Enrollment Forms	594-2963	Payroll Technician, CB
–General Information	594-5062	Dental Consultant, MAB
DETAILS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS	594-3396	Detail Project Officer, ODB
DISCIPLINE/MISCONDUCT	594-2729	Adverse Actions Officer, OD
ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARDS		
–General (ODB)	594-2398	<=14400 baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity
–Medical Affairs Branch	594-1994	8-N-1, 300-28800
	1-800-850-9037	High Speed Data Compression & Locked DTE
EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION		
–Mortgages	Written Request	Payroll Technician, CB
–Employment History/Credentials	Written Request	Privacy Act/FOIA Coordinator, PSB
GRIEVANCES	594-2729	Adverse Actions Officer, OD
INACTIVE AND READY RESERVE	594-3360	Ready Reserve Coordinator, ODB
LEAVE QUESTIONS		
–Administrative Leave	594-2727	Leave Advisor, OD
–Annual Leave	594-2727	Leave Advisor, OD
–Maternity Leave	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch
–Sick Leave	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch
–Station Leave	594-2727	Leave Advisor, OD
LICENSURE	594-3398	Licensure Project Officer, ODB
LIMITED TOURS		
–Licensure	594-3398	Licensure Project Officer, ODB
–Medical	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch
–Program	594-3479	Transactions and Applications Section, PSB
MEDICAL		
–Authorization for Civilian Care	1-800-368-2777	Patient Care Coordinator, MAB
–Medical Qualifications	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch
–Fitness for Duty/Medical Mgmt Questions	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch
–Disability Retirement	594-3297	Medical Affairs Branch

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OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER		
–Copies of documents	594-3064	Privacy Act/FOIA Coordinator, PSB
–Document Submission	594-3466	File Room, PSB
–Review	594-3360	Category Staffing Officer, ODB
PAY AND ALLOWANCES		
–Active Duty	594-2963	Payroll Technician, CB
–Retirees/Annuitants	594-2963	Payroll Technician, CB
–Special Pay	594-2963	Payroll Technician, CB
PERSONNEL ORDERS AND ACTIONS	594-3544	Military Personnel Technician, TAS/PSB
POLICY/CCPM	594-2727	Legal Advisor, OD
PROMOTIONS		
–General Inquiries	594-3108	Promotion Coordinator, PSB
–PIR Inquiries	594-3471	PIR Coordinator, PSB
RETIREMENT	594-3472	Retirement Coordinator, CB
RECRUITMENT		
–General Duty/JRCOSTEP	594-3360	Category Staffing Officer, ODB
	1-800-279-1605	
–SRCOSTEP	594-2919	Training Coordinator, ODB
SEPARATIONS (Processing)	594-3544	Military Personnel Technician, TAS/PSB
SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	594-2963	Payroll Technician, CB
SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS	594-3059	MAP Member, ODB
SOLDIERS & SAILORS CIVIL RELIEF ACT	594-2727	Legal Advisor, OD
STATEMENT OF SERVICE		
–Active Duty	Written Request	Military Personnel Technician, TAS/PSB
–Not Active Duty	Written Request	Privacy Act/FOIA Coordinator, PSB
SUITABILITY DETERMINATIONS	594-3000	Suitability Adjudicator, OD
SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE	594-2963	Survivor Assistance Officer, CB
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE DATES	594-3544	Military Personnel Technician, TAS/PSB
TRAINING (Long-Term)	594-3352	Training Coordinator, ODB
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	594-3059	MAP Member, ODB
UNIFORMS	594-3108	Uniform Specialist, PSB
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT & TRACKING		
SYSTEM (VAATS) – Entry of Vacancies	594-3360	VAATS Coordinator, ODB
VETERANS' BENEFITS		
–Guaranteed Home Loan Program	594-3384	Home Loan Coordinator, PSB
–Education Benefits Programs	594-3384	VEAP Coordinator, PSB

Abbreviations for Division of Commissioned Personnel Offices

MAB – Medical Affairs Branch	594-6330 (Room 4C-06)
CB – Compensation Branch	594-2963 (Room 4-50)
OD – Office of the Director	594-3000 (Room 4A-15)
ODB – Officer Development Branch	594-3360 (Room 4A-18)
PSB – Personnel Services Branch	594-3108 (Room 4-36)
TAS – Transactions and Applications Section	594-3544 (Room 4-20)
MAP – Military Advisory Panel	594-3059

Address: Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC
 ATTN: *(insert appropriate Branch)*
 5600 Fishers Lane, Room *(insert appropriate Room Number)*
 Rockville, MD 20857-0001



DCP's Toll-Free Phone Number – 1-877-INFO DCP (or 1-877-463-6327)

Simple, Easy-to-Use Voice Mail System

By utilizing DCP's toll-free phone number you will be able to access the entire staff of DCP. When you use the toll-free number, your call will be answered with the following simple, easy-to-use voice mail system:

"Thank you for calling the Division of Commissioned Personnel. If you are dialing from a rotary phone, please stay on the line and your call will be answered at the end of this message.

If you are dialing on a touch tone phone and know your party's phone number please dial 1 now. (there will be a pause) Please dial the last five digits of your party's phone number now.

If you do not know the phone number of your party, but wish to use the dial by name feature, please dial 2 now. (there will be a pause)

Please begin spelling your party's last name now. For common names, you may be instructed to enter additional letters including some of your party's first name.

If you wish to speak with a specific Branch within our Division instead of an individual, please press 3 now. (there will be a pause)

To reach the Compensation Branch, please dial 1 now

To reach the Officer Development Branch, please dial 2 now

To reach the Personnel Services Branch, please dial 3 now

To reach the Transactions and Application Section, please dial 4 now

To reach the Medical Affairs Branch, please dial 5 now

To reach *CorpsLine*, please dial 6 now

If you are unsure of who you need to speak with or you wish to speak with someone in the Office of the Director, please press zero now or stay on the line."

Staff Members' Primary Digital Numbers (PDNs)

DCP's toll-free number voice mail system will direct you to specific staff members, but you may prefer to call a specific DCP staff member directly yourself.

Listed in the September issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin* (pages 2 through 5) was a brief description of the services each DCP branch provides along with information on how to directly access the PDNs of specific staff members who will be able to address your needs. (Note: The September issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin* can be accessed at the DCP web site – <http://dcp.psc.dhhs.gov>)

Electronic Mail

DCP staff members can also be contacted by electronic mail. E-mail addresses consist of the staff member's first initial and last name @psc.gov – Example: wsmith@psc.gov

Customer Service Feedback

DCP's goal is to improve the phone service that we provide to you, our customers. We want to get you to the correct DCP staff member the first time, without frustrating transfers. If you have a favorable or unfavorable comment about our phone system, we want to hear from you. Write to us at our e-mail address – phoneguy@psc.gov

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Solicitation for Applications: Medical Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons (O-7/O-8)

The Federal Bureau of Prisons is inviting applications from interested Public Health Service Commissioned Corps physicians for the position of Medical Director of the Bureau and Assistant Bureau Director for the Health Services Division.

This position is located in the Washington, DC, headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and involves responsibilities for the administration of a comprehensive health care delivery program incorporating medical and psychiatric care, food and nutrition services, and safety, occupational, and environmental health.

The incumbent is responsible for planning, directing, administering, and evaluating services for more than 120,000 Federal detainees and prisoners in nearly 100 institutions nationwide. For the

medical component alone, the budget authority in fiscal year 1998 was approximately \$389 million, with nearly 3,400 full-time staff, and numerous contract workers.

The incumbent serves as the medical authority for the Bureau, and simultaneously as one of the seven Assistant Bureau Directors. The incumbent reports directly to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, an agency of the Department of Justice.

Applicants must be commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, possess an MD or DO degree, and hold current Board Certification as well as full and unrestricted licensure in a State. As the target grade for this position is O-7/O-8, applicants must be eligible for promotion to that rank. (See INSTRUCTION 7, "Flag

Officer Selection and Assignment," Subchapter CC23.4 of the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual.)

Applicants for initial appointment to the Bureau of Prisons are subject to a urinalysis test, pre-employment interview, extensive reference checking, and thorough background investigation.

The position is available immediately.

To apply, send a letter of interest and current curriculum vitae by November 13 to:

Federal Bureau of Prisons
Medical Director Search Committee
320 First Street, NW, Suite 1054
Washington, DC 20534

For further information, phone 202-307-3055.

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Dates for PHS Commissioned Corps Orientation Courses

The Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps "Active-Duty Orientation Course" is a 2-day class that is highly valued by new officers who find the information presented very beneficial. Officers receive information about the mission, traditions, and functions of the commissioned corps. They even have guided practice with their salute. Topics such as career development, health care, and standards of conduct expected of officers are also addressed.

Most of these modules are available on PowerPoint for use in Rockville and for easy and inexpensive transporting to other locations. However, ideally, the networking and meeting of officers face-to-face adds an invaluable benefit to the course. Every officer is encouraged to attend an orientation, particularly if he or she has less than 2 years of active-duty service. Information gained in the orientation course is essential for a thorough understanding of the commissioned corps, thereby providing the opportunity and mechanism for officers to plan for successful careers in the Corps. Also, while new officers are in the Parklawn Building in Rockville, Maryland, attending an orientation, they are able to make appointments with Division of Commissioned Personnel staff members who can respond to their individual needs.

The "Supervisory and Administrative Personnel Course" is a 1-day orientation class available for supervisors and administrative staff who work with commissioned corps officers. This course offers many of the same modules as used in the "Active-Duty Orientation Course," but are focused toward the supervisory/administrative audience. Additionally, there are modules on personnel actions.

The "Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (JRCOSTEP) Orientation Course" is for JRCOSTEP officers and provides an overview of the commissioned corps.

The orientation courses are offered by the Training and Career Development Division of the Program Support Center. If you wish to register for a course, registration forms are available from *CorpsLine's* Faxback at 301-443-6843. You can request a blank registration form for

the course you are interested in by indicating the appropriate Faxback document number. Complete the form and submit it to the address at the bottom of the form.

There is no charge for the orientation course, however, the travel and per diem expenses are the responsibility of the attendee or the Operating Division/Program.

Active-Duty Orientation Course:

All courses are scheduled for Rockville, Maryland.

Dates	Faxback Document Number
February 23-24, 1999	6541
April 27-28, 1999	6541
June 1-2, 1999	6541
August 24-25, 1999	6541

Supervisory and Administrative Personnel Course:

All courses are scheduled for Rockville, Maryland.

Dates	Faxback Document Number
February 25, 1999	6540
April 29, 1999	6540
June 3, 1999	6540
August 26, 1999	6540

JRCOSTEP Orientation Course:

All courses are scheduled for Rockville, Maryland.

Dates	Faxback Document Number
May 28, 1999	6542
June 25, 1999	6542

If you need further information, contact:

Ms. Sheila Wolf
Training and Career Development
Division
Program Support Center
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16A-55
Rockville, MD 20857-0001
Phone: 301-443-6790
Fax: 301-443-4264

JRCOSTEP and SRCOSTEP Deadlines

The application deadline for the 1999 Summer Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (JRCOSTEP) is **December 31, 1998**.

The application deadline for the 1999-2000 Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (SRCOSTEP) is also **December 31, 1998**.

For applications, please phone:

JRCOSTEP: 1-800-279-1605

SRCOSTEP: 301-594-2919

For further information, please phone:

JRCOSTEP: 301-594-3484

SRCOSTEP: 301-594-3352



Division of Commissioned Personnel's Official Web Site

The Division of Commissioned Personnel's official Internet web site (<http://dcp.psc.dhhs.gov>) contains the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM), most CCPM Pamphlets, a number of Public Health Service forms, the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*, and other information officers might find useful.

If you wish to receive announcements from DCP, including updates to this web site, please sign up for our mail list by sending an e-mail message to listserv@list.psc.dhhs.gov with the message: Subscribe DCP "your full name". Where "your full name" is in the example, replace it with your first and last name without the quotation marks.

As a reminder, the PHS Commissioned Corps web site (<http://www.dhhs.gov/phs/corps>) provides information about the Corps to anyone interested in its history, personnel system, appointment criteria, and employment opportunities for students and health professionals. Links to the professional category web sites are also contained there.



Evergreen Visits "the Pest House" for Bicentennial Celebration



The historical marker in front of The Knappton Cove Quarantine Center (1899-1938) reads as follows: The buildings on this site were used to quarantine immigrants carrying disease, such as the bubonic plague, yellow fever, cholera, smallpox and typhus. A wharf once stood on the pilings in the Columbia River. The wharf was used to dock ships and unload passengers for inspection.

Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps officers, friends, and family members from the Evergreen Branch of the Commissioned Officers Association marked the PHS bicentennial by visiting the newly opened museum at the PHS Columbia River Quarantine Station at

Knappton Cove, Washington. This West Coast "Ellis Island" operated from 1899 to 1938 and was staffed by PHS officers and civilians. Although the wharf where steamers tied up to off-load immigrants is gone, the hospital building (referred to as "the pest house") has been designated a heritage center and enrolled on the National Register of Historic Places through the efforts of Ms. Nancy Bell Anderson and the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Before the PHS contingent visited the quarantine station, members of the U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Group Station in Astoria, Oregon, conducted a tour of their clinical facilities and provided an orientation to the sea rescue capabilities of Air Station Astoria and the National Motor Lifeboat Rescue Center at Cape Disappointment, Washington.

Afterward, the PHS group moved to the Columbia River Maritime Museum for a tour and luncheon. RADM Suzanne Dahlman (Ret.) presented an overview of the role of women at the Columbia River Quarantine Station, and CAPT Richard

Lyons, Regional Health Administrator, presented a plaque and a copy of the book *Plagues and Politics* to the Director of the museum for the work done on the quarantine station's history as well as the preservation of history on the U.S. Lighthouse Service (later incorporated into the CG). Museum docents were quick to point out that they had faithfully included (stuffed) rats in the model exhibit of a ship's hold, recognizing the mechanisms for the spread of infectious disease by boat in our Nation's maritime history.

Attendees felt a great deal of pride in seeing the PHS flag displayed in the hospital building at the quarantine station, and a bright yellow sign along the Columbia River Road announcing the PHS Columbia River Quarantine Station. All were appreciative of the efforts of the CG, Columbia River Maritime Museum, and the Bell Family at Knappton Cove in expanding the understanding of PHS history on the Pacific Coast and in making this bicentennial observance a very special day.

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Q. Are Public Health Service (PHS) officers authorized to wear brown shoes with the khaki uniforms?

A. Yes. Effective September 25, 1998, the Surgeon General authorized that brown shoes can be worn with the Summer Khaki and Working Khaki uniforms. The brown shoes authorized to be worn with the PHS khaki uniforms are Aviator Brown in color. Officers must wear khaki colored socks while wearing brown shoes and khaki slacks. Handbags carried by female officers wearing brown shoes must be Aviator Brown in color. All khaki and

brown items mentioned above must be purchased at Navy authorized uniform shops.

Q. Are PHS officers authorized to wear the PHS Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB) with Formal Dress and Dinner Dress uniforms?

A. Yes. Effective September 25, 1998, the Surgeon General authorized that PHS officers can wear the FMRB on Formal Dress and Dinner Dress uniforms. This badge is worn centered above the miniature medals with 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch space between the top medal row and the bottom of the badge.

Q. Can backpacks/carryall bags be carried by officers on their shoulders?

A. No. Regulations state that all bags (i.e., briefcases, gym bags, backpacks, lunch bags, suitcases, garment bags, carryall

bags, etc. (excluding women's handbags/purses)) shall be hand carried with the following exceptions: (1) backpacks/gym bags may be worn when riding a bicycle or motorcycle, but shall be hand carried upon dismounting; (2) women's handbags shall be carried over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level. Bags should be carried in the left hand to facilitate saluting.

Q. Are sneakers authorized for wear with the PHS uniform when an officer is commuting from public transportation stations or privately-owned vehicles to his/her office?

A. No. Sneakers are not authorized for wear with the PHS uniform and should not be worn with the uniform at any time.

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Vacancy Announcements

The following vacancies are provided as representative of varied opportunities currently available to Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers. If you have questions pertaining to the announcements listed below, please call the contact listed.

Additional vacancy announcements suitable for commissioned officers can be reviewed by accessing the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB). The EBB contains a listing of vacancies currently tracked by DCP's Vacancy Announcement and Tracking System (VAATS). Information regarding access and use of EBB is provided elsewhere in this *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

Any Operating Division/Program (OPDIV) wishing to list a vacancy in this column should send a written request to: Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC, ATTN: VAATS Project Officer/ODB, Room 4A-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857-0001. The VAATS Project Officer can also be reached at: Phone: 301-594-3396 or Fax: 301-594-2711.

Category / OPDIV

Description of Position

MEDICAL

COAST GUARD—
Rockville, MD

Physician Liaison
Contact: Ms. Jean Athey 301-443-3888
Grade: O-6 VAATS ID: HBD-93-0086
Serves as liaison to both public and private organizations that address pediatric emergency medical services (e.g., American College of Emergency Physicians, National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians, Federal Emergency Management Agency, etc.) through the Office of Traffic Injury Control. Advises on policy and program issues related to emergency medical services.

**FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION—**
Rockville, MD

Supervisory Medical Officer
Contact: CAPT John McCrohan 301-594-3332
Grades: O-5/O-6 VAATS ID: HF-93-0063
Assists the Division Director in planning, developing, and conducting a nationwide certification program for mammography facilities. Serves as the Acting Division Director in the Director's absence. Develops and implements quality standards for mammography facilities in the areas of equipment, personnel, and quality assurance programs.

DENTAL

COAST GUARD—
New London, CT

Staff Dental Officer
Contact: CAPT R. (Skip) Miller 202-267-0812
Grade: O-3 VAATS ID: HBD-93-0085
Provides dental treatment to U.S. Coast Guard Academy students and active-duty and retired USCG members.

NURSE

BUREAU OF PRISONS—
Various Sites

Registered Nurse
Contact: CAPT Veronica Stephens 202-307-2867, ext. 137
Grades: O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HBE-93-0300
Participates in sick call and chronic care clinics. Some Infectious Disease Coordinator and Quality Assurance positions available. Triage and emergency management skills helpful. Vacancies are at medical centers and outpatient clinics.

Physicians Professional Advisory Committee Announces Their New Web Site

The Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (P-PAC) is pleased to announce their new web site - www2.ihs.gov/ppac

The goal of this web site is to enhance communication among commissioned corps and civil service physicians in all of the Operating Divisions/Programs (OPDIVs), the P-PAC members, and the Office of the Surgeon General. This web site has many features designed to facilitate a two-way exchange of information including a threaded discussion board, contact information, e-mail links to P-PAC members within each OPDIV, important news and announcements, meeting dates and minutes of the meetings, and numerous reference links to medically important web sites.

Please take a moment to look up this useful web site and add it to your list of favorites. Further, if you have news or announcements of national importance to commissioned corps and civil service physicians that you would like to have posted, please contact:

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Clarification

From the Office of the PHS Historian

In the obituary of former Public Health Service Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, MD on page 17 of the September issue of the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*, it was stated that the use of the Sabin oral polio vaccine was approved during Dr. Burney's tenure as Surgeon General. While Dr. Burney did apparently approve the use of the vaccine, RADM David J. Sencer, (Ret.) has pointed out that the vaccine was not actually licensed until after Dr. Burney's successor, Dr. Luther Terry, was in office.



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Vacancy Announcements

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Category/OPDIV	Description of Position
SCIENTIST ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY— Washington, DC	Risk Assessment Officer Contact: CAPT William Wood 202-564-3361 Grades: O-5/O-6 VAATS ID: P-93-0016 Coordinates scientific projects on human health risk assessment. The position involves the application of the knowledge, theories, principles, and practices of toxicology or biology to the development of Operating Division guidance on risk assessment methodologies.
PHARMACY BUREAU OF PRISONS— Various Sites	Chief Pharmacist Contact: CAPT John Babb 202-307-2867, ext. 128 Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HBE-93-0301 The Federal Correctional Institutions in Sheridan, OR; Miami, FL; Beckley, WV; Taladega, AL; and Allenwood, PA.
MULTIDISCIPLINARY NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH— Rockville, MD	Human Subject Protection Coordinator Contact: CAPT Melody Lin 301-435-5647 Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HN-93-0024 Administers Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) programs for the protection of human research subjects. Responsible for providing authoritative expertise to research institutions and HHS components concerning application of HHS policies, procedures, and regulations for the protection of human research subjects, negotiates and administers human subject Assurances of Compliance, and conducts final review of and approving human subject Assurances on behalf of HHS.
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE— San Francisco, CA	Regional Public Health Consultant Contact: CAPT Jerry M. Johnson 202-565-1120 Grades: O-4/O-5 VAATS ID: HC-93-0062 Serves as environmental health consultant for National Park Service units located in California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Saipan, and Guam. Emphasis on food safety, water supply, wastewater, and vector-borne diseases. Minimum of 8 years of experience is required as well as a relevant masters degree. Professional registration (P.E., R.S., REHS, CIH, or similar) is mandatory.

Retirements – October

Title/Name	OPDIV/Program
DENTAL	
CAPTAIN	
Andrew P. Goldbeck	IHS
COMMANDER	
James J. Crumbaker	BOP
NURSE	
CAPTAIN	
Betty J. Tateyama	IHS
Daniel J. Walz	IHS
Gladys M. Campbell	NIH
Lynn E. McCourt	NIH
COMMANDER	
Shirley E. Jacobson	IHS
ENGINEER	
CAPTAIN	
David A. Ross	CDC
Terrence O. Hausken	IHS
Alan L. Petersen	IHS
Arthur S. Kawatachi	EPA
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER	
Gary T. Carlisle	IHS
SCIENTIST	
CAPTAIN	
Roger L. Anderson	CDC
William G. Sorenson	CDC
Robert P. Klein	NIH
SANITARIAN	
CAPTAIN	
Richard E. Gross	FDA
Lee A. Shands	IHS
PHARMACY	
CAPTAIN	
Thomas A. Alpert	IHS
Gregory G. Moeller	IHS
HEALTH SERVICES	
CAPTAIN	
Harley V. Piltingsrud	CDC
COMMANDER	
Thomas A. Clemmer	EPA

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Method for Accessing DCP's Electronic Bulletin Board



Access to the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) requires a computer terminal equipped with a modem. The telephone number to connect to EBB is 301-594-2398. The line parameters for your modem/terminal should be set at 300-14400 baud; 8 bits; 1 stop bit; no parity. If you do not have access to the required equipment, it is suggested that you contact your Operating Division/Program to inquire about obtaining the necessary equipment or information on how to obtain the material displayed on the EBB.

If you experience a problem regarding registration or access to the EBB, please contact:

Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC
 ATTN: EBB Project Officer/ODB
 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4A-18
 Rockville, MD 20857-0001
 Phone: 301-594-3396



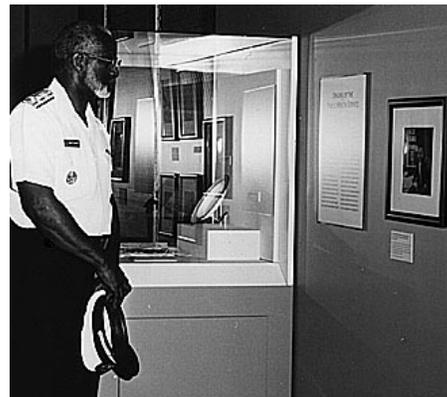
Recent Deaths

The deaths of the following retired officers were reported to the Division of Commissioned Personnel:

<i>Title / Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
MEDICAL	
<i>CAPTAIN</i>	
Gerald D. La Veck	09-20-98
Harry A. Sauberli	09-10-98
Bernard F. Rosenblum	09-26-98
Harold A. Wood	07-26-98
NURSE	
<i>CAPTAIN</i>	
Margurite M. Albrecht	09-27-98
Louise C. Anderson	09-24-98
Vera P. Hansel	06-04-98
<i>LIEUTENANT</i>	
Eva B. Isaacson	02-26-98
SCIENTIST	
<i>CAPTAIN</i>	
Charles H. Powell	09-15-98
THERAPY	
<i>CAPTAIN</i>	
Eleanor G. Loomis	09-01-98
Grant A. Schofield	09-18-98



Surgeon General Satcher tours the National Museum of Health and Medicine



On June 19, 1998, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General David Satcher toured the exhibit "Doctors at the Gate: The U.S. Public Health Service at Ellis Island" at the National Museum of Health and Medicine. PHS Historian John Parascandola, Ph.D., who cocurated the exhibit, conducted the guided tour.



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