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Colleagues:

As the senior ranking officers in the Commissioned Corps, flag officers exemplify the core values for which Commissioned Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service are known. They provide executive level leadership within the Department and to the Agencies to which they are assigned. Our flag officers also carry the title of Assistant Surgeon General and as such they are relied on by the Surgeon General and the Corps to support special initiatives and exhibit the highest caliber of public health leadership.

With approval from Secretary Burwell, we are thrilled to announce the following 14 officers who have been selected for flag-grade promotions.

Assistant Surgeon General, O-7 Grade, effective upon completion of administrative requirements:

CAPT Jose H. Belardo
Regional Health Administrator
Region VI
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Paul Jeffrey Brady
Director
Center for Quality Improvement and Patient
Safety
Agency for Health Research and Quality
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Richard W. Childs
Clinical Director
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Terri R. Clark
Director
Office of Animal Care and Use
Office of the Director
National Institutes of Health
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Michelle E. Dunwoody
Chief Nurse
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice

CAPT Margaret M. Kitt
Deputy Director
National Institute for Occupational Safety and
Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT James F. Lando
Regional Health Administrator
Region V
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Carmen T. Maher
Deputy Director
Office of Counterterrorism and Emergent
Threats
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Jonathan H. Mermin
Director
National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral
Hepatitis, STD & TB Prevention
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Charles T. Reidhead
Chief Medical Officer
Phoenix Area
Indian Health Service
Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Jordan W. Tappero
Director
Division of Global Health Protection
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Health and Human Services

Assistant Surgeon General, O-8 grade, effective October 1, 2015:

RADM Scott F. Giberson
Director
Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel
and Readiness
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services

RADM Kevin D. Meeks
Area Director
Oklahoma Area
Indian Health Service
Department of Health and Human Services

RADM Kerry Paige Nessler
Director
Office of Global Health Affairs
Bureau of Health Workforce
Health Resources and Services
Administration
Department of Health and Human Services

Please join us in congratulating these fine officers!

Sincerely,



Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A.
VADM, USPHS
Surgeon General



Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc
Acting Assistant Secretary for Health