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**By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:**

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SUBJECT: Award of Military Decorations

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Instruction is to prescribe the manner in which military ribbons, medals, and decorations are eligible to be awarded to officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps), as awarded from the Department of Defense (DoD).
2. APPLICABILITY: This instruction applies to all Corps officers on extended active duty.
3. AUTHORITIES:
  - 3-1. [42 USC 202](#), "Administration and Supervision of Service"
  - 3-2. [42 USC 213\(b\)](#), "Military Benefits, Award of Decorations"
  - 3-3. [42 USC 216](#), "Regulations"
  - 3-4. [Executive Order 11140](#), dated 30 January 1964
  - 3-5. [68 FR 70507](#), dated 18 December 2003
  - 3-6. DoD Manual [1348.33-M](#), Manual of Military Decorations and Awards
  - 3-7. Memorandum Signed by Secretary, HHS, dated 24 July 2003; "Delegations of Authorities Relating to the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps"
  - 3-8. DoD Memorandum Signed by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness), dated 29 June 2009; "Award of Military Decorations to U.S. Public Health Service Officers"
4. PROPONENT: The proponent of this Instruction is the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH). The responsibility for assuring the day-to-day management of the Corps is the Surgeon General (SG).
5. SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND UPDATES: This is the first issuance of this Instruction within the Commissioned Corps Issuance System (CCIS) and creates a stand alone Instruction within the CCIS.

## 6. POLICY:

- 6-1. Effective on or after 2 August 1990, Corps officers assigned, attached, or detailed for full-time or part-time duty to DoD or any of its components are eligible for U.S. military ribbons, medals, and decorations on the same basis as a member of the Armed Forces assigned to DoD or any of its components.
- 6-2. DoD policies preclude duplicate recognition for the same act or service. No U.S. military ribbon, medal, or decoration shall be awarded to any Corps officer who has been recognized for the same act or service through the award of a Corps ribbon, medal, or decoration.
- 6-3. No U.S. military ribbon, medal, or decoration shall be awarded to a Corps officer without the administrative concurrence of the Secretary of HHS or his/her designee.
- a. Administrative concurrence shall include confirmation that the Corps officer:
- (1) Is in good standing as described in [CC27.1.1](#), "Awards Program," Section 6-9, dated 6 August 2007.
  - (2) Has not or will not receive a Corps ribbon, medal, or decoration for which the same or similar U.S. military ribbon, medal, or decoration is being proffered or awarded for the same act or service.

## 7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 7-1. The ASH is responsible for establishing policies related to and/or acceptance of U.S. military ribbons, medals, and decorations for wear by Corps officers awarded by DoD or any of its components.
- 7-2. The Director of the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations (OCCO), through the SG, is delegated the authority to administratively approve military awards and authorize the wearing of awards from other uniformed services, as per [CC27.9.1](#), "Authorization to Wear Non-PHS Awards," and [CC27.1.1](#), "Awards Program."

## 8. PROCEDURES:

- 8-1. The single point of contact within DoD for obtaining administrative approval for all DoD ribbons, medals, and decorations is:
- Uniformed Services and Protocol Office  
USPHS Commissioned Corps Liaison Officer  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)  
1200 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E1070  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1200
- 8-2. The USPHS Commissioned Corps Liaison Officer shall forward administrative approval requests of DoD awards to the Director of OCCO for administrative approval and administrative processing.
- 8-3. Criterion and internal DoD procedures for awarding DoD awards for Corps officers shall be in accordance with the DoD Memorandum "Award of Military Decorations to U.S. Public Health Service Officers," dated 29 June 2009, and DoD Manual 1348.33-M.

9. HISTORY: This is the first issuance of this Instruction within the Commissioned Corps Issuance System (CCIS) and creates a stand alone Instruction within the CCIS.