

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

PERSONNEL POLICY MEMORANDUM



PPM 09-002
EFFECTIVE DATE: 18 December 2008

By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health

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TO: All Regular and Reserve Corps Officers on Extended Active Duty

SUBJECT: Global Health Campaign Medal

1. This PPM amends Commissioned Corps Instructions [CC27.1.1](#), "Awards Program," dated 6 August 2007, and [CC26.3.3](#), "Wear of Ribbons and Medals," dated 28 August 2008, by creating a new award for wear by officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) or for members of other uniformed services who meet the specified eligibility criteria.
2. Eligibility Criteria.
 - a. Any Regular Corps, Reserve Corps or Inactive Reserve Corps officer who, in a Global Health Initiative Assignment, has served outside of the United States in foreign posts while on temporary or permanent assignment qualifies for the Global Health Campaign Medal (GHCM).
 - b. Qualification for this award does not include service in any State of the United States. As defined in [42 USC 201](#), the term "State" includes the 50 States and the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and all other areas formerly encompassed in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.
 - c. An officer may qualify for only one GHCM, therefore, no service stars are authorized for wear.
 - d. An officer assigned on a ship that transits through international waters with stops in international ports, qualifies for the GHCM.
3. Missions, objectives or operations led by Corps officers or uniformed service members representing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department), any of HHS Operating Divisions (OPDIV), Staff Divisions (STAFFDIV), non-HHS organizations or have served aboard naval vessels in Joint Service missions are initially included in this award, and are not limited to:
 - a. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) or the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008;

- b. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI);
 - c. Partnerships for the Americas, Joint Services mission embarked on the USNS *Comfort* (T-AH20);
 - d. Pacific Partnership, Joint Services missions embarked on the USNS *Mercy* (T-AH19) or the USS *Peleliu* (LHA-5); and/or
 - e. Continuing Promise, Joint Service mission embarked on the USS *Boxer* (LHD-4).
- 4. Support and administrative personnel who did not leave their primary duty station and the United States, as defined in 2b, are ineligible for the GHCM.
 - 5. The GHCM will be awarded in lieu of the Foreign Duty Service Award (FDA) and the Special Assignment Service Award (SAA) for Global Health missions, objectives or operations after the establishment of this award. Officers who previously were awarded the FDA or the SAA for previous Global Health missions, objectives or operations will not forfeit those awards.
 - 6. The missions, objective or operations will be defined by the Assistant Secretary for Health as to whether or not they are part of the Secretary of HHS' Global Health Initiative plan.
 - 7. Eligibility time period will be retroactive to 26 January 2005 to a future date to be determined.
 - 8. The GHCM will be placed in the order of precedence after the PHS Smallpox Eradication Campaign Ribbon and before the PHS Hazardous Duty Service Award.
 - 9. This PPM will remain in effect until rescinded.

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