

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

PERSONNEL OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM



POM 12-006
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11 January 2012

By Order of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service:

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

SUBJECT: Global Health Campaign Medal

1. This Personnel Operations Memorandum (POM) establishes the operational procedures and guidelines to implement the Commissioned Corps Instructions CC27.1.1, "Awards Program", dated 6 August 2007 as amended by Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) 09-002 dated 18 December 2008, "Global Health Campaign Medal (GHCM)". Requests are initiated by one of the following:
 - a. The Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) will submit to the Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness (DCCPR) a list of officers deployed to the event who meet the criteria in PPM 09-002;
 - b. The OPDIV/STAFFDIV or non-HHS organization emergency response coordinator, if the officer was deployed directly by the OPDIV/STAFFDIV or non-HHS organization, will submit to the Director, DCCPR a list of officers deployed to the event who meet the criteria in PPM 09-002. DCCPR will validate each officer's readiness status and approve/disapprove awarding of the GHCM.
2. Eligibility.
 - a. Deployments to the following missions:
 1. 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;
 2. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI);
 3. Partnerships for the Americas, Joint Services mission embarked on the USNS *Comfort* (T-AH20);
 4. Pacific Partnership, Joint services mission embarked on the USNS *Mercy* (T-AH19) or the USNS *Peleliu* (LHA-5); and

5. Continuing Promise, Joint Services mission embarked on the USS *Boxer* (LHD-4)
 - b. Requests for consideration of missions not covered by PPM-09-002 and this POM should be sent to the attention of the Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General.
3. Requests for the GHCM:
- a. Must include:
 1. Officer Name;
 2. Rank;
 3. PHS Serial Number;
 4. Direct Access Employee ID Number;
 5. Mission Designation (e.g., Pacific Partnership);
 6. Copies of travel order(s) and voucher(s) are required to document the assignment(s)

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