



# The JOAG Journal

*A newsletter by junior officers for junior officers*

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## Letter from the Chair

Dear Junior Officers,

It is my distinct pleasure to serve as the JOAG Chair for the 2013-2014 operational year. I am both honored and humbled to be entrusted with such a significant role, carrying on the immense and important work done by the Chairs before me.

When I joined JOAG shortly after my call to active duty in 2009, I had no idea how connected and passionate I would become in fulfilling the mission of the organization. My JOAG experiences have taken me from leading the Membership Committee's Meet and Greet Subcommittee, to co-chairing the Development Committee and most recently, chairing the Policy and Procedures Committee and serving as JOAG Chair-elect. Along the way, I have seen some of our organization's most important facets in action: advising the Surgeon General of the United States; supporting and networking with newly commissioned officers; partnering with our sister services; providing training and professional development opportunities to junior officers; liaising with Professional Advisory Committees and other Commissioned Corps organizations; promoting esprit de Corps with creative memorabilia; developing informative publications; and recognizing junior officer accomplishments with prestigious awards. I am proud to say that JOAG is a hardworking, committed group, with significant accomplishments to our credit.

The theme for the 2013-2014 operational year is "Back to Basics." JOAG has done incredible work in the 11 years since it was first chartered, but there is still much to be



**Former JOAG Chair LT Tilghman (L) passes gavel to new JOAG Chair LCDR Williams (R)**

done, particularly in fulfilling our basic mission as an advisory group to the Surgeon General. There are many ways we can leverage our collective expertise and talents to truly advocate on issues of importance to junior officers, provide feedback on policies and initiatives, and develop ideas to enhance the Commissioned Corps as a whole.

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## Junior Officer Spotlight

Contributed by LT Amy Luo

**Officer:** LT Daveta L. Bailey  
**Category:** Environmental Health Officer  
**Education:** BS in Health Education and Promotion, BS in Environmental Health, & MS in Management with an emphasis on Homeland Security  
**Hometown:** Oxon Hill, MD  
**Agency:** Food and Drug Administration

**Current Assignment and Duties:** I am responsible for planning, assigning, reviewing, and evaluating the work and product performance of 11 Domestic and Import Investigators.

**Previous Assignments:** My previous assignments include: 2005, Nurse Extern COSTEP, NIH-Clinical Center, Rockville, MD, 2006, Environmental Health Extern COSTEP, NIH-Clinical Center, Rockville, MD and 2007-2013, FDA Consumer Safety Officer, Tampa, FL, Tallahassee, FL, and Raleigh NC

**How did you find out about the PHS?** I learned about PHS from a fellow nursing student at NC Central University.

**What are your goals with the PHS?** My goal with PHS is to develop and implement opportunities of progression for all junior officers through education, technology, and leadership.

### What is your most memorable PHS experience so far?

It was Veterans Day 2012 and I was in the uniform clothing store at Fort Dix, New Jersey. RDF 3 utilized their barracks for lodging while supporting Hurricane Sandy Residents. I noticed a patron was having a hard time breathing. I went to her and asked her if she was okay. She was very ill but was determined to get items for her uniform (she was retired Army) to wear to her church Veterans Day program. I stayed with her for a while, got her water, ranks & insignias, and then got her to her car. What I didn't know was that the Brigade Command Sergeant Major (CSM) was also in the store. He noticed me and what I did for the woman. He complimented me for helping her and asked if I was stationed there? I explained that I was just billeting there while deployed. He had no idea what PHS was. He allowed me to go through our whole story starting with... "In 1798..."

The CSM showed up at our barracks later that evening and presented me with a Commander and Command Sergeant Major 174th Infantry Brigade "Patriots on Point" Excellence Coin. He said that he was proud to have met me and was proud of our PHS



LT Daveta L. Bailey

mission. He then left with a "truckload" full of bottled water, headed for a shelter we spoke about.

### What advice would you give to prospective PHS applicants (or other Jr. Officers)?

My advice to a prospective applicant would be to truly understand the Merriam Webster definitions of: leadership, service, integrity, excellence, and honor. I would also tell them that they are joining the finest uniformed service in the world and to always remain ready, flexible, and at your very best!

### Have your skillset and/or responsibilities with the FDA helped you become a better PHS Officer?

Yes, I believe it has. In the past six years with the FDA, I have been allowed to utilize my educational background, experience, and talent which have strengthened my Emergency Response and Team Leader Experience. It makes a big difference when performing PHS support activities and deployments.

*If you are interested in appearing in the next Junior Officer Spotlight, please contact LT Amy Luo at [amy.luo@ihs.gov](mailto:amy.luo@ihs.gov).*

# The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) Frequently Asked Questions

Contributed by LCDR Gene R. Gunn, Jr.

I have been receiving a lot of questions regarding purchasing and wearing the ODU. I have included in this article the most commonly asked questions. Many of these questions have been answered by LCDR James “Kyle” Lyons who is the Uniform Coordinator in the Office of the Surgeon General.

- Am I required to own the ODU foul weather gear (Parka II, Utility Jacket, Fleece Liner)?

Every officer shall own the required equipment for deployments. If you are deployed in a cold weather situation you are expected to have the appropriate gear. Not owning the appropriate foul weather equipment cannot be used as an excuse to wear civilian clothing with your uniform.

- What is the last day the BDU can be worn?

The BDU will be phased out on December 31, 2014.

- I noticed that there is a Fleece Liner authorized for wear. I cannot find it on the UDC website. Where can I purchase it?

The Fleece Liner can be purchased from the following website -  
<http://www.eopper.com/p-108-uscg-foul-weather-liner-ii.aspx>

- I recently tried to order my ODUs and found that my size was not in stock, any idea when they might be available?

The UDC has recently received new shipments of ODUs and all sizes should now be readily available.



Figure 1

- I saw the USCG Foul Weather Parka I for sale on the Proper website ([www.eopper.com](http://www.eopper.com)), can I order this version rather than the Parka II?

No, the Parka I is too short to be worn with untucked ODUs.

- I purchased my blue Command Ball Cap from Walter Reed and the rank insignia seems to be rather large. Is this the appropriate size?

No, Command Ball Caps purchased from Walter Reed and the PHS Officer Device Supply Center were manufactured incorrectly. You should return it for a refund and purchase a new Cap from NEX online or the UDC. The correct rank insignia is shown in Figure 1.

*In addition to being the recurring author of the “Uniform Corner”, LCDR Gunn is also JOAG's voting representative on the Uniform Advisory Committee. Please send any ideas for future “Uniform Corner” columns to LCDR Gene Gunn at [gene.gunn@fda.hhs.com](mailto:gene.gunn@fda.hhs.com).*

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## Admiral's Corner

Contributed by LCDR David Wright

RADM David L. Ashley, Ph.D. is currently Director of the Office of Science at the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He was appointed in June 2010. The Office of Science at CTP is responsible for identifying, developing, and enhancing the science related to tobacco products, their use and the resulting morbidity and mortality so that regulatory decisions will have the greatest impact on improving public health. He was a contributing author for the recent Surgeon General's Report entitled *How Tobacco Causes Disease--The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Tobacco-Attributable Disease*. He has presented extensively at scientific meetings on the chemistry of tobacco and tobacco smoke and biomarkers of exposure. Dr. Ashley serves on the World Health Organization (WHO) Study Group for Tobacco Product Regulation and was formerly the Chair of the WHO Tobacco Laboratory Network from 2006 until 2010.

**AC:** What event(s) in your life led you to become a scientist, a Ph.D. and a Flag officer?

**RADM Ashley:** When I was 14 years old, my mother was diagnosed with colon cancer. I was already interested in science and can remember talking to her and thinking that I wanted to work at NIH and try to help find a cure. In spite of multiple operations over the next few years, she died during my freshman year in college. But, I still had the desire to do something that would make a big difference in people's lives and their health, even if I couldn't help her. Working at CDC and FDA has given me the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. That's what continues to get me to work every morning and keeps me going every day.

**AC:** What has been the best experience you have ever had in the USPHS Commissioned Corps?

**RADM Ashley:** My flight to Atlanta was delayed and as I was sitting waiting for the plane, a group of middle school kids came and sat down in the seats around me. One student looked across the aisle, at my nametag and asked "Public Health Service, what's that?" With that question, I began a 2-hour conversation with 10 Middle School students about the Commissioned Corps, public service, public health, tobacco, and whether cigarettes really made your lungs look like the pictures that the students pulled up on a

cell phone. Also, if I had not been in uniform, he never



would have asked in the first place.

**AC:** As a Flag officer with a long career of service, what is your message to Corps officers in uniform who perform the mission?

I would have been just another traveler frustrated by a long delay. And I would have missed a wonderful opportunity to talk to some really smart kids about subjects that are near dear to me. And who knows, maybe one of them will look back on that conversation years from now when they are thinking about career possibilities and decide to go into public health and maybe even become a Commissioned officer.

**RADM Ashley:** All Commissioned Officers are the ones that have the opportunity to interact with the public and tell them what we do and why it is important. Be ready to answer about what you do and how the Public Health Service serves the needs of the American people. Most will be glad that they learned about public health and prevention.

## Fitness Corner

Contributed by the Public Health & Community Service Committee

The First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama, has challenged Americans to promote physical fitness and good nutrition habits in our youth. As officers in the United States Public Health Service, it is important that we serve as leaders in our communities to respond to this challenge. The Officer Health and Wellness Promotion Subcommittee (OHWPS) of the Public Health and Community Service Committee would like to announce a very exciting opportunity for JOAG officers across the country to participate in the national *Let's Move!* campaign. On behalf of JOAG, the OHWPS has created its very own *Lets Move!* volunteer program, which offers JOAG members the chance to lead projects that promote the ideals of *Let's Move!* in their hometowns.

The purpose of the JOAG *Let's Move!* program is to encourage and support Commissioned Corps Officers in their pursuit of actively promoting health and wellness within their communities by leading activities that accomplish one or more of the following *Let's Move!* Campaign objectives: 1) Creating a healthy start for children, 2) Empowering parents and caregivers, 3) Providing healthy food in schools, 4) Improving access to healthy affordable foods, and 5) Increasing physical activity and encouraging healthy eating choices.

JOAG officers from all across the country will have the ability to participate in this program. The currently available activity package includes one pre-approved activity highlighting the MyPlate.gov principles that officers can implement at a school, daycare, church, or other venue at a time that is most convenient to them. There is also the opportunity for officers to create their own activities to submit for approval and use by other officers. Leading or participating in a program activity will result in a Letter of Appreciation for your eOPF.

Please join the OHWPS in responding to the First Lady's challenge!



*America's Move to Raise a Healthier Generation of Kids*

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For more information, please visit the JOAG webpage at: [http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/JOAG/resources\\_letsmove.aspx](http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/JOAG/resources_letsmove.aspx). The program's standard operating procedures, administrative forms, and a pre-approved MyPlate activity can all be found there. Alternatively, contact LCDR Kelly Ngan ([kelly.ngan@hhs.gov](mailto:kelly.ngan@hhs.gov)) or LCDR Catherine Beer ([catherine.beer@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:catherine.beer@fda.hhs.gov)) for more details.

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## National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee

Contributed by LCDR Dipti Kalra, LTs Dana Robison and Margaret Whitaker

After the National Prevention Strategy (NPS) was released two years ago, JOAG restructured the Public Health and Community Service Committee (formerly the Inter-Services Collaboration Committee) to include the National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee. It is tasked with supporting the direction of the NPS and assisting with public health-related community service activity opportunities. The subcommittee partners with non-profit organizations whose missions are aligned with the NPS but who require volunteers to carry out their mission. The subcommittee has been coordinating several new community service opportunities for PHS officers.

### So Others Might Eat

On an early Sunday morning, thirteen PHS officers woke up to serve breakfast to homeless and extremely poor residents of Washington, DC in the dining room of So Others Might Eat (SOME). SOME is a nonprofit organization that provides services to homeless and extremely poor individuals in Washington, DC. Officers served breakfast to hundreds of hungry individuals from 0645 to 0915. The response to this event was overwhelmingly positive, and LT Robison is working with the SOME volunteer coordinator to make this a quarterly event for PHS officers in the DC area.

### National Trails Day

On a Saturday morning nearly 200 officers across the country volunteered on National Trails Day to help promote physical activity for Americans. This marked the first nationwide subcommittee project. Officers cleaned and rebuilt sections of trail, trimmed trail vegetation, restored erosion control measures, performed landscaping, and supported many more park preservation projects at 17 parks in 15 states from Maryland to Alaska. PHS officers networked with the National Park Service, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops of America, and other community groups throughout the country, greatly increasing awareness of the PHS in areas previously unaware of PHS presence and activities. This event occurs annually, and was organized this year by LT Margaret Whittaker.



PHS Officers volunteer at the DC Kitchen

### DC Central Kitchen

On Sunday AM, 21 officers volunteered at DC Central Kitchen in Washington, DC. DC Central Kitchen distributes over 5,000 nutritious meals every day to over 100 partner agencies that feed the homeless and hungry. PHS officers prepared and cut chicken, chopped vegetables for salad, made baked beans, mashed potatoes, prepared homemade vegetable soup, and helped the kitchen staff label and box the food for delivery. LCDR Dipti Kalra and LT Dana Robison organized the well-received event and the subcommittee plans to organize regular volunteer opportunities at DC Central Kitchen.

### Get Involved

The NPS Subcommittee is coordinating several future projects, including volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity and Girls on the Run. The subcommittee and the community have greatly benefited from the initiative shown by all project leaders in identifying a need in the community and organizing a response. The subcommittee is always looking for officers interested in starting projects in their local area. Even a small group can make a difference and increase visibility in the community. If you want to join the subcommittee, please contact: LCDR Jennifer Myles ([mylesjg@cc.nih.gov](mailto:mylesjg@cc.nih.gov)).

## Preparing for Promotion Success

Contributed by CDR Mary McCormick

Congratulations to those of you recently selected for promotion! For those officers aspiring to be promoted next year, as Promotion Coordinator, I have some helpful information regarding preparation for boards.

First, be aware of the promotion cycle:

September is when promotion eligibility is announced in the “Secure Area” of the Commissioned Corps Management Information System (CCMIS) website.

December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all board review documents. This includes the annual COER (submitted electronically) and the Reviewing Official’s Statement (ROS) –completed by your Reviewing Official and submitted through your agency Liaison. It also applies to documents that you submit yourself: Officer’s Statement (OS), Curriculum vitae (CV), etc.

Spring is when the promotion boards for each category meet and review your records.

June is when the promotion results are usually released.

Preparing for promotion should be an ongoing process for all PHS officers; it is best thought of as a marathon, rather than a sprint. You are responsible for the timely submission and quality (currency and accuracy) of documents in your eOPF. You are also responsible for verifying what is in your eOPF. After sending a document to the eOPF fax line, you should receive an email confirmation. It is your responsibility to check your eOPF and make sure the correct documents are present and legible.

The most important documents for promotion board review are the OS, ROS, COERs, CV and the Promotion Information Report (PIR). Missing or outdated documents contribute significantly to lower promotion scores. *\*The board cannot evaluate what is not there!\**

For 2013, there were:

360 missing Officer’s Statements

237 missing Reviewing Official’s Statements

76 missing COERs

Officers are solely responsible for the OS, and partially responsible for the ROS and COER submission. A current, category specific CV should also be faxed to the eOPF fax line by December 31st.

Officers should also check their PIRs for accuracy, particularly regarding billet level. Your billet level is shown in the “Current Assignment” section on the PIR. The grades shown in the “Assignment History” section reflect your rank at the time of the personnel action, not your billet level. The billet transformation process was implemented in 2012, but there is still some confusion regarding this. Some officers’ CVs state a different billet level than what is on their PIR. Make sure that your CV matches your PIR.

One entirely preventable reason that officers miss being promoted is failure to meet one or more of the administrative requirements. These requirements apply to all promotions, and are applied after the boards have met. Mandatory administrative requirements are:

No missing COERs (in past 5 years)

Most recent annual COER is satisfactory

Current license on file at DCCPR (if required by your discipline)

No current or pending adverse actions

Must maintain basic readiness (See NOTE)

**NOTE:** Officers not ready at the December 31<sup>st</sup> Readiness check will receive an automatic “Not Recommend” for promotion. Officers not ready at the March 31st Readiness check will be removed from the promotion list, regardless of score or ranking. Also, please keep in mind that your 5-year physical exam must be current. A [Report of Medical History \(DD2807-1\)](#), completed within the past year, must be submitted for those of you up for permanent promotion.

For more information regarding the promotion process, visit the Promotions webpage at <http://dcp.psc.gov/CCMIS/promotions/promotions.aspx>. This page will be updated in to reflect any changes for PY 2014.

## JOAG Award Recipients

Contributed by LCDRs Liatte Krueger and Adora Ndu

JOAG presented its three annual awards at the 2013 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium in Glendale, AZ. Descriptions of the awards and the recipients follow.

### VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award

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JOAG was fortunate that Dr. Carmona himself was able to present the award this year. This award recognizes an active duty senior PHS officer for leadership by example, mentorship and empowerment of junior officers, unwavering support of the Commissioned Corps and its mission, and overall inspiration and motivation of the PHS Community.

The recipient of this year's Carmona Award is CDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, Supervisory Team Leader with the FDA's Office of Executive Programs, Division of Advisory Committee and Consultant Management. CDR Ngo provides a profound level of guidance and mentorship to not only the nominee and junior officers in her role at the FDA, but to other officers as well across all categories of the Commissioned Corps. CDR Ngo is also an inspiration to junior officers through her exceptional officership, her ability to motivate junior officers to get involved with different networks, and her ability to shape junior officers into future mentors.

### JOAG Excellence Award

The JOAG Excellence Award recognizes an active, non-voting member of JOAG for demonstrating outstanding, dedicated effort, and commitment to JOAG through active committee participation. The criteria for this award include notable committee or workgroup achievements, commitment to the mission and goals of JOAG, and demonstrated leadership both within JOAG and within the Corps as a whole.

The recipient of the 2013 JOAG Excellence Award is LCDR Mark Miller. LCDR Mark Miller is a Senior Scientist and Toxicologist for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development in Washington, DC. LCDR Miller is an exemplary leader within the PHS and the U.S. EPA. In 2010 he was deployed to support RADM Galloway as a human health

subject matter expert in response to the Deep Water Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. He served on the Surgeon General's Accountability Working Group developing and evaluating the newly formed DCCPR.

LCDR Miller currently serves on Rapid Deployment Force 1 and many JOAG committees. For instance, he is the SOP Subcommittee Lead for the Membership Committee, the JOAG Brochure Lead for the Communications & Publications Committee, and an active contributor to the Professional Development Committee.

The Junior Officer of the Year Award recognizes an active duty PHS junior officer who has made a significant contribution to the overall mission of the PHS. This contribution is measured by outcomes and impacts of the officer's service, demonstrated leadership within the officer's agency and within the PHS, and innovative approach or unique contribution to the agency's or PHS's mission.

### Junior Officer of the Year

The recipient of the 2013 Junior Officer of the Year Award is LCDR Seth Green, Clinical Psychologist for the US Army's 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), and 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter AAF in Georgia. LCDR Green provides rapid and effective response to the behavioral health needs of the population he serves, and has shown his commitment to the mission and core values of the PHS on his deployments to Afghanistan by increasing access to care and behavioral health resources.

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# Space-A Travel for the Beginner

Contributed by LCDR Hobart Rogers

## What is Space-A travel?

Space-A (space available) travel is a **privileged** benefit that allows Uniformed Services members and their dependents to occupy unused seats on DoD-owned or -controlled aircraft. These unused seats can be utilized (for free in most cases) to travel to various destinations. The purpose of this article is to familiarize Commissioned Corps officers with this benefit and provide the resources to further educate themselves.

## What are the risks of Space-A travel?

Utilizing space-A travel is inherently a risk/benefit proposition. Only you will be able to decide if space-A is something you want to utilize. The risks are centered around not being able to find a flight to/from your destination and the possible consequences of having to purchase last minute commercial airfare in its place. The benefits of space-A are manifold, but the main benefit is obvious; space-A travel provides you with an opportunity to travel to various destinations for free or a simple head-tax (usually less than \$20/person).

## Where can I find more information about Space-A?

There are a number of great resources available on the Internet. The first place I recommend is [www.spacea.net](http://www.spacea.net). This website acts as a great resource as it not only orients the user to the basics of space-A travel, but it also answers various FAQs. After familiarizing oneself with the information on this website, the user will have a good idea of the basics of space-A. Another good resource is [www.pepperd.com](http://www.pepperd.com). This is a forum and requires sign-up before reading the threads, but it is an excellent source of information and trip reports.

## Where does one go to take a Space-A flight?

Space-A flights originate from various military bases along with a few commercial terminals (BWI, SeaTac). A list of these terminals can be viewed on the aforementioned websites. Of note, some terminals regularly have flights, while others do not. One place to find flight schedules, and subsequent seat availability, is on the terminal's Facebook page. Flight schedules are usually posted 48-72 hours ahead of time.

## How does one go about participating in Space-A travel?

The first step is to sign-up for Space-A travel. To sign-up, one must be on leave status and remain on leave status to take a Space-A trip. There are a number of ways to sign-up (online, phone, fax, in person). All of these ways inform the military terminal(s) that you are on leave status and are interested in taking a flight. I find the most convenient way to sign-up is [www.takeahop.com](http://www.takeahop.com).

This website guides you through the sign-up process and the data needed. Without actually signing up you can peruse this website to see what information is required.

So by now I hope I have at least piqued your curiosity about Space-A. Now you can utilize these tools to decide if space-A is right for you. You owe it to yourself to at least look into this travel benefit we are afforded. Happy travels!

## What Happened at AMSUS 2014

Contributed by LCDRs Jennifer Cheng-Dobson, Rachel Idowu and LT Stephanie Magill

### AMSUS meeting a big success.

Wondering what happened at the AMSUS Annual Meeting in Seattle this year? Or perhaps you are wondering just what AMSUS is? The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) started in 1891 and Congress chartered it in 1903 to advance the knowledge of healthcare within the federal agencies and to increase the effectiveness of its members. The USPHS (legacy Marine-Hospital Service) was one of the founding services along with the Army and Navy. Originally started as a membership for military surgeons, AMSUS is more commonly known as “The Society of Federal Health Professionals.” It now represents all aspects of federal medicine – professional, scientific, educational, and administrative. Members include health professionals serving in the Active and Reserve Components of all of the uniformed services as well as the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Every year, AMSUS holds an annual meeting, and this year the Public Health Service served as the sponsoring service. Acting Surgeon General RADM Lushniak led a half-day USPHS Plenary Session to kick –off the AMSUS meeting. It was a great opportunity to talk about the amazing contributions that the 6700 Commissioned Corps officers make every year.

Over 1,000 military healthcare professionals and over 100 International Delegates attended the week-long AMSUS meeting to hear from world renowned speakers, network across services nationally and internationally. Attendees also had the opportunity to view demonstrations of the latest technology in healthcare, and most importantly, attendees earn continuing education credits.

Some of the highlights for junior officers attending the meeting included:

- AMSUS Poster Presentation where junior officers presented firsthand to the Acting US Surgeon General and RADM Dawn Wyllie as they did a full walkthrough of the session. All presenters were also presented an AMSUS Certificate of Appreciation by RADM Lushniak along with a photo op.
- Officers participated in and signed the national anthem for AMSUS Opening Ceremonies, the USPHS Plenary session, and also the AMSUS Awards Ceremony
- Junior Officers attended the Welcoming Reception for the International Delegation and networked with USPHS officers, with officers from our sister services, and also the numerous officers from 40 of our allied countries, including many Surgeons Generals.

- The USPHS Social/Dinner and AMSUS Awards dinner provided opportunities to meet other officers and network.
- Many officers participated in staffing and supporting the USPHS Booth.
- Some junior officers attended a meet and greet at the University of Washington, which was attended by 150+ UW students from all six Health Science Schools. USPHS junior officers organized this event with RADM Wyllie and RADM O’Carroll. RADM Lushniak also attended. USPHS Officers from all categories spoke.
- RADM (Ret.) George Blue Spruce received the 2014 AMSUS Lifetime Achievement Award. He was the first in many things, including the first Native American Dentist, and the first Native American Flag Officer in any branch.

If you are interested in attending next year, AMSUS will be in Washington DC on December 2-6, 2014 at the Washington Convention Center.

**Join AMSUS:** <http://www.amsus.org/index.php/apply-for-amsus-membership-online>

*Letter from the Chair (Continued from Page 1)*

With the “Back to Basics” theme in mind, the priorities for this operational year are to:

- Support and provide feedback on the Office of the Surgeon General’s strategic initiatives and activities
- Advocate on behalf of junior officers and ensure junior officer representation on Corps-level workgroups and committees
- Contribute to advancing both the Corps and public health practice
- Promote junior officer connectivity and esprit de Corps

I will be enlisting the help of all the JOAG Committees to re-develop our Strategic Plan to outline the best direction for accomplishing these goals. I also encourage JOAG general members to contribute actively to this process, as we need your vigor, skills, and passion now more than ever.

JOAG continues to welcome new officers to join our organization in fulfilling its mission. If you are an officer who is still “on the fence” about becoming more active in JOAG, I encourage you to participate in an observer capacity on conference calls to learn more about a committee while you decide if it is the best fit for you. Visit our website at <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/joag/> to learn more about our organization, committee chair contact information, and ways to get involved. With 10 committees, 62 subcommittees, and 5 workgroups, I am confident that JOAG will have something that suits your interest.

As USPHS officers, we make a significant impact on the health of the nation. Let us continue to esteem the core values of leadership, integrity, service, and excellence. As you fulfill your work responsibilities, and seek to go above and beyond those duties by being involved in JOAG, I hope you will find the experience as exciting, challenging, productive and enriching as I have.

Thank you for your service to the Corps and our nation.

Respectfully,

LCDR Racquel Williams

Chair, Junior Officer Advisory Group

**2013-2014 JOAG Executive Committee**

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**Vice-Chair:** LCDR Tina Walther

**Chair-Elect:** LCDR Jessica Otto

**Executive Secretary:** LCDR Kari Irvin

**Financial Liaison:** LT Kazu Okumura

## USPHS Officers Deploy to Boston Marathon Explosions

Contributed by CDRs Dale Thompson, Julie Niven and LCDR Aimee Williams

Two explosive devices were detonated at the Boston Marathon finish line, resulting in shrapnel injuries and death to bystanders, marathon participants, volunteers, and race officials. The impact of this event reverberated throughout the community and resulted in a need to support and protect the mental health of those affected in the Boston metropolitan area. The State of Massachusetts requested federal assistance for disaster response to include the deployment of PHS Officers under the Department of Health and Human Services. Officers from Fort Carson with Mental Health Team (MHT) #3, were deployed in an effort by Office of Force Readiness and Deployment to put “boots-on-the-ground”, with PHS Officers arriving within 24 hours of the bombing. The MHT was made up of 20 Officers with mental health disaster training.

DCCPR recently made adjustments to deployment teams’ structures such that MHTs were identified as “stand alone” teams, giving DCCPR the capability to deploy the MHTs outside of Federal Medical Station (FMS).

The primary mission of mental health disaster response is to mitigate the adverse effects of trauma by promoting and protecting psychological well-being. For the Boston mission, this was addressed in outreach efforts providing Psychological First Aid (PFA), psycho-education, referrals, and assisting in developing long-term psychological support plans to the marathon officials, first responder groups, universities/colleges, and other interest groups or city officials.

The MIC was a pre-staged Medical Command Team specific to the Boston Marathon, staffed by key community leaders, the Boston Public Health Commission (PBHC) and Boston EMS. The existence of the MIC is one of the unique features of this deployment, such that a team of experts and key personnel were “in place” with a working All-Hazards Preparedness Plan in which PHS could integrate and operate. From the moment of the explosions the MIC was a counter response in support of the victims, family members, organizers, volunteers, businesses, education centers, and the community at large. Requests for services

and support came in daily to the MIC for vetting and resource management. The MHT worked collaboratively in establishing a match for services and coordinating resources. The primary PHS missions were providing mental health services to the Boston Athletic Association (i.e., host of the Boston Marathon) and first responder groups in emergency management services.

A statement made by a staff member of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital had a particular power and resonance for a uniformed service wielding mental health providers at the ready. Through tears she said, “...when I saw you Officers walk together in through our hospital halls, I said to myself ‘here comes the Calvary of Mental Health’”.

Officers of the USPHS stand ready to serve so that what is right about humanity will continue to maintain a foothold against forces, man-made and natural, that threaten our people. Our Officers are proud to partner up with the Fort Carson team in serving the needs of those that defend our Nation. We stand ready to fulfill the obligations of our charge to this Nation when called upon.

## Partnership of the Medical Reserve Corps and the American Health Occupations Student Organization

Contributed by the JOAG HOSA Subcommittee

The Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (DCVMRC) is headquartered in the Office of the Surgeon General, and serves as the voice of the national network of local MRC volunteer units. MRC units are community based, and function to organize and utilize local health professional and other volunteers. They donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year, and prepare for and respond to emergencies. These volunteers support local public health initiatives, local hospitals, and health departments, while advancing the priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General. ([www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov))

HOSA came to existence when six states convened to plan a national leadership organization in 1975. From this meeting, the American Health Occupations Student Organization was born. A year later, a Constitutional Convention was held, and a formal structure was developed. During this convention the organization's name was shortened to the Health Occupations Students of America, and by-laws were adopted. In 1977, at the Annual Convention of the American Vocational Association, the House of Delegates passed a resolution to recognize HOSA as the National Student Organization for Health Occupations Education, to promote the inclusion of HOSA in the list of vocational organizations recognized by the U.S. Office of Education, and to support their inclusion in state planning for vocational education. In 2004, members of the delegate assembly at the National Leadership Conference formalized HOSA's commitment to assuming a more aggressive leadership role, and changed the official name to HOSA: Future Health Professionals ([www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)).

In 2006, the MRC and HOSA began a relationship following the HOSA National Leadership Convention (NLC) where then U.S. Deputy Surgeon General Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu served as the keynote speaker. RADM Moritsugu was excited about these future leaders of health care, and believed that having the network of MRC units engage with the local HOSA chapters would be mutually beneficial to both organizations. Shortly after the NLC, HOSA Executive Director Dr. Jim Koeninger, and MRC Program Director Captain Robert Tosatto met in Washington D.C. to explore the partnership opportunity. CAPT Tosatto encouraged MRC volunteer units to include HOSA chapters in their activities, and to include preparedness, response, and ongoing public health and prevention activities into their operations as part of a pilot program. The pilot was a success, and a formal partnership between HOSA and MRC was established. Some of the local HOSA chapters have since developed their own Junior MRCs, and during regional and state conferences, volunteer members of the MRC network have assisted in the judging of the HOSA competitions. Together HOSA and MRC have increased awareness on youth volunteerism and leadership within healthcare and public health. This partnership continues to grow and expand.

If you're interested in learning more about this partnership or how to get involved please visit the [JOAG Professional Development Committee website](#) or contact [LCDR Timothy Thomas](#) or [LCDR Skip Payne](#).



# National Parks, Amusement Parks and Physical Activity

Contributed by LCDR Sonjia Howard and Monique Salter

Next year, consider planning an excursion to a National Park. As a CAC Card (DoD Form 1173) holder, you and up to three (3) of your dependents (over the age of 16), are entitled to **FREE** annual passes to visit [America's Beautiful National Parks](#), which include [fish and wildlife services](#). (Please note there is no charge for dependents under 15.) If you are 62 or older you qualify for a lifetime [Senior Pass](#), and if you have a permanent disability you may qualify for a free lifetime [Access Pass](#). These non-transferrable passes can be obtained in person at one of the numerous National Park Service sites. For questions about any of these passes, contact 1-888-ASK-USGS and press 1 (888-275-8747, option 1), or [mfedrepass@usgs.gov](mailto:mfedrepass@usgs.gov). Summer is a time to explore, relax, and learn. Take time to bond with family, friends, co-workers, and community by engaging in fun and fellowship. Here are sites of interest to inspire and discover:

Bureau of Land Management <http://www.blm.gov>  
 Bureau of Reclamation <http://www.usbr.gov>  
 USDA Forest Service <http://www.fs.fed.us>  
 National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov>

Please note that some National Parks have denied the free annual pass to USPHS officers and based on the language within their policy. They are within their right to do so until it is amended.

## Passion for Amusement Parks Is Not Just for Kids: The 411 about Information, Tour, and Travel

**Information, Tour, and Travel (ITT)** offices, also known as *travel centers*, are located within the **Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR)** offices on most all military installations. ITT is committed to offering uniformed service members the best possible travel services by experienced and certified staff. These centers have state of the art reservation systems and can assist you with most of your travel needs, including, but not limited to: airlines, hotels, car rentals, cruises, tours, and Amtrak services. More importantly, **ITT** centers sell discounted tickets to local shows and attractions that include amusement and theme parks.

Why not get the thrill of a roller coaster by visiting an **ITT** office near you to get discount tickets to your favorite amusement park? To find a military installation near you, click the following link: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>.

Click *Installation Locator* and search by installation name or state, and then browse *View a Directory of Installations*. Once you have found an installation near you, the *Website* link will take to the Installations' official page. Once there, search for MWR, ITT, Travel and Information Center, etc. Be sure to utilize the Information Line if necessary. Now that you have the 411 on how to purchase discounted tickets – get out and explore. Go roller coaster!

## Physical Activity for the Entire Family

If you want to kick off the next summer with a new fitness plan or continue on a regimen you have already started, look no further than your local military installation. Most locations offer some form of exercise options for the entire family. If you visit your local installation, it would not be uncommon to find a full-service gym with amenities such as aerobics classes, swimming lessons, basketball, and tennis courts. If you are interested in intramural sports, there are even opportunities such as co-ed softball and racquetball. For additional information on fitness options, reach out to your local military installation by telephone or visit in person. Are you a walker, mud runner, or marathon runner? There are races across the nation, throughout the year: the [Marine Corps Marathon](#); [The Army Ten Miler](#); [Susan B. Komen Race for a Cure](#); [Rebel Race](#); [Military Challenge](#); [Tribute to the Military](#); [Act Today for Military Families](#); [Second Annual Military Appreciation 5K Walk/Run](#). Be creative in and remember fitness is fun so walk and run together!

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#### **Dental**

Brooks Bradley Horan	10/01/2013
Pauline S. Linhart	07/01/2013
Vicky Suzanne Ottmers	09/01/2013
Joseph Samuel Park	07/01/2013
Roberto Reyes	10/01/2013
Lori Jane Snidow	09/01/2013

#### **Dietitian**

Gregory John Mahrt	07/01/2013
Diane Louise Phillips	07/01/2013
Susan Arlene Steinman	07/01/2013

#### **Engineer**

Sara Lynn Allen	07/01/2013
David Allen Gwisdalla	12/01/2013
Eric Charles Hanssen	07/01/2013
*Joshua David Simms	07/01/2013
*Alan Michael Stevens	07/01/2013
Charissa Clare Williar	10/01/2013
Edward Louis Zechmann	10/01/2013

#### **Environmental Health Officer**

Donna M. Gilbert	07/01/2013
Trent D. Le Coultre	10/01/2013
Jill Marie Shugart	10/01/2013
Mark Turner Strauss	07/01/2013

#### **Health Services Officer**

Sean Pierre Allain	07/01/2013
*Joseph Pades Baczkowski	10/01/2013
Carlos Javier Bell	10/01/2013
Letia Antonia Boseman	11/01/2013
Tracy Jacinda Branch	10/01/2013
*Chauna Dyan Brooks	07/01/2013
David Robert Bruno	07/01/2013

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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Dietitian**

Kimberley Ann Blood	10/01/2013
Shanna Marie Moeder	10/01/2013

#### **Engineer**

Brandon Lee Beckman	07/01/2013
James Patrick Carter	10/01/2013
Ryan Allen Clapp	07/01/2013
Leo Angelo Medina Gumapas	07/01/2013
Jason Alan Hrdlicka	10/01/2013
*Matthew Ryan Palo	07/01/2013
Corey John Sawatzky	10/01/2013
David Lyle Setwyn	07/01/2013

#### **Environmental Health Officer**

Daniel Douglas Adams	07/01/2013
Justin Harold Erickson	07/01/2013
Kiel Warner Fisher	07/01/2013
Cory M Kokko	07/01/2013
Eun Gyung Lee	07/01/2013
Jason Alford Lewis	07/01/2013
Aaron B. Otis	07/01/2013
Christine L Williams	10/01/2013

#### **Health Services Officer**

Bridget Denise Baker	07/01/2013
Rod-Jimil Barraiss	07/01/2013
Richard J. Bashay III	10/01/2013
Justin Hamilton Belk	07/01/2013
*Dustin Miles Bergerson	07/01/2013
Holly Beth Berilla	07/01/2013
Alexia Danielle Blyther	07/01/2013
Daniel Griffin Brounstein	10/01/2013
Carla Sharaye Burch	07/01/2013
Damon Ancil Cates	10/01/2013
Marjorie Ceant	07/01/2013

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#### **Health Services Officer**

Tarsha Monik Cavanaugh	07/01/2013
Amornrat Chanlongbutra	07/01/2013
*Thomas Joseph Christl	07/01/2013
Jeri Ann Coats	10/01/2013
*Barbara Suzanne Cohn	07/01/2013
Junio Rasos Colobong	07/01/2013
*Meghan Lynn Corso	07/01/2013
Miguel Angel Cruz	07/01/2013
Rachel Jane Darnell-Miller	07/01/2013
David Lynn Doss	07/01/2013
Johannie Guiteau Escarne	10/01/2013
Kent Jason Forde	07/01/2013
Nicole D. Gaskin-Laniyan	07/01/2013
Daniel Michael Goldstein	10/01/2013
Malaysia Helene Gresham	10/01/2013
Candece Loftland. Griffin	07/01/2013
Marna Lynn Hoard	07/01/2013
John C. Hubbard	07/01/2013
Monica A Jessup	07/01/2013
Ieshia Kreshunda Jones	07/01/2013
Allen Gatdula Magtibay	07/01/2013
*Brett Marshall Maycock	07/01/2013
*Peter Shaun Meyer	07/01/2013
Yoon Kim Miller	07/01/2013
Katherine M. Morris	10/01/2013
Wilson Nazario	07/01/2013
*Adeoye John Oguntomilade	07/01/2013
William Frank Rigney	10/01/2013
Mark Thomas Rives	07/01/2013
*Joseph M. Shurina III	07/01/2013
Jonathan David White	07/01/2013

#### **Medical Officer**

Songhai C. Barclift	07/01/2013
Elizabeth C Briere	07/01/2013

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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Health Services Officer**

Shaun T. Chapman	07/01/2013
Julie Marie Clement	10/01/2013
Kent Alling Conforti	07/01/2013
Solita Joletta Cuthrell	07/01/2013
Benoit Kokufete Dagadu	07/01/2013
Johnni Hutcherson Daniel	10/01/2013
Gregory Jamiel Dawson	07/01/2013
*Katherine Ann Demers	07/01/2013
Kristi Carlile Doss	07/01/2013
Richard Louis Dunville	07/01/2013
Vickie Renee Ellis	07/01/2013
June Germain	07/01/2013
Neelam D Ghiya	07/01/2013
Tracy Lynn Glascoe	07/01/2013
Kenneth James Green	07/01/2013
Janet Lou Hayes	07/01/2013
*Velisa Jackson	07/01/2013
*Tonya Shakel Johnican	07/01/2013
Matthew Carl Johns	07/01/2013
Kimberley Rochelle Jones	07/01/2013
Simleen Kaur	07/01/2013
Davide A. Kekeocha	10/01/2013
Jonathan Allan Kwan	07/01/2013
Vinessa Jayne Mills	07/01/2013
Tunesia Louise Mitchell	07/01/2013
Joy Amanda Mobley	10/01/2013
Christopher Paul Mocca	10/01/2013
Reajul Islam Mojumder	10/01/2013
Michaela Alexis Montecalvo	07/01/2013
Cornelius Oluwagbemiga Moore	07/01/2013
Katrina Bernice Mosley	07/01/2013
Paula Murrain-Hill	07/01/2013
Kimberly Hang Nguyen	07/01/2013
Pamela Leona Ogonowski	10/01/2013
Justin John Peglowski	07/01/2013

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#### **Medical Officer**

Joseph Sean Cavanaugh	07/01/2013
Jennifer Ekdahl Cortes	07/01/2013
Somya Verma Dunn	07/01/2013
Thomas Joseph Faber	10/01/2013
Jennifer Ann Giroux	07/01/2013
Stephen M. Hewitt	07/01/2013
Daniel Molina	07/01/2013
Victoria Yasmin Moncada	07/01/2013
Michael Dung Nguyen	07/01/2013
Alexandra Marie Oster	07/01/2013
Andrew Dewey Plummer	07/01/2013
Sarah Fae Schillie	07/01/2013
Neha Shah	07/01/2013
Tracy Todd Skipton	07/01/2013
Naomi Katz Tepper	07/01/2013
Andrew James Terranella	07/01/2013
Stanley Chihhuan Wei	07/01/2013

#### **Nurse**

Sara Ellen Abels	07/01/2013
Barbara Ann Asher	07/01/2013
*Margaret Frances Bevans	07/01/2013
*Harold Leon Boyles	07/01/2013
Mary Elizabeth Brooks	07/01/2013
Deborah Lyn Christensen	07/01/2013
Tara Sue Daugeau	07/01/2013
Jessica Marie Diaz	07/01/2013
Coleen Rose Fett	07/01/2013
George Edward Flores	07/01/2013
Lisa Lawrence Gilliam	08/01/2013
Amerita Hamlet	07/01/2013
Benjamin Stuart Kanten	07/01/2013
Millie Faith Kazhe	07/01/2013
Betty A. Kramp	10/01/2013
Malini Krishnan	07/01/2013

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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Health Services Officer**

Stacie Lynn Pierce	07/01/2013
Meredith Esther Pyle	07/01/2013
Luis Antonio Ramos-Ortiz	07/01/2013
Christian Bruce Rathke	07/01/2013
Joel Thomas Richardson	07/01/2013
*David Ryan Schwab	07/01/2013
Jeff Ryan Showalter	07/01/2013
Jennifer Christine Smith	07/01/2013
*Seneca Martin Smith	07/01/2013
Toscha Renea Stanley	07/01/2013
Meredith Brook Stone	07/01/2013
Olden Walker III	07/01/2013
*Sheila A. Weagle	07/01/2013
Margaret Vaughan Whittaker	10/01/2013

#### **Nurse**

*Naomi Aspaas	07/01/2013
Stephen C Bartlett	07/01/2013
Angela Renee Battese	10/01/2013
Christy Lonnett'E Blissett	07/01/2013
Alicia M Boatright	07/01/2013
Irma Louisa Brown	07/01/2013
Rosalia Casares	07/01/2013
Katie Lauren Chapman	07/01/2013
Kristie Nicole Cherry	07/01/2013
Cheronda Latosha Cherry-France	07/01/2013
Candice M Cottle-Delisle	07/01/2013
Carmelita A. Darwin	07/01/2013
Angela D Dukate	07/01/2013
Kaylene D Elliott	07/01/2013
Amy Louise Fuelling	07/01/2013
Ranjodh Sunny Gill	07/01/2013
Katrina Lea Goan	07/01/2013
Erin Nicole Green	07/01/2013
Ashleigh Alvarez Hussey	07/01/2013

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### *To Commander (O-5)*

#### **Nurse**

Jonathan Bentley Lewis	07/01/2013
Steven Philip Link	07/01/2013
Darrell Lyons	07/01/2013
Mark John Macyszyn	07/01/2013
Maury Lenell Meredith	07/01/2013
Christine Marie Merenda	10/01/2013
Christian Andrew Meyer	07/01/2013
Barbara J Mock	07/01/2013
*Timothy Paul Newland	07/01/2013
Maria Theresa Soriano Nguyen	08/01/2013
Mardell Kay Nichols	07/01/2013
Andra Lynn Rasmussen	07/01/2013
Leorey Nagac Saligan	07/01/2013
Tammy E. Schuman	07/01/2013
Julia Diane Shemek	07/01/2013
Reginald Orlanda Smith	07/01/2013
Lydia Alexis Springs	07/01/2013
Geri L. Tagliaferri	07/01/2013
Leslie Dyan Wehrle	08/01/2013
Christine Anne West	07/01/2013
Derrick Lee Wyatt	07/01/2013

#### **Pharmacist**

Jin C. Ahn	11/01/2013
Rowdy R Atkinson	07/01/2013
Daniel Timothy Boyle	07/01/2013
Katrina Babalmoradi Cable	07/01/2013
Laurelle Ann Cascio	07/01/2013
Carrie M. Ceresa	07/01/2013
Chandima Bandara Deegala	07/01/2013
Brian J Eddy	07/01/2013
Joanna Marie Ferraro	07/01/2013
Sarah Lohr Freeman	07/01/2013
Robert T. Gaines JR	07/01/2013
Shannon Lavyya Hill	07/01/2013

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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Nurse**

Kerri-Ann Elizabeth Jennings	07/01/2013
Timothy Lee Koch	07/01/2013
Thomas Richard Liles	07/01/2013
Shealyn Rae Lucero	07/01/2013
Juanita H Luna-Greene	07/01/2013
Francisco Jose Marilassalle	07/01/2013
Jonathan Michael McBride	07/01/2013
Lindsay Nicole Mccarter	07/01/2013
Sonya Lee Mcneil	07/01/2013
Uruaku Amaefula Obasi	07/01/2013
Charles Raymond Ogden	07/01/2013
Yvette Marie Pace	07/01/2013
Katherine Audrey Ping	10/01/2013
Andrea Nicole Polson	10/01/2013
Dustin Price	07/01/2013
Robert Bryan Ratliff	07/01/2013
Sharon Chatman Rhynes	07/01/2013
Arturo Rios	10/01/2013
Rhonda Renae Rodden	07/01/2013
Chad Allen Stuckey	07/01/2013
Martin David Taxera	10/01/2013
Diana Vargas	07/01/2013
Daniel Larry Wagoner	10/01/2013
Joseph Hugh Walker	07/01/2013
*Westbrook Emmet Walsh	07/01/2013
Sherri Ann Wheeler	07/01/2013
Timothy Andrew Yett	10/01/2013

#### **Pharmacist**

Kimberly Nicole Andrews	07/01/2013
Jori Lyn Bailey	07/01/2013
Antoine Bondima	07/01/2013
Jeremy Kim Burtenshaw	07/01/2013
Kathryn Nicole Butler-Hodge	07/01/2013
Tyler G Campbell	07/01/2013

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#### **Pharmacist**

Heather Myers Huentelman	07/01/2013
Kenda Kay Jefferson	07/01/2013
Katie E. Johnson	07/01/2013
*Christopher Mccall Jones	07/01/2013
Vandna Nayyar Kishore	12/01/2013
John R. Lester	07/01/2013
Shelo Justine Mutz	07/01/2013
Selena Dawn Ready	10/01/2013
Renee Fedyk Robinson	10/01/2013
Vincent Salvatore Sansone	10/01/2013
Alice Canty. Silva	10/01/2013
Carla Dawn. Stearle	07/01/2013
Ryan Lynn Stevens	07/01/2013
Courtney Michelle Suggs	07/01/2013
Roberta Tracy Szydlo	07/01/2013
Christopher Alan Wheeler	07/01/2013
Abigail J. White	07/01/2013

#### **Scientist**

Tegan K. Boehmer	07/01/2013
Judy Ann Facey	07/01/2013
Michael Jay Franks JR	07/01/2013
James L Kenney	10/01/2013
William Anthony Satterfield	07/01/2013
Kenneth David Sekulic	07/01/2013
Jennifer D Thomas	07/01/2013
Fei Xu	07/01/2013

#### **Therapist**

Douglas Fiorentino	07/01/2013
Tracy Marie Gualandi	07/01/2013
Darren Mathew Heer	07/01/2013
Douglas Edward Henry	10/01/2013
Darren Louis Orgel	07/01/2013
Dean Robert Trombley	07/01/2013

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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Pharmacist**

*Grace Park Chai	07/01/2013
Christopher Joseph Chevalier	07/01/2013
David Alan Clopton	07/01/2013
Samuel Taylor Cropp	07/01/2013
Dwayne Kevin David	07/01/2013
Justin Boyd Eubanks	07/01/2013
Brady Jay Fath	07/01/2013
Andrew Jay Fine	07/01/2013
David Frank Foss	07/01/2013
William Edward Freiberg	07/01/2013
Brian James Gilson	07/01/2013
April C Haddock	07/01/2013
Niki Sue Haney	07/01/2013
Adam Christopher Harris	07/01/2013
Esther Sue Jarvis	07/01/2013
Aaron Jahmal Johnson	07/01/2013
Muhammad Kanakri	07/01/2013
Benjamin Charles Keller	07/01/2013
Katrina Stephanie Kiang	07/01/2013
Matthew Carl Kirchoff	07/01/2013
Ashlee N. Knapp	07/01/2013
Charles R Latimore	07/01/2013
James Chuch Ho Lee	07/01/2013
Kevan Marie Lee	07/01/2013
William Blair Lehault	07/01/2013
Mark Arnold Liberatore	07/01/2013
Isaiah Wayne Litton	07/01/2013
Rebecca Nahleen Lopez	07/01/2013
Chitra Mahadevan	07/01/2013
Casey Lynn Marlin	07/01/2013
Matthew Miles Mcclung	07/01/2013
Hannah Elizabeth Mcmillan	07/01/2013
Lynde Jo Monson	07/01/2013
Monica Alexandra Munoz	07/01/2013
Jessica Marie Murrer	07/01/2013

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### *To Commander (O-5)*

#### **Therapist**

Delana Denise Westman	07/01/2013
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#### **Veterinarian**

Sherry Lynn Burrer	07/01/2013
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Christa Renee Hale	07/01/2013
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Jeffrey Todd Mccollum	07/01/2013
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Renee Lark Mitsu Shibukawa-Kent	07/01/2013
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### *To Lieutenant Commander (O-4)*

#### **Pharmacist**

Stacey Kay Nelson	07/01/2013
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Amy C Nguyen	07/01/2013
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Chinyelum Ae Olele	07/01/2013
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Sunday Oyedele Oyewo	07/01/2013
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Linda Min Sun Park	07/01/2013
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Rinku Patel	10/01/2013
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Jai M Patel	07/01/2013
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Abby Jo Peterson	07/01/2013
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Hanah Pham	07/01/2013
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Stephen Michael Rabe	07/01/2013
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Thomas Scott Raisor	07/01/2013
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Mahesh Rao Ramanadham	07/01/2013
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Steven Amadeus Rodgers	07/01/2013
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Ayana Kai Rowley	07/01/2013
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Alister Abraham Rubenstein	07/01/2013
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Lindsay Sampson	10/01/2013
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Jonas Publico Santiago	07/01/2013
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Anna Irene Santoro	07/01/2013
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Anastasia Marie Shields	07/01/2013
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Dena Kay Smith	07/01/2013
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Danielle J. Smith	07/01/2013
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Nicholas Dale Sparrow	07/01/2013
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Dennis Peter Sperle	07/01/2013
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Luke S. Stringham	07/01/2013
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Dinesh Sukhlall	07/01/2013
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Burt Isao Tamashiro	07/01/2013
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Nguyet Minh Ton	07/01/2013
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Yiying Tsai	10/01/2013
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Inna Ivanovna Voinich	07/01/2013
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Chaltu N Wakijra	08/01/2013
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Julie Ann Walker	07/01/2013
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Silvia Wanis	07/01/2013
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Lynette Willeto Wasson	07/01/2013
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Rachelle Irene Watts	07/01/2013
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Evan Bryce Wearne	07/01/2013
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#### **Pharmacist**

Loren Scott Wiegand	07/01/2013
Zachary Coleman Woodward	07/01/2013
Alexander Han Ning Yeh	07/01/2013
Fady Farouk Zaki	07/01/2013

#### **Scientist**

Timothy Jerrell Cunningham	07/01/2013
Joanna Louise Gaines	07/01/2013
Elizabeth Ann Irvin-Barnwell	07/01/2013
Jean Yeh Ko	07/01/2013
Terrence Quock-Kit Lo	07/01/2013
Sara Elizabeth Pulliam	07/01/2013
Tyler Michael Sharp	07/01/2013
James Nash Tyson	07/01/2013
Nadra Chante Tyus	07/01/2013
Matthew James Walters	07/01/2013

#### **Therapist**

Michael Raymond Kluk	07/01/2013
Jennifer Susan Obrien	07/01/2013
Christopher Orin Wharton	07/01/2013

#### **Veterinarian**

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The JOAG Medallion serves as a constant reminder that we are officers in the Commissioned Corps. It also serves to remind us of certain characteristics an officer must have: generosity, elevation of mind, goodness, nobility, camaraderie, and the continuity of these ideals through time.

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1300–1500 EST

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1300–1400 EST

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