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ADA 2015 – Reporting America's Dental Meeting from the Capital

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PHS Dental Officers at the 2015 ADA Meeting*: Back row: CAPT Coleman Palmertree, CDR Minh Kevin Lee, LCDR Kevin Zimmerman, CAPT Bruce Dye, and CAPT David Lundahl. Front row: CAPT Sharon Raghubar, RADM Nick Makrides, CAPT Lynn Van Pelt, CDR Vicky Ottmers, LCDR Stacey Barkauskas, and CAPT Phillip Woods*

Greetings to our fellow United States Public Health Service Dentists! You were represented at the 2015 American Dental Association (ADA) meeting by the PHS Delegation to the ADA: RADM Nick Makrides (delegate), CAPT Phillip Woods (delegate), CAPT Lynn Van Pelt (alternate delegate) and CAPT Sharon Raghubar (alternate delegate). ADA 2015 – America's Dental Meeting was held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. from 5-10 November. *Continued on page 6.*

Chief Professional Officer Column
RADM Nicholas Makrides, DMD, MPH
Federal Bureau Of Prisons

RADM Makrides

As I pen this missive, the DC area is experiencing unseasonably warm weather for December (up to 70 degrees!). Quite frankly, it's really hard to believe it is winter. But it is harder to believe is how fast 2015 has passed! As the year drew to a close, the profession celebrated some significant milestones in Dental Public Health. Secretary Burwell approved and signed the Oral Health Strategic Framework which coincided with the 15-year anniversary of the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America. We celebrated the 70th anniversary of community water fluoridation (CWF) and witnessed the release of U.S. Public Health Service's revised recommendation for the optimal level of fluoride for community water systems.

Fully recognizing that many of you might not have checked your e-mails during the break, I would like to alert the category that on December 22nd, Vice Admiral Murthy released a formal video endorsement of CWF on his YouTube channel. This endorsement was coordinated with the 70th anniversary of CWF and highlights the impact of CWF in preventing tooth decay. Despite the evidence based science supporting CWF, there are still many communities that are not fluoridated. I am encouraging all oral health providers to listen to the Surgeon General's YouTube clip and share the message with civic and public health leaders in your communities.

Over the past several months, I have been asked about the status of the Oral Health Strategic Framework. Although approved, I continue to work with the editorial staff at Public Health Reports. If all goes as planned, I anticipate the Framework being published in its entirety this coming spring.

In November, I had the opportunity to see many of you at the American Dental Association's annual meeting held at the D.C. Convention Center. While at the conference, it was nice to see some of our dentists (PHS and Civil Service) staffing a recruitment booth for potential applicants to the USPHS. I also visited the Mission of Mercy operation. Many of our officers provided care to the uninsured in the Capital area. I am very proud of our participation in this important event. Our presence reinforces our commitment to providing care to vulnerable populations in the communities where we live and work.

During the conference, CAPTs Lynn Van Pelt, Philip Woods, Sharon Raghubar and I represented the PHS at the House of Delegates along with our sister services (Army, Navy, and Air Force). Several PHS Dental Officers also attended the Reference Committee hearings addressing the topics: (1) Dental benefits, practice, science and health, (2) Dental education and related matters, (3) Budget, business and administrative matters, (4) Communications and membership services, and (5) Legal and legislative matters. This year, CAPTs Van Pelt and Woods rotate off the team. I would like to thank them publicly for their service. As their terms expire, we will be looking for motivated officers who are interested in representing our Corps and making a meaningful impact in organized dentistry. Should you be interested in serving as an alternate, please contact CDR Ottmers or me.

Before I close, I would like recognize two officers who held important leadership roles in our category in 2015. The first is CAPT Leira Vargas-Del Toro. Leira has done a superb job as our DePAC chair. Like many DePAC Chairs before her, she has given the job 100% of her attention providing support in leadership, recruitment, administration, and officership. She will be replaced by CDR Vicky Ottmers. The second officer is CAPT Reginald "Reggie" Ballard for his service as the Agency Director of Dental Services for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). CAPT Ballard has served in this collateral position since 2012 while also providing oversight and care at the ICE Medical Facility in Taylor, Texas. CAPT Ballard is replaced by CAPT Todd Tovarek at the North West Detention Facility in Tacoma, Washington. Thank you-- Leira and Reggie-- for a job well done!!!

As we transition into 2016, I want thank you for all the good work you do. I am immensely proud to work with you and call each of you colleagues. I wish you the best in 2016 as we continue to improve the oral health of the nation and the agencies that we serve. Happy New Year!!!!!

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[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPEu00-gW2I&list=PL050E3432C9D6BE2B&index=1

Dental Professional Advisory Committee Outgoing - Chairperson Column

CAPT Leira Vargas-Del Toro, DMD, MPH

Federal Bureau Of Prisons

CAPT Vargas-Del Toro

Happy New Year! I am happy to welcome CDR Vicky Ottmers as the 2016 DePAC Chair and CDR Shani Lewins as the 2016 Vice Chair. I am certain that DePAC will have great outcomes this year under these great leaders. Upon reflection of 2015, it has been a year of upgrades and moving forward with technology within DePAC and the Dental Category. Our DePAC website has a new home and it has been a great endeavor to accomplish this task as we have to comply with many directives to be fully hosted on a government site. This transition has been in the hands of our very own CDR Kevin Lee. Please visit your new site https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/dentist/ where you can find great information from our Category.

Starting in 2015 we welcomed RADM Nicholas Makrides as our Chief Professional Officer. It has been an exceptional and humbling experience to work with RADM Makrides in the DePAC Chair capacity. RADM Makrides and DePAC have focused on communications and recruitment. Our Recruitment Workgroup has worked in evaluating and updating our Best Kept Secrets flyer which is available to all as a recruitment tool: https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/dentist/documents/BKS201512.pdf. This tool has been updated by the Recruitment Workgroup under the leadership of CDR Joseph Park and CAPT Sandi Aretino. Let's spread the word and increase our category! I'm sure we all know dedicated dentists that are always interested in expanding their practice in Public Health Dentistry.

I also want to thank our past DePAC Chair, CAPT Christopher Bennett, who was always lending a helping hand and was a mentor and advisor during this past year. It has been a memorable and great opportunity to serve the Dental Category as your 2015 DePAC Chair and I am looking forward to continuing to work with CDR Ottmers and CDR Lewins in another exiting year as 2016 unfolds.

Make sure you keep up with emails and notifications. LCDR Scott Williams and I are preparing a great day of networking and Continued Dental Education for Dental Category Day at the COA Symposium which will be held in Oklahoma City from May 16-19, 2016. The theme for this year's conference will be "Gimme Five: Building a Better Tomorrow through Prevention Today". Dental Category Day will be held on Wednesday May 18, 2016. Go to the following link for more updates http://symposium.phscof.org/?view=featured.

Dental Professional Advisory Committee Incoming - Chairperson Column

CDR Vicky Ottmers, DDS

Department of Homeland Security

CDR Vicky Ottmers

I want to extend my gratitude to recent past Chairs, CAPT Chris Bennett (2014) and CAPT Leira Vargas-Del Toro (2015), the DePAC Voting members, and all of the many mentors I have had for imparting their DePAC knowledge. I am both excited and honored to be serving the category as the 2016 DePAC Chairperson. I will strive to be available, supportive, and to promote DePAC's mission and objectives while still collaborating with the other disciplines.

We have an outstanding 2016 lineup of enthusiastic DePAC Voting members consisting of seven new members and 13 returning members. My role as the Chair will be supported by the Vice Chair, CDR Shani Lewins, and the Executive Secretary, LCDR Eleanor Fleming. As a cohesive team we will facilitate the hard work that our DePAC Voting Members do every year. Many of you reading this have either been DePAC Voting members or are currently serving; you all know how much time, work, and effort goes into the DePAC commitment for the greater good. It is that commitment that empowered me to become a part of DePAC and increase my involvement through the Executive Committee.

By the time you read this newsletter, the 2016 DePAC goals for each Workgroup/Subcommittee (WG/SC) will have been successfully identified. Collaboration between the Executive Committee (XC), WG/SC Chairs & Co-Chairs, and discussion with all voting members has been essential to accomplish this task. Efforts to increase transparency and collaboration in 2016 will be enhanced by the sharing of all WG/SCs' Action Reports prior to every DePAC

monthly meeting, project sharing with multiple WG/SCs involved, brainstorming of ideas to achieve goals, and utilizing each other's expertise.

With our collective 2016 DePAC goals comes the need for a diverse and robust membership. We are looking to increase WG/SC members with civil service dentists, junior officers, and senior officers to help achieve the challenging goals we have set for this year. Fresh ideas from both new and seasoned members, as well as the history and lessons learned from veteran members, are essential to progress. Even if you have been on DePAC in the past including the XC, we encourage your continued participation. Another option may be to volunteer as a consultant to one or multiple WG/SCs if you are a previous DePAC voting member but are unable to attend the WG/SC meetings. Any interested readers are encouraged to reach out to our WG/SC Chairs https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/dentist/subcommittees.aspx, the Vice Chair shani.n.lewins@uscg.mil or myself vicky.s.ottmers@ice.dhs.gov.

Aside from membership, the continued focus on recruitment is critical as the Dental category is top heavy (over 50% senior officers). In addition, mentoring, communications, retention, readiness, awards, civil service, women's and minority issues continue to have great importance in DePAC. There are many new and ongoing projects set for this year. We intend to utilize the Dental Bulletin Board (DBB), All Hands calls, and the DePAC monthly meetings' minutes available on our webpage https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/dentist/dentistpac.aspx to maintain communication throughout the year. New in DePAC this year is the Social Media Ad-Hoc WG. This group will be hard at work reviewing the Health and Human Services (HHS) guidance on the "do's and don'ts" associated with operating and maintaining our new Dental Category webpage as well as other social media outlets like Facebook, Twitter, etc. The HHS guidelines are ginormous and will be a challenging undertaking for our new group in addition to formulating their Bylaws. The Social Media Ad-Hoc WG is looking for motivated members; please reach out to LCDR Abby Shannon abby.j.shannon@uscg.mil or CDR Kevin Lee mklee@bop.gov if you are interested in helping to shape the future of DePAC through social media.

Dental Professional Advisory Committee Vice-Chairperson Column

CDR Shani N. Lewins, DDS
Senior Dental Executive, USCG District Nine

CDR Shani N. Lewins

In 2004, when I accepted my commission to the US Public Health Service, I was not familiar with DePAC. It was by way of a coincidental interaction with Captain Renee Joskow that I found membership on the Recruitment and Retention Workgroup. At that time I would not have imagined that nearly 12 years later I would have been selected for the Vice Chairperson position by my DePAC peers. It is truly an honor to serve in this position supporting our Chief Professional Officer, RADM Nicholas Makrides, 2016 DePAC Chairperson, CDR Vicky Ottmers,

DePAC voting members and our Category. We represent an incredibly diverse Corps of highly distinguished and talented dental officers.

2016 holds many exciting prospects for our category. Our Chief Professional Officer guides us with a strong focus on recruitment to increase our strength as a Corps. With DePAC's additional support and emphasis on mentoring as well as communication we look to reach many of our junior officers this year impacting career progression and promotion preparedness.

DePAC members must be willing to "think outside the box" in 2016 as we immerse ourselves in social media. We will be broadening our connectivity with dental students, the public, other government agencies and each other. I believe the effectiveness of our professional advisory committee will be directly linked with our successes in communication.

IMPACT BEGINS WITH PARTICIPATION! Dental Officers interested in joining a DePAC workgroup or applying for voting membership are encouraged to email myself: shani.n.lewins@uscg.mil or the 2016 DePAC Chairperson CDR Vicky Ottmers: vicky.s.ottmers@ice.dhs.gov.

ADA 2015 MEETING CONTINUED…

It was a great opportunity for professional development, networking with peers, making new professional acquaintances and re-connecting with old friends. The meeting featured more than 300 continuing education courses, several pre-session CE options, more than 500 exhibitors in the ADA exhibit hall, the third ADA Mission of Mercy charitable dental event, a variety of special events, networking opportunities and the annual House of Delegates meeting

Dr. Maxine Feinberg, then the ADA president, kicked off the opening session with her core message, "The ADA is America's leading advocate for oral health, and actively works to have members succeed." Her "We have your back" motto clearly resonated with the audience during the opening session. She emphasized, "We must continue to add value for our members. And I'm pleased to report that we added value this year when we launched a loan refinancing solution for new dentists with the Darien Rowayton Bank." The program was created in response to requests from new dentists to find a way to reduce the burden of student loans. "Through decisive action, we were able to develop and introduce this service to our members in a matter of months," she said.

Meet your 2015 PHS Delegation to the ADA: CAPT Lynn Van Pelt, CAPT Phillip Woods, RADM Nick Makrides, and CAPT Sharon Raghubar.

Dr. Feinberg stated, "We know, from the Health Policy Institute, that 108 million Americans visit a physician each year, but do not see a dentist. At the same time, 27 million Americans visit their dentists each year, but not a physician. Working with other professions is crucial for the ADA. We are leaders in helping patients maintain their oral health and overall health," she continued. "And we can continue to make a difference for our patients by being a leader among health professions." Dr. Feinberg then cited work on opioid abuse, partnerships with the American Medical Association, work with the American Association of Diabetes Educators and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and others on initiatives to improve the overall health of patients.

The 2015 ADA Humanitarian award, one of the highest ADA awards, was presented to Dr. Francis Serio, a dentist, humanitarian and teacher who founded the Dominican Mission Project in Dominican Republic, and has been responsible for providing more than 15 million dollars of care to more than 60,000 patients over the last 34 years. Dr. Serio shared, “The most important thing his group offers is hope,” and stated further, “I stand here to encourage those who are out there that wants to do this type of thing, here or abroad, to be Nike about it: Just do it! There are many to guide you along your paths.” Dr. Serio’s sentiments echo the actions of so many PHS dentists who continue to selflessly serve patients in underserved areas.

The Gold Medal Award, which honors individuals who excel in dental research, was presented to Dr. Steven Offenbacher for his groundbreaking and pioneering work showing the relationships between periodontal disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes and periodontal disease and cardiovascular disease. Dr. Offenbacher stated, “It has always been a dream of mine to champion the message that dentistry is connected to the rest of the body and to the field of medicine.”

The Distinguished Speaker series concluded the 2015 ADA Opening Session with a very lively exchange between political columnists, Eleanor Clift of the Daily Beast and Charles Krauthammer, M.D., a syndicated columnist and contributor for Fox News. Tim Seitter, the vice president of Oral Care Business of Arm and Hammer and Dr. Maxine Feinberg were the moderators.

Distinguished Speaker series: Tim Seitter, Eleanor Clift, Dr. Charles Krauthammer, and Dr. Maxine Feinberg

The PHS Delegation attended the sessions of the 2015 House of Delegates (HOD) which is the legislative and governing body and is the supreme authority in the ADA. As such, it speaks for the 158,000 dentist members of the Association and for the dental profession in the United States. We represented the PHS Dental Category, participating in several days of ADA House sessions, attending the reference committee hearings where various committee members reviewed and discussed resolutions placed before them. The six reference committees were Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters, Membership and Related Matters, Dental Education, Science and Related Matters, Dental Benefits Practice and Related Matters, and Budget,

Business and Administrative Matters. The function of these committees is to present well-informed recommendations to the House of Delegates. As your PHS delegates, we then caucused with the Fourth District the following day and then independently voted on the presented resolutions at the HOD the day after.

A summary of 2015 ADA resolutions which may affect us as PHS dentists are highlighted below.
The ADA:

- Recommended no change of the national dues of $522.
- Amended the Policy on Dues Exemption for Active Duty Members - constituent and component dental associations dues are waived for members who are temporarily called to active duty with a federal dental service for the period of active duty plus six months.
- Acknowledged that it is beneficial for consumers to avoid a steady diet of foods containing natural and added sugars, processed starches, and low pH-level acids as a way to maintain optimal oral health.
- Supported public information campaigns to reduce added sugars consumed in American diets.
- Supported legislative and regulatory action to increase consumer awareness about added sugar consumption and its role in maintaining optimal oral health, and the potential benefits of limiting added sugar consumption in relation to general and oral health.
- Encouraged federal research agencies to further investigate the relationship between diet, nutrition and oral health, particularly the extent to which dental caries incidence may fluctuate with changes in overall added sugar consumption.
- Continued funding for social media campaign for fluoridation.
- Encouraged promotion of culturally competent oral health strategies for underserved communities.
- Resolved, in the Guidelines for Hospital Dental Privileges: the American Dental Association believes that all dentists practicing in hospitals should be eligible for hospital privileges, to include performance of history and physical examinations, diagnosis, treatment and admission in accordance with their education, training and current competencies, consistent with the protocols and guidelines of the hospital where they have privileges.
- Adopted the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement of on Teledentistry.
- Revised the meeting schedule of the House of Delegates to eliminate the fourth meeting day of the HOD.
- Encouraged state dental associations to work with their state Medicaid agency in hiring a Chief State Medicaid Dental Officer who is a member of organized dentistry.
- Recommended development of an ADA policy on Dentistry's role in sleep related breathing disorders.
- Recommended revisiting amendments to the sedation and anesthesia guidelines.

ADA president, Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, addressing Federal Dentists during the free CE program at FDS Day.

All members of the ADA have the right to attend and participate in the discussion during the reference committees. Anyone may attend the meetings of the House of Delegates as a visitor, upon display of an ADA badge. Your

participation is highly encouraged, just to get a front seat view of the inner workings of organized dentistry. If you would like to join us next year, please email CAPT Sharon Raghubar at sharon.a.raghubar@uscg.mil

In final balloting at the House of Delegates Monday, Dr. Gary L. Roberts, of Shreveport, Louisiana, was elected president-elect of the ADA and Dr. Irene Marron-Tarrazzi of Miami was elected second vice president.

During the House of Delegates meeting, the ADA presented honorary membership to four individuals, recognizing them for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of the art and science of dentistry. These honorary members are John Featherstone, Ph.D., a presenter at the Dental Category Day at the 2015 COF meeting; Linda Hastings, Dr. Mahesh Verma, and Randi Andresen.

Federal Dental Service Leaders Unite at the reception on FDS Day: MAJ GEN Thomas Tempel *(Army)*, MAJ GEN Roosevelt Allen *(Air Force)*, RADM Nick Makrides *(PHS)*, RADM Stephen Pachuta *(Navy)*, Dr. Patricia Arola *(VA)* with Dr. Jeffery Cole *(Fourth district trustee)*

Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays assumed office as the 152nd president of the ADA during the final session of the HOD. She comes from a family of service members and she served in the Navy Dental Corps for seventeen years, four of which were active duty. She energized the audience, stating, “My message to you this morning is this - to seize the moment together, and embrace challenges and opportunities. Make the most of possibilities that lie ahead!” During her term as president, our new president said she hopes to transform the ADA while making sure we "stay true to our core values." She also stressed advocating for dental students and listening to their concerns about licensure and student loans. Dr. Summerhays compared the strength of organized dentistry with her state California’s beloved Redwoods, “Like those trees, the profession thrives from its strong network of mutual support.”

This year, the American Dental Association featured the first ever Federal Dental Services (FDS) Day. FDS Day offered a unique, free continuing education program for federal dentists and was followed by a special reception, providing a great venue for networking and camaraderie among sister services. The hope is to continue FDS Days at the future ADA Annual Meetings. Please forward topics that you’d like to see presented next year for the 2016 FDS Day program to CAPT Sharon Raghubar at sharon.a.raghubar@uscg.mil.

The ADA hosts the third Mission of Mercy event where greater than 700 patients received an estimated $475,000 in dental care from 575 volunteers. ADA spokesperson Sally Cram said, "the goal is not only to help the most vulnerable patients address their most pressing problems, but also to get them connected with dentists and physicians who can treat them in the long term.” Our PHS dental colleagues - CAPT Renee Joskow, CAPT Coleman Palmertree, LCDR

Eleanor Fleming and LCDR Kevin Zimmerman - were among the 16 PHS officers who volunteered for the Mission of Mercy.

The New Dentist Conference and the Diversity Summit President's Joint Leadership Program were held in conjunction of the ADA annual meeting. The New Dentist Conference gave new dentists opportunities for leadership development, to network with peers and to attend quality continuing education courses with others in the same career stage. The Diversity Summit Presidents' Joint Leadership Program is a joint collaboration of the ADA, American Association of Women Dentists, Hispanic Dental Association, National Dental Association and Society of American Indian Dentists; this annual program gives participants the opportunity to connect with leaders from these key organizations.

This year marks the last of my four-year term as your PHS Delegate to the ADA HOD. My four years have taught me so much. They afforded me an opportunity to learn first-hand about the policy-making wing of the ADA and introduced me to countless leader-colleagues in our sister Federal Dental Services branches. But most importantly, I have been gifted with the opportunity to serve the PHS Dental Category alongside some truly amazing and generous dental colleagues. In 2012 I began my term under the leadership of RADM (ret.) Williams Bailey and I am now completing my term under the great leadership of RADM Nicholas Makrides. I have been blessed and am truly grateful for this opportunity and I'd like to thank each of you in the Dental Category for your support and faith in me. My sincere gratitude goes to CAPT Lynn Van Pelt, an awesome colleague and mentor who has selflessly served as the PHS alternate delegate to the ADA under the last three PHS Dental Chief Professional Officers. And I now pass the baton to our very capable and energetic CAPT Sharon A. Raghubar, and wish her continued success in her role as the next PHS Delegate to the ADA HOD. Sharon, I will be cheering you from the sidelines!

Please save the dates for future ADA Annual Sessions:

October 20-25, 2016	**Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO**
October 19-24, 2017	**Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA**

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AGENCY SPOTLIGHT:

CAPT TODD TOVAREK, DDS
CHIEF DENTIST, IHSC
NORTHWEST DETENTION CENTER, TACOMA, WA

CAPT Todd Tovarek

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC) is one of the smallest Agencies served by U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Dental Officers with a compliment of 18 dentists staffing 14 duty stations spread throughout the country, from the Pacific Northwest to south Florida. This Agency is unique in both its mission and alignment with most assignments consisting of 1-2 chair senior level solo clinics that deliver care to a diverse patient population from virtually every country in the world. Due to the nature of its mission, the immigration detention program maintains custody of one of the most highly transient and diverse populations of any correctional or detention system in the world. This administrative custody environment presents significant healthcare challenges compared to the typical static prison environment. Since many countries are represented in our detention facilities, our staff must be culturally sensitive to meet the diverse needs, perceptions, and backgrounds of our patients. The majority of patients do not speak English and present with significant dental disease, often times receiving dental care for the first time in their lives. While the language barriers and acuity of disease present significant challenges, practitioners in our agency must also navigate a fluid political landscape that requires coordination with many stakeholders including ICE, multiple accreditation entities, corrections authorities and special interest groups.

The USPHS has a long and well established history with immigration. In 1891, the USPHS was authorized by the Immigration Act to examine and quarantine aliens at Ellis Island. USPHS's role expanded in the 1980s when USPHS officers assigned to the Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS) were detailed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to provide direct health care to detainees held at the Krome Service Processing Center located near Miami, Florida. The demand for DIHS health care staff increased exponentially with the opening of detention centers across the nation in the late 1990's and early 2000's and there are now 21 sites with IHSC staffed medical facilities. In 2007, DIHS was realigned to ICE in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with the name changing to the ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) in October 2010.

Prior to 1998, all dental services were referred out of the detention facility for management in the private sector. The rapid programmatic growth highlighted earlier, the high costs of transporting all detainees out of the facility for dental care and the accompanying, ever increasing, transport burden on custody staff prompted IHSC leadership to establish the IHSC Dental Program with the first Dental Clinic opening at the Krome facility in Miami, Florida in 1998. IHSC is made up of a multi-sector, multidisciplinary workforce of over 1100 employees that includes an authorized strength of 369 USPHS Commissioned Corps officers, 31 federal civil servants, and 715 contract health professionals. Currently there are 14 IHSC staffed dental clinics comprising 18 dentists (12 Commissioned Corps/6 contractor), 6 hygienists (4 CC/2 contractor) and 15 assistants.

The mission of the IHSC dental program is to maintain and stabilize the detained population's oral health. The IHSC dental team strives to elevate the oral health status of detainees by providing diagnosis and treatment, administering education and prevention programs and through consultation services when necessary. Due to the transient nature of our patient population and the acuity of dental disease, problem focused dental care comprises 90% of the services provided in IHSC clinics. If an individual remains in custody for 12 months or longer more routine types of care are available. Additionally ICE contracts with approximately 119 facilities through intergovernmental service agreements (IGSA) and the IHSC dental leadership is responsible for reviewing and adjudicating all requests for referred care for the approximately 15,000 patients in these facilities

I joined IHSC in 2004 after serving with the Indian Health Service for 11 years and the transition required some adjustments in practice and patient management. While a different approach is necessary in this Agency the fundamental principles of Public Health are still at play. We have the daily opportunity to provide dental care and oral health education to the underserved and disadvantaged patients who need it the most while also contributing to the reduction of global disease in support of the safe apprehension, enforcement and removal of detained individuals involved in immigration proceedings.

Many of our dental officers are approaching or have recently attained 20 years of service and I anticipate that there will be many opportunities available in this Agency within the next 3-5 years. The unique qualities that define our organization such as our youth, diminutive size and rapid expansion afford our officers many challenges and opportunities for growth and leadership that may not necessarily be readily obtainable in our larger and more established Agencies. Any officers who may be interested in transitioning to this organization in the future should reference our website: https://www.ice.gov/ice-health-service-corps and may feel free to contact me with questions Todd.M.Tovarek@ice.dhs.gov. The future is bright and opportunities abound.

Senior Officer Spotlight:

CAPT Robin G. Scheper, DDS

United States Coast Guard

CAPT Robin G. Scheper

Can you provide a brief summary of your training and education?

I received a DDS from Ohio State University in 1995, completed a Fellowship in Forensic Odontology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in 2008, and received a Master of Science in Oral Biology from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in conjunction with a Comprehensive Dental Residency from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS) in 2012. The fellowship and residency set me up to become board certified in both Forensic Odontology and General Dentistry in 2014.

Can you tell our readers how long you've been a PHS officer and describe your duties at your present site?

I've been a USPHS Officer for 20 years. I started in 1995 with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation, Chinle, AZ. I then transferred to the Warm Springs Reservation, Warm Springs, OR, in 1997. In 2000 I took an opportunity with HRSA in Rockville, MD. I was a "paperdontist" for four years, and maintained my clinical skills at the HRSA/Ryan White clinic in Silver Spring, MD. I then transferred to the Coast Guard (the first time) and was stationed as a staff dental officer at Training Center (TRACEN) Cape May. After three years I took a position as a Transformation Officer with OSG/OCCO back in Rockville, MD. After 'Transforming' for a while, I then decided to 'Modernize' with the CG as the Social Work Program Manager in the Office of Work Life at CG headquarters. Then I took the "opportunity" to 'Integrate' with the Navy and the Air Force during the Comprehensive Dentistry residency at NPDS when the National Naval Medical Center became Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. If you have no idea what the last two sentences even mean, consider yourself lucky. After the residency in 2012, I came back to TRACEN Cape May where I am currently serving as the Senior Dental Executive of the clinic.

What led you to consider a career in the PHS dental program?

I wanted to goof off for a couple of years after dental school.

What did you find to be the most challenging aspect of your transition into the Public Health **Service?**

Because I joined the USPHS right out of dental school, I don't feel that the 'transition' was a challenge at all.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of your service thus far?

I currently support the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner with dental identifications on remains that are processed through Dover Port Mortuary, Dover AFB and was deployed during 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina to support DMORT with victim identification.

Describe some of your hobbies and activities outside of the PHS?

My hobbies have been dependent on where I've been stationed. I used to snow ski while serving with the Indian Health Service, and now being stationed on the Jersey Shore, I've been kayaking and paddle boarding…and trying to survive flooding caused by coastal storms.

Has your experience in the PHS thus far lived up to your expectations?

It has far exceeded any expectations. The places where I've been stationed, the fellow officers I've met, all the people I've worked with, and the patients I've treated have made this an awesome career I could have never imagined when I started out 20 years ago.

JUNIOR OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:
LCDR SCOTT ECKHART, DDS, CPH
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LCDR Scott Eckhart

Can you please provide a brief summary of your training and education?

I graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Biomedical Science in 2007. Afterwards, I attended Texas A&M - Baylor College of Dentistry. Upon entering the USPHS, I attended Officers Basic Course Training in Gaithersburg, MD. I am currently detailed to the United States Coast Guard and after arriving and settling in New London, CT, I attended the Coast Guard Direct Commission Officer Course at the Coast Guard Academy. Currently, I am taking classes towards my Master's of Public Health at the University of West Florida.

Can you tell our readers how long you've been a PHS officer and describe your duties at your present site?

I am very new to the United States Public Health Service and will have been an officer for a year as of January 2016. I am detailed to the United States Coast Guard Academy Health Services Clinic in New London, CT. I am one of two dentists in a three billet clinic. I perform dental care to all active duty personnel in the area, both at the Academy and nearby stations. I wear many hats as I have taken the following collateral duties: I serve as the Health Service Quality Improvement Coordinator, clinic Radiology Officer, Communications Officer, Hygiene Officer, Implant Officer, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Program Liaison, and deputy Safety Officer (Primarily in charge of SDSs for the clinic). At this clinic I am privileged to be able to work with a great group of PHS officers and USCG corpsmen who are dedicated to serving our patient population with care.

What led you to consider a career in the PHS dental program?

Ever since I began my undergraduate education at Texas A&M I have considered a career with the military due to its strong military traditions and presence. Additionally, both of my grandfathers have served in the military. After graduating from dental school I worked a private practice in Plano, TX and at a clinic in Dallas, TX. Several years after graduating dental school I felt a strong calling to join a uniformed service. My wife found a dental journal article that showcased the USPHS and what its officers do – I was immediately fascinated as I had never heard of the USPHS before. I began to research the service and started the accession process after thoughtful consideration.

What did you find to be the most challenging aspect of your transition into the Public Health Service?

The most challenging part of my transition was the accession. As I was new to understanding the service, I wasn't familiar with the process and the multitude of steps required for accession. Once I was able to speak with my agency liaison they helped answer my questions and help me navigate through the remaining process. I was grateful of the speed of my accession as at my OBC I was able to talk to officers in other OPDIVs who had been in process for years!

What has been the most rewarding aspect of your service thus far?

The most rewarding part of my service has been the ability to do just that, serve. Seeing all of the cadets at the beginning of their careers and watching them advance and grow has been wonderful. I have loved encouraging and helping them as a healthcare provider. Being able to wear my uniform with pride and seeing what my service and I do to make a difference has been incredibly rewarding.

Describe some of your hobbies and activities outside of the PHS?

Being new to the New England area, my wife and I are trying to take advantage of the beautiful location and have frequent trips on weekends. We recently had a "fall foliage" trip up to Vermont and New Hampshire. I also enjoy woodworking, running, and board games.

Has your experience in the PHS thus far lived up to your expectations?

More than I thought it ever would! I have thoroughly loved being able to serve and practice dentistry with the United States Public Health Service and I would highly encourage this opportunity to any dentist interested in a challenge.

Professional Volunteerism in the American Board of General Dentistry: "Elevating the standards and advancing the science and art of General Dentistry"

CAPT Randolph A. Coffey, DMD, MS, MAGD, FICD, ABGD
United States Coast Guard

CAPT Randolph A. Coffey

Greetings esteemed colleagues throughout the United States Public Health Service Dental Category. I was recently invited to comment on my experiences with volunteerism as a Director for the American Board of General Dentistry (ABGD). I am excited to have this opportunity to share the mission, purpose, and goals of ABGD, the responsibilities of the Board of Directors, and—I hope—to inspire those who may wish to seek board certification in general dentistry. In addition to volunteering as a Director, I have also been fortunate to volunteer in numerous capacities representing the Federal Dental Services at state or national dental meetings. I have particularly enjoyed serving the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) as a Region 17 Speaker or course Director for the Fellowship Examination Review Course and as a Director for the American Board of General Dentistry, as the advancement of our profession is a primary goal of these organizations. One of the rewards of volunteerism is seeing fellow general dentists enhance their careers by achieving significant professional milestones through advanced education and also in earning the AGD Fellowship award, the AGD Mastership award and board certification by the American Board of General Dentistry.

Over the past 27 years of multi-agency service, including the US Navy Dental Corps with interagency transfer to the USPHS, enjoying both the Indian Health Service and the USCG Dental Program, my career has been illuminated by the many devout, generous, and selfless mentors—all of whom have inspired me to give back and continuously strive for excellence. Speaking with many of our colleagues, I have heard similar sentiments. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunities of advancing our education and skills in the art and science of dentistry in our great profession. We may also attribute many of our successes to the awe-inspiring mentors who have guided, directed and encouraged us to pursue our goals. I have personally found that volunteerism in the ABGD to be a highlight in my career. It brings about an inspiring, collegiate, collaborative and cohesive bond among our academicians in faculty positions, our civilian comprehensive dentists in private practice, and the Federal Dental Services.

Currently, I am serving in my 5th year as a Director of ABGD as its Vice President and will culminate my 6th year as the oncoming President in the Fall of 2016. Our current ABGD President is Dr. Jon Dossett, DMD, MAGD, FICD, ABGD, Colonel, USAF. Dr. Dossett served as the Director, Dental Biomaterials Evaluation and Vice-Commander at the USAF Dental Evaluation and Consultation Service. Previously, I served as the Director for Fixed Prosthodontics, Implants, and Biomaterials. Currently, I am enjoying the disciplines of Complete and Removable Prosthodontics and Implants. Mentoring the board eligible candidates and residents as a previous mock board examiner and grader with the Chair and faculty of the comprehensive dentistry residency programs at both Lackland Air Force Base and the National Naval Medical Center, Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS) further ignited this passion to give back to dentistry in service to ABGD.

There are a total of eight directors serving on the Board of Directors of ABGD. Each Director covers one of eight topics which include all disciplines of comprehensive dentistry. The ABGD Executive Director, Ms. Sandra Mitchell coordinates and manages a multitude of complex functions for the ABGD including the certification process. The Board of Directors is represented by dental colleagues comprised from three areas: those serving in academia as faulty in dental universities, those in private practice, and those serving in the federal dental services. Directors are responsible for researching, referencing and developing both the annual ABGD written and oral examinations in addition to conducting the business of the Board of Directors.

The mission of the American Board of General Dentistry is to “Elevate the standards and advancing the sciences and arts of General Dentistry by encouraging its study and improving its practice.” ABGD is dedicated to "advancing the practice of general dentistry by promoting a higher standard of knowledge and excellence through advanced education.”

“The American Board of General Dentistry’s purpose is to:

A. Elevate the standards for the practice of general dentistry.
B. Enhance oral health care for the public.
C. Promote higher standards of knowledge through postgraduate education.
D. Assess the advanced level of competency of applicants.
E. Certify and publicly recognize those who have demonstrated exceptional knowledge and technical skill in all facets of general dentistry and have met the standards established by the Board.
F. Provide tools to assist advanced education residency programs.
G. Provide expert consultation to the medical and dental communities.

H. Furnish the health professions and the public with a directory of general dentists certified and in good standing with the Board.
I. Provide continuing education in advanced concepts of diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient treatment."

I would highly encourage all of our PHS Colleagues who are interested in seeking candidacy or are already conditionally board eligible to review the board exams tab and the applications tab for details by visiting the ABGD.org website. The extensive volume of helpful information available online at ABGD.org should serve as an excellent guide through the process of seeking and achieving board certification. To start the "road" to Board Certification please visit Rules & Procedures under the board exams tab. For additional helpful information please also visit the Frequently Asked Questions site. The ABGD Executive Director, Ms. Sandra Mitchell, or ABGD staff can offer guidance or help answer your questions through the ABGD office. You may contact ABGD at https://www.abgd.org by viewing the tab titled Contact ABGD.

Once you have obtained certification, Diplomates may choose from many potential options for volunteerism with the ABGD including the following: volunteers for the ABGD Information Booth at the AGD Annual Meeting provide information to prospective Board candidates, Deputy board examiners serve to assist the ABGD Directors during the Oral Exam (the Deputy examiners are selected from a pool of interested Board Certified dentists), and seasoned Deputies who will be examining and grading the new oral format of the 'Standardized Case Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Rationale Track' of the Case Treatment Planning and Rationale Section of the Oral Examination. We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers, all of whom contribute greatly to success of the mission and goals of ABGD.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my passion for volunteerism. As fellow PHS Dental Category Commissioned Officers, we all seek to advance the art and science of dentistry in many different ways. Giving back to dentistry and to our fellow officers, serving as mentors and this special quality of Esprit de Corps are what make being a PHS Dental Category Officer an exciting and fulfilling career. I hope to meet with you at the annual Academy of General Dentistry meeting and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ABGD.

I wish you all a very healthy, happy and joyous new year!

Note from the Editors

The DePAC Communications Work Group would like to thank all who have contributed to this edition of the DePAC Newsletter. We would encourage each officer to contribute information for publication through their DePAC work groups to help improve our newsletter and communication to all dental officers.

DENTAL CATEGORY WEBSITE: IMPORTANT UPDATES

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

CDR M. Kevin Lee

Website Log-in Information and Locked Accounts

A few officers have had questions about the log-in process and locked accounts in the new Dental Category website. The instructions on the website are not clear. The following information may be helpful, especially if you have a locked account.

1) First time user: the user name is your PHS #. You will need to request a temporary password by clicking "CLICK HERE IF YOU MISPLACED YOUR PASSWORD". A temporary password will be sent to your email account listed in Direct Access. Follow the instructions to create a new password. The password requires at least one number, an upper case letter, a lower case letter, and a special character such as the pound sign (#). Your password should be at least 8 characters in length.

2) Reset password after two unsuccessful attempts: It is best to request a password reset rather than getting your account locked after three unsuccessful attempts. Follow the instructions for first time user (#1) and you will receive a temporary password in the email account listed in Direct Access. Log in right away and change your password, if your account is not locked.

3) Locked account: If you enter the incorrect password three times or more, your account will be locked and it will have to be reset by an administrator in the OSG Headquarters. Follow step #1 to request a temporary password. Important note: Once you receive your temporary password, wait 2-3 days before logging in and changing the password. Any attempt to change the password before the locked account is reset will result in an error message saying the new password does not meet the password requirement. It normally takes 2-3 days to reset a locked account.

Dental Directories: Built-in Dental Directory vs. Dental PAC directory (spreadsheet)

The new Dental Category website has many built-in features. One of which is an automatic listing of Commissioned Corps dentists. To access the built-in Dental Directory a user needs to log in and go to the "Admin tab > Our membership". The list can be sorted by clicking on the heading for name or rank. To locate duty station information click on the right arrow under the "Options" heading. The list is automatically updated every quarter based on information from Direct Access. Currently, only Commissioned Corps Officers can log into the Dental Category website. Commissioned Corps Hygienists and civilian dentists are not on the dental list.

The built-in dental directory is still in development and has a few limitations:

- The list cannot be sorted by agencies.
- Hygienists, civil service dentists, and tribal dentists are not included in the list.
- Hygienists, civil service dentists, and tribal dentists cannot access the list.

This may change in the future. The website is still under development. For now, we are still maintaining our customary DePAC dental directory (spreadsheet). Another important note: Always use your government (public) email account for the dental directory. Third party emails are personal information and should not be used.

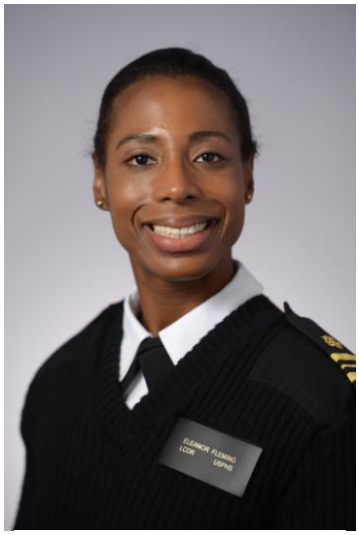
New Co-webmaster of the website

LCDR Hung will be joining CDR Lee as the new co-webmaster of the Dental Category website. The webmasters deal with the day-to-day maintenance, Section 508 compliance, technical and artistic presentation of the Dental website. The webmasters work under the DePAC Communications Workgroup. If you have any questions about the Dental Category Website, please contact CDR M. Kevin Lee (mklee@bop.gov), LCDR Hung (Li-Kuei.G.Hung@uscg.mil) or the Communications WG Chair.

Are you ready to be a Dental Professional Advisory Committee Voting Member?

LCDR Eleanor Fleming, PHD, DDS, MPH

Executive Secretary



LCDR Eleanor Fleming

Do you remember seeing this subject in your inbox: "Dental PAC - Call for Nominations - Deadline 15 August 2015"? Every summer the Dental Professional Advisory Committee (DePAC) Membership Workgroup sends out its call for self-nominations. Interested officers are asked to: complete a self-nomination form, which includes the officer's contact information and responses to four essay questions; submit their CV in the dental category format; and provide their supervisor's approval. But what happens next?

The Membership Workgroup processes the self-nominations and creates packets for the Voting Members to review. Voting Members rank candidates on five criteria: (1) strength of CV; (2) workgroup/subcommittee experience; (3) interests, experience and impact that may benefit the Committee; (4) exceptional performance of duty; (5) ability to be innovative and creative; (6) leadership skills and career experience; and (6) dedication to the Public Health Service and its goals. Criteria 3-6 are based on responses given in the self-nomination form.

The Voting Members and the Chief Dental Officer consider many factors in nominating individuals for Voting Member positions, as detailed in Section V (Membership) of the DePAC Charter.[1] Once the top candidates are identified, the nominee's respective agency administrators must endorse the recommendations. When the Chief Dental Officer receives these endorsements, a final list of nominees is sent to the Surgeon General for approval.

How do you prepare for DePAC Voting Membership?

- **Have a strong CV**. Describe in your CV, how you have been an effective officer. How are you meeting and exceeding the category's benchmarks? When in doubt, ask a mentor or senior officer to review your CV, so that you are presenting your diligent efforts in the strongest possible light..
- **Get involved in DePAC activities.** Actively participating on a DePAC workgroup or committee prior to your self-nomination is *critical.* DePAC members want to see your involvement and know you are committed to the three-year collateral duty term as a DePAC voting member. In addition, volunteer to participate in other DePAC activities such as the Dental Category Day at the USPHS Symposium.
- **Write strong responses to the essay questions in the self-nomination form**. Describe the kind of impact you hope to have as a Voting Member, discuss your leadership skills, and have concrete examples of your dedication to the Public Health Service and its goals. Although applying for a DePAC Voting Member position is not the same as applying for a position on USAJobs, write your responses to these questions as though it is. Write persuasively, describe your impact, and make the case for why you are the best nominee for DePAC.

When the call for self-nominations is distributed on the dental bulletin board in the summer, have your CV ready, thoughtful answers prepared for the essays, your supervisor's approval…and apply.

DePAC can only be as good as its Voting Members. DePAC needs you, and wants you to apply to serve as a Voting Member.

Dental Officers Volunteer at American Dental Association Mission of Mercy

CAPT Renée Joskow and LCDR Eleanor Fleming

On Sunday, November 8, 2015, the American Dental Association (ADA) hosted a Mission of Mercy (MOM) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. This was the third MOM held at the ADA annual meeting. More than 200 dentists and 300 other volunteers served at the day-long event. Among them were four USPHS Dental Officers: CAPT Renée Joskow, CAPT Coleman Palmertree, LCDR Eleanor Fleming, and LCDR Kevin Zimmerman.

[1] Dental Professional Advisory Committee Charter, Revision January 2002. http://www.phs-dental.org/depac/charter.html. Accessed on November 25, 2015.

For LCDR Fleming and LCDR Zimmerman, this was their first MOM. Both volunteered for the same reason that all USPHS officers volunteer: they saw a need to serve. LCDR Zimmerman, a staff dental officer at the San Xavier Dental Clinic in Tucson, Arizona, was in charge of routing and checking to make sure that patients received the proper radiographs. He screened and routed well over 200 individuals. LCDR Fleming, the dental officer for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, had wanted to volunteer at a MOM event for years, and saw the event as the perfect time to serve. She worked in the patient education section, providing oral hygiene instructions to patients prior to their medical screening.

Both agreed that the time spent was a thoroughly rewarding experience. Reflecting on the day, LCDR Zimmerman remarked, "I was able to help both individuals and families get dental care that they desperately needed but had not been able to afford. The gratitude and appreciation I received was overwhelming."

LCDR Fleming remembered one patient who heard about the day that morning on the news, and came to the Convention Center instead of going to church because she needed help. For LCDR Fleming, the day highlighted the persistence of oral health disparities and just how much work needs to be done: "Seeing the faces of the children, adults, and seniors at the Convention Center was all but heartbreaking. While we have made strides in our dental care delivery system, we definitely have more work to do."

CAPTs Palmertree and Joskow provided clinical services to many needy patients who were grateful to have their teeth restored. ADA President Dr. Maxine Feinberg took time to show her support for the USPHS dental category and tweeted a picture holding a PHS tee-shirt. Our USPHS dental officers were joined by other officers from multiple PHS categories who also volunteered for the event.

Photos of PHS members volunteering at ADA's MOM event in Washington, DC

According to the ADA, some 700 patients received an estimated $475,000 in care. State dental societies host these events throughout the year, and if the opportunity presents itself in your area, the volunteers at this event strongly encourage you to sign up. "It was great working with other dentists," said LCDR Fleming. "I was able to network with dental providers in the area where I recently moved, and now have contacts in the local dental society."

While the day was certainly about providing care, dental officers also used the opportunity to talk about the USPHS. LCDR Fleming and LCDR Zimmerman talked with prospective and current dental students about opportunities in the USPHS. Having RADM Makrides at the event certainly helped to highlight the USPHS and the many ways that dental officers serve the nation.

A Washington Post article published after the event featured a patient smiling after having dental work done. That patient's smile best sums up the day, and why four USPHS dental officers volunteered their time with other dentists and volunteer in a mission of mercy.

REMINDER…

YOU CAN FIND YOUR DA NUMBER BY LOGGING INTO THE SECURE AREA OF CCMIS WHERE YOUR EOPF IS LOCATED. IT SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT THE TOP OF YOUR PAGE.

HTTP://DCP.PSC.GOV/CCMIS/LOGIN_SECURITY_STATEMENT_M.ASPX

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WITH THE CONVERSION TO DIRECT ACCESS (DA), IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO KNOW YOUR DA NUMBER FOR INPUTTING LEAVE, AWARDS, READINESS INFORMATION, CONTACT INFORMATION, ETC.

Join COA

Membership in COA means being part of an association of fellow officers in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. It affords professional development and networking opportunities and ensures you have a voice that will be heard.

For more information visit: http://www.coausphs.org/

Don't forget to register for the USPHS Scientific Symposium!

Key Dates:

Early Bird Deadline--April 4

Standard Rate Deadline--April 30

http://symposium.phscof.org/registration

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

Agency/Organization	Web Link/info	Meeting date	Meeting Location
Mid-Continent Dental Congress	http://www.gslds.org/education-mcdc.php	Nov. 10-11, 2016	St. Charles, MO
American Dental Association Annual Meeting	ADA: American Dental Association - ADA Annual Session	Oct. 20-25, 2016	Denver, CO
American Association of Women Dentists	http://www.aawd.org/?page=AnnualConference	TBD	TBD
American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting	http://www.perio.org/meetings/am/index.html	Sept. 10-13, 2016	San Diego, CA
Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting	http://www.cds.org/midwinter_meeting/midwinter_meeting.aspx	Feb. 25-27, 2016	Chicago, IL
American Dental Education Association Annual Meeting	http://www.adea.org/EventDetail.aspx?id=21328	Mar. 12-15, 2016	Denver, CO
IADR/AADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition	http://www.iadr.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=4526	Mar. 16-19, 2016	Los Angeles, CA
Hinman Dental Meeting	http://www.hinman.org/	Mar. 17-19, 2016	Atlanta, GA
Academy of Prosthodontics	http://www.academyofprosthodontics.org/2016_Palm_Springs_California.html	Mar. 29- Apr. 2, 2016	Palm Springs, CA
American Association of Endodontists	http://www.aae.org/annualsession/	Apr. 6-9, 2016	San Francisco, CA
Western Regional Dental Convention	https://www.westernregional.org/2016/	Apr. 8-9, 2016	Phoenix, AZ
Academy of Laser Dentistry	http://www.laserdentistry.org/index.cfm/conference	Apr. 14-16, 2016	Orlando, FL
National Oral Health Conference	http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/	Apr.18-20, 2016	Cincinnati, OH
American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry	http://www.aacd.com/conference	Apr. 27-30, 2016	Toronto, Canada
The Texas Meeting: Annual Session Texas Dental Association	http://texasmeeting.com/	May 5-7, 2016	San Antonio, TX
California Dental Association Spring Scientific Session	http://www.cdapresents.com/Anaheim2015.aspx	May 12-14, 2016	Anaheim, CA
USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium	http://symposium.phscof.org/	May 16-19, 2016	Oklahoma City, OK
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session	http://www.aapd.org/annual/	May 26-29, 2016	San Antonio, TX
Pacific Northwest Dental Conference (WSDA)	http://www.wsda.org/pndc/	Jun. 16-17, 2016	Bellevue, WA
Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting	http://www.agd.org/am2016.aspx	Jul. 14-17, 2016	Boston, MA
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry	http://www.estheticacademy.org/?page=AAEDMeetings	Aug. 2-5, 2016	Dana Point, CA
National Dental Association	http://ndaonline.org/nda-convention/	TBA	TBA
Association of Military Surgeons of the US (AMSUS)	http://amsusmeeting.org/	Nov. 29- Dec.2,2016	Gaylord National Harbor, MD

ONLINE ORAL HEALTH RESOURCES & CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

DePAC Does not advocate for any of the products, materials or information in articles included in this list, it is merely a compilation of online resources and continuing education opportunities for category members.

Agency/Organization	Description	Web Link
American College of Dentists	**CE** - Dental Ethics Course	www.dentalethics.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	**Resource** - Oral Health Resources	http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/
Colgate	**CE** – Free Live and On-Demand Webinars for continuing education	http://www.colgateoralhealthnetwork.com/Dental-CE-Course/
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	**Resource** – Video, HRSA Deputy Administrator Marcia K. Brand, PhD	http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/clinical/oralhealth/
HRSA	**Resource** - HHS Oral Health Initiative 2010	http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/clinical/oralhealth/hhsinitiative.html
IHS Division of Oral Health	**Resource** - Early Childhood Caries Initiative	http://www.doh.ihs.gov/ecc
Inside Dentistry	**CE** - online continuing education opportunities	http://www.insidedentistry.net/continuingeducation.php
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	**CE** - Practical oral health care for patients w/ developmental disabilities	http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/EducationalResources/HealthCareProviders/POCPDD.htm
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	**Resource** - Dental Providers Oncology Pocket Guide. Reference on treating pts before, during and after cancer treatment	http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealth/Topics/CancerTreatment/ReferenceGuideforOncologyPatients.htm
National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center	**Distance Learning**	http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/DL.html
Naval Postgraduate Dental School	**Resource** - Clinical updates archives	http://www.wrnmmc.capmed.mil/ResearchEducation/NPDS/SitePages/Research/ClinicalUpdatesIndex.aspx
Naval Postgraduate Dental School	**CE** - Correspondence Course Program	http://www.wrnmmc.capmed.mil/ResearchEducation/NPDS/Shared%20Documents/Correspondence%20Course%20Brochure.pdf
Northwest Center for Public Health Practice	**CE** - Basic Public Health principles study modules	http://www.nwcphp.org/training/training-search#b_start=0
Ohio Department of Health, the Indian Health Service, and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors	**Resource** - Safety Net Dental Clinic Manual	http://www.dentalclinicmanual.com/
Proctor & Gamble	**CE** – online continuing education courses	http://www.dentalcare.com/en-US/conteduc/conteduc.jspx
The University of Iowa	**Resource** - Oral Disease Pictures	http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/c.php?g=131885&p=864394