

# New Engineer Orientation Webinar

EPAC Career Development Subcommittee

April 24, 2013  
1400-1500



# INTRODUCTION



**CDR JILL HAMMOND, MPH**  
EPAC Career Development Subcommittee Chair  
Food and Drug Administration  
Silver Spring, MD



# PURPOSE OF WEBINAR

- Provide an overview of the EPAC and Engineering Category
- Address topics of interests
- Discuss relevant issues and concerns to aid you in your career development



# AGENDA

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- EPAC Overview
- Mentoring Overview/Website Demonstration
- EPAC Website Demonstration
- Q&A-ALL OF YOU



# PANELISTS

- **RADM SVEN E. RODENBECK, ScD, PE, BCEE**  
Chief Engineer, USPHS
- **CDR RAMSEY HAWASLY, PE**  
2013 EPAC Chair
- **LCDR NAZMUL HASSAN**  
EPAC Mentoring Subcommittee Chair



# EPAC Leadership



**RADM SVEN E. RODENBECK, ScD, PE,**

**Chief Engineer, USPHS  
Assistant Surgeon General  
Agency for Toxic Substances and  
Disease Registry  
Atlanta, GA**



# EPAC Leadership



**CDR Ramsey Hawasly, PE**  
2013 EPAC Chair  
Indian Health Service  
Rockville, MD



# What is EPAC?

- EPAC provides advice and consultation to the Chief Engineer, who in turn reports to the Surgeon General on matters relating to the professional activities and personnel issues affecting PHS engineers.
- EPAC acts in the interest of Civil Service and Commissioned Corps engineers and architects.
- Communications link and information source for the distinct PHS engineer disciplines
- Provides advice and assistance on engineer staffing issues, particularly recruitment
- Acts as a primary resource for engineer career development
- Communicates and encourages the use of awards/recognition systems

# What is EPAC?

- 19 Voting members representing a diverse cross-section of Commissioned Corps and Civil Service engineers and architects within HHS Operating Divisions and Staff Divisions as well as non-HHS organizations to which Corps officers are assigned.
- Knowledgeable professionals at all grade levels who represent a cross section of the interests, concerns, and responsibilities of engineers in organizations staffed by PHS personnel around the country.

# EPAC Membership

	Term	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Agency	Role(s)	Alternate
	CPO	RADM	Sven	Rodenbeck	ATSDR	Chief Engineer	
Voting Members	2012-14	CAPT	Edward	Dieser	CDC	Past Chair	
	2013-15	CDR	Nathan	Epling	NPS	Chair Elect - Rules	LTJG Kelly Hoeksema
	2012-14	CAPT	Paul	Gagliano	EPA	Recruitment & Retention, Vice Chair	LCDR David Gwisdalla
	2011-13	CDR	Jill	Hammond	FDA	Career Development Chair	LT Shad Shoppert
	2012-14	LCDR	Duane	Hammond	CDC	Mentoring Vice Chair & Awards	LCDR Ed Zechmann
	2013-15	LCDR	Nazmul	Hassan	FDA	Mentoring Chair	LTJG Atiq Chowdhury
	2011-13	CDR	Ramsey	Hawasly	IHS	EPAC Chair	
	2013-15	CDR	Robert	Hemberger	NPS	Recruitment & Retention and Rules	Tom Canick
	2013-15	LCDR	Deborah	Hirst	CDC	Public Health Engineering Practices & Recruitment and Retention	CAPT Chuck Kardous
	2012-14	LCDR	Weston	Kenney	IHS	Career Development, Vice Chair & Recruitment and Retention	LCDR John Kathol
	2012-14	LT	Kurt	Kesteloot	NPS	Special Events Chair	LCDR Jeremy Nickels
	2013-15	CDR	Janis	McCarroll	DHS/FEMA	Career Development, Awards	LT Diana Wong
	2012-14	LCDR	QuynhNhu	Nguyen	FDA	Awards Chair	LT Jitendra Virani
	2013-15	LCDR	Kimberly	Piermatteo	FDA	Recruitment & Retention Chair	LCDR Rosbury
	2011-13	CAPT	Steven	Raynor	IHS	Public Health Engineer Practice Chair	CDR Gordon Delchamps
	2012-14	Alternate to carry out remainder of 2013					Recruitment & Retention and Awards
2011-13	CAPT	James	Simpson	FDA	Ad-Hoc Biomedical subcommittee, Chair	LCDR Tara Goen	
2013-15	CAPT	Kenneth	Sun	CMS	Deployment Readiness Chair	LCDR Martin Casey	
2011-13	LCDR	Matthew	Vojik	EPA	Information Chair	LCDR James Kohler	

# What does EPAC do?

- EPAC General
  - A wide range of activities that affect the category through the various subcommittees.
  - Provide career and technical guidance
  - Leadership Development
  - Networking Engineers throughout HHS, Park Service, Homeland Security, etc.
  - Partner with Civil Service colleagues and other professional organizations.



# EPAC Subcommittees

1. Awards
2. Career Development
3. Deployment Preparedness
4. Information
5. Mentoring
6. Public Health Engineering Practices
7. Recruitment and Retention
8. Rules
9. Special Events
10. Liaison Reports from various groups and activities



# Self Nomination Process

- Interested engineers may self-nominate
- EPAC membership and active participation on an EPAC sub-committee provides the opportunity to:
  - 1) learn more about the Corps and other national level policies and events affecting engineers;
  - 2) get involved in directing the future of Corps and HHS engineers; and
  - 3) develop leadership skills.



# Membership Requirements

- If selected, EPAC members will be held to the following requirements:
  - Serve a min one 3 year term and max of 6 years
  - Remain an active member in good standing
  - Participate on two (2) EPAC subcommittees during term of service or Chair (1) subcommittee.
  - Maintain Basic Readiness status (officers)
  - Miss no more than two (2) EPAC teleconferences a year
- <http://www.usphsengineers.org/index.php/epac/forms>

# How to join?

- You do not need to be a member to get involved with EPAC. You can join any subcommittee!!!
- Send an e-mail to the Subcommittee Chair listed on the EPAC website, the EPAC Chair or Chief Engineer:
  - <http://www.usphsengineers.org/index.php/epac/subcommittees>



# Mentoring



**LCDR Nazmul Hassan**  
EPAC Mentoring Subcommittee Chair  
Food and Drug Administration  
Jamaica, NY



# Mentoring Website Demonstration

- <https://sites.google.com/site/phsmentoringforengineers/>



# EPAC INFORMATION

EPAC Website: <http://www.usphsengineers.org/>

EPAC Listserv (send email to): [Lyle.Setwyn@ihs.gov](mailto:Lyle.Setwyn@ihs.gov)

EPAC Chair: [ramsey.hawasly@ihs.gov](mailto:ramsey.hawasly@ihs.gov)



# Q & A



# THANK YOU!

