

NAME: RADM CHRIS A. BINA

JOB TITLE: SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/  
ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL

AGENCY: FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)



**EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

RADM Chris A. Bina holds a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the University of Kansas and was conferred the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, in 2003, from Ohio Northern University, Raabe College of Pharmacy. In addition, he has completed the following notable leadership trainings: The Wharton School Executive Management Program for Pharmacy Leaders, 116<sup>th</sup> Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives, Joint Medical Executives Skills for Senior Military Health System Leaders—DoD CAPSTONE Symposium, and National Institute of Corrections Executive Excellence Program.

**CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

RADM Bina's current duty station is the Federal Bureau of Prisons headquarters located in Washington, DC. He serves as the Senior Deputy Assistant Director for the Health Services Division and administers operational oversight for the delivery of health services, medical staffing and recruitment, food services, safety and environmental health, and employee and occupational health in 122 correctional institutions consisting of 196,000 inmates. Overall, the programs consist of approximately 6,000 positions nationwide with an annual expenditure of approximately \$1.2 billion. He is directly involved with administrative operations of other Health Services Division areas that include Medical Director's Office, Health Programs Branch, Quality Management Branch, Office of Infectious Diseases, Office of Continuing Education, Office of Medical Designations, and Offices of Agency Chief Professional Officers (Pharmacy, Dental, Nursing, Therapist, Medical Technologist, etc.). Additionally, he provides correctional health care expertise to other local, state, federal, and international correctional jurisdictions. He recently represented the Departments of State and Justice as a speaker at the Moroccan International Correctional Health Conference, Rabat, Morocco.

**QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

RADM Bina has served on numerous workgroups within multiple federal agencies and departments. He has deployed to address urgent public health needs, both domestic and international. He has served as a consultant for various agencies, departments and working groups.

**REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

While in pharmacy school, RADM Bina was inspired to join the USPHS through the Junior and Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Programs (COSTEPs). He was inspired to remain in the USPHS because he had the opportunity to see firsthand the differences corps officers were making. While working in the Bureau of Prisons, he has had the opportunity to combine his passions of pharmacy, public health, and service to his country. With 95% of inmates eventually reentering the community, RADM Bina relishes in the opportunity to improve health, health literacy and reintroducing healthy individuals back into society.

**PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Director of Pharmacy Programs, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Washington, DC)
- Chief Pharmacist, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Sheridan, OR and Springfield, MO)
- Staff Pharmacist, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Springfield, MO)
- Sr. COSTEP (Springfield, MO)
- Jr. COSTEP (Sheridan, OR)

**MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Having 26 years of service, RADM Bina can cite numerous rewarding experiences; however, three stand out: 1) becoming the BOP Chief Pharmacist at the age of 32 to provide a vision and represent the outstanding work of the extraordinary BOP pharmacists, 2) entering the flag ranks as Rear Admiral (RADM) lower half (O-7) and subsequently RADM upper half (O-8), 3) representing the Surgeon General and the USPHS by interfacing with executive leadership while serving as the officer in charge for a dedicated Commissioned Corps team on a mission in Saipan; the mission was instrumental in placing the hospital on a pathway to sustainability for patients in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:**

RADM Bina was appointed to the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Federal Interagency Working Group. He has worked directly with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Opioid Drug Abuse Interagency Committee and has been involved with the Department for Health and Human Services Interagency Steering Committee for Adverse Drug Events and has served as a member of the Food and Drug Administration Drug Safety Board.

## **SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST**

RADM Bina enjoys interacting with students and junior officers, especially those graduating from the Officer Basic Course (OBC). He enjoys the opportunity to provide the message of what it means to be a USPHS officer. His message often speaks to the "transcendence of the corps": the ability to connect with public health peers in many other agencies making the USPHS Commissioned Corps a critical inter-departmental asset.

In addition to offering inspiration and serving the USPHS, RADM Bina volunteers with the Sherwood High School and the Olney Maryland Boys and Girls Club softball teams.

*By CAPT Shary M. Jones  
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