The 26th Annual Food and Drug Administration Promotion Ceremony for the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

Friday, September 9, 2022
Arrival of the 2022 USPHS Promotees
Arrival of the Official Party

Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem
USPHS Surgeon General's Honor Guard
USPHS Music Ensemble

Public Health Service March
USPHS Music Ensemble

Introduction
RDML Richardae Araojo
Associate Commissioner for Minority Health

CDR Brook Kerns
FDA Agency Commissioned Corps Liaison

Welcome/Opening Remarks
Robert M. Califf, M.D., MACC
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration

RADM Denise Hinton
Deputy Surgeon General

Call to Orders/Promotion and Recognition of Officers
RDML Sean Boyd
Director, Office of Regulatory Programs
RDML Emil Wang
Chief Engineer Officer, U.S. Public Health Service

Closing Remarks
RDML Sean Boyd
2022 Promotions

To Captain:
- Bizjak, Tara Gooen (CDER) - Engineer
- Bobo, Qiao (CDER) - Scientist
- Chung-Davies, Eunice (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Closs, Latte (ORA) - Pharmacist
- Cunningham, Bradley (CDRH) - Engineer
- Irvin, Kari* (CFSAN) - Health Services
- McAlman, Carol (CDER) - Nurse
- Miller, Zachery (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Smith, Stephen (ORA) - Health Services
- Smith, Tina* (CDER)

To Commander:
- Baisden, Kenia (CTP) - Nurse
- Bui, Yen Anh (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Dar, Cristina (CDER) - Engineer
- Dar, David (CDRH) - Engineer
- Drevo, Courtney (OC) - Dietitian
- Foster, LaRissa (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Gornley, Andrea (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Guidry, Diana (ORA) - Health Services
- Hatch, Lindsay (ORA) - Health Services
- Heitmeier, Brandon (CDER) - Health Services
- Kamon-Brancazio, Jamie (OC) - Therapist
- Kwong, Mandy (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Lee, Jung (CDER) - Pharmacist
- McGahee, Ernest (CTP) - Health Services
- Meng, Jeffrey* (ORA) - Engineer
- Metu, Cassandra (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Miller, Randosha (CDRH) - Nurse
- Mistler, John (CDER) - Pharmacist

To Commander (continued):
- Oguntimein, Oluwamurewa (CDER) - Health Services
- Park, Sophia (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Presto, Ryan (CBER) - Pharmacist
- Redmon, Suzanne (ORA) - Health Services
- Rubenstein, Alister (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Sarai, Amanpreet (CDER) - Nurse
- Tian, Nancy (CDER) - Scientist
- Wani, Silvia (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Yambot, Marcus (CDER)

To Lieutenant Commander:
- Adejuwon, Adesola (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Basi, Surjit (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Bleem, Johnna (ORA) - Health Services
- Cooke, Adam Ross (ORA) - Engineer
- De La Cruz, Audrey (ORA) - Environmental Health
- Ellassar, Sana (ORA) - Environmental Health
- Marcisin, Sean (ORA) - Scientist
- Mello, Christina (ORA) - Nurse
- Oyang, Sara (ORA) - Nurse
- Park, Sylvia (CBER) - Pharmacist
- Phung, Truong-Vinh (CDER) - Pharmacist
- Taylor, Edward (CDER) - Engineer
- To, Nam (CDRH) - Health Services
- Walls, Demario (ORA) - Nurse
- Wu, Juanj (ORA)

To Lieutenant:
- Baah, Isaac (ORA) - Health Services
- Manu, Kwame (ORA) - Health Services
- Ruiz, Saul (ORA) - Engineer

* Exceptional Proficiency Promotion
## History

Today - The USPHS Commissioned Corps continues to fulfill its mission to protect, promote and advance our nation’s health and safety under the leadership of the Assistant Secretary of Health and the U.S. Surgeon General.

2008 - The Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services establishes the DoD-USPHS Partnership for Psychological Health, enabling USPHS Commissioned Corps officers to provide behavioral health services to military members and their families.

2005 - More than 2,400 officers provide disaster relief to the Gulf Region amidst Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

1986 - Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop writes "Understanding AIDS," a USPHS Commissioned Corps brochure that is sent to all 107 million households in the U.S., the largest public health mailing ever at the time.

1984 - Surgeon General Dr. Luther Terry releases a landmark report on smoking-related lung cancer and bronchitis, the first report detailing the connection between tobacco and chronic disease.

1944 - The U.S. Public Health Service Act of 1944 broadens USPHS Commissioned Corps’ scope and paves the way for nurses, scientists, dietitians, physical therapists and sanitarians to join. By 1945, the USPHS Commissioned Corps quadruples its numbers from 625 to nearly 3,000.

1902 - Congress broadens the reach of the USPHS Commissioned Corps. In addition to their disease prevention duties, officers are now authorized to research human diseases, water sanitation, water supplies and sewage disposal.

1889 - Congress establishes the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps within the Marine Hospital Service, organizing officers along military lines with titles and pay corresponding to Army and Navy grades.

1878 - The Marine Hospital Service plays a pivotal role in thwarting the spread of global epidemic diseases like smallpox and yellow fever in the United States.

1871 - John Maynard Woodworth, the first supervising surgeon, adopts a military model for his medical staff, assigning a cadre of mobile, uniformed physicians to various marine hospitals.

1870 - The Marine Hospital Service centralizes hospital administration under the leadership of the supervising surgeon, a role that is known today as the surgeon general.

1801 - The network expands as more marine hospitals are established in the major port cities from Boston to New Orleans.

1798 - John Adams signs into law the Act for the Relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen, which triggers the creation of the marine hospitals along major American waterways.

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Special thanks to the families, friends, and colleagues of our newly promoted officers. Without your unwavering support, we would not be here today celebrating one of the most significant events in an officer’s career.