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Dear ACOA,

Spring is here! And ACOA is busy as a bee. The ACOA Community Service Committee recently led volunteer activities supporting the Atlanta Science Festival on March 25, the United Methodist Children’s Home on April 8, and the USO on April 15. There are a number of upcoming events that will advertised soon, including the USO again on May 20 and June 17. Take advantage of the nice weather, sign up, volunteer, and get to know your fellow officers.

The ACOA Professional Development Committee is teaming up with the Black Commissioned Officers Association Group to host another group Annual Physical Fitness Test (APFT) on May 16 at 1700 at CDC Roybal Campus and on May 18 at 1700 at CDC Chamblee Campus. This is a great opportunity to meet this requirement prior to RedDOG’s next quarterly readiness check. Additionally, the next Lunch and Learn on May 23 at 1130 at CDC Corporate Square will focus on USPHS and agency deployments.

A large cadre of ACOA members are planning to attend the 2017 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium during June 6 – 9 in Chattanooga. If you have not already registered, I encourage you to do so now: http://www.phscof.org/. Even if you can only stay for one day, you do not want to miss out, especially since it is only a few hours away.

Finally, as we have crossed the halfway mark of the 2016-2017 ACOA Executive Committee’s tenure, we will begin preparing for transition. I highly encourage that you strongly consider running for a position with the executive committee. ACOA is especially unique because it is a non-profit organization. Furthermore, as a volunteer with the executive committee, your efforts through ACOA give so much back to both our local community and our membership. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about life inside the executive committee or ACOA.

Best regards,

LCdr Timothy Cunningham
2016-2017 ACOA Executive Committee

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ACOA Uniform Store: LCDR Andy Geller
                   LT Paul Smith
                   LCDR Candis Hunter
                   LCDR Tanya Simmons

ACOA Merchandise Store: CAPT Bruce Tierney
The Ninth Annual Atlanta Commissioned Officers Association (ACOA) Anchor and Caduceus Dinner was held on Saturday, January 28th. It was a great success! Like previous years, the dinner was held at the Druid Hills Golf Club, located in the historic Druid Hills neighborhood.

The night was filled with exceptional speakers. RADM Anne Schuchat, the Acting Director of CDC, provided us with an update on the transition of leadership within CDC/ATSDR. RADM Jonathan Mermin, Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, gave an inspiring and delightful keynote address which ended with a poem that focused on what it means to be a Commissioned Corps Officer. COL (ret) Jim Currie (US Army Reserve), COA Executive Director, provided the audience with the important updates of COA’s effort to support the Corps officers.

Other USPHS leadership in attendance included: RADM (ret) Clara Cobb, former Regional Health Administrator of Region IV; RADM (ret) Sven Rodenbeck, former 12th Chief Engineer Officer; RADM Susan Orsega, Chief Nurse Officer for USPHS; RADM Pamela Schweizer, Chief Pharmacy Officer for USPHS; CAPT Wanda Barfield, Director of CDC’s Division of Reproductive Health (National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), who recently was approved for flag grade promotion to RADM; and CAPT Doris Ravenell-Brown, Director of Commissioned Corps Activity at CDC/ATSDR.

In addition to USPHS leadership, several other distinguished guests representing CDC included: Dr. Rima Khabbaz, Director of the Office of Infectious Diseases; Mr. Reginald Mebane, Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity; Dr. Ursula Bauer, Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; and Dr. José T. Montero, Deputy Director of CDC and Director of the CDC Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support.

CAPT Bruce Tierney, Master of Ceremonies, kept the evening on track. Following the cocktail reception, the dinner began with the entrance of senior leadership, followed by the presentations of colors by the Atlanta-area Honor Cadre, the Star Spangled Banner and PHS March led by the PHS Music Ensemble, Invocation by CDR Ali Danner and the End of Watch Bell Ceremony.
LCDR Timothy Cunningham, ACOA President, presented the 2016 ACOA Committee Member of the Year award to LCDR Ikwo Oboho; CAPT Bruce Tierney received the President’s Award for his ongoing dedication to serving the Atlanta COA. RADM Anne Schuchat and LT Tanesha Tutt, the most senior and junior Officers present, did the honors of cutting the special USPHS cake with a USPHS sword.
Throughout the evening, ACOA hosted a silent auction and raffle to raise funds for the Commissioned Officers Foundation Dependent Scholarship Fund. Many marvelous items were donated to the auction. The dinners with RADMs received the highest bids, which included RADM (ret) Clara Cobb, RADM Henry Falk, RADM Michael Iademarco, RADM Jonathan Mermin, RADM Stephan Redd, and RADM Anne Schuchat. Other hot items were a handmade coin rack that was personalized to the winning bid and a getaway to Château Élan Winery & Resort. A total of $3,585.15 was raised through raffles and the silent auction; it will be donated to the scholarship fund by ACOA. The Anchor and Caduceus Planning Committee would like to acknowledge the generous contributions of the following individuals and businesses that made our raffle and silent auction a success:

| RADM Clara Cobb | LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell | College Football Hall of Fame |
| RADM Henry Falk | LCDR Nicole Bell | Costco |
| RADM Michael Iademarco | LCDR Tanya Simmons | Fresh to Order |
| RADM Jonathan Mermin | LCDR Jennifer Smith | High Museum of Art |
| RADM Stephen Redd | Jeffery Lee Swayer | Marlow’s Tavern |
| RADM Sven Rodenbeck | Andretti Indoor Racing and Games | Medieval Times |
| RADM Anne Schuchat | Atlanta Beltline Partnership | Octane Coffee |
| CAPT Diana Bensyl | Atlanta Botanical Gardens | Pike’s Nursery |
| CAPT John Iskander | Atlanta History Center | RiverPines Golf Course |
| CDR Diana Carroll | Burger Fi | Strippaggio |
| CDR Virginia Lee | Carlos Museum of Art | Tin Lizzy’s |
| CDR Diane Morof | Château Élan Winery & Resort | Woodhouse Day Spa |
| LCDR Ayana Anderson | Chattahoochee Nature Center | Zoo Atlanta |

Ninth Annual Anchor and Caduceus Planning Committee:

LCDR Ayana Anderson, Chair; LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell, Co-Chair; CAPT Bruce Tierney, Master of Ceremonies; CDR Deborah Dee, Social Secretary Co-Chair; LCDR Katrina Sloan, Social Secretary Co-Chair; LT Kimberly Hart, Social Secretary Member; LCDR Eric Tai, Raffle and Silent Auction Chair; LCDR Mary Choi, Raffle and Silent Auction Member; LCDR Candis Hunter, Raffle and Silent Auction Member; LT Charlotte Kabore, Raffle and Silent Auction Member; LCDR Beatrice Lunsford-Wilkins, Decorations Chair; LCDR Jennifer Smith, Decorations Chair; LCDR Terrance Jones, Entertainment Chair; CDR Evelyn Rodriguez, Entertainment Member; LT Hilda Razzaghi, Public Relations Chair; LCDR Travis Mann, Protocol Officer; CDR Jennifer Williams, Logistics Officer; LT James Gooch, Logistics Officer; LCDR Nicole Bell, Event Photographer; CDR Ali Danner, Invocation
Getting our Hands Dirty with the International Rescue Committee Community Garden

LCDR Zewditu Demissie, CDR Jemekia Thornton

In May 2016, the Atlanta Commissioned Officers Association supported a new community service event at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) community garden. Each year, thousands of refugees are invited in the country by the U.S. government. After surviving conflict or persecution, they arrive in the U.S. with very little but their dignity, hope, and determination. With locations across the nation, The IRC provides opportunities for refugees to thrive in their new homeland. The organization helps refugees rebuild their lives in many ways. The IRC makes sure newly arrived refugees receive: (1) a furnished home; (2) rent assistance; (3) health care; (4) nutritious, affordable food; (5) English language classes; (6) help building job and other skills; (7) education for their children; (8) social services and community support; and (9) legal services.

Since 2011, the IRC in Atlanta, in partnership with North DeKalb Mall, Global Growers, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank, has co-managed a community garden for refugees. Over 30 families grow vegetables, fruit, and flowers on 25 plots ranging in size from 400 to 1,300 square feet. This service allows families the opportunity to supplement their income by selling products through markets and vegetable stands. Partner organizations, donors from the community, and garden participants contribute tools, equipment, and volunteer hours to help maintain the garden. The organization regularly accepts donations of new and gently used gardening tools such as shovels, pitchforks, trowels, hoes, mattocks, rakes, or wheelbarrows.

Volunteers can assist the IRC garden in various ways depending on the time of year. For this inaugural event, six Officers and one child were hard at work watering the IRC plot, assisting families with their plots, prepping the ground for mulching, and mulching around the garden. At the time, the garden’s water access was limited, and volunteers had to obtain water from a nearby stream. The volunteers obtained a good workout between this activity, breaking up dirt for planting, raking and shoveling mulch, and pushing wheelbarrows. The activity leads look forward to hosting this event again in 2017.

To learn more about IRC in Atlanta: [http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-atlanta-ga](http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-atlanta-ga)

Left: LCDR Sarah Bennett expertly balances a bucket on her head.

Right: Tatum Thornton (CDR Thornton’s daughter) helps out by scooping mulch with LCDR Sarah Bennett and CAPT John Iskander.

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North DeKalb Mall Community Garden.

IRC’s garden plot.

From L to R: LCDR Zewditu Demissie, LCDR Sarah Bennett, LCDR Leigh Ann Miller, LCDR Denise Duran, Tatum Thornton (CDR Thornton’s daughter), CDR Jemekia Thornton, CAPT John Iskander
Each year ACOA partners with the CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) to offer annual physical fitness tests (APFTs) in conjunction with the EIS Prediction Run. The EIS Prediction Run is a two mile run for EIS Conference participants that is held every spring during the annual EIS Conference. This year the EIS Prediction Run was held in beautiful Piedmont Park in midtown Atlanta on April 25th. The sun was shining and the weather was in the mid-seventies, perfect weather for completing an APFT!

Nine PHS officers took part in the APFT portion of the event, although there were approximately forty run participants (officers and civilians) in total. ACOA Members CDR Eloisa (Lisa) Llata from the CDC and LT Rachael Cook from the FDA served as proctors for the nine officers completing their APFTs. ACOA Executive Committee Members and Chairs of the Professional Development Committee LCDR Danielle Barradas and LT Rachael Cook coordinated with the EIS Prediction Run organizer to arrange for officers to complete their APFTs during the event. While the entire run was two miles long, the times of officers participating in the APFT were recorded at the 1.5 mile mark and the officers had the option of completing the two miles or stopping after 1.5 miles.

Some of the participants were newly commissioned and had never completed an APFT, while others had completed an APFT but had not done so since the new APFT guidelines went into effect. All participants completed the 1.5 mile run and push-up events. The plank appeared to be the most popular core-endurance exercise, followed by the side-bridge and sit-ups. Everyone who participated passed their APFT, some with flying colors! ACOA looks forward to assisting with the APFT portion of the EIS Prediction Run in 2018.
**Open Hand**  
*By: CDR Mark Macyszyn*

On Saturday afternoon February 4, 2017, fourteen Officers that came from CDC, CMS, BOP, OASH and FDA and eight family members participated in an ACOA volunteer event at the Open Hand in Atlanta.

Open Hand began over 27 years ago when founder Michael Edwards and several of his friends cooked meals for neighbors who were dying of HIV/AIDS. From that noble and caring effort, a nutrition agency was born that has since grown to provide over 5,500 meals every day (nearly TWO million meals annually) across 17 North Georgia counties. They are powered by 25,000+ volunteers annually -- averaging anywhere from 100 to 125 every day. Open Hand helps people prevent or better manage chronic disease through Comprehensive Nutrition Care, which combines home-delivered meals and nutrition education as a means to reinforce the connection between informed food choices and improved quality of life. Open Hand Atlanta now collaborates with 35+ other community organizations to eliminate redundancy and ensure that they reach as many of our at-risk citizens as possible.

One group of ACOA volunteers worked as a team to place nonperishable items and fresh produce into over 180 grocery bags that will be delivered the following week. These Market Baskets provide a weekly supply of groceries to low-income, medically-eligible clients who have the ability to prepare their own meals, but who do not have the strength or income to purchase their own groceries. Other ACOA volunteers sorted over 1,130 prepackaged meals in plastic bags that were delivered to clients the following day, and two PHS volunteers worked side-by-side with other volunteers and staff to package over 760 meals. Even though the event was scheduled for two shifts: 1300-1500 and 1300-1600, they all worked so well together that that market basket group was done by 1430, and the group that worked in the kitchen was done by 1515. Special shout out to CAPT Edacia Richards and LCDR Ikwo Oboho who worked on the meal packaging line and agreed to stay a little longer than all the other volunteers until all meals were packaged.
On Saturday morning December 3, 2016, fifteen officers and three family members participated in an ACOA volunteer event at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

For over 66 years, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has filled an important gap in our healthcare system. They provide full eye exams, eyeglasses, hearing screenings and hearing aids for the uninsured and underinsured in every county in the state of Georgia.

In FY2016, the Foundation conducted over 5,620 vision screenings, dispensed 7,091 eyeglasses and performed 2,045 eye exams in 138 counties. In addition, over 21,390 eyeglasses were shipped to 16 countries on 51 medical missions. The organization’s Surgery Program provided 737 complex surgical procedures (including cataract and retinal operations) and is committed to follow-up care.

In 2015, the Foundation partnered with four hearing aid manufacturers and 163 hearing providers, and with funding from the Georgia Public Service Commission they successfully launched and implemented the Pediatric Hearing Program, helping children throughout Georgia hear with state-of-the-art digital hearing aids. In FY2016, the Foundation supplied 2,180 hearing aids to over 1,170 individuals aged 2 months to 102 years.

Volunteers washed, dried, and then sorted the donated eyeglasses (i.e., separating clear prescription eyeglasses from prescription sunglasses, bifocals and nonprescription sunglasses). Even eyeglasses that were not suitable for future distribution are not put to waste. The unusable eyeglasses that volunteers sorted are sent to a recycling center in California and the resulting funds are used to provide services at the Foundation.

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation volunteer event provided a wonderful opportunity to be social with other Officers while providing a valuable service. The organizers look forward to new opportunities to volunteer in 2017.

For more information about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, please visit their website: http://www.lionslighthouse.org.
Seeking Volunteers!!

2017 U.S. Public Health Service
Atlanta Metro Area
Promotion Ceremony

We are seeking active and energetic officers to donate their time, skills, and creativity to make the 2017 Promotion Ceremony as successful as in previous years. Please get involved!

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Catering Liaison: responsible for obtaining catering quotes and logistics related to the caterer
- Logistics: several logistics positions are needed (including parking logistics, ceremony logistics, etc.)
- Promoted Officer Liaison: responsible for pre-ceremony liaising with promoted Officers and directing promoted Officers to uniform check-in and stage during ceremony
- Usher Liaison: responsible for recruitment of ushers and logistics related to ushers
- Security Liaison: responsible for liaising with the CDC security office prior to ceremony to ensure all security clearance needs are met

If you would like to volunteer for a position, please send your area of interest to LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell (jcx0@cdc.gov) as soon as possible!
ACOA MERCHANDISE

Show Your PHS PRIDE!

New USPHS Pride Items from Atlanta COA!

Note: Please use a personal (non-government) e-mail address to contact CAPT Tierney about pride merchandise. The Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) and the HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have advised all local COA branches that government resources such as phones, computers, e-mail addresses, and interoffice mail, may not be used to discuss, sell, or send pride merchandise.
What do you do with uniform items you no longer wear? Donate them to the ACOA Uniform Store! The ACOA Uniform store sells used uniform components at 50% off Navy NEX prices. There is no actual uniform storefront. Officers volunteer as coordinators. You are able to donate, swap, and purchase items through the coordinator.

**Women’s Uniform Store** ([acoawomensuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:acoawomensuniforms@gmail.com)):

- LCDR Candis Hunter
- LCDR Tanya Simmons

**Men’s Uniform Store** ([acoamensuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:acoamensuniforms@gmail.com)):

- LCDR Andy Geller
- LCDR Paul Smith

For ACOA Uniform Store policies and FAQs, check out the website: [http://www.atlantacoa.com/uniform-store](http://www.atlantacoa.com/uniform-store)
ACOA MEMBERSHIP

ABOUT

The mission of the Atlanta Commissioned Officers Association (ACOA) is to offer opportunities to Atlanta-area officers to give back locally to the community enjoy camaraderie and build esprit de corps. The Atlanta Branch is the largest COA branch in the state of Georgia and was named Branch of the Year in 1994, 2004, 2009, 2010 and 2012!

WHY JOIN

Every year ACOA sponsors several events that provide members a variety of professional development, community service, and networking activities, as well as great discounts on merchandise and uniforms.

* Discounted PHS Pride Merchandise
* Used Uniform Store
* Atlanta-area Officers’ Promotion Ceremony
* Anchor and Caduceus Dinner
* Community Service Events (e.g. USO, Habitat for Humanity)
* Professional Development Lunch & Learn topics such as readiness, uniforms & promotions
* APFT events
* Quarterly publication of our newsletter, The Signal!
* Capitol Hill representation to ensure parity between the Commissioned Corps and other uniformed services
* Participation in a Local Branch
* COA Group Insurance Program
* Discount on USPHS Symposium registration

And we can’t do any of it without the help of our members!

HOW TO JOIN

An officer must be a member of our parent organization the Commissioned Officer Association (COA). To become a member, officers must complete the COA membership application available on the COA membership page at www.atlantacoa.com/membership. When prompted, insert “Atlanta” as the name of the local branch you wish to join.
Join fellow officers for the 2017 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium on June 6-9, 2017!

You can network at Category Day, learn from fellow Officers at outstanding plenary sessions, work off stress during the Surgeon General’s 5K Run/Walk, earn continuing education credits, and celebrate the accomplishments of USPHS at the Anchor and Caduceus Dinner. A great time is in store for all!

Are you a Junior Officer (pay grade O3 or below) interested in attending the 2017 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium? SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE! Instructions and guidelines for applying can be found here: http://symposium.phscof.org/docs/2016Symposium/JOScholarshipGuidelines.pdf. Registration rates are given below.

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In order to qualify for member rates, you must be a member of the Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service. Please note: if you register at a discounted rate which you are not eligible for, your registration rate will be changed to the Non-member rate. No refunds will be granted. Anchor and Caduceus Dinner Tickets (Wednesday, June 7) are NOT included in any registration rate. Register here: http://symposium.phscof.org/.

Interested in taking a pre-conference class in leadership or communication? You can even renew your Basic Life Support certification at the 2017 Symposium! Check out the great course offerings here: http://symposium.phscof.org/agenda/pre-conference17.
We need your help!

Please **donate items for the Silent Auction** at this year’s COF Anchor and Caduceus Dinner. The 2017 USPHS Symposium will be held in Chattanooga. The Anchor and Caduceus subcommittee is seeking donations for its Silent Auction. **All proceeds benefit the Commissioned Officers Foundation Dependent Scholarship Fund.**

Donation items can be anything fun -- so be creative!

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner with you – a chance for officers to get to know a flag officer!
  - Some of the most-enjoyed items from previous years include: a chili dinner for four that was cooked and hosted by a flag officer in his home; dinner for four at a local restaurant with a flag officer
- Mentoring sessions you offer to officers
- Gift certificates to local restaurants, hotels, spas, golf courses
- Tickets to sporting or theater events
- Electronic items
- Gift baskets or individual items from local retailers
- Flying lessons, golf lessons, dance lessons
- Pottery, art, and crafts
- Other item that you want to contribute!

**What can you do?**

Donate a **100% tax-deductible** prize!

*Earn great publicity among your fellow officers at the same time!*

Ask a friend, colleague, or favorite local business to donate something from their business. **Just show them the attached letter!**

**All donations will be recognized at the Anchor and Caduceus Dinner and the COA/COF newsletter. Contributors will receive a thank you letter from COF.**

If you have a donation or are interested in soliciting donations, please contact CAPT Debra Tubbs at [debra.tubbs@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:debra.tubbs@cms.hhs.gov) 214.767.6139.
2017 USPHS SCIENTIFIC & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM MUSIC ENSEMBLE ANNUAL CONCERT

Date: June 6, 2017
Time: 1815-1915hrs following Keynote and reception
Where: Chattanooga Convention Center

Graphic taken from COF Email Announcement.
USPHS COMBINED JOINT SOCIAL

MOONLIGHT MADNESS!

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW OFFICER'S AT ONE OF CHATTANOOGA'S BEST BAR'S FOR AN EVENING OF SOCIALIZING AND NETWORKING. FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME.

WHEN: JUNE 6TH, 2017 @ 8PM
WHERE: RAW BAR AND GRILL
409 MARKET ST, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402
You are invited to the 2017 USPHS Dental Category Social

Tuesday June 6, 2017
@ 6:30pm

- Come meet with your fellow USPHS Dental Officers for food, drinks and camaraderie at St. John’s Meeting Place.
- 1274 Market Street
- Located only a short ½ mile walk from the convention center.
- Casual civilian dress
- You can order from the menu and separate checks are available. Menu can be found on the website.

RSVP by May 16th to LCDR Single (jsingle@bop.gov)

http://www.stjohnsmeetingplace.com

Graphic taken from Dental PAC Email Announcement.
COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW EHOS AT A LOCAL BREWERY WITH GOOD EATS FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT! FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME.

WHEN
June 6th, 2017
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

WHERE
Chattanooga Brewing Co.
1804 Chestnut St. Chattanooga, TN
Across the street from Finley Stadium

FEATURED CRAFTS • Chestnut Street Brown Ale • Chickbock Maibock • Hill City IPA • Hot Mama • Imperial Pilsner • S.A. IPA

DO NOT MISS
EHO Mentoring Session
June 6th: 12 - 1 p.m.
Ensemble Concert
June 6th: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
USPHS Joint Social
June 6th @ 8 p.m.
EHO Category Day
June 7th: 07:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WWW.CHATTABREW.COM

Graphic taken from EHO PAC Email Announcement.
2017 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium
Chattanooga, TN
Pre-Conference Leadership Workshop

Mentoring in the Commissioned Corps:
Tools and Strategies for Success

Monday, June 5, 2017
8:00 AM — 5:00 PM
Cost: $25 (includes breakfast and lunch)
Sign-up for workshop during Symposium registration

Workshop Includes:

- Keynote Address by the USPHS Commissioned Corps Deputy Surgeon General, RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams
- Chief Professional Officers’ perspectives and experiences on being a mentor/mentee over their careers.
- PHS Professional Categories’ description of current mentoring programs, challenges, opportunities, and future plans.
- Four Hour, Hands-on Mentorship Workshop by mentoring expert, Dr. Brad Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, U.S. Naval Academy and Co-Author of “The Elements of Mentoring.”
- Optional individual mentoring with CPOs/Senior Officers

CME/CEUs Available

Graphic taken from JOAG Email Announcement.
CALL FOR LECTURE AND POSTER ABSTRACTS FOR:

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) 126th Annual Meeting
November 28-December 1, 2017
National Harbor, MD
http://www.amsusmeetings.org/

Do you want to present at one of the oldest and most prestigious Uniformed Service conferences in the United States? If so, have you considered presenting at the 2017 AMSUS Annual Continuing Education Meeting?

The AMSUS Annual Meeting, provides a platform of special interest for federal healthcare, including Departments of Defense (DoD), Veteran’s Affairs (VA), the Coast Guard, USPHS, International Military Medical Officers, and healthcare professionals – public or private sector – to develop strong professional relationship networks by sharing knowledge of cutting edge medical research, innovative medical advances, and superior practices in patient care. Visit http://www.amsus.org/about/ for more about AMSUS.

Deadlines for Abstract Submission:
• Lecture Submission deadline is Wednesday, 31 May 2017, 11:59pm ET;
• Poster Submission deadline is Friday, 1 Sept 2017, 11:59pm ET.

The theme of the 126th AMSUS Annual Continuing Education Meeting is “From Battlefront to Homefront”, in recognition of the wide range of skills and specialties which must work synchronously to care for those who go in harm’s way, as well as their families. The meeting will have a keen focus on readiness, as speakers discuss a forward response, as well as the spectrum of multidisciplinary, joint medical care and rehabilitation leading to the healing of the whole family – our new normal.

For more information about abstract submissions and the general focus of this year’s tracks including the submission portal please go to: http://www.amsusmeetings.org/call-abstracts/

Oh, and we almost forgot! If you are presenting at COF this year, why not leverage the work you have already done and submit your relevant presentation or poster to AMSUS? Let PHS showcase the amazing work we do to our sister services and other federal healthcare partners by presenting on our research, policy, domestic and international responses, and partnerships championed by PHS Officers, like HRSA’s BPHC and VA for veterans and so many others!

Recruitment: In addition, we are looking for volunteers to assist with USPHS planning activities for the AMSUS 2017 annual conference. If you are interested in joining the AMSUS planning team, please reach out to CDR Damon Smith at da-mon.smith@hhs.gov, and LT Evette Pinder at evettepinder@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
The USPHS AMSUS Planning Committee