

From: PHS Commissioned Corps Medical Officers on behalf of Purohit-Sheth, Tejashri
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To: COMMCORPS_MEDOFFCRS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: PPAC Newsletter and Reminder for PPAC Forum: April 29, 2010 @ 1300 EST

Good Evening Colleagues,

Our PPAC Forum will be held next Thursday April 29, 2010 at 1300 EST. Please note the attached memo ("POM10 001") regarding the change of uniforms; please note that the BDUs are no longer authorized for wear as an alternate Friday uniform; they may be worn where the Local Uniform Authority dictates. Please see the specific meeting information below as well as other items of potential interest. Thank you.

1. PPAC Forum on Thursday 4/29/10 at 1300 EST: We are anticipating LCDR Martha Wanca, Transformation Officer, OPHS, to provide a discussion of the new requirements for OPF and credentialing updates. Many of you have had questions regarding this topic, so please avail of this opportunity to discuss this issue. Also, please note that our fellow colleagues from the Veterinarian PAC will be joining our forum as this topic impacts them as well. When either PAC has issues that may be pertinent to both of our PACs, we are amenable to have a forum where both PAC participants can call in.

Call in number: 866-816-2251, **Participant Code:** 9700730; for those of you who can't use toll-free numbers, please use 1-517-477-5361.

2. Message from ASH and SG : Active duty officers and interested persons, please read the attached message ("[Corpsview](#)") from the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Surgeon General regarding the review of operational components of the Commissioned Corps.

3. USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium (Annual COF Conference): May 24-May 27, 2010

- 1. PPAC will be providing some mentoring opportunities** at the USPHS COF Annual Meeting. If you are interested in being mentored or being a mentor, please respond to me at tejashri.purohit-sheth@fda.hhs.gov
- 2.** JOAG will be holding a General Meeting and JOAG Social on 5/23/10 and 5/26/10, respectively, at the USPHS COF conference. Please see attached flyers if interested.
- 3. Office of Surgeon General Seeking Aides de Camp:** For the conference, OSG is seeking 2-3 volunteers from each category to serve as Aides de Camp. If you are interested, please contact LTJG Michael Bowens at michael.bowens@hhs.gov or at 202-690-8443.
- 4. Useful Information from the Southern California and Greater Los Angeles COA Branch:** Please see attached "Get Ready for COA 2010!!!-Local Branch Planning Announcements" for some excellent information that the local branch has collated to assist officers during their visit to San Diego. More information can be found at:

Web Site: <http://members.cox.net/coa2010/index.shtml>

4. The American Indian and Alaska Native Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee Seeks Nominations:

The *AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE* (AIANCOAC) is seeking members for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2011. The AIANCOAC provides advice and consultation to the U. S. Surgeon General and the Minority Officer's Liaison Council (MOLC) on professional and personnel issues related to American Indians and Alaska Natives in federal service (both Commissioned Officers and Civil Service employees). Selections, which are based on the nominee's commitment to public health activities and specified criteria in the AIANCOAC Charter (e.g., OPDIV representation, discipline, gender, etc.), are made by the AIANCOAC and approved by the Office of the Surgeon General. AIANCOAC members are expected to obtain the necessary agency support to attend twelve scheduled meetings per year via teleconference. A self-nomination form (which includes a space for supervisory approval) is attached and can also be found on the AIANCOAC Website at: <http://www.aiancoac.freesevers.com/>

If interested, please complete the self-nomination form and send it along with a current curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing how your specific experience and expertise will benefit the AIANCOAC. The completed package must be submitted via e-mail (email is preferred; submit a scanned file of the signature page), mail, or fax by **June 30, 2010**, to:

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6. CMS Job Opportunities: New CMS positions have been created as a result of the Healthcare Reform Act. Commissioned Officers are eligible to apply for these positions but must do so through USA Jobs. If interested, please see the link:

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/search.aspx?q=CMS&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=59&y=4>

7. AMSUS Speaker Solicitation Letter for 2010 Meeting: The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) Plenary Planning Committee is seeking USPHS Officers to submit abstracts for consideration as presentations during the AMSUS conference

scheduled from October 31-November 5, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona. Please see attached AMSUS Speaker Solicitation Letter.

8. 2010 Summer Institute on Evidence Based Practice: The Ninth Annual Summer Institute on Evidence Based Practice Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, TX from July 8-10, 2010. If interested, please see the link to the online brochure: <http://www.acestar.uthscsa.edu/institute/su10.html>

9. Communications: As we have completed our transition to our new PPAC website (see below), please notify Juliana Grant for any errors that you may note so we can promptly correct them: webmaster@usphs-ppac.net Thank you.

A. PPAC Listserve: PPAC newsletters such as this one will go out periodically, providing important information on topics relevant to all PHS medical officers (e.g. active duty, retired, and IRC). Past PPAC newsletters are archived on the web, at listserv.nih.gov. To sign up, send an email to Listserv@list.nih.gov with the following text: *subscribe Commcorps_medoffcrs firstname lastname*.

B. PPAC Website: The PPAC website is a rich source of information for PHS officers. In addition to information about the Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC), it provides links to key information deemed useful for PHS officers and is often a quick and easy way to find the most relevant information about recent news, policies, promotion, uniforms, etc. Available at: <http://usphs-ppac.net/>

C. PPAC Portal: The PPAC Portal is a password-protected area of an NIH server for use by PHS medical officers. The Portal is used to share draft policy proposals for comment, job openings for medical officers, PPAC Committee minutes, discussion threads, and other material whose intended audience is limited to PHS medical officers. Copy and paste the following link for instructions on how to obtain access: [http://usphs-ppac.net/PPAC Portal Instructions 09-17-08.pdf](http://usphs-ppac.net/PPAC_Portal_Instructions_09-17-08.pdf)

10 . 2010 Schedule of PPAC Calls and Forums: PPAC meetings and Open Forums will continue to occur bimonthly on a staggered basis on the dates listed below. They will begin at 1300 EST on Thursday afternoons. A call-in number and an agenda will be sent out prior to each meeting. ALL PHS MEDICAL OFFICERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CALLS AND THE FORUMS!!! The calls are formal meetings (required for voting members) intended to share and discuss issues the PPAC is working on. The Forums are intended to be opportunities to explore issues of interest to medical officers in greater depth and less formality. Please let me know if you have topics or speaker suggestions for the Forums since we'd like to make sure that we cover relevant and engaging issues.

PPAC Meetings: Jan. 28, Mar. 18, May 20, July 29, Sept. 23, Nov. 18
PPAC Forums: Feb. 25, Apr. 29, Jun. 24, Aug. 26, Oct. 28, Dec. 16

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