



# The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual

Food and Drug Administration

## *Promotion Ceremony*

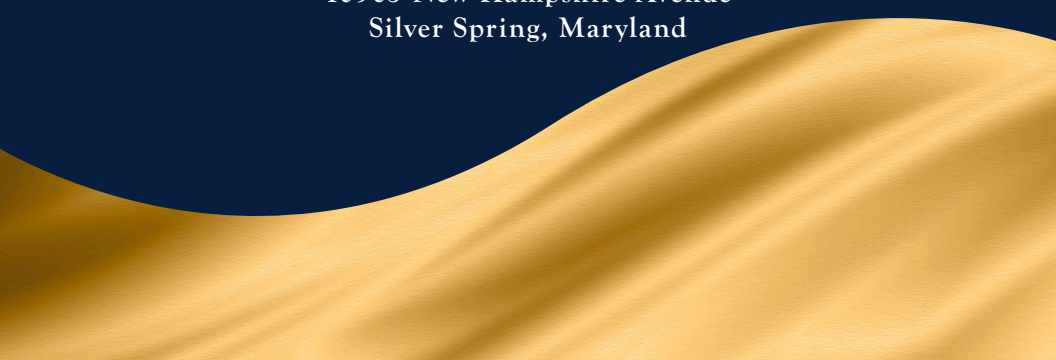
*for the  
United States Public Health Service  
Commissioned Corps*

Friday, September 22, 2023

1:00 P.M. EDT



FDA White Oak Campus  
Great Room Auditorium  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland





*Arrival of the 2023 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 Sean Boyd**

Director, Office of Regulatory Programs

**LT Jazmin Reed (Adjutant)**

Science Policy Analyst, Center for Tobacco Products

*Welcome/Opening Remarks*

**Janet Woodcock, M.D.**

Principal Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration

**RADM Denise Hinton**

Deputy Surgeon General

*Call to Orders/Promotion and Recognition of Officers*

**RDML Richardae Araojo**

Associate Commissioner for Minority Health

**RDML Emil Wang**

Chief Engineer Officer, U.S. Public Health Service

**LT Jazmin Reed**

*Closing Remarks*

**RDML Emil Wang**



*2023 Promotions*

**To Captain:**

Beer, Catherine (ORA)	Health Services
Coburn, James* (OC)	Engineer
Deconti, Selena (CDER)	Pharmacist
Degarmo, Stacey (CDER)	Pharmacist
Egelebo, Christopher (CBER)	Nurse
Munoz, Monica* (CDER)	Pharmacist
Noe-Varga, Michelle (CTP)	Dietitian
Patel, Hiren (CDER)	Pharmacist
Rodriguez, Michelle (OC)	Scientist

**To Commander:**

Ahima, Ohenewaa (CDER)	Medical
Andrada, Frances (CDER)	Nurse
Argaw, Melka (ORA)	Health Services
Bandukwala, Abbas (CDER)	Engineer
Corser, Christine (CDER)	Pharmacist
Daniel, Nicholas (CDER)	Pharmacist
Deshields, Lysette (CDER)	Pharmacist
Dhanormchitphong, Pariban (CDER)	Pharmacist
Diria, Khadar (CBER)	Health Services
Ellis, Patricia (CDRH)	Dietitian
Eng, David (CDER)	Pharmacist
Felix, Andrew (ORA)	Health Services
Foss, David (CDER)	Pharmacist
Galvez, Steven (ORA)	Environmental Health
Garner, Kimberly (CDER)	Environmental Health
Gould, Catherine (CDER)	Pharmacist
Hull, Kimberly (ORA)	Environmental Health
Imam, Malik (CDER)	Pharmacist
Ireland, James (ORA)	Pharmacist
Jangchup, Tenzin (ORA)	Pharmacist
Januszewicz, Ashlee (OC)	Pharmacist
Kanakri, Muhammad (CTP)	Pharmacist
Kim, Elizabeth (CDER)	Nurse
Lee, Daniel (CDER)	Pharmacist
Lwin, Eithu (CDER)	Pharmacist

\* Exceptional Proficiency Promotion



***To Commander (continued):***

Macklin, Yvette (CDER)	Nurse
Mathew, Shiny (CDER)	Scientist
Ogbonna, Casmir* (CDER)	Pharmacist
Ogoegbunam, Ogochukwu (CDRH)	Pharmacist
Ogonowski, Pamela (ORA)	Health Services
Oleszczuk, Zachary (CDER)	Pharmacist
Onserio, Timothy (CDER)	Nurse
Page, June (CDER)	Pharmacist
Peter, Thomas (ORA)	Engineer
Reyes, Melissa (CDER)	Medical
Richardson, Diane (OC)	Health Services
Ruvalcaba, Rogelio (CDER)	Dietitian
Simpson, James* (CDRH)	Engineer
Singh, Doan (CDER)	Pharmacist
Smith, Candrea (CTP)	Nurse
Thor, Shannon (OC)	Pharmacist
Tollon, Michael (ORA)	Engineer
Tran, Quynh Anh (ORA)	Pharmacist
Valles, Karla (CDER)	Pharmacist
Vehovic, David (CDER)	Pharmacist
Voqui, Jessica (CDER)	Pharmacist
Wilkinson, Kelli (ORA)	Environmental Health
Witkovskie, Christian (ORA)	Environmental Health
Wong, Rebecca (CDER)	Pharmacist
Yung, Stacy (CDER)	Nurse

***To Lieutenant Commander:***

Abouraya, Mahmoud (CVM)	Veterinarian
Antwi, Lewis (ORA)	Environmental Health
Blaise, Yvesna (ORA)	Engineer
Brown, Steven (ORA)	Nurse
Chen, Shanly (CDER)	Pharmacist
Chon, David (ORA)	Health Services
Edwards, Alexandra (CBER)	Pharmacist
Ejike-King, Lacreisha (CTP)	Scientist
Ferry, Jason (ORA)	Environmental Health
Gadson, Christy (ORA)	Nurse
Garcia, Christie (OC)	Nurse

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***To Lieutenant Commander (continued):***

Hammel, Charley (CDER)	Nurse
Heinze, Eric (ORA)	Nurse
Ishaq, Zohaib (ORA)	Health Services
Jaiyeola, Olubunmi (CDER)	Pharmacist
Jayasekara, Pushpa (ORA)	Scientist
Johnson, Michelle (ORA)	Scientist
Kang, Jueichuan (CTP)	Scientist
Katherine, Drew (ORA)	Engineer
Kim, Colleen (ORA)	Pharmacist
Lee, Morgan (OC)	Engineer
Lim, Nora (CDER)	Pharmacist
Lumbu-Kinard, Karen (CBER)	Environmental Health
Mathis, Phillip (ORA)	Environmental Health
Oyewole, Rachel (CDER)	Pharmacist
Parra, Christian (ORA)	Engineer
Samson, Marsha (CDER)	Scientist
Sile, Inel (ORA)	Nurse
Simmons, Warren (CDER)	Pharmacist
Simpson, Jerome (ORA)	Health Services
Simpson, Khadija (ORA)	Health Services
Song, Eugene (ORA)	Health Services
Strait, Tristian (ORA)	Environmental Health
Tack, Colin (ORA)	Engineer
Tian, Geng (CDER)	Engineer
Todd, Andrew (ORA)	Environmental Health
Wapniak, Rachel (ORA)	Dietitian
Wondimu, Tekalign (ORA)	Pharmacist
Woodard, Lauren (CDRH)	Scientist
Wrona, Patricia (ORA)	Environmental Health
Xu, Kerui (CTP)	Scientist
Zenebe, Helina (CDER)	Pharmacist

***To Lieutenant:***

Toms, Seneca (ORA)	Environmental Health
Vasquez, Alyssa (ORA)	Health Services

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## 2023 Promotion Ceremony Planning Committee

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CDR Nasser Mahmud	LCDR Phillip Williams
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CDR David Schwab	LT Jazmin Reed
CDR Tiffany Taliaferro	LT Lillian Smith
LCDR Jennifer Adams	



## 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.

**1964** - 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.

*The Public Health Service March*

*The mission of our Service  
is known the world around,*

*In research and in treatment  
no equal can be found.*

*In the silent war against disease  
no truce is ever seen,*

*We serve on the land, air and the sea  
for humanity,*

*The Public Health Service team!*

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George King III*



*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.*



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