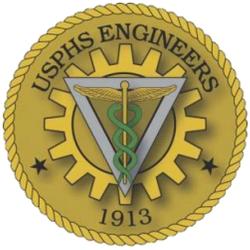


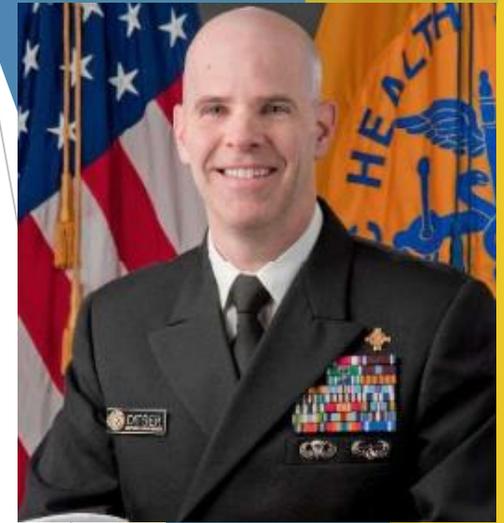
Engineer Professional Advisory Committee

April 2020 Update

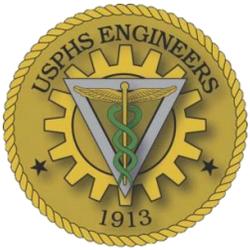


Chief Professional Officer Remarks

- ▶ My “A, B, C” of Leadership
- ▶ Frustration vs. Relief
- ▶ Response Engagement
- ▶ Readiness: Personal & Professional



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



EPAC Chair Remarks

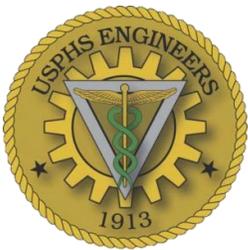
- ▶ It's been three weeks since our last EPAC meeting and Town Hall Meeting
- ▶ Please provide any feedback to me about the Town Hall Meeting
 - ▶ We want to be sure we are meeting your needs for future Town Hall Meetings
- ▶ EPAC Objectives
 - ▶ Engage Officers
 - ▶ All engineers in the USPHS understand the latest information pertaining to our category and have awareness about EPAC projects and initiatives
 - ▶ Develop Leaders
 - ▶ Utilize EPAC as a training ground to develop leadership skills
 - ▶ Partner with OSG-chartered groups
 - ▶ EPAC works with other groups (e.g., PAC Chairs Group, JOAG) to achieve common aims
- ▶ Meet biweekly with RADM Dieser, meet quarterly with the Deputy Surgeon General (next meeting on 13 Apr 2020)
 - ▶ Please continue to share concerns and comments and know your voice is being heard



CDR Samantha Spindel,
EPAC Chair



CDR Deb Cox,
EPAC Vice Chair



Awards Subcommittee

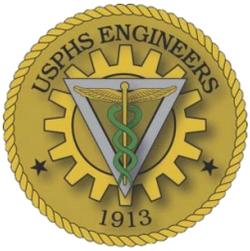
- ▶ Awards Review Board (February Cycle-Villforth, Lynch, Burgess, ELIT, SAME Awards)
 - ▶ SAME Awards - RADM Dieser made the selections and notified SAME.
 - ▶ SAME JETC Event cancelled - Need to determine if and how SAME plans recognize the Awardees.
 - ▶ Chief Engineer Awards - Subcommittee has reviewed the nominations and the final scores are being summarized and reviewed. Recommendation to EPAC Chair by 4/10.
 - ▶ USPHS Symposium cancelled - Need to determine how this years awards will be presented.
- ▶ Strategic Initiatives Team (Lead: LCDR Travis Sorum)
 - ▶ Update Award Nomination Packets, Examine EOY/NSPE Award Nomination Process, Update Rubrics as needed, Create Review Team Criteria. Work strategy under development.
 - ▶ Strategic Initiatives Kickoff meeting scheduled for 4/10.
- ▶ SOP Initiative (Lead: LCDR Abbas Bandukwala)
 - ▶ 50% draft SOP complete. Work ongoing.



CDR John Kathol,
Chair



CDR Matthew
Mergenthaler, Vice Chair



Career Development Subcommittee

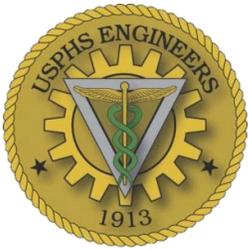
- ▶ PE Licensure Fact Sheet
 - ▶ Done. Will go out with next announcements. Will post to Website
- ▶ EPAC Mentoring Program
 - ▶ USPHS Symposium Speed Mentoring Event
 - ▶ Event Canceled. CDS considering developing an alternative
 - ▶ EPAC Promotion Q&A Forum
 - ▶ Solicit questions from the Category and have them answered by O-6's in an All-Hands call
 - ▶ Proposal developed by LCDR Dar is under consideration by and CPO and EPAC Chair
- ▶ CDS Webpage
 - ▶ New layout is live. Still a work in progress
 - ▶ May add a new link called CPO Corner to have all CPO Career related items in one location
- ▶ Online Engineering Masters Programs Survey
 - ▶ Feedback period is over. Will work to push live.



LCDR Omobogie Amadasu, Chair



CDR Eric Hanssen, Vice Chair



Events Subcommittee

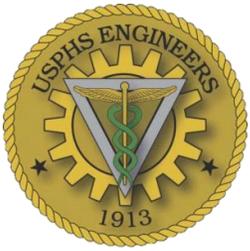
- ▶ SAME - JETC (Walter E. Washington Convention Center, DC, May 27-29, 2020)
 - ▶ The awards were all approved and sent to SAME.
 - ▶ SAME - JETC has been postponed.
 - ▶ Leads: CDR Steven Sauer, LCDR Jessica Sharpe
- ▶ COF Symposium “Cat Day” (Renaissance Hotel Glendale, AZ, **June 21-24, 2021**)
 - ▶ The event has been postponed a year out in the same location.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Fred Kelly, Co-Lead: LCDR Matthew Palo, Chair-on-Deck: LCDR Michael Gifford.
- ▶ AMSUS (Gaylord Nation Resort and Convention Center, MD, Dec. 6-10, 2020)
 - ▶ Lecture abstracts due July 17th and Poster abstracts due August 3rd.
 - ▶ **Public Health**-These presentations should be focused on collaborative, population-based, trans-national health promotion. These presentations may discuss health concerns that cross country borders and may include coordination of care, prevention of illnesses, and treatment to sustain health as well as training of medical forces or leading during a changing healthcare landscape.
 - ▶ Lead: LCDR Michael Simpson, Co-Leads: LCDR Michael Tollon, LCDR Hanniebey Wiyor.
- ▶ E-Week (Location: TBD, Feb. 2021)
 - ▶ A location rotation schedule is being finalized.



LCDR Derrick Buck,
Chair



LCDR Michael Gifford,
Vice Chair



Information Subcommittee

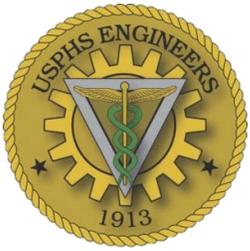
- ▶ Completing draft Spring 2020 EPAC Newsletter. Hope to have it out for review within the next week or so and have finalized by end of April.
- ▶ Website up to date
 - ▶ Only outstanding request is for meeting minutes to be posted - this will be updated soon.
 - ▶ Responding to posting requests.



CAPT Josh Simms,
Chair



LCDR Garrett Chun,
Vice Chair



Public Health Engineering Practice Subcommittee

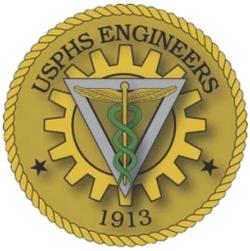
- ▶ Overall Administration
 - ▶ Completed initial draft of SOPs and plan to relay to Rules Subcommittee by April 30, 2020
 - ▶ Completed preliminary redesigning of PHEP website
- ▶ Lead and Drinking Water
 - ▶ Initial draft report expected by April 30, 2020
- ▶ Publication Review
 - ▶ If you need assistance with peer reviewed or non-peer reviewed article, then PHEP/Publication Review Work Group is happy to help
 - ▶ Email CDR Leo Gumapas - leoangelo.Gumapas@nih.gov and CDR James Coburn - james.coburn@fda.hhs.gov for article to be reviewed
 - ▶ Reviews are to be completed within 14 calendar days.



CDR Leo Gumapas,
Chair



CDR James Coburn,
Vice Chair



Readiness Subcommittee

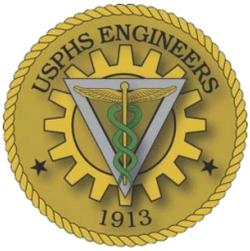
- ▶ Deployment Readiness Support: Improve Engineer Readiness
 - ▶ Working on survey questions for Readiness Survey.
- ▶ Readiness Training and Education: Training Curriculum
 - ▶ Working with Events Subcommittee to facilitate a pre-conference training at 2021 COA
 - ▶ No new updates
 - ▶ Developing initiative - Leadership Training for Deployments
 - ▶ No new updates
- ▶ Information Management/Engineer Booklet: Engineer Deployment Narrative
 - ▶ No new updates.



CDR Frank Chua,
Chair



CDR Sean Bush,
Vice Chair



Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

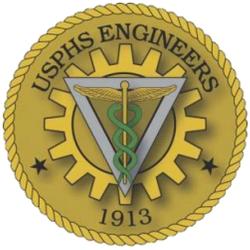
- ▶ R&R had its Bi-monthly Meeting on March 26th.
- ▶ Due to no information on current applicant from CCHQ, R&R is currently in standby mode.
- ▶ Currently working on updating R&R webpage.
 - ▶ Will forward the material to Information subcommittee by next week
- ▶ CDR Fehrman is working with Team for input to finalize draft SOP
 - ▶ Draft SOP is on schedule
- ▶ eCMCS message went out on 04/07/2020 in regards to COSTEP window opening from June 1 - September 30, 2020
 - ▶ After discussion with EPAC Chair, flier created and will start distribution to spread the word



LCDR Praveen KC,
Chair



LCDR Fred Kelly,
Vice Chair



Rules Subcommittee

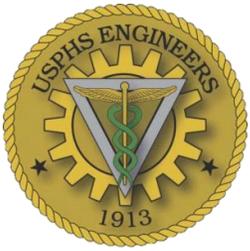
- ▶ 2020 EPAC Application to serve as a Voting Member Jan 2021-Dec 2023 available NOW
 - ▶ Seeking 7-9 Motivated Applicants
 - ▶ Great leadership and networking opportunity!
- ▶ Request each subcommittee send an email to CDR Griff Miller, Miller.Griff@epa.gov, with the target date you plan to submit your Subcommittee SOP for a formatting review by the Rules Subcommittee. The purpose of this review step is to ensure SOPs are aligned with the EPAC template prior to moving forward and requesting a vote by the EPAC. It is not to edit content.



CDR Deb Cox,
Chair



LCDR Matt Palo,
Vice Chair



Strategic Planning for Engineering Subcommittee

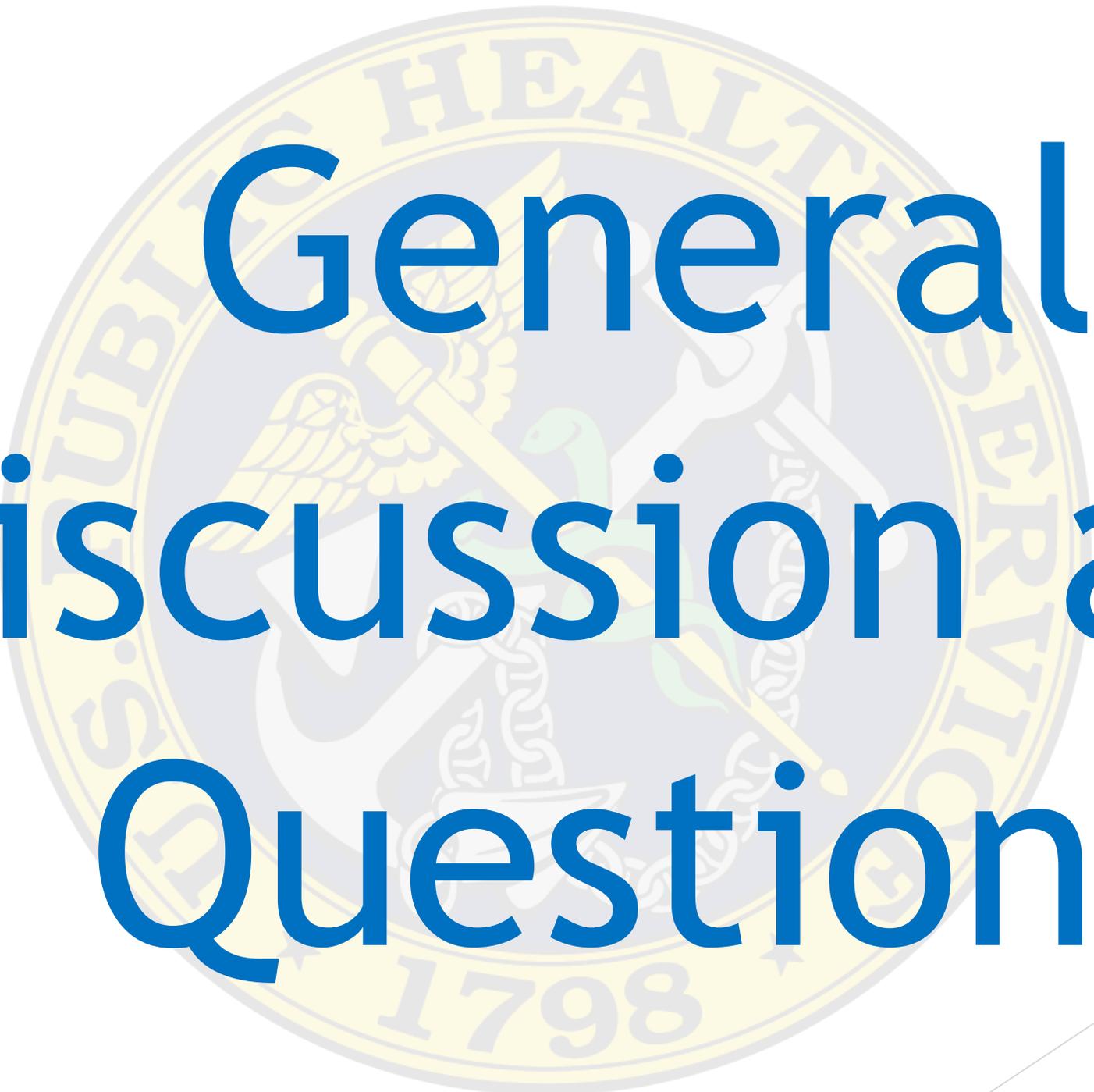
- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



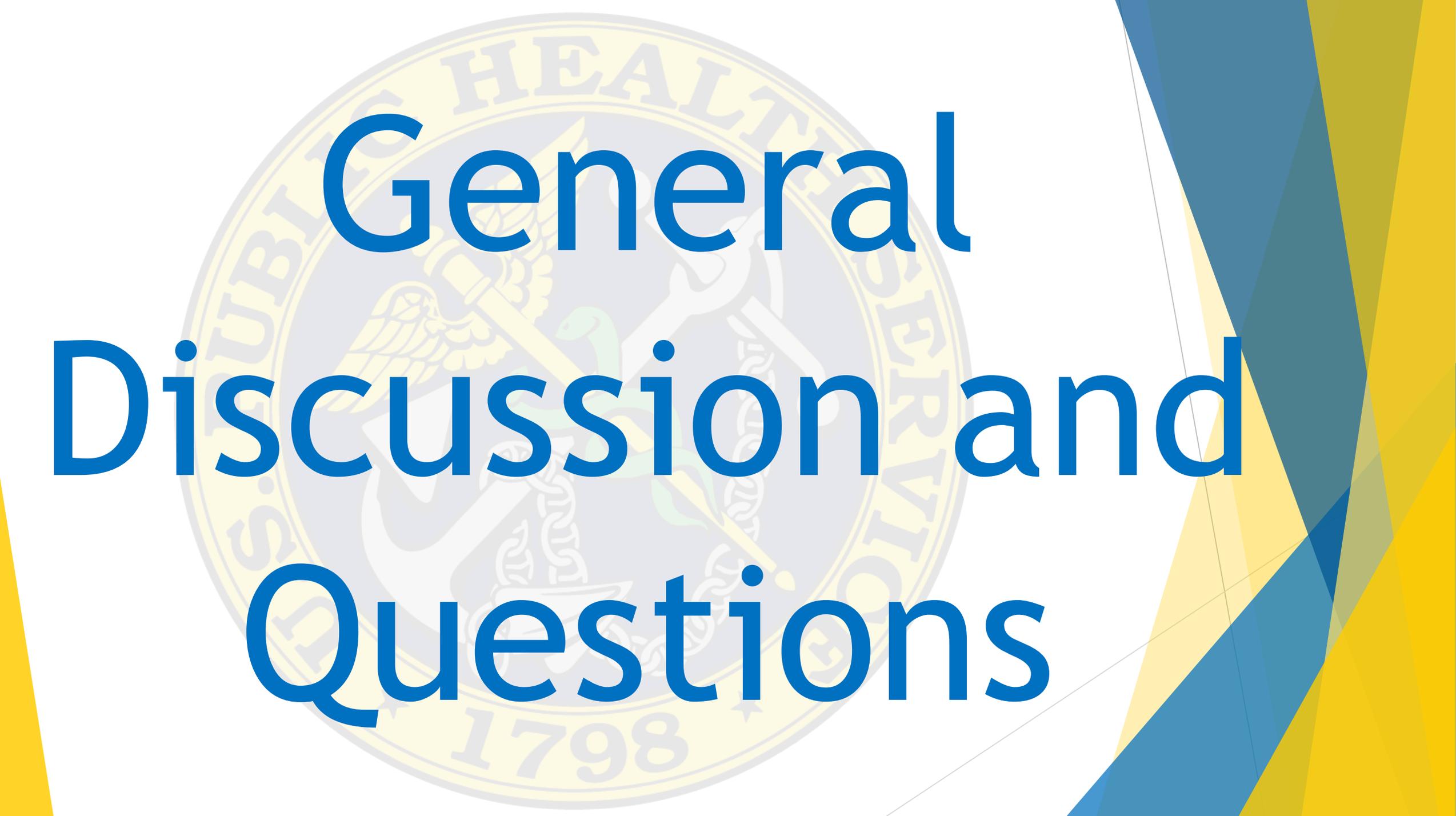
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Chair

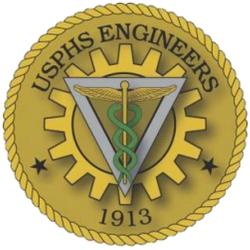


CDR Sam Russell,
Vice Chair

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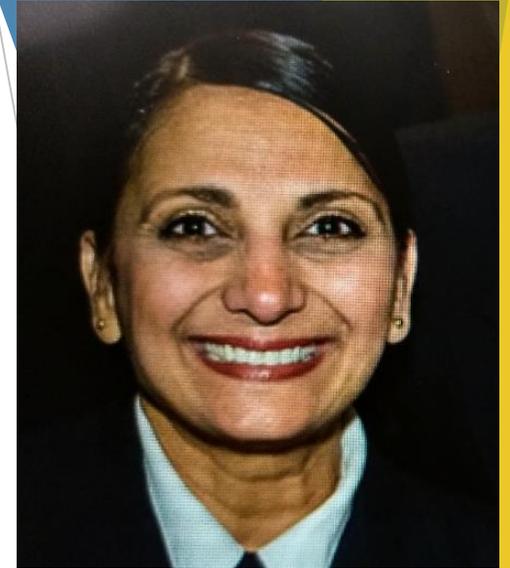
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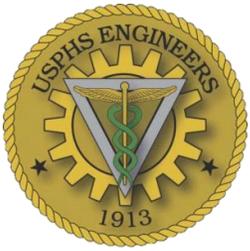


Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board Update

- ▶ Last Meeting was cancelled
- ▶ Nothing substantive to report this month



CAPT Varsha Savalia,
CCWIAB Liaison



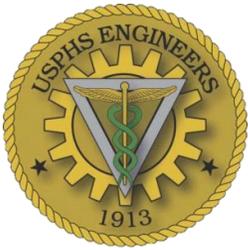
Commissioned Officer's Association Update

- ▶ 55th USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium Update
 - ▶ **POSTPONED TO 2021**
 - ▶ Arrangements have been made to hold the 2021 Symposium at the same location, Renaissance Glendale/Phoenix, on June 21-24, 2021
 - ▶ COF's goal is to issue all refunds by April 17.
- ▶ Update on search for new Executive Director of COA to replace Col (Ret) Jim Currie
 - ▶ Final interviews for the candidates are still in process
 - ▶ A replacement hopefully in place by the end of April



CDR Nikhil Thakur,
COA Liaison





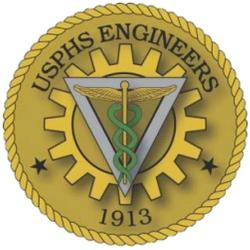
Junior Officers Advisory Group Update

- ▶ **Call for Nominations for JOAG Voting Members - EXTENDED - Due April 23, 2020**
 - ▶ Includes one engineer requested for OY20-21 beginning 10/1/2020, position currently held by LT Tack
 - ▶ Responsibilities for the engineer Voting Member (VM) include serving as JOAG VM, serving as co-chair for one of JOAG's 9 committees, and serving as JOAG-EPAC liaison
 - ▶ Also includes 4 At-Large VM openings
 - ▶ For more information, see documents linked below or reach out to LT Tack (Colin.Tack@fda.hhs.gov)
 - ▶ [2020 Call for JOAG Voting Member Nominations.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [2020 JOAG Membership Application Packet.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [2020 JOAG VM FAQ.pdf](#)
 - ▶ [FY20 SO Flyer.pdf](#)
- ▶ Next JOAG General Meeting is Friday, April 10th, 1300 - 1400 EDT



LT Colin Tack,
JOAG Liaison





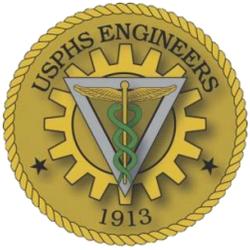
Society of American Military Engineers Update

- ▶ JETC has been postponed
 - ▶ Some JETC events will be held via alternate means/ events
 - ▶ Board of Directors is exploring still holding
 - ▶ Table top exercise
 - ▶ Awards
 - ▶ Training session
 - ▶ More to follow as it develops



CDR Steve Sauer,
SAME Liaison





Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- ▶ The next EPAC meeting is Thursday, May 14th
- ▶ Thank you to all the engineers that have, are, and will be deployed
- ▶ If you haven't deployed yet, be ready! Stay safe and be well!
- ▶ "I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do." - Leonardo da Vinci



RADM Edward Dieser,
Chief Engineer



CDR Samantha Spindel,
18 EPAC Chair