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Subject: PPAC Newsletter and Reminder for PPAC Forum tomorrow: June 24, 2010 @ 1300 EST

Good Morning Colleagues,
Our PPAC Forum will be held [tomorrow](#) Thursday June 24, 2010 at 1300 EST.

Newsletter Topics:

- PPAC Forum Reminder
- Temporary Promotion Results released
- Permanent Promotion Results anticipated in Sept.
- OFRD Request for Volunteers
- Reference materials for new COER
- Direct Access Training Tool
- DEERS/ID Information
- Communications
- PPAC meetings/forum schedules

1. PPAC Forum on Thursday 6/24/10 at 1300 EST: 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. Note that this will be another joint presentation with our VetPAC Colleagues.

AGENDA:

- 1. CAPT Benally and CAPT Plasencia will give a presentation on the new COER.**
- 2. CDR Reed will give a presentation on OFRD requirements and will be available to address any questions.**

2. Temporary Promotion results: These can be found at http://dcp.psc.gov/Promotions_2010.asp

3. Permanent Promotions: Per OCCO, anticipated release of results in September.

4. OFRD Request for Volunteers: OFRD is seeking volunteers to assist in updating the older web based training modules for officer training. To this effect, a workgroup is being formed to provide officers the opportunity to review the modules as they are developed and to provide feedback. Interested officers should contact CDR Kimberly Elenberg as per below:

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5. New COER: The new Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report (COER) will be implemented October 2010. The CCMIS website has several resource materials for officers. Please see below for links to these resource materials. Please hit "ctrl" and click on the links to open.

- a. [PHS-838 \(Rev. 12/09\) Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report](#)
- b. [PHS-838 \(Rev. 12/09\) Instructions for Completing PHS-838 Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report Revised 12/2009](#)
- c. Business Process for the Revised COER
 - i. [Flow Diagram](#) - to be launched October 2010
 - ii. [508 Compliant Text Version](#) - - to be launched October 2010
- d. [The Revised COER, A Brief Summary of Changes](#), includes slides with script.
- e. *Comparative Analysis of Ratings Using the Old and New Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report*
 - a. [Abstract](#)
 - b. [Slides](#)
 - c. [Script](#)

6. A Direct Access Training tool: A Direct Access training tool for Officer Self Service has been finalized and is now posted at: <http://dcp.psc.gov/DA-training-video/index.html>

7. DEERS/ID CARDS: Two new features available to PHS officers regarding DEERS.

- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)/ID Cards FAQs.

A frequently asked questions section for DEERS/ID Cards has been posted on the CCMIS Web site. Please review the FAQs for questions regarding a variety of DEERS enrollment and ID card related issues. The FAQs can be found on the [CCMIS Web site](#) under Services/DEERS.

- Navy's online Web Scheduler.

The Web Scheduler is a Web based application that is now available to all uniformed services which affords active duty or retired beneficiaries the opportunity of viewing the appointment calendar in order to schedule the ID card appointment that is most convenient for them. To access the Web Scheduler, you must visit the site at <https://es.cac.navy.mil/signup.pl> and select the USPHS Rockville site to make an appointment. You can also access the site from the DEERS FAQ section on the CCMIS Web site.

8. 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

9. 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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