

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE COMMISSIONED CORPS AWARDS PROGRAM

The authority to approve and present commissioned corps awards was redelegated by the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) to the Surgeon General (SG). However, to date the SG has retained the authority to:

- Establish awards, medals, and other forms of citation to recognize officers;
- Approve and present the SGM, SGESM; and
- Approve the MSM, OSM, and OUC.

PHS Agency Heads, RHAs, and heads of non-PHS Agencies have been delegated the authority by the SG to:

- Present the DSM, MSM, OSM, and OUC; and
- Approve and present the CM and UC.

At the NIH, the IC Directors have been delegated the authority by the Director, NIH to:

- Present the CM, AM, UC and the PHS Citation; and
- Approve and present the AM, and the PHS Citation.

The Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel has the authority to approve service awards and authorize the wearing of other Uniformed Service awards.