

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

COMMISSIONED CORPS

Answering the Call



WHO? WHY? WHERE?



Today's Commissioned Corps



WHO WE ARE



ACTING SURGEON GENERAL RADM STEVEN GALSON

“We are seeking the best and brightest to serve on the frontlines of public health safety—individuals who truly are committed to the health and well-being of others and who understand today's global challenges of health promotion and disease prevention.”



WHO WE ARE



- **6,000+ well-trained, highly qualified health care professionals**
- **Essential component of the largest public health program in the world**

WHO WE ARE



- Physicians
- Dentists
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Dietitians
- Engineers
- Environmental health officers
- Mental health specialists, including clinical psychologists and clinical social workers
- Optometrists
- Physician assistants
- Scientists/Researchers
- Therapists (including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, respiratory therapy, and audiology)
- Veterinarians
- Other health-related disciplines



WHY WE'RE HERE



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**To protect, promote, and
advance the public health and
safety of our Nation.**

A PROUD HISTORY

*From Ellis Island...
...To tribal lands.
Across America
Around the World*



**PROTECTING
PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY...
...FOR MORE
THAN 100 YEARS**



WHAT WE DO

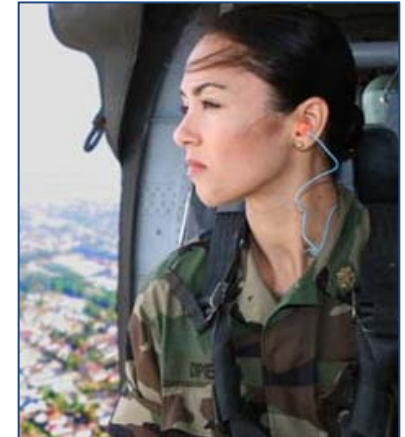


WHAT WE DO



- Disease control and prevention
- Biomedical research
- Regulation of food and drugs
- Mental health care
- Substance abuse treatment
- Health care delivery
- International health
- Emergency and humanitarian response

EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



USNS Comfort

Recent missions

- Suicide response in American Indian community
- Toxic exposure alerts in the Gulf Coast area
- Humanitarian assistance and training for Latin American, Caribbean, Pacific Rim, and Pacific Island countries.



WHAT WE DO ... AND WHERE

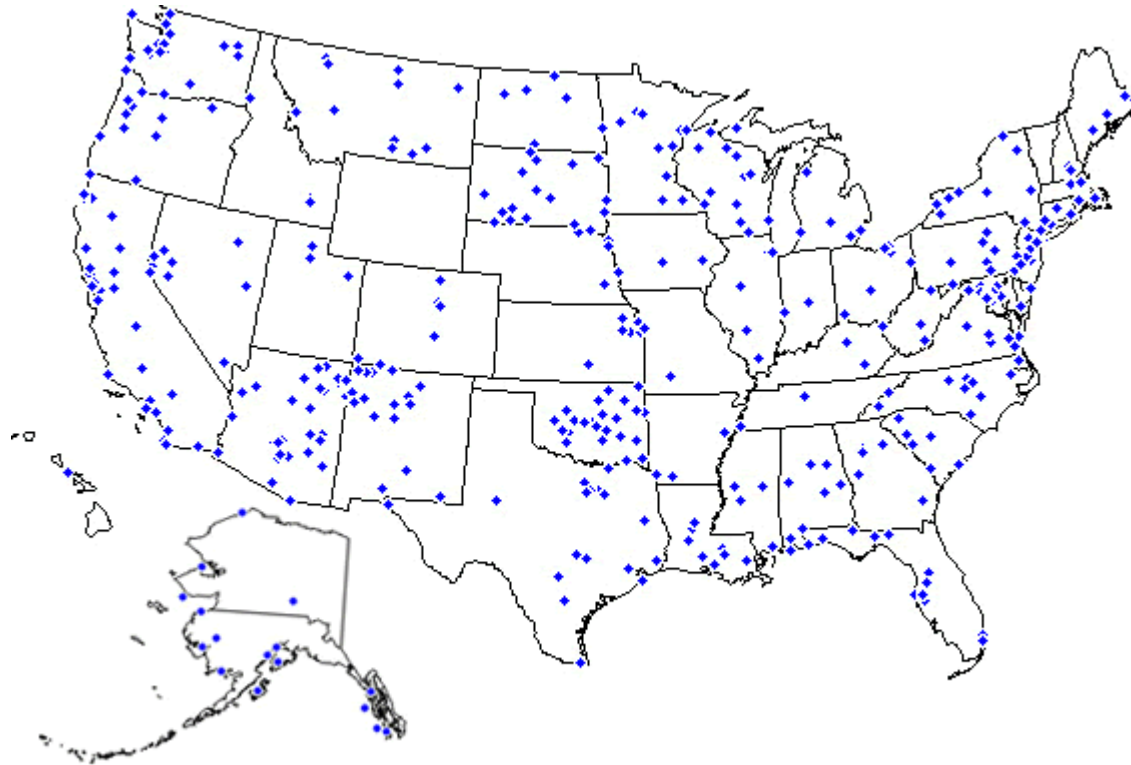


WHAT WE DO... AND WHERE



(Not all agencies and programs are represented)

DUTY STATION MAP



This map shows some of the exciting places a career with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps can take you.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMAL GWATHNEY

Position:

Physician
*Health Resources and
Services Administration*

Service time:

2 years

Practice areas:

Family medicine,
emergency response



COMMANDER ROBIN SCHEPER

Position:

Dentist,
Office of Commissioned Corps
Operations

Service time:

12 years

Practice areas:

Clinical dentistry, Corps
operations and recruitment





WHAT YOU CAN DO: STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



COSTEP OPPORTUNITIES

Junior COSTEP:

One year of medical, dental, or veterinary school/
2 years in specific health disciplines
Work 1 to 4 months during school breaks
No obligation after graduation

Senior COSTEP

Full-time students in specific health disciplines
At least 8 months remaining in their final year
Obligated to work for twice the amount of time
sponsored by the Corps

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Position: JRCOSTEP

Service time: 2 ½ months

Postings: Washington, DC

Practice areas:

Disaster Mental Health Policy



WHAT THE CORPS OFFERS YOU



Corps Benefits

CORPS BENEFITS



- Competitive compensation package
- Health care and dental care at no cost
- Tax-free housing and meal allowance
- Thirty days paid vacation—beginning the first year
- Paid sick and maternity leave

CORPS BENEFITS



- Malpractice insurance coverage
- Retirement plan with benefits eligibility beginning after 20 years of service
- Thrift Savings Plan—retirement savings and investment plan similar to 401(k)
- Low-cost life insurance
- Low-cost health care for your family

CORPS BENEFITS



- Military base lodging and recreational facilities
- Military base grocery and department stores
- Paid moving and travel expenses
- Veteran benefits

WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER THE CORPS



Corps Requirements

REQUIREMENTS

Basic qualifications:

- U.S. citizen
- Less than 44 years of age
- Medically qualified
- Qualifying degree from an accredited institution (varies depending on profession)

Additional requirement:

- Current, unrestricted professional license (if applicable)

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE



Corps Rewards



YOUR RANK & NAME, TITLE

Position:

Service time:

Practice areas:

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What's at Your
Professional Core?

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
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**America's
Health Responders**

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