

JOAG Report to PharmPAC – December 4, 2008

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- The Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) is requesting nominations for three awards to be presented at the annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium 1-4 June 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. These awards include: The **Junior Officer of the Year Award**, which recognizes a Junior Officer at temporary grade O-1 through O-4 in the United States Commissioned Corps that has made a significant contribution to the overall mission of the Public Health Service; the **JOAG Excellence Award**, which recognizes a non-voting, active member of the JOAG for demonstrating outstanding, dedicated effort, and commitment to JOAG through active committee participation, and the **VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award**, which recognizes a retired or active duty Senior Officer at temporary grade O-5 or above who exemplifies outstanding leadership by example, mentorship and empowerment of junior officers, unwavering support of the Commissioned Corps and its mission, and overall inspiration and motivation to the PHS community.

If you know any outstanding officer deserving recognition of these awards, please contact any JOAG voting member for an application packet. Nominations are due no later than **27 February 2009**.

- The latest installment of the JOAG newsletter was just released to JOAG listserv subscribers. Please take a moment to read its informative stories and important announcements, all written by Junior Officers, as well as pictures of JOs on recent deployments.
- JOAG's next General Membership Meeting will be held December 12th, 1300-1500 EDT. Call-in details will be sent out through the listserv prior to the meeting.
- As a reminder, JOAG is continually seeking Junior Officers to participate in its 10 committees throughout the year. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact LCDR Hall (levanshall@cdc.gov) for more information.