

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT**  
**June 2008**  
**LCDR Jodi A. Tanzillo, Field Representative Coordinator**

**I.                    **Congratulations To:****

The following officers selected for Temporary Promotions:

**To Temporary Captain (O-6)**

Jessie Whitehurst. Lief 10/01/2008 – BOP East  
Cindy R. Melanson 01/01/2009 - Multi-Agency  
Michael R. Smith 07/01/2008 - NIH  
James W. Standish 10/01/2008 – Multi-Agency

**To Temporary Commander (O-5)**

\* Andra F. Battocchio 07/01/2008 – IHS AZ; NAIHS EPP  
David Carl Byrne 07/01/2008 – Multi-Agency  
Corey S. Dahl 01/01/2009 – Multi-Agency  
Henry Paul McMillan 10/01/2008 – Multi-Agency  
Robert E. Roe JR 01/01/2009 – IHS NW  
Andrea Wray. Woolridge 09/01/2008 – IHS AZ

**To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)**

Richard Tyrone Brantley 07/01/2008 – IHS Multi-Site  
Erik Marcel Cala 07/01/2008 – IHS AZ  
Philip Matthew Chorosevic 07/01/2008 – BOP East  
Dawn Capri Dineyazhe 07/01/2008 – IHS NM  
Toni L. Donahoo 07/01/2008 – IHS Multi-Site  
Douglas Fiorentino 07/01/2008 – Multi-Agency  
Tracy Marie Gualandi 07/01/2008 – BOP West  
Douglas Edward Henry 10/01/2008 – BOP East  
Lori C. Lee 07/01/2008 – IHS NM  
Artresiah Trinetta Rogers 04/01/2009 – BOP East  
Paul Charles Stout 01/01/2009 – IHS AZ  
Dean Robert Trombley 07/01/2008 – Multi-Agency  
Delana Denise Westman 07/01/2008 – IHS Multi-Site  
Anne K Whitis 07/01/2008 – IHS AK

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards presented at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08:

The William Fromherz Award, CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT  
The Josef Hoog Award, CDR(s) David Byrne, Aud  
Therapist of the Year Award, CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique, PT  
Therapist Junior Officer of the Year Award, CDR(s) Henry McMillan, PT

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

Congratulations to CDR(s) Andra Battocchio, PT for her selection as the recipient of the Navajo Area IHS Exceptional Proficiency Promotion for her outstanding accomplishments while serving at the Chinle Service Unit.

**Four Corners RHC, Red Mesa**

Congratulations to CDR Jeff Fultz, PT who has received the Commendation Medal for his work with the Native Lifestyle Balance program in Shiprock and Navajo Area IHS.

**Sells**

Congratulations to LCDR Woolridge, PT for receiving her DPT from AT Still University.

- **Multi-Agency**

Congratulations to LCDR Amy Hesselgesser who was awarded the PHS Citation Medal in April 2008. LCDR Hesselgesser received the award for her contribution as follows:

“During the spring and summer of 2007, Medicare Part C & D participating plans began marketing campaigns to entice beneficiaries into joining their plans. Many of these marketing campaigns were later deemed inappropriate and, in many cases, false and misleading. Medicare created a special enrollment period for beneficiaries who had been victims of these false advertising campaigns to allow beneficiaries to disenroll from their elected medical or prescription drug plan and to be reinstated into their previous plan. Due to LCDR Hesselgesser’s involvement in this special project researching hundreds of marketing misrepresentation cases, hundreds of Region VI beneficiaries are now able to obtain medical and prescription drug benefits.”

## **II. News From the Field:**

- **IHS AK**

**Norton Sound Health Corp, Nome, AK**

LCDR Joe Kennedy, PT has been approved to buy the ReDoc documentation software which will reduce documentation costs greatly, bring us into better documentation compliance, and allow a reduction in admin time by at least 30 minutes per day, opening more slots to patient care. The hardware and software are on the way and anticipated to go live during first week of July.

A new policy has been completed and passed the review of the compliance lawyers to allow NSHC to become a Direct Access PT clinic, even for Medicare patients. The system will allow a great deal of patients to avoid the average 2 week long wait to get an appointment with primary care physicians before being referred to PT. AK law allows for this, Medicare has made it a little easier, and LCDR Joe Kennedy, PT was able to submit a policy change.

The traveler PT who had assisted here this spring is coming back in the Fall. She has tentatively agreed to come on full time after finalizing certain scheduling details. That means NSHC may be up to full staff within the next few months.

- **IHS AZ**

**Sells**

LCDR Woolridge, PT would like to thank everyone who attended the 2008 conference in Tucson! "I really enjoyed meeting everyone and truly appreciated everyone's help and team work attitude!!"

- **IHS NM**

**Gallup**

CAPT Dominick Aretino, OT was honored at the retirement ceremony at the COF.

LCDR Brian Elza, PT performed with the Commission Corp Ensemble for the opening ceremony and concert at the COF. LCDR Elza played the bass and acoustic guitar.

LCDR Elza, PT and LT Dineyazhe, PT volunteered at the BMI booth.

LT Dineyazhe, PT coordinated with the Welcoming Committee for the JOAG Social.

- **US Coast Guard**

CDR Shapiro, PT has successfully completed the three weeks IRCT Basic Course sponsored by HHS.

### **III. Welcome/ Farewell To:**

- **BOP EAST**

**FMC Devens**

Please join me in welcoming LT Scott Labreque, PT to the BOP. He started as a staff physical therapist at FMC Devens on April 14, 2008 and is currently in IF. He will be a great asset at Devens!

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

New PT Staff arriving soon: Natasha Nicolai and Jillian MacDonald to start in July.

**Pinon**

Welcome Ms. Bernie Lester, PT. Bernie joined us on 9 June 2008 from Ft. Defiance Indian Hospital and has filled the vacant Staff PT Tech position.

Welcome to Mr. Ron Kelderhouse, PT who has been selected and has accepted H.R.'s offer for the Staff PT position here in Pinon. We are still awaiting orders from OCCO to bring Mr. Kelderhouse to active duty. Tentative start date of 16 June has been pushed back while we are waiting for orders and now we are hoping to have Mr. Kelderhouse here in July 08.

### Sells

Farewell to Rebecca Harry, PT and thank you for 10 years of valued service. Rebecca will be greatly missed!!! Her life has turned to a wonderful path with the adoption of a baby boy, Joaquin.

- **IHS NM**

### Gallup

Farewell to LCDR Brian Elza, PT; he is transferring to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD. LCDR Elza's release date is 8/10/08 from GIMC with a start date at CMS 8/18/08.

Welcome Jessica Hale, Summer Extern Student, started 6/9/08-8/15/08.

### Shiprock

Welcome to Terry Redman, PT, contractor for 3 months.

- **US Coast Guard**

Farewell to CDR Shapiro, PT who will be departing USCG-HQ on June 30, 2008 to report to the FDA.

## IV. Presentations:

- **IHS AZ**

### Chinle

LCDR Jodi Tanzillo, OT and LCDR(s) Erik Cala, SLP presented "Meeting the OT and SLP Needs of Patients in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

### Four Corners, Red Mesa

CDR Jeff Fultz, PT presented "Wellness Centers: An Ounce of Prevention..." at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

### Phoenix

CAPT Liza Figueroa, PT presented "Pain Education 101: Breaking it Down for the Patient" at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

CDR Ron West, PT presented "Diagnostic Imaging for the Clinical Therapist" at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

### **Tuba City**

LCDR James Cowher, PT and LT Heidi Fisher, PT provided a Poster Presentation on Cardiac Rehabilitation at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

### **Whiteriver**

CDR Scott Gaustad, PT presented “Diabetes Mellitus: An Old Disease with New Challenges” at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

- **IHS NM**

#### **Shiprock**

LCDR Joe Strunce, PT and LCDR Alicia Souvignier, PT presented “Recent Research for Management of LBP” at the 2008 USPHS Scientific Symposium and Training in Tucson, AZ 6/10/08.

LCDR Joe Strunce, PT and LCDR Alicia Souvignier, PT presented to Lovelace a CEU on the Classification of Low Back Pain.

- **NIH**

By Minal Jain, PT, DSc:

Reliability and validity of measurements with the Impedimed® Bioelectrical Spectroscopy Unit as referenced to the Opto-electrical Perometer® - Presentation at APTA’s Annual Conference and Scientific Meeting in San Antonio, TX June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by Minal Jain, PT, DSc, PCS.

## **V. Publications:**

- **NIH**

From Captains Fran Oakley, OT and Rebecca Parks, OT:

Oakley F, Caswell S, Parks R. Occupational therapists’ roles on U.S. Army and U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps disaster mental health response teams. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 2008;62; 361-364.

From Jerome Danoff, PT:

Friends, J, Augustine, E, Danoff, J. A Comparison of Different Assessment Techniques to Measure Foot and Ankle Volume in Normal Healthy Adult Volunteers. *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*. 98:85-94, 2008. (research:paper)

## **VI. Deployments: None**

## **VII. Current Research: None**

**VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None**