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This was another celebration of the 100th year of the Commission Corps and it is included in this archive because I would like to use it to realize that the Public Health Service is one of the nation's uniformed services but it doesn't cease to exist at the time an officer has completed his term. Just like the Army, Navy, and the Air force, the United States Public Health Service has a ready reserve, has an active reserve, has health benefits for its retirees who are incidentally on a pension, and are members of the Reserve Officers Association which was hosting the meeting on this occasion. I said nothing new that I hadn't said specifically in the remarks I made at the 100th Anniversary of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps on the 4th of January just two days before.

I did take the opportunity to thank Major General Hultman and the Reserved Officers Association for the invitation to join them on this morning. It was a heady time because we had just observed the bicentennial inauguration of the President and Vice President, and we all took pride in America as we shared in this great celebration. I acknowledged that the Commissioned Corps had only half as much experience and again, thanked the Reserve Officers Association for joining us in our own celebration.