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To: CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique, TPAC Chair  
CC: CDR Liza Figueroa, Chair TPAC Information Management Committee  
Subj: AUGUST 2006 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

**I. Positions Open/Anticipated Openings**

• **IHS AZ**

**Ft Defiance:**

One Staff Physical Therapist  
Contact *LCDR Mike Faz, PT*  
(928)729-8805

**Sacaton:**

Tribal Hire for Sacaton Staff PT position  
Contact *Steve Schoffstall*  
(602)528-1230  
SteveS@GRHC.ORG

**Tuba City:**

2 Clinical Specialist (O-5/6)/Staff Therapist (O3/4)  
Contact: *LCDR Jim Cowher, PT*  
928 283-2659

• **IHS Multi-Site**

**Hastings Indian Medical Center:**

Tahlequah, OK  
Staff PT  
Contact: *LCDR Cindy Carter, PT*  
(918)458-3260

• **IHS NM**

**NNMC:**

Staff PT - Contact *LCDR Joseph Strunce* or *LCDR Lorrie Murdoch*  
Chief PT - Contact *LCDR Joseph Strunce*  
505-368-7100

## II. Congratulations

### FY 06 PROMOTIONS:

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

<i>Lois L. Michaelis-Goode</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Gary William Shelton</i>	04/01/2007
<i>Frank Weaver III</i>	07/01/2006

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

<i>John H. Figarola</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Karen Emi. Kajiwara-Nelson</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Frederick Victor Lief</i>	01/01/2007
<i>Mark T. Melanson</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Julia M. Woodard</i>	07/01/2006

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

<i>Damien W. Avery</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Teshara G. Bouie</i>	07/01/2006
<i>David Michael Engelman</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Jessica Tara Feda</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Joseph Sean Golding</i>	10/01/2006
<i>Alicia R. Souvignier</i>	07/01/2006
<i>Jill Joanna Tillman</i>	07/01/2006

### BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:

*LCDR (sel) Joseph Golding* – OCS  
*LCDR Jeffrey Lawrence*- OCS

### DEGREES AWARDED:

*CDR Jeff Fultz*, PT, who recently received his Master of Public Health degree from University of New Mexico, received May 12, 2006.

*LCDR Lorrie Murdoch* for her successful completion of the transitional DPT program at A.T. Still University where she received her DPT on August 5, 2006.

*LCDR Alicia Souvignier* for her successful completion of the transitional DPT program at A.T. Still University where she received her DPT on August 5, 2006

- **IHS AZ**

**PIMC**

*LCDR Terry Boles*, PT, while assigned to the US Food and Drug Administration was awarded the PHS Commendation Medal for outstanding dedication to the protection of the Nation's public health security through increased regulatory compliance of imported products entering U.S. commerce, and diagnostic X-ray safety throughout the Pacific region.

**FT Defiance:**

*LT David Honaberger* was awarded the 2006 Area Director's Award as Health Professional of the Year

**III. News from the Field**

**FIELD REPRESENTATION:**

**Field Rep Coordinator:** *LCDR Jodi Tanzillo, OT*

**Field Rep BOP East:** *LT Doug Henry, PT*

**Field Rep NIH:** *LT Vu Kieu-Phuong, PT*

- **IHS AZ**

**PIMC:**

*LCDR Terry Boles*, PT, stationed at Phoenix Indian Medical Center, attended the three day Air Force Physical Therapy Spine Course at Nellis AFB in July

**Whiteriver:**

Congratulations to *CAPT Lois Goode, Bruce Goode and family* on their adoption of *Anneliese Goode*. Lois and Bruce traveled to China in June to bring home their beautiful baby girl.

**FT Defiance:**

*LCDR Mike Faz* is the sole Tier 1 representative from Fort Defiance Service Unit serving on RDF-5.

- **IHS NM**

**Gallup:**

*LT Dawn Dineyahze* was called to active duty to the Commissioned Corps, as of July 2006.

**Crownpoint:**

*Ms: Lori Lee* has been notified of her acceptance into the Commissioned Corps, still awaiting orders.

New programs: *Ms Lori Lee*, PT is starting to see patients as part of a hospital Women's Health Clinic, in particular for women with incontinence. *LCDR Lorrie Murdoch*, PT from NNMC recently worked with Lori for a day to assist in her training

**ACL:**

*LT Scott Mitchell* is Acting Chief of PT.

- **IHS Multi-site**

**Choctaw Nation Health Center, Talihina, OK:**

Ms Suzan Abeyta, PT completed the 1 week Lower Extremity portion of the Rocky Mountain University course in EMG/NCV Testing.

**Choctaw Nation Health Clinic, Idabel, OK:**

*LTJG Carlos Estevez* completed the 2-week Air Force Advanced Physical Therapy Course in Feb, 2006 and the Joint Operations Deployment Course in June, 2006.

**Hastings Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah, OK:**

Broke ground on an expansion project that will increase space and services for the physical therapy department.

- **Multi-Agency**

**CDC-Atlanta:**

*CAPT Susanne Pickering* is serving on OFRD Tier 1 Rapid Deployment Force #3 for Atlanta, Ancillary Services Branch Director & is also serving on a special assignment with the CDC OD/Office of the Chief Science Officer/Privacy, Confidentiality and OMB Office.

- **NIH**

*CAPT Parks* completed BOTC and IOTC on 7/28/2006. She has also begun attending regular team meetings of PHS-1, one of the two Rapid Deployment Force Teams based in the Washington metro area. These teams have a 12-hour response threshold and are preparing for the height of the 2006 hurricane season.

#### IV. Welcome/Farewell

##### Welcome:

- **IHS AZ**

##### FT Defiance:

*Ms Liz Kelly* accepted the open Speech-Language Pathologist position

- **IHS Multi-site**

##### Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, OK:

*Ms. Megan Hall*, PT to the Rehab Department

##### Farewell:

- **IHS AZ**

##### Whiteriver:

*LTJG Amanda Lessert*, has transferred back to her home in the Aberdeen Area, Pine Ridge IHS

- **IHS NM**

##### ACL:

*Mr. Steven White*, Chief PT.

- **NIH**

*Dr. George Patrick*, Chief of recreation therapy, who retired in July 2006.

#### IV. Presentation

- **IHS AZ**

##### PIMC:

*LCDR Terry Boles, PT*, stationed at Phoenix Indian Medical Center, presented two RDF-5 Response Team Workshop presentations: Logistics and Federal Assets. LCDR Boles is the Logistics Chief for RDF-5.

- **NIH**

Six Rehabilitation Medicine (RMD) students presented posters at the RMD Poster Day as a result of the 8-10 week NIH summer research program.

*Felicia Washington, MPH* successfully completed a poster under the NIH summer research program, and the physical therapy Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP) entitled, “Early Diagnosis & Treatment Intervention for Lymphedema”, mentored by *CAPT McGarvey*.

**V. Publication**

**VII. Current Research**

- **Multi-Agency**

**NIOSH-Cincinnati:**

*LCDR David Byrne* is working on a hearing protector study, which is being conducted under an Interagency Agreement (IA) between the EPA and NIOSH. This IA was established to provide technical assistance to the EPA regarding hearing protector testing methods, rating algorithms, and data-collection systems. The purpose of the current study is to collect attenuation data for six different hearing protectors using both a naïve subject-fit method and an experimenter-supervised fitting procedure. He was responsible for setting up the laboratory instrumentation/software, writing the test protocol, obtaining Human Subjects Review Board approval, and supervising the human subjects testing. Data collection is nearly complete; results and recommendations will be forwarded through supervisory channels and provided to the EPA for use in determining appropriate modifications to the existing hearing protector labeling regulation.

**VIII. Deployments: None reported**

**IX. Future Agenda Items:**

Concerns about the liability, legality and adherence to individual state licensure regulations and laws in the Federal System Physical Therapy Practice.

Respectfully submitted by:

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