

JOAG Report to PharmPAC – Jan. 5, 2009

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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 next installment of the JOAG newsletter is expected to go out either late January/early February to JOAG listserv subscribers.
- JOAG's next General Membership Meeting will be held February 13th, 1300-1500 EDT. Also, Junior Officers are encouraged to call in for the next Journeyman Speaker Series this Friday, January 09, 2009 at 1300 EST. Call-in details will be sent out through the listserv prior to each 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.