

October 2008 PharmPAC Meeting **Recruitment Section**

Exec Section

Given by CDR Vermilyea

- Results of the survey to newly commissioned officers since January 2008 asking them their opinion on the \$30,000 sign on bonus and how they might have wanted it dispersed (1 payment vs. 2 payments of \$15,000) are provided (see link).
https://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=MPW_2fzQO9ihH557fDcuE4_2bRrWky0AHI_2f8klx5He2Y43E_3d

Website Update

Given by CDR Elizabeth Girard

- More essays have been added under the heading "Student Programs and Information for New Hires" sub-heading "The COSTEP Experience - In their own words"
- Users may also link to www.HHS.gov, www.USPHS.gov, and www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/main.html by clicking on the emblems located at the bottom of the page, included is a snap shot of the emblems.



UPOC Update

Given by CDR Brent Hobbs

- CDR Hobbs is continuing to work on the University Points of contact "dear dean" letters. We are shooting for a deadline of having this done by the Nov PharmPAC meeting. We have 2 volunteers, so we would like to invite volunteers from the recruitment section (especially those that have been involved with it before) to feel free to help with this project as needed. CAPT Bresette suggested 10 volunteers total to be involved and follow the e-mail up with a phone call. Again we have about 110 schools to contact.
- The next UPOC Newsletter will come out by the November PAC meeting.

Student Programs Update

Given by LCDR Christine Oliver

- The current listed agency externship rotation sites have been updated (<http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/student.html>). We're still working with CMS and CDC for their externship rotation information.
- The October student message is JR&SR COSTEP Application Information. The message is below:
Are you interested in a dynamic career where you work alongside leaders in public health, expand your knowledge base and gain valuable professional experience even as you contribute to the public health of the United States? Perhaps you like to travel? Then the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps is the place to be. The U.S. Public Health Service is the major health arm of the Federal government and the world's foremost health service.

We offer two excellent opportunities for students to serve their country while completing their educational requirements: the Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (JRCOSTEP) and the Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program

(SRCOSTEP). Both programs offer financial compensation and exceptional benefits with typical assignments in locations throughout the country. JRCOSTEP does not require any further service obligation.

Apply before 31 December 2008 for Summer 2009 JRCOSTEP opportunities and Fall 2009 SRCOSTEP selection. For more information on these exciting and rewarding opportunities please refer to the link at <http://www.usphs.gov/>

PBKS Update

Given by CDR Peter Vermilyea

- No new information to report

PHSpharmacist.org Update

Given by CDR Peter Vermilyea

- There have been 14 events added since the site was re-opened last month. Officers are encouraged to continue to update and add events to the site. If any officers have any problems using the site please contact CDR Peter Vermilyea and/or CDR Brent Hobbs.

Associate Recruiter Program Update

- APhA-ASP meetings coming up. All APhA-ASP Meeting regions are covered with officers.
- AR program is working on procedures for many of the new policies that were implemented. The AR Leads will be involved in the decisions made.