

Commissioned Officers Association  
Of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Ft. Detrick Branch

Minutes of the March 3 , 2004 Meeting

Date: March 3, 2004

Location: Ft. Detrick, NCI Bldg # 426, Frederick, Maryland

Call to Order: CDR M. Rossi-Coajou, President, called the meeting to order at 1845 hours.

**Members Present:** CDR M. Rossi-Coajou, LTJG B. Welcher, LT P. Karikari-Martin, LCDR L. Marunycz, LCDR R. Leland, L. Matheny, A. Anderson, L. Nelson

**Reading of Minutes:** Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** LCDR Leland reported \$497.06 in total funds. Account has been established and is earning interest daily.

**Other Reports:**

**Webmaster:**

- Reminder that LCDR Gussio updates the website and if anyone has any postings to let him know. He encourages members to check the database on the website at <http://www.comilstd.org> . Please verify your contact information. If you find an error, please email the corrections to LCDR Gussio at [gussio@ncifcrf.gov](mailto:gussio@ncifcrf.gov) .

**National COA:**

- National COA conference will be held in Alaska this year.
- An email was sent out regarding those officers interested in the possibility of taking a military training flight to the COA Professional Conference in May to Alaska.

**Military Standards Cadre (MSC)/Physical Fitness:** LCDR Gussio

It was announced that the Esprit de Corps day will be on 28April at 1730, but may change to 1700. Officers will be notified of any time change. Because the track will no longer be present, officers will run a 1.5 mile course. By next fall, the new Ft. Detrick indoor swimming pool will be available for officers interested in the swim test.

Branch members are encouraged to join the fun and challenge of the MSC Physical Fitness Testing. See the following website for more information:  
<http://comilstd.org/fdcoa> .

## **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Membership:** LT Byrd was not present for this meeting.

**Community Activities:** LTJG Welcher announced that the Frederick County Science and Engineering Fair will take place on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Walkersville High School. Please do not hesitate to contact Terra Ireland at 301-845-0197 or 301-846-1790 if you are interested in assisting the judging of this years project. LCDR Celissa Stephens should be notified of any officers who do attend this event in order to keep track of volunteer activities.

**Professional Relations:** LCDR Matheny announced that the SG Academy is interested in officer career advancement with an increase in DOD joint training. Please watch the CCRF website and consider TDY to the IHS in order to obtain needed clinical hours. Eligible officers should also consider volunteering at local healthcare facilities. Please remember that an outside activities form is required for these activities.

**Social Committee:** LCDR Marunycz was asked to have the social committee help in organizing this year's picnic. There is only 1 meeting before the picnic. Those officers interested in helping with this years picnic should contact LCDR Marunycz.

**Fundraising:** A 50/50 raffle took place at the meeting and CDR Rossi-Coajou won the raffle. The total collected was \$35 and CDR Rossi-Coajou decided to donate all of her winnings to the branch funds. Thank You!

LCDR Marunycz announced to please let her know of any ideas that officers have concerning fundraising ideas. LCDR Marunycz brought up the good idea of officers donating unwanted household items in order to have a community yard sale. The annual Ft. Detrick yard sale is one possibility of when to have this event.

## **Unfinished Business:**

None

## **New Business:**

### **Meeting Dates/Times:**

Meetings will remain to be held every other month, but meeting time for the next meeting will be at 1845 instead of 1900. Meetings for 2004 will be held on:

5May04, 10July04 (branch picnic),  
1Sep04, 3Nov04 (Elections)

### **Guest Speakers:**

- Tim Custer gave an excellent presentation on Survivor Benefits and Financial Planning.  
**Please read the attached document that contains important notes on his presentation.**
- Other possible guest speaker topics this year include C4/Mass Casualty Training, Medical

Reserve Corps, and long term care insurance.

**Member Announcements:**

- **CDR Rossi-Coajou** mentioned that national COA asked for a minimum of a \$250 contribution to be used as a scholarship fund. CDR Rossi-Coajou, along with executive committee members decided that this contribution was too much for our branches budget; therefore offered a contribution of \$100. National COA turned down the \$100 offer.
- If there are any branch brochures out there, please bring them to the May meeting. Those officers attending the conference in Alaska should take these brochures and represent our branch at the national meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours. The next scheduled Branch meeting will be March 3, 2004.

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