

2019 - 2020

ANNUAL REPORT



**PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**







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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to summarize the 2019-2020 fiscal year activities (July 2019 - June 2020) of the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF). Because of its sound financial standing, COF was able to help advance public health by providing: funding to local public health non-profits, training opportunities to develop future public health leaders through scholarships and other educational activities for active duty US Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps Officers and their family members, funding support to the Commissioned Officers Association of the PHS (COA), and support for other public health activities.

The Martha Barclay-Giel Seed Grants provided over \$125,000 to 16 local public health non-profits. These non-profits will use their funding to provide opioids and addiction interventions, tobacco use prevention, oral health interventions, and other activities to promote, prevent, and advance the health and safety of our Nation.

Our Family Member Scholarships (formerly called the Dependent Scholarship) are available to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students sponsored by a COA member in good standing. During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, ten scholarships were awarded. In addition, the RADM Helena O. Mishoe Diversity "Believe" Scholarship for high school seniors was awarded to encourage and help to support

the career dreams of high school seniors from populations burdened by health disparities and that have been shown to be underrepresented in the health sciences and research, or health-related disciplines.

As a result of a generous donation from the Carruth J. Wagner, MD, Foundation, COF began the process of awarding scholarships valued at over \$18,000 to active duty PHS officers at the pay grade of O-4 and below. The scholarships provide funds to officers who are seeking either a Master's degree or certification in nursing, public health, or a leadership field. The scholarships recognize the leadership of RADM Carruth J. Wagner, PHS, and his mother, Mabel May Wagner, and are intended to promote graduate education or certification to develop future health leaders for our Nation.

In collaboration with Learning Core Leadership Through Service (LCLTS), the COF continued to support leadership training for PHS Officers and civilians. For example, training has been offered at the Annual Symposium for the last 3 years, and will be offered virtual in 2020.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PHS Symposium had to be postponed until May 23-27, 2022. We will be meeting at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel, Arizona. Until then the COA and COF will be offering a series of virtual activities throughout 2021 in lieu of the symposium.

LETTER FROM THE **PRESIDENT** CONTINUED

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, we said goodbye to our Executive Director, Colonel (ret.), US Army, James Currie, and our Deputy Director, Captain, US Army Reserves, John McElligott. Colonel Currie retired and Captain McElligott's career path led to his acceptance of a position very near his Phoenix home. COF will forever be grateful for their leadership and service and wish them well in their future.

In April 2020, the COA and COF announced the selection of our new Executive Director, US Navy Captain (ret.) Jacqueline Rychnovsky. Dr. Rychnovsky received her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Florida and her Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Nursing Research from the University of San Diego. Her professional experience includes more than 30 years in a variety of sectors including leadership of national healthcare advocacy, healthcare organizations and service in the United States Navy. Welcome on board, ma'am!!

COF is fortunate to have the continued support of the rest of our permanent staff. Many thanks to Ms. Teresa Hayden Foley, Ms. Judith Rensberger, Ms. Donna Sparrow, and Ms. Erica Robinson. Your long term commitment to COF is greatly appreciated.

In Officio Salutius (In the Service of Health),

Sven E. Rodenbeck, Sc.D., P.E., BCEE



Rear Admiral (ret.), U.S. Public Health Service

President, PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation
for the Advancement of Public Health



HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION



2000

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) **was established**.



2005

The Foundation organized and sponsored its **first Global Health Summit**. Attendees concluded the day by approving The Philadelphia Concord, committing the participants to further the goal of collaborating to improve global health.



2005

The Anchor and Caduceus Society, founded in 1991 to preserve the history and legacy of the PHS Commissioned Corps, **merged with the COF**.



2006

The Foundation published its **first book A Century of Adventure** in Northern Health: The US Public Health Service in Alaska, 1879 to 1978 by CAPT (Ret.) Robert Fortune, PHS (Ret.).



2006

The Foundation **published the Public Health Service Officer's Guide** by CAPT (ret.) Jim Knoben and CDR Alice Knoben, and donated a copy of the guide to all 6,000+ active duty PHS officers.



2006

Family members **scholarships established** under the Foundation.



2006

John Adams Society established.



2007

COF assumed responsibility and **funding for the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium**.



2009

COF created the **RADM Jerrold M. Michael Fellowship** in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION CONTINUED



2011

COF published **Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response: Principles & Practice**, a ready source of information that is applicable both as a desktop reference and field manual. This book was edited by VADM Richard Carmona, 17th Surgeon General of the United States; CAPT (ret.) Robert Darling, US; CAPT (ret.) Jim Knoben; and RADM (ret.) Jerrold Michael.



2012

COF received a bequest of **\$620,000** upon the death of CAPT Robert Lathrop, who spent his PHS career as a dentist in remote parts of Alaska.



2013

C. Everett Koop Living Legacy Fund established following the death of the 13th Surgeon General.



2017

Establishment of the COF Disaster Relief Fund, which helps Commissioned Corps officers whose homes are damaged by natural disasters.



2018

COF received a **\$4.6 million** bequest from the estate of CAPT Martha Barclay-Giel, and subsequently established the Barclay-Giel seed grants.



2020

20th Anniversary of the Foundation.



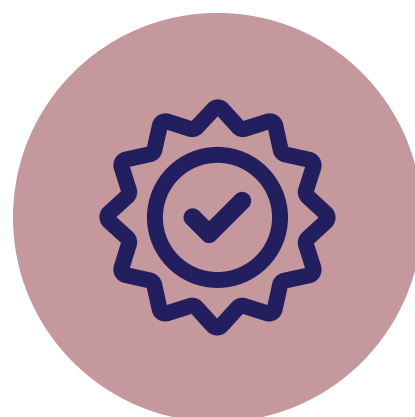
PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION AND COMMITTEES

THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION IS TO RECEIVE, ADMINISTER, AND EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986:

- education and training for health professionals;
- the conduct of studies and research;
- collaboration with related organizations and the broad dissemination of public and professional information;
- other educational and charitable activity as determined by the Board of Trustees;
- to assist other educational and charitable organizations in the conduct of similar activities; and
- to engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes.

The Foundation conducts its activities through a variety of committees. The **Executive Committee** oversees the day-to-day functions of the Foundation. The **Finance and Audit Committee** ensures that budgets are maintained and finances are kept in order. The **Development Committee** explores options for fund raising and conducts activities which allow the Foundation to advance public health.

The **Nominations Committee** is responsible for recruiting future members of the COF Board of Trustees. The **Education Committee** oversees the USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium, and explores ways that we can advance public health education. The **Studies, Research, and Grants Committee** leads the Barclay-Giel Seed Grant program and evaluates other potential studies and research activities for the COF.



2019-2020 **HIGHLIGHTS**

THE COF HAS FIVE STRATEGIC GOALS:

ADVOCACY

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE

PROJECT AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

The full COF Strategic Plan (FY2019-2023) can be viewed on the COF website at www.phscof.org.



ADVOCACY

ADVANCE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN, AND COLLABORATION ON, INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH MISSION OF THE PHS COMMISSIONED CORPS AND THE OVERARCHING IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE NATION.

In 2020, COF negotiated and finalized a co-sponsorship Agreement with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health in support of PHS officer education and training. This agreement formalizes the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) in support of the Annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium, authorizes PHS officer participation in and support of the Symposium, and acknowledges that the Symposium can be considered part of official duties. This agreement will assure that USPHS Officers and units (i.e. honor guard, music ensemble) can take full advantage of the Symposium activities and educational benefits.

In addition, COF partnered with the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) to support the annual IPEC COF Award, which highlights ongoing community-based public health work of excellence.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CONDUCT AND FUND PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

ANNUAL USPHS SCIENTIFIC AND TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, its attendant public health and safety concerns, and official recommendations for the mitigation of potential spread of the viral infection, COF made the decision to postpone the 2020 Annual Scientific and Training Symposium until the Spring of 2022. This was not an easy decision, and it was not made without fully exploring all options.

SYMPOSIUM SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

The COF would like to thank all exhibitors and sponsors who supported the 2020 Symposium in advance of the cancellation announcement.

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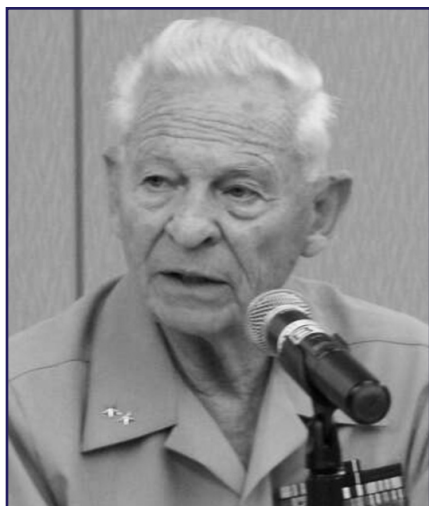
FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

COF offers a scholarship program available to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students sponsored by a COA member in good standing. The scholarships are funded by donations from active duty and retired PHS members, local COA Branches, and others. We thank them for their generosity.

The Foundation is pleased to announce a total of \$9,500 in scholarships to the following recipients:

- **Nam Pommier:** Nutrition and Dietetics, Rowan University (LCDR Ryan Pommier) – Atlanta COA Scholarship
- **Kayla Jenkins:** Psychology, Hampton University (LCDR Jennifer Smith-Grant) – Lessing Scholarship
- **Rebecca Cox:** Human Science, Georgetown University (CDR Deborah Cox)
- **Skylar Livengood:** Biology, Bryn Mawr College (CAPT Dolan Thomas)
- **Katarina Fiorentino:** Communication Sciences & Disorders, University of Florida (CDR Douglas Fiorentino)
- **Sylvette Ramos-Diaz:** Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (LCDR Luis Ramos-Ortiz)
- **Shelby Bachini:** Biology, Dixie State University (Steven Bachini)
- **Sierra Wanca:** Biology, University of Alaska Anchorage (CAPT Martha Wanca)
- **Daniel Richardson:** Biological Sciences, Arizona State University (CAPT Jeffrey Richardson)

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



RADM Jerrold Michael

RADM JERROLD M. MICHAEL FELLOWSHIP

Hosted by the University of Maryland School of Public Health, the RADM Jerrold M. Michael Fellowship is a way for active duty PHS Commissioned Corps officers to earn a Graduate Certificate in Global Health or Principles of Public Health. Graduates may apply all credits from the certificate to a full degree in the field of public health. The Foundation covers half of the tuition costs for the needed courses. The foundation covers the full cost of the certificate program.

The 2020 recipient is LCDR Ashley Burns.



LCDR Ashley Burns



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



RADM Carruth J. Wagner

CARRUTH J. WAGNER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Carruth J. Wagner Foundation scholarships are awarded to active duty PHS officers at the rank of O-4 and below who seek a Master's degree or certification in either public health or leadership sciences. The scholarships recognize the leadership of RADM Carruth J. Wagner and the intent of the Carruth J. Wagner Foundation to develop future health leaders for our Nation. Awards are made based upon a competitive process in which a review panel assess career goals, plans for developing leadership skills, and how the recipient will apply a master's degree to advance U.S. and global public health. Current membership in the Commissioned Officers Association (COA) is required.

The Foundation announced the following recipients of the 2020 Carruth J. Wagner Awards:

- **LCDR Ashley Burns**, Pharmacy Category, Master of Public Health, \$4,000
- **LCDR Jessica Fox**, Pharmacy Category, Master of Business Administration \$3,980
- **LCDR Abby Mozeke-Baker**, Nurse Category, Master of Public Health Administration, \$4,000
- **LCDR Courtney Wood**, Therapist Category, Certificate in Early Education Leadership (CEEL), \$2,685



Mabel May Wagner

MABEL MAY WAGNER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, available to active duty PHS Nurse Officers at the rank of O-4 or below, provides funds for 1) graduate level education at the Master's level or 2) continuing education and the cost of certification for nurses, with a focus on the professional/clinical development to become a leader of public health nursing. This award recognizes the legacy of RADM Carruth J. Wagner and his deep admiration for his mother, Mable May Wagner, while also recognizing the generosity of the Carruth J. Wagner Foundation.

- **The recipient of the 2020 Mabel May Wagner Scholarship was LCDR Natasha Kormanik, Nurse Category, post-masters Nurse Practitioner certification (\$4,000).**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



RADM Helena Mishoe

RADM MISHOE DIVERSITY “BELIEVE” SCHOLARSHIP

The RADM Helena O. Mishoe Diversity “Believe” Scholarship for high school seniors was established to encourage and help support the career dreams of high school seniors from populations burdened by health disparities and that have been shown to be underrepresented in the health sciences and research, or health-related disciplines. These include populations such as racial and ethnic minority groups, rural populations, populations with low socioeconomic status, first generation college students, and individuals with disabilities. The scholarship will help students to realize their dream of obtaining a college education in the health sciences or a health-related field to promote health equity in the United States.

This scholarship inspires students to be scholars, serve their community, and achieve their dreams. The scholarship continues RADM Mishoe’s legacy as a believer in the dreams of those who have demonstrated tremendous resiliency in overcoming challenges, and who will become visionary change-makers achieving great things to make our world a better place for all.

The 2020 RADM Mishoe “Believe” Scholarship recipient was Ms. Safia Mohamud.



Safia Mohamud



GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE AND INFORMED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND INCREASE THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GREATER SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION.

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RADM (ret.) Steven Solomon

RADM (ret.) Dana Thomas

CAPT (ret.) Rob Tosatto

STAFF

COL (ret.) James Currie, USA, Executive Director (retired May 31, 2020)

Captain (ret.) Jacqueline Rychnovsky, USN, Executive Director (effective May 11, 2020)

Captain John E. McElligott, USAR, Deputy Executive Director

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Donna Sparrow, Membership Coordinator



FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, JUNE 30, 2020

Assets

Current Assets		
	Cash	48,522
	Due from COA	178,039
	Accounts Receivable	53,516
	Prepaid Expenses	1,000
	Total Current Assets	\$281,077
Property and Equipment, Net		
	Investments	6,495,512
	Total Assets	\$6,776,589

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities		
	Accounts Payable	21,598
	Deferred Revenue	72,375
	Total Current Liabilities - Total Liabilities	\$93,973
Net Assets		
	Without Donor Restrictions	
	General	5,991,601
	Board Designated	275,088
	With Donor Restrictions - Temporary	319,973
	With Donor Restrictions - Permanent	95,954
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$6,776,589

JOHN ADAMS SOCIETY

In 1798, President John Adams signed into law the Act for the Relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen. It was the seed which grew into today's Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. Members of the John Adams Society have decided to plant their own seeds and support the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health. They chose to bequeath funds to the Foundation in their wills and trusts.

MEMBERS

CAPT (ret.) Martha Barclay-Giel - In Memoriam

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CAPT (ret.) Leah M. Bigalow - In Memoriam

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CAPT (ret.) William H.J. Haffner

CAPT (ret.) Robert L. Lathrop - In Memoriam

RADM (ret.) Michael R. Milner



C. EVERETT KOOP LIVING LEGACY FUND

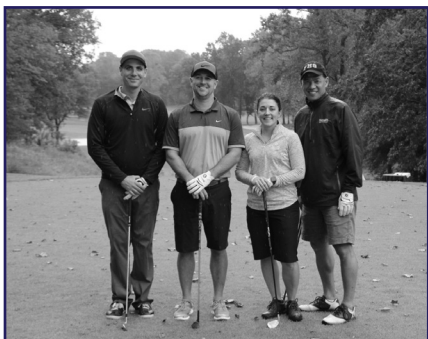


VADM C. Everett Koop

Shortly after the death of the 13th US Surgeon General, VADM C. Everett Koop, in February of 2013, CAPT (ret.) Don Soeken of Maryland volunteered to draft language for the Koop Living Legacy Fund. Dr. Koop’s widow, Cora Hogue Koop, signed the agreement on June 19, 2013 to provide the Foundation with additional income that furthers its mission.

The fund and/or the income derived from it will be used for, but not limited to: (1) junior officer scholarships to attend the annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium, (2) continuing education for junior officers, (3) research and reports advancing public health and the Commissioned Corps, and (4) a seminar series devoted to public health topics.

Mrs. Koop wrote, “Of all the groups of people with whom he had a connection, the Commissioned Corps was perhaps closest to his heart. He had such great respect and affection for all of you!”



CDR Andrew Fine, Bryan Fulkerson, LCDR Tiffany Pfundt, CAPT (Retired) Jason Woo

12TH ANNUAL COF GOLF TOURNAMENT

The COF golf tournament fundraiser was held at a new location in 2019. On September 30th, over 80 golfers, volunteers, and guests came together at the Country Club at Woodmore in Prince Georges County, Maryland to help us have another successful event. This 12th annual event raised over \$6000, for COF’s educational programs and scholarships.

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PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT HIGHLIGHT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL LEGACY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND THE PHS COMMISSIONED CORPS.

NO SIGNIFICANT “PRESERVATION” ACTIVITIES WERE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.



PROJECT AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

SUPPORT AND CONDUCT PROJECTS AND RESEARCH STUDIES THAT ADVANCE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY.

BARCLAY-GIEL SEED GRANTS

The Barclay-Giel Seed Grant Program is named after the late CAPT (ret.) Martha Barclay-Giel who dedicated her life's work to advancing the health of Americans. A member of the John Adams Society, she bequeathed a considerable sum of money to the COF upon her death.

Eligible applicants of the seed grants are non-profits including 501(c)(3) entities, local or state health departments, and tribal organizations whose primary mission is to address public health issues. The grants address a wide range of public health issues with a principal focus on the Surgeon Generals Priorities, including Opioids and Addiction, Tobacco, Community Health and Economic Prosperity, Health and National Security, Oral Health, and Emerging Public Health Threats. Funds are used for a wide range of public health activities including community initiatives, strategic public health planning, and "proof of concept" intervention projects. Each proposed project or program must have a strong disease and/or injury prevention component that impacts the health of a community by promoting wellness, early detection and intervention, and prevention. Funds are not intended for clinical care or patient treatment.

In 2019, the COF received 251 applications. The following 15 organizations were selected to receive funding that totaled \$112,500:

Center Helping Obesity in Children End Successfully: Kennesaw, GA – promote proper nutrition in children at risk for obesity by providing cooking classes, workshops, summer camps and health expos

Central Vermont New Directions Coalition: Montpelier, VT – create a comprehensive toolkit for middle and high schools around vaping and tobacco/marijuana prevention

City of Lowell Health Department: Lowell, MA – fund the Lowell Opioid Storyboard Project, a visual display illustrating the impact/cost of the opioid epidemic and the action steps each person can take

Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees: Edmonds, WA – educate CHWs on the risks of opioids, proper disposal, identifying at-risk persons, and overdose treatment

Fresno Police Chaplaincy: Fresno, CA – support a Youth Advocate to identify and follow up on trauma calls from children

Lake County General Health District: Mentor, OH – hire a tobacco treatment specialist to work with clinicians and clients at a free clinic on smoking cessation

BARCLAY-GIEL SEED GRANTS

Madison County Health Department: Wampsville, NY – launch the Oral Health Community Campaign to reduce tooth decay in Medicaid enrolled children aged 0-5

Metropolitan Tenants Organization: Chicago, IL – conduct inspections and healthy homes training in low-income renters to prevent air quality, lead-related illnesses

Mississippi Oral Health Community Alliance: Jackson, MS – provide education and dental sealants for school-age children in the Mississippi Delta

Senior Charity Care Foundation: West Valley City, UT – establish a Preventive Tele-Health Oral Care program to assess rural seniors in poverty

Smiles Across Montana: Bozeman, MT – provide access preventative dental care in Indian Country and rural schools among Head Start and elementary age children

Soul Food for Your Baby: Cypress, CA – provide culturally sensitive outreach and breastfeeding support and education among African Americans

Southern Nevada Health District: Las Vegas, NV – aid the Moapa Band of Paiute Tribe in conducting residential lead assessments

The JEM Foundation: Gilbert, AZ – address suicide prevention through advocacy for insurance parity for mental health

The Opportunity Alliance: South Portland, ME – assist schools in York County to reach underserved children with preventive oral health services

Information about the Seed Grant program as well as links to information about the individual awardees is available at www.phscof.org/seed-grants.html.



CONCLUSION/ LOOKING FORWARD

On behalf of the COF Development Committee, please know how thankful we are for the awesome work from Commissioned Corps officers to protect and improve public health. Your efforts in not only managing your primary duties, but also in helping America to respond to, and recover from, emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic is truly inspiring.

We are grateful for the amazing support in donations and time that you have provided to the COF, which has enabled us to successfully pursue our mission. As you read through this 2019-2020 Annual Report, we hope that you are pleased with what we have accomplished on your behalf. We expect you to hold us accountable for honoring our mission, and would like to hear from you about how we are doing, what we can do better, and what you would like to see us support in the future on behalf of Commissioned Corps officers and public health.

What does the future hold? As COVID-19 has shown us, it is hard to predict! But in the coming months and years, COF will strive to:

- Increase public awareness of the importance of investing in public health, and the role of USPHS officers in protecting and advancing public health.
- Enhance engagement with the private sector (corporations, foundations, and others) to increase support for the Foundation.

- Work with COA and its members to support our mission of building leadership in public health through advocacy, education, research, partnerships and program support.

If you are interested in joining the COF Development Committee, or any other COF committees, please reach out to CAPT (ret.) Jacqueline Rychnovsky, COF Executive Director, or RADM (ret.) Steven Solomon, President of the COF Board of Trustees.

We deeply appreciate your service to our country, your support of COF, and every effort that you undertake to improve the health and well-being of this Nation.

Be Safe & Stay Healthy!

John DiMaggio



Chair, COF Development Committee

