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**VETERANS' DAY**

211 YEAR OF SERVICE IMPROVING THE NATION'S HEALTH  
TO PROMOTE OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

## PREFACE

Veterans Day – 1977 is a time when I believe we, as members of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, should remember our fellow officers who answered our Country's call to duty. Executive Order No. 9575 declared the corps to be a military service during World War II. While our status as a military service has been ended, the traditions of sacrifice and knowledge, which were developed during World War I, have continued to be demonstrated during our Nation's Korean and Vietnamese experience. This small tribute names only a few of our fellow officers who have served to strengthen the public's health.

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Memorial Day – 1981 is a time when the U.S. Public Health Service remembers the many PHS officers who served in the armed services of our Nation. During these times of national emergencies, the Public Health Service has been a contributor to the National Defense while continuing its service to the civilian health needs. As our status continues as a uniformed service, the traditions of sacrifice and dedication have continued over the years to represent the meaning of National Service in the interest of Public Health. Employees and officers of the Service should take pride in the past accomplishments of the Public Health Service; and should remember with special honors PHS officers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives for a free and healthy society.

Veterans Day – 2009 is we the officers of the US Public Health Service stand tall and proud as a uniformed service that what served our Nation in times of peace, war, and national emergencies. Operating our hospitals we helped Union Forces form this great Nation, Later with Army nurses, we cared for the wounded of WWI. In WWII we conducted medical research with the Navy, provided General Douglas MacArthur with a medical aide while others went ashore at Salerno, Italy on D-Day with some receiving the Purple Heart with Acolade. We continued to serve proudly as we formally became part of the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and later went into Vietnam to provide care in provincial hospitals. We followed with the Navy into Grenada and its waters; and later some of us saw the smoke clouds of Kuwait. With our fellow officers in the Post 9-11 period, we have stopped the Anthrax Threat and have protected the Nation across our great county and in foreign outpost from Africa to Iraq into the mountains of Afghanistan. We should never forget "We are veterans in our own right!" as we take the Point in the fight to improve the Public Health in the interest of the National Defense. Active duty or inactive duty, regular or reserve, former, serving or retired we are *a Few of the Best!*

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS  
PRESENTED TO OFFICERS  
OF THE  
US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
DURING THE WORLD WAR II ERA**

*United States Decorations  
Presented to Individual  
Public Health Service Officers  
during the World War II Era*

**Distinguished Service Medal**

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper (Army)  
Surgeon General Thomas Parran (Army)  
Assistant Surgeon General Howard F. Smith

**Purple Heart**

Surgeon Fred J. Black (Army)  
Passed Assistant Surgeon John J. Davis (Coast Guard)  
Assistant Surgeon (R) Leon Glassman (Coast Guard)  
Surgeon Floyd A. Hawk (Purple Heart Accolade) Army  
Passed Assistant Surgeon Harry M. Levin (Coast Guard)  
Assistant Surgeon Ralph R. Nix (Coast Guard)  
Passed Assistant Surgeon Haskell B. Rosenblum (Coast Guard)

**Legion of Merit**

Senior Surgeon Joseph A. Bell (Army)  
Senior Surgeon (R) Francisco J. Dy (Army)  
Surgeon Edgar B. Johnswick (Army)  
Senior Surgeon Victor H. Haas (Army)  
Assistant Surgeon General Carl Michel (Coast Guard)  
Medical Director William Henry Sebrell (Army)  
Senior Surgeon Thomas H. Tomlinson, Jr. (Army)  
Scientist Director Willard H. Wright (Army)

**Bronze Star Medal**

Surgeon Virgil J. Dorset (Army)  
Surgeon William Hyatt Gordon (Coast Guard)  
Surgeon James A. Grider, Jr. (Army)  
Surgeon Robert L. Griffith (Coast Guard)  
Surgeon John A. Lewis (Army)  
Medical Director William W. Nesbit (Navy)  
Senior Surgeon Harold R. Sandstead (Army)  
Surgeon Albert N. Sarwold (Army)  
Surgeon Paul E. Walker (Coast Guard)

**Soldier's Medal**

Junior Assistant Nurse Officer (R) Arlene M. Waldhaus, (Army)

**Air Medal**

Passed Assistant Surgeon William S. Baum (Coast Guard)

**Army Commendation Medal**

Senior Surgeon George W. Bolin  
Senior Sanitary Engineer Allen D. Brandt  
Medical Director Edwin H. Carnes  
Medical Director Gilbert L. Dunnahoo  
Assistant Surgeon General R. Eugene Dyer  
Senior Surgeon Robert H. Flinn  
Surgeon (R) Daniel G. Gill  
Sanitarian (R) William M. Hearon  
Senior Surgeon Oswald F. Hedley  
Senior Surgeon Noka B. Hon  
Senior Sanitary Engineer Omar C. Hopkins  
Scientist Leon Jacobs  
Medical Director Knox E. Miller  
Engineer (R) Philip S. Miller  
Sanitary Engineer Arthur H. Neill  
Surgeon Michael B. Shimkin  
Sanitary Engineer (R) Porter A. Stephens  
Surgeon Luther L. Terry  
Senior Assistant Sanitarian (R) George A. Thompson, Jr.  
Assistant Surgeon General Lewis R. Thompson  
Dental Surgeon George E. Waterman  
Sanitarian (R) Jesse B. Yaukey

**Navy and Marine Corps Medal**

Assistant Surgeon Ralph R. Nix

*United States Unit Award*  
*Presented to*  
*US Public Health Service Officers*  
*during the World War II Era*

**Navy Unit Commendation**

Passed Assistant Dental Surgeon Jackson W. Bates  
Surgeon Alexander A. Doerner  
Passed Assistant Surgeon William H. Errgong, Jr.  
Surgeon William Hyatt Gordon  
Passed Assistant Surgeon Paul A. Kaufman  
Dental Surgeon William P. Kroschel  
Dental Surgeon Ralph S. Lloyd  
Dental Surgeon (R) Arthur G. Malucky  
Surgeon George K. Massengil  
Medical Director Walter G. Nelson  
Assistant Surgeon Ralph R. Nix  
Passed Assistant Surgeon Benjamin H. Wolfman

*United States Agency Recognition  
Presented to Individual  
US Public Health Service Officers  
during the World War II Era*

**American Typhus Commission**

*American Typhus Commission Medal:*

Surgeon (R) Robert L. Cherry  
Assistant Surgeon General R. Eugene Dyer  
Senior Surgeon Alexander G. Gilliam  
Sanitarian (R) William L. Jellison  
Senior Surgeon Leonard A. Scheele  
Surgeon Norman H. Topping

**Executive Office of the President**

*Medal of Freedom:*

Senior Surgeon Joseph A. Bell (Army)  
Surgeon Edgar B. Johnwick (Army)

**Selective Service System**

*Selective Service Medal:*

Surgeon Lewis H. Hoyle  
Surgeon Louis Jacobs  
Senior Assistant Surgeon Leslie W. Knott  
Surgeon (R) Fritz Levy  
Medical Director J. Davis Reichard  
Senior Assistant Surgeon R. Frank Reider  
Senior Assistant Surgeon Leonard M. Schuman  
Surgeon (R) Eugene de Savitsch  
Surgeon (R) Royal W. Williams

**US Maritime Service**

*Merchant Marine Victory Medal*

Assistant Surgeon General Justin K. Fuller

*Foreign Decorations*  
*Presented to*  
*US Public Health Service Officers*  
*During the World War II Era*

**Belgium:**

*Order of Leopold II*

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper  
Surgeon (R) Eugene de Savitsch

**Brazil:**

*Forces Expeditionaire de Brazil*

Passed Assistant Dental Surgeon (R) Julian W. Habercam  
Passed Assistant Surgeon William B. Hoover  
Passed Assistant Dental Surgeon William R. Tench

**Chile:**

*Orden al Merito*

Surgeon General Thomas Parran

**Colombia:**

*Knight of the Order of Boyaca*

Senior (R) Eugene de Savitsch

**Cuba:**

*Order of Carlos Finlay*

Assistant Surgeon General R. Eugene Dyer  
Medical Director Gilbert L. Dunnahoo  
Surgeon General Thomas Parran  
Senior Surgeon Leonard A. Scheele

**Finland:**

*Order of the White Rose- Knight, First Class*

Medical Director Vance B. Murray

*Order of the White Rose- Commander*

Medical Director Herbert A. Spencer

**France:**

*French Croix de Guerre*

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper (with palm)

Senior Surgeon Leonard A. Scheele

*French Legion of Honor*

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper

*French Order of Public Health*

Senior Surgeon George W. Bolin

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper

Surgeon General Thomas Parran

Senior Surgeon Leonard A. Scheele

**French Indochina:**

*Cross of Officer of the Order of a Million Elephants*

Assistant Surgeon General Howard F. Smith

**Great Britain:**

*British Order of Companion of the Bath*

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper

**Greece:**

*Gold Cross of the Order of George I*

Senior Surgeon Leslie W. Knott

*Gold Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix- Commander*

Medical Director Oswald F. Hedley

*Gold Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix*

Senior Sanitary Engineer Vernon G. MacKenzie

*Silver Medal of the Hellenic Red Cross*

Senior Surgeon Leslie M. Knott

Medical Director Oswald F. Hedley

**Italy:**

*Commenda Nell'ordine Dei SS Maurizio e Lazzaro*

Senior Surgeon Leonard A. Scheele

**Liberia:**

*Humane Order of African Redemption- Knight Commander*

Medical Director Hildrus A. Poindexter

Senior Surgeon (R) John B. West

*Humane Order of African Redemption- Knight Officer*

Nurse Officer (R) Mary L. Mills

**Mexico:**

*Doctor Eduardo Liceaga Medal*

Surgeon General Thomas Parran

**Netherlands**

*Order of Orange-Nassau*

Deputy Surgeon General Warren F. Draper

**Philippines:**

*Philippine Presidential Citation*

Assistant Surgeon General Howard F. Smith

*Philippine Distinguished Service Star*

Senior Surgeon (R) Francisco J. Dy

**Poland:**

*Polonia Restituta*

Senior Surgeon Henry A. Holle

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