



**CAPT Holly Ann Williams, PhD, MN, RN**

**Board Position: Retired Officer Representative**

CAPT Williams retired in 2022 after a 26-year career in the USPHS during which she was assigned to CDC. She currently serves on the Retired Officers' Committee. She earned her BSN at the University of Pittsburgh, her Master's in Nursing at the University of Washington, and her PhD in Anthropology at the University of Florida

CAPT Williams began her PHS career as an Epidemic Intelligence Officer at CDC. During her tenure at CDC, CAPT Williams worked in a variety of areas including Malaria, International Emergencies and Refugee Health, Violence Prevention, and served as the Director of CDC's Occupational Health Clinic. She worked globally in a wide area of the world doing research, teaching, and developing public health policy for various UN agencies and Ministries of Health in a wide array of countries. Her expertise was disaster relief and humanitarian crises.

She received numerous PHS awards including Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Outstanding Unit Citation, Unit Citation. In addition, she received the USPHS Chief Nurse Officer Award, 2011 Nurse Responder of the Year and the Minigerold Award for Nursing Excellence. She served on RDF 3 for 13 years, including seven years as Team Commander.

## **Position Statement**

**CAPT (ret) Holly Ann Williams**

**Board Position: Retired Officer (Applicant for 2024-2027)**

As a retired officer, it would be my honor to serve as a Retired Officer Representative on the COA Board of Directors. As a USPHS officer, I served 26 years at the CDC, was a founding member of RDF 3, and served as RDF 3 Team Commander for six years. As such, I had the privilege of interacting with a wide array of officers across our duty stations. I believe that the combination of leadership, my social networks, and communication skills that I honed over my 26-year career will assist COA in identifying needs of officers and retirees and addressing those needs. As a current member of the COA Retired Officers Committee, I am working to develop strategies to help retirees stay active with PHS. If elected, I will continue to work ways to link retirees with active-duty officers. Throughout my career, mentoring junior officers and advocating for their issues was critically important to me. If elected to this board position, I would like to continue to work toward assisting our junior officers in developing pathways to leadership and promotion. Another gap to which I would apply my leadership skills would be in strengthening leadership support for mid-level officers. I remain committed to ensuring that our officers are fit and ready for deployment, which includes physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual readiness. My many years of deployments, both with USPHS and as an officer at CDC, provides keen insights into what is needed to keep our officers deployment-ready. Lastly, my pride in our service and my commitment to the growth of the PHS makes me want to volunteer my time and energy to COA.