



CDR Carissa Haney, DNP, APRN-BC, MSN, RN

Board Position: Field Representative

CDR Carissa Haney serves as the Executive Assistant to the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) within ICE Health Service Corps. She is an experienced public health professional with previous assignments to Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) from 2022-2024, the Department of Defense (DOD) 2019-2022, and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 2015-2019.

CDR Haney has served on the COA PHS Symposium Planning Committee since 2016 and has been an active presenter at several annual symposium meetings. She was the speaker team lead for Nurse Category Day Planning Committee in 2023, the liaison in 2024, and currently serves as the co-chair for the planning committee in 2025. She was an active member of the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) and was awarded Nurse of the Year in 2023 by NCNA. She served on the NCCOA Election Board in 2019 and recently PCS'd to Omaha, NE.

She has deployed on over ten nationwide and international missions with the PHS to support hurricane relief efforts, COVID-19 support, customs and border patrol missions, and assisted with refugee repatriation. She is a prior service U.S. Navy nurse serving from 2001-2004. She received the Military Health Systems Military Nursing Leadership Excellence Award in 2023.

CDR Haney takes pride in supporting the USPHS mission of advancing, promoting, and supporting the health and safety of the nation as well as advocacy for the Commissioned Corps and its officers



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Field Representative Position Statement

Despite being in the USPHS for almost 10 years, I must admit that I initially knew very little about the Commissioned Officers Association (COA). While I was aware that COA and COF were advocating for us as officers, I didn't fully understand how or what they were doing. However, my perspective has completely transformed. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of working closely with COA, particularly Dr. Rychnovsky, and I am blown away by her leadership as well as the advocacy and support COA provides to the PHS.

Whether it's funding events like the PHS DAISY Award or covering \$1,000 per category for the Annual Symposium Day, COA serves as a cornerstone of the Corps. In addition, their legislative advocacy, sponsorship of local COA branches, and presence at significant events highlight their unwavering commitment to the PHS. Working alongside COA this past year has been truly inspiring.

My contributions to COA will focus on advocacy and outreach. I aim to encourage officers to renew or initiate their memberships. I want to serve as a representative and advocate for COA membership, particularly emphasizing its importance to nurses who often let their memberships lapse. Officers need to support the association that tirelessly fights for the survival of the PHS and ensures recognition alongside sister services like the DoD, Coast Guard, and NOAA.

As a local point of contact for COA across regions, my goal is to increase membership by at least 100 officers within my first year as a field representative. I also plan to explore innovative strategies to promote and sustain membership. Given my current position, which provides high visibility among nurse officers and leaders in the PHS, I am confident I can leverage my network to accomplish these objectives and support any task assigned to me by COA.