



LT Jesse Samluk, PhD, Esquire

Board Position: Ready Reserve

LT Jesse P. Samluk is an Assistant Engineer Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve. In a civilian capacity, he is a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the multiplex area. He holds a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, with a concentration in electromagnetic theory. His previous research included millimeter-wave imaging and numerical modeling of weakly conductive Arctic sea ice structures.

LT Samluk is also a licensed attorney in the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the State of New York. His legal interests involve pro bono advocacy on an assortment of areas, to include legislative advocacy for issues to benefit all members of USPHS, starting his involvement with COAUSPHS during law school prior to commissioning in the USPHS Ready Reserve. He also currently serves as the National Judge Advocate for the Reserve Organization of America (ROA).

LT Samluk also has an extensive cybersecurity background and holds various cybersecurity credentials, which include: CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker, (ISC)² Certified Information Systems Security Professional, and Global Information Assurance Certifications (GIAC) GSEC, GCIH, GCFA, GPEN, and GAWN credentials. He is a qualified SANS Mentor.

LT Samluk also serves the community in which he resides. He is a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician with Five Points Fire Company in Wilmington, Delaware. Likewise, he is also a member of the Delaware Medical Reserve Corps, and also serves various charities in his locale.

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Ready Reserve Board of Directors Candidate

I plan to contribute to COA on both the national and local levels. I have experience at the COA level from when I was in law school prior to commissioning where I was a pro bono law clerk. The main issue back then, as it is now, is achieving parity with the other services. However, the most significant change since graduating law school is the Ready Reserve component. The Ready Reserve, to which I am a member, not only lacks parity with our sister services, but also lacks parity within our own service.

I think my engineering and attorney background will bring a unique aspect to serving on the Board. I plan to highlight the issues that Reservists face currently, but also advocate for both Reserve and Regular Corps. Previous work includes: working with a fellow Reservist colleague in Delaware to pass legislation to include both USPHS and NOAA for a partial tax deduction on pension; secured sponsorship to introduce *Parity for Public Health Service Ready Reserve Act* during the 118th Congress; writing individualized letters to various taxing authorities on behalf of fellow USPHS officers; ensuring USPHS and NOAA is represented at Wreaths Across America; and guided DCCOA to re-establish that entity into 501(c)(3), among countless others.

Not only do I intend to continue on in the footsteps of my colleague LT Evan Williams, but I also want to expand the partnership to Reserve Organization of America (ROA). I also serve as National Judge Advocate with ROA, and they would like to strengthen ties with COAUSPHS as well as continuing to advocate for USPHS Ready Reservists.