



Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

CDR Katie Jacques PT, DPT, OCS, CAHA

Therapist Representative



CDR Katie Jacques has been assigned to the Indian Health Service (IHS) since 2012 and currently serves as Chief of Rehabilitation Services. CDR Jacques provides clinical oversight for state-wide therapy services for Southcentral Foundation (SCF) at Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) and Benteh Nuutah Valley Native Primary Care Center (VNPCC). These facilities serve greater than 55,000 customer-owners (patients). Rehabilitation Services are provided at four clinical sites and include five disciplines which provide therapies from specialized pediatric care to geriatric care.

CDR Jacques has been an active member with the Commissioned Officers Association (COA) since 2012.

Her first leadership position was Secretary of the COA branch at Tsehootsooi Medical Center (TMC) in Fort Defiance, Arizona. Most recently she proudly served as President-Elect, President, and Past-President of the Aurora Borealis COA from 2016-2018. CDR Jacques was leader for several distinguished branch accomplishments that support the National COA's initiatives. These include maximizing and increasing membership from 174 to 198 members (of which 22 are designated as retired officers), five branch publications in *Frontline*, and 24 community events. The most notable event was the Silent Night Starry Nights Gala, all proceeds going to the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis Shelter (AWAIC). The event raised \$210,000 and garnered with public recognition by Senator Dan Sullivan for Aurora Borealis COA's efforts and service. CDR Jacques is proud to be part of the Aurora Borealis COA team and is eager to be part of the Commissioned Officers Association National Board of Directors.

CDR Jacques' participation within the Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) has been greatly focused in mentorship. She has served on TPAC Mentoring Subcommittee since 2014 and completed her term as Chair in 2020. CDR Jacques' dedication to improvement, innovation, programmatic development, and organization led to subcommittee expansion and 100% of new Officers being paired with a TPAC mentor within two weeks of commissioning. CDR Jacques attributes her growth to her mentors, experiencing challenges, and achieving outcomes. CDR Jacques brings strong leadership and organization skills to the COA Board of Directors and is eager to assist COA to protect and enhance the public health and safety of the United States by supporting and advancing the interests of the Commissioned Corps and its officers.

CDR Jacques earned her masters of physical therapy in 2009 at Quinnipiac University and then went on to earn her transitional doctorate of physical therapy degree at the University of Montana in 2012. She is board certified in orthopedics and holds a certificate in Allied Health Administration. She currently resides in Anchorage, AK with her husband and two daughters who are all outdoor enthusiasts.