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To members of the D.C. Metropolitan Area Branch,

This Smart Brief is a journal style email message intended to help keep you informed about various uniformed service benefits available to PHS officers. This journal also provides the current status of legislation/s in both the Federal and local State governments that could potentially affect the benefits available to PHS officers, dependents, as well as retirees.

Topic 1 - Call for members, DC COA Branch Committee on Benefits

I would like to call on my PHS colleagues to participate and become a member of the newly formed "Committee on Benefits" in order to keep the PHS Community informed regarding the benefits available to uniformed service active duty members, dependents, and retirees.

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Requirements:

- Interest and/or passion on uniformed service members' benefits, legislation/s in both the Federal and State Governments, Morale & Welfare service discounts (i.e.: movies/theaters, parks, fares/MAC flights, hotels, vacation packages, services, merchandise, etc.), Retirement Planning, and other uniformed service related organization benefits, etc.
- Willingness to author/write or contribute a paragraph about a topic of interest from any of the above

For details, please email LCDR Julian Canizares at julian.canizares@fda.hhs.gov.

Topic 2 - Free Membership, MOAA (Montgomery County Chapter)

Free one-year memberships to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) MOAA is currently being offered to active duty PHS Commissioned Officers. Interested officers should refer to the membership benefits section of the MOAA website. If you wish, you may send the completed attached application form directly to:

MOAA, Montgomery County, MD Chapter

P.O. Box 34127

West Bethesda, MD 20827

by e-mail to: MOAA05@verizon.net

or, by fax to: **(301)-460-2848**

If you have any questions or concerns about the free one-year membership to MOAA, Montgomery County Chapter, please email LCDR Julian Canizares at julian.canizares@fda.hhs.gov.

Topic 3 – On Legislation, in the State of Maryland

"...U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin (both D-Md.) announced today the economic recovery package, signed into law by President Obama last month, to honor the country's commitment to provide the best health care available to its veterans by putting funds in the federal checkbook for upgrades and improvements to Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities serving Maryland veterans"... "Bill also includes funds to restore Maryland's national cemeteries"... To read the complete article, check the below link,

[Mikulski, Cardin Announce American Recovery Act Funds Will Update VA Health Facilities Serving Maryland Veterans.](#)

Thanks,

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<http://www.dccoa.org/>
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The mission of the Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service is to improve and protect the public health of the United States by advocating for the Commissioned Corps and its officers.

Visit the DC COA Website at

<http://dccoa.org>

Please consider adding your home email address to the Branch listserv.

http://dccoa.org/membership/List_Serv.htm

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