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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.

For the current posting, please forward any questions or comments to LT Robert Windom at rwindom@psc.gov. Thank you.

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Current Posting

1. USO Airport Lounges

The USO Airport Lounges serve as a "home away from home" to military personnel traveling through many of the nation's airports. Access is privileged to active duty and retired military personnel, National Guard, reservists, merchant marines, and dependents. Military ID is required.

Amenities at most USO's include: Hospitality desk staffed by knowledgeable USO volunteers, secure baggage storage area, free photocopying and faxing services, family room with cribs, toys, restrooms with diaper changing tables, 72-inch screen TV lounge with DVD and extensive movie library, snack bar, free wireless internet access, wireless phones for domestic and international calls, DSN telephone/fax lines, sleeping room with wake-up calls available, ground transportation and lodging assistance, and Air Mobility Command (Space A) flight information.

BWI boasts The USO International Gateway Lounge, a \$1.1 million, 5,000 square-foot facility serving 99 percent of the U.S. Armed Forces traveling to and from duty stations in Europe, Southwest Asia and the United States.

Links to USO locator and DC area USO lounges:

<http://www.uso.org/howeare/findyourlocaluso/uslocations/>

http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/airport_services_2/uso_dca

http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/airport_services/uso_iad

<http://www.bwairport.com/en/about-bwi/united-service-organization-uso>

2. Uniformed Services Member associations and programs

There are many associations and programs that PHS officers are eligible to join by virtue of holding a commission. Many of these organizations lobby congress and promote your rights and benefits as a Uniformed Services Commissioned Officer. Some programs also offer financial counseling, life insurance, and educational benefits. Please see below for more information.

Associations/Programs to Consider

The following are only a few of the many associations available to commissioned officers:

- Commissioned Officers Association (COA), www.coausphs.org or call 301-731-9080
- Reserved Officers Association (ROA), www.roa.org or call 1-800-809-9448
- Association of American Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS), www.amsus.org or call 1-800-761-9320
- American Public Health Association (APHA), www.apha.org or call 1-202-777-APHA

- Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), www.same.org or call 703-549-3800
- Navy Mutual Aid Association (NMAA), www.navymutual.org or call 1-800-628-6011
- United Services Automobile Association (USAA), www.usaa.com or contact 1-800-365-USAA (8722)
- American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA), www.aameda.org or call 847-759-8601
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), www.ache.org or call 312-424-2800
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), www.moaa.org
- Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU), www.nfcu.org or call 888-842-6328
- Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), www.himss.org or call 312-664-4467
- Federal Nurses Association (FedNA), www.fedna.org or call 301-628-5333
- American Pharmacists Association (APhA), www.pharmacist.com or call 800-237-2742

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Smart Brief archives and future notices

For your convenience, a link has been created on the DC COA website that will allow you to access past Smart Brief editions. Please note that future Smart Briefs will be sent out on a monthly basis, unless there is a need to immediately send more time sensitive information that we come across. Please look for future editions around the 2nd Monday of each month. We hope that you have enjoyed these Briefs and we continue to look forward to sharing and discussing topics of interest with you.

Issue #1 – Call for DC COA Benefits Committee Members, Free Montgomery County Chapter MOAA Membership, MD Legislation

Issue #2 – DC COA Benefits Committee Members, USPHS & NOAA eligibility for benefits under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill

Issue #3 - Uniformed Services Tax Benefits, Uniformed Services Thrift Stores

Issue #4 - Free Fitness Center Access, Opportunity for Spouses – deadline April 30, Military Career Fair – April 28

Issue #5 – Military Installation Commissaries, Commissary Case Lot Sale Info, Six Flags America Military Appreciation Days

Issue #6 – Military Space Available Flights, Military Lodging, Joint Service Open House Air Show, Andrews AFB, 15-17 May, Air Expo '09, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, 23-24 May, Smart Brief archives and future notices