

United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

The United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS) Commissioned Corps is a branch of uniformed services within the United States of America which is dedicated to the service of health. Its mission is to “protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the nation.” Commissioned officers serve in the federal government as physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, scientists, engineers, and more. USPHS is led by the Surgeon General who holds the rank of Vice Admiral. Major militarization of the USPHS occurred during World War II and the Korean War.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps is a branch of the uniformed services in the United States of America dedicated to monitoring oceanic conditions, support major waterways, and monitor atmospheric conditions. The work of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps has helped understand climate change, predict the weather, and aid in recovery after national disasters such as hurricanes. NOAA was militarized during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Wartime roles for NOAA officers include artillery surveyors, hydrographers, amphibious engineers, air reconnaissance surveyors, beach masters, instructors at service schools, and a wide variety of technical positions.

United States Merchant Marine

United States Merchant Marine is comprised of civilian mariners and sailors on privately or federally owned merchant vessels registered in the United States of America. Its primary mission is to engage in commerce and the transportation of goods in and out of American waters. Merchant Marine officers are often graduates of the US Merchant Marine Academy. The Merchant Marines provided goods and services to soldiers during the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all recent conflicts in which the United States has been involved.