

The Rapid Pulse

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Faces and
Places

The Director's Perspective

By Dr. Eugene Migliaccio

In this month's installment of *The Rapid Pulse*, I would like to focus on the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) and their value to our organization.

NCCHC is a private nongovernmental association committed to improving health services provided by jails, prison, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities. Voluntary accreditation by this organization is based on a professional external peer review process to determine if an organization meets nationally established and accepted standards for health services.

The standards that are adopted by NCCHC are based on national standards established by health, legal, and corrections professions. The areas that are covered are comprehensive and include management of the facility and the environment, personnel, all aspects of patient care and management of information.

NCCHC accreditation benefits our medical clinics by providing guidance in efficiently and effectively managing the delivery of health care services. This accreditation also provides increased community and detainee con-

fidence that we are providing adequate and appropriate health care.

A number of our staff are certified as Correctional Health Professionals (CCHP). This is a national program sponsored by NCCHC. The purpose of the exam is to recognize the special knowledge and skills necessary to provide healthcare in detention centers, jails, prisons and juvenile confinement facilities through certification.

The exams are given in May and November. As a result of passing the exam, not only will you become familiar with correctional health standards, you will be recognized as a dedicated correctional health provider.

For more information about the program, contact CDR Philip Jarres or the call the NCCHC at 773-880-1460.

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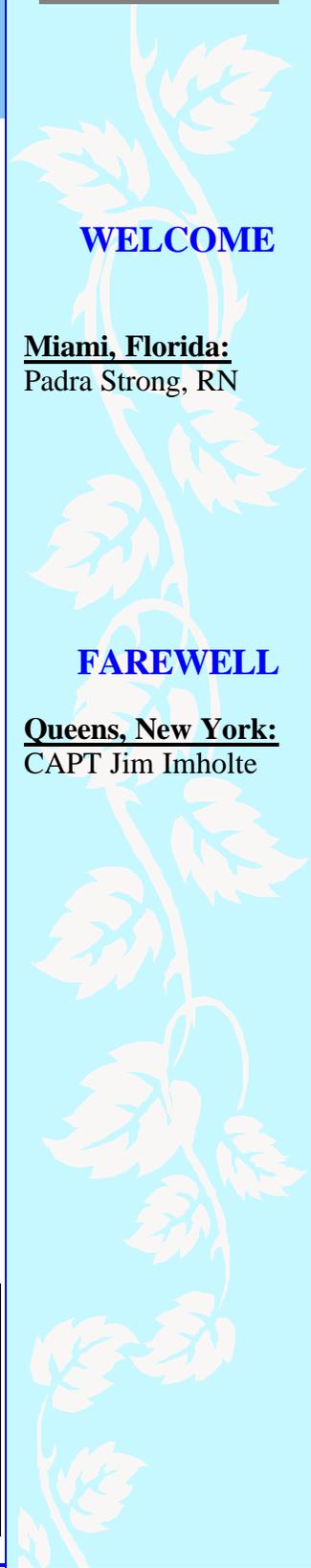
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Understanding Space-A Flying

By CAPT Marylouise Ganaway

Did you know that as a member of the uniformed services, you are eligible to fly Space-Available (Space-A) on military flights as well as DoD contracted flights? You are eligible to fly on any flight (In CONUS /Out CONUS) while your dependents can only fly out of the continental US (Out CONUS). Here are some tips for flying Space-A.

Don't give up on a flight

Many people give up too soon and then learn later that a Space-A flight has been re-opened or that an opportunity flight or non-scheduled flight exists and passengers in the terminal were boarded. *The only people who get to fly are those who are in the terminal.*

Check on your flights If waiting for a specific flight, always check with the terminal several hours before to make sure the schedule has not changed.

Try to avoid heavy travel times Spring Break, Summer, and Christmas are heavy travel times for DoD personnel. However, it's worth it to check on any Space-A possibility.

Abuse of Space-A privilege Violators may be blocked from the list of eligible travelers. Space-A is meant for leisure travel only. *Remember, it is a privilege, not a right.*

Space-A is better than ever The new system of FAX or online sign-up has been added to the old method of appearing in person.

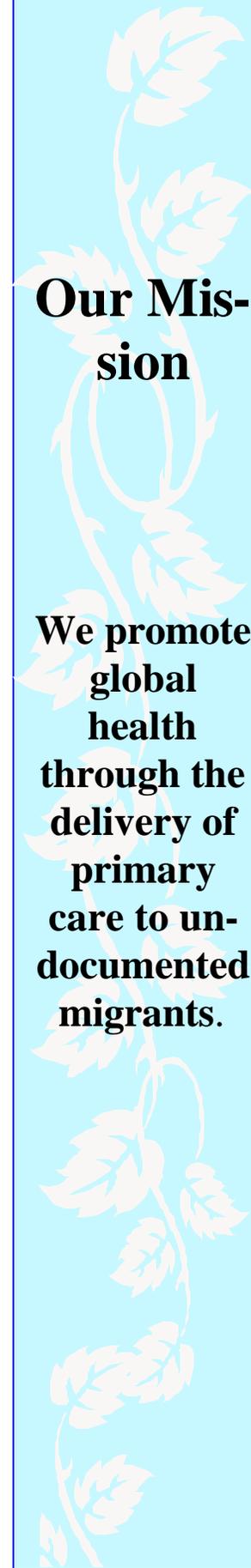


New locations are available Due to base closures and realignment, Space-A has come to new sites, not just on the east and west coasts.

For more information on Space-A flights, please go to www.militaryliving.com or email them at militaryliving@aol.com. Resource Books on Space-A are available on line or at most military base exchanges.

Condolences

The entire DIHS family wishes to extend its sympathy to Dr. Migliaccio on the passing of his mother, Patricia Migliaccio.



Our Mission

We promote global health through the delivery of primary care to undocumented migrants.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

By CAPT Marylouise Ganaway

One of the many benefits of being in the uniformed services is the ability to use the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) opportunities offered by the Department of Defense (DoD).

Most DoD facilities have a MWR office on base where you can buy local tickets to amusement parks, sporting events, or even national parks (i.e. Disney) at discount prices.

The MWR facility usually has camping equipment available, which may include trailers, tents, coolers, etc. Some DoD facilities that are near national parks will also have facilities in the park that you can rent, usually at a very reasonable price (i.e. St. Mary's in Glacier National Park, MT which is run by Malmstrom, AFB).

Many DoD facilities also have quarters that are available for uniformed service members to rent while on orders or for personal leave. Each facility has its own regulations about making reservations. These reservations can be made as far as a year in advance at some sites (Fort Story, VA) while other sites make their facilities available only on a Space-Available

(Space-A) basis and must be renewed every 24 hours. Each of the DoD services has its own system and perhaps you are already familiar with them, such as the Navy Lodge system.

I encourage you to go a great web site where many of these wonderful sites can be researched. They have a book that lists all of the sites. The book is available at most DoD exchanges or on the web site *militaryliving.com*. They also have national maps that have DoD sites listed as well as information on Space-A flights.

Take time to explore some of the exciting possibilities awaiting you while using one of the many privileges that being a member of the uniformed services offers to you and your dependents.

CORRECTION!

Please note that this year's promotion rate to O-6 was 20% and not 30% as noted in the May/June edition of *The Rapid Pulse*.

The 2002 PHS Promotion Ceremony—In Pictures



LCDR John David is congratulated on his promotion by RADM Michael Davidson (Director, DCP), Dr. Betty Duke (HRSA Administrator), Dr. Eugene Migliaccio (Director, DIHS), and his mother.

Congratulations to the following officers who were promoted to the rank of O-3 (Lieutenant)

El Centro:

Glenn Archambault
James B. Manning II

El Paso:

Elizabeth Zamora
Hung Phan

Elizabeth, NJ:

Jonee Mearns

Florence, AZ:

Suzie A. Garza

Port Isabel, TX:

Barbara G. Barlow
Martin R. Newton Jr.

Queens, NY:

Jamie Seligman

CDR Eddie Frazier is congratulated by Dr. Migliaccio as Dr. Geralyn Johnson looks on.



CAPT Marylouise Ganaway's husband (left) and son (right) pin on her new boards as her daughter, brother, and Dr. Migliaccio look on.