



## 2019 Midyear Review

June 28, 2019

As we welcome the second half of 2019,  
we reflect on all we've done in the first.



LCDR Annie Lam

We hope the coming pages  
compel you to join our  
upcoming activities,  
volunteer for leadership  
positions, recruit other  
members, and most  
importantly, renew or  
complete your membership  
with the Golden Gate COA!

### Current Executive Team

President – LCDR Annie Lam

Vice President – LCDR James Lee

Treasurer – CDR Tamy Leung

Co-Secretary – LCDR Steve Galvez

Co-Secretary – LCDR Dustin Abaonza



### Highlights

(January to June)

Inaugural GGCOA Color  
Guard Presentation

140 Miles Conquered  
Through 6 Athletic Events

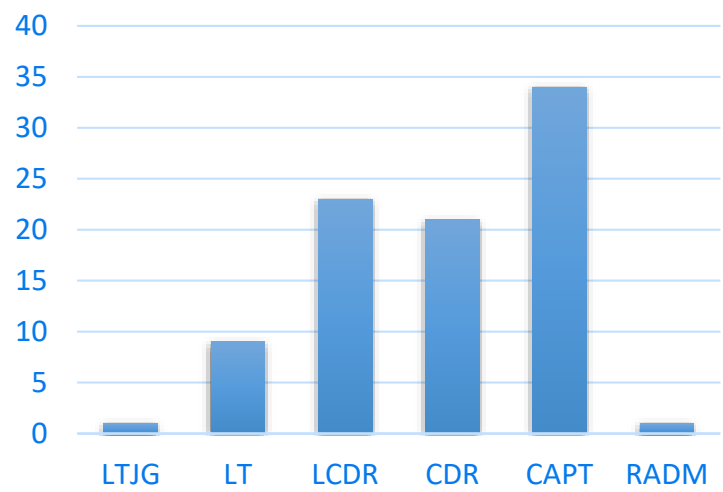
100 Hours of Community  
Service Through 7 Events

Added \$3,142 to the Bank

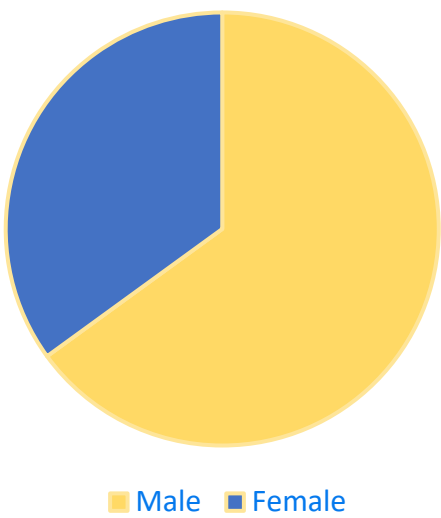
\$760 Paid to Support  
Members (Scholarships) and  
Other Branch Activities

# Current GGCOA Statistics

Officers by Rank

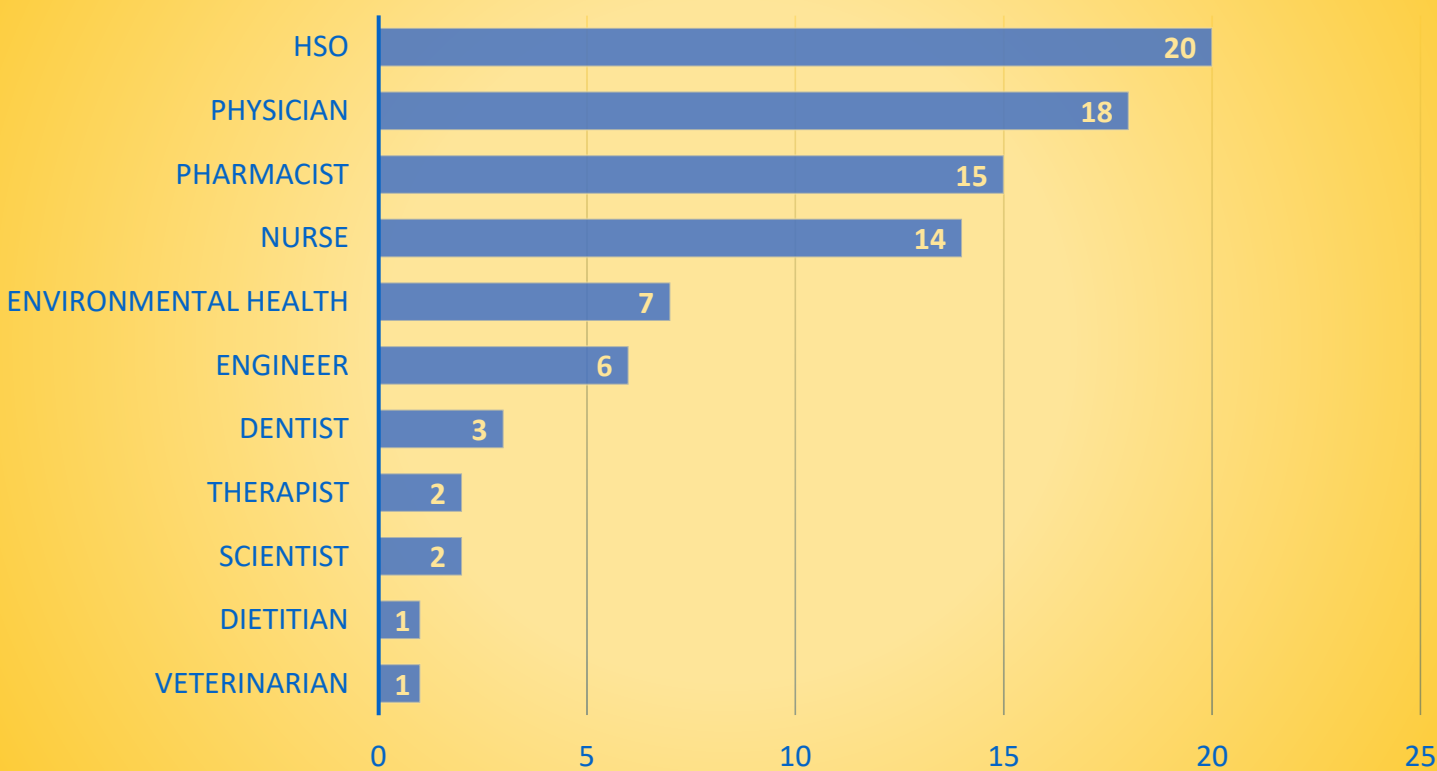


Members by Gender



**Interesting Fact: 29% of our members are retired officers!**

Officers by Category





# GGCOA Supports SG Priorities

SG Priorities Lead – LCDR Kristin Abaonza



LCDR Annie Lam presented GGCOA coin to VADM Jerome Adams at the 2019 National Opioid Leadership Summit in Sacramento, CA.



GGCOA, the SF Department of Public Health, Harm Reduction Coalition, CMS, and Region IX HHS partnered together to bring Naloxone training to USPHS officers and federal employees.



# The GGCOA Color Guard

Color Guard Lead – LCDR Jason Wilken



The Golden Gate COA Color Guard presented colors for the opening ceremony at the 2019 Federal Employees of the Year Awards at Dolby Studios in San Francisco.



Their highly praised inaugural performance has already won them additional requests for upcoming events in the community.

They will be presenting colors for the 2019 GGCOA Promotion Ceremony on August 17, 2019 at Fort Mason.

**If you are interested in joining the color guard team, please contact LCDR Jason Wilken and LCDR Annie Lam!**



# GGCOA in the Community – 100 Hours

Community Engagement Co-Leads – LCDR Tracy Tilghman & LT Christy Gadson



Military Child Field Day at  
Camp Parks Dublin



2019 Park Rx Day





## GGOCA at 2019 Symposium



14 GGOCA members attended the 2019 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium in May at the Minneapolis Convention Center



# GGCOA Athletic Events – 140 miles

Athletics Co-Leads – LCDR Leah Ferrier & LT Erica Stoll



Bay Bridge Half-Marathon



SG Virtual 5K in Dublin, CA



SG Virtual 5K in San Francisco, CA

SG 5K in Minneapolis, MN



Bubble Run 5K



Shamrock 5K



# GGCOA Supports Member for RAM Event



Photo caption: From left to right, VADM Jerome Adams, RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams, RADM Erica Schwartz, RADM Susan Orsega, GGCOA member LCDR Jason Wilken, and LT Sana Elassar.

The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps partnered with Remote Area Medical (RAM) to provide, for the fourth year in a row, a clinic for underserved persons prior to the annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium. This year's clinic provided free dental and vision and was held in partnership with the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center in downtown Minneapolis, MN, on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4.

Sixty four (64) Commissioned Corps officers supported the two-day RAM event, including our own GGCOA member LCDR Jason Wilken, CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer assigned to the California Department of Public Health. LCDR Wilken, a member of the Scientist Category, served as a Safety Officer during the RAM event.

The clinic served 202 patients, and provided 269 patient services (vision and/or dental). Senior Commissioned Corps leadership including VADM Jerome Adams, RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams, RADM Erica Schwartz, RADM Susan Orsega, and Chief Professional Officers RADM Edward Dieser (Engineer), RADM Ty Bingham (Pharmacist), and CAPT Jeanean Willis-March (Health Services) visited the clinic on Sunday, and the Assistant Secretary for Health, ADM Brett Giroir, worked in the vision clinic on Saturday and Sunday. The event was a great success, with positive feedback from participants thanking officers for the service and a request from the Salvation Army Harbor Lights Center to hold another RAM event in 2020.

This was the third pre-USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium deployment for LCDR Wilken. "These deployments are particularly gratifying because of their immediate impact," said LCDR Wilken. "This is an underserved population, they're coming to the clinic because they might not have any other real opportunities for dental or vision care. I see them leave the clinic with a new pair of glasses or with relief from their dental pain, and I know that our mission has made a difference for hundreds of people."



# Things to look forward to....

[www.coagoldengate.org](http://www.coagoldengate.org)

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- More athletics events
- More community service opportunities
- More educational training offerings
- More social events and celebrations
- More ways to contribute to our service
- All are welcome to join our activities
- Joining our branch is easy!

<https://www.coausphs.org/page/Join>



## If you are looking for leadership opportunities

- We have many open positions for workgroups and special projects. For example:
  - Military Engagement
  - Merchandise
  - Website admin
  - Promotion ceremony committee
  - Or create your own!





# Things to REALLY look forward to....

Membership Engagement Co-Leads – LCDR Venus Uttchin & LCDR Thida Buttke



RSVP for the next  
event on our  
website!

[coagoldengate.org](http://coagoldengate.org)



**Save the Date!**  
**2019 Promotion Ceremony**  
**August 17, 2019**  
**Fort Mason**

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