



Commissioned Officers Association
of the U.S. Public Health Service

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Ford Motor Company
Customer Relationship Center
P.O. Box 6248
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Dear Ford:

I am writing to you to because your listing of those uniformed services eligible for the "Military Appreciation Cash Offer" program does not include the U.S. Public Health Service. I do not understand why you would make this distinction except that many people do not understand that the officers in the USPHS constitute the second-smallest of our country's seven uniformed services.

I am enclosing a fact sheet that points up the many qualities of the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS. I would also point you to the following:

5 U.S. Code § 8331 - Definitions

For the purpose of this subchapter—

(13) "military service" means honorable active service—

(A) in the armed forces;

(B) in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service after June 30, 1960;

Officers in the USPHS receive full military pay and allowances, wear military uniforms, are commissioned by the President, deploy to the scenes of disasters, and are veterans under federal law (42 USC 213).

We therefore ask that eligibility for your "Military Appreciation Cash Offer" program be changed to reflect this reality by including the officers of the USPHS. I am prepared to discuss this request at your convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions relating to this request.

Sincerely,

Col. James T. Currie, USA (ret.)
Executive Director