



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

## CDR Heather Brake, M.S., D.V.M., DACVPM

Chair-Elect and Veterinarian Representative



Commander Brake is a veterinary public health officer with the Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she serves as the Communications Team Lead. Since joining CDC in 2003 she has been instrumental in the development of several programs – most notably a partnership between CDC and US Agricultural groups on antibiotic resistance in livestock called Get Smart on the Farm, a partnership among the pet industry for educating the public on pet zoonoses named the Zoonoses Education Coalition, the biennial seminar for veterinary students known as “Veterinary Student Day,” and Healthy Pets Healthy People - the only federal government website devoted to educating the public about pet-associated zoonotic diseases and handling pets safely. She has actively participated in over 8 emergency responses including Hurricane Katrina, Japan Nuclear Radiation, Ebola, and most recently, the Zika response.

CDR Brake was commissioned in August 2007 and quickly became involved with her PAC, serving as Category Day Representative from 2009-2011, Veterinary PAC Meetings Chair in 2010 and 2011, JOAG VM and JOAG COF Planning Committee Co-chair in 2010 and 2011, and VETPAC Chair in 2012; She has been serving on the COA Board of Directors as the veterinary representative since 2013 and now serves on the executive board as treasurer.

CDR Brake received her Bachelor of Science at Hope College, her Master of Veterinary Science from the University of Kentucky, her Aquatic medicine certificate from AQUAVET, and her veterinary degree from Michigan State University. She lives in Atlanta, GA.

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