

## *The Public Health Service March*

*The mission of our Service is known the world around,  
In research and in treatment no equal can be found.  
In the silent war against disease no truce is ever seen,  
We serve on the land and the sea for humanity,  
The Public Health Service Team!*



*The Mission of the United States Public Health Service  
Commissioned Corps*

*“Protecting, promoting, and advancing  
the health and safety of the Nation”*



## *The United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps*

*National Institutes of Health  
Flag Officer Retirement Ceremony  
for*

*Rear Admiral William S. Stokes*

*Wednesday, the Nineteenth of December  
Two Thousand and Twelve  
At Two-thirty in the Afternoon*



*Rodbell Auditorium  
David P. Rall Building  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina*



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# Program



*Master of Ceremony*  
**CDR George Durgin, USPHS**  
Department of Defense

*Arrival of the Official Party*

*Presentation of the Colors*  
**U.S. Surgeon General's Honor Cadre**

*National Anthem*  
*PHS March*  
**USPHS Choral Ensemble**  
**U.S. Army Forces Command Brass Quintet**

*Invocation*  
**CAPT Hugh Mainzer**  
Deputy Associate Director for  
Environmental Health Emergencies, CDC

*Remarks*  
**CAPT Terri Clark**  
Chief Veterinary Officer and Director, NIH Office of Animal Care and Use

**CAPT Hugh Mainzer**  
Former Chief Veterinary Officer, Deputy Associate Director for  
Environmental Health Emergencies, CDC

**RADM Michael Milner, USPHS (Ret)**  
Former Chief Health Services Officer  
Dean, School of Physician Assistant Studies  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Dr. Linda Birnbaum**  
Director, National Institute of Environmental  
Sciences and the National Toxicology Program



**Dr. John Bucher**  
Associate Director  
National Toxicology Program

**RADM Boris Lushniak**  
Deputy United States Surgeon General

*Special Presentations*

*Honoree Remarks*  
**RADM William S. Stokes**

*Musical Tribute "Song for the Unsung Heroes"*  
**USPHS Choral Ensemble**

*Reading of Orders/Retiring of the Flag*

*Old Glory*  
**Narrator: CAPT Carlton Pyant**  
Federal Medical Center Butner, Federal Bureau of Prisons

*The Watch*  
**LCDR Eva McLanahan**  
Vice-Chair, USPHS Junior Officer Advisory Group  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*Benediction*  
**CAPT Hugh Mainzer**

*Departure*  
**RADM William S. Stokes & Family**

*Reception immediately following ceremony*

## Biography



**Rear Admiral William S. Stokes, D.V.M., DACLAM, DACAW, BCES, ATS**  
**Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service**



RADM William S. Stokes is Director of the U.S. National Toxicology Program's Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), and Executive Director for the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). He directs the validation and interagency evaluation of new chemical and product safety testing methods and coordination of validation, regulatory acceptance, and national and

international harmonization issues across ICCVAM's 15 Federal agencies. NICEATM and ICCVAM work to translate innovative new science and technology into scientifically sound safety assessment strategies that can be used to better protect public health and prevent disease and injuries to people and animals.

RADM Stokes was appointed by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2003 as the 8th Chief Veterinary Officer for the U.S. Public Health Service, a position he held until completion of his term in 2007. In this capacity, RADM Stokes led and coordinated Public Health Service veterinary affairs for the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services.

RADM Stokes received his Bachelor of Science degree following studies in environmental and biomedical engineering at the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering in 1975 and was awarded a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University in 1979. He completed postdoctoral residency training in laboratory animal medicine at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort

Detrick, Maryland and attained board certification as a Diplomate in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He is also a Board Certified Environmental Scientist in the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, a board certified Diplomate of the American College of Animal Welfare, and a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

RADM Stokes' has over 42 years of combined active duty and reserve service, including 33 years of active duty in three of the seven uniformed services. Active duty assignments include: service as a U.S. Navy Ensign aboard the USS Saratoga (CV60) following completion of the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps program; U.S. Army Veterinary Corps assignments at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and as Chief of Veterinary Services for the Department of Clinical Investigation at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; and previous USPHS Commissioned Corps assignments as Animal Program Director for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Chief of the Comparative Medicine Branch and Animal Program Director at NIEHS, and Associate Director for Animal and Alternative Resources at NIEHS.

RADM Stokes led the initial USPHS Veterinary Team deployed to assist with emergency sheltering and veterinary care after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Following Hurricane Wilma, he served as Deputy Commander for the PHS Medical Teams deployed to Broward County Florida. He served as the first Deputy Team Commander for PHS Rapid Deployment Force Team Three and currently serves as a Senior Federal Health Official for federal public health and medical emergency responses.

RADM Stokes has conducted collaborative biomedical research for over 33 years. He has served two terms as a Council member for the Institute of Laboratory Animal Research at the National Academy of Sciences and is the author or coauthor of more than 300 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, reports, and abstracts. He served as a member of the One Health Initiative Task Force convened by the American Veterinary Medical Association with the

American Medical Association, and whose recommendations led to the establishment of a national One Health Commission. He currently is an adjunct Professor in the Department of Molecular Biomedical Sciences at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

RADM Stokes is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, two NIH Director's Awards, the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Award, USPHS and Army Meritorious Service Medals, Army Expert Field Medical Badge, USPHS Field Medical Readiness Badge, USPHS and Army Commendation Medals, PHS Crisis Response Service Award, PHS Special Assignment Award, three PHS Outstanding Unit Citations, and four PHS Unit Commendations. Other awards include the Charles River Prize from the American Veterinary Medical Association for outstanding contributions to laboratory animal medicine, the BG James A. McCallam Award from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Enhancement of Animal Welfare Award from the Society of Toxicology, and the K.F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold-Headed Cane Award from the AVMA and the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society.

RADM Stokes and his wife, Nancy, live in Apex, North Carolina with their daughters, Sarah and Gretchen.



## *Special Thanks*



Nancy and I want to extend a special thanks to all of you for joining us here today for this joyous occasion. As our family, friends, and colleagues, we have appreciated and treasured your love and support throughout the years. We wish you all good health and happiness and look forward to seeing you in the future.

We also extend our special thanks to all of those who made this ceremony a wonderful and memorable day, and especially acknowledge:

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- Ms. Debbie McCarley, NICEATM, NIEHS
- North Carolina U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Association
- USPHS Choral Ensemble – Butner Contingent
- U.S. Surgeon General's Honor Cadre
- U.S. Army Forces Command Brass Quintet, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
- Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps assigned to:
  - Federal Correctional Center Butner, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Department of Defense
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Food and Drug Administration
  - National Institutes of Health
  - Office of the U.S. Surgeon General