



## Hildrus A. Poindexter Award Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group

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The Hildrus A. Poindexter Award was established by the Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group (BCOAG) in 1990 to recognize a Public Health Service (PHS) officer or civil service employee for outstanding service contributing to enhancing the health of communities within the U.S. and/or abroad.

CAPT Hildrus A. Poindexter, M.D., Ph.D., M.S.P.H., Sc.D. (1901-1987), the son of a former slave, was born into poverty but went on to become an eminent physician, scientist, academician, and exemplary PHS Commissioned Corps Officer. CAPT Poindexter was a specialist in epidemiology, tropical disease, and preventive medicine. He served 30 years in PHS and was assigned to West and North Africa, Indochina, South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Liberia, and Iraq.

PHS officers and civil service employees with a **minimum of seven (7) years of service** are eligible for this award; combinations of service will not be accepted. Self-nominations are accepted. Current BCOAG voting members are ineligible for this award as per the BCOAG Bylaws.

Each nomination shall describe how the candidate has met *one or more* of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated significant contributions toward improving the health of African-Americans and other minorities in the United States and abroad.
- Continually demonstrates exceptional dedication to the mission of PHS and/or an Agency/Operating Division/Program of the United States Government.
- Demonstrated outstanding leadership (academically, administratively, programmatically, and/or internationally).
- Demonstrated excellence in his/her professional field.

The nomination packet should be submitted *electronically* to [bcoagawards@gmail.com](mailto:bcoagawards@gmail.com). We strongly encourage submission of one document that includes the following:

- Nomination Form
- Narrative Statement
  - The narrative should clearly describe how the candidate meets the criteria for this award.
  - If applicable, include background to provide perspective on the issue, describe how the candidate resolved the issue and the overall impact of the officer's contributions.
  - Times New Roman, 12-point font, 2-pages maximum.
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of Basic Readiness for PHS officers. Print page indicating status from Direct Access.
- Nominations must be endorsed by an Agency/Operating Division/Program Official, preferably the nominee's immediate supervisor.

Questions regarding the nomination process should be directed to [bcoagawards@gmail.com](mailto:bcoagawards@gmail.com).



# Hildrus A. Poindexter Award Nomination Form

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Series/Grade/Rank:

USPHS Category:

Title:

Call to Active Duty Date:

Agency/Operating Division:

Work Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

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## NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name :

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

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## ENDORSEMENT

An Agency /Operating Division/Program official at least one administrative level above the nominee.

Name:

Title:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

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## CITATION

Synopsis of specific achievement for which the individual is being nominated. Must be 25 words or less.

Citation:

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