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From: Irwin W. Fish "Doc", Commander, Zembo Legion of Honor
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Subject: Motion to add Commissioned Officers of NOAA and USPHS to membership

To: Jeffery LD. Lyster, ILOH Commander
To: David Smith, Adjutant ILOH
To: Doug Foss, 5th LCDR , ILOH Division 7

Purpose: To add to Article II, Section 1, (A) the two uniform services not listed in the latest change to bylaw.

Justification: the bylaws Article II, Section 1, (A) needs to include the following two uniform service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),and the United States Public Health Service. These two uniform services are often called upon by the Department of Defense to support peacetime and war fighting missions.

NOAA has a Commissioned Corps of approximately 298 officers whose mission is to use command control and support meteorology operations and ocean research that is used by all military services both in time of peace and in time of war. Their officers operate in command 21+ ships and numerous aircraft to fulfill the mission.

The United States Public Health Service has a Commissioned Corps of 6400 officers that are the "Guardians of the Nation's Health", serving as Commissioned Corps of the Surgeon General of the United States. These officers serve not only underserved populations throughout the country and abroad but also are many times utilized by the Department of Defense and various clinics throughout the world. These officers provide physical and mental health services along with medical research for the health of the nation.

Both of these uniform services must and should be included in the bylaws, this will allow them membership in the International Legion of Honor. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out and speak with me at your earliest convenience.