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Commander (CDR) Cynthia Chennault is a Health Services Officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps. CDR Chennault received her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Texas Woman's University in 2008 and her master's degree in public health from New York Medical College in 2018. CDR Chennault began her USPHS career working for Indian Health Service, serving the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes in Harlem, MT. In 2012, CDR Chennault became a community and clinical dental hygienist for the Catawba Indian Nation in Rock Hill, SC, where she authored numerous grants and established several oral health prevention programs within the tribal community. For the past three and a half years, CDR Chennault has worked for the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) as a Senior Public Health

Analyst in the Division of Medicine and Dentistry. In her current position, CDR Chennault provides national oversight of oral health training grants that support dentists, dental hygienists, and dental specialists in treating populations and individuals in underserved and rural communities across the United States. CDR Chennault is actively engaged with numerous PHS groups and committees which include the Dental Hygiene Professional Advisory Group, recently serving as immediate past Chair, the Health Service Professional Advisory Committee, serving as the social media team lead, the DC Commissioned Officers Association, serving on the recreation and networking committee and the social media committee, Dinner with a Captain, serving on the newsletter team, and is an active member in the USPHS Music Choral Ensemble. CDR Chennault loves to travel—mainly connecting with family and friends across the US, but also appreciates the occasional international trip. She also enjoys exploring new restaurants and has a passion for country music!