

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (DC COA)  
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

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**CDR Samantha Spindel**

Member-at-large --Engineer Officer

CDR Spindel graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological & Environmental Engineering and a Masters of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering. She also received her Ph.D. in Bioengineering at the University of Maryland. CDR Spindel was commissioned as an Engineer in October 2009 at the Food and Drug Administration in Maryland and has experience working in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health in three Offices: Compliance and Enforcement, Science and Engineering Laboratories, and Communication and Education. In 2016, she became a supervisor at the Center for Tobacco Products, where she makes recommendations regarding market entry of tobacco products, oversees research projects, and contributes to rulemaking and knowledge development efforts pertaining to cigars, e-cigarettes, and other nicotine-containing consumer products.

CDR Spindel served as the Chair of the Junior Officer Advisory Committee from 2015-2017 and as the Engineer Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC) Executive Secretary in 2015. She served as the EPAC Career Development Subcommittee Vice Chair in 2018 and as the Rules Subcommittee Chair in 2019. She is currently the 2020 EPAC Chair. CDR Spindel serves on a Tier I Deployment Team and has deployed for numerous events and hurricanes. CDR Spindel and her husband, Justin, enjoy traveling and cooking together.