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In this issue we **SALUTE** Mr. Theodore A. Forbes, II an alumni working in Public Service, for his achievements, dedication and selfless service to society. Theodore A. Forbes, II was recently promoted to Management and Operations Branch Chief for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global AIDS Program (GAP) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The CDC Global AIDS Program (GAP) South Africa office was launched in June 2000. Since then CDC has been supporting the Ministry of Health through activities focusing on preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS, treatment and care of those who are already infected with HIV, and increasing laboratory capacity.

In 2003, US President George W. Bush announced the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). South Africa was designated a focus country of the initiative and the CDC South Africa became a part of this unified US Government effort to turn the tide against the epidemic.

With 5.7 million citizens infected with HIV, South Africa has one of the highest numbers of infected adults and children in the world. South Africa's HIV epidemic is generalized and maturing.

As Management and Operations Branch Chief for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global AIDS Program (GAP), this is in indeed a tremendous undertaking by Mr. Forbes and we take this opportunity to congratulate him. On behalf of the community that we serve, we would also like to thank you and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in their continued efforts to reduce the spread of Aids/HIV throughout the world. We wish you much success in your new role as Branch Chief and may God Bless you and your works.

Please refer to the following pages to learn more about this elite alumnus as we spotlight him in his profession.

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Branch Chief Theodore A. Forbes, II

Theodore A. Forbes, II was recently promoted to Management and Operations Branch Chief for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global AIDS Program (GAP) in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is presently working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA and will be relocating to South Africa later on this year with his family. The CDC Global AIDS Program, South Africa is the largest GAP in the world and is comprised of over 150 staff members. South Africa has the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the world with over 5.7 million people living with HIV. Mr. Forbes will be serving as the Management and Operations Branch Chief, and in this capacity he will be responsible for all management and administrative activities for GAP South Africa. His responsibilities include supervision of the locally employed staff; administration and management; program planning and evaluation; formulation and implementation of policy and programs; and management of resources, property, contracts, cooperative agreements, memorandums of agreement, and procurement activities. His office will be collaborating with the Ministry of Health, South Africa and many governmental and non-governmental agencies in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. As Branch Chief he will also act with full authority in the absence of the Chief of Party on all matters involving non-scientific program operations. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from National University, San Diego, CA and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of Florida.

Prior to his promotion to Branch Chief, he was a Public Health Analyst in the Prevention Program Branch of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As a Public Health Analyst, he planned, developed, monitored, implemented and evaluated HIV programmatic activities and prevention programs for nine grantees, seven community-base organizations (in Puerto Rico, Baltimore, Oakland, and San Quentin Prison and other prisons throughout California) and two State Health departments (in Idaho and Indiana). He also analyzed and evaluated public health programs that contributed to the improvement of HIV/AIDS prevention services throughout these jurisdictions by tracking, managing, overseeing and evaluating the management of these programs funded through cooperative agreements and contracts.

Prior to working at CDC, held various positions in the private sector, the Department of Defense (DOD), served in the U.S. Navy and retired after 22 years of successful military service. While working in the private sector, he was the Training and Quality Assurance Manager at MCI WorldCom in Chesapeake, VA and a Principal Management Analyst at the Navy Headquarters in Arlington, VA. As the Training and Quality Assurance Manager, he managed training for 400 new hires per month and regular quality assurance monitoring for over 1,000 operators in support of MCI WorldCom domestic, special/national directory assistance and general operator services. As the Principal



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Management Analyst he managed, maintained, and supported the U.S. Navy Total Force Manpower Management Systems and Micro Manpower Change Application databases by providing problem solving and technical assistance customer support and performed statistical analysis on manpower issues. While on active duty with the U.S. Navy, he held various important positions to include, Management Analyst for the largest fleet command in the U.S. Navy where he managed manpower and personnel assets consisting of 118,090 billets for officers, enlisted, and civilian personnel; Personnel Officer for the largest Personnel Support Activity Detachment where he managed military and civilian travel, pay and allowances, education and training opportunities, and the overall administrative and personnel functions; Command Master Chief for a naval training school Naval Station Rodman, Panama where he served as the link between the enlisted men and women and the commanding officer and oversaw the morale, welfare, and quality of life for these men and women; and the Curriculum Instructional Standards Officer where he managed curriculum development in English and Spanish languages (2 non-technical and 12 technical courses) for international military students, instructor qualifications, in-service training, and human rights training for the students. These positions are a few among other important positions over a 22-year successful naval career.

Branch Chief Forbes is an alumnus of Paraiso High School Class of 1976. He is a native of Pedro Miguel, on the Former Canal Zone and is married to Divia Holder Forbes who is a native from Gamboa, on the Former Canal Zone. From this union they have three children: Theodore III, a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, presently serving in Afghanistan; Marques who recently graduated from Auburn University Montgomery with a Bachelors degree in Physical Science, and is presently attending Alabama State University to achieve his Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy; and D'Angela a sophomore at Payne College in Augusta, GA pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Branch Chief Forbes is the son of Theodore A. Forbes, I and Amy Forbes; both are from La Boca, on the Former Canal Zone. His father's parents hailed from the island of Jamaica and his mother's parents are from the island of Barbados. His father, Theodore A. Forbes, I worked for the Canal Zone Railroad System as a clerk for 35 years. His mother was a renowned athlete and track star for Panama. His siblings are: Claudia, Michael, Marian, Charlene, Mark, Roger, Deloise and Byran.



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