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Rear Admiral John Babb received his Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee in 1968 and his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Memphis in 1993. He worked as a Community Pharmacist for over 20 years before joining the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 1989.

RADM Babb began his USPHS career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) in Memphis before his move to Washington as FBOP Chief Pharmacist, then FBOP Chief of Health Programs. In 2000 he was named the Director of the Commissioned Corps Readiness Force, the entity within USPHS that coordinates the deployment of officers on behalf of the Surgeon General to urgent public health needs such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other incidents impacting the public health of the Nation.

In his current role as Director, Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD), RADM Babb is also responsible for coordinating the Medical Reserve Corps Program. In recent years, he has deployed officers, as well as federalized civilians, to well over 120 venues, including the attacks of September 11, anthrax responses, hurricanes, typhoons, floods, wildfires, avian influenza, smallpox vaccination teams, and the tsunami. One of the Corps' finest hours came in 2005, when over 2,400 officers deployed to support the people of Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Florida who were reeling after hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. In 2002, RADM Babb was sworn in as an Assistant Surgeon General. He is currently the Acting Chief Pharmacist Officer for the USPHS Commissioned Corps.