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News Release

ARMY SPECIALIST, OFFICERS EARN MEDICAL, GRADUATE, NURSING DEGREES AT UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY

BETHESDA, Md. – One U.S. Army specialist and 86 officers were among 238 students recognized during the 24th Commencement of the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing May 17.

There were 53 medical and 19 graduate students from the School of Medicine, as well as 15 graduate students from the GSN.

The USU graduation took place on the school's athletic field under a large tent that seated about 3,000 graduates, faculty, family and friends. The venue was chosen this year as a tribute to the numerous USU alumni who during the last several months cared for the wounded in deployable hospital tents in the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

U.S. Public Health Service Vice Adm. Richard H. Carmona, the U.S. Surgeon General, was the Commencement 2003 guest speaker. Carmona was also one of three honorary degree recipients, receiving the degree of Doctor of Military Medicine and Surgery, *Honoris Causa*. John A. Mannick, M.D., also received the degree of Doctor of Military Medicine and Surgery, *Honoris*

Caus, and U.S. Army Maj. Alfred V. Rascon received the degree of Doctor of Medical Jurisprudence, *Honoris Causa*.

USU was established by Congress under the Department of Defense in 1972 and has the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. With its motto "Learning to Care for Those in Harm's Way," the university has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence for military medical education and research.

F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Fifty-three Army officers were among 152 medical students graduating from the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine.

The Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr., chairman of USU Board of Regents, and retired Navy Capt. Larry Laughlin, dean of the school of medicine, conferred the medical degrees. Laughlin also administered the Hippocratic Oath to the graduates.

Maj. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, commanding general of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, represented the Surgeon General of the Army. Kiley reaffirmed the Oath of Office to the Army students, who were promoted to captain upon graduation and commissioned as medical corps officers.

The year-round, four-year school of medicine's curriculum is nearly 700 hours – or about 20 weeks – longer than those found at other U.S. medical schools. The extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, tropical medicine, leadership and field exercises, medical effects of weapons of mass destruction, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military physicians.

Below are the Army doctor of medicine graduates for the Class of 2003, who will perform their internships at the locations listed:

Capt. Timothy Carl Acel, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Texas
-- **Army Chapter of the American College of Physicians Outstanding Achievement Award**

Capt. Shawn Michael Alderman, Martin ACH, Ga.
Capt. Meagan Marie Bacharach, D.D. Eisenhower AMC, Ga.
Capt. Nicholas Kevin Batchelor, Walter Reed AMC, Washington, DC
Capt. Slava M. Belenkiy, D.D. Eisenhower AMC, Ga.
* **Capt. Adam L. Brown**, Madigan AMC, Wash.
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**

* **Capt. Sunghun Cho**, Walter Reed AMC, Washington, DC
-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**

* **Capt. Daniel Vincent Cordaro**, National Capital Consortium, Washington, DC
Capt. Mark Steven Crago, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Amanda Sue Cuda, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
-- **Capt. Richard Hooper Memorial Award**

Capt. Scott Paul Cuda, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Cord Wayne Cunningham, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Jay Michael Dintaman, NCC, Washington, DC
Capt. Brad Matthew Dolinsky, NCC, Washington, DC
Capt. Elizabeth R. Duque, Darnall ACH, Texas
Capt. Zachary Ethan Fisher, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Joanna Garnas, SAUSHEC, Texas
* **Capt. Dena Lynn George**, Darnall ACH, Texas
-- **Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation**

Capt. Elizabeth Ashley Gowdy, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Jasmine Jonghui Han, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Mark L. Harshany, SAUSHEC, Texas
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**

Capt. Nidal Malik Hasan, NCC, Washington, DC
Capt. Cristin Ann Kiley, Madigan AMC, Wash.
-- **U.S. Army Surgeon General's Award**
-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**

Capt. Peter Kreishman, NCC, Washington, DC
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**

Capt. Jeffrey Thomas Laczek, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Douglas Roy Langford, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Abigail Jane Lee, SAUSHEC, Texas
-- **Marcia Salzer Award for Humanism in Medicine**

Capt. Joseph Michael Luria, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Camille F. McGann, D.D. Eisenhower AMC, Ga.
-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**

Capt. Joseph Christopher McLean, Womack AMC, N.C.
Capt. Ethan Andrew Miles, Darnall ACH, Texas
Capt. Luke Michael Miller, Darnall ACH, Texas
Capt. Fouad Joseph Moawad, NCC, Washington, DC
Capt. Scott James Murcin, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Jason Masao Nakamura, Tripler AMC, Hawaii

- Capt. Joshua Turner Napier**, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Naveed Ahamer Naz, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. Vu Quy Nguyen, William Beaumont AMC, Texas
Capt. Adam Sanford Nielson, Madigan AMC, Wash.
* **Capt. Peter Daniel O'Connor**, NCC, Washington, DC
-- **Army Chapter of the American College of Physicians Outstanding Achievement Award**
-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**
Capt. David Owshalimpur, Madigan AMC, Wash.
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**
Capt. Theodore Trevor Redman, Madigan AMC, Wash.
-- **Government Services Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Emergency Medicine Award**
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**
Capt. Julie Ann Reid, Madigan AMC, Wash.
* **Capt. Jamie Christopher Riesberg**, Womack AMC, N.C.
-- **Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, Outstanding Student of the Year Award**
-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**
-- **Association of the U.S. Army Award**
-- **Esprit de Corps Award**
Capt. Keith A. Scorza, Dewitt ACH, Va.
-- **Admissions Committee Certificate of Appreciation**
Capt. Shawn C. Shaffer, D.D. Eisenhower AMC, Ga.
Capt. Gerald Wayne Surrett, II, Martin ACH, Ga.
Capt. Michael Paul Szczepanski, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Scot Alan Tebo, Tripler AMC, Hawaii
Capt. James Yu-Liang Wang, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Eric D. Weber, NCC, Washington, DC
Capt. Timothy Steven Welch, NCC, Washington, DC
* **Capt. Daniel Mark Williams**, D.D. Eisenhower AMC, Ga.
* **Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society**

School of Medicine's Graduate Program

One Army specialist and 18 officers were among 62 graduates in the School of Medicine's

Graduate Program in biomedical sciences and public health. They are:

Doctor of philosophy -- **Maj. Thomas Ceremuga**

Maj. Karen Kopydlowski
SPC Anthony Williams

Master of military medical history – **Maj. Lewis Barger**

Master of public health – **Maj. David Bentzel**

Capt. Paul Ciminera
Capt. Colleen Daniels
Maj. Stephen Felt
Maj. Christos Hatzigeorgiou
Capt. Sarah Hinds
Maj. Kenneth Jacobsen
Capt. Jon Jacobson
Maj. Christopher Keller
Capt. Nancy Merrill
Capt. Amy Millikan
Maj. Vincent Moore
Maj. Brian Mulhall
Capt. Larry Shelton

Master of public health – health services administration – **Lt. Col. Stephen Phillips**

Graduate School of Nursing

Since the GSN was created in 1993, 197 officers have received their master of science in nursing degrees from the school.

This year, 15 Army officers were among 24 GSN students walking across the stage. Thirteen in the nurse practitioner program received their master of science in nursing degree, and two in the nurse anesthesia program will complete their master's degree requirements this fall.

This year's degree recipients from the Army in the nurse practitioner program were:

Capt. Ilse Alumbaugh

* **Maj. Tammie Sue Boeger**

-- **2003 Distinguished Academic Performance**

* **Maj. Joseph M. Candelario**

-- **2003 Dean's Award for Research Excellence**

* **Capt. Wayne Darsow**

Capt. (P) Lisa R. Ford

* **Capt. Robert Herrold**

* **Capt. Anthony Leonard**

-- **2003 Outstanding Student Award**

* **Capt. Ann Marie Nayback**

-- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**

Capt. Jana Ortiz

-- **2003 Nurse Practitioner Esprit de Corps Award**

* **Capt. Patrick Pollman**

* **Capt. Stacy Usher Weina**

-- **GSN Esprit de Corps Award**

* **Maj. Michelle Morere Williams**

* **Capt. Meryia D. Windisch**

-- 2003 Distinguished Clinical Performance

In the GSN's nurse anesthesia program are:

* **1st Lt. Eric A. Lange**

* **Capt. Alan E. Meekins**

* **Elected to Uniformed Services University Graduate School of Nursing Honor Society**