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NAVY OFFICERS EARN MEDICAL, GRADUATE, NURSING DEGREES AT UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY

BETHESDA, Md. – Sixty U.S. Navy officers were among 245 students recognized during the 25th Commencement of the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing.

There were 45 medical and 10 graduate students from the School of Medicine, as well as five from the Graduation School of Nursing.

USU's 25th Commencement ceremony was held May 15 at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Retired U.S. Army Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey was the Commencement 2004 guest speaker. General McCaffrey was also one of three honorary degree recipients, receiving the degree of Doctor of Military Medicine, *Honoris Causa*. The Honorable C.W. Bill Young, U.S. Representative from Florida, and the Honorable John P. Murtha, Jr., U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania, both received the degree of Doctor of Medical Jurisprudence, *Honoris Causa*, but were not present at the ceremony.

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

Forty-five Navy officers were among 164 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. Dean Laughlin also administered the Hippocratic Oath to the graduates.

Rear Adm. Donald C. Arthur, commander of the National Naval Medical Center here, reaffirmed the Oath of Office to the Navy students, who were promoted to lieutenant 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 Navy doctor of medicine graduates for the Class of 2004, who will perform their internships at the locations listed:

Lt. Steven Reid Banks, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Jennifer Lynn Barger, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Steven J. Bernick, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Robert Michael Bettis, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Joy Ursula Blitz, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Roger Boodoo, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Jeremiah Daniel Burnett, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Maria Alavanja Caggiano, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
* **Lt. Albert Eliot Chaker**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Richard Shih-Shien Chou, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Paul S. Chung, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Robert Nathan Clapp, NH Pensacola, Fla.
Lt. James Gus Demitrack, Jr., NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Marcia Lynne Ehrmann, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Tina M. Forthun, NH San Diego, Calif.
* **Lt. Warren Keoni Kenji Frey**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. **Justin Squires Green**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **David Erik Greene**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Donald William Hurst, Jr.**, NH San Diego, Calif.
* Lt. **Kathy Lynn Kyser**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. **John Thomas Landers, Jr.**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. **Brian Wade Legendre**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Daniel Yonah Lesley**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. **Monica Ann Lutgendorf**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **Steven Robert Maier**, NH Jacksonville, Fla.
* Lt. **James Michael McDonald**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Jacqueline Christine McDowell**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Peter Charles McGowan**, NH Bremerton, Wash.
Lt. **Alicea Marie Mingo**, NH Bremerton, Wash.
Lt. **Louis Jeffrey Moyer**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **James Joseph Mucciarone**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **Mariusz Artur Olszewski**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Todd Alexander Quackenbush**, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Lt. **Erik Lynn Ramey**, NH San Diego, Calif.
* Lt. **Dustin James Roberts**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **John Joseph Roberts**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Jesse James Rohloff**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Stephen James Staub**, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Lt. **Michael Andrew Sullivan**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **Paulette Renee Tucciarone**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Richard J. Waclawski**, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. **Kane Thomas Walsh**, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. **John Berean Weatherwax**, NH Jacksonville, Fla.
Lt. **Geoffrey William Wilson**, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. **Jason Allen Yoder**, NH Jacksonville, Fla.

*Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

School of Medicine's Graduate Program

Ten Navy officers were among 56 graduates in the School of Medicine's Graduate Program in biomedical sciences and public health. They are:

Master of science

Lt. **John Ashburn**
Lt. **Cmdr. Kathryn Lindsey**

Master of science in public health

Lt. **John Tomon**

Master of public health

Lt. **Cmdr. Dale Harman**
Lt. **Cmdr. James Lawler**
Lt. **Gregory Ostrander**
Cmdr. Paul Rockswold

Master of tropical medicine and hygiene

Lt. Cmdr. David Asseff
Lt. Nishith Jobanputra
Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Luke

Graduate School of Nursing

One U.S. Navy student in the GSN's nurse practitioner program received the master of science in nursing degree at graduation, and four students in the nurse anesthesia program were recognized at graduation, but will complete their master's degree requirements this fall.

They are:

Family Nurse Practitioner Program

*** Lt. Cmdr. (sel) Barbara Mullen**

Nurse Anesthesia Program

Lt. Cmdr. Craig Cooper

Lt. Ryan Nations

***Lt. Lara Rhodes**

***Lt. John Volk**

*** Elected to Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society**