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News Release

AIR FORCE OFFICERS EARN MEDICAL, GRADUATE, NURSING DEGREES AT UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY

BETHESDA, Md. – Seventy-eight U.S. Air Force officers were among 245 students recognized during the 24th Commencement of the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing.

There were 53 medical and 13 graduate students from the School of Medicine, as well as 12 students from the Graduate 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

Fifty-three Air Force 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.

Lt. Gen. George P. Taylor, Jr., Surgeon General of the Air Force, reaffirmed the Oath of Office to the Air Force 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 Air Force doctor of medicine graduates for the Class of 2004, who will perform their internships at the locations listed:

Capt. Douglas R. E. Alfar II, 60th Medical Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
* **Capt. Kory R. Bodily**, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Texas
Capt. Jason D. Boyd, 89th Medical Group, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Ruth Brenner, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Tyson Craig Brown, 81st Medical Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
Capt. Christopher William Bunt, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Jeffrey Scott Burbidge, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
Capt. Charles Brian Coffman, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
* **Capt. Angelique Nicole Collamer**, 74th Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Chantal M. Cousineau, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Stefani Lorane Diedrich, SAUSHEC, Texas
* **Capt. Lance Dustin Edmonds**, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
Capt. Kevin Anthony Fajardo, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Brian Bennett Newman Glodt, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Arthur Francisco Guerrero, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Cindy L. Harris, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Capt. Joshua Albert Hartman, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Joseph A. Huseman, II, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Brent S. Izu, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Martin Peter Kaszubowski, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
* **Capt. Jessica Ann Kehren**, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Kimberly Ann Kerr-Knott, 81st MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.
Capt. Daniel Lawrence LaMar, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Gregory D. Langas, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Brett Erland Linck, 81st MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.
Capt. Sean Patrick Martin, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
Capt. Necia Marie McRee, SAUSHEC, Texas

-- **Board of Regents Award for the Outstanding Medical Officer Candidate** -- this is the highest honor given to a graduating medical student who exemplifies scholarship, leadership and service.

Capt. Michael Allen Meeker, 55th Medical Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.
Capt. Benjamin Monson, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Kelly Elizabeth Garcia Nation, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
Capt. Roman Michael James Nation, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
Capt. Jennifer Alane Nowe, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
* **Capt. Cade McCoy Nylund**, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Michael P. Orejudos, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Erik D. Pearson, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Damien Christopher Powell, 81st MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.
Capt. Richard Judd Robins, SAUSHEC, Texas
* **Capt. Vance Michael Rothmeyer**, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Napoleon Pañgan Roux, III, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Aaron Mills Rubin, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Meredith Allyson Sarda, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Charles Joseph Snow, 81st MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.
* **Capt. Samuel Albin Spear**, Madigan AMC, Wash.
Capt. Daniel Anthony Steigelman, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Kenji Lewis Takano, 89th MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.
Capt. Virginia Ann Underwood, 60th MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.
* **Capt. Bryan Jason Unsell**, SAUSHEC, Texas

-- **Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces Award** – this award is presented each year to the medical student who achieved the highest level of academic performance during all four years. Second Lieutenant Unsell holds a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0 and is the class valedictorian.

Capt. Kenneth Wayne Vawter, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Charlene Ann Williams, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Peter Maag Williams, Jr., SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Vanessa Wai-juen Wong, SAUSHEC, Texas
Capt. Curtis Jay Wozniak, 74th MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Capt. Fia Yi, SAUSHEC, Texas

* **Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society**

School of Medicine's Graduate Program

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

Doctor of philosophy
Maj. Nathan Galbreath
Capt. Teresa Hughes

Master of science
Capt. David Eddington

Master of public health
Lt. Col. Lorie Brosch
Maj. David Cockrum
Capt. Brad Cogswell
Capt. Melinda Eaton
Maj. Christine Poel
Maj. Monica Selent
Capt. Julie Sundstrom
Maj. Johann Westphall
Capt. Keith Wilson
Maj. Brian Moore

Graduate School of Nursing

Twelve Air Force students in the GSN's nurse anesthesia program were recognized at graduation, but will complete the master's degree requirements this fall.

They are:

Nurse Anesthesia Program

***Capt. Said Acosta**
Capt. Hector Aponte
***Capt. Joy Barberio**
Capt. Robert Bland
***Capt. Jason Bolt**
***Capt. Dean Gilmer**
***Capt. Brian Molloy**
***Capt. David Perkins**
Capt. Robert Scholes
***Capt. Joseph Skinner**
***Capt. Mark Stevenson**
Capt. Gary Wells

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