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News Release

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OFFICERS EARN MEDICAL, NURSING, GRADUATE DEGREES AT USU

BETHESDA, Md. – Seven U.S. Public Health Service 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 two medical and four graduate students from the School of Medicine, as well as one student 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

Two USPHS 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. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, deputy surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service, reaffirmed the Oath of Office to the Public Health Service students, who were promoted to lieutenant upon graduation and commissioned as USPHS medical 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 USPHS doctor of medicine graduates for the Class of 2004, who will perform their internships at the locations listed:

Lt. Daniel Molina, Baylor Medical Center, Garland, Texas

Lt. James Dudley Warner, NH Jacksonville, Fla.

School of Medicine's Graduate Program

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

Master of public health

Lt. Cmdr. Sean Boyd

Lt. Cmdr. David Cramer

Lt. Evan Shukan

Lt. Mark Strauss

Graduate School of Nursing

One USPHS student in the GSN's nurse anesthesia program was recognized at graduation, but will complete his master's degree requirements this fall.

Nurse Anesthesia Program

***Lt. Adam Leeds**

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