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## News Release

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### NEW DEAN AT USU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**BETHESDA, Md.** – Retired Navy Capt. Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D., is the new dean of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University.

He took over May 20 following the retirement of Val G. Hemming, a retired Air Force colonel, who served six years as dean.

Prior to heading up the school of medicine, Laughlin was the university's chair of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics since May 1997. He came to USU in 1992 as director, Division of Tropical Public Health, Department of PMB.

He brings to his new position many years of service and scientific contributions to the U.S. Navy and the School of Medicine. His leadership in promoting tropical infectious disease and public health education and research is especially noteworthy. He developed benchmark educational programs in tropical infectious diseases and established a robust research program to study multiple aspects of the South American emerging infectious disease, Bartonellosis. He has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications on 13 different tropical infectious diseases.

Laughlin is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine; American Board of Internal Medicine, Subspecialty Infectious Disease; and the American Board of Preventive Medicine, Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.

His numerous honors in recognition of his academic and leadership contributions include selection to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society; being named the Outstanding Preventive Medicine Lecturer; and receiving the Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health Teaching Award, the Distinguished Educator Award, as well as the U.S. Navy Meritorious Service Medal.

A native of central Illinois, Laughlin received a bachelor's degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He holds an M.D. degree, magna cum laude, from St. Louis University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in infectious diseases at the Harvard Medical Service, Boston City Hospital in Boston, Mass.

He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in 1971 and retired May 22, 2002, as a captain.