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News Release

JACKSON FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000 TO USU RESEARCH FUND

BETHESDA, Md. -- The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine recently donated \$10,000 to the Faye G. Abdellah Research Fund at the Uniformed Services University.

The research fund was established to sustain the legacy of Faye G. Abdellah, RN, Ed.D., Sc.D., FAAN, Graduate School of Nursing founding dean and professor, who retired as GSN's dean emeritus May 31 after 49 years of service to the federal government and the nation.

"This donation is a symbol of our appreciation for the invaluable contributions you have made to the advancement of military medicine," John W. Lowe, president of the Jackson Foundation, wrote in a letter to Abdellah. "We are pleased to support your ongoing dedication to military medicine and public health. Your legacy of service will live on through the research fund you have created."

The fund is available to GSN faculty, students and alumni to support scholarly research, disseminate findings, conduct pilot studies, present findings at conferences, as well as to support esteemed visitors and lecturers.

Abdellah is recognized internationally for her public service in nursing, education and health care. Prior to her selection as GSN dean in 1993, she was the chief nurse officer and deputy U.S. Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service, and retired with the rank of rear admiral.

She holds Bachelor's of Science, Master's of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from Columbia University, N.Y.; and graduate work in the sciences at Rutgers University, N.J.

Abdellah is the recipient of 13 honorary degrees from universities that have recognized her pioneering work in nursing research; in the development of the first nurse scientist; as an international expert in health policies; and for making invaluable contributions to the health of the nation.

Abdellah has received almost 90 professional and academic honors. These include "The Living Legend Award" from the American Academy of Nursing in 1994; and being elected to the Hall of Fame Distinguished Graduates and Scholars, Columbia University in 1999.

She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2000 for her pioneering work altering nursing theory and practice; developing the first tested coronary care unit that saved thousands of lives; first nurse to hold rank of rear admiral, two stars, and the title of deputy surgeon general for the United States.

In 2001, she was honored as a leader for her innovation in the advancement of women's health, receiving the "Breaking Ground in Women's Health Award." And most recently, was selected as a member of the Douglass Society, Douglass College, Rutgers University, N.J.

The donor, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, is a private, not-for-profit service organization dedicated to improving military medicine and public health. They accomplish this by helping military personnel conduct quality medical research and education programs.

A key part of the Jackson Foundation's mission is to support graduate and continuing medical education within the military medical community. They support military medical education and training activities by soliciting, securing, and administering funds from private donors.