



USU E-News

University Names Civilian Employees of the Year

Mary Anne Burke is the Uniformed Services University's Senior Employee of the Year for 2000. A specialist in the Office of Student Affairs, she has worked at USU for two years.



Ms. Burke was cited for her management of the first and second-year medical student support programs. She developed a housing information database and a system for matching new and current students looking for roommates. Her efforts became critical when new Navy students finished their summer training less than one week before classes started. She also revised and edited the 160-page 2000-2001 student handbook.

Ms. Burke prepared the Class of 2004 biography and photo roster, introducing a new method for obtaining student biographies electronically that reduced editing time from a week to two days.

Ms. Burke also earned recognition for her efforts in planning last year's student orientation week, including coordination with every administrative office having interface with the students. She also helped schedule a student bus tour of Washington, D.C.

Additionally, Ms. Burke took over much of the associate dean for Student Affairs letter program, a six-month project that required transcribing, typing and proofing letters, and preparing them for the national selection board. Her accuracy and timeliness ensured the letters met content criteria and deadlines.

Florence Richardson, an administrative support specialist in the Logistics Division, is the university's Junior Employee of the Year for 2000. She has been in the department six years.

Ms. Richardson is responsible for ensuring that all Logistics administrative actions are completed properly and on time. She is the division's point of contact for budget, personnel and pay inquires, procurement, security and communication requirements. She also oversees administrative policy and procedure formulation



Mary Anne Burke is the Senior Employee of the Year. Florence Richardson, being honored by USU President James Zimble, M.D., for her support to CFC, is the Junior Employee of the Year.

and is a liaison to other university offices for administrative problem reporting and resolutions.

As the Logistics Management Control Program manager, Ms. Richardson conducts internal studies and material control reviews to determine department operational effectiveness. She supervises the preparation of various recurring and special administrative reports, including personnel staffing issues, travel expenditures, budget requirements and space utilization.

As USU's representative for all systems furniture contracts, Ms. Richardson has coordinated furniture installation in numerous departments. In March 2000, she completed installation of more than \$60,000 worth of systems furniture for seven departments. She is currently working on the design and installation of 30 work stations valued at more than \$100,000.

Ms. Richardson graduated from the six-month new leader program and participates in the USU mentoring and Toastmaster programs. She was the ground floor building captain and a key worker for recent Combined Federal Campaigns, helping ensure USU exceeded its goals of more than \$160,000.

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2000 Servicemember of the Year

HM1 (FMF) Dwayne M. Thompson is the Uniformed Services University's Servicemember of the Year for 2000. A 16-year Navy veteran, he's been stationed at USU since October 1999.

Assigned to the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine's Operations section, HM1 Thompson earned recognition for his work on several programs during 2000. He initiated a driver's training program on tactical vehicles that resulted in a 98-percent

readiness rate for the university's driver's license program.

HM1 Thompson also was the department's noncommissioned officer in charge of Public Service Recognition Week, participating in the setup and tear down of MIM displays, and explaining its mission to more than 100,000 people who toured the week-long event.

HM1 Thompson also served as MIM's Combined Federal Campaign and Savings Bond representative in 2000.

The Sailor of the Quarter for the last quarter of 2000, HM1 Thompson played a crucial role in all student field training exercises. As the initial staging base NCOIC

during the January, September and November Bushmasters, he was responsible for more than 450 tri-service staff and support members who deployed to the exercises.

During Operation Kerkesner, he supervised more than 60 people, ensuring that 165 first-year medical

students completed their introduction to field medical training without any problems.

HM1 Thompson also drove an ambulance during the annual Antietam Battlefield Road March.

As the command

fitness coordinator, HM1 Thompson managed the Navy's Physical Fitness Assessment Program and the Army's Physical Fitness Test, coordinating testing for more than 900 USU staff members and students.

Away from the university, HM1 Thompson has volunteered with the American Cancer Society and was a student mentor at a local elementary school. He is the captain of the National Naval Medical Center's command basketball team, and he is a player/coach on summer and fall intramural basketball teams.



Quarterly Award Winners October-December 2000

Senior Employee of the Quarter

Henri B. Weems, a 22-year employee of the Department of Pharmacology, is the Senior Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2000.

A research chemist, Mr. Weems is the department's information systems coordinator, controlled substance custodian, property custodian and emergency response officer.

During the fourth quarter, however, Mr. Weems was specifically recognized for rescuing formatted computer files after updated versions became unusable. The files generated the MS-II pharmacology course lecture notesheet. He spent many hours working with Technical Services to resolve the problem, making it possible for the lecture notesheet to be composed and printed on time for the course that started in January.

As information systems coordinator, Mr. Weems has ensured department computers maintain a high level of performance by installing cost-effective upgrades, and he works closely with university information system offices to maintain computer capability.

His duties as controlled substance custodian require him to meet the needs of all pharmacology researchers, while complying with an increasing regulatory burden associated with the use of controlled substances.

Under Mr. Weems' stewardship as property custodian, incidents of missing property in the department have been all but eliminated. He is annually commended by the university's Property Management Office for his "meticulously maintained" property log.

Junior Employee of the Quarter

Cecilia C. Cummings, Department of Family Medicine, is the Junior Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2000.

Ms. Cummings, a department employee for 12 years, was recognized for her performance during



major curricular changes to the third-year clerkship in family medicine, and by her continuous support of the primary care sports medicine fellowship and the university's faculty development program.

As administrative assistant to the clerkship director, Ms. Cummings was directly responsible for implementing the curricular enhancements in the clerkship, including coordinating lecture rooms for two-week didactic sessions in each of the rotations, ensuring the availability of the National Board of Medical Examiner's Shelf Examination in Family Medicine, notifying students of site changes and preparing lecture materials for the didactic sessions. Her efforts led to the successful implementation of the changes with minimal disruption to the students and little impact on the rest of the department. Throughout this, Ms. Cummings continued her regular clerkship duties, ensuring timely grade reports and testing from 10 clinical sites throughout the country.

Additionally, Ms. Cummings coordinated the schedules of the four sports medicine fellows assigned to family medicine, while providing direct administrative support to the program director.

Servicemember of the Quarter

TSgt. Gary Carpenter is USU's Servicemember of the Quarter for October-December 2000. As the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Office of University Affairs, he works closely with local, regional and national media, responding to queries, providing on-campus escort and writing news releases. He also edits the university's internal news publication.

During the quarter, Sergeant Carpenter revitalized his office's external news release program using an innovative electronic news distribution system that's increased national awareness for USU programs and people. He also started an in-house newsletter geared specifically toward military and civilian employees to highlight their accomplishments and disseminate information on policies and programs.

Throughout the quarter Sergeant Carpenter prepared and distributed a weekly report on university activities to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) that is reviewed by senior Pentagon officials.



Humanitarian assistance course scheduled for May

USU's Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine will host the Combined Humanitarian Assistance Response Training course at the National Naval Medical Center's Memorial Auditorium in May.

CHART is an introductory course that provides military members with basic information about complex emergencies and disasters in an international arena. Using a combination of didactic lectures, small-group problem solving workshops and skills training, participants will discuss disaster epidemiology, health services in complex emergencies, civil-military operations and measures of effectiveness.

Responding to a request from the Department of Defense, the Center of Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance in Honolulu developed CHART to prepare active duty and reserve military components to function in a multi-force theater of operations in coordination with civilian relief organizations.

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute in San Antonio has a memorandum of understanding with COE to facilitate teaching the CHART course at military installations worldwide.

A component of USU's Department of Military and Emergency Medicine, CDHAM is a world center for implementing advances in medicine and health in humanitarian and disaster relief. The center uses training, technology and best-management practices to improve military medicine's capabilities and readiness for humanitarian missions.

"The demand for attending CHART training is high given the number of operations other than war that military units are being tasked to support in the world," said Dr. Douglas Ehrhardt, CDHAM's deputy director for management administration. "As part of the DoD medical university, CDHAM hopes to establish itself as a resource for scheduling and holding disaster response training courses like CHART in the future."

For more information about humanitarian and disaster assistance medicine, call the CDHAM office at (301) 295-1045, DSN 295-1045, or write CDHAM, c/o USUHS, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

CCRC cited for support to January inauguration

The U.S. Park Police has recognized USU's Casualty Care Research Center for its support during this year's presidential inauguration.

"As in the past, the members of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Casualty Care Research Center attended our briefings for the opening ceremony on Jan. 18 and for the inaugural celebration on Jan. 20," wrote Robert E. Langston, chief of police. "With the ever-present danger of serious injury or death in the law enforcement profession, knowing that our personnel can have immediate critical care for any type of injury they may sustain is very comforting."

Created in 1989, the CCRC is a national center for research on all aspects of injury control and combat casualty care. It is staffed by military and civilian physicians, prehospital care experts and scientists within the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine. The center maintains a repository of resources and information relating to injury control, casualty care and operational medicine.

New vice president for Research comes from Baylor University

Steven Kaminsky, Ph.D., is the new vice president for Research and director of Research Administration at USU. He is responsible for developing and implementing policies that promote and enhance research in USU's school of medicine.

Specific tasks include oversight for the Office of Research Administration, assisting departments and/or individual faculty members in identifying and applying for extramural research and training financial support, and representing

the interests of faculty in most matters regarding biomedical and educational research.

The university currently has 552 projects; total research funding is \$76 million.

Doctor Kaminsky comes to USU from the Baylor University College of Medicine, where he was vice chairman of the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics. During his tenure, the department grew from the fifth-largest genetics department – as measured by National Institutes of Health grant

support – to the largest genetics department in the United States.

Doctor Kaminsky earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y., in 1976, his master's in biology from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., in 1978, and his Ph.D. in pathology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1982.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society of Human Genetics.

John Dexter closes out 50-year career

Having retired after a half-century working in the federal government, John Dexter the university's vice president for Resource Management since 1990, was honored at a ceremony Jan. 11. He received the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award presented by the university's Board of Regents.

Members of Mr. Dexter's family attended the ceremony. USU President James Zimble; Val Hemming, dean of the school of medicine; Faye Abdellah, dean of the Graduate School of Nursing; and George Harris, former vice president for executive affairs all spoke about Mr. Dexter's years at the university.

As vice president, Mr. Dexter was responsible for oversight of

accounting, budgeting, manpower, contracting, grants and financial information systems.

Mr. Dexter began his federal service in 1951 when he enlisted in the Air Force. In 1962, he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Air Force Medical Service Corps. Mr. Dexter retired with the rank of major in 1974, earning the Bronze Star, and the Armed Forces Honor Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Air Service Medal for his service during the Vietnam War.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Dexter worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for 15 years. His last position there was deputy assistant secretary of defense, Medical Resources Administration.



USU President James Zimble, left, presents a Certificate of Service to John Dexter during Mr. Dexter's retirement ceremony. Mr. Dexter's career in the federal government spanned 50 years, the last 10 at USU. (Photo by MSgt. Raul Navas)

New instruction sets policy on information transfer

USU Instruction 5202.2, Electronic Information and Communication Policies, has been published. The instruction provides general guidance and assigns responsibilities for faculty, staff and students on the proper release and transfer of information by electronic means and assures compliance with appropriate regulations and guidelines. The electronic systems include e-mail, the Internet and web sites.

USU to participate in clinical education conference

USU will join 10 other medical schools in the Millennium Conference on the Clinical Education of Medical Students in April.

The conference, co-sponsored by the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research and the Association of American Medical Colleges, will occur April 28-May 1 in Wellesley, Mass.

The conference will examine the future of medical education and develop strategies for improving the quality of clinical education of medical students.

Sponsors selected USU in part for its extensive and innovative use of technology in medical education.

Other medical schools participating include the Duke University School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Baylor College of Medicine and UCLA.

Corrections

The first edition of the university newsletter stated that HMC Wifred Sito was assigned to the Military Training Network. He works in the Navy company commander's office as the service's student noncommissioned officer.

Dr. Jay Shapiro, was listed as an assistant professor. He is a professor of medicine and director of the USU Interdepartmental Center for Space Medicine.

Brigade senior enlisted adviser not new to university

Twenty years after taking her last class at Florida's Pinellas Park High School, followed by assignments all over the world, including participation in one very one-sided war, **Sgt. 1st Class Katrina Stallworth** continues to reach new heights in her military career.

The soon-to-become master sergeant is the university brigade's new senior enlisted adviser. Sergeant Stallworth also is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the university health clinic, a position she's held since arriving at USU in 1997.

"I am pleased to be selected the brigade senior enlisted adviser," Sergeant Stallworth said. "I enjoy working with the troops and managing a company. We have a great company and outstanding soldiers, sailors and airmen. Anything I can do to provide help to the troops is what it is all about."

She is responsible to the brigade commander for all issues pertaining



to the Headquarters Company enlisted force, including status of troops, personnel issues, morale concerns and departmental issues.

Sergeant Stallworth began her Army career at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1982, then trained as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Like hundreds of other medics, she put her training to wartime use when she deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield/Storm as a

flight medic.

Sergeant Stallworth, who said she hopes to complete at least 22 years of service, had other assignments at Fort Stewart, Ga.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; back to Fort Jackson; Mannheim, Germany; and Fort Lewis, Wash. She has earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Sergeant Stallworth, who has associate's degrees in technology, and arts and science from Pierce College in Tacoma, Wash., is currently working on her bachelor's degree at the University of Maryland. She also has completed the emergency medical technical EMT basic course and the pre-trauma hospital life support course. Her military education includes the Army's basic and advanced NCO courses.

Security Tips

Here a few quick reminders for the USU community, courtesy of the security office.

Emergency:

Whenever an emergency occurs, call **777 (primary)** or **911**. Also, call the USU security guards at **295-3038/3039** so they can direct officials to the emergency location.

Loss prevention:

Secure personal items in your work space. Security officials report finding items such as purses, laptops and cash left in plain view.

USU identification badges:

They should be visible at all times. If you see suspicious people who look out of place in your area, report them to security.

University parking:

Both USU security and NNMC police patrol parking areas. Even though the parking garage can become congested, park in designated areas only. Base police write citations under the authority of the U.S. District Court, so the citations can only be settled by the court. Call the security office at 295-3033 if you have questions or suggestions about university parking.

Travel to foreign countries:

Everyone traveling to a foreign country must receive an anti-terrorism briefing. They also must have their orders signed by the Uniformed Services University security office prior to travel.

Travel

USU members can avoid writing a separate check to Bank of America by indicating on their travel voucher, DD Form 1351-2, Block 1, "payment, split disbursement" the amount charged on their travel card.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will send the amount directly to Bank of America for credit on their account. Any remaining amount owed to individuals on their travel claim will be sent electronically to their bank account.



SSgt. Chuck DiBello

Sergeant trading stripes for bars

Staff Sgt. Chuck DiBello, superintendent of the Department of Psychiatry, has been selected for commissioning in the Air Force Medical Service Corps. Upon commissioning, which he said is scheduled to occur this spring, Sergeant DiBello will report for duty at Fort Dix, N.J., to work in the hospital's medical support squadron.

"I feel as an officer in the Medical Service Corps I will continue to grow personally and professionally," said Sergeant DiBello, who has been assigned to the university since July 1997. "I want to be the very best manager/administrator of health care I can possibly be."

In his four years at USU, Sergeant DiBello has performed a multitude of duties in his department. He has supervised research assistants in database management; edited and produced research technical manuals; maintained archives of research projects; and helped develop research questionnaires. He also has managed all logistical, administrative, supervisory and clinical support for the department's deployable trauma team. Sergeant DiBello also assists department researchers with the debriefing of traumatized military populations.

Outside the Department of Psychiatry, Sergeant DiBello has supported the university brigade by deploying to several student field training exercises, earning the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his overall support at a recent Bushmaster. He also volunteered to be a member of the color guard at the 2000 graduation.

Sergeant DiBello, who recently earned a master's degree in health services administration from Central Michigan University, has received major recognition during his Air Force career. He was one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year at his previous command and has been named Airman of the Year twice. He also earned the John Levitow Award in Airman Leadership School. It is the highest award an Air Force enlisted member can receive in a professional military education class.

USU faculty helping to revolutionize medical textbook publishing

Several USU faculty members are playing key roles in a publishing breakthrough that is redefining the way today's health care professional gets timely and critical medical information.

One of the faculty is **Col. Leonard Sperling, MC, USA**, professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology. He is an editor and author for the upcoming Dermatology Textbook on eMedicine.com, the medical education network that has developed the first and largest online, peer-reviewed medical reference library. To date, 10 other USU faculty members have contributed to the website.

"eMedicine is available to the entire world, free of charge, assuming Internet access," Doctor Sperling said. "There is significant supervision of content, with several layers of medical and copy editors. This helps to ensure accuracy and quality. Unlike traditional textbooks, the eMedicine chapters can be updated/revised on a daily basis, with minimal effort. Figures and text can be easily added or subtracted."

Unlike traditional medical texts that are as much as six years out of date at the time of publication, information on eMedicine.com is updated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If an important new study is published in a journal, the research is immediately included in the online textbook. The U.S. military is the biggest user of the site to date. There are currently 5 million users per year, and that figure is doubling every six months.

Other USU faculty members writing and editing for eMedicine.com are **James Smiriniotopoulos, M.D.**, chair, Department of Radiology; **Purnima Sau, M.D.**, associate professor, dermatology; **Cmdr. Mark Johnston, MC, USN**, associate professor of medicine; **Maj. Mark Welch, MC, USA**, clinical assistant professor, dermatology; **Thomas Darling, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor, dermatology; **Cmdr. Barry A. Wayne, MC, USN**, assistant professor, Department of Military and Emergency Medicine; **Andrew Montemarano, M.D.**, assistant professor, dermatology; **Lt. Cmdr. Brooks Cash, USN, MC**, assistant professor of medicine; **Capt. Andrew Shorr, MC, USA**, assistant professor of medicine; and **Capt. William Kelly, MC, USA**, Department of Medicine.

(Information for this article provided by eMedicine.com)



University picks up two awards during AMSUS conference

Faculty members from the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics received major awards at the 107th annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

MIM Chair **Dr. Craig Llewellyn**, received the Richard A. Kern Lecture Award for his address, "Military Medicine in the New Millenium: Will it be Relevant?"

Lt. Col. (select) William P. Roach, USAF, BSC, a professor in PMB, received the Sustaining Membership Lecture Award for his lecture, "Laser Injury in the 21st Century: Managing Research to Inform."



Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton presents the Sustaining Membership Lecture Award to Lt. Col. (select) William P. Roach at the AMSUS conference.

Lt. Col. Paul D. Mongan, MC, USA, who earned his medical degree from USU in 1987, has been named chair of the university's Department of Anesthesiology. He is the medical school's first graduate to become chair of a clinical department at USU.

Doctor Mongan has been assigned to the Department of Anesthesiology's faculty since 1997, serving as director of research, associate professor, and since 1999, vice chair. He succeeds Dr. Sheila Muldoon, who will stay on at USU as professor of anesthesiology.

A co-author of nearly 30 medical publications and more than 30 abstracts, Doctor Mongan also helped write three chapters for a new book, A Handbook of Cardiovascular

Anesthesia. Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society while a student at USU, he is a member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists, the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the International Society of Anesthesiologists.

Doctor Mongan received his bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Military Academy in 1983 and was named to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After graduating from USU, he completed his internship at Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas, in 1988, and his residency in anesthesiology at Brooke in 1991.

Merrily Poth, M.D., professor of

pediatrics and neuroscience, has received the USUHS Distinguished Service Medal for her service as president of the university's Faculty Senate from July 1999 to June 2000.

According to her award citation, Doctor Poth "served the faculty and the university as a sincere and effective spokesperson through her successful efforts in presenting the views and meeting the requirements of the faculty. Doctor Poth met regularly with senior USUHS management officials and the Board of Regents to maximize communication across the university. She promptly and comprehensively provided input to the USUHS administration regarding institutional policies, issues and concerns."

Col. Henry K.H. Wong, MC, USA, received the James Leonard Award for Excellence in Teaching Jan. 19 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Doctor Wong is a professor in USU's Department of Medicine.

Dr. Robert Goldstein, chair of the Department of Medicine, presented the award, which is named for Dr. James Leonard, a former chair of the department.

Yancy Phillips III, M.D., former professor of medicine at USU, received the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine's Mastership, the highest category of membership, in Atlanta in March.

Doctor Phillips, who retired last year from the Army Medical Corps with the rank of colonel, is currently the associate medical director, clinical affairs, Southeast Permanente Medical Group Incorporated in Atlanta.

The Mastership recognizes Doctor Phillips' contributions to the areas of pulmonary medicine, graduate medical education, clinical research and medical administration. He also developed a program that includes training in mandatory community-based education, military training exercise participation and worldwide deployments where residents participate in humanitarian missions and clinical research.

Col. George Tsokos, MC, USA, professor and director, Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, Department of Medicine, is an editor for the *Journal of Immunology*.

He also has been elected a councilor of the Clinical Immunology Society, an organization that promotes the interests of clinical immunologists. With the appointment, Doctor Tsokos is in line to become president of the society.

Advances in cancer research leads to national recognition for professor

Lt. Col. George E. Peoples, Jr., USA, MC, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, has been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2001 by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

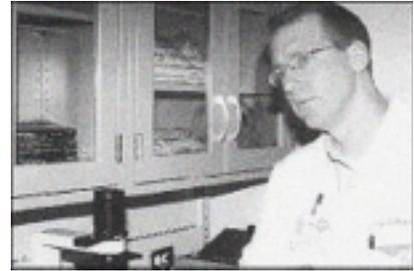
The organization recognized Doctor Peoples, who also is a surgical oncologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, for his advancements in cancer research. He has developed a preventive vaccine that has proven effective against most cancers, including lung, colon, breast, prostate, ovarian and pancreatic cancer.

Doctor Peoples, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, continues to conduct clinical trials on small groups to test the vaccine's effectiveness.

He said the most important question about the vaccine is patient protection from cancer reoccurrence.

"The only way you can answer that question is to do these preventive trials with the small group of people who you can follow closely during a 18-month to two-year window and to see if you can reduce their 50-percent reoccurrence rate to something substantially less - hopefully zero," Doctor Peoples said.

"There's still a lot of work to be done," said Doctor Peoples, who earned his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "I look at these trials as proof of principle. You can vaccinate folks, you can



Lt. Col. George Peoples holds a faculty position in USU's Department of Surgery.

get an immunized response, and it does protect in this small group. But now how can you broaden it? If the proof of the principle works, then the rest is just a little elbow grease, time and working out the details."

The Junior Chamber of Commerce award honors 10 Americans each year who exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people, ages 21-39. Winners are selected on their achievements or contributions in categories ranging from scientific and technological advancements to philanthropic contributions or voluntary services.

Past honorees include former Presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford and Bill Clinton, Vice President Richard Cheney, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

(Information for this story came from Army News Service and the Walter Reed AMC Public Affairs office.)

faculty

Lt. Col. David Gillespie, MC, USA, associate professor, Department of Surgery, received the Sigvaris Traveling Fellowship Award from the American Venous Forum/Foundation. He will use the \$12,000 fellowship to visit medical centers throughout the world that have been established as centers of excellence in the management of venous disease.

The grant is intended to initiate personal and professional development, promote an exchange of important clinical information and stimulate the development of centers in the management of venous disease.

Lt. Col. Paul A. Hemmer, USAF, MC, and Capt. (select) Thomas M. Herndon, MC, USA, both assistant professors of medicine, are the 2001 winners of the John F. Maher Award for Research Excellence.

Doctor Hemmer's paper, "Assessing How Well Three Evaluation Methods Detect Deficiencies in Medical Students' Professionalism in Two Settings of an Internal Medicine Clerkship," appears in *Academic Medicine* (2000: 75:167-17).

Doctor Herndon's paper "ZAP-70 and SLP-76 Regulate PKC θ and NF- κ B Activation in Response to Engagement of CD3 and CD28," will be published in the *Journal of Immunology* in May.

Edmund H. Howe III, M.D., J.D., professor, Department of Psychiatry, gave the Dr. Alice H. Kiessling Memorial Lecture to the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians in Washington, D.C. His lecture focused on current ethical and psychiatric controversies regarding infants born with intersexual conditions and the surgeries performed to correct these abnormalities.

Doctor Howe directs the Program in Medical Ethics at USU.

Dr. Emmanuel G. Cassimatis, associate dean of the Department of Clinical Affairs since 1995, retired Jan. 19, after 26 years in the Army Medical Corps. He held the rank of colonel.

While at USU, Doctor Cassimatis, a native of Athens, Greece, served as the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States delegate to the American Medical Association. He currently serves on the AMSUS Board of Managers.

In 1999, Doctor Cassimatis became the first uniformed member of the AMA's Section Council on Federal and Military Medicine to earn a spot on the Council on Medical Education.

For his work at USU, he received the university's Distinguished Service Medal.

Doctor Cassimatis presently serves on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and its monitoring and institutional review committees.

Robert J.T. Joy, M.D., professor emeritus of medical history, will receive the 2002 Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine.

The Davies award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to humanism in medicine and recognizes the person's scholarly activities in history, literature, philosophy and ethics.

Doctor Joy was one of the university's first faculty members and helped set up the curriculum. He was professor and chairman of the Department of Medical History from 1976 until his retirement in 1996. As professor emeritus, he still lectures the university's medical students on the history of military medicine.

Doctor Joy, who retired from the Army in 1981 with the rank of colonel, was the school of medicine's first commandant from 1976-81.

Life-saving skills come in handy for fourth-year student

What was anticipated to be an easy flight from California to Maryland for fourth-year medical student **Ensign Eric Venn-Watson** quickly turned into a tense afternoon when another passenger stopped breathing halfway through the trip.

Alerted by flight attendants who asked if there was a doctor on board, Ensign Venn-Watson told the crew that, although he was not a doctor, he was a medical student and wanted to offer his assistance. After quickly examining the elderly woman, he went through the resuscitation techniques he learned throughout medical school.

"I shined a light into her eyes, which I determined to be responsive," the ensign said. "I then placed the oxygen mask on her face, and she began to respond even further."

Drifting in and out of consciousness, the woman finally regained full cognizance toward the end of the flight and left the plane without assistance.

Looking back on the event, Ensign Venn-Watson said, "The irony of the entire situation was that I was returning to USU to attend an advanced trauma life support course the very next week."

People

Academic Degrees

Maj. Pote Aimpun, Preventive Medicine, *Doctor of Public Health*.
Judith Chamberlin, Preventive Medicine, *Doctor of Public Health*.
Gerard Dougherty, Pathology, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Brenda Elliott, Medical and Clinical Psychology, *Master of Science*.
Seth Ettenberg, Molecular and Cell Biology, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Lt. Leo Fitzpatrick, USPHS, GSN, *Master of Science in Nursing*.
John Grieco, Preventive Medicine, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Thomas Hasling, Anatomy, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Lt. j.g. Sandra King, USN, Med. Psyc., *Master of Science*.
Paul M. Lea IV, Anatomy, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Velia Mitro, Molecular and Cell Biology, *Doctor of Philosophy*.
Richard L. Pitts, Neuroscience, *Master of Science*.
David Zemo, Anatomy, *Doctor of Philosophy*.

Awards/Decorations (Military)

Army

Sgt. Darryl Bogan, LAM, *Joint Service Achievement Medal*.

Navy

HM2 Willie Green, LAM, *Joint Service Achievement Medal*.

Air Force

Capt. David W. Ferguson, MC, Department of Medicine, *USU Exceptional Service Award*.
MSgt. Tom Hanck, Finance, *Joint Service Achievement Medal*.

Faculty Appointments/Promotions

Anatomy

Donald Sellitti, Ph.D., *Research Associate Professor (secondary)*.

Anesthesiology

Col. Don Daniels, MC, USA, *Associate Professor*.
Lt. Col. Thomas Grissom, USAF, MC, *Associate Professor*.
Cmdr. Stephen Holman, MC, USN, *Associate Professor*.

Biochemistry

Teresa Dunn, Ph.D., *Professor (primary)*.

Family Medicine

Col. Jeannette South-Paul, MC, USA, *Professor*.

Department of Medicine

Lt. Col. (select) Benjamin Berg, MC, USA, *Associate Professor*.
Col. Stephen Brietzke, USAF, MC, *Associate Professor*.
Sonia Doi, M.D., Ph.D., *Research Associate Professor*.
Col. Robert A. Gasser Jr., MC, USA, *Associate Professor*.
Col. David Hoover, MC, USA, *Professor*.
Cmdr. Mark Johnston, MC, USN, *Associate Professor*.
Capt. Sandra Kweder, USPHS, *Associate Professor*.
Richard Nicklas, M.D., *Adjunct Professor*.
Donald Sellitti, Ph.D., *Research Associate Professor (primary)*.
Col. Robert Vigersky, MC, USA, *Associate Professor*.

Molecular and Cell Biology

Teresa Dunn, Ph.D., *Professor (secondary)*.

Neurology

Ann Marini, M.D., Ph.D., *Associate Professor*.
Zhengping Zhuang, M.D., Ph.D., *Adjunct Professor*.

Neuroscience

David Jacobowitz, Ph.D., *Professor (secondary)*.

Nursing Research

Barbara Sylvia, Ph.D., RN, *Associate Professor*.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Lt. Col. Andrew Satin, USAF, MC, *Professor*.

Pathology

Franziska Grieder, DVM, Ph.D., *Adjunct Associate Professor*.

Pediatrics

Lt. Col. Martin Ottolini, USAF, MC, *Associate Professor*.
Col. Victor Pineiro, USAF, MC, *Associate Professor*.

Preventive Medicine and Biometrics

Lt. Col. (select) William Roach, USAF, BSC, *Professor*.
Terry Thomas, Ph.D., *Adjunct Professor*.

Surgery

Herand Abcarian, M.D., *Adjunct Professor*.
Andrew Burgess, M.D., *Adjunct Professor*.
Neil Choplin, M.D., *Adjunct Professor*.
Robert Malone, M.D., *Research Associate Professor*.
Lt. Col. (select) Robert Mazzoli, MC, USA, *Associate Professor*.
John Potter, M.D., *Professor*.
John Rhim, M.D., *Research Professor*.
Shiv Srivastava, Ph.D., *Professor*.
Matthew J. Wall Jr., M.D., *Associate Professor*.
Edward Zech, M.D., *Adjunct Associate Professor*.

Promotions

Army

Darryl Bogan, LAM, *sergeant*.

Navy

Brad Bennett, Military and Emergency Medicine, *captain*.

Air Force

Sylvia Cayetano, Graduate School of Nursing, *lieutenant colonel*.
Terry Lynn Ross, Military Training Network, *senior master sergeant*.
Tom Hanck, Finance, *master sergeant*.

Welcome Aboard

Army

Capt. Christopher Reid, Pharmacology.
Sgt. Andrea Ebanks, Military Personnel.
Spc. Latresia Lightfoot, Environmental Health.
Spc. Brian Tran, University Information Systems.

Air Force

TSgt. Debra Randle, Military Personnel.
Staff Sgt. Polly Saddler, Psychiatry.

USU players lead Navy team to titles

HM1 (FMF) Dwayne Thompson, and **Sgt. J.T.**

Thomas, played for the Bethesda Admirals basketball team that won the Northern Division basketball title March 2-4 in Lakehurst, N.J. The team also captured the 2001 Washington Area Military Athletic Conference basketball championship, held March 10-11 at Andrew AFB.

Both players are assigned to the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine. Thompson scored a total of 75 points in the four games the team played in New Jersey. Thomas, meanwhile, led the Admirals with 25 points in its second-round win.

The victories earned the Navy team a top seed in the Andrews tournament. There, they won three more games to take the Washington area title. In the first game, a 91-82 win over defending champion Fort Myer, Thompson scored 15 points and Thomas 11. Thomas scored 13 points in their second-round win over Quantico. In the final, a rematch against Fort Myer, the Admirals won 91-87.

(From *The Journal*, Bethesda Naval Base)

Students, commandant running on Navy teams

Cmdr. Jay Erickson, commandant of the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, and two medical students, **Ensign Richard Chou** (MS-1), and **Ensign Lindsey Steele** (MS-2) have been named to the Navy's Capitol Regional Running Team. And for the second straight year, Ensign Steele ran on the all-Navy team at the Armed Forces Cross Country Championships.

The armed forces competition was held in conjunction

with the USA Track and Field National Championships in Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ensign Steele ran in the 4-kilometer race and was the top Navy runner. He finished sixth among military runners and was in the top 50 among all runners.

Last month, Ensign Steele won the B&A Trail Half-Marathon, defeating his closest competitor by more than three minutes. Commander Erickson finished 27th overall but was second in his age group.

Student named to family medicine organization

2nd Lt. Chris Bunt, USAF, a second-year medical student, has been named a regional coordinator for Family Medicine Interest Groups. He is responsible for overseeing the activities of FMIGs at medical schools in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware.

The FMIG is the student member organization of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, a state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

USU Protocol officer certified by D.C. school

USU Protocol officer **Karen Dern** has been certified as a corporate etiquette and international protocol consultant by the The Protocol School of Washington (D.C.)

"Train to be a Corporate Etiquette and International Protocol Consultant" is designed to train individuals to teach business etiquette, international protocol and dining seminars to professionals and executives.

Ms. Dern has been a USU employee since 1986, having previously worked in the Department of Family Medicine and University Affairs before becoming Protocol officer.

It's become a tradition for USU to make a name for itself during the annual Combined Federal Campaign. The year 2000 was no exception as the university surpassed its goal of \$163,000 and received the President's Award for its 85 percent participation rate. Also, the CFC special edition won two awards in the communications contest. Michelle Clampitt, second from left, Clinical Affairs program manager, won for best photographic coverage. Pete Esker, center, University Affairs director, won for his feature about the Walter Reed Society. Also pictured are TSgt. Steve Doyle, JO2 (SW) Margy Hannon and USU President James Zimble. Sergeant Doyle and JO2 Hannon designed and edited the special edition. (Photo by MSgt. Raul Navas)

