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## News Release

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### AIR FORCE STUDENTS EARN MEDICAL DEGREES, PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

**BETHESDA, Md.** – Forty-nine U.S. Air Force officers were among 163 students who graduated May 18 from the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, the nation's only federal military medical school.

More than 3,000 graduates, faculty, staff, family and friends gathered in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., at 11 a.m. for the two-and-a-half-hour ceremony.

The Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr., chair of USU Board of Regents; and retired Air Force Col. Val G. Hemming, dean of the school of medicine; conferred the medical degrees. Hemming also administered the Hippocratic Oath to the graduates.

Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, 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.

USUHS 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.

Award winners for the Class of 2002 are:

**U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's Award** -- Capt. Gilberto Patino

**Marcia Salzer Award for Humanism in Medicine** -- Capt. Wayne Latack

**Society of Air Force Physicians Outstanding Achievement Award** -- Capt. Wayne Latack

**Emma L. Bockman Memorial Award** -- Capt. Guy Venuti

**Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation** -- Captains Yovanni Casablanca and Cecelia Tatsumi

**Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** -- Captains Scott King, Wayne Latack, Gilberto Patino and Guy Venuti

**Admissions Committee Certificates of Appreciation** – Captains Andrew Allen, Cassandra Burns, Glenn Burns, Yovanni Casablanca, Scott King and Guy Venuti

**Air Force Association Gen. Malcolm Grow Award** – Capt. Jonathan Arnholt

Below are the Doctor of Medicine graduates for the Class of 2002, who will perform their internship at the locations listed:

Capt. Samuel E. Aikele, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Texas

Capt. Andrew T. Allen, 81<sup>st</sup> Medical Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.

\* Capt. Jonathan L. Arnholt, SAUSHEC, Texas

Capt. Michael J. Benca, 74<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Capt. Cassandra J. Burns, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Capt. Glenn D. Burns, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

\* Capt. Yovanni Casablanca, SAUSHEC, Texas

Capt. Marc A. Childress, 375<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Scott AFB, Ill.

Capt. Jared A. Chugg, 60<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Travis AFB, Calif.

Capt. Steven D. DeMartini, SAUSHEC, Texas

Capt. Elizabeth Duncan, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.

Capt. Robert L. Emery, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Travis W. Gerlach, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Anne Gray, 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
\* Capt. Alan D. Guhlke, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Gregory D. Gutke, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
\* Capt. David J. Hoopes, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Jonathan C. Jackson, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Norris J. Jackson, 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
Capt. Keith J. Joe, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Gary Sang Kim, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Capt. Scott A. King, SAUSHEC, Texas (class president)  
Capt. Jeffrey M. Lammers, 89<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Andrews AFB, Md.  
\* Capt. Daniel R. LaMothe, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
\* Capt. Wayne A. Latack, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Capt. Paul E. Lewis, III, 96<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.  
\* Capt. Kenneth A. Marriott, III, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Bryant R. Martin, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Joseph H. McDermott, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Capt. Janelle L. Moore, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. John J. Murdock, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Sean P. O'Brien, SAUSHEC, Texas  
\* Capt. Gilberto Patino, Jr., 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
Capt. Eric V. Plott, 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
\* Capt. Ian C. Riddock, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
\* Capt. Jon M. Robitschek, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Trevor J. Schar, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Carrie A. Schmid, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Christian J. Smith, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Capt. Drew N. Swasey, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Capt. Arlo M. Tan, 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
Capt. Cecelia M. Tatsumi, 55<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.  
Capt. Monica J. Tillman, 81<sup>st</sup> MDG, Keesler AFB, Miss.  
Capt. Justin J. Tingey, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Marissa M. Valencia, SAUSHEC, Texas  
Capt. Guy C. Venuti, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Christina MacRae Waite, 89<sup>th</sup> MDG, Andrews AFB, Md.  
Capt. Charles Suk Whang, 60<sup>th</sup> MDG, Travis AFB, Calif.  
Capt. Bryan M. White, 74<sup>th</sup> MDG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

\* Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society