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News Release

NINE NAVAL OFFICERS RECEIVE GRADUATE DEGREES AT USU

BETHESDA, Md. – Nine Naval officers were among 49 students of the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine who were awarded their graduate degrees in the biomedical sciences at the university's 23rd commencement May 18 at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

USU began its graduate education program in 1977 and since then, 714 students have received master's or doctorate degrees here. Both civilians and military members are eligible for USU's graduate programs in the biomedical sciences.

This year's doctor of philosophy graduates were Hung Caohuy, **Lt. Jeffrey Cook, U.S. Navy**; Agnes Jones-Trower; Holly Nash; Nicole Ross; Maj. Michael Sardelis, U.S. Army; Casey Skvorc; Angel Soler-Garcia; George Steer; Capt. Julie Storey, U.S. Air Force; and Louise Teel.

The doctor of public health graduates were **Lt. Cmdr. David Claborn, U.S. Navy**; Capt. Timothy Kluchinsky, U.S. Army; Elizabeth Maloney; and Sara Newman.

The master of science graduates were Melissa McCeney and Nicole Vaughn. Capt. Scott Woodard, U.S. Army, received a master of military medical history.

Master of public health, preventive medicine and biometrics graduates were Lt. Gary Carter, U.S. Public Health Service; Capt. John Completo, U.S. Army; **Lt. Cmdr. Byron Conner, U.S. Naval Reserve**; **Cmdr. James Dunn, U.S. Navy**; Capt. Scott Eader, U.S. Army; Capt.

Joseph Flynn, U.S. Army; Maria Fuentes de Thomas; Lt. Col. Michael Hartzell, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Col. Paul Hemmer, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Cmdr. Brian Hroch, U.S. Public Health Service; **Lt. Cmdr. Eric Kasowski, U.S. Navy**; Capt. Natalie Keeler, U.S. Air Force; **Capt. Joyce Lapa, U.S. Navy**; Capt. Keegan Lyons, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Paul Maher, U.S. Public Health Service; **Lt. Cmdr. Michael Meier, U.S. Naval Reserve**; Capt. Helena Mishoe, U.S. Public Health Service; Maj. Len Murray, U.S. Army; Maj. Jose Ortiz, U.S. Army; Maj. Christopher Robinson, U.S. Air Force; Maj. James Sheehan, Jr., U.S. Army; Capt. Michael Staker, U.S. Army; Cmdr. Astrid Szeto, U.S. Public Health Service; Capt. Ting Tai, U.S. Army; Lt. Cmdr. Venita Thornton, U.S. Public Health Service; Lt. (N) Ian Torrie, Canadian Forces; and **Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vaughn, U.S. Naval Reserve**.

The master of public health – health services administration graduates were Michael Feuerstein and **Lt. Cmdr. Charles McCannon, U.S. Navy**.

Master of science in public health graduates were Capt. Tara Hall, U.S. Army and Maj. Gregory Kimm, U.S. Army.

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.