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MISSOURI GRADUATE NAMED PROFESSOR AT FEDERAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

BETHESDA, Md. – William Patrick Roach, who earned his Ph.D. in physics in August 1990 from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1990, and a master's degree in physics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1986, has been promoted to full professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Doctor Roach, who has been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force's Biomedical Sciences Corps, has been on the USU faculty since 1996, serving as adjunct associate professor and associate professor.

Doctor Roach, who received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics in 1983 from Avila College in Kansas City, Mo., developed the first graduate curriculum in military ionizing radiation and non-ionizing radiation. The program leads to a master's degree in public health and doctorate at USU. He also has served as the research adviser for master of public health projects involving the biomedical use of lasers.

Doctor Roach has previously served as the USAF Surgeon General's representative to the Tri-Service Panel on Directed Energy Weapons, and as a member of the Board of Directors, Laser Institute of America.

Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University is the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. It has provided the country with more than 3,000 outstanding military and public health physicians, scientists and health care practitioners. USU also is recognized as a leader in education, research and consultation programs in areas such as military medicine, medical readiness, tropical diseases and disaster medicine.