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NAVY OFFICERS AWARDED DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREES

BETHESDA, Md. – Forty-three Navy ensigns earned doctor of medicine degrees at the Uniformed Services University's 22nd commencement, which was held May 19 at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

During the graduation ceremony, the new doctors also were promoted to lieutenant. They will now begin internship assignments at military medical facilities around the country. The Navy graduates are:

Dean Byrd Lee Asher, Frank Orla Axelsen, David Alexander Boyd, Kenny Kwangson Choi, Trisha Lynn Clarke, Karen R. Craig, Erin Elizabeth Moira Duffy, Christopher A. Duplessis, Jonathan Agner Forsberg, Jeffrey L. Gafner, Andrew B. Gentry, Jonathan Edward Gilhooly, Gregory James Hall, Jessica Michele Hall, Carrie Ann Hallett Hall, Steven R. Hanling, Ryan J. Harris, Heather Marie Higgins, James Strachan Houston, David Lloyd Kay, Anthony William Keller, Roland S. Kent, Corry Jeb Kucik, Fernando F. Leyva and Robert Adam Liotta.

Also, Leah Kristen Love, Matthew Joseph Marcuson, Jeffrey Steven Martens, Jeffrey Harold McClellan, Gregory Scott McNabb, Khanh Van Nguyen, Gerald W. Platt, Travis Martin Polk, Carolyn Ann Reimann, Sherri Lynn Rudinsky, Daniel Lowell Sherwood, Kenneth Albert Terhaar, Eric Joseph Venn-Watson, John W. Vincent, Binh Viet Vo, Erik P. Voogd, Bruce J. Webb, Joon S Yun.

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Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University has 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 specializes in military medicine, which differs greatly from civilian medicine, and involves prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the military operations they support. Military medicine requires a solid background in tropical medicine and hygiene, parasitology and a full understanding of epidemiological methods and preventive medicine.