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USU Brigade Undergoes Change in Senior Enlisted Leadership

BETHESDA, Md. — Navy Master Chief Clinton A. Garrett Sr. assumed the duties of senior enlisted leader of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Brigade from Army Sergeant First Class Donald Peña during a ceremony Jan. 11.

Master Chief Garrett has served more than 24 years in the U.S. Navy in various roles. His most recent leadership positions include director for the Health Resources Management Course at the Naval School of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.; director for the Executive Medical Department Enlisted Course at the Naval Medical Education and Training Command in Bethesda, Md.; and Navy senior enlisted leader at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, DC. He has served as a Character Development Seminar leader, and Senior Capstone Facilitator for the United States Naval Academy's Ethics Department. He was twice nominated for the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Civic Award, and the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award in Oceanside, Calif. He holds an Associate degree in Environmental Health Technology, a Baccalaureate in Health Care Management, and a Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences.

The duties of a senior enlisted leader (SEL) include providing advice regarding enlisted matters to the brigade commander, as well as providing guidance and leadership to the enlisted members.

USU, located in Bethesda, Maryland, on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center, educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the United States Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the university's more than 4,000 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise.

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