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Media Advisory

Transition and Transformation at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences to be announced at Military Health System Annual Conference

BETHESDA, Md.--Dr. William J. Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs (HA), will introduce Dr. Charles L. Rice as fifth president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) to his colleagues and peers Jan. 30 at the Military Health System (MHS) annual conference. USU, the nation's Academy for the Health Professions, is responsible for the training and medical education of the professional officer corps who deliver military medicine to our warriors and ensure the public health of our nation. Following the announcement, Dr. Rice will host a roundtable for all interested media from 2-2:30 p.m.

Before assuming his present position, Dr. Rice, a Navy-trained surgeon and researcher, served as the vice chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Illinois, Chicago, from 1999-2004, and has been a Petersdorf Scholar-in-Residence at the Association of American Medical Colleges. His installation ceremony will occur on Feb. 7 on the USU campus on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

As president of USU, Dr. Rice is responsible for the academic, research and service mission of the university. He advises the assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs (HA) and the Service surgeons general on a wide array of issues related to graduate health professions, education and healthcare research. USU's core mission, unique among the nation's health professional schools, is to educate and train leaders in military medicine and public health, and conduct cutting-edge research to discover and develop new life-saving treatments and cures.

Dr. Rice will work with HA and the Service surgeons general on MHS transformation in medical education, public health training, research and preparedness. Under his leadership, USU is developing a forward-looking strategic plan consistent with joint operations.

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The roundtable discussion will take place during MHS Conference on Jan. 30, from 2-2:30 p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. (www.marriott.com/WASDT).

For more information about Dr. Charles L. Rice and USU, visit the following Web sites:
<http://www.usuhs.mil/installation/biography.html>
<http://www.usuhs.mil/uao/USUFactSheet.pdf>

TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) requests that media advise the TMA Communications Division if they plan to attend. All media that attend the conference must check in at the TMA Media Booth for credentialing and to get their conference badges and press kits. To arrange an interview with Dr. Rice, media may call Reginald Humphries at (301) 295-3166/e-mail at rhumphries@usuhs.mil, or Sharon Willis at (301) 295-3578/e-mail at swillis@usuhs.mil. For questions about the conference, media may call Mike Elliott at (703) 681-1765, ext. 5623, or Terry Goodman at (703) 681-1765, ext. 5620, in the TMA Communications Division.

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