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Media Advisory

DOD Medical University President Visits Travis Air Force Base

BETHESDA, Md. – Charles L. Rice, M.D., president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) in Bethesda, Md., will visit David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB, Calif., April 28-29.

USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The medical students are all active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies. The university's motto is "Learning to Care for Those in Harm's Way" and many of the university's graduates are currently serving on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dr. Rice, a Navy-trained surgeon and researcher who became USU's president in July, 2005, arrives at the university when it is evolving into what will be one of the world's largest academic health centers. He will visit David Grant Medical Center to discuss USU's role in the integration of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., called for under the Base Realignment and Closure Act and to enlist support and enthusiasm from the many USU alumni and faculty who are assigned to the hospital at Travis Air Force Base.

Dr. Rice will also be available to discuss the various educational, research and teaching opportunities available to prospective students and faculty who are interested in learning more about the nation's most unique health sciences university.

For more information about USU, visit: www.usuhs.edu.