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## News Release

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### **Groundbreaking to Mark New Era in Military Healthcare Education**

*Oct. 23 ceremony for new Academic Program Center furthers USU's mission to educate providers caring for those in harm's way*

**BETHESDA, Md.** – On Oct. 23, U.S. Senators Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) and Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), along with Department of Defense Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., other military leaders and dignitaries will help the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) celebrate the groundbreaking of its new Academic Program Center.

USU's newest facility, the first to be constructed on campus since the school was built in 1978, will accommodate the growth in the number of degree-granting programs offered by the university. The three-level structure will provide extra classrooms and faculty accommodations for USU's newest school, the Graduate School of Nursing, as well as Graduate Medical Education programs, and Continuing Health Education. The facility is expected to be completed within the next two years.

USU is the nation's only federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies. Many of the university's graduates are currently serving on the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently, the chief military medical officers serving in Afghanistan, Kuwait/Qatar, and the horn of Africa are USU alumni.

"The university is at the forefront of education and research in military medicine," said USU President Charles L. Rice, M.D. "This new facility will provide space to allow the university to continue to fulfill its essential mission in educating men and women who are learning to care for those in harm's way."

For more information about USU, please visit the website at [www.usuhs.mil](http://www.usuhs.mil). Media interested in attending the groundbreaking ceremony should call Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson, Office of External Affairs, at (301) 295-3981, before noon Friday, Oct. 20.