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USU to host Global Task Force Meeting on HIV/AIDS

Bethesda, Md. — The Uniformed Services Task Force (USTF) on HIV/AIDS is meeting at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) today, March 6, to discuss the expanding need of HIV/AIDS programs around the world.

The two day meeting is an opportunity to encourage collaboration among the United Nations, Non-Governmental Organizations, civil society, national governments and civil military institutions. The USTF proposes to establish clear and measurable results in support of HIV/AIDS prevention, and to bring together professionals to discuss key issues, such as: the promotion of universal access to AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and support to uniformed services personnel; the evaluation of future collaboration among USTF members in addressing specific interventions for uniformed services, peacekeepers, and humanitarian operations; and the establishment of a formal structure, mission and charter.

The USTF, formerly called the Working Group on HIV/AIDS for Uniformed Services, is an informal coalition of individuals and organizations working to meet the expanding need of HIV/AIDS programs for uniformed services around the globe. World participants include Thailand, Nigeria, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Brazil, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Eritria, and India, as well as the Center for Disease Control and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

USU is located on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The university is the nation's federal School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing and grants the degrees of M.D., Ph.D., Dr.Ph, and an array of master's degrees. USU is a typical academic health center with a unique focus on health promotion and disease prevention and the specialized mission of educating health care practioners to deal with peace and wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies.

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