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News Release

Artwork of Renowned Medical Illustrator Dr. Frank Netter Available for Viewing at USU

BETHESDA, Md. – The nationally recognized artwork of Dr. Frank Netter titled “Medical Masterpieces – Art of a Surgeon,” will be on exhibition at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) from March 16 to April 27.

The annual exhibit will showcase thirty paintings and several sketches of Dr. Netter’s original artwork. Dr. Netter’s artwork has been used by many physicians both in the United States and abroad as a model for learning several aspects of medicine and surgery. The paintings being displayed show various aspects of anatomy, embryology, pathophysiology, illness, diagnosis, surgery, and patient care.

Dr. Netter was a U.S. Army officer during World War II and was in charge of graphic training aids. He designed sketches for first aid and survival manuals, as well as a large volume for training X-ray technicians. The Army was able to use the pictures to teach combat first aid, and soldiers on the battlefield were able to recall what they had seen in the pictures to provide treatment.

Dr. Netter also illustrated a series of atlases, each devoted to a different organ system, known as *The Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations*. In 1985 his atlas of human anatomy was published and up until his death in 1991 Dr. Netter continued to illustrate human anatomy and pioneering medical discoveries.

Francine Netter Robinson, daughter of Dr. Netter, will talk briefly about her father’s work and service in the U.S. Army, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the University.

The Netter Exhibit is sponsored by USU’s Surgery Interest Group, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, the USU Surgical Associates, and the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Genetics.

USU is located on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The University provides military and public health-relevant education, research, service and consultation to the nation and the world, pursuing excellence and innovation during times of peace and war.

For more information or to view the Dr. Frank Netter Exhibit, call the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-1219 to gain access to the installation.