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USU Alumnus Appointed to White House Post

BETHESDA, Md. — Robert Kadlec, M.D., M.T.M.&H., an alumnus of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) was appointed Nov. 28 to serve as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security. The White House announced the appointment of Dr. Kadlec, also naming him as Senior Director for Biological Defense Policy.

Dr. Kadlec previously served as Director for Biodefense and Public Health for PRTM Management Consultants. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from USU's F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in 1983, and later returned for his Master of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene degree, which he completed in 1989. Dr. Kadlec earned his bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy, and a master's degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. Dr. Kadlec is a retired Air Force Colonel.

Dr. Kadlec served as former Staff Director for the Senate Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, and the Director of Biodefense for the National Security Council. He also helped coordinate the President's Biodefense for the 21st Century Policy in 2004. Kadlec served as a Senior Assistant for Counterproliferation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy. In this capacity, he represented the Secretary of Defense on the U.S. delegation to the Biological Weapons and Toxins Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, and also served as a United Nations Special Commission biological weapons inspector in Iraq. He has worked on a range of policy issues concerning the nonproliferation and counterproliferation of biological weapons. In addition, he previously served as special advisor for biological warfare issues to the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General and a professor of military strategy and operations at the National War College.

USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, disasters, weapons of mass destruction, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies. Many of the university's graduates are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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