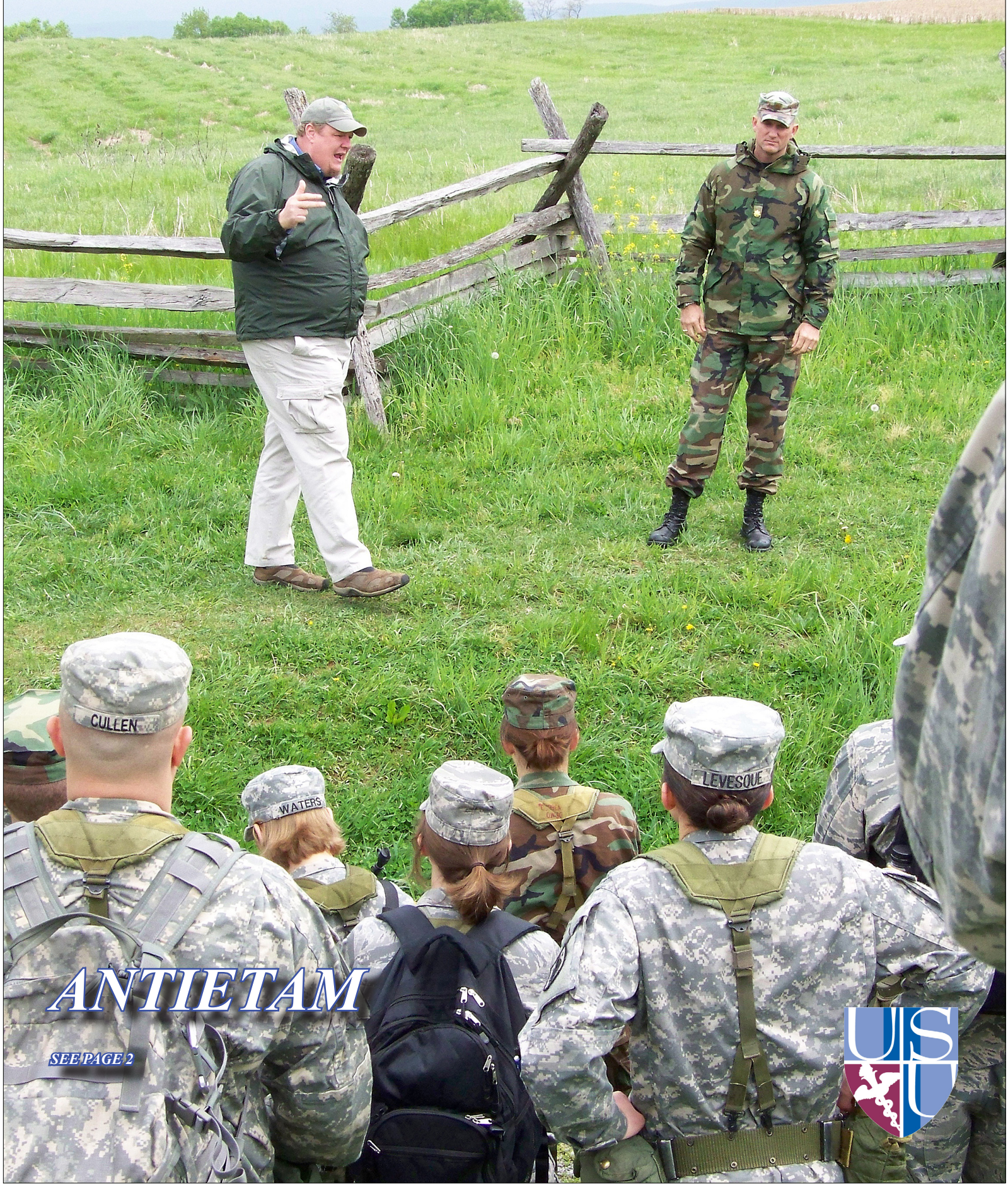


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## USU Volunteers tend to sore feet

*Air Force 2nd Lt. Meredith Maggion, tends to a participant of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C., May 2-3. Maggion is a second-year Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences medical student who is also a member of the Family Medicine Interest Group. Sixteen USU FMIG volunteers gave hands-on medical care to more than 3,000 participants of the Washington, D.C., portion of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.*

*Photo by MC2 Chad Hallford*

# Marching through time

by Christine Creenan

Learning from Soldiers past, the USU students marched across the Antietam National Battlefield April 30. They heard tales of heroism and sacrifice that left 23,000 dead or wounded in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history.

Treading the storied fields where history was made, the future medical officers came to understand, how from grave tragedy, much would be gained in the advancement of military medicine.

“Antietam was the first test of the Letterman system,” a Civil War reenactor told the group. Army Maj. John Letterman is known today as the “Father of Battlefield Medicine.” Setting up field hospitals and establishing principles of triage, Letterman’s medical procedures saved thousands of lives.

Standing in front of the reenactor’s table filled with medical supplies, University students saw common tools of the trade.

To survive gunshot wounds, the war fighter required immediate attention.

In a time when not much was known about germ theory, a rudimentary blade – known as the catlin – was used to perform amputations on wounded Union and Confederate Soldiers. Once surgery was complete, cotton or even horse hair was used to dress the wound.

“Before coming to Antietam, I didn’t have a whole lot of knowledge about what took place during the Civil War,” said Navy Ensign Scott Story. “So far, I’ve learned a lot about the different types of medical treatments available back then.”

The first-year School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing students continued their adventure through time.

“You are now in the famous Dunker Church,” said Navy Capt. Trueman Sharp, chairman, Department of Military and Emergency Medicine.

German pacifists occupied the modest house of worship at the battlefield until it was converted into a temporary medical aid station. Here,

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a truce was formed between opposing sides to exchange the wounded and bury the dead.

Twice as many Soldiers died from disease than from enemy fire, Sharp told the students seated on wooden pews inside the reconstructed church. Treatable infections of today, such as measles and dysentery, ravaged Civil War troops and were the most prolific killers of the war.

The devastation caused by one such infection was illustrated by Sharp, who shared the words of a Confederate patient, "The disease that seemed to break down the willpower more than any other was chronic diarrhea, and the patients seemed not only to lose the desire to live but all manliness and self-respect. They whined and died in spite of all we could do."

Over the course of the six-mile trek, students continued to be regaled with lessons of wartime casualty, both



Photo by MC2 Chad Hallford

*Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences students march through the Antietam National Battlefield, April 30 to gain a better understanding of military medical history.*

from their USU professors and from special guest speakers. Far removed from the traditional classroom, the annual road march brought to life the stories usually left in history books.

"Just like it's more effective to

learn anatomy on a cadaver rather than from a textbook, the Antietam experience really puts into perspective the evolution of military medicine in ways lecture alone can't," said Army 2nd Lt. B.J. McCollum.

## USU Commencement

The 2009 USU commencement ceremony will take place on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. There will be a rehearsal at the DAR Constitution Hall from 9 a.m. to noon, May 15. The buses for rehearsal will depart from the USU flag pole at 8 a.m. For directions, go to <http://www.dar.org/omni/directions.cfm>.

The timetable for personnel will be sent in the future. HM1 Sara Lee is the non-commissioned officer-in-charge for enlisted support and can be contacted at 295-9556 or [salee@usuhs.mil](mailto:salee@usuhs.mil). You may also contact Jeffrey Swope at 295-4796 or [jswope@usuhs.mil](mailto:jswope@usuhs.mil).

## Technology Watch: Host Based Security System

by MC2 Chad Hallford

Curious if information displayed on your campus desktop is being viewed by unwanted intruders? As the DoD rolls out the Host Based Security System, or HBSS, a new desktop intrusion detection system, additional software will soon be received on campus to help prevent such attacks.

"This brand new DoD enterprise application, HBSS, is mandatory to be implemented by Oct. 2009," said Joel Robertson, training coordinator and USU Information Technologies, or IT, security expert.

According to the Defense Information Systems Agency, under the sponsorship of the Enterprise-wide Information Assurance and Computer Network Defense Solutions Steering Group, the HBSS solution will be attached to each host, including servers, desktops and laptops in the DoD.

"HBSS is utilized to manage desktop systems, detect attacks against DoD systems, remove malware, spyware and viruses, monitor traffic — good or bad, and identify it," said Robertson. "It also includes built-in firewall protection."

Robertson said HBSS is in the test phase and will be deployed on campus within the next 30 days.

"For the most part, we have the network secure, but the DoD has found that as hackers have become more crafty, able to bypass some defenses, this is a step, another way of defending at the desktop, with little or no interruption to the user," said Robertson.

Concerned about vulnerability at home or elsewhere? Robertson recommends pursuing similar-end-point, commercial-off-the-shelf products available from various software companies.



# USU's Office of Continuing Health Education awarded a five-year APA accreditation

by André Nicholson

As a provider of continuing education credits for six professional groups, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Office of Continuing Health Education, or CHE, was awarded a five-year accreditation by the American Psychological Association.

The CHE serves the U.S. federal health care delivery system globally. It uniquely provides continuing education credits for psychologists, physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists and health care executives.

This most recent five-year accreditation by the APA enables the university to continue awarding credits to psychologist participants at educational events. These credits are required for maintenance of licensure for the individual to practice in their respective state. The ability to provide CE credits is not only valued by the

participants, but is widely recognized as a hallmark of a high-caliber educational institution.

Sylvia Scherr, RN, director of Continuing Education for Health Professionals, worked closely with APA. Along with an administrative team, she met with the APA to ensure complete fulfillment of all accreditation requirements in the areas where credit is awarded to psychologists.

"Although this accreditation is not rare, we are honored to have been awarded the five years," said Scherr. "We are particularly proud of this achievement, because it follows on the heels of an exemplary accreditation for physicians and nurses of six years each."

More than 150 organizations across the United States, Canada and Europe are approved providers and provide educational events routinely, she said.

However, the APA Continuing

Education Sponsor Approval System does not approve individual submissions, only organizations. In order to be an approved sponsor, the organization must submit an application and successfully meet the APA standards and criteria.

As the CHE director, Scherr is responsible for ensuring the criteria is met, changes are noted as they occur, and fees are paid, just to name a few. All are done while complying with the established timeline.

"I'm very proud of our CHE team in achieving this exemplary accreditation," said CAPT Jaime Luke, NC, USN, senior executive director of CHE. "It demonstrates incredible teamwork, but more importantly, it will help our military and federal health care providers care for our active-duty military beneficiaries, particularly our wounded heroes and service members returning from deployments."

## Words of wisdom

*Dr. James Smirniotopoulos was the featured lecturer at the 65th Annual George W. Holmes lecture April 17. He is a professor and chair of the Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences and professor in the Department of Neurology. His lecture was on Tuberculous Sclerosis, Sturge-Weber and von Hippel Lindau syndromes.*



*Courtesy photo*



# USU recognizes outstanding servicemembers

by Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine

The USU recognized 16 outstanding servicemembers for their hard work, dedication and service during a Brigade Awards ceremony, April 17.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. William Bester, vice president for distributed learning and acting vice president of external affairs, and Air Force Col. Ken Tashiro presented the awards.

“This is a great day,” said Bester. “This morning we will recognize some of the officers and enlisted personnel that support our organization and contribute to the success of our mission.”

The recipients earned a variety of awards from the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and a Letter of Commendation.

As part of the ceremony, the USU Color Guard Member of the Quarter and the USU Servicemember of the Quarter were named.

Servicemembers awarded during the Brigade Awards Ceremony were:

- Navy Capt. Kenneth W. Schor with the Defense Superior Service Medal
- Air Force Col. Gary C. Martin with the Defense Superior Service Medal
- Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael J. Kemper with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Master Sgt. William S. Vernon with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Maj. Kevin J. Leary with the Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Adam N. Race with the Joint Service Commendation Medal and with the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Careese Charles with the Joint Service Commendation Medal and with the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Army Capt. Sean F. Tyler with the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Air Force Maj. Glenn Burns with the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Army Maj. Rebecca Luria with the Joint Service Achievement Medal and again with the Joint Service Achievement Medal for her service while being an Army captain.
- Air Force Tech. Sgt. Scott M. Beauchamp with the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Catrina J. Redfield with the Joint Service Achievement Medal



Photo by HM2 Michael Oliver

*Servicemembers pose for a picture following the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Brigade Awards ceremony April 17. Sixteen servicemembers were recognized during the ceremony. Shown in the picture by last name only:*

*Top row: Martin, Burns, Hallford, Kemper  
Middle row: Vernon, Luria, Charles, Beauchamp  
Front row: Schor, Tyler, Valenzuela, Race, Campbell*

- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad A. Hallford with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Brian C. Politi with a Letter of Commendation
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ruben Valenzuela was recognized as the Color Guard Member of the Quarter
- Air Force Tech. Sgt. Louella Campbell was recognized as the Service Member of the Quarter

## DoD requires prompt filing of travel vouchers

Courtesy of Financial Management Group

Through the hustle and bustle of traveling, trying to decide what to pack or what to take on an airplane makes it easy to forget something.

But, one thing that cannot be forgotten is that the Department of Defense requires travelers to file a settlement voucher within five duty days of completion of the trip.

This requirement is important for two reasons: The traveler will be paid promptly as will the Government Travel Card contractor, thereby reducing the number of delinquent accounts in DOD; and the USU's travel

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# USU receives Compassionate Employer recognition

by MC2 Chad Hallford

The USU was recognized as one of 141 employers nationwide that show extra sensitivity to bereaved employees following the death of a child, according to The Compassionate Friends, or TCF. The Compassionate Friends is the nation's largest self-help bereavement organization with more than 600 chapters serving all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

The recognition plaque was presented to University leadership April 17 during an awards program for military servicemembers.

The USU was among those selected in 2009 "for going above and beyond the normal policies of most companies in helping their employees when the death of a child occurred." Air Force Tech. Sgt. Louella Campbell, who is assigned to the USU department of psychiatry, lost her daughter - one of a pair of paternal twins - shortly after she was born in November 2007.

"I put them in for this award because my department was extremely flexible with my schedule, taking time off, leave and my situation of still having a newborn," Campbell said. "They really did everything they could so I could spend time in the (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). They also really did their best to help me overcome the emotional triggers that impacted me whether it was six months or a year later - that's very important in the grieving process."

Campbell attended her first meeting for grieving parents the year following the loss of her daughter. The TCF assists families seeking positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and provides information to help others be supportive. Campbell nominated USU for selection because the University made significant strides to ensure she had the resources and time needed to begin the healing process following grief.

"I had been pursuing individual counseling through Military One Source, then through Navy medical," said Campbell, but she said she felt she needed something more personally satisfying. "I thought maybe one-on-one counseling was not going to help me, and my husband had not been pursuing counseling either," said Campbell. "It sounds



Photo by HM2 Michael Oliver

*From left to right: Col. Kenneth Tashiro, Jo Ann Gellman, Lt. Col. David Benedek, Robert Hahn, Retired Army Brig. Gen. William Bester. Gellman and Hahn presented The Compassionate Friends Employer Award to USU, April 17.*

strange, but I was excited when we found that there was a monthly support group in the city of Frederick, were we live. I knew it was going to be helpful — it really was. We walked in and we were surrounded by people who were in the same boat, who had experienced the same thing."

Ms. Jo Ann Gellman, from TCF's Potomac Maryland Chapter and Mr. Robert Hahn of the Frederick Chapter of The Compassionate Friends bestowed USU the award, alongside Campbell.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. William Bester, acting vice president of external affairs, and Air Force Col. Dr. Kenneth Tashiro, commandant, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, accepted the award on behalf of USU.

"Speaking on behalf of USU president Dr. Charles Rice, we are honored to have been recognized by TCF for our response to employees dealing with difficult family issues," said Bester. "Our faculty and staff give every day to ensure the safety and well being of their country and all U.S. citizens. For us to allow them the necessary time to grieve, when they are suffering such a personal loss, is simply one way we can demonstrate our appreciation for their commitment and service."

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budget balances will be more accurate. The requirement also applies to department representatives who invite travelers from outside organizations. If someone is invited to the University, be sure to follow up with the individual to obtain a voucher as soon as the trip has ended.

It is also extremely important to remember to cancel

a travel order promptly if the trip is not being taken. If the invited traveler cannot make the trip, make sure the department cancels the order. Unfortunately, the University loses several thousand dollars every year due to travelers and departments not canceling orders in a timely manner for travel not performed. These are funds that could have been used for other essential projects. With everyone's cooperation we can get the biggest bang for our buck.



# USU Briefs

**Helpdesk Closure:** The UIS helpdesk is closed for training on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. During this time, you can leave a voicemail message at 295-9800, utilize the HEAT Self Service (<http://www.usuhs.mil/uis/forms/trouble.html>), or email [help@usuhs.mil](mailto:help@usuhs.mil). If an emergency should arise, please call 295-9870.

**Personal Exercise/Fitness Areas:** Physical Fitness training should be conducted in designated areas. The only authorized space for PT within the university is room G060. All other spaces within the university are not authorized for exercise or fitness, with the exception of the Student Community Lounge area during specified PFT testing dates/times. Indoor PT is also authorized on base at the Comfort Zone Complex, or CZC, in building 23. The CZC hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**2009 Field Exercises:** Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner will be conducted from July 7-24 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Advance personnel will deploy on July 7 and main body personnel will deploy on July 12. These exercises are unique to our university and require the support of all university uniformed personnel. Only emergency leave will be granted during this time frame as there are more than 145 uniformed personnel needed to support this mission.

**Proper Use of Computer Resources:** Security incidents continue to be a drain to limited USU Information Assurance manpower. The following highlight current DoD policy and best practices: Personnel must not install self-coded or non-licensed software on network resources; add, remove, configure, or attempt to modify USU computer operating systems or programs; move audio/visual or network cables, computers or attempt to connect personal computers to the network including MDL and lecture hall spaces; connect personal devices except for those previously authorized by UIS; download pornographic material and store or display offensive material, such as racist literature, sexually harassing or obscene language or material; store or process classified information on any USU system; permit unauthorized individuals access to a government-owned or government-operated system or program; access online gambling, games and social engineering sites.

**Military Awards Nominations:** The next military awards panel will convene May 26. Nomination packages will be due through the chain of command no later than May 19. Any award with higher precedence than the Defense Meritorious Service Medal must be submitted 150 days prior to presentation. Please provide a signed copy as well as an electronic version to Air Force Tech. Sgt. Louella Campbell at (301) 295-1515 or [lcampbell@usuhs.mil](mailto:lcampbell@usuhs.mil) or HM2 Sylvia McBee at (301) 295-3423 or [Sylvia.mcbee@usuhs.mil](mailto:Sylvia.mcbee@usuhs.mil).



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