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Advances in Military Medicine Improve Care of Soldiers, Civilians

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) and The Henry M. Jackson Foundation (HJF) for the Advancement of Military Medicine, will host their first joint symposium to discuss current and future advances in military medical research June 30.

Many Americans are unaware that advances in military medicine are applicable to civilian health care and that there is much to be gained by increasing collaborations among military and civilian health care practitioners. Fewer people understand how health care is improved worldwide when civilian and military researchers unite. CBS News Correspondent and Author Kimberly Dozier, who is the keynote speaker during the symposium, witnessed first-hand the advancements in military research. Ms. Dozier, along with two of her colleagues were victims of a car bombing in Baghdad on May 29, 2006. Her colleagues died in that bombing but Ms. Dozier although seriously wounded survived and underwent multiple surgeries and months of physiotherapy.

A major goal of the symposium is to increase and enhance the military and civilian research collaborations that are so critical to improving health care. Leading military and civilian medical experts in the areas of posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, trauma/combat casualty care, infectious diseases, and cancer will collaborate in order to meet this goal.

Experts speaking at the symposium include:

- **COL Trip Buckenmaier, III, M.D.**, is the current Chief of Anesthesia & Operative Services; Chief of Regional Anesthesia; and Program Director for the Army Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management Initiative (ARAPMI) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **LTC(P) Paul F. Pasquina, M.D.**, is chief of the Integrated Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center.
- **MAJ Jayson Aydelotte, M.D.** is Director of Trauma and a teaching clinical staff member at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **CDR James Dunne, M.D.**, is a trauma surgeon in the Navy's Medical Corps. He is currently assigned to the National Naval Medical Center.

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- **Robert J. Ursano, M.D.**, is a professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University and founding director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS).
- **COL Rocco A. Armonda, M.D.**, is Director for Cerebrovascular Surgery, Interventional Neuroradiology and Neurocritical Care for the National Capital Neurosurgery Consortium, serving at both Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center.
- **COL(S) Michael S. Jaffee, M.D.**, serves as national director of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, headquartered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- **Nelson L. Michael, M.D., Ph.D.** is currently Director of the U.S. Military HIV Research Program (USMHRP) and the Division of Retrovirology, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.
- **CAPT Gregory J. Martin, M.D.**, is the director of the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program (IDCRP) at the Uniformed Services University (USU).
- **CAPT Stephen Savarino, M.D.**, is the director of the Enteric Diseases Department at the Naval Medical Research Center.
- **Tracy S. DuVernoy, D.V.M.**, is Chief of the Communications Center at the U.S. Department of Defense, Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS).
- **COL George Peoples, M.D.**, served as Chief of Surgical Oncology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 1998—2006, and now serves in that role at Brooke Army Medical Center.
- **COL Craig D. Shriver, M.D.**, is program director of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) General Surgery residency; director, co-founder and principal investigator of the Clinical Breast Care Project (CBCP); and Chief of General Surgery at WRAMC.
- **LTC(P) Alexander Stojadinovic, M.D.**, is an attending surgeon at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He is vice chairman and principal investigator for the Department Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, as well as the program leader for the Gastrointestinal Cancer Program, United States Military Cancer Institute.
- **COL David G. McLeod, M.D., J.D.**, is the director of the Center for Prostate Disease Research, former Program Director in Urology and Chief of Urologic Oncology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing, and also offers several graduate programs in the biomedical sciences and public health. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service.

The USU/HJF Symposium will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, June 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Media interested in attending should contact Kelly Huegel at 301-294-7283 or e-mail khuegel@hjf.org. For more information visit www.hjf.org/symposium.