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**Gen. Paxton to Speak at USU Commencement on Armed Forces Day**

**Bethesda, Md.** – Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., will address more than 360 uniformed professionals and their guests on May 21 as they receive their long-deserved medical, graduate nursing, dental and biomedical science, public health and clinical psychology degrees from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU).

The 37<sup>th</sup> commencement exercise will take place at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on Armed Forces Day.

The second highest ranking officer in the Marine Corps, Paxton is a civil engineer by trade. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He most recently served as Commander, Marine Corps Forces Command, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, and Commander, Marine Forces Europe. As a general officer, his other assignments have included Company Commander, Co. B, Marine Barracks Washington, and Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station New York. He has served as a Plans Division Officer, Plans, Policies and Operations, HQMC; the Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary of the Navy; and Amphibious Operations Officer/Crisis Action Team Executive Officer, Combined Forces Command, Republic of Korea.



Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr.  
(Official Photo)

During the commencement exercise, students will enter DAR Constitution Hall to “Pomp and Circumstance” performed by “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Corps Band. The graduates are a mix of military and civilian students. The uniformed students are active duty officers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force or Public Health Service and will walk across the stage, wearing their academic regalia. They’ll receive their diplomas, then leave the stage and change back into their military uniforms. Graduating medical students will return to recite their respective Service commissioning oath, led individually by each Surgeon General or his/her representative, and will then be promoted to their next rank.

Graduates from USU’s F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine include:

166 Doctor of Medicine degrees

1 Doctor of Public Health degree

16 Doctor of Philosophy in Basic Science degrees

8 Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology degrees  
8 Master of Health Administration and Policy degrees  
21 Master of Public Health degrees  
9 Master of Science in Public Health degrees  
1 Master of Science degree  
3 Master of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene degrees

The Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing at USU will confer:

1 Master of Science in Nursing degree  
45 Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees  
7 Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science degrees

The Postgraduate Dental College will confer:

66 Master of Science in Oral Biology Degrees

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### **About the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences**

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, founded by an act of Congress in 1972, is the nation's federal health sciences university and the academic heart of the Military Health System. USU students are primarily active duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who receive specialized education in tropical and infectious diseases, TBI and PTSD, disaster response and humanitarian assistance, global health, and acute trauma care. A large percentage of the university's more than 5,500 physician and 1,000 advanced practice nursing alumni are supporting operations around the world, offering their leadership and expertise. USU also has graduate programs in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in research, and in oral biology. The University's research program covers a wide range of clinical and other topics important to both the military and public health. For more information about USU and its programs, visit [www.usuhs.edu](http://www.usuhs.edu).