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USU Alumnus Rear Admiral (Dr.) David Lane to Direct Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Bethesda, MD – Rear Adm. (Dr.) David Lane, a 1991 graduate of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, has been named as the next director of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Adm. John Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, made the announcement on Monday.

Lane, who is currently serving as The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps and the director of Health Services for the Marine Corps, enlisted in the Navy in 1975 as a hospital corpsman. He was later accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1981. Lane subsequently served as a naval flight officer in EA-6B Prowler aircraft prior to attending medical school at USU.

After medical school, Lane completed a family medicine residency at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Wash., and served on clinical staffs at the Naval Hospital Bremerton, Naval Health Clinic Groton, and Naval Medical Center San Diego before being selected as Aide to the Surgeon General of the Navy. He has also cared for patients at the Naval Hospital Rota Spain, Naval Health Clinic Newport, Rhode Island, Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, and most recently at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, where he served as Commanding Officer. Lane also served as a command surgeon with the Marines in the Pacific area of operations from 2004-2012, and spent two years at Yale University School of Medicine as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.

“I am delighted that Admiral Lane has been named to the directorship of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. I have known and worked with him for many years and I know that he, as a USU alumnus, understands the critical importance of a close working relationship between the medical center and the university. I am confident that he will build on the outstanding groundwork of Maj. Gen. Jeff Clark,” said Charles L. Rice, MD, USU President.

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