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**Former DoD Assistant Secretary for Health Jonathan Woodson to deliver USU Research Days Presidential Lecture**

**Bethesda, Md.** – The Honorable (Dr.) Jonathan Woodson, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, will address a number of interdisciplinary researchers, medical students, faculty and staff as he delivers the Presidential Lecture at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) annual Research Days on May 19.

Taking place throughout May, USU's Research Days highlight the latest studies, interests, findings and achievements by students and postdoctoral fellows at USU. Additionally, the month-long activities and lectures provide an opportunity for collaboration and facilitate communication between the University's graduate students and faculty, and the local scientific community. Woodson's lecture, "The Military Health System: Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future," will take place in the University's Sanford Auditorium.

The former principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on health issues, Woodson administered the more than \$50 billion budget for the Military Health System (MHS), comprised of more than 133,000 military and civilian doctors, nurses, medical educators, researchers, providers and administrative personnel worldwide. He directed the Defense Health Agency, USU, the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and the Armed Services Blood Program Office. Woodson stepped down at the end of April to return to academic pursuits in Boston.

"I am delighted that Dr. Woodson will be giving the Presidential Lecture - the last during my tenure as president. His long association with the university as a faculty member in the Department of Surgery, his close association with many of our alumni during his several deployments and, most recently, his service as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs gives him a unique perspective on USU. He has been a tireless and highly effective advocate for and a great friend of the university. He has left a lasting mark on the MHS and on USU," said Charles L. Rice, M.D., USU President.

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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 5,200 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).