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On the cover

Marine Capt. Matthew Anderson, Air Force Master Sgt. Steven Huntington, USU's CFC Loaned Executive Dr. Tre Steger, and USU CFC Campaign Manager Army Capt. Justin Beam kicked off USU's CFC campaign. (See story on page 4)



AFRRI holds officer professional development program

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine

Army Lt. Col. Lindsay-DoDoo watches the eternal flame at the President Kennedy Memorial gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery. Lt. Col. Lindsay-DoDoo was one of 12 officers from the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute who participated in officer professional development at the cemetery.

Twelve officers from the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) recently participated in an officer professional development program (OPD).

The event, which focused on helping officers at AFRRI become re-invigorated with military tradition in an environment of mentorship and camaraderie, took place during a visit to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

While at the memorial, the officers watched a documentary film and received a guided tour of the facility, including the Hall of Honor. The tour highlighted the progression of female servicemembers from the American Revolution to modern day. It also highlighted groundbreaking achievements by women servicemembers such as Dr. Mary Edwards Walker – the only woman recipient of the Medal of Honor.

The officers also took a guided tour of Arlington National Cemetery. They visited several notable gravesites, witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and visited

Arlington House, the former home and estate of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

“I wanted to keep the officers in OPD intouch with their military roots and the heritage of officer-ship,” said Army Col. Mark Melanson, the AFRRI director. “I have been on this visit before, and I know it is a really good combination of history and heritage for these officers. Plus, Arlington is well known, but a visit to the Women’s Memorial is a unique opportunity that many of these officers haven’t been a part of yet.”

Colonel Melanson has been conducting OPD for more than 10 years and emphasized the importance of history and heritage to the officers attending the event. This is especially notable as AFRRI is celebrating its own 50th anniversary.

The officers attending the event took this lesson in development to heart.

“I would say this event was definitely a success,” said Army Capt. John Madrid. “This session has gone really well and it has been great to be able to learn and honor our female service members at the same time.”

IDCRP undergoes leadership change

Courtesy of IDCRP

Army Colonel (Dr.) Mark Kortepeter recently assumed the role of Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program (IDCRP) Director, replacing former Director Captain (Dr.) Gregory Martin in the role. Kortepeter previously served as IDCRP Deputy Director and Scientific Review Board (SRB) Chairman.

Dr. Gerald Quinnan, Chief of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics (PMB) recently announced the change following Martin's move to the National Naval Medical Center.

The IDCRP, part of the Department of PMB, was established under a cooperative agreement between USU and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to conduct infectious disease research that has relevance to the DoD and the NIAID.

The IDCRP is specifically poised to conduct multi-center research. The IDCRP network originally grew out of the U.S. Military HIV Natural History Study network, and HIV continues to be one of the research focuses.

During his tenure, Martin built the program into a tri-service clinical research network that extended to 10 treatment facilities across the globe, from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, to Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. This was facilitated by the establishment of a network SRB and an Infectious Disease Institutional Review Board (IRB) housed at USU that allows for a single scientific protocol review and a single human use review. This network IRB is unique within the DoD and a model for other potential multi-site programs.

As a result of this streamlined process, the program rolled out several major multicenter studies of importance to the DoD, such as long-term outcomes of war-related trauma infections in service members from Operations Enduring and Iraqi



Courtesy Photo

Army Col. (Dr.) Mark Kortepeter, right, recently took over leadership of the director of the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program from Navy Capt. (Dr.) Gregory Martin, left, the previous IDCRP director. Captain Martin was the previous director for the IDCRP. The colonel has served as the IDCRP's deputy director and the Scientific Review Board chairman since last year. The IDCRP is part of the Department of Preventative Medicine and Biometrics. The department was established under a cooperative agreement between USU and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Its mission is to conduct infectious disease research relevant to the DoD and NIAID.

Freedom and overseas travel-related infections that can occur in DoD travelers. In addition, the network was able to respond rapidly during the 2009 H1N1 swine variant influenza outbreak to set up a respiratory disease multi-site collaboration over a period of 4 months from concept to protocol initiation.

Another focus has been on prevention of skin and soft-tissue infections related to *Staphylococcus aureus*. The IDCRP has had an extraordinary contribution to science over this period, due to the effectiveness of the network that Martin built. Thus far in 2010, the network has published 27 articles in some of the world's leading scientific and medical journals.

Kortepeter is board certified in infectious diseases and preventive medicine. He has a strong background in biodefense research, having recently served as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Fort Detrick, MD. He also has a research interest in viral hemorrhagic fevers and filoviruses (Ebola and Marburg), in particular. Martin, who is the Consultant to the Navy Surgeon General for Infectious Diseases, transferred to the infectious disease service at NNMC. He will still maintain ties with the IDCRP as the Navy representative to the IDCRP's Steering Committee.

CFC begins!

by MC1 Chad Hallford



Photo by HM1 Michael Oliver

USU President Dr. Charles L. Rice joined the University masses at the Combined Federal Campaign kick-off barbecue. The event was the CFC's official opening activity and featured more than a dozen organizations with information, novelties and first-hand accounts of the CFC's impact across the Nation and locally.

USU "fired off" its 2010 Combined Federal Campaign with a ceremony and on-campus barbecue, Oct. 5.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effectively provides all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for others.

The ceremony and barbecue began with opening comments by Dr. Charles Rice, who launched USU's 2010 campaign to raise more than \$165,000. USU's CFC loaned executive, Dr. TreSina Steger, who is with the Department of Defense Washington Headquarters Services, was also on hand to kick off the campaign. The ceremony provided CFC charity representatives a chance to send their respective messages to attendees.

"People like to have a face behind the organizations they give to...find out a story from someone who was affected by each organization, how lives improved from the generosity of those who have contributed to various organizations," said Air Force Master Sgt. Stephen Huntington, CFC noncommissioned officer in-charge.

More than 14 local, national or international CFC organizations,

representing military issues, health concerns, world relief efforts and humanitarian causes, offered information as well as first-hand accounts of how the charities have directly helped people.

"Hopefully, those who attended learned about the organizations to which they may potentially donate and were overcome with the spirit of giving," said Huntington.

The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. It helps raise millions of dollars each year, both nationally and internationally, to support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

"I had never been to a CFC event. I was surprised for a cold, windy day that so many dedicated charities attended," said Marine Capt. Matthew Anderson, CFC co-manager.

The CFC campaign runs through December. For more information about donating to an individual organization, contact CFC campaign manager, Army Capt. Justin Beam, co-manager Marine Capt. Matthew Anderson, or your department's key worker.

Air Force uniform phaseout dates draw near

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine

The Air Force Uniform Office recently updated the Air Force official wear of certain uniformed items.

As of Oct. 1, the following uniform item will be phased out.

- 100 percent wool pullover sweater is replaced with the looser fitting, smooth fabric pullover sweater
- 2EXXX, 3AXXX and 3CXXX legacy badges
- Black fleece
- Green fleece used as outer garment without name, service designator and rank

Additionally, the optional green fleece without nametapes and rank may only be worn as a liner to the All-Purpose Environmental Clothing System. As an outer garment, the green fleece must have the Airman's name, Air Force tape and rank attached.

With many phaseout and mandatory wear dates approaching, the Air Force uniform will also see additional changes over the next year.

Here are a few dates to remember for.

As of the following dates, wear of the listed uniform items will be phased out as part of these policy changes:

Beginning Dec. 31:

- Gray and dark blue scarves, gloves, mittens and earmuffs

Beginning Oct. 1, 2011:

- 33S legacy badges

Beginning Nov. 1, 2011:

- Battle Dress Uniform
- Desert Camouflage Uniform
- Tan boots (excluding Airmen deployed to the area of responsibility)

Wear of the Airman Battle Uniform and ABU items will be mandatory as of Nov. 1, 2011.

For more information on uniform items, visit the Air Force uniform Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/index.asp>.

USU, HJF host warrior care symposium

by Christine Creenan-Jones

The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine and USU brought together a broad spectrum of participants Sept. 23 for their annual symposium.

The Military Medicine Symposium: Advancing Public-Private Partnerships, is designed to foster partnerships between military and civilian collaborations to advance military medicine.

Speakers at the event, held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., highlighted the latest in warrior care and military-focused research. They also discussed some of the challenges our servicemembers face on battlefields and at home.

Army Col. David Sutherland, special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for warrior and family support, gave the symposium's opening keynote address. Nancy Berglass, director of the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment

Impact Fund, presented the afternoon keynote address, which emphasized the importance of new and promising solutions to issues of warrior care involving collaborations among the Department of Defense and civilian partners.

"If our warriors are not well, neither are we," said Berglass. "Now is the time for us to step up."

Robert Ursano, M.D., professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at USU, repeated this sentiment when leading a discussion on suicide – one of the military's gravest and most concerning issues today.

"Suicide is everyone's problem," he said. Despite the military's best efforts, there is no downward turn in this alarming trend.

Other service-related injuries and community programs were also discussed at the symposium.

Regina Armstrong, Ph.D., director of the Center for Neuroscience and

Regenerative Medicine at USU, spoke about the use of regenerative medicine to treat Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Cutting-edge therapies, such as those Armstrong is exploring, could represent a significant breakthrough for thousands of wounded warriors.

A third panel of symposium experts identified the current needs and gaps within the military medical systems.

Fostering opportunities for collaborated and expanded public-private partnerships, the symposium enhanced the resources availability to diagnose, treat and heal the complex injuries harming American fighting forces.

"It is essential we provide Soldiers with the best protection on battlefields and the best care when they get home," said Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) during opening remarks. "That is what this symposium is all about."

28th USU International Surgery Day



Photo by Thomas Balfour

Students and faculty heard from a collection of international surgical leaders recently when they visited the USU campus for the 28th International Surgery Day. Highlighting the day's activities was the 13th Charles G. Rob Distinguished Surgical lecturer, Professor Ian Civil. Civil is the President of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Other international lecturers included Dr. Christian Guoullat from Lyon, France, Dr. Sherif Sultan from Galway, Ireland and Gerhard Hoffman from Solingen, Germany.

Denton, Hemmer receive CDIM honors

by Ken Frager



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Capt. (Dr.) Dodd Denton

The Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM), part of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine, has recognized two USU faculty members for their contributions to teaching and educational research.



Photo by Thomas Balfour

Col. (Dr.) Paul Hemmer

Navy Captain (Dr.) Gerald 'Dodd' Denton, associate professor of Medicine and Internal Medicine Clerkship Director, is the recipient of the 2010 CDIM Charles H. Griffith, III, MD, Educational Research Award.

The CDIM Educational Research Award is presented annually to a CDIM member who has contributed greatly to educational research.

Since the award's inception in 1998, four members of the USU Department of Medicine Educational Programs Division have received the award. Dr. Louis Pangaro (2000); Dr. Paul Hemmer (2001); and Dr. Steven Durning (2006).

Air Force Col. (Dr.) Paul Hemmer, associate professor of Medicine and Vice Chair for Educational Programs, is the recipient of the 2010 CDIM Ruth Marie Fincher Service Award for outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the CDIM. Dr. Hemmer is the second member of the USU faculty to receive this award. Dr. Pangaro received the award in 2005.

Recognizing excellence



Photo by Dave Morse

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Dennis M. McCarthy, right center, poses for a photo with USU President Dr. Charles L. Rice, left center, and several leaders of the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute following his recent visit there. Secretary McCarthy is a presidential appointee who serves as the principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense on all matters involving the 1.2 million members of the Reserve Components of the United States Armed Forces.

Briefs

DAI training courses available

In October, the College and University Financial System (CUFS) will be replaced by the Defense Agency Initiative's (DAI) Oracle Federal Financial System.

To coincide with the October implementation of the Defense Agency Initiative's (DAI) Oracle Federal Financial System, the following DAI training classes will be offered through October.

To reserve a class date for a DAI course, register online at: http://www.lrc.usuhs.mil/content/usutraining_reg.php. Additional DAI training class dates will be offered as needed.

For more information about DAI training, contact Debbie Trunnell at 295-9869 or Bob Parker at 295-3287.

New carpool guidance

The USU is currently transitioning to the new carpool program and any groups who wish to use the carpool garage at USU will have to apply to the NSAB.

An authorized carpool group can park in any of the spaces 1 thru 41 in the carpool area at this time. Once the carpool garage is full all other carpool groups will have to seek parking in the USU garage.

Drivers who arrive as the only member of their carpool group should not park in the assigned carpool area prior to 9 a.m. These drivers should park in the general USU parking areas.

To legally park in the USU carpool area a vehicle must have an L-1 sticker on the rear of your vehicle and a carpool rearview mirror hanger.

The carpool area will be open to all "L1" and "W" stickers between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Drivers should also be aware that the base police will be enforcing this program. The USU Security office will assist in enforcing the program.

Drivers at AFRRRI should be aware that they are not included in the USU carpool program.

If you have additional questions you may contact the USU Security Department at 295-3033.

Vaccines available

The USU Family Health Center is now able to vaccinate all uniformed active duty, faculty and staff.

Vaccinations will continue to be processed daily except on Tuesday afternoons.

Certain Tricare eligible patients are also able to obtain their flu shots or mist at 12:45 p.m. These patients include:

- Children ages six to 35 months
- Children ages 2 years and up
- Children ages 9 yrs and up who are immuno-compromised

The clinic will begin vaccination of all Tricare eligible adults on Oct. 25 from 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily except on Tuesday afternoon's.

Vaccinations for the USU civilian population are still being determined.

For more information, contact the clinic.

Using 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.

Personnel must not permit unauthorized individuals access to a government-owned or government-operated system or program; access online gambling, games and social engineering sites.

Common Access Card Renewal

A large number of federal University employees will be required to renew their Common Access Card (CAC) by December 2010.

CAC renewal is extremely important to maintain access to DTS (Travel) and all DAI (Time keeping/ Procurement) applications.

Appointments at NNMC will fill up fast during this time period, and Thursdays starting at 7:30 a.m. is the only day NNMC will accept walk-ins.

Please note people can renew their CAC at any RAPIDS location site. Online appointments at convenient locations can be made by using the following link: <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil/default.aspx>. Alternate locations can be found at the following link: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>.

Contractors must be updated in the Contractors Verification System (CVS) by the USU Security Department prior to issuing or renewing a CAC.

Professional activities

The Department of Defense and USU policy requires that all employees, both military and civilian, receive approval for engaging in any activity outside their work environment, which involves their professional expertise or government occupation, and involves compensation.

This approval is required prior to engaging in the activity.

In order to get approval, any employee can complete a USUHS Form 1004. This completed form must be approved and signed by each department chair or activity head.

These forms are available in the General Counsel's office or online at the USU OGC Web site.

Completed forms must be turned in to the General Counsel's office. The form will be routed to the appropriate dean, brigade commander or USUHS president.

Once processing is completed, a copy of the approved form will be returned to the employee for the employee's records.



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