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Media Advisory

RICE TO BE INSTALLED AS UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY'S FIFTH PRESIDENT

BETHESDA, Md. – Dr. Charles L. Rice, former vice chancellor for health affairs at the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC), will be installed as the fifth president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) on Tuesday, Feb. 7 by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., and USU Board of Regents Chairman Everett Alvarez, Jr.

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Members of the USU Board of Regents, as well as faculty members and representatives from more than 20 other colleges, universities, professional societies and organizations will participate in the academic procession that will open the installation ceremony. Retired Army Surgeon General, Dr. Ronald R. Blanck, president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, will be the guest speaker, and will be joined on the dais by Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), and Dr. David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. A reception will follow the hour-long event.

Dr. Rice, who officially assumed his duties as president last July, is a retired Naval Reserve Captain and USU's fifth president. He was preceded Dr. Anthony Curreri (1973-1976), David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard (1976-1981), Dr. Jay P. Sanford, who was USU's third president as well as dean of the school of medicine (1981-1990), and Dr. James A. Zimble (1991-2004). Dr. Zimble, a retired Vice Admiral and former Navy Surgeon General, will attend the ceremony.

Before assuming his present position, Dr. Rice, a Navy-trained surgeon and researcher, served as the vice chancellor for health affairs at UIC from 1999-2004. Prior to that, he was vice dean of the UIC College of Medicine, as well as a professor of surgery and professor of physiology and biophysics.

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As president of USU, Dr. Rice is responsible for the academic, research and service mission of the university. He advises the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the four uniformed Surgeons General on a wide array of issues related to graduate health professions education and health care research.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the United States Public Health Service. The university provides military and public health-relevant education, research, service and consultation to the nation and the world, pursuing excellence and innovation during times of peace and war.

Dr. Rice graduated with an A.B. from the University of Georgia in 1964 and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1968. He interned at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. He completed his general surgery residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., followed by a research fellowship at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda.

His research interests, many funded by the National Institutes of Health, have been in the biology of lung injury and in mechanisms of cell and tissue injury in shock. His clinical focus has been in trauma and critical care. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Surgical Association and the Society of University Surgeons, and is a past president of the Shock Society. Rice was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow and served as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Thomas A. Daschle (D-SD) from 1991 to 1992. During that time he also served as the Surgeon to the President of the United States. He was a member of the Board of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education from 1998 to 2004 and served as its Chair from 2002 to 2004. Dr. Rice has also been a Petersdorf Scholar-in-Residence at the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Rice was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Reserve Medical Corps in 1966. Three years later, he transferred into the regular Navy and quickly rose through the ranks. He left active duty, but remained in the Naval Reserve, through which he was promoted to Captain in 1991. He retired in 2003. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit.

In addition to appointments at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Dr. Rice has served on the faculty of the University of Chicago, the University of Washington, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He has spoken widely to a variety of national audiences, and has authored numerous scientific papers, abstracts, and medical texts.

Rice is a member of many professional organizations and health policy groups, and is a recognized leader in American academic medicine. A native of Atlanta, Ga., he and his wife, Judy, have two sons -- Patrick, a naval officer, and Aaron, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago.

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