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Gates Appoints Krulak and Lewin to University Board of Regents

Bethesda, Md – Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has appointed retired General Charles Krulak and Mr. Lawrence Lewin to serve as members of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Board of Regents.

The former Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, Krulak currently serves as an executive consultant and a member of the board of directors for the Union Pacific Corporation in Omaha, Neb., and the Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Corporation in Phoenix, Ariz. Krulak was vice chairman, head of corporate development and acquisitions, and chief administrative officer of the MBNA America Bank, and chairman and chief executive officer of the MBNA Europe Bank, Ltd.

Lewin is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences and an executive consultant for a number of health care organizations across the United States. Founder of The Lewin Group, a health care management and consulting firm, he was the firm's president and chief executive officer from 1970 through 1999. Lewin serves on a number of corporate boards, including H&Q Healthcare and Life Sciences funds and Intermountain Healthcare. Mr. Lewis previously served on the Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care.

“We are very pleased to have both General Krulak and Mr. Lewin join the USU Board of Regents. They both bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the board, and their wide-ranging experience will prove extremely valuable to the university,” said USU President Charles L. Rice, M.D.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The University educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Medical students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the University's nearly 4,400 physician alumni and more than 400 advanced practice nurses, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise. The University also has graduate programs open to civilian and military applicants in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in the didactic and research training which have awarded more than 300 Ph.D. and 100 M.S. degrees to date.

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