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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

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THROUGH: PRESIDENT, UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH

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SUBJECT: Nominations for the Military and Emergency Medicine Chair Position at the

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

I request your assistance in nominating highly qualified officers for the position of the Chair of the department of Military and Emergency Medicine (MEM). COL Francis O'Connor has served admirably in this position and in anticipation of his impending retirement from the Army, he has accepted an offer to serve as the Medical Director of the Consortium for Health and Military Performance. He is scheduled to retire in Feb 2017.

Because our Department of Military and Emergency Medicine differentiates USU from all other medical schools in the United States, the Chair of Military and Emergency Medicine plays a particularly important role at the University. MEM coordinates "Operation Bushmaster" and the other field exercises, and much of the supplemental curriculum that distinguishes the education of USUHS medical students from their civilian-trained counterparts. In addition to overseeing these military-relevant aspects of our curriculum, MEM is responsible for overseeing clinical education of our students in emergency medicine, operational medicine, prehospital casualty care and the School of Medicine's Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program. The Chair of MEM also works closely with the University's Brigade Commander to foster and promote officership among our medical students. For all of these reasons, we intend to restrict this search to uniformed candidates only.

In considering potential nominees for this position, I ask that you take the following into consideration:

- 1. The successful candidate will be a commissioned officer who:
 - a. Is in the grade of 0-5 (promotable) or O-6 select or above.
 - b. Is a board certified physician in an operationally-relevant specialty (emergency medicine is preferred but not required).
 - c. Has the background, experience, and character traits to inspire students, engage colleagues and effectively represent the School of Medicine and University within the DoD, the Federal Government and the wider academic community.
 - d. Will serve as a positive role model for career-oriented military health professionals.

- e. Is eligible for a faculty appointment at the level of Associate Professor or above.
- f. Has demonstrated the ability to lead successfully within a complex military environment.
- g. Is committed to supporting and developing MEM faculty members working in Military Treatment Facilities and deployed settings across the United States and around the world.
- h. Is available for a five-year assignment.
- 2. Previous success in a military command, one or more operational settings and ideally, an academic setting is preferred.

Please limit the number of nominations to 2-3 per service. Each nomination should be accompanied with a letter of interest from the officer that includes a summary of military and civilian education, assignment history, and the names and contact information of three references as well as an academic curriculum vitae. We encourage nomination of qualified underrepresented minority candidates.

Nominations should be forwarded to Dr. Paul Pasquina (<u>Paul.Pasquina@usuhs.edu</u>) the Chair of the Search Committee by 9 DEC 2016. This will provide time for the selection committee to consider your nominations and recommend the most highly qualified for this opportunity. Ideally, the successful candidate will be able to report to USUHS NLT 1 APR, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance in identifying candidates for this critical leadership position.

Respectfully,

Arthur L. Kellermann, MD, MPH

Professor and Dean