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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Nominations for the Director of the Center for Global Health Engagement at the
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Request your assistance in nominating highly qualified senior officers for the Director position of the Center for Global Health Engagement (CGHE). Based on the growing importance of global health engagement within the Department of Defense and USU's demonstrable strengths in this area, relevant efforts were aligned into the unified CGHE. The incumbent selected for this position will provide leadership for the Center.

This position will be open to uniformed applicants only and in considering potential nominees for this position, I ask that you take the following into consideration:

- a) The successful candidate will be a commissioned officer who:
 - i. Is in the grade of O-6 or above or has been selected for promotion to that grade.
 - ii. Has the background, experience and character traits to credibly represent the University with DoD, the Federal government and within the academic community.
 - iii. Will serve as a positive role model for career-oriented military health professionals.
 - iv. Is eligible for a faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or above.
 - v. Has demonstrated the ability to lead successfully within a complex military environment.
 - vi. Is available for a three-year (ideally five-year) assignment.
- b) Additionally, previous success in a military or public health service command and in an academic setting is preferred, though not required.

All qualified officers will be considered for the position. 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. I strongly encourage nominations of qualified underrepresented minority candidates.

Nominations should be forwarded to CAPT Mark Riddle (mark.riddle@usuhs.edu) the Chair of the Search Committee by 30 June 2017. This will provide time for the selection committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to me. The successful candidate would be expected to report to USU NLT 1 October 2017.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "RW Thomas". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the first name "RW" being more compact and the last name "Thomas" being more extended.

Richard W. Thomas, MD, DDS, FACS
President