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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
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SUBJECT: Nominations for the Brigade Commander Position at the Uniformed Services
University of the Health Sciences

Request your assistance in nominating highly qualified senior officers for the position of
Brigade Commander. Colonel Jerome Buller, USA, has served admirably since March 2016 and
will be departing the University in June 2018.

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

- a. The successful candidate will be a commissioned military officer who:
 1. Is in the grade of O-6.
 2. Is a member of any one of the Service Medical Department Corps.
 3. Has the background, experience and character traits to credibly represent the University within DoD, the Federal government, and the academic community.
 4. Will serve as a positive role-model of a career-oriented military health professional.
 5. Holds a graduate degree in a health-related discipline.
 6. Is eligible for faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or above.
 7. Has demonstrated the ability to lead successfully within the complex military environment.
 8. Is available for a three-year assignment.

b. Additionally, previous success in a military command and in an academic setting is preferred, though not required.

All qualified health professionals 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 under- represented minority candidates.

Nominations should be forwarded to my office 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 June 2018.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RW Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Richard W. Thomas, MD, DDS, FACS
President