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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

THROUGH: PRESIDENT, UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE
HEALTH SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Psychiatry Chair Position at the Uniformed Services
University of the Health Sciences

I request your assistance in nominating highly qualified officers for the position of Chair of Psychiatry in the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. Colonel David Benedek who has served admirably in this position since 2017 faces mandatory retirement from the Army in June 2021. Due to its military importance, we hope you will nominate outstanding uniformed candidates for this position. For a variety of reasons, USU intends to consider uniformed and civilian candidates for this position.

As you consider potential nominees for this important leadership position, please take the following attributes into consideration:

1. The successful candidate will be a commissioned officer who:
 - a. Is in the grade of O-5 or O-6.
 - b. Is board certified in Psychiatry or a Sub-Specialty.
 - c. Has the background, experience and character traits to effectively represent the University within the DoD, the Federal Government, and the academic community.
 - d. Will serve as a role-model of a career-oriented military health professional.
 - e. Has prior academic and/or research experience, and is eligible for a faculty appointment at the level of Associate Professor or above.
 - f. Has demonstrated ability to successfully lead in complex military environments (ideally including at least one deployment).
 - g. Can work in multidisciplinary teams.
 - h. Is committed to developing and supporting our uniformed faculty members in all USU-affiliated Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) as well as deployed settings around the world.
 - i. Is ideally available for a five year assignment.

2. Additionally, previous success in a leadership position in military education and academic settings is preferred, though not required.

We would be happy to consider multiple nominees who are approved by you and meet the requirements above. 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. I strongly encourage nominations of women and qualified underrepresented minority candidates.

Nominations should be forwarded to COL Troy Tagg (nathan.tagg@usuhs.edu) the Chair of the Search Committee by 30 September 2020. This will provide time for the selection committee to consider the nominations and make recommendations to me. Ideally, the successful candidate will be able to report to USU NLT 01 Apr 2021.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Kellermann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arthur L. Kellermann, MD, MPH
Professor and Dean