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

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Brigade Commander Position at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

I request your assistance in nominating one highly qualified senior officer from your service for the position of Brigade Commander. Colonel Al Kinkead, USA, has served admirably but is anticipated to be transferring in the summer of 2026.

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

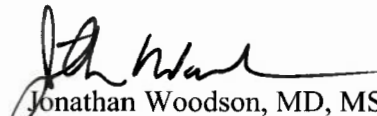
- a. The successful candidate will be a commissioned military officer who:
 - 1) Is in the grade of O-6.
 - 2) Is a member of any one of the Service Medical Department Corps.
 - 3) Has the background, experience and character traits to credibly represent the University with the DoD, the Federal government and within 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.

c. All qualified health professionals will be considered for the position. Each nomination should be accompanied with the following:

- 1) A letter of command endorsement.
- 2) A letter of interest from the officer that includes a summary of military and civilian education, assignment history, and names and contact information of three references.
- 3) Copies of candidate's last three performance reports.
- 4) Up to three supplemental letters of recommendation.
- 5) Resume / Curriculum Vitae.

Nominations should be electronically forwarded to Mr. Patrick Donahue, Chair of the USU BDE Commander Search Committee, at patrick.donahue@usuhs.edu by 01 June 2025. This will provide time for the selection committee to consider the nominations and make a recommendation by the end of September 2025. The successful candidate would be expected to report to the University NLT 01 July 2026.

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


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President