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MEMORANDUM FOR FACULTY AND FRIENDS, USU DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

SUBJECT: 25th Anniversary 11-12 October 2002

Our effort was initiated on 13 January 2002 with preliminary announcement. We recognize that for a variety of reasons there are those who did not receive the preliminary announcement and others who have not noted the dates identified. Subsequently, we have had a variety of additional efforts to contact individuals who responded to us expressing an interest in being involved. This is to provide an update and to stress that if you wish to be included and you have not made contact with our office, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Also, we sent a request for a one page autobiographical sketch, for a short summary of personal recollections of USU involvement and for any candid photographs that might be included in our Celebration and our Military Surgical Heritage. We have received a very positive response and we want to ensure that those who would like to be included and contribute have this additional reminder.

As we have asked for additional comments about the early preliminary program, and as I anticipate everyone will appreciate, we have had an additional number of valuable suggestions. Our selection is to emphasize that we will be reasonably "scientific" in the morning with the 20th International Surgical Day as part of our tradition and in support of our 3rd year medical students on the surgical rotation from the Class of 2004. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning will be devoted more to "Celebration" for our Department of Surgery, recognizing as many as possible for contributing to any success that has been achieved to date. Obviously, there will be those who will be "left out" and I do want to stress that this is not by design. We are doing our best to ensure a balanced representation for our many Surgical Specialties as well as our four Uniformed Services, our Reserves and our extended faculty to include civilian friends and international colleagues. We recognize that the program will be very "compact" with more speakers than usual, however, we, also, hope and trust that this will provide as appropriate and balanced a representation of our 25 years of existence as possible. We do know as well from other highly successful surgical programs that key points can be emphasized in relatively short periods of time. In addition to medical doctors and doctors of philosophy, we will have a number of participants who will be non-medical and it is important to emphasize that our Support Staff as well as many others have contributed immensely to any success that we have achieved.

As we complete our first 25 years and look forward to the next 25 years, we will follow President Zimble's leadership request that we document our history appropriately and our Strategic Plan outlines that this will continue beyond the actual celebration in October. We thank you for your interest in and willingness to continue to help us with our mission.

Finally, the social events will be by Reservation. We will attempt to contact as many as possible directly to ensure that adequate information is provided and there are no questions. This is a small token of our gratitude supported by the USU Surgical Associates dedicated entirely to the USU Department of Surgery. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.


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