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MEMORANDUM FOR FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY; MEMBERS, VISITING BOARD; AND SUPPORTING COLLEAGUES

SUBJECT: Annual Holiday Greetings

Thank you very much for your continuing dedicated and effective contributions to our combined Mission, for which we are very grateful. The year of 2009 has had more challenges than anticipated, particularly, with the unexpected losses of Professors John E. Hutton, Jr. and Stanley L. Minken without replacements. Professors Leonel Villavicencio and David Wherry continue to contribute voluntarily as they have both retired in recent years. The continuing resolution without an approved Federal Budget is nothing new, however, this continues to limit our ability to perform our jobs as approved. Replacement bricks in the courtyard at USUHS, hopefully, will be associated with stopping the water leaking into the garages underneath USUHS. Construction of the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center continues at a rapid pace and the architectural results are attractive and impressive. Integration continues with increasing cooperation and there are exciting times ahead. USUHS President Chip Rice continues to work on Building F for USUHS, which, also, would augment and complement the new Hospital with a new education and research building. This adds to the excitement as we look forward to the future.

With the continuation of wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq, we can only hope and pray for Peace in the not too distant future. Many of our Colleagues continue to deploy on a recurring basis. Fortunately, we have welcomed Matt Ritter back from Iraq and Afghanistan and he has assumed the responsibilities as Clerkship Director and Chief, Division of Academic Surgery, held over the last eight years by Stan Minken. Dave Welling has assumed the responsibilities held for more than fifteen years by John Hutton, as Chief of the Division of General Surgery.

We were very honored and pleased to host the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Halsted Society in Bethesda/USUHS in late September. It was a highly successful meeting with a very positive exchange between our Military Faculty and Civilian Surgical Leaders from around the United States. Our one-day quarterly surgical meetings dedicated to 25%, each quarter, of third-year Medical students on the Surgical Rotation were all highly successful, including the 29th USU Surgical Associates Day last March, the 23rd Pediatrics/Pediatrics Surgery Day in June, the 24th Surgery for Trauma Day in August and the 27th International Surgical Day in October. The Surgical Interest Group of first- and second-year Students with Dave Welling and Rich Schaefer acting as Faculty Advisers has continued to develop through the Student efforts. This adding to the first-year gross anatomy course under the direction of Al Seyfer has helped stimulate

increasing interest among our Medical Students. For members of the Class of 2010, we had nearly one-third of the Class express a sincere interest in Surgery (52 out of 163). Chairman's letters from the Department of Surgery supporting Medical Student requests for further training in Surgery were written for the 52 Students with 21 expressing an interest in General Surgery and 11 expressing an interest in Orthopaedics among a variety of Surgical Specialties.

Again, we would like to thank you for your continuing support and we send best wishes to you and to your Families for a very joyous Holiday Season. To start the new year of 2010, Dr. K. Craig Kent, the A. R. Curreri Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, will present the 11th Anthony R. Curreri Distinguished Surgical Lecture at USUHS on 14 January 2010 (Dr. Curreri took a leave of absence from Wisconsin to serve as the first President of USUHS, 1974-1976). Our 30th USU Surgical Associates Day will be on Monday, 22 March 2010, and we will have another exciting program, hoping that you will be able to consider being with us. At that same time on Tuesday, 23 March 2010, we will conduct the annual Examination for the Diploma in the Medical Care for Catastrophes under the auspices of the Apothecaries of London. Thank you very much and Happy Holidays!



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30th USU SURGICAL ASSOCIATES DAY

In support of the Mission of
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, USUHS

MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2010, 0730-1700 HOURS, JAY P. SANFORD AUDITORIUM

President Kenneth J. Cherry, Jr., MD, FACS

RESERVATIONS: ___ Members @ \$30.00 ___ Non-Members \$45.00 _____
To cover coffee and doughnuts in the morning session and lunch in mid day.

We anticipate another exciting Reunion. Medical Students, representative House Officers, and Distinguished Surgeons will join us as guests of the USU Surgical Associates. Participants will include many friends and colleagues from around the United States and from other countries. A preliminary program will be available in early 2010. The Joseph H. Baugh Residents' Award, the 27th Michael E. DeBaKey International Military Surgeon's Award and the 27th Baron Dominique Jean Larrey International Military Surgeon's Award will be presented. The Andrew C. Ruoff, III, Travel Award will be presented. Limitations of space and financial commitments mandate early reservations.

RECEPTION SUNDAY EVENING 21 MARCH 2010, 1830-2030 hours at the Columbia Country Club on the corner of East West Highway and Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase close to USUHS.

Honoring the Visiting Board to the Department of Surgery and Awardees. (Deadline 9 March 2010)

Reservations: ___ Members @ \$15.00 ___ Non-Members @ \$25.00 _____

2010 USU SURGICAL ASSOCIATES DUES (Remaining the same since inception)

Active Duty	\$50	Reserve Component	\$75	Sustaining Members	\$250
Retired Military	\$75	Civilian Colleagues	\$75	Patron Members	\$500

2010 DUES _____

25th RESERVE COMPONENTS SURGICAL DAY

The Reserve Components Surgical Day will be included in the 30th USU Surgical Associates Day. Based on past experience this will be another outstanding academic program. The 24nd Barry Goldwater Service Award will be presented. The Charles A. Hufnagel Residents' Research Award will be presented.

TOTAL\$ _____

These activities honor members of the **Class of 2011** on the surgical rotations.

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