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Walter Reed Army Medical Center Celebrate 99th Anniversary

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, Washington – Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will celebrate 99 years of military medicine excellence Thursday, May 1, at 11 a.m. in front of the Heaton Pavilion, Bldg 2, the main hospital. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton will serve as guest speaker of the event.

Soldiers in period uniform will be “Eyewitnesses to Walter Reed History” and present significant artifacts to include Maj. Walter Reed’s saber and a shovel used at the groundbreaking of Heaton Pavilion Sept. 26, 1977. Retired Col. Leslie Altstatt and his musical group will perform the “Ballad of Maj. Walter Reed.”

In 2008, WRAMC continues to make significant strides in health care delivery and services to its patients, including active duty, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers, retirees and their families. Some of these enhancements include:

- Wounded servicemembers now have their own Warrior Clinic, a one-stop clinic for those injured or who took ill in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.
- The Army Regional Anesthesia & Pain Management Initiative at WRAMC opened the doors to an expanded facility providing its patients a more comfortable setting while providing the staff a state-of-the art facility to treat their patients.
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center recently completed a backlog of 358 Medical Evaluation Board cases, and also implemented a joint DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Evaluation System program.

The flagship of Army medicine will continue to enhance patient care and services as the integration with National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., continues through September 2011.

Media interested in attending the event should RSVP by calling 202-782-9351/7131 or by emailing WRAMCPublicAffairs@amedd.army.mil no later than noon April, 30, 2007. All are encouraged to RSVP quickly to ensure attendance. Information needed for access include: names of all attending, license plate number, make, model, year and color of the vehicle. All media are asked to be on site and parked no later than 10:30 a.m.

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