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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Chief of Chaplains, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway,
Arlington, VA 22202-3907

SUBJECT: Medical Ethics Short Course, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 24-27
February 2009

1. Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will conduct a four-day Medical Ethics Short Course from Tuesday, 24-27 February 2009 in Delano Hall, on the second floor in the MWR Conference Center. This 28-hour Course is designed to provide military and DoD medical caregivers (physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, staff, etc.) expertise in analyzing and resolving ethical dilemmas in the clinical setting. The Course is approved for CME credit (physicians), CEU credit (social workers), Contact Hours (nurses), and a specified amount of CE credit (psychologists). Attendees - other than psychologists - may attend any or all of the classes for credit. **Note that the training begins at 0730 on Tuesday, 24 February and ends on Friday, 27 February at 1600 hours. Make travel plans accordingly.**

2. Training Objectives:

a. The Medical Ethics Short Course covers the key issues in military medical ethics. The classes focus on the relevant, ethical dilemmas that today's military and DoD caregivers encounter in their day-to-day practice, and offers a framework and approach for understanding and resolving these critical ethical issues.

b. A faculty of eleven subject matter experts from diverse professional backgrounds will present 22 classes on such topics as: the history of bioethics; applying bioethical principles in clinical practice; end-of-life decision-making; ethical issues on the battlefield; the ethics of humanitarian missions; ethical issues surrounding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), physician-assisted suicide; determining decision-making capacity; confidentiality, privilege and truth-telling; ethics consultation; advanced medical directives; pain and palliative care; and nursing ethics.

c. Special guest speakers, Dr. James F. Childress and Dr. Michael Gross will present classes on issues involving battlefield ethics on Thursday and Friday of the Course. Both men are recognized experts in the field of bioethics and have written and lectured extensively on bioethical issues.

3. General information for the Medical Ethics Short Course:

a. Dates: 24-27 February 2009.

b. Location: Delano Hall (Building 11), in the MWR Conference Center on the second floor. **Note: Building 11 is the first building on the right when entering the Walter Reed campus through the 16th Street gate.**

c. Registration: To register, e-mail Chaplain (Major) David Deppmeier at david.deppmeier@amedd.army.mil, or telephone him at (202) 356-0012. **Registration is now open on a first-come, first-serve basis and the deadline is 24 February 2009.** There is no registration fee. This Course has space for a total of 150 attendees.

d. Travel, Lodging & Meal Expenses: Individuals must pay for their travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

e. Suggestions for Lodging and Traveling to WRAMC. The following hotels are located near WRAMC: Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville, Rd, Silver Spring, MD, (301) 589-5200; Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 589-0800; Days Inn, 8040 13th St., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 588-4400; Comfort Inn, 9020 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD, (301) 441-8110. Room rates will vary. To get to the Walter Reed campus, take the Metro rail line to the Silver Spring stop, then take a Metro bus (S-1, S-4) from the Colesville Road stop (across from the Metro Station) to 16th Street and exit at the Walter Reed gate on 16th Street. For those with POV or rental car, Walter Reed is located at 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20307. Parking at WRAMC is extremely limited and the use of public transportation is strongly encouraged.

f. Dress: **Military:** ACU or Class B uniform; **DoD/Civilians:** business casual attire.

4. POC for further information on registration is Chaplain (Major) David Deppmeier, e-mail: david.deppmeier@amedd.army.mil, telephone: (202) 356-0012, cell phone (571) 723-2551, or FAX (202) 782-3968.



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