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### **KOREAN WAR MEDICS REMEMBERED IN MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES**

WASHINGTON – The National Museum of Health and Medicine proudly kicks off its Korean War lecture series with a presentation by Dr. Robert J. T. Joy titled “The Korean War: The Same Old Problems of World War II” on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000 at 1 p.m.

Joy’s presentation will be the first of three lectures given by medical professionals who served during the Korean War and prominent military medical historians. The lecture series is presented in conjunction with “Blood, Sweat and Saline: Combat Medicine in the Korean Conflict,” which opened at the Museum on June 25, 2000. The exhibit and the lectures focus on the challenges and accomplishments of the medical teams in Korea 1950-1953. The remaining lectures will take place on December 9, 2000 and January 13, 2001. American Sign Language interpretation is available for all three programs.

Within his overview of the war, Joy will discuss the medical problems that lingered from World War II to haunt the medical teams in Korea, specifically battle fatigue and cold injury. He will also explore how post-World War II events left the U.S. Army undermanned, undertrained, and ill equipped to face the medical challenges presented by the Korean War.

Dr. Joy served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1981, rising to the rank of Colonel. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Medical History at the Uniformed Services University of the

Health Sciences (USUHS), after founding the department in 1981. In addition to membership and leadership positions in several clinical, scientific, and historical societies, he is a recipient of the Osler Medal in medical history, the Hoff Medal and the Billings Award in military medicine, The Hunter Award in tropical medicine, the Kern Award for the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., the Clements Award in military education, the Outstanding Civilian Educator Award from USUHS, and several awards for teaching from USUHS students.

The National Museum of Health and Medicine, founded as the Army Medical Museum in 1862 to study and improve medical conditions during the American Civil War, is a division of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Open daily except Christmas from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Museum is located at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue and Elder Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Public telephone number is 202-782-2200. Admission is free.

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