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Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Southern Utah Campus Honors Veterans and Servicepeople

[November 15, 2019 – Ivins, UT] Rocky Vista University's College of Osteopathic Medicine Southern Utah campus (RVUCOM-SU) hosted its 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Ceremony on October 12th at the Southern Utah Veterans Home (SUVH).

Thomas Told, DO, FACOFP, dist., Army and Coast Guard (Ret.), Dean and Chief Executive Officer, and Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, Navy (Ret.), President and CEO, began the ceremony by introducing the school and welcoming guests, including veterans and future military physicians. RVU military students then conducted the Posting of Colors, a traditional flag ceremony which was presented by Loron Ashcroft, OMS II (Air Force), Trient Spears, OMS II (Air Force), Brennan Bohman, OMS II (Air Force), Skylar Rigs, OMS II (Air Force). Dr. Adams spoke about the core values of military service and honored those who serve to protect their country and heal fellow soldiers.

RVUCOM military students Brent Hunter, OMS II (Air Force), Telyn Peterson, OMS II (Air Force), and Stuart Montenegro, OMS II (Air Force) approached a candlelit table which had been set with four place settings representing four branches of the military: Marines, Army, Air Force, and Navy. As the students placed their hats upon the empty plates, guests learned of the significance of the items on the table: a slice of lemon which symbolizes the missing soldier's bitter fate, a pinch of salt which represents the tears shed by family and loved ones, and an inverted glass set as a reminder of their absence during the toast.

The keynote address was delivered by Lieutenant General Douglas J. Robb, Air Force, (Ret.) who was also honored with the Anthony J. LaPorta Order of Military Excellence for his service in the military and as an exceptional osteopathic physician. He has spent the past 20 years in the practice of aerospace medicine in support of Air Force, joint, and coalition aviation forces, and has been a proponent of RVU's innovative teaching practices and research. Several veterans from the community were also recognized for their great service with the RVU Challenge Coin, given to them by students from the RVUCOM-SU Military Medicine program.

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RVU is a health-sciences university based in Parker, Colorado and Ivins, Utah. RVU was founded in 2006 and opened its doors in August of 2008, enrolling students in its four-year program of study leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree in the University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM). The Ivins Campus matriculated its first class in 2017. RVU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. RVUCOM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). RVU has also added a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) degree program and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) to its Colorado location. Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity and excellence. For more information, visit www.rvu.edu.