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To: Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, Awards Committee

Subj: USAFP 2022 OPERATIONAL MEDICINE AWARD ICO MATTHEW NOSS, MAJ
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Encl: (1) Curriculum Vitae ICO MAJ Matthew Noss, DO, MSED

1. I would like to nominate MAJ Matthew Noss for the USAFP 2022 Operational Medicine Award. He has continued significantly impact Army operational medicine for several years, but his contribution over the last 18 to 24 months has been particularly notable.
2. In the beginning of 2020, what we now know as COVID-19 began to significantly impact Italy. At this time, MAJ Noss was the Brigade Surgeon for the 18th Military Police Brigade which has units stationed at every Army garrison in Europe. He was quick to recognize COVID-19 as an emerging pandemic, prior to the WHO declaration, as the units he was responsible for in Italy began becoming impacted. MAJ Noss understood the need for continued garrison policing operations, and he began consolidating, stockpiling, and ordering personal protective equipment. He, with the assistance of his staff, began formulating isolation, quarantine, and close contact definitions and protocols as well as specific individual tracking methods. MAJ Noss was able to give USAEUR the ability to continue policing operations vital to garrison security throughout Europe by having PPE, tracking methods that were military occupation specific, and protocols that met CDC and specific OCONUS country requirements. These efforts also allowed for continued operations at forward locations in Norway, Poland, and Kosovo. Furthermore, his methods were implemented at garrisons throughout Europe. He also worked with local units and MTFs to help distribute PPE for COVID medical operations.
3. Additionally, in the summer of 2020, the 18th Military Police Brigade was given operational control of a location in Germany for the largest multinational training mission in Europe, Defender 20. This location was designated as the dispatching location for European pre-positioned stock (both medical and non-medical). He was tasked with developing and coordinating COVID testing and isolation/quarantine plans for hundreds of military and DOD personnel who were to help in the dispatching of equipment. His efforts led to hundreds of vehicles being dispatched safely and effectively to Poland for the modified Defender 20 exercise.
4. At the end of the summer of 2020, MAJ Noss was moved to Eglin AFB where he is currently the Senior Medical Officer and Flight Surgeon for 4th Battalion, 7th Special

Forces Group. 4/7 is the most continuously deployed unit in SOUTHCOM and, at the time of his arrival, had almost completely stopped operations due to COVID. MAJ Noss immediately implemented new protocols at the BN level for the tracking of soldiers impacted by COVID and began working with the Theater Special Operations Command to develop means of deploying soldiers safely to the AOR. He was able to procure PPE and rapid testing that was distributed to individuals in his unit and utilized in deployment operations. His efforts directly led to an increase in training and operational activity as well as giving his command the assurance needed in deploying soldiers throughout the AOR.

5. During COVID operations, MAJ Noss has been directly involved in the treatment of his unit's soldiers and family members, even doing house calls with his own purchased PPE.
6. MAJ Noss also leads the operational medicine rotation for the Army Residency in Aerospace Medicine based out of Ft. Rucker. This is a mandatory rotation that exposes each resident to primary care, tactical combat casualty care, care of military working dogs, medical coverage of weapons and demo ranges, and medical coverage of airborne and dive operations with Special Operations Forces.
7. His operational activity and knowledge have led to 2 recent publications in the Army Medical Department Journal (COVID-19: An Army Brigade Approach to Tracking, Management, and Treatment of Soldiers) and The Uniformed Family Physician (Enlisted Medical Personnel: An Underutilized Deployment Force Multiplier), both for which he received the Iron Pen Award by the Army Command and Staff College.
8. MAJ Noss's continued efforts have resulted in maintaining an operationally ready force and have directly impacted the Army to maintain operational efforts in these challenging international times. I strongly feel MAJ Noss is deserving of the 2022 Operational Medicine Award.
9. Thank you for your time and feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact information is (work) 757-953-3991 and kari.a.neamandcheney.mil@mail.mil.


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