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## **U.S. Deputy Surgeon General To Visit Alaska Th-Fri., April 13-14, 2000.**

A distinguished, top U.S. health care official is visiting Anchorage and several rural villages this week. Thursday Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, M.D., MPH, will address the U.S. Public Health Service's Commissioned Corps Association and visit several federal and Native health agencies in Anchorage. Friday he will meet Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation staff in Bethel and visit Hooper Bay, Kotlik, and Aniak.

Thursday, 9 a.m. Keynote, Commissioned Officers Association (COA)  
Alaska Native Medical Center off Tudor Road, Conf. Rm. 2

Dr. Moritsugu was named Deputy Surgeon General in October 1998 by Surgeon General David Satcher. Moritsugu served as an Assistant Surgeon General beginning in 1988 under General C. Everett Koop. Other career assignments include:

Medical Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons - responsible for health care for 120,000 Federal inmates, with a budget of \$400 million, at a time when the Bureau tripled in size, due to growth of the incarcerated population.

Federal representative and consultant in Health Professions Development in Kuwait; Saudi Arabia; Nigeria; Germany; Mexico and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

U.S. Observer to the Council of Europe's Select Committee on the Impact of the AIDS Epidemic on the Criminal Justice System, in Strasbourg, France.

Medical Officer posts at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital Outpatient Department in San Francisco, and on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Taney; and Regional Consultant for S.F. Medical Manpower Planning and Development.

The Deputy Surgeon General is in Alaska as an invited guest to the first educational meeting of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Association of Alaska, which is open to the public. Fees for the 3-day conference are \$10 to \$15 per day, and cover breakfast and lunch. The conference agenda is attached for more information.

Dr. Moritsugu is scheduled to tour or meet with staff of the agencies listed below, among others. For more information about these agency programs, please contact: :

729-1918 Paul Sherry, President and CEO, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

- 729-1994 Dr. Richard Mandsager, Administrator, Alaska Native Medical Center  
729-3686 Chris Mandregan, Jr., Director, Alaska Area Native Health Service  
271-2382 Brad Husberg or Jennifer Lincoln, Occupational Safety and Health Specialists,  
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
729-3250 Dr. Douglas Eby, Vice President for Medical Services,  
Southcentral Foundation  
271-3407 Alan Parkinson, Deputy Director, Arctic Investigations Program, Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention  
543-6020 Gene Peltola, President/CEO, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

### **Additional Biographical Information**

Public Speaking: Admiral Moritsugu has written, lectured, and spoken extensively on a range of topics including: health professions education and credentials; international health care; health systems development; health care delivery to under-served populations; and correctional health care. Admiral Moritsugu also has been a dedicated advocate for organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Education: Dr. Moritsugu was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He received a BA with Honors in Classical Languages from University of Hawaii in 1967; a M.D. from the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1971; and a MPH in Health Administration and Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1975.

Awards: Deputy Surgeon General Moritsugu has received numerous honors and awards, including the Surgeon General's Medal for Exemplary Service; and awards from the Public Health Service, the Justice Dept.; the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. Army and Coast Guard. He's received awards and honorary degrees from Ohio University, University of New England, Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the University of North Texas.

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