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(Spokane, WA) – Today, the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center’s Acting Director J. Ronald Johnson issued a statement regarding the sudden and tragic loss of Dr. John Marshall, VAMC Acting Chief of Surgery and a U.S. Military Veteran:

*“Our employees are coping with the reality that we lost a beloved surgeon, mentor, and friend – Dr. John Marshall. Our entire Surgical Department is especially grieving, and we are providing necessary support to meet their needs. They are a strong group, and although they are hurting, they will continue to provide excellent care.*

*We want to thank our patients, Veteran’s groups, and community health care partners for expressing their sorrow and extending their support. Dr. Marshall’s patients have been very vocal about sharing their appreciation and gratitude; Veteran’s groups have offered to erect small memorials in Dr. Marshall’s honor; and community partners have offered to accept additional surgical patients until a permanent replacement is hired.*

*At this time we are doing all we can to minimize any negative impacts. Although schedules will be altered, the staff is dedicated to ensure our patients are seen in a timely manner. If timeliness becomes an issue for our patients, then we have other VA Medical Centers, as well as a supportive and willing community, ready to assist.*

*We are grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support we are receiving on Dr. Marshall’s behalf. We simply ask for your continued support and understanding, and ask that your prayers be with his family.”*

In addition to the statement, the family offers the following information about Dr. John Marshall’s planned Memorial Service with full Military Honors and open to the public:

**Dr. John Marshall,  
US Marine Corps and US Army Veteran  
VA Medical Center Acting Chief of Surgery**

**Memorial Service  
Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral  
127 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Spokane, WA**

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