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Former CFI director Ret. Lieutenant Col. Donald Gajewski, MD Returns to San Antonio for AOPA National Assembly

WASHINGTON, D.C. – October 2, 2015 – Retired Lieutenant Colonel Donald Gajewski, MD, former director of the Center for the Intrepid and renowned orthopedic surgeon is returning to San Antonio to address attendees of the 98th Annual American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) National Assembly, October 7-10.

The Annual Assembly is the highlight of the year for the more than 2,200 orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic professionals expected in attendance – because of its expansive educational opportunities, massive exhibit hall, and engaging events.

This year's Assembly continues its tradition of top-notch educational programming kicked off by Dr. Gajewski's address, featuring the Fort Sam Houston Memorial Services Honor Guard. Eight other experts from the Center for the Intrepid at the Brooke Army Medical Center will be featured in the dazzling line-up of clinicians, researchers, and business gurus. The Brave New World of 3-D Printing, The Next Global Pandemic [Diabetes], and the Prosthetic Sports Symposium are some of this year's most anticipated sessions.

The 100,000 square ft. exhibit hall features 165 of the most innovative companies showcasing their latest and most cutting edge prosthetic hands, legs, and feet; orthotic braces; and other services. Attendees will be challenged to ride Triton the Mechanical Bull in an ALS-challenge-style fundraiser at the AOPA booth. Attendees will wind down in the evenings with exciting events – the Texas-Style Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall, and the Topgolf and Wine Auction Fundraisers.

About the National Assembly

The AOPA National Assembly is the country's oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession. The Assembly will be October 7-10, 2015 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the Texas Chapter of the Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists. Learn more and see the schedule of events at <http://www.aopanet.org/education/2015-assembly/>.

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About AOPA

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the industry.

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