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**Ali MacGraw, Narrator**

MacGraw is an actress, model, author and animal rights activist. She won The Golden Globe Award for Most Promising Newcomer for the film *Goodbye, Columbus*, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress and won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture – Drama for the movie *Love Story*. In 1972, MacGraw was voted the top female box office star in the world. She went on to star in the action film *The Getaway*, played the female lead in *Convoy*, headlined the romantic sports drama *Players*, the comedy *Just Tell Me What You Want*, and on television, appeared in the historical television miniseries *The Winds of War* as well as the soap opera *Dynasty*. MacGraw has voiced numerous documentaries and worked with Producer/Director Chris Schueler most recently on his 2018 documentary *Osimi*.

**Admiral Brett P Giroir, MD**

Service: Giroir was the 16th Assistant Secretary for Health in the US Department of Health and Human Services and four-star admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service, 2018-2021.

Credit: Oversaw several of the Department's core public health offices including the Office of the Surgeon General. Led national initiatives, including the plan to end the HIV epidemic in America, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, revised Common Rule and a cross-agency effort to improve the outcomes of patients living with sickle cell disease; served as Senior Adviser to the Secretary for Opioid Policy, Acting FDA Commissioner, key member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and US Representative to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Education: Bachelor's degree in biology from Harvard University; medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Current: CEO of Altesa BioSciences, Inc.

**Vice Admiral Vivek H Murthy, MD, MBA**

Service: Nation's doctor, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> U.S. Surgeon General; 2014-2017 and 2021- current

Credit: During tenure as 19<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General Murthy helped lead the national response to Ebola and Zika viruses, the opioid crisis, and the growing threat of stress and loneliness to Americans' physical and mental wellbeing. In 2016, he issued the first Surgeons General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health. He also released a historic Surgeon General's report on e-cigarettes and youth.

As 21<sup>st</sup> Surgeon General, Murthy is focused on the growing proliferation of health misinformation, the ongoing youth mental health crisis, well-being and burnout in the health worker community, and social isolation and loneliness.

Education: Bachelor's from Harvard, medical degree from the Yale School of Medicine, and master's in business administration from the Yale School of Management.

Current: 21<sup>st</sup> U.S. Surgeon General

**Vice Admiral Jerome M Adams, MD, MPH**

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Service: Nation's doctor - 20<sup>th</sup> U.S. Surgeon General, 2017-2021

Credit: Priorities were addressing the opioid epidemic and untreated mental illness. Released public health advisory on naloxone and opioid overdose. Appointed to the COVID-19 pandemic task force.

Education: Bachelor's in biochemistry (BS) and biopsychology (BA) from University of Maryland Baltimore County, medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and master of public health from the University of California, Berkeley with a focus on chronic disease prevention.

Current: Presidential Fellow, first Executive Director of Purdue University's Health Equity Initiatives and professor of practice in the departments of Pharmacy Practice and Public Health.

**Vice Admiral Richard H Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS**

Service: Nation's doctor - 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. Surgeon General, 2002-2006; Prior service: United States Army Special Forces, combat-decorated Vietnam veteran including two Purple Hearts and Bronze Star.

Credit: As Surgeon General, Carmona focused on prevention, preparedness, health disparities, health literacy, and global health including health diplomacy. He released several landmark communications during his tenure including the Surgeon General's report on the health effects of secondhand smoke. The report encouraged the adoption of indoor smoking bans.

Education: Associate of arts degree in nursing from Bronx Community College, of the City University of New York; bachelor of science in biology and chemistry from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and medical degree from UCSF Medical School; master's degree in public health from University of Arizona.

Current: Vice chairman of Canyon Ranch, a health and wellness company, and president of the Canyon Ranch Institute Board of Directors.

**Rear Admiral (retired) Boris D Lushniak, MD, MPH:**

Service: Lushniak served 27 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service.

Credits: Acting surgeon general from 2013-2014, the 50th anniversary Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health, the first ever Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer, part of the CDC/NIOSH team that responded to the devastation at Ground Zero after 9/11, served as the FDA Deputy Incident Commander for the 2009 H1N1 pandemic response and led the USPHS hospital providing care to Ebola patients in Liberia in 2015.

Education: Bachelor's and medical degrees from Northwestern University and a master's in public health from Harvard University.

Current: Dean of the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health.

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**Rear Admiral (retired) Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, MPH**

Service: Served 37 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service. Credit: Acting surgeon general of the United States, in 2002 and again from July 2006 until September 2007. He was the first Asian-American Surgeon General of the US. Also served as deputy surgeon general. In these roles, was responsible for the development and issuance of 20 major documents from the office of the surgeon general.

Education: Received baccalaureate degree in classical languages from the University of Hawaii in 1967, medical doctor degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1971, and a master of public health in health administration and planning from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1975.

Since retiring, President and chief executive officer of First Samurai Consulting, LLC; adjunct professor of global health at the George Washington University School of Public Health, and adjunct associate professor of preventive medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

**Rear Admiral (retired) Anne Schuchat, MD**

Service: Served 37 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service. Credit: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Principal Deputy Director 2015-2021; served twice as acting CDC director (2017 and 2018). From 2006-2015, she was the first Director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). Began public health career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer. The fictional character of Erin Mears (played by Kate Winslet) in the 2011 film *Contagion* is partially based on Schuchat and her career.

Education: Graduated from Swarthmore College and Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine and completed her residency and chief residency in internal medicine at NYU's Manhattan VA Hospital.

**Scott Gottlieb, MD**

Service: 23rd Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner, 2017-2019  
Credit: While at the FDA, Dr. Gottlieb focused on a wide variety of issues, including drug pricing, medical product innovation, food safety, vaccination, and tobacco and vaping. He also advanced policies to address opioid addiction, improved the regulatory process for the development and review of novel drug and medical devices.

Education: Bachelor's in economics from Wesleyan University, medical degree from Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Current: Partner at New Enterprise Associates, Inc and Resident Fellow of the American Enterprise Institute.

**Sonya Coakley Baker**

Deputy Director, Office of Public Health at U.S. National Park Service, and liaison to the USPHS for more than 20 years. Education: graduate of James Madison University

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**Captain (retired) Dan Beck**

Service: 23 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service.

Credit: Director, Readiness and Deployment Operations Group; seventeen (17) years of experience in emergency management, operations and planning; played key role in nation's emergency response to 9/11, anthrax, H1N1, Ebola, Katrina (1999-2016).

Education: Bachelors of science, electrical and electronics engineering at University of Maryland.

Current: Senior Operations Manager, AMI Expeditionary Healthcare

**Rear Admiral (retired) Michael Blackwell, DVM, MPH**

Service: Served 23 years on active duty as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from 1977-86 & 1994 – 99; Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General 1999-2000.

Credit: Chief Veterinary Officer of the Veterinarian Category.

Since retiring, was Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee and Chief Veterinary Officer of the Humane Society.

Education: Doctor of veterinary medicine from Tuskegee University, master of public health (epidemiology) from Loma Linda University.

Currently, Blackwell is director of AlignCare Health Inc. and director of Program for Pet Health Equality, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Captain (retired) Shirley Blakely, PhD, RD**

Service: Prior service U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corps before serving in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Credit: Senior Nutrition Policy Advisor, FDA 2008-2015. She worked on development of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and conducted workshops on food and nutrition regulatory policies. Research focus in obesity and dietary fatty acids, fructose, and carotenoids.

Education: Bachelor's from Tuskegee University, masters and PhD from University of Maryland, College Park

Current: Nutrition consultant, Blakely Associates.

**Cynthia Claus, PhD, MPH**

Credit: Former Director of Health Programs at the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service.

Education: Bachelor's in medical technology from University of Oklahoma, masters in public health from University of South Carolina and doctor of philosophy in medical anthropology from Arizona State University.

Current: Adjunct Professor, Grand Canyon University

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**Rear Admiral (retired) Scott Giberson, RPh, MPH, D.Sc.**

Service: Served 27 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service. Credits: Giberson served as the acting Deputy Surgeon General of the United States (2013-2014). He also held positions: Senior Advisor to the Office of Surgeon General, Director of Commissioned Corps Headquarters, Chief Pharmacist of the USPHS (2010-2014), Director of the IHS National HIV/AIDS Program and Senior Public Health Advisor for Pacific Command's Center of Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (2003-2006). He served as overall Commander of the Commissioned Corps' Ebola Response in West Africa. Education: Pharmacy degree from Temple University School of Pharmacy and master's in public health from University of Massachusetts/Amherst. Current: President of AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, a private global healthcare solutions company.

**Rear Admiral (retired) Clare Helminiak, MD, MPH**

Service: served 30 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service. Credit: Responsible for the transfer of the National Disaster Medical System to the Department of Health and Human Services from the United States Department of Homeland Security (2006). Served two years (2007-2009) in the Office of the Vice President as the medical advisor for Homeland Security Affairs; served as the chief medical officer of the U.S. Public Health Service from 2009 to 2013. assignments at isolated duty stations in the Indian Health Service in New Mexico, Alaska, Montana, and Arizona; Served both domestically and on-site in Afghanistan. Education: Earned bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, medical degree and master's degree in public health from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Current: Independent consultant

**Rear Admiral (retired) Deborah Parham Hopson, PhD, MSPH, RN**

Service: Served 34 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service. Credit: Senior Health Advisor at Health Resources and Services Administration, known for her decades of work on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Worked in other programs including community and migrant health centers, healthcare for the homeless, healthcare for residents of public housing, and Healthy Start programs; the first African-American nurse to achieve the rank of Rear Admiral in the USPHS. Education: Graduated from University of Cincinnati school of nursing; received master's and doctorate at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health Current: Senior public health scientist at The MayaTech Corporation; consults on projects involving infectious disease prevention and treatment and leads a project focused on public health workforce training and development.

**Edward Keable, Superintendent Grand Canyon National Park**

Service: Superintendent since 2020; has more than 33 years of federal service which includes a 23-year career as an attorney for the Department of the Interior.

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Credit: addressing climate change related issues; infrastructure project to replace antiquated water and wastewater treatment systems to provide safe, dependable water for visitors and residents; consult with federal, state, and local public health authorities to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic; works with the 11 affiliated tribes to reimagine interpretation of the Grand Canyon from Indigenous perspectives.  
Education: Vermont Law School

**Lieutenant Commander Ronan F King**

Service: PHS Officer (Environmental Health Officer); since 2019, Public Health Consultant at the National Park Service.

Education: Bachelor's in architectural studies and biological sciences from University of Pittsburgh; master of science in Environmental Health from East Carolina University.

**Alexandra Lord, PhD**

Service: Historian, US Public Health Service 2001-2007

Credits: Worked with the Office of the Surgeon General and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a research agenda for the Office of the Public Health Service Historian and to plan and curate exhibits on the history of 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> century medicine.

Education: Bachelor of arts degree in medieval and renaissance studies from Vassar College, Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin, Madison, and post-doctoral fellow in the history of health sciences, University of California, San Francisco.

Current: Chair and Curator, National Museum of American History (Smithsonian)

**Melvina McCabe, MD**

Credit: Geriatrician and Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine at University of New Mexico School of Medicine; research area and scholarly focus with American Indian and Alaska Native people and geriatrics.

Education: Medical degree from University of New Mexico in 1984, completed a residency in family medicine in 1987 and a geriatric fellowship in 1989 at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

**Captain (retired) Gene Migliaccio, DrPH, MPH**

Service: Served 35 years in the federal government as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Air Force Medical Service Corps.

Credit: As a PHS Commissioned Corps Officer, Migliaccio was the Director of Immigration Health Services for the U.S. Government for more than 12 years (1994-2007). He also served as the Acting Chief of Staff for the U.S. Surgeon General where he worked on transformation of the organization and health priorities for the nation (prevention, preparedness, and health disparities).

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Education: Bachelor's in psychology from Marquette University, doctor of public health (DrPH) from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and master of public health from the University of Hawaii, School of Public Health.

Current: Associate Dean for Applied Public Health and Director of the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program at George Washington University.

**Captain Sara B Newman, DrPH, MCP**

Service: PHS Officer (Scientist Category); since March 2015, Newman has served as the Director of the Office of Public Health (OPH) with the National Park Service (NPS).

Credit: Provides technical expertise to the NPS on food safety, drinking water safety, wastewater and vector control, infectious disease surveillance, outbreak response, and health promotion.

Education: doctoral degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) focusing on epidemiology and social and behavioral sciences; master's in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Rear Admiral (retired) Pamela Schweitzer, PharmD, BCACP**

Service: Served 24 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service.

Credit: Chief Pharmacist Officer USPHS, 2014-2018; also had assignments in Indian Health Service and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. First female

Education: Bachelors in biological sciences from California State University, Fullerton, doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco.

Current: work on several public health related projects, improving health and access to healthcare in rural and underserved communities, interoperability, and payment for clinical services.

**Rear Admiral (retired) Steve Solomon, MD**

Service: Served 30 years in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Service Health Service.

Credit: Assistant U.S. Surgeon General, 2007-2010, Deputy Director, Office of Healthcare Quality, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; Director of CDC's Office of Antimicrobial Resistance from April 2011 to May 2015.

Education: Bachelor's from Rutgers University and medical degree from Tufts University; board certified in internal medicine, infectious diseases and preventive medicine.

Current: Founder, Global Public Health Consulting