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AHIMA FOUNDATION RECEIVES DONATION FROM THE WALTER REED SOCIETY TO SUPPORT VETERANS, SPOUSES ENTERING THE FIELD OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Chicago, IL (March 28, 2019) – The AHIMA Foundation is pleased to announce it has received a \$12,000 donation from the Walter Reed Society. These funds will support Foundation’s [Veterans Scholarship program](#), created to develop the next generation of health information professionals by providing financial assistance to both veterans and veterans’ spouses.

The scholarship program seeks to support those with ties to the military as they pursue education and careers in health informatics and health information management. The AHIMA Foundation’s Veterans Scholarship program is made possible by generous support from the Walter Reed Society and other generous donors. “The Walter Reed Society’s generous donation has allowed the Foundation to stay true to our mission of expanding educational opportunities for all and especially for our veterans,” said Keith D. Terry, Interim Executive Director of the AHIMA Foundation.

To be eligible, individuals must be accepted into an accredited Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) program in the United States, enrolled as a full-time student in one of the following degree-granting programs at the time of award, have at least six credit hours remaining after December 2019 and have completed the online application and all its components.

The Walter Reed Society was organized exclusively for charitable purposes in 1996 to benefit the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and its educational, patient treatment and research activities. Since the move and reorganization of the Army Medical Center and its merging with the National Naval Medical Center, the Society now serves the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. “The Walter Reed Society has chosen to partner with the AHIMA Foundation for a second donation because of its commitment to expanding the opportunities for all and its commitment to serving veterans,” said Colonel (retired) John R. Pierce, MD, President, Walter Reed Society.

The Society provides financial and other assistance to service members being treated at Walter Reed and their families in response to unmet needs during their care at the medical center. It also sponsors activities and funds projects and goods that enhance patient care services, and it supports the welfare

and morale of service members and other staff at Walter Reed. This is accomplished through the Society's membership and the generous support of corporate and private donors.

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Established in 1962, the AHIMA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) philanthropic affiliate of AHIMA. The Foundation envisions the future of healthcare and prepares for that future with investments in research, workforce development, education, and innovative strategies that advance the HIM profession and, ultimately, better serve the healthcare community. The Foundation focuses on readying the HIM professionals of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. They operate under the values of philanthropy, innovation, leadership and integrity and strive to be recognized for excellence in health information leadership and research for the healthcare industry and the public. www.ahimafoundation.org