

Health service deputy director named

Dr. Ward B. Hurlburt has been named as Deputy Director of the Alaska Area Native Health Service.

Hurlburt joined the Public Health Service in 1961 as medical officer of the Kananak PHS Hospital. He spent a year in Thailand doing medical missionary work and returned to the Public Health Service to serve with the Surgical Team in Danang, Vietnam in 1964.

After his overseas assignment he was appointed Service Unit Director of the Indian Hospital in Whiteriver, Ariz. directing a comprehensive health program for the Apache Indians.

In 1971 he returned to Alaska to serve as Deputy Chief of Surgery and Chief of Surgery at the Alaska Native Medical

Center. He was assigned overseas again with the U.S. Agency for International Development at the Lofa County Rural Health Project, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa and returned to Alaska as Service Unit Director of the Anchorage Service Unit.

Hurlburt then moved to the Navajo Area of the Indian Health Service as Deputy Area Director/Chief Medical Officer until his appointment as Deputy Director of the Alaska Area Native Health Service.

Hurlburt was awarded the President's Award for Civilian Service in Vietnam and the U.S. Public Health Service Commendation Medal. He is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, American College of Preventive Medicine, has received

certification in general surgery from the American Board of Surgery and certification in general preventive medicine from the Medical Examiners and is a member of the Alaska Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Alaska Public Health Association and the USPHS Commissioned Officers Association. He is also a distinguished medical author and lecturer.

"We have always regarded Alaska as our home and I am looking forward to working with our professional staff and Native people. With all my experience working here and overseas, I've found the Alaska Natives the most rewarding and satisfying people to deal with," Hurlburt states.