Dear Editor-in-Chief,

In a July 2022 article published in *Military Medicine*, “Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) on a Submarine” recognition of a key member cannot go without mention. Dr. Edgar and Dr. Havko worked together during the initial outbreak of COVID-19 at the Submarine Squadron where this initial outbreak took place. Dr. Havko was the Department Head and lead Undersea Medical Officer at the time.

Dr. Benjamin Havko was instrumental in the execution of the medical response to the COVID-19 outbreak onboard. His response efforts included the organization of multiple rounds of testing, taught medical professionals to conduct contact tracings, and decided on the implementation and use of “MySymptoms,” which ultimately resulted in a patient requiring ICU-level care. The recommendations he provided during this outbreak response inspired numerous operational guidelines for COVID-19. His leadership and astute clinical follow-up cannot go unrecognized in regards to COVID-19 onboard Submarines.

This letter is written for the acknowledgment and recognition of his efforts in this particular outbreak and had lasting effects on the entire waterfront’s outbreak protocols.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mia Edgar

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