From a student doing military medicine:

First of all, congratulations on your acceptance to UASOM! I know that you have been bombarded with emails, information, meetings, schedules, finances, etc. since you received that glorious letter from the medical school, but I wanted to share some information with you about a special path that is available to you as a medical student – military medicine. The US Navy, Air Force, and Army offer an incredible opportunity/scholarship to expand your horizons as a military physician. I can imagine that you may be skeptical, but I wanted to share with you some of the incredible opportunities that come along with pursuing military medicine:

1. An opportunity to train in a few of the most advanced hospital settings in the nation.
2. The chance to travel the world and to meet and care for people that you never would encounter in a civilian job.
3. The honor of being an Officer in the military, including all of the benefits that come with the title, simply for your involvement in the scholarship program and eventually for graduating from medical school.
5. The opportunity to serve and care for the brave men and women who sacrifice so much for our country and freedom.
6. Last, but not least, absolutely no debt from medical school. The military will pay full tuition, books, standardized tests, etc. in addition to a monthly stipend and sign-on bonuses. Imagine never having to stress about finances!

There are so many other wonderful benefits that I simply could not begin to cover in this letter! Nonetheless, if you have any interest in pursuing a career in the military, I would highly encourage you to contact the recruiters in Birmingham. Many upperclassmen are current scholarship recipients/officers in the military, so the support is present at UASOM. Accepting a scholarship through the military has been one of the most important and fulfilling decisions I have ever made, and I look forward to the numerous opportunities that lie before me as a medical officer. Good luck with your first year of medical school, and I hope you will consider what the military can offer you over the next four years!