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Colonel Charles J. Reddy Leadership Course



The Colonel Charles J. Reddy Leadership course is sponsored by the Army Nurse Corps in honor of Colonel (Retired) Charles J. "CJ" Reddy. During his long and successful career as an Army Nurse Corps officer, Colonel Reddy was a stellar example of one who believed in leading by example. He remains a role model to many officers and we are proud to honor him through this annual event.

Colonel Reddy believes, "...more important than assignments or job positions, is to make an effort to take care of those around each of us and to help others to move up in their career." He continues to make contributions to the Army Nurse Corps by mentoring present and past leaders of the organization, and generously participates each year in the leadership conference that bears his name.

The Colonel Charles J. Reddy Conference began in June 1992 with the goal of promoting junior officer leadership development. Originally this opportunity was offered to a small number of junior Army Nurse Corps officers and has gradually expanded over the past 15 years and now includes junior officers from all the uniformed services.

This year, the annual COL CJ Reddy Leadership Conference took place at the Hyatt Arlington from 15-17 October 2007. There were a total of 113 participants including 22 Navy Nurse Corps representatives. In addition to many great lectures, the attendees had the opportunity to visit the Women's Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon. Congratulations to all who attended.

CAPT Vanessa Scott

Phyllis J. Verhonick Nursing Research Course

The Fifteenth Biennial Phyllis J. Verhonick (PJV) Nursing Research Course will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from 12-15 May 2008. The theme of the conference is "Military Nursing Research: Answering the Critical Questions for a Nation at War". Conference organizers are soliciting abstracts for podium presentations and poster displays reporting completed and in-progress research, evidence-based practice projects, and clinical innovations. Please note that they are especially interested in receiving abstracts about clinical or process improvement innovations that are grounded in a review of the literature and analysis of outcomes.

All military and civilian nurses working in DOD facilities who have conducted research since January 2003 are encouraged to submit for consideration an abstract of their research/clinical innovations project. Abstracts will be selected for either podium or poster sessions.

Nurses from the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, active or reserve Navy and Air Force, and civilian nurses working in DOD facilities, whose abstracts are accepted for presentation must pursue funding through their respective facilities.

The POC for this Call for Abstracts/Call for Papers is LTC Petra Goodman, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Nursing Research Service, (DSN) 662-7025; (commercial) (202) 782-7025 or FAX (202) 782-5058.

Photo Moments... USNS Comfort in Suriname



PARAMARIBO, Suriname (October 5, 2007) - LEFT - LCDR Andrea Petrovanie, attached to hospital ship USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20), interacts with Surinamese citizens at Flustra Clinic in Paramaribo. BELOW - LCDR Andrea Petrovanie calms a pediatric patient at Flustra Clinic in Paramaribo, Suriname. COMFORT was on a four-month humanitarian deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean providing medical care to patients in a dozen countries. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Steven King (RELEASED)



NC Spotlight: CDR John Sutter



CDR John Sutter (center) with LT Jermaine White and LT Bill Wiegmann have all transitioned from fleet operational communities to the Nurse Corps and now practice in the NMCP Recovery Room.

CDR John Sutter is an extremely diverse Navy Nurse Corps Officer. CDR Sutter was commissioned in the Navy as an unrestricted line officer in March, 1980. He earned his warfare qualifications as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO), Officer of the Deck Underway (OOD), Command Duty Officer (CDO), and held various billets in the operations and engineering departments on three Navy ships. He served in the Surface Community for 10 years on active duty and then another 2 years in the Navy Reserve. One interesting assignment during his active duty career as a Surface Warfare Officer was the position of Damage Control Assistant (DCA) on the LST-1197 USS Barnstable County. He was responsible for the training of fire fighting

teams, watertight integrity, all repair lockers, chemical biological & radiological defense, and preventive maintenance of all firefighting equipment. While CDR Sutter took great pride in the accomplishments and recognition that his firefighting & repair locker teams received during shipboard operational inspections, he longed to do more.

After completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1993 and working for several years as a civilian RN in the private sector, CDR Sutter chose to re-affiliate with the Navy Reserve as a Nurse Corps Officer in 1996. In CDR Sutter's 11 year Nurse Corps career, he has utilized the leadership skills that he developed as a SWO in various Navy assignments, such as Training Officer, Platform Director, and Officer in Charge (OIC). As OIC of Operation Health Support Unit Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Det R (OHSU NMCP Det R), he lead a group of 35 officer and enlisted medical personnel to implement the Periodic Health Assessment (PHA). This program increased the deployment readiness for Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Units in the Norfolk, VA area.

CDR Sutter has tremendously enjoyed working with both enlisted members and officers who have transitioned from an array of fleet operational communities to become Navy Nurse Corps officers. CDR Sutter believes that the Navy Nurse Corps continues to provide many opportunities for the development of leadership skills and advancement for anyone interested in transitioning their professional career into nursing. The most personally rewarding aspect of serving as a Navy Nurse Corps officer, in CDR Sutter's opinion, is positively affecting the deployment readiness status of local forces and the ability to deliver high quality healthcare to service members and their families. According to Sutter, "two of the significant challenges we face in the Nurse Corps today are attracting and retaining high-quality personnel to the Corps and delivering excellent healthcare services at a reasonable cost to the nation."

CDR Sutter is assigned to the Ambulatory Procedure Unit and Recovery Room at NMC Portsmouth.

LCDR Lonnie Hosea



News From the Perioperative Specialty Leader

In July 2007, I had the distinct honor of assuming the role of Perioperative Specialty Leader. My predecessor, CDR Cynthia Turner performed this role superbly and I am thrilled to accept this responsibility. I am fully aware that the Specialty Leader position will present me with many challenges. I trust that the Perioperative Community will act as a TEAM to meet and exceed all these challenges.

I have served in the military since 1978 and have been a Navy perioperative nurse since 1999. I will utilize these experiences to prepare the next generation of Navy perioperative nurses to succeed in their military and professional careers and I consider this a rare opportunity to educate and influence the “Navy Leaders of the Future”. I truly believe that a successful career is measured by the achievements of those you teach and mentor.

This past July we assembled a diverse group of perioperative nurses during a NC Live VTC to discuss their experiences and how becoming a perioperative nurse has impacted their professional and military careers. I would like to thank CAPT Pierce and CAPT Scott for providing the opportunity for members of our community to talk, brag, and promote perioperative nursing.

One of my goals as your new Perioperative Specialty Leader, is to support the Navy Nurse Corps Recruitment and Retention program. Every day as I walk through Naval Medical Center San Diego, I am looking for motivated junior nurse corps officers who want to join our specialty. I hope that other perioperative nurses are taking this opportunity to explain the advantages and opportunities within our specialty. Another of my goals is to keep both training programs in Camp Pendleton and Jacksonville at full capacity. I need the support of all nurses in a leadership capacity to assist with this task.

LCDR Paul Loesche and his team continue to do an outstanding job with the Readiness Strategic Goal. I posted his semi-annual 07 statistical data for the Readiness Goal in the perioperative mini-page on NKO. One of his recommendations is to begin training our nurses in PACU, CSSR, Conscious Sedation (Moderate Sedation) and C-Sections prior to being sent overseas. I have been deployed and assigned overseas multiple times, so I understand and agree that it is important to have our nurses receive this training. I am very excited about my new role as Perioperative Specialty Leader and I looking forward to working with you. CDR Anibal Luis Acevedo USN @ anibal.acevedo@med.navy.mil

Joint Forces Combat Trauma Management Course

The Joint Forces Combat Trauma Management Course is a 5-day program, specifically designed to ensure medical providers and personnel deploying to combat support and theater hospitals receive the most current and relevant training in battlefield trauma management, incorporated with contemporary lessons learned. The JFCTMC is a joint effort by the US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Brooke Army Medical Center and the AMEDD Center and School.

The program consists of a core trauma lecture series with separate break out sessions for surgeons, physicians, anesthesia providers, and nurses. The overall goal is to resource personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the survivability of those injured on the battlefield.

This San Antonio based course is Army-sponsored, but individual commands may have to provide TAD funds. Navy personnel have attended the last five sessions and have provided very positive feedback. Navy Nurse Corps officers interested in attending an upcoming session should send an e-mail to vanessa.scott@med.navy.mil with their name, Full SSN (Army needs for funding), contact information (work phone/pager/ cell), e-mail address, deployment platform / assignment in order to be nominated. The Army has limited this course to only CONUS service members deploying six months post course date.



Congratulations Mary F. Hall Research Award Winners!

The RADM Mary F. Hall Award was established to encourage professional publication and to recognize Navy Nurse Corps officers who have positively contributed to the image of nursing. For 2006, twenty-two publications were submitted for the award. To submit a research article for the award, the researcher must meet the following criteria:

- Active Duty or reserve Navy Nurse Corps officers.
- Author(s) must be identified as a Navy nurse in the article or byline.
- May be an individual or a collaborative effort.
- Submissions may be a journal or magazine article, book chapter, editorial, or newspaper article.
- Editorials must be a minimum of one-half page in length.
- Publications in clinical nursing, nursing research; or other topics that describe Nurse Corps activities may be submitted.

The review panel selected the following winners in 5 different categories:

Research Award Winner:

Chung-Park, Min, Hatton, Diane, Robinson, Linda, Kieffel, Dorothy. Students' Attitude toward Women Experiencing Homelessness: A Focus Group Study. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 2006, Vol 45, No 8, 317-322.

Clinical Award Winner:

Wolf, Natalie. Embracing the Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in the Perinatal Setting. *AWHONN Lifelines*, Vol 10, No 3, 226-233.

Leadership and Policy Award Winner:

Chaffee, Mary, W. Making the Decision to Report to Work in a Disaster. *American Journal of Nursing*, 2006, Vol 106, No 9, 55-57.

Education and Education Technology Award Winner:

Twitchell, David, Bodrero, Rebecca, Good, Marc and Burk, Kathryn. Overcoming Challenges to Successful Interagency Collaboration. *Human Performance Technology in Military Settings*. 2006, Vol 46, No 1, 2-22.

Textbook:

Hasen, Patricia C. Department of the Navy Medical Transport. Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport, 2006, Chapter 84, 681-700.

Thank you to this year's review panel:

Robin McKenzie, Ph.D, CAPT, NC, USN (CHAIRMAN) Dave Norman, Ph.D, CAPT, NC, USN Linnea Axman, Ph.D, CAPT, NC, USN Denise Boren, Ph.D, CAPT, NC, USN Jacqueline Rychnovsky, Ph.D, CAPT, NC, USN Lisa Osborne, Ph.D, CDR, NC, USN

Attached is a list of the 22 publications submitted for an award. The award winning articles are posted on the NC webpage under Mary F. Hall 2006 Award. For more information on the Mary F. Hall research award or to submit a research paper for the Mary F. Hall 2007 Award, contact CAPT Vanessa Scott at Vanessa.scott@med.navy.mil.

CAPT Vanessa Scott



Bravo Zulu!



- Congratulations to the 2008 DUINS selectees!
- CDR Karin E. Warner, NC, USN was selected as the Navy Director on the Federal Nurses Association Board of Directors.

Operation Welcome Home

Operation Welcome Home (Maryland) greeted over 350 Navy Medical Personnel arriving to the Baltimore International Airport (BWI) this past summer.

CAPT Kathleen Pierce, Deputy Corps Chief for the Nurse Corps, was in attendance along with 100 volunteers, who provided handshakes, cheers, and packages of goodies to the returning nurses. These nurses mingled in the crowd with Operation Welcome Home volunteers who commented that this was the “friendliest group yet arriving from theatre”.

Operation Welcome Home (Maryland) is a grassroots effort initiated by CAPT Kathleen Thorp, NC who identified a need to meet and greet the returning members as they arrived from theatre to BWI. With her background in deployments serving as Deputy, Total Force Support at BUMED, she was aware that many shipmates would arrive without family to greet them due to the nature of global sourcing of requirements. An email message sent to friends and family in March 2006 was all that it took to garner tremendous support for this great program. The local community response has been overwhelming as they rally to greet nearly every plane that arrives from theatre. This past Veterans Day weekend, the group held their eleventh event, surpassing over 3,000 personnel arriving from theatre since the initial greeting. The flights include personnel from all services, Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines who are grateful and surprised with the unexpected homecoming welcome. BWI is the largest airport in the nation to receive incoming military personnel from the theatre.

- Retired Navy Master Chief, Chuck George, is one of the many dedicated volunteers who offered to assist and through his talents, developed a web site for the program - <http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org>

NC 100th Anniversary Coin

Looking to purchase a NC 100th Anniversary Coin? These coins are absolutely beautiful and are a true collectors item. Please see the attached order forms to get yours today.

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100th Anniversary Countdown

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Wreath laying ceremony at the
Navy Memorial at 1300.
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