

Colonel Debra A . Gomes

Colonel Debra A. Gomes served as the Battalion Commander for the 344th Combat Support Hospital out of Fort Dix, New Jersey. Prior to this assignment she served as the Acting Executive Officer for the 344th Combat Support Hospital. She deployed to Germany and worked as a Case Manager in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) from August 2006 to January 2008.

Colonel Gomes' previous assignments include Chief Nurse CSH, Clinical Head Nurse for the Intensive Care Unit for the 344th CSH, DEPMEDS trainer for the 344th and as Deputy Test Standard Officer of the 307th General Hospital.

Colonel Gomes graduated from Hostos Community College with an associate's degree in nursing in 1972. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Joseph College in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Community Health. She was commissioned in the US Army Reserve 1984 as a Second Lieutenant. Received her Master of Science in Health Administration , 1992 from New School for Social Research.

Her military education includes Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer's Basic Course, the AMEDD Officer's Advanced Course CAS3, AMEDD Head Nurse Course, Command and General Staff College and Advanced Nurse Leadership Course (ANLC). She retired from the US Army after faithfully and honorably serving 28 years on August 28, 2012.

Colonel Gomes is a Registered Nurse Board Certified and practiced as a Registered Nurse for 37 years. Her past position Deputy Director of Nursing for a Level 1 Trauma Hospital (Harlem Hospital).

Her awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) Army Achievement Medal (AAM)w/Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

She has two sons, Patrick (Candace) and Jared (Renee) and has six grandchildren.