



MAJ (Ret) Deidre Darden

Major (Ret) Deidre Darden attended Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing, Bronx, New York where she obtained her Associates Degree, and continued her education attending the College of New Rochelle, Bachelors Degree in Nursing (BSN). Her pursuit of knowledge led her to the University of New Haven, Connecticut where she obtained a Masters of Science Degree in Labor Relations and Human Resource Management.

Major (Ret) Darden's began her nursing career at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx on an Obstetrical Unit, then moved on to Woodhull Hospital in the OB/GYN clinic. She left this position for a supervisory nurse for Central Harlem Meals on Wheels Home Attendant Program in addition to working nights at Metropolitan Hospital. Several years later moved on to become Head Nurse at Jacobi Medical Center in the Home Care Department all under the umbrella of New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation.

In her next position she worked as a School Nurse for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene which led to a position at the Bronx District Public Health Office as a Supervising Nurse. Her last full-time employment she worked for the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA).

Military -

I decided to join the Army to learn how to cook. Silly me what did I know. The recruiter on Fordham Road became curious because I scored so high on the ASVAB. Upon learning that I had a nursing degree he put the Nurse Recruiter in touch with me. The recruiter along with the Chief Nurse came to Woodhull Hospital where I worked and I signed the necessary documents. I was sworn in on August 10, 1985 as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 74th Field Hospital, 2181 Loring Place, Bronx, New York.

My first annual training was a TAMEX at Fort McCoy Wisconsin, ironically enough it was my last assignment. Basic training and Officer Advance Training were both completed in San

Antonio Texas. MAJ (Ret) Darden's served as the OIC Pharmacy/Lab/Xray with the 74th Field Hospital She assisted with Field Sanitation during annual training and also serve as the weight control officer. Convoy commander and her most coveted position was Family Readiness Liaison all in addition o the Intermediate Care Ward of the Hospital.

MAJ(Ret) Darden served with the 344th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) when the 74th Field Hospital was disbanded and traveled with the 344th to Wurzburg Germany as an Obstetrics Nurse.

In 1995 she transferred to the 91C School which eventually became the 91 Whiskey Program (91W) out of Ft. Devens, in Ayer, MA. MAJ (Ret) states she has many lasting memories of her service to this nation and proudly retired as a Major September 8, 2018.

Civilian –

Major (Ret) Darden currently is a member in good standing of the National Council of Negro Women, Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Reserve Officers Association, American Legion Post 002, VFW Women's Auxiliary, Life Member, she volunteers at the Women in Military Service Memorial (WIMSA) Arlington National Cemetery and, lastly she is a proud founding member and currently holds the position of Vice President of NABMW Brooklyn Chapter.

On January 14, 2023 Maj (Ret) Deidre Darden was elected as the Brooklyn Chapter President and elected as the Assistant President of the National Association of Black Military Women.