



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 (EOF) from August 2006 to January 2008.

Colonel Gomes' previous assignments include Chief Nurse CSH, Clinical Head Nurse for the Intensive Care Unit of the 344th CSH, Dep-Med trainer for the 344th and a 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's College in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Community Health. She was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1984 as a Second Lieutenant. Colonel Gomes received her Master of Science degree in Health Administration in 1992 from the New School of Social Research. Her military Education includes: The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer's Basic Course, the AMEDD Officers' Advanced Course; CAS 3, the AMEDD Head Nurse Course, Command and General Staff College and Advanced Nurse Leadership Course (ANLC). Colonel Gomes having served (28years) faithfully and honorably was retired from the United States Army on the Twenty Eighth day of August 2012.

Colonel Gomes is a Registered Nurse Board Certified and has practiced as a Registered Nurse for the past 37 years. Her last position was a Deputy Director of Nursing for a Level 1 Trauma Hospital, (Harlem Hospital Health and Hospital Corporation of New York).

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement' Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserved Medal, Army Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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