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# How long have you been a CRNA? Do you specialize? Do you have a favorite type of anesthesia/surgeries? Describe your practice?

I have been a CRNA for 19 years. I specialize in Nursing Anesthesia education, simulation, and research. My preference is neuroscience and the majority of my time and practice is devoted to the education and development of Army, Air Force and Veterans Administration SRNAs in the US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing. I enjoy teaching Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Anesthesia Fundamentals, Research, and Simulation.

#### Why do you support the Foundation?

I support the AANA Foundation as they are instrumental in supporting experimental research conducted by CRNAs and SRNAs to improve and change our anesthesia practice. The Foundation also supports the mentoring and professional development of novice CRNA scientists.

#### Highlight your career, what is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment was and continues to be the mentorship and education of Army, Air Force and Veterans Administration SRNAs in the US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing, the #1 Nursing Anesthesia Program in the USA.

## What does being professionally involved mean to you?

Supporting matters pertaining to our CRNA profession, mentoring our future, and patient safety.

## What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy most the interactions and synergistic relationships and learning between the faculty and SRNAs. However, this can only be accomplished by supportive, visionary, and confident leadership like COL Josef Moore, LTC Constance Jenkins, LTC Jennifer Coyner, MAJ John Buonora, and Dr. Don Johnson.

## What are your future goals?

I plan to continue to teach, conduct research, and mentor the SRNAs in the US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing for a few more years. Additionally, I have the flexibility and administrative support to conduct Catholic and Christian missionary work in *Centroamérica* and *Latinoamérica*. My wife and I are so blessed and we are excited to pay it forward.

## How do you spend your free time? What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy spending time with my wife, godchildren, and family; exercising; reading; working in the yard; and traveling with my wife, Julia. Our desire is to travel and explore the world in service of others.