



MAJOR GENERAL BARBARA R. HOLCOMB

Military Bio

Major General Barbara R. Holcomb is a 1987 Distinguished Military Graduate of Seattle University Army ROTC where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She earned a Master's degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Kansas, a Master's level Certification in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University and a Master's in Military Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

Major General Holcomb's military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, Faculty Development Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, resident Command and General Staff College, AMEDD Executive Skills Course, Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, Medical Strategic Leadership Program, Army War College, Army Strategic Leader Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Courses, and CAPSTONE.

Her previous assignments include Clinical Staff Nurse, Post Anesthesia Care Unit and Department of Emergency Medicine, Madigan Army Medical Center; EMT Section, 47th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Lewis, WA and deployment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Staff Nurse and Clinical Head Nurse, Mixed Med/Surg Ward and Head Nurse, Troop Medical Clinic and 111th MI Brigade Family Clinic, Fort Huachuca, AZ; Officer Basic Course Nurse Advisor, Department of Nursing Science and Commander, A/187th Medical Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, TX; Chief Nurse, Department of Outlying Health Clinics, 67th CSH/Wuerzburg MEDDAC, Germany; Medical Detachment Commander (Provisional), Camp Able Sentry, Macedonia; Chief Nurse/XO, 14th CSH, Fort Benning, GA; Commander, Special Troops Battalion; Chief, Base Transformation Office, U. S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston, TX; Chief, Ambulatory Nursing, Brooke Army Medical Center; Chief, Nursing Administration, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center and Commander, 21st CSH, Fort Hood, TX; Commander, Medical Task Force 21, Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn; Chief, Army Nurse Corps Branch at Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, KY; Commander, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany; Command Surgeon, FORSCOM HQs, Fort Bragg, NC; Army Action Officer for the Military Health System Review; Commanding General, Regional Health Command – Central and Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, TX. She served as Chief, Army Nurse Corps from 2 November 2015 until 30 June 2019. She served as Commanding General, Medical Research Materiel Command and Fort Detrick from 28 July 2016 to 24 July 2019. She retired on 1 June 2020 and resides near San Antonio, Texas.

Major General Holcomb's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (2OLC), Legion of Merit (2OLC), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (5OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), multiple campaign and service medals and the Expert Field Medical Badge. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.



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Civilian Bio

Barb Holcomb is a retired Army Major General, having served 33 years as a leader in Nursing, Healthcare, Medical Research and Logistics. She served in command positions at every rank from Captain onward. She deployed to Iraq during Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Kosovo during Operation Joint Guardian; and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Her last military assignment was as the 25th Chief, Army Nurse Corps and as Commanding General, Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, in Frederick Maryland. She retired on June 1, 2020.

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Barb is the CEO of her own consulting company, Barb Holcomb Consulting, LLC., working in areas of medical research strategy, federal health care planning, leadership, and team and organizational development. She serves as an advisor to Echelon Med-Tech LLC and is on the executive board for Q30.

As a Veteran, Barb continues to serve by volunteering a clinical nursing shift once a week in the Brooke Army Medical Center Emergency Department. She is Vice President for 360MVP and the Vice President of Operations for The Patient Institute, non-profit organizations in the San Antonio area. She is also on the executive board for The Geneva Foundation.

She is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association, Army Nurse Corps Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Intl., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Association of United States Army, Military Officers of America Association, Master Leadership Program Alumni Association and the Mil-Civ Club of San Antonio. She enjoys fitness, golf, baking, gardening, and traveling when conditions allow. She is married to Max Holcomb and resides near San Antonio, TX.