

Community Hospital

Beth Bricker

Chief Nursing Officer



After a 22-year military career, I retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. My proudest military achievement was helping develop the Critical Care Aeromedical Transport Team, also known as "ICU in the sky."

In the military we have a real team-building ethic, a real synergy. I didn't think I would sense that in civilian life, and I thought it would be one thing I would really miss, but it is here. I think the nursing staff is solid and I'm looking forward to just really taking them from good to great. It won't be hard; they're on the edge now.

My husband, Mike, will retire from the U.S. Army in 2009. We have three grown children. It sounds kind of corny, maybe, but for two military hearts, we never got to be kind of the pillar of the community because we moved so often. But we want to do that, to try to be a very positive influence on our community and to give something back.

Education:

Master of Arts in Healthcare Administration, Webster University, San Antonio, TX

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

Professional Affiliation:

American Nurses Association

Association of Military Surgeons of United States

National Wellness Institute

Certification:

Nursing Administration, American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Experience:

Medical Operations Squadron Commander/Chief Nurse Executive, Altus, Air Force Base, OK, 2004-2007

Clinical Operations Flight Commander, Chief Nurse Executive, Malstrom Air Force Base, MT, 2002-2004

Nurse Manager Surgical Unit, Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD, 2000-2002

ER Nurse Manager, Family Practice Nurse Manager, Hospital Performance Improvement/Risk Manager, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, AK, 1996-2000

Intensive Care Nurse, San Antonio, TX; Portland, OR; and Longview, WA, 1981-1996

Emergency Room Staff Nurse, Raymond W. Bliss Hospital, Fort Huachuca, AZ, 1975-1978

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