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## **Book Covers U.S. Army Nurse Corps History from the End of the Vietnam War to 2000**

BORDEN INSTITUTE RELEASES *A CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS*

**Washington, DC** – Author Mary T. Sarnecky, who had first-hand knowledge about the U.S. Army Nurse Corps inner workings as an active duty officer, presents her analysis documenting the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from the early 1970s to the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the Borden Institute's latest release, *A Contemporary History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps*.

Sarnecky addresses a remarkable episode in the organization's evolution, a period characterized by a series of progressive steps empowering Nurse Corps officers to assume key command and leadership positions in the Army Medical Department.

"It is imperative that we review the "lessons learned" from this period in our nursing history and utilize the experiences, knowledge, and leadership of these extremely talented and dedicated professional nurses," said Gale S. Pollock, Major General (Retired), CRNA, FACHE, FAAN, 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

The book also explores the vital roles of the Army Nurse Corps in supporting and sustaining high-level military operations that began with Operation Desert Storm. Professionalism, clinical competency, adaptability, and flexibility remain the hallmark of the Army Nurse Corps, clearly illustrated in this long-awaited volume.

In tandem with her previous work (*A History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps* published in 1999), Sarnecky offers a wealth of scholarly research narrated in her unique, straightforward style imparting a rich institutional history of which all professional nurses should be exceptionally proud.

Conceived in 1987, the Borden Institute, under the Army Surgeon General, publishes history volumes and the *Textbooks of Military Medicine (TMM)* series. Each TMM book is a comprehensive subject reference on the art and science of military medicine, extensively illustrated, and written to integrate lessons learned in past wars with current principles and practices of military medicine. The Borden Institute offers volumes in hardback, as well as on its website and on CD-ROM. For more information on the Borden Institute and how to order the publications, visit the organization online at [www.bordeninstitute.army.mil](http://www.bordeninstitute.army.mil).

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