

Lisa Tinch, Deputy Director of Patient Care Services at the North Texas VA HCS, was accepted into the 2010 Johnson & Johnson – Wharton Fellows Program in management for Nurse Executives.

Penny Jensen, Nurse Practitioner from the West Valley CBOC in West Valley City, Utah, became the new President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) in June. The AANP's 25th National Conference was June 23-27 in Phoenix, AZ.

Dijon R. Fasoli, PhD, RN, Bedford VAMC, published an article entitled, "The Culture of Nursing Engagement, A Historical Perspective," in *Nursing Administration Quarterly*, Vol. 34, pp 18-29.

Christine Kasper, VA Central Office, and **Brenda French**, Hines VAMC, have been selected to co-author the *AANN/ARN Clinical Practice Guideline for Care of the Patient with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*.

Lori Hoffman-Hogg, Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, NY, was awarded "best research poster" entitled, "Development of Nursing Sensitive Quality Indicators for Breast Cancer Using ONS PEP Resources," at the 16th annual International Conference on Cancer Nursing.

Peggy Church, BSN RN-BC, Primary Care Nurse Manager at the Biloxi, MS VAMC, served as the Chair of the Leadership Special Interest Group for the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nurses (AAACN) last year. Church is currently the Academy's Vice Chair and also serves a Content Expert Panelist for Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification. One of their big projects is to rewrite the definition of Ambulatory Care Nursing.

Anthony Pridemore, BSN, RN, CPAN, Nurse Manager for the Joint Ambulatory Care Center's Outpatient Procedure Unit in Pensacola, Fla., was re-elected to the American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC). His second, two-year term of office began on July 1.

Ana Maldonado, Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, South Texas, was honored at her facility and nationally for her heroism on the day of the tragic Fort Hood Massacre. She responded with immediate medical assistance putting herself in harms way to care for the wounded. Read her VAnguard article here: http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/vanguard/vanguard_10_winter.pdf

More VA Connections: Dorothy Carskadon, 47, Madison, WI Vet Center Social Worker and team leader was wounded in the Fort Hood attack. She was also an Army Reserve Captain preparing to deploy to Afghanistan with the Madison-based 467th medical Detachment.

In Remembrance of Friends Lost...



Juanita L. Warman, U.S. Army

On November 5, 2009, Juanita L. Warman was tragically lost among the 13 other lives lost in the shootings that took place at Fort Hood, TX. Ms. Warman was a 55-year-old Nurse Practitioner and Army Reservist who worked at the Perry Point VAMC as member of the Trauma Recovery Program team since October 2005, serving Veterans as part of the VA Maryland HCS' Returning Veterans Outreach Education and Care Program. Her personal, military, VA family and the patients she cared for miss her greatly.

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