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American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Cathy Young, Patricia L. Conard, Myrna L. Armstrong and Darlene Lacy with the 2018 Journal of Holistic Nursing Writing Award for Practice

The AHNA awarded its prestigious Journal of Holistic Nursing (JHN) Writing Award for Practice to Cathy Young, DNSc, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN; Patricia L. Conard, PhD, RN; Myrna L. Armstrong, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN; and Darlene Lacy, PhD, RNC, CNE, at the 38th Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, New York, June 5 - 10, 2018. The purpose of the JHN Writing Award for Practice is to recognize excellence in writing and its contribution to advancing the scholarship of holistic nursing in practice.

Their article, “Older Military Veteran Care: Many Still Believe They Are Forgotten”, printed in the June 2017 issue of JHN explores the 10 million plus veterans aged 65 and over and their feelings of being forgotten and urges the importance of holistic care for these veterans as they transfer to civilian hospitals.

About Cathy

Cathy Young, DNSc, APRN, FAANP, FAAN is a part of the supporting faculty and staff at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX. She has spent most of her nursing career working to improve access to health care in rural underserved areas. She worked as an advocate for victims of sexual abuse and assault with the courts, investigators and families. Currently she is working with veterans both pre and post deployment to assist in meeting their health care needs.

About Patricia

Patricia L. Conard, Ph.D., RN received her PhD from Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX. She has published and presented her work for civilian nurses on care of Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf War I veterans, as well as the unique health and educational support needs of the Iraq and Afghanistan women veteran. She is currently a Nursing Consultant and adjunct faculty at the University of Arkansas in Fort Smith.
About Myrna
Myrna Armstrong, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN was a Professor/Regional Dean for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Lubbock, TX, and now is a Professor Emerita. She was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1994. She served in the US Army Reserves for 29 years, was activated for the Desert Storm conflict, and achieved the rank of Colonel. Previous research and publications have centered on tattooing/body piercing, and innovative educational modalities. In addition to this article, she has recently co-authored several publications for civilian nurses on the transition of military nurse officers into academia, the care of veterans regarding Vietnam and Gulf War I, and the unique health and educational support needs of the Iraq and Afghanistan female veterans.

About Darlene
Darlene Lacy, PhD, RNC, CNE is currently the RN-BSN Program Director for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing (TTUHSC-SON). She received her BSN and MSN from West Texas State University and her PhD in adult education from Texas A&M University. She entered the field of nursing education after twenty plus years of nursing practice primarily in chronic care, long term care and public health. Although nursing education is her primary focus at this time, care of the elderly continues to be an area of interest and was the focus of her doctoral study, Life Review of the Terminally Ill Elderly.

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About AHNA

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) is a non-profit specialty nursing professional membership organization that serves as the definitive voice for registered nurses who practice holistic nursing.

Founded in 1981, AHNA’s primary mission is to advance holistic nursing through Practice, Community building, Advocacy, Research and Education. The association is dedicated to the continued development of evidence-based holistic research, self-care methods for nurses and non-pharmacological pain management. AHNA offers networking opportunities to its members along with continuing nursing education through webinars, self-study programs, publications, conferences, and scholarship and grant opportunities.

AHNA currently services more than 5,000 members through 146 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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