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**Award:** Honoring Our Veterans

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United States Naval Reserve

Analiza Benjamin joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1997, the United States Navy Nurse Corps in 2008 and the United States Navy Reserve-Nurse Corps in 2012. It was always her dream to work as a nurse – and to serve her nation – by helping her fellow soldiers in the line of fire get the care they need. Ms. Benjamin served bravely and courageously, sacrificing her own safety for the safety of her nation.

In 2012, Ms. Benjamin was mobilized and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. There, she served as Senior Nurse Mentor to Afghanistan Army's National Military Hospital; she started out at such a high ranking position due to her extensive experience in the medical field and experience with the military. As Senior Nurse Corps Officer, Ms. Benjamin worked as Senior Nurse Advisor to the Afghanistan National Army's Chief of Nursing. She also collaborated with the United States Navy, other branches of the military and international military partners to educate and train the Afghan population. Ms. Benjamin conducted numerous training sessions and presentations about patient safety, quality of patient care and important topics on how they can attain and self-sustain a quality health care. She also generated and authored the first Pharmacology/Medication book/reference for Afghanistan's Nursing Department, and had it translated in Dari, the Afghan language.

In 2013, Ms. Benjamin was transferred to OSHU Portsmouth Detachment A, NOSC New York City, with the rank of Captain. There, she was responsible for the overall performance and function of the Nurse Corps Department, ensuring proper communication of information among clinical personnel and certain military liaison/personnel.

Members of the Armed Forces, who served so valiantly and honorably in times of conflict when our country's freedoms were at stake, deserve a special salute from the representatives

of the State of New York. Our nation's veterans, like Analiza Benjamin, deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked for their military service and their dedication to their nation.