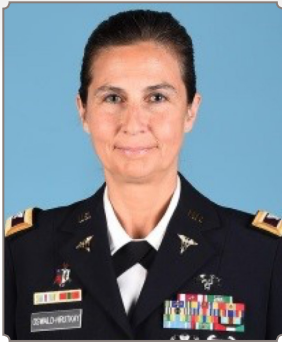


LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY
2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



Veronica Oswald-Hrutkay '90

Director of Women, Peace and Security Studies
U.S. Army War College

Veronica Oswald-Hrutkay '90 forged successful military and civilian careers after earning a Bachelor of Science in nursing from La Roche University in 1990.

Her professional licenses include: acute care nurse practitioner, clinical specialist, registered nurse, critical care registered nurse, board-certified emergency nurse and vascular access board certification.

She transitioned from an emergency trauma and critical care field specialist into developing, leading, managing and improving various medical programs in support of excellence in patient care. She began working grass roots efforts within her own community to improve the lives of women locally and globally. She now works on saving lives at the strategic level through her work as director of women, peace and security for U.S. Army War College.

Throughout her military career, she served as the U.S. Army Women, Peace and Security Lead, and Peace Operations Medical Analyst at Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute. Additionally she was the Commander of a Medical Brigade, Medical Training Support Battalion and a Medical Support Unit; Chief of Intensive Care Services at the U.S. Army Trauma Training Center; Chief of Health Services at a Medical Training Support Battalion; and Head Nurse of an Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Medical Treatment and a Family Care Ward.

After becoming a competent emergency trauma and critical care nurse leader, she provided medical care to those injured while deployed to Operation Desert Storm/Shield, Provide Promise and Iraqi Freedom.

Her volunteer experience includes serving as president, chief catalyst and cofounder of the Colorado Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Task Force. She also served the National Council for the Rocky Mountain Region with the United Nations Association (UNA); the Board of Directors for the UNA-USA Denver and Boulder County Chapters; and Steering Committee of the Boulder County Women's Collaborative.

Additionally she was a policy team member on the U.S. Women's Caucus to the UN, and president of the Colorado Vascular Access Network. She regularly volunteers as a coach for High Valley Ranch's Personal Success Institute Seminar.

"The liberal arts program at La Roche diversified my critical thinking abilities," she said. "La Roche holds a fond memory because I felt that the program saw me greater than I saw myself at that time and gave me a chance to excel."

She is the recipient of the United Nations Association of the United States of America Boulder County Human Rights Award. She also received six meritorious service medals, 11 Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.