

2014 CALIFORNIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE- ROBIN UMBERG

Brigadier General Umberg began her Army career when she enlisted at the age of 18 and received a nursing scholarship at Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing. She was commissioned in 1977 and served in a variety of staff and command assignments in the United States and overseas including: Fort Carson, Colorado; the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Seoul, Korea, the United States Army Hospital in Vicenza, Italy; Commander, 4211th US Army Hospital, San Diego, California; and, Commander, 6253rd US Army Hospital, Mesa, Arizona. Brigadier General Umberg deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm for six months.

Brigadier General Umberg received numerous medals to include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, and two Overseas Service Ribbons. She was presented the Civilian Humanitarian Service Medal from the Secretary of the Army in 1999. She retired from the United States Army in June 2010 after 36 years of active and reserve services.

Ms. Umberg's devotion to America's veterans continued as the California Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Veteran Home where she led an effort to create a system of long-term care for the most vulnerable veterans (aged, disabled, homeless). With a vision to provide premier care, she focused upon the modernization, standardization, and implementation of best practices.

Before her appointment with CalVet, while on active duty, Umberg held the position of Chief Professional Services, 3rd Medical Command, Fort Gillem, Georgia. As the senior Army Reserve nurse, she was consultant for battlefield readiness, training, and career management for more than 27,000 medical personnel. In 2006, she was inducted into the Military Order of Medical Merit and from 2002-2004, she was appointed to the board of visitors for the United States Military Academy by President Bill Clinton.

She and her husband of 31 years, Colonel Tom Umberg, have three children.