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### **Nurses graduate from CRDAMC's program in Obstetric and Gynecologic Nursing**

FORT HOOD, Texas – Five Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center nurses were honored at a ceremony here Jan. 22 after completing the Obstetric and Gynecologic Nurse Resident (66G) course.

The recent graduates are the third class to complete the 16-week course since the program was relocated to CRDAMC from Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii in January 2014.

The course is focused on providing foundational information and skills to prepare Army Nurse Corps officers and Department of Defense Civilian registered nurses to function as advanced beginner staff nurses in a setting which meets the environmental nursing standards for OB/GYN Nursing.

The 66G course is a stepping stone to develop a specialized field of training into a life-long career, caring for women across the life-span.

Knowing the officers faced many challenges along the way, Maj. Julie Judd, 66G program director, said she was proud of their accomplishments.

“The 66G course is one year old now and this third class is yet another group of dedicated nurses possessing a strong desire to learn and succeed,” she said in her remarks at the ceremony. “Each of you accomplished what you set out to do. You now possess the knowledge and specialized skills necessary to provide the highest quality standard of obstetric and gynecological care to our female

Soldiers and family members at multiple medical treatment facilities. I know all of you will be an asset to the Army and medical profession.”

Guest speaker Melanie Benson, certified nurse midwife at CRDAMC offered her advice to the graduates.

“You will be in a unique role as a caregiver to women. You will see them at their most powerful and also at their most vulnerable time. You will make an impact on them and ask you to be present for them. Believe in them when they don’t believe in themselves,” she said.

After graduation many students sit for the National Certification Exam for Intra-partum Nursing which additionally grants them the registered nurse certification (RNC) recognition. The RNC qualification is known nationally as a certification process to guarantee a standard of care for nurses practicing in this highly prestigious field.