

1.) Briefly tell about your family background.

My name is Janice Sanders, I was born in Sumter, SC. I was the 11th of 11 children born to Sarah & Cardice Sanders. I graduated from Fresno State in 2014 with my MSN degree. I also obtained school nurse credential and was in the 2004 inaugural class, Doctorate of Nursing Program at Northern California Consortium (Fresno State and San Jose State).



My spouse is Eric Conner, we have 3 children, (Twins) Sarah and Kirby (age 22) and Addison (7). I worked as an active duty Navy nurse from 1989-1999 (years). Then, I transitioned to the Reserves and civilian life. I retired from the reserves in 2010 with 22 years of service. I have worked as a school nurse, public health nurse, and for the VA Healthcare Central California. I am now working as an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at CSU Fresno.

US Navy – Navy Nurse Corps

- Naval Hospital, Lemoore California (1/97-2/99), Nurse Manager, Specialty Clinics
- Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan (10/94-12/97), Clinical Nurse, Primary Care Clinic and staff nurse, Inpatient Obstetrical Unit
- Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina (6/92-9/94), staff nurse, Newborn Nursery
- Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia (11/89-5/92), staff nurse, Emergency Dept

The remaining time was spent in the Reserves. I was on active duty at Naval Medical Center, San Diego (3/2003 - 6/2003) for a recall. Then, on USNS Mercy - Hospital Ship for 6 weeks from 7/10 to 8/10.

2.) List any student nurse experience you may remember and any faculty?

All the faculty were encouraging and helpful. Dr. Russler, Dr. Gianetta, Dr. Griffin, and Dr. Barazaki were all instructors in the MSN. Dr. Dutra and Dr. Shifflet (SJSU) were excellent. Dr. Russler was my project chair.

3.) How do you feel about nursing then, now, and in the future?

Nursing plays an important role in healthcare and are change agent. Nurses must invest time in mentoring and collaborating with others to create a harmonious culture for professional growth.

4.) Any bits of wisdom you have learned over the years?

(If you have changed professions, how has your nursing education helped?)

When caring for people, treat them with dignity, respect their decisions and remain their advocates.

