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BS Nursing; BS Nurse Anesthesia; MBA Health Care Administration; Ph.D. Health Care Administration; Ph.D. Adult Education.

Dr. Reese has had a career-long interest in teaching regional anesthesia which has resulted in the presentation of numerous professional papers at Continuing Education seminars, conventions, and workshops nationally and internationally. He has published numerous professional papers. As a member of the AANA's original Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Anesthesia, he helped develop and currently serves as the senior core faculty of a series of post-graduate clinical workshops which offer didactic review and "hands-on" practical application of Spinal, Epidural, and Ultrasound-Guided Upper and Lower Extremity techniques. He is the author/editor of a series of texts available from the AANA Bookstore . Two monographs ("Blocks of the Upper Extremity" and "Spinal/Epidural Techniques") have been published to date. The 4th edition of his Spinal/Epidural manual has recently been introduced.

Dr. Reese completed a 30-year US Navy career, initially an enlisted Hospital Corpsman, advancing to rank of Captain (O-6). While on active duty, he was one of the original five Navy Nurses selected to participate in the Navy Healthcare Professional program which designated non-physicians to hold executive positions in the Navy Medical Department throughout the world and at sea. He subsequently served as Director of Contingency Operations and Assistant Chief of Staff of the Naval Regional Medical Command, Great Lakes, Illinois and Director of Anesthesia Programs at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. In these positions, he was involved in the initial development of National Disaster Medical System (NDMS); anesthesia-related elements for the Department of Defense's 'Deployable Medical Contingency planning for Operation Desert Shield (Iraq). Many elements have been adopted by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for rapid on-site deployments..

During his affiliation with the US Navy's Nurse Anesthesia Program he established the clinical program at the Naval Hospital, San Diego. He subsequently served as the Program's Clinical Coordinator at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. He was the first CRNA to be stationed aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS NIMITZ, during which he was decorated for his role in caring for more than 100 casualties of the Navy's worst peacetime aircraft flight-deck disaster. Throughout a clinical practice spanning more than three decades, he served as staff and as Chief Anesthetist at numerous Navy hospitals and foreign deployments. He has also served aboard the USS Inchon and USS Guadalcanal and cold-weather exercises above the Arctic Circle.

Dr. Reese has served on several national-level committees of the AANA. As a member of the first Continuing Education Committee, including development the mandatory Continuing Education program - the first such program in the nursing profession. While on the Education Committee he helped revise and standardize clinical experience requirements and refined a tracking system to verify student eligibility to take the national Certification Examination. While a member of the AANA JOURNAL Editorial Review Board he conceived of and initiated the first "Journal Continuing Education Course", authoring its inaugural offering. As a member of the AANA Communications Technology Committee, several initiatives were undertaken to establish the AANA Web site. He most recently served on the AANA Practice Committee which addressed contemporary clinical practice issues of the profession including finalizing the AANA's "Standards and Guidelines for Office Based Practice".

As Chair of the AANAs Regional Anesthesia Task Force he lead development of the prototype of "Hands-On" Workshops for practicing nurse anesthetists. He is the lead faculty for the Regional Anesthesia Workshops held at the AANA Learning Center 4 times per year. These include the Ultrasound Guided Peripheral Nerve Block and Spinal-Epidural with Obstetric Essentials Workshops. These programs have been at capacity for the past 25 years; training more than 4,000 practicing CRNAs.

He has been recognized with the Dannemiller Educational Foundation's "Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology"; the AANA's "Alice McGaw Clinical Practitioner Award" (2000); the AANA's "Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award "(2006); and most recently, the AANA's "Agatha Hodgins Award for Outstanding Accomplishment" (2016) ... the only CRNA to have been recognized by the AANA with all three of its top prestigious honors in acknowledgment of his career-long contributions to education and patient care.