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Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock is Tripler's Commanding General

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HONOLULU—"In all my years in the military, I have never heard a negative word about Tripler," said Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, FACHE, Aug. 11th in her speech following the Assumption of Command from Col. Stephanie A. Marshall at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Pollock now has many titles to include Commanding General, Pacific Regional Medical Command; Commanding General, Tripler Army Medical Center; U.S. Army Pacific Command Surgeon; the 22nd chief of the Army Nurse Corps; TRICARE Senior Market Manager, Hawai'i; and Professional Filler System (PROFIS) Commanding General, 18th Medical Command.

She also went from colonel to major general all in one day – July 26th at the Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Ceremony, Wash., D.C. It is unusual but not unprecedented to be promoted two ranks up, according to the Army's General Officer Management Office.

"This is a very special day for me," she said. "I am truly honored to command (all of you) outstanding warriors and healers."

Maj. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, M.D., acting commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, presided at the ceremony.

Kiley praised Tripler staff on the great work they have been doing preparing more than 12,000 Active Reserve Component Soldiers for deployments through the Soldier Readiness Processing system.

"We are a nation at war and an Army Medical Department at war," Kiley said.

He praised Marshall's leadership of Tripler during her time of command.

Kiley also told Tripler staff and guests present what a great officer Pollock was who "(has been) a successful commander who has maturity and judgment and a great reputation."

Marshall thanked the Tripler staff for their focus during her command since June 2nd with "so many transitions and the many challenges" the medical center has gone through. She thanked the staff for their and dedication to Tripler's patients.

"Now, we (begin) focusing on supporting the activation of the Hawai'i Army National Guard," she s

referring to the more than 2,500 Soldiers of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade being called to active duty that Tripler is getting ready to begin medical Soldier Readiness Processing in mid-August at Schofield Barracks.

Pollock also talked about how the Tripler staff had welcomed her and made her feel comfortable from arrival.

“I am truly honored to take command,” she said.

Pollock received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Maryland. She attended the U.S. Army Nurse Anesthesia Program and is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She received her Master of Business Administration from Boston University, a Master’s in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University, and a Master’s in National Security and Strategy from the National Defense University. She is also a Fellow in The American College of Healthcare Executives.

Pollock’s military education includes Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; the U.S. Air Force War College; the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives; the Military Health System CAPSTONE program; the Principles of Advanced Nurse Administrators; and the NATO Staff Officer Course.

Pollock’s past military assignments include Special Assistant to the Surgeon General for Information Management and Health Policy; Commander, Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga.; Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Drum, New York; Staff Officer, Strategic Initiatives Command Group for the Army Surgeon General; Department of Defense (DoD) Healthcare Advisor to the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; Health Fitness Advisor at the National Defense University; Senior Policy Analyst in Health Affairs, DoD; and Chief, Anesthesia Nursing Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Pollock’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. She earned the coveted Expert Field Medic Badge, and is proud to wear the Parachutist Badge. She received the Army Staff Identification Badge for her work at the Pentagon. In addition, she earned the German Armed Forces Military Efficiency Badge “Leistungsabzeichen” in gold.



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