

Margaret Chamberlain Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN, FAAN
Major General, US Army (Retired)

ROA National President

Dr. Margaret “Peggy” Chamberlain Wilmoth became the 84th National President of the Reserve Organization of America (ROA) on October 19, 2025. With 40,000 members, Washington-based ROA is a congressionally chartered corporation promoting the development and execution of a military policy for the U.S. that will provide adequate national security. Since its founding in 1922 by veterans of World War I, ROA is the premier advocate for Reserve Component equipment, training, manning, professional development, family care, and employment rights. Through its Service Members Law Center, ROA offers expert legal information on employment, military voting rights and other legal issues.

In her military life, Dr. Wilmoth is a retired Major General, who served in the U.S. Army Reserve for over 35 years. She commanded units of various size and complexity, including serving as the first nurse commanding general of a medical brigade with responsibility for wartime readiness of all the U.S. Army Reserve medical assets in the Southeastern United States, including Puerto Rico. She then served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs where she led multiple initiatives, including research on psychiatric evacuations from theater which led to changes in deployment policy.



In her final assignment, Dr. Wilmoth was promoted to Major General and assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General, US Army, where she served as the Deputy Surgeon General for the Army Reserve. She was appointed by the Secretary of the Army to serve two terms on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee. General Wilmoth is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Expert Field Medical Badge, and holds the ‘9A’ Proficiency Designator in Medical-Surgical Nursing awarded by the Surgeon General, U.S. Army. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

In her civilian life, Dr. Wilmoth is a Professor at the School of Nursing, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Her current work is focused on the health equity for military affiliated individuals and education equity for military children. A special focus is on Reserve-connected children in civilian-centric schools and ensuring adequate and quality programs address their needs.

Dr. Wilmoth joined the faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in August 2017 as the inaugural Executive Vice Dean and as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She served as Interim Dean from January to August, 2022. She has been on faculty of several institutions, including Georgia State University where she was the inaugural dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions. She has over 60 publications and book chapters to her credit.

Dr. Wilmoth is a Fellow, American Academy of Nursing and is an alumna of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship. She was the 2023-2024 Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence at the National Academy of Medicine where she focused her work on military/veteran health issues. Dr. Wilmoth is currently co-chair of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine’s Task Force on Veteran Health.

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