

## **A Message From the Chief Nurse**

**Nurses,**

Candles, silver bells, wreaths and decorated trees are some of the symbols that remind us of this holiday season celebrated by many cultures and religions. The underlying theme is a message of giving and sharing. As nurses, however, your gift of service and sacrifice is exercised all year long with the patients, families, communities and populations that you serve. Thank you for caring and for your commitment to improve the health of our Nation.

My holiday wish for you is that you will be given the gift of peace in your lives, the gift of faith in the power you have to make a difference in the world, and the gift of hope for a promising future of health and happiness in your personal and professional lives.

On behalf of the Office of the Surgeon General, we wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a healthy new year.

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