Throughout her career, Capt. Cynthia Piccirilli has touched many lives.

Since 1995, Dr. Piccirilli has worked as a staff neurosurgeon at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) and treats patients of all ages and acuity of illness. She currently serves as the department head of neurosurgery. During her career, she has been the neurosurgery advisor to the surgeon general of the Navy and served a term as president of the medical staff at NMCP.

Her patients include active duty and retired military members and their families. “It has been my distinct privilege to share in the lives of my patients and their families, as they journey through illness, recovery, disability and at times, death,” she said.

To Piccirilli, La Roche was a family experience. “I lived with a number of my professors, since I was a young religious sister when I attended La Roche,” she explained. “My professors were deeply interested in the success of their students, and they wanted us to reach our full potentials.”