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United States Assistant Surgeon General
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Dr. Ballom received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas and her post-graduate training was completed at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park, Michigan. Currently, United States Assistant Surgeon General, Dr. Ballom holds the rank of Rear Admiral in the United States Public Health Service. She is a board-certified physician in both family medicine and correctional medicine, serving as the Regional Medical Director for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, South Central Region. Dr. Ballom is also adjunct assistant professor at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Rear Admiral Ballom began her thirty-one-year medical career with the intention to make a difference in the health of underserved and vulnerable populations, an endeavor to which she has diligently devoted her professional efforts towards achieving. In accomplishing this goal, she has made an impact on the lives of patients, co-workers, students, and served to promote, protect and advance the health and safety of the nation.

After four years in the US Public Health Service, Rear Admiral Ballom worked for the next twelve years as medical director of a group primary care practice in Fort Worth, Texas, while maintaining inactive reserve status in the United States Public Health Service. She returned to active duty in the U.S. Public Health Service in 2001.

Rear Admiral Ballom's leadership abilities have been deployed by the Department of Homeland Security, the United States State Department, and the Department of Health and Human Services. For her outstanding performance and leadership, Rear Admiral Ballom has received numerous honors and awards from the U.S. Public Health Service among them the 2014 Applied Public Health Physician of the Year Award and the Outstanding Service Medal.

Dr. Ballom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the Bishop College, a Master of Public Health from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with an emphasis in Nutrition. Rear Admiral Ballom was inducted into Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health in recognition of her dedication to pursuing and promoting excellence in the field.