

# Rene Aventura, RN

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A platoon sergeant in the U.S. Army, Rene Aventura has experienced the reality of being in combat zones on the other side of the globe, even once coming close to losing his life during an airstrike. Now back home, Aventura is fighting another battle as a frontline nurse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Since I came back, I feel like I’m in a state of war – it’s a fight we have to win,” Aventura said. He added that he feels honored to be able to provide patient care during this difficult time, sharing that it feels like his – and his fellow nurses’ – calling.

“We just remind ourselves that no one else will do it. We have to do it as a team, we have to do it for humanity, and we have to do it for Kaiser Permanente to help our members.” However, Aventura stated that the public also has a major role to play in this fight.

“It’s very important for the public to know that this virus is real and masks work,” he said, later mentioning that by wearing face masks, individuals can keep themselves safe while also keeping their loved ones safe, as well. “We are in this together to fight it off.”



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