



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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Ms. Brenda Pennels is the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan Strategic Relations Manager for Martin's Point Healthcare, located in Portland, Maine. Ms. Pennels also has 20 years of leadership experience in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device industries.

EDUCATION

B.A. Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 1982.

MILITARY SERVICE

Ms. Pennels was commissioned a Military Police 2LT in 1981 in the Early Commissioning Program through Army ROTC at the University of Massachusetts. 2LT Pennels served in the Massachusetts Army National Guard 26th Infantry Division as the Commander of Detachment 1, 26th Military Company until her graduation in 1982 when she entered active duty as a platoon leader in the 401st Military Police Company at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1983 she deployed to Honduras for six months in support of Operation Ahuas Tara II. Other active duty assignments included Company Commander and Post Crime Prevention Officer, where she was a co-founder of the National Crime Prevention Coalition. In 1985 CPT Pennels left active duty and served another 16 years in Army Reserve in the 98th Division (Training), where she received several promotions and held a variety of command and staff positions until her honorable discharge in 2001.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Appointed July 2021 as Aide de Camp for Governor Janet T. Mills, Maine (unpaid volunteer advisor on veteran's issues); Department of the Army Civilian (1989-1995) 4th Brigade, 98th Division (Training).

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: The American Legion (Past Vice Commander); Maine Veterans Coordinating Committee, Executive Board Member; Fort Drum Retiree Council, Member.

CIVIC: President, Military Officer's Association of America Southern Maine Chapter; Executive Board, Association of the United States Army Joshua Chamberlain Chapter; Member, Sebago Lakes Region Rotary Club; Member Maine Military and Community Network; Volunteer, Vet2Vet Maine.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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