



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

MONTANA



JULIE VACURA

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Mrs. Vacura has worked with youth as junior and senior high school math teacher in public schools and the Montana Youth Challenge Academy, and as the MTNG Child and Youth Program Coordinator. She continues to teach Suicide Intervention for the National Guard and in the Missoula community since being certified in ASIST through the Army in 2015. She has been active in her local parish and around the Helena Catholic Diocese for years, in a variety of aspects of youth and adult faith formation.

EDUCATION

BA Mathematics, Emphasis in Secondary Ed-University of Montana, MA Counselor Education-University of Montana, Graduate Certificate Military Resilience-Liberty University

MILITARY SERVICE

Mrs. Vacura served 33 years in the Army National Guard, retiring a CW5 as the Command Chief Warrant Officer for the Montana National Guard. She held several positions in C-Co 1-189th General Support Aviation Battalion including MedEvac Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Safety Officer, and Tactical Operations Officer, deploying twice with the MedEvac to Iraq and Kuwait (2004 & 2011). She flew for 20 years and over 2000 hours in UH-1's and UH-60's. She also served as the State Safety Officer, and on the State Resilience Team, teaching resilience and suicide intervention skills to soldiers across Montana. Mrs. Vacura also enjoyed a season on the Montana National Guard Biathlon Team.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association, Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), National Guard Association of the US&MT (NGAUS&MTNGA), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and board member MTNGA.

CIVIC: Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited, past member of Lions Club and Toastmasters

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Vacura earned the Master Army Aviator Badge, 2 Air Medals, and a Combat Action Badge.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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