

Ronald R. Martel
CAPTAIN, MSC, USN



Captain Ron Martel, a native of Palmer Massachusetts, enlisted in the United States Navy in November 1979 and attended Basic Training in San Diego, CA, August 1980. He attended Submarine School in Groton, CT and attended A and C schools in Dam Neck, VA. He was assigned to the USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642-Gold) in December 1981. He completed one shipyard overhaul, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and 6 deterrent patrols out of Holy Loch Scotland. In 1986 he became an instructor at the FBM Advance Technical Training School in Groton CT and certified in several advanced computer science educational pipelines and earned the title of Master Training Specialist. In 1988 he graduated cum laude, from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a B.S. in Education. In 1990 he earned a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY and in 2006 earned a Master's in Health Law from the Shepard Broad Law Center, certified by the American Bar Association, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

In 1990 he was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy as a Medical Service Corps Officer, Health Care Administration and began his career at the Naval Hospital Groton, Groton, CT. While there he was Assistant Department Head, Operating Management; Head, Plans Operations Medical Intelligence and Reserve Affairs; Head, Professional Affairs and Head, Manpower Management. In 1994 he transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam as Head, Patient Administration and Legal Officer. In 1996 LT Martel transferred to Naval Hospital Bremerton as Head, Nutrition Management and Food Services, and Head, Managed Care.

In August 1999 he was deep selected 2 years early for Lieutenant Commander, and transferred in January 2000 to the Lead Agent's Office, Regions 7 & 8 at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, CO. There he was Head, Business Operations overseeing the Healthcare Support Contract Bid Price Adjustment and all internal and external resource sharing agreements. Later he became Director, Managed Care with oversight of Managed Care Business Operations Policy and Implementation for 26 medical treatment facilities, covering 16 states and 1.9 million beneficiaries.

In July 2003 he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Brunswick Naval Station Branch Health Clinic, Brunswick, ME. He promoted to Commander in 2006. In August of 2006 CDR Martel transferred to the Naval Operations Medical Institute as the Director for Administration. One year later he filled a critical need at Naval Hospital Pensacola as the Director for Administration and the Executive Officer of the Fleet Hospital Three. In November 2008 until July 2009 he deployed to Kuwait as the Assistant OIC of Detachment Hotel and Director for Administration, EMF KUWAIT. In August 2010 he was assigned as the Director for Health Care Business at Naval Hospital Pensacola. In September 2011 he promoted to Captain. In October 2011 he transferred to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as Director, Human Resources Manpower Plans and Business Policy. He is currently the Executive Officer for Naval Hospital Beaufort and Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Beaufort Expeditionary Medical Facility.

He has been the founder and past president of The Healthcare Management Association of Guam, and the Health Care Management Association of the Western Sound, Bremerton WA. He has been President of the Medical Service Corps Association at Naval Hospitals Groton, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and Naval Hospital Bremerton. He has owned two private businesses, and has been an interim CEO and consultant on other business start-ups. He has been a guest speaker at both public and private engagements. In 1995 a Leadership Award was named after him for his leadership on the island of Guam in the medical community. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Military decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement, Medal Good Conduct Medal (2), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal.

He has been married for 30 years to the former Martha Meeker and has two sons Andrew 27 (a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air force) and Benjamin 23 (a Pre-Professional Biology Major at UWF). He currently resides in Beaufort, SC.