



## Stephanie Brennell

Stephanie retired in May 2021 after spending 21 years as an active-duty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. During her time in the military, she completed a variety of assignments in search and rescue planning, operational planning, and contingency and emergency planning. During her final assignment prior to retirement, she served for four years as the Coast Guard's Incident Management Team Coordinator in Portsmouth, Virginia, providing training, support, and coordination to Coast Guard units throughout the mid-Atlantic region during hurricane season preparations and storm recovery, as well as other contingency and special events.

Born and raised in upstate New York, Stephanie graduated from Niagara University with a B.S. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice and has completed graduate level coursework in Organizational Leadership. In addition to serving on the Family Advisory Committee for the Pediatric Retinal Research Foundation (PRRF) based in Michigan, she serves on the board of directors for an educational non-profit called Uniquely Created Alliance based in Suffolk, Virginia, and serves as the Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Isle of Wight County school district in Virginia.

Stephanie is married to Adam Brennell, also a former Coast Guard officer, who works as a civilian instructor for the U.S. Navy teaching navigation and seamanship courses. They have three amazing boys, Will (9), and twins Zach and Sean (7), along with their most recent addition - Jonah, the Chocolate Lab puppy. Stephanie and her family reside in Smithfield, Virginia.