

Brenda White Bull's Biography

Brenda Margaret White Bull was born in Fort Yates, North Dakota. Her Lakota name is Waunsila Win (Compassionate Woman.) She was raised in Kenel, South Dakota, on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Her parents are the late Mr. Albert J. White Bull Sr. and the late Mrs. Maxine V. White Bull. Other family members include six sisters, four brothers, two hun'ka (adopted) brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews. She comes from a proud heritage of the Hunkpapa Band of the Lakota Nation and is a direct descendent of Sitting Bull, Chief White Bull, and Moving Robe Woman, (all combatants of The Battle of Little Big Horn), and the granddaughter of George Sleeps from Home, a Lakota Code Talker in WWI.

Brenda graduated from Fort Yates High School in Fort Yates, North Dakota in 1989. On September 24, 1989 she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the young age of 17. She graduated boot camp on December 22, 1989 on the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, South Carolina (PISC). In 1990, she attended The Basic Food Service Course on Camp Johnson, North Carolina and then received her first orders to Edson Range at Camp Pendleton, California (1990-1993). Her other duty stations were as follows: Headquarters and Service Battalion, Quantico, Virginia (1993-1996); 1st MAW, Okinawa, Japan (1997-1998); Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina (1998-2000); Headquarters and Service Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina (2000-2004); Headquarters and Service Battalion, Quantico, Virginia (2004-2007); Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Cherry Point, North Carolina (2007-2009) after which she retired.

Brenda also served as a Company Gunnery Sergeant, Equal Opportunity Representative, Drill Instructor, Staff Non Commissioned Officer of Funeral Detail, Quality Assurance Evaluator, Victim Advocate, and an Assistant Contracting Officer Representative.

Some of Brenda's accomplishments are: Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter, member of the Headquarters and Service Battalion PISC Rifle and Pistol Shooting Team, and Drill Instructor School Iron Woman.

Brenda enjoys running and has competed in the 1995, 2000, 2001, 2009, and 2014 Marine Corps Marathons. She placed 2nd overall in the 2000 Parris Island Sprint Triathlon. Her interests are shopping for antiques, going to yard sales, golfing and cheering for The Green Bay Packers and The New York Yankees. She enjoys mentoring youth, where she volunteered to coach boys' basketball during the 1997-2005 seasons and is currently coaching the elementary girls' basketball team. She was active in the Beaufort County Sister to Sister Program, volunteered for several Special Olympics Events in the South Carolina and Virginia areas. She has been a member of The Montford Point Marines Association, Habitat for Humanity, Beaufort Official Association, and the Order of the Eastern Stars and is currently a member of The Women Marines Association, and The Dakota Leathernecks Marine Corps League.

Brenda received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Social Psychology on May 28, 2009, from Park University, Missouri. From 2011-2012 she worked at the Fort Berthold Community College as the Data Manager. She was also employed at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a Program Support Assistant for the Foster Care and Hospice/Palliative Programs. Brenda is currently working at the White Shield School in White Shield, North Dakota as The Online Education Director.

She is the proud mother of her beautiful daughter, Genesis, whom she loves to support in all her school and sporting activities.