



John Nettles is the president of Pine Belt Communications, Inc. a privately owned, diversified telecommunications carrier serving parts of West Central Alabama. The company, founded in 1958 by John's father, the late Dr. James D. Nettles, is headquartered in Arlington, Alabama. Its current operations include:

- Incumbent local exchange telephone and wired broadband services to approximately 2,000 establishments in parts of Marengo, Wilcox and Clarke Counties;
- Competitive local exchange telephone and broadband services in the municipalities of Thomasville, Pine Hill, Selma, Linden, Butler, Grove Hill and Marion;
- Hybrid fiber-coax cable TV and broadband services in Grove Hill and Butler;
- 3G-EVDO and 4G-LTE mobile and fixed wireless telephone and broadband services throughout the Alabama Counties of Choctaw, Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox

John graduated from the University of Alabama in 1982 with a BA in History and a minor in Chemistry. He served from 1982 to 1988 in the US Army as a Maintenance Management Officer with primary assignments to the 568th Engineer Company – Combat Support Equipment in Hanau, Germany, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, Germany and 710th Maintenance Battalion, 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, New York. He also served two years in the Alabama Army National Guard from 1990 to 1992. John earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1993 by way of its Executive MBA program.

He is a past president of the Alabama-Mississippi Telecommunications Association and is a current member of the State of Alabama E-911 Board and the Telecommunications Association of the Southeast. He is a past president of The Rotary Club of Selma Alabama.

John and his wife Tiffany live in Selma, AL. Together they have five children, John Nettles, Jr (24) an Active Duty Army veteran and a sophomore at Kansas State University as well an active member of the Kansas National Guard; Alice Nettles (20), a junior at Gettysburg College having served this past summer as a legislative intern with the DC law office of Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney; Hain Beers (25), a graduate of Auburn University and the manager of South Dallas Turf Farm in Sardis, AL; Braxton Beers (23) who lives at The Learning Tree in Mobile, AL, a residential school and occupational training facility for individuals with Autism; and Mary Margaret Beers (18), a freshman at the University of Alabama.