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Lorraine Holland, MAJ USA (ret.) is currently the President of the Military Association of America (MOAA) Central Florida Chapter (CFC). Lorraine is a Life Member of MOAA, America's largest lobbying association dedicated to protecting the rights of all military personnel.

Lorraine moved to Montana at age 15, and during her senior year of high school, she enlisted in the U.S. Army. She went on active duty in 1975 as a Private in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). She was the first woman to graduate from the Army's Machinist Course in early 1976. She remained on active duty until late 1978 and joined the Montana National Guard while attending college.

In 1980, Lorraine was commissioned in the Army and completed the Army Ordnance Corps Basic Maintenance Officer course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. She was assigned to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where she held various Logistics positions at different levels in support of the 10th Special Forces.

In 1985, she completed the Army Ordnance Corps Advanced course and was assigned to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, as a Commander of a Chemical Maintenance company. She completed the Material Acquisition Management Course and spent several years in Contracting and Research and Development with both military and civilians.

In 1990, Lorraine was assigned to 2nd Armored Division (Fwd.) in Garlstadt, Germany, as the Support Operations Officer. Her unit deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm in January 1991. The 2nd Armored Division served alongside the British 1st Division, and both units were the first to penetrate the Iraqi breach when the war began in February. Her unit headed north towards Basra, and the British units went east to overtake the Republican Guard. Lorraine was the head logistician working on the front lines to ensure commanders had enough supplies to keep pace with the unexpected momentum of what turned out to be a short war. She was then responsible for all logistics of setting up and maintaining a refugee site for 25,000 displaced Kurds. For her efforts, she received a Bronze Star after 9 months of deployment to the Gulf.

In late 1991, 2nd Armored Division (Fwd.) was the first unit in Europe to deactivate. Lorraine was responsible for ensuring all equipment was dispersed within Army units in Europe or returned to U.S. Army units in the States. In 1992, Lorraine was promoted to Major and reassigned to NATO in Brussels, where she worked as the Chief Logistics Officer for all Army personnel assigned to NATO.

In 1993, Lorraine was sent to the Pentagon to work for the Director of Logistics. She was on a small task force to assess the European-wide equipment-downsizing effort, which received $800 million from Congress. A large portion of the funds was allocated to 13 National Guard sites in the U.S. to repair and reissue equipment returning from Europe. Lorraine spent more time flying back and forth to Europe and between the 13 repair sites than at the Pentagon! Lorraine retired from active service in 1996 and received the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in a career.

Lorraine was awarded a master's degree in Contracting and Logistics from Florida Institute of Technology. She was married to LTC Nigel Holland, a Royal Engineer in the British Army, for 20 years, who sadly passed away in 2011. She lives in Oviedo, remains very active in the Military community, and serves on 5 different military councils in the Orlando area.