

Lorry Faber – Flight Program Operations Chief Pilot

Lorry Faber is a career aviation professional and graduate of the United States Air Force (USAF) Academy, class of 1988. She grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and is based at the Atlantic City International Airport in New Jersey.

In the USAF, Lorry flew several aircraft, including T-37, UH-1N, and HH-60G, and flew for the USAF Test Pilot School and the Cessna 150 as the Air Force Civil Air Patrol Liaison. She has flown the President of the United States overseas, taken dignitaries to and from Washington D.C., and flown over Mount Fuji in a helicopter. Lorry was one of the first female helicopter pilots to fly in combat situations after the Secretary of Defense opened those positions to women in 1993. Her career spanned the regular, guard, and reserve components of the Air Force before she retired from the Air Force.

While flying with the Alaska Air National Guard, Lorry heard about the work of Flight Program Operations and decided to join the FAA in 1998. She began work in aircraft certification and flight testing at the William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City. She added several fixed-wing aircraft to her flight competencies while working in research and development, including B-727, CV-580, SK-76, PA-350, AC-680, BE-200, BE-300, & BD-700. Lorry continued to rise within the FAA, serving as Aircraft Certification Flight Test Team in Fort Worth – Human Factors Specialist, Research & Development Flight Program at FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City, and then ACY Flight Program Manager before being tapped for the Chief Pilot position in 2022.

“Nothing is more exciting than making a difference and knowing you did something that helped make the skies safer,” she says. “At the end of the day, knowing that your job is purpose-driven is very fulfilling.”