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BA/BS	BS, computer science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical university, 1993
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1993 – 2005 : Officer, US air force

14 mars 2005 – 31 dec 2011 : professional staff member, house armed services committee

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Expertise: Military operations and maintenance.

Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., is worried that the military is headed toward a disaster, with equipment becoming antiquated and replacements are nowhere in sight. Averting that crisis is a top priority for the new chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness and that means that Lynn Williams, the subcommittee's staff director, is all over the issue.

Williams is a Hill staffer with plenty of practical experience in her field. She is an Air Force lieutenant colonel, with 18 years of total military services. Most of that was active duty as an officer and pilot of the F-15C. Williams left active duty in January 2005, when she accepted a post on the House Armed Services Committee. Since then she has worked as a professional staff member on the readiness panel, though she also handled the aviation procurement and modernization programs for the Seapower and Tactical Air and Land subcommittees.

She has degrees in computer science and aeronautical studies, which she relies on as she oversees the subcommittee's diverse jurisdiction. The Readiness Subcommittee manages the operation and maintenance funding of the military, while also overseeing energy and environmental policy, services contracting, military construction and depot policies.

But for Forbes, the top issue is the state of the military's technology. Shortly after becoming the subcommittee's chairman in 2011, Forbes held two hearings entitled "Are we ready?" which took the unusual step of having a roundtable conversation with leading members of the armed services.

"It was reinforced today that the equipment used by our nation's Armed Forces is quickly approaching a 'geriatric state' and our force levels are disproportionate to the needs that our men and women in uniform are called to serve," Forbes said at the start of the hearings. "When it comes to our military, Congress must be able to answer one simple question: 'are we ready?' We need to avert the impending 'train wreck' that defense experts have said is coming."

Forbes has also expressed concern about the Defense Department's plan to reduce its budget, saying he thinks it will reduce the capabilities of what he considers the world's best military. He also has repeatedly expressed his concerns about the military buildup in China.

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