

SSG (R) Judith Lynne Cotten, Dr. *h.c.*, Bedford Stuyvesant “BedStuy,” Brooklyn, New York native joined the U.S. Army in November 1980 and served for 21 years in the Administrative and Legal fields while serving with Military Intelligence, Military Police, and the Judge Advocate General Corp (JAG) branches. As a Paralegal, she used the power of the “law,” the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to assist her soldiers with their defense. She was stationed at Fort Hamilton, NY, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Jackson, SC, Honduras, S. Korea, Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station, Fort Gillem, GA, and honorably retired at Fort Sill, OK in June 2001.

Post retirement, Judith is a licensed Realtor and Realist in various states with 24+ years of experience. She is a Broker/Owner of two full service Real Estate firms and Property Management division and a licensed Real Estate Instructor and owner of a Real Estate Academy. Judy is a licensed Life and Health Insurance Producer with 15+ years of experience and Owner of New Vision Agency in Georgia. She has vast knowledge of and is well versed in both industries where she strives to educate individuals on the importance of building wealth and leaving a legacy, how to leverage both industries to break the cycle of poverty, and to leverage their retirement portfolio and maximize their dollars without double taxation. Her motto is “Protecting Families & Securing Legacies.”

In 2010, Judy was licensed as a Life Coach, and her platform is “How to Leave a Legacy”. She uses her skillset to elevate her clients with group and/or one-on-one settings to assist with identifying and achieving personal or professional goals through changing their mindset, developing skillsets and attitudes. Her love is coaching and empowering Women and Youth.

In 2020, Judith became a lifetime member of the National Association of Black Military Women, Inc and is currently serving a second term as the National Secretary and President for the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter (NABMWATL). She was recently appointed Regional Director for Members At Large (MAL).

October 2023, Judith established Omicron Nu Xi Military Sorority, Inc. where she serves as the Founder and the National President and the Founder of Omicron Nu Xi Military Auxiliaries, Inc. Both organizations are affectionately known as “**ONE**” and they work in tandem to serve the civilian and military communities worldwide.

December 2023, Judy received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris’ administration.

June 2024, Judith received her Honorary Doctorate degree in Humanitarianism.

Judy is a dedicated servant for her country and local community. She serves as the Chairwoman for Clayton County Land Bank Board, member for Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board, Clayton County Election Poll Manager, and Mentor for Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court.

Judy is deeply emerged in volunteering with her many organizations: Omicron Nu Xi Military Sorority & Auxiliaries, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; National Association of Black Military Women; Veterans of Foreign War Post 12180, Trustee; American Legion Post 258; National Council of Negro Women, Central Florida Section; AARP #5440; Ga Military Women; Mission Continues; Prince Hall Affiliated - Oklahoma Jurisdiction Order of the Eastern Star, Heroine of Jericho, Heroines of the Templar Crusades, and Golden Circle; and a faithful member and servant at Shiloh Baptist Church Jonesboro where she serves as the Trustee’s Chairwoman, Pastor’s Executive Administrator, and Media Department representative.

During Judy's military service, she was awarded numerous medals and ribbons, i.e., Joint Service Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal-4, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal-2, Non-commissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon-2, Overseas Service Ribbon-2, and Army Service Medal. She also completed various training courses such as Basic and Advanced Non-commissioned Officer's courses, Administrative Specialist, Legal Specialist, Equal Opportunity, Publication Course, and various other courses.

Judy resides in Jonesboro, Georgia and has one adult son, Dequan.