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Born in Wichita Falls, Texas March 1964 and raised in Manhasset, New York, daughter of Dr. Lewis S. Smoler, DMD had interest in understanding different cultures and customs of the world from the beginning. All throughout school and college education, the emphasis was on make all efforts to understand different customs and learn to respect the differences. That is how the interest in international project and program development started. Extensive travels to Europe helped to give good foundation for the preparation to be a NGO representative and work with the United Nations.

### Education:

University of Denver 3 years course study television production 1982  
United States Naval Avionics training 4 years 1987-91  
Manchester Community College Associates in surgical technology graduated 1998  
Springfield College Bachelors of Science graduated 2003

### Work history:

Petty officer in the United States Navy 1987-1991;

Faustine has traveled extensively through Europe, Asia and Latin America. During her military service she lived in Japan for 12 months troubleshooting and repairing the ASW-31 Autopilot systems, inertial navigation, and other avionics systems for squadron VP-19 (Moffett Field, CA.) during the Persian Gulf War. Our mission stateside was anti-submarine warfare tracking in San Francisco Bay and Pacific coastline monitoring for threats to United States maritime ways. Our mission in the Persian Gulf was anti-submarine warfare and flying reconnaissance missions into Kuwait City to battle Saddam Hussein's invading army.

Volunteer in United States Navy sponsored Japanese community outreach programs distributing food and clothing and assisting local children and the elderly.

Recipient of The National Defense medal

Recipient of USN Humanitarian Service Award after Loma Prieta Earthquake in October, 1989 (Bay Area, California).

Volunteer to Salvation Army during post –earthquake recovery efforts.

Recipient of two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons

Recipient of the Arnold J. Isbell Award for Avionics Excellence  
Recipient of the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Award for squadron efforts related to drug interdiction on Pacific coastline.

Recipient of The Coast Guard Special Operations Service ribbon  
Recipient of Good Conduct Medal for meritorious military service

Decorated Persian Gulf War Veteran

New Britain General Hospital surgical technologist 1999-2001

Mercy Medical Center 2001-2005 surgical technologist

Orthofix sales associate

Baystate Medical Center 2007-Feb.2011 surgical technologist. Service coordinator / manager

NGO Representative at New York for Women's Health and Education Center, which is a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the ECOSOC of the United Nations, since 1/2011

Avid volunteer at community soup kitchens