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John Naland was president of the American Foreign Service Association from 2001-2003 and again from 2007-2009. AFSA is the professional association and union representing 31,000 active and retired Foreign Service employees of the Department of State, the Agency for International Development, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Foreign Commercial Service.

A career Foreign Service Officer, he joined the U.S. Department of State in 1986. He has served in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. His Washington tours include the State Department Operations Center, the White House Situation Room, the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff, and the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. He is a graduate of the Foreign Service Institute's nine month-long economic training course and worked for one year at Caterpillar Inc. under the State Department's Corporate Exchange Program. He was AFSA's Vice President for the State Department from 1999 to 2001.

Before joining State, he was a U.S. Army cavalry officer stationed in Germany. Born in Wichita, Kansas, he grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana where he graduated from Tulane University. He is married and has two pre-school daughters.