



Fact Sheet

Spouse Ambassador Network

The Spouse Ambassador Network is a committed group of organizations within the Military Spouse Employment Partnership that have community networks and will leverage these networks to broaden knowledge about military spouse career resources in communities where military spouses live and work.

Network highlights

- ✓ *“We rely on the Spouse Ambassador Network to be our conduit to military spouses. These organizations provide vital connections to military spouses in the communities where spouses live and work.”*
— C. Eddy Mentzer, associate director of the Office of Military Family Readiness Policy
- ✓ *Currently, the Spouse Ambassador Network includes **22** member organizations.*



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Military spouses are highly skilled and dedicated employees in the American workforce. Of the 600,000 plus active-duty military spouses, just over half – 51 percent – are 30 years old or younger; just under half – 49 percent – are over 30 years of age.¹ They are tech-savvy, more educated than their civilian counterparts and are resilient and adaptable as they live the mobile military life. Military families relocate, on average every two to three years, meaning military spouses are often unable to maintain their employment status or establish career tenure, resulting in a significant unemployment rate and wage gap compared to their civilian counterparts. These employment setbacks adversely affect the readiness, retention and well-being of the military community.

Members of the Spouse Ambassador Network are part of a like-minded community of organizations that belong to and support the mission of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership. The partnership connects military spouses with hundreds of partner employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. This partnership helps military spouses find employment, build on their education and experience and achieve their career and personal goals.



As a Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities initiative, the mission of the Spouse Ambassador Network is to educate, empower and mentor military spouses to encourage career fulfillment by promoting and sharing resources while facilitating effective relationships with local and national stakeholders.

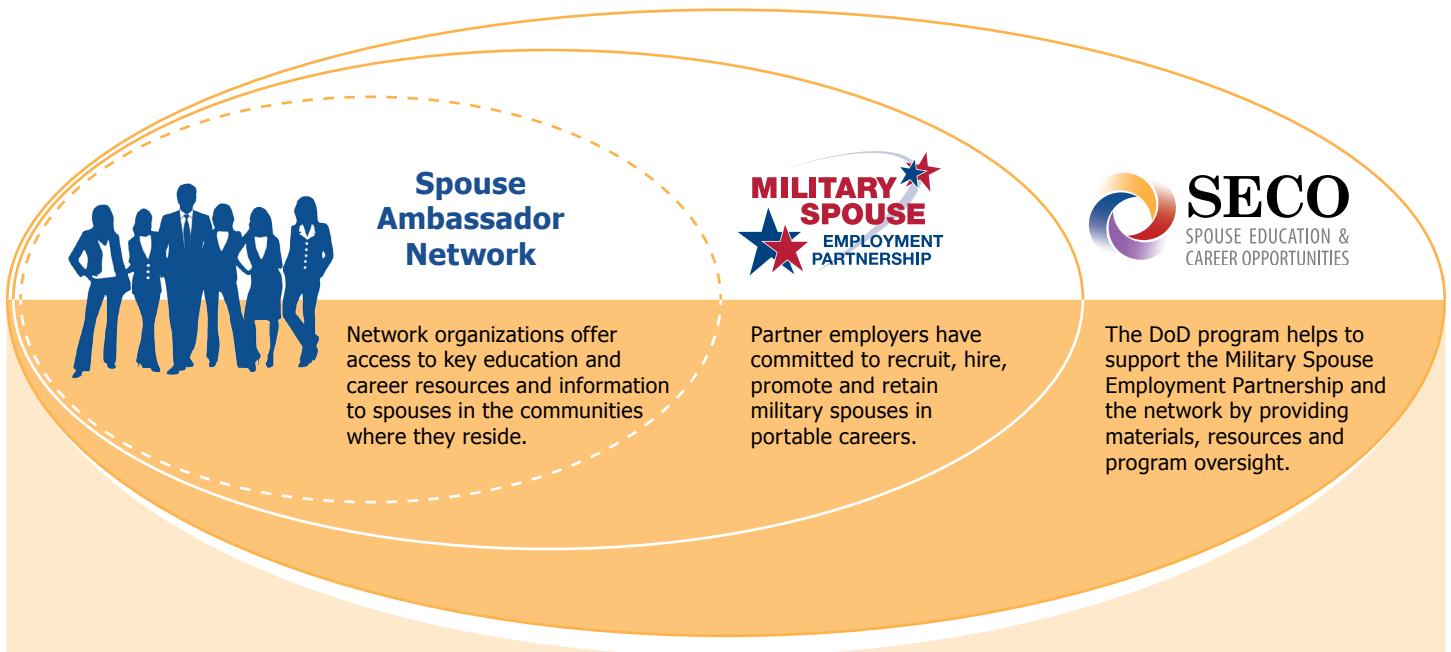
¹ 2015 Demographics Report: Profile of the Military Community, Military OneSource, <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2015-Demographics-Report.pdf>.

Community of support

The Spouse Ambassador Network brings a system of support to the communities where spouses live and work. It allows local and national stakeholders to connect with other like-minded groups to form effective relationships and further strengthen the system of support for spouses.

The Network: Educate — Empower — Mentor

Providing support to military spouses is a coordinated effort involving three key players. Each group plays a part to educate, empower and mentor spouses and provides a variety of tools, information and resources.



For more information, visit our websites.

MySECO — This website provides military spouses with 24/7 access to online education and career information, resources, tools and assessments. Using the tools and assessments, spouses can begin to explore their interests, skills, passions and personality type to determine the best fit for education and career choices and start to build a portable and meaningful career path. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/>

- **Spouse Ambassador Network resource page** — This resource page provides information regarding the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program and the Spouse Ambassador Network. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/Portal/Content/View/1494>
- **MSEP Job Search** — Access employment opportunities with hundreds of partner organizations committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/Portal/msep/jobsearch>

MSEP Portal — This website provides information for companies interested in becoming MSEP partners and offers resources for existing MSEP partners. <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/>

The Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides expert education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide. For more information, visit <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>.