



SPOUSE EDUCATION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Fact Sheet

Spouse Ambassador Network

The Spouse Ambassador Network is a committed group of organizations within the Military Spouse Employment Partnership that leverage their community networks to raise awareness of military spouse education and employment resources in communities where military spouses live and work. As a military spouse, you can take advantage of the services, support and networking opportunities provided by these organizations while building your network inside and outside the military community.

Spouse Ambassador Network highlights

- Currently, the Spouse Ambassador Network includes more than 25 member organizations.



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.

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Military spouses are highly skilled and dedicated employees in the American workforce. Of the more than 600,000 active-duty military spouses, nearly two-thirds – 64 percent – are 35 years old or younger; just over one-third – 36 percent – are over 35 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.

Community of support

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.

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.

¹ 2017 Demographics Report: Profile of the Military Community, Military OneSource, <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/2017-demographics-report.pdf>



The Network: Educate — Empower — Mentor

Providing support to military spouses is a coordinated effort. 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.



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The Department of Defense program helps to support the Military Spouse Employment Partnership and the network by providing materials, resources and program oversight.

 **MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Partner employers have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers.

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Network organizations offer access to key education and career resources to spouses in the communities where they reside.

- **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 their 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 Ambassador Network. This includes a list of the members of the Spouse Ambassador Network and links to pages for additional information on each organization. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/content/view/1494>
- **MSEP Job Search** — Access employment opportunities with hundreds of MSEP companies and organizations committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers. <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/msep/jobsearch>
- **MSEP Partner Portal** — This website provides information for companies interested in becoming MSEP partners and offers resources for existing MSEP partners. <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/home>

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>.

