

Dear Surviving Spouse:

Thank you for your interest in the MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter. We are very excited about this venture! Our purpose is to provide:

- a national forum for surviving spouses of uniformed services officers,
- a common space to communicate with each other,
- information about concerns pertinent to each of us and our families, and
- a platform to advocate for protection of rights for our members and our dependents.

Additionally, we want to be a reliable source for surviving spouses who live in remote areas, who are housebound, who have jobs and children, or who might be unable to participate at the chapter level.

MOAA's Board of Directors chartered this virtual chapter March 5, 2018. It is MOAA's second virtual chapter; the first is for uniformed services nurses. The Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter is an "affinity group," with members who can share information in a virtual environment with colleagues seeking to work together as we each adjust to a new life. We want to make a difference locally, statewide, and nationally, because as members of national MOAA and its local chapters and councils, we "never stop serving."

Some of the topics we will address include information on where to go, who to talk to, how to take the first steps, and what to do next.

- If your spouse served in Vietnam, he/she might have been a victim of Agent Orange.
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and your benefits?
- SBP/DIC? ("widows tax") and the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance?
- Rules on remarriage
- TRICARE, dental and vision care

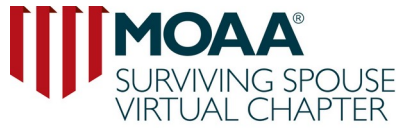
We would like to invite you to join us in this exciting venture. We meet monthly via Zoom, and one of our goals is to eventually have all 50 states represented. We all have busy lives, and we ask only that you participate to the degree you can. For additional information or to join the MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, contact us at <mailto:mssvc02@gmail.com>. We look forward to hearing from you, and welcome your participation in our virtual chapter. Attached is a membership application for your convenience.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Barbara Smith
Membership Chair

Micki Costello
President

Gail Joyce
Vice President



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
MOAA SURVIVING SPOUSE VIRTUAL CHAPTER**

Yes! I would like to be part of this exciting venture! Please accept my application below.
I understand I must certify I am a member of National MOAA.

NAME (LAST, FIRST & MIDDLE):

MOAA#: **IF NOT A MOAA MEMBER, JOIN ONLINE AT [MOAA.ORG/JOIN](https://www.moaa.org/join)**

(if you are a spouse serving as a Surviving Spouse Liaison, please provide your spouse's MOAA#)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A SURVIVING SPOUSE? **Applicant's DOB:**

SPOUSE'S NAME (if applicable): **RANK (if applicable):**

SERVICE (SPOUSE): ARMY MARINE CORPS NAVY AIR FORCE
 COAST GUARD PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOAA SPACE FORCE

E-MAIL ADDRESS: **BEST PHONE #**

MAILING ADDRESS:

I HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, AND I AM COMFORTABLE WORKING ON FACEBOOK:
YES NO

Please check below which category applies to you:

- (a)** a surviving spouse of a uniformed services member (CWO and above)
- (b)** the spouse of a uniformed services member of MOAA and currently serving as a surviving spouse liaison.
- (c)** a uniformed service member currently serving as a surviving spouse liaison.

Once completed, you can either:

a. Complete this form on your computer, save it, and then email it as an attachment to mssvc02@gmail.com, or

b. Print out the form, fill it in by hand, and mail to: Barbara Smith, Membership Chair, 1201 Faulkner Road, Virginia Beach VA 23454