

Sponsored by Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.,
Wessel & Company, & American Red Cross

12th Annual Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Friday, May 7th, 2021 at 12PM
~~*Johnstown Central Park Gazebo*~~

**DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE
1ST SUMMIT ARENA @ CAMBRIA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL LOBBY**

City, County, & State Proclamations ***Guest Military Spouse Speaker(s)***

Military spouses, past and present, are an extraordinary group of individuals. While their husbands or wives took an oath and signed on a dotted line when they joined the military, spouses were enlisted through the back door with the vows they took on their wedding day.

For your unfailing support of your military husband or wife and the mission of the United States military, we salute your strength, patriotism, and support.

You Make the Mission Possible!

*If you know someone who's dealing with a deployment right now, don't offer your help; just visit, cut their grass, make a meal, etc. They won't respond to your offer or ask for help. The feelings of isolation can be overwhelming and even debilitating at times. It's important to show your support!

Come to show your support for our local Military Spouses



Agenda

Welcome and Reason for Gathering:

Robert J. Eyer, Wessel & Company – Military Veteran

Presentation of Colors:

Conemaugh Valley Detachment 287 of the Marine Corps League

Invocation:

Randy Knupp

Pledge of Allegiance:

Cambria & Somerset County Commissioners

Introduction of Guest Speaker(s):

Tom Caulfield, Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc. (VCI)

Guest Speaker(s):

Alicia Rudnik

Proclamation Introduction:

Robert J. Eyer

City of Johnstown/ County of Cambria Proclamation:

Mayor Frank Janakovic & Commissioner Tom Chernisky

Cambria/ Somerset County/PA/Congressional Proclamations & Thank You's (Invited):

Governor Tom Wolf, US Senator Bob Casey, US Senator Pat Toomey, US Congressmen GT Thompson & John Joyce, PA Senators Wayne Langerholc & Pat Stefano; State Representatives Carl Metzgar, Jim Rigby, Matt Dowling, & Frank Burns; Cambria County Commissioners Tom Chernisky, B.J. Smith, & Scott Hunt; Somerset County Commissioners Gerald Walker, Pamela Tokar Ickes, & Colleen Dawson.

Retiring of Colors:

Conemaugh Valley Detachment 287 of the Marine Corps League

Proclamation

Where As: In the military community, the Friday before Mother's Day is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. I want everyone who reads this to express their gratitude and thanks to a military spouse that they know or use this as a reason to get to know the spouse!

Where As: It's easy to spot a military person who's in uniform and be able to say thanks. However, the spouse, who's the true backbone of the military family, gets a little recognition from the public. They don't ask for accolades from anyone, or any special recognition, but they still need recognition.

Where As: It's suggested to send them a note, visit, call or do something to let them know that you also appreciate and understand the sacrifices that they too are making in the name of Freedom.

Where As: *If you know someone who's dealing with a deployment right now, don't offer your help; just do it! They won't respond to your offer or ask for help. The feelings of isolation can be overwhelming and even deliberating at times, and it's important to show your support.

Where As: One might make/take a meal to them, take their kids off of their hands for a few hours, cut their grass without asking – just do something!

Where As: One might take my advice to heart and pass the word around and honor those who silently server our country!

“People will forget what you've said; people will forget what you've done; but they will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou

Where As: Thank all of the military spouses out there for all the sacrifices that they're making for our country.

Where As: The City of Johnstown/ The County of Cambria thanks and appreciates all of our military spouses for all their sacrifices on behave of their families and the freedom of our great country.

Therefore: The Commonwealth of PA, the Counties of Cambria and Somerset, and the City of Johnstown proclaims

Friday May 7, 2021, Military Spouse Appreciation Day.