



Dear Surviving Spouse:

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

- A national forum for surviving spouses of uniformed services officers
- A common space to communicate with each other
- A arena to share information about concerns pertinent to each of us and our families
- A platform to advocate for the 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 its second virtual chapter for Surviving Spouses March 5, 2018. It 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."

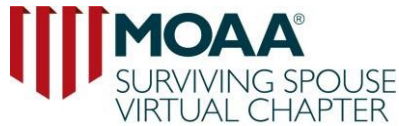
Some of the topics we will address include information on where to go, who to talk to, how to take the first steps, and what to do next.

- If your spouse served in Vietnam, he/she may have been exposed to Agent Orange, PACT Act
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and your benefits
- Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSI)
- 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 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 mssvc02@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome your participation in our virtual chapter. Attached is a membership application.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Pat Green	Gail Joyce	Roy Yenchesky	Viviane Wersel	Cheryl Toland
President	Vice President	Membership	Newsletter	Treasurer



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

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A SURVIVING SPOUSE? _____ **DOB (day&mon):** _____

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

SPOUSE'S SERVICE: ARMY ___ NAVY ___ COAST GUARD ___ SPACE FORCE ___

AIR FORCE ___ USMC ___ NOAA ___ PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ___

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

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

I HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, 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.

I agree to allow my contact information to be shared with members of this Virtual Chapter

Please initial: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

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: Roy Yenchesky, Membership Chair, 5112 S 247 St W, Goddard, KS 67052