



**Selection Criteria:
Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) Members**

Mission: To represent the interests of surviving spouses of MOAA

REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION:

- Current membership in national MOAA and Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter
- Surviving spouse of a uniformed service officer (who would have been eligible for MOAA membership) or a current surviving spouse liaison
- Ability to participate in the annual Advocacy in Action event, which may require walking and standing for extended periods of time
- Demonstrated commitment to MOAA's issues for servicemembers, families, veterans, and survivors
- Participation in local chapter and/or state council programs and activities
- Willing to serve as a board member of the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

Leadership ability, with the talent to work independently and as a team

- Lead and manage a project from beginning to end
- Generate ideas
- Assume responsibility
- Adhere to deadlines
- Demonstrate excellent people and networking skills
- Visit legislative offices on Capitol Hill and in-home district to educate members of Congress on issues affecting the military community

Excellent communication skills

- Establish/maintain contact, primarily via email, with both council and chapter presidents and liaisons within the assigned SSAC region
- Maintain awareness of legislative issues impacting surviving spouses
 - Ability to share knowledge
- Comfortable speaking in front of large and small audiences
- Computer skills include basic email use, Microsoft Word/Excel, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

Willing to commit time to SSAC

- Available to travel one to two times per year for 3-5 days at a time
- Assume a four-year term on the committee starting October 2026, with the option to extend for two years
- Participate in conference calls
- Complete training to be a facilitator for Surviving Spouse Liaison Training sessions
- Lead Surviving Spouse Training Sessions during Regional Leadership Training sessions both in person and virtually.
- Participate in committee to work on SSAC business as needed
 - New SSAC member will be mentored by a senior member, with the expectation the new member will do the same during the committee term