**Selection Criteria**

**New Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) Members**

**Mission: To represent the interest of all Surviving Spouses of MOAA**

**REQUIRED for consideration**

* Current membership in MOAA National
* Surviving spouse of a uniformed service officer
* Ability to walk at least 2 miles and stand for an extended period of time
* Demonstrate commitment to MOAA’s issues for servicemembers, families, veterans, and survivors
* Active in local chapter and/or state council

**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
* Manage one of six designated SSAC Regions in the country via e-mail/phone contact
* Visit legislative offices on Capitol Hill to educate members of Congress on issues affecting the military community

**Excellent communication skills**

* Establish/maintain contact, primarily via e-mail, with both council and chapter presidents and liaisons within the assigned SSAC Region
* Maintain awareness of legislative issues that impact surviving spouses
  + Ability to share knowledge
* Maintain phone/email contact with surviving spouse liaisons
* Write articles on a variety of topics for distribution or publication
* Comfortable speaking in front of large and small audiences
* Computer skills include:
* Basic e-mail usage
* Microsoft Word and Excel
* Social media: Facebook, Twitter

**Willing to commit significant amounts of time to SSAC**

* Available to travel two to three times per year for 3-5 days at a time
* assume a three year term on the committee starting

February 2016

* Participate in conference calls
* Can commit to a *minimum* of 20 hours per week to work on SSAC business
* New SSAC member will be mentored by a senior member with expectation that new member will do the same during committee term

**SURVIVING SPOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM**

🞎 **Chapter/Council Leader Nomination** (Parts A, B and C Required)

🞎 **Self-Nomination** (Parts A and C Required)

**PART A: Nominee Information**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth: MOAA National Member Number:

Name of Chapter and/or Council in which currently active:

**PART B: Nomination Submitted by Chapter/Council Leader**

Chapter/Council Name:

Your Name:

Your Email Address:

Your Current Leadership Position within the Chapter/Council:

**PART C:** This form must be submitted with the following documentation for the nomination to be considered

* Brief bio of the nominee (no more than 250 words)- should include MOAA involvement, participation in and commitment to MOAA
* At least one letter of endorsement/recommendation from the Chapter or Council President
* **The nominee** must submit a personal statement on why they want to serve on the committee (this is required regardless of self-nomination or chapter/council leader nomination)

**Submit nominations (to include the required documentation) via email or regular mail no later than JANUARY 29, 2016:**

[**auxcomm@moaa.org**](mailto:auxcomm@moaa.org)

**MOAA**

**Attn: MSC, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee**

**201 N Washington Street**

**Alexandria, VA 22314-2539**

Brief bio of the nominee (no more than 250 words):

Personal statement from the nominee: