



2017 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award Criteria/Guidelines

Purpose: Awarded to a surviving spouse liaison who is a member of MOAA and who has made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) mission goals: educate, encourage, and engage.

PART 1: CRITERIA

Educate

- Conveys timely and pertinent information from SSAC and other sources to surviving spouses, council and chapter leaders, and all council and chapter members.
- Communicates to SSAC timely and pertinent news and items of interest on chapter and council actions.
- Stays informed about current issues of interest to the surviving spouse community and the legislative actions of MOAA on these issues.
- Contributes to the chapter/council newsletter and website with written articles on a variety of topics. Submits the monthly surviving spouse liaison article for reprint in the council/chapter newsletter.

Encourage

- Actively recruits surviving spouse members.
- Works to retain surviving spouses within the chapter by discovering new and innovative activities to hold their interest.

Engage

- Demonstrates leadership and willingly assumes responsibility within the council/chapter.
- Initiates, leads, and manages a project from beginning to end.
- Organizes surviving spouse/chapter community service projects.

PART 2: SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please note: Former Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) members must wait three years from the time of leaving the committee before they can be nominated for the Surviving Spouse Excellence Award.

Chapter/council presidents, current national MOAA board of directors, and current SSAC members may nominate a surviving spouse liaison for this award.

A. Surviving Spouse Liaison Information

Name _____ Mailing address _____
Email _____ Phone _____ National MOAA Member # _____
DOB _____ Chapter/Council _____ Chapter Member: How long? _____ SS Liaison: How long? _____

B. Your Information (person making the nomination)

Name _____
Please check appropriate box: ☐ Chapter/Council President ☐ National MOAA BoD ☐ SSAC Member
Name of local chapter or council _____ Email address _____ Phone _____

C. Recommendation Letters (2)

Highlight exemplary performance, noteworthy contributions, and any other unique activities or ideas — all for the benefit of the council, chapter, and/or community. Please provide specific examples, outcomes, and statistics where applicable, using the criteria highlighted in Part 1 (to educate, encourage, and engage).

Please submit your completed nomination form, two recommendation letters, and a photo of the nominee to sscomm@moaa.org by Thursday, Nov. 30.

QUESTIONS? Email sscomm@moaa.org, or call (800) 234-MOAA (6622).