



Senior Spouse Update Summary

On Mar 31, 2026, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Military Community and Family Policy, Stephen Simmons and Director of the Office of Spouse Employment, Eryn Wagnon provided a quarterly update to 83 senior military spouses. In that update, Mr. Simmons and members of his leadership team presented resources to address spouse unemployment and other challenges facing military spouses.

Mr. Simmons discussed the newly established Office of Spouse Employment and described how the office will work to reduce barriers for military spouses in finding and maintaining employment. He then called on the military spouses in attendance to help increase participation by spreading the word about the office and its resources to other military spouses. Lastly, Mr. Simmons asked attendees to encourage local employers and companies within their networks to join the [Military Spouse Employment Partnership \(MSEP\)](#) and the [Military Spouse Career Accelerator](#) and emphasized that "mom and pop" companies are just as vital to the initiatives as larger corporations.

Office of Spouse Employment

Eryn Wagnon provided updates from the [Spouse Education and Career Opportunities \(SECO\)](#) program and the MSEP Initiative. Specifically, she discussed the [My Career Advancement Account Scholarship](#), [Udemy online courses and learning paths](#), and the [SECO Scholarship Finder](#). Ms. Wagnon also shared information regarding upcoming [MSEP virtual events](#). Lastly, Ms. Wagnon discussed the five lines of effort for the Office of Spouse Employment which include:

- Reducing Impact of PCS
- DoW as Model Employer and Catalyst
- High-Impact Pathways and Employer Partnerships
- Data, Insights, & Design for Impact
- Brand Refresh & Improved Awareness

More information on Ms. Wagnon's presentation can be found in the attached slide deck.

How You Can Help

Mr. Simmons and Ms. Wagnon ended the webinar by continuing to encourage spouses to share program and resource information with spouses via their social media and in-person networks. They also urged attendees to ensure that program resources are visible and fully integrated at their respective installations, including at newcomer orientations, PCS information sessions, Military and Family Readiness Centers, and key spouse events. Finally, they continued their appeal to attendees to encourage local employers and companies in their respective networks to join the MSEP and Career Accelerator.

Links Discussed by Mr. Simmons and Ms. Wagnon

- **MySECO:** <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/>
- **MySECO Virtual Events:** myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/events
- **Military Spouse Employment Partnership Portal:**
<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/msep>
- **Military Spouse Career Accelerator:**
<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/military-spouse-career-accelerator-pilot>
- **Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Scholarship:**
<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>
- **Spouse Education and Career Opportunities eNewsletter:**
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/epublications/seco-enewsletter-archives/>

Links to Other Helpful Resources

Military OneSource Benefits page:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/benefits-finder/>

Military OneSource eNewsletter:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/epublications/military-onesource-enewsletter-archives/>