MSEP 360

MSEP Engage: Empowering New Growth and Gaining Employees

The 2022 MSEP Annual Event was all about engagement and we did just that! More than 300 of you joined us for this three-day adventure, including the New Partner Induction Ceremony, Annual Partner Meeting and the first Military Spouse Hiring Fair on October 25 through 27, 2022, to induct new partners, network within the partnership and take action to hire military spouses! From the Partner Pavilion to the breakout sessions to the cocktail reception and group luncheon, our thriving partnership made connections and proudly showcased our commitment to military spouse employment.

We were thrilled to welcome our newest class of 76 partners to add to our extensive partnership of more than 540 enduring partners, including federal agencies, companies, higher education institutions, small businesses and our Spouse Ambassador Network. It was an honor to return to hosting our partners in-person and sharing this monumental occasion with the partnership.

Mrs. Patricia Montes Barron, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, gave a warm welcome to attendees during the New Partner Induction Ceremony, while reflecting on her early years as a military spouse and how much resources have increased to support the community. Mr. C. Eddy Mentzer, Associate Director, Military Community Support Programs and SECO Program Manager, kicked off the Annual Partner Meeting with an MSEP Town Hall leading to breakout sessions, which focused on engaging, recruitment, hiring, promoting and retention of military spouses.

On the final day of the annual event, we hosted military spouses from all over the National Capital Region for the first-ever, in-person military spouse exclusive hiring event. More than 80 partners participated to promote job opportunities to the military spouse community. Spouses also received additional professional perks, including headshots and career coaching assistance.

If you were unable to attend the event, we encourage you to check out the Induction Ceremony and Town Hall meeting on our social media channels, Facebook and LinkedIn. A special thank you to the partners who came together to support this memorable experience, through attendance, networking events, and speaking engagements. Please continue to share your highlights from the annual event on social media using #MSEP2022 and #MSEPEngage2022. As always, we want your feedback! If you attended and were not able to submit an evaluation, please contact your MSEP specialist.

MSEP continues to make an impact in the military community through our shared commitment to military spouse employment. We hope the connections made during this year’s event spark action across the partnership and you continue to engage with each other and military spouses.
National Veterans and Military Families Month

November is National Veterans and Military Families Month! As partners in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, this is a great opportunity to acknowledge military spouse employees and their families.

This year Military OneSource is celebrating by offering a few special programs, including podcasts and fun giveaways. Topics include healthy cooking tips, adoption and foster care, and relationships. Click here to download a flyer to share with your network and ensure your spouse employees can join in on the fun.

For more information on Military OneSource’s programs, resources and activities throughout the month, please visit Celebrate Veterans & Military Families Month • Military OneSource.

Military Spouse of the Month: Jennifer, Cedars-Sinai Health System

This month, MSEP is happy to highlight a military spouse and U.S. Army Reservist who is currently working with one of our awesome MSEP employers. Jennifer began working with Cedars-Sinai Health System this year as a veteran program administrator.

Jennifer expressed military spouses are often overlooked and undervalued, but reports, “Cedars-Sinai has a clear dedication to providing support and gainful employment to military spouses.” When describing military spouse employees, she states, “We are valuable because of our strength, resiliency, soft skills, dedication and flexibility. We are able to adapt to changing situations swiftly.”

Thank you Cedars-Sinai Health System for supporting the MSEP mission, and thank you Jennifer for sharing your experience with us. We wish you continued success!

Holiday Helpers

Looking for ways to support the military community during the holidays? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies throughout the nation.
- Operation Christmas Spirit is an annual project of Operation Help a Hero, designed to support military families.
- Operation Homefront provides toy distribution and offers holiday meals to military families.

You can also contact a local military installation to learn about more volunteer opportunities and to offer assistance with activities. If you need assistance with a connection, please contact your MSEP specialist.

Facebook

- If your organization is interested in participating in an upcoming live event, please contact your MSEP specialist.
- The DOD will continue to spotlight dynamic military spouses. To submit a testimonial and photo of a military spouse that works at your company or organization, please contact your MSEP specialist for the spouse testimonial form and submit it to osd.msepjobs@mail.mil.
LinkedIn

MSEP LinkedIn Spouse Group - https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4159976/profile
♦ Please join our MSEP LinkedIn Spouse Group page and share your open positions. This is an excellent way to share hot jobs directly with our military spouse population! In addition to sharing information about vacancies, the SECO program office hosts a monthly networking discussion for military spouses to connect with MSEP employers’ human resources professionals and hiring managers. To join, please visit https://www.linkedin.com/company/military-spouse-employment-partnership-msep-/

♦ Spouses of military members are eligible for a free upgrade to LinkedIn Premium. To learn more about this program, please visit https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/linkedin-premium-for-military-spouses.

♦ Thank you to Employment Enterprises Inc. and Hire Heroes USA for participating in the October MSEP Partner Connect live events!

MSEP LinkedIn Partner Group - https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4445979/profile
♦ New and enduring partners use the MSEP LinkedIn Partner Group page to share lessons learned, recruitment strategies, resources and tools, and engage on hot topics of interest.

♦ If your organization is interested in hosting a group discussion, please contact your MSEP specialist.

SECO Social Media Platforms

Follow the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program:

Facebook  Twitter  Instagram

Remember to use the hashtags #MSEPJobs and #MilSpouse to increase your organization’s exposure and build your military-friendly brand.

Additional Useful Links

SECO Event Calendar: https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/events


Military Installations: https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/

Spouse Ambassador Network: https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/Portal/Content/View/1494

Program Improvement

Please share your program feedback online at


Interested in a feature or have ideas for the MSEP 360? Please contact your MSEP specialist with your suggestions!