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MILITARY SPOUSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

“Our mission is to ensure that all active-duty and Veteran military spouse business owners have the tools and resources they need to strengthen their families, communities, and our economy,”

– O'Bannon.



Cheryl L. Mason, former Board Member and Chair of the U.S. Military Spouse Chamber of Commerce, is sworn in as Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY SPOUSES IN BUSINESS

Across the military and Veteran small-business landscape, organizations work every day to expand opportunity and strengthen economic resilience. The U.S. Military Spouse Chamber of Commerce (MSCC) plays a key role in this ecosystem by elevating military spouse entrepreneurs and supporting the economic well-being of military families.



MSCC members gather at an event in the greater Washington, D.C., area.

Founded to address a long-standing gap in military spouse support, MSCC was established in response to the unique challenges that spouses face, including frequent relocations, family demands, and career disruptions. Traditional employment programs often overlook these realities. MSCC offers a distinct path forward—one founded on entrepreneurship, flexibility, and the strength of community, regardless of where the military deploys them.

Both nationally and through local chapters, MSCC offers Military Spouse Owned Enterprise Certification, business-building education, mentorship, networking events, advocacy, and community support tailored to the realities of military life. Their work gives spouse-owned businesses more than encouragement—it provides legitimacy and access. **MSCC created the first and only national certification recognizing military spouse-owned businesses, opening doors to supplier-diversity programs and contract opportunities that were previously out of reach.**

The organization's impact extends beyond business ownership. A thriving spouse-owned business strengthens the entire military family, supporting financial stability, easing transition stress, and improving long-term resilience. This impact is especially meaningful for families facing the challenges of active-duty life or preparing to separate from service.

MSCC also leads critical advocacy work. Board Chair Beth Conlin was recently recognized by the U.S. Forces in Business Awards as Outstanding Achiever of the Year for her efforts in clarifying how Status of Forces Agreements affect military spouses stationed overseas—an issue that directly impacts career opportunities for thousands of families.

“For too long, military spouse entrepreneurs have operated in the shadows of America's small business landscape. MSCC exists to change that,” said Jaime O'Bannon, co-founder and COO, Military Spouse Chamber of Commerce.

Those looking to support MSCC's mission can start by elevating military spouse-owned businesses in their communities and choosing to **Shop Military**. Together, we can build a small-business landscape where military families thrive, no matter where they are stationed.



U.S. Forces in Business Awards Name MSCC Board Chair, Beth Conlin, as the Outstanding Achiever of the Year.

To discover additional ways to engage or learn more about MSCC's programs, visit milspscchamber.org.