



## MOAA UPDATE FOR SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES

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**Busy as usual?** I have started this newsletter many times during the past year. Just like you I would begin to think that things were becoming normal, then quickly they would change. Hunker down, be patient and play it safe was my motto. As we ease out of the pandemic and into endemic we are all trying to figure out what that means. As we proceed forward, we remain cautiously optimistic planning in person events and attending local social events. Our local clubs are meeting in person, several of us have testified in person in Annapolis and Advocacy in Action 2022 begins in just a few days.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Maryland General Assembly runs January 12- April 11, 2022. We are less than three weeks from the end of the assembly. The Council of Chapters continues to follow several bills I can give you a link to the tracker if you want it.

There are several active bills in the Maryland legislative process that concern spouses and surviving spouses.

- Professional state licensing reciprocity and allowing for a temporary license to allow spouses to get back to work without having to wait on a paperwork.
- The Purple Stars School Program is a national program to implement practices that assist military children with transitions/deployments and also recognize military service and civic responsibility.

- Property Tax Credit for Surviving Spouses has recently passed in the House and is headed to the house Senate for consideration.

## **Surviving Spouse? Check out this!**

In previous newsletters I have mentioned MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends Facebook page. This [page](#) continues to amaze me. It is a Virtual Chapter of MOAA and has over 700 members. On this page members can ask questions and get answers and feedback from other members. Members (you have to fill out a questionnaire to be a member) have access to files that have information relative to benefits. Information in printed guides and webinars accessible to members. Posts are made by individual members and leaders of the page.

## **Credit for Caring Act Would Provide Tax Credit to Family Caregiver**

We've all spent time caring for our loved ones in their time of need. Sometimes you have to take a leave of absence from work or hire help. I came across this [article](#) in my email and found it to be a good read.

## **Your input is needed!**

There are many studies which show how information sharing is valuable for not only knowledge but also to help bring meaning into life. I would like your help in making future updates relevant to your needs. I'd like a respond to these three questions by sending them to me at my email address [glanghaus@gmail.com](mailto:glanghaus@gmail.com)

1. Are you a member or officer of a local chapter?
2. Do you share this newsletter? To whom?
3. What kind of articles would you like to see in the future?



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*but we can adjust our sails*

