



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data

-  *Since the launch of the partnership in 2011, partnership companies and organizations have hired more than 80,000 military spouses.*
-  *Partner employers have posted more than 4 million jobs on the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Portal.*
-  *The Military Spouse Employment Partnership inducted 37 new employers on Oct. 28, 2015, bringing the total number of companies and organizations to more than 295.*

Additional information

Spouse Education and Career Opportunities

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/seco>

Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Portal

<https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil>

Military Spouse Employment Partnership Induction Ceremony

Background

On Oct. 28, 2015, the Military Spouse Employment Partnership inducted 37 new employers in a ceremony at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The program, launched by Dr. Jill Biden on June 29, 2011, is an employment and career partnership connecting military spouses to more than 295 partner employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers. The partnership includes corporations, small businesses and other organizations that post job openings on the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Career Portal, mentor military spouses and other employers, and provide employment data on military spouses hired. The partnership is part of the DoD's broader Spouse Education and Career Opportunities Program, which seeks to reduce the 25 percent unemployment rate¹ and close the 25 percent wage gap currently experienced by military wives².

Highlights

The Department of Defense continues to foster employment opportunities for military spouses by growing the Military Spouse Employment Partnership.

- Partner employers have posted more than 4 million jobs and hired more than 80,000 military spouses since 2011.
- The partner meeting — held concurrently with the Induction Ceremony — provided opportunities to learn more about the partnership and participate in networking sessions.
- Partner employers are making a difference in the quality of life of service members and their families and are creating a level of stability for service members transitioning out of the military.

¹Defense Manpower Data Center (2013), The 2012 Active Duty Spouse Survey Tabulation Volume, Military OneSource.mil, <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/FY2013-Report-MilitaryFamilyReadinessPrograms.pdf>.

²Kniskern, M. K., & Segal, D. R. (2010), Mean Wage Differences between Civilian and Military Wives, College Park, MD: Center for Research on Military Organization, University of Maryland, College Park, Military OneSource.mil, http://www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Reports/FY2012_Report_MilitaryFamilyReadinessPrograms.pdf.

