

## **Military Spouse Advocacy Network and Partner Alabama Military Stability Foundation Announce The Launch Of The Alabama Mentorship-HUB.**

Military Spouse Advocacy Network is excited to announce the opening of the Alabama Mentorship-HUB, a dedicated virtual community to inform and inspire military spouses and their families who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and are now living in or moving to Alabama.

San Antonio, Texas. On November 30, 2021, Military Spouse Advocacy Network (MSAN) debuted its newest innovation, the Alabama Mentorship-HUB.

Together with their trusted partner, Alabama Military Stability Foundation (MSF), MSAN brings the Alabama Mentorship-HUB a variety of free programming to military families, with a special focus on military spouse peer-to-peer mentorship. MSAN and MSF worked diligently to create the first-of-its-kind Alabama Mentorship-HUB to connect military spouses to leadership and development resources designed to establish future leaders throughout Alabama military communities.

MSAN's flagship programs and areas of focus include:

- Peer-to-Peer Mentorship
- Military Spouse Leadership Development Program
- Virtual Education & Resource Center
- Mental Health & Wellness
- Career & Employment
- Education
- New Military Spouses
- Financial Readiness
- Deployment & Reintegration

Not only does the Alabama Mentorship-HUB provide quick, 24/7 access to the above, but MSAN mentors who volunteer in the HUB are trained military spouses who share indispensable, first-hand information related to Alabama, statewide military bases, and local cities. This mentorship nurtures a sense of community and belonging.

Verenice Castillo, Founder, CEO, & President, said this about the launch, "We are so excited this collaboration brings all branches of military spouses and their families a dedicated Mentorship-HUB experience where they'll have access to peer-to-peer

mentorship every day. They'll also have the chance to tap into existing programs and resources in their local and state communities.

We're thrilled to announce that the HUB provides National Guard and Reserve families the support they need and deserve, even if they're not located close to an installation. Military families living in Alabama or who are headed to the state no longer have to struggle to find relevant resources or a community of support."

Alabama's Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth added his sentiments, "By implementing projects like the "Heroes Welcome" initiative and the Military Spouse Advocacy Network, we are working hard to make Alabama the nation's friendliest and most welcoming state for active military members, veterans, and their dependents. Bringing MSAN to Alabama will allow us to pair newly-arrived military spouses with local peers who can help them become part of the community and begin a new chapter of their lives in our state. We can help ease their transition by offering military families some of Alabama's famous southern hospitality."

MSAN and MSF recognize the privilege and opportunity to serve all military spouses, including National Guard and Reserve families who previously haven't experienced support at the local or state level. Together, they are excited to bring all military spouses aboard the Alabama Mentorship-HUB to take advantage of full-time support and curated programming. It is the first military spouse program in Alabama to offer 24/7 peer-to-peer mentorship.

### **The Origins of the Alabama Mentorship-HUB**

The Alabama Mentorship-HUB was born from the overwhelming success of [MSAN's original military spouse HUB](#), which currently serves thousands of past and present military spouses. With the addition of the Alabama Mentorship-HUB, MSAN and MSF intend to serve tens of thousands more, with the added benefit of tailored resources that fit their lifestyle in Alabama.

### **About Military Spouse Advocacy Network**

Military Spouse Advocacy Network (MSAN) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to create stronger military families through education, empowerment, and support. MSAN's Military Spouse Mentorship-HUB helps bridge military families from every branch of the Armed Forces and their surrounding communities in locations around the world through a Virtual Education and Resource Center, New Military Spouse Support Program, and Leadership Development Program. MSAN's collaborations with official military installations, Department of Defense (DoD)

resources, and trusted partner organizations provide a structured and personal approach through a one-of-a-kind peer-to-peer mentorship experience, building long-term connections to local and national resources expanding the military family sense of community. MSAN strives to improve morale and military retention, increased utilization of resources, and ongoing investment in the communities our leaders serve.

For more information on MSAN and its programs, visit [www.militaryspouseadvocacynetwork.org](http://www.militaryspouseadvocacynetwork.org). Follow MSAN on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

### **About the Alabama Military Stability Foundation**

The Alabama Military Stability Foundation is the operational arm of the Military Stability Commission. The Foundation is a private, non-profit organization, which was incorporated in September 2011. The Foundation works directly with the Alabama Military Stability Commission, which is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth, supporting Alabama-assigned DOD installations and the communities that surround them. The Foundation and Commission work to develop and implement measures to retain and strengthen Alabama's military assets and infrastructure and to assist in preparations for any impending Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) or similar processes. The Foundation is led by a 6 member Board of Directors, which are representative of areas of heavy defense concentration in the State. Ron Boyd currently serves as Chair of the Board for the Military Stability Foundation.