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16TH ANNUAL MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH, 2025, AT 12:00 PM (NOON) 1ST SUMMIT ARENA CAMBRIA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL LOBBY

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Krumenacker



Military spouses, past and present, are an extraordinary group of individuals. While their husbands or wives took an oath and signed on a dotted line when they joined the military, spouses were enlisted through the back door with the vows they took on their wedding day.

For your unfailing support of your military husband or wife and the mission of the United States military, we salute your strength, patriotism, and support. You Make the Mission Possible!

*If you know someone who is dealing with a deployment right now, don't offer your help. Just visit, cut their grass, make a meal, etc. Oftentimes, <u>they won't respond to your offer or ask for</u> <u>help</u>. The feelings of isolation can be overwhelming and even debilitating at times. It is important to show your support!

Join us to show your support for our local Military Spouses



A promise made, a commitment kept!

Agenda Welcome and Reason for Gathering: Robert J. Eyer, Wessel & Company – Military Veteran **Presentation of Colors:** Conemaugh Valley Detachment 287 of the Marine Corps League **Invocation:** Rev. Nancy Threadgill **Pledge of Allegiance:** Cambria & Somerset County Commissioners **Introduction of Guest Speaker(s):** Tom Caulfield, Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc. (VCI) **Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Stephanie Krumenacker Spouse of SSG Jonathan Krumenacker, Deployed PA Army National Guard Member **Proclamation Introduction:** Robert J. Ever **Retiring of Colors:** Conemaugh Valley Detachment 287 of the Marine Corps League

Proclamation

Where As: In the military community, the Friday before Mother's Day is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. I want everyone who reads this to express their gratitude and thanks to a military spouse that they know or use this as a reason to get to know the spouse!

Where As: It's easy to spot a military person who's in uniform and be able to say thanks. However, the spouse, who's the true backbone of the military family, gets a little recognition from the public. They don't ask for accolades from anyone, or any special recognition, but they still need recognition.

Where As: It's suggested to send them a note, visit, call or do something to let them know that you also appreciate and understand the sacrifices that they too are making in the name of Freedom.

Where As: *If you know someone who's dealing with a deployment right now, don't offer your help; just do it! They won't respond to your offer or ask for help. The feelings of isolation can be overwhelming and even deliberating at times, and it's important to show your support.

Where As: One might make/take a meal to them, take their kids off of their hands for a few hours, cut their grass without asking – just do something!

Where As: One might take my advice to heart and pass the word around and honor those who silently server our country!

Where As: Thank all of the military spouses out there for all the sacrifices that they're making for our country.

Where As: The City of Johnstown/ The County of Cambria thanks and appreciates all of our military spouses for all their sacrifices on behave of their families and the freedom of our great country.

Therefore: The Commonwealth of PA, the Counties of Cambria and Somerset, and the City of Johnstown proclaim Friday May 9, 2025, Military Spouse Appreciation Day.