



Spouse Sponsorship

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REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS



Regulatory Requirements



- OPORD 43-12, 3.B.2.C: “Develop a spouse sponsorship program to ensure that each spouse will be offered a volunteer spouse sponsor.”
- OPORD 43-12, 3.B.2.M: “Ensure soldiers and DA Civilians complete all required fields in EASI-GATE to include...spouse’s e-mail address...”
- USAG R-P TASP SOP, 4g(3)(a): “Ensure USCs maintain an effective Spouse Sponsorship Program offering every inbound Spouse the opportunity to have a Spouse Sponsor assigned.”



Regulatory Requirements



- Spouse sponsorship is managed by the unit in the same manner as Soldier/Civilian sponsorship
- Spouse sponsorship is NOT an FRG function
 - The FRG may be used to market and recruit for volunteers



Regulatory Requirements



- Spouses must be true volunteers
 - Spouses can not be coerced to perform any duties, per DoD 1400.33
 - “No DoD official shall use the preferences or requirements of a DoD Component to influence, or attempt to influence, the employment, educational, or volunteer service decisions of a spouse.”
- Volunteer Spouse Sponsors must become ‘official’ statutory volunteers of the organization
 - Must sign DD Form 2793: Volunteer Agreement
 - *Legal binding document giving Worker’s Comp rights and protection from legal action!*
 - Should sign Job Description

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS



Training Requirements



- Spouse sponsors are required to attend ACS training prior to performing duties
- Spouses may attend any training session provided by ACS
 - All training curriculum is identical



Training Requirements



- Reporting
 - USC's should report the number of spouses trained each month to the Installation TASP Liaison
 - USC's should also annotate how many trained spouses actually volunteer to become 'official' spouse sponsors
- Ratios
 - Units should work toward a pool of volunteer spouses equaling 10% of the unit's command sponsored spouses (USAG R-P TASP SOP, 4g(4)(a))

LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Local Training



- Monthly in family-friendly location for spouses-only
 - Held in the Yellow Ribbon Room on Pulaski Barracks
 - Young children welcome
 - Scheduled during the school day, when school is in session
 - Refer to the ACS calendar for specific dates and times
 - www.facebook.com/RheinlandPfalzACS
- Twice a month for Soldiers, Civilians & Spouses
 - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month from 1530-1630
 - Held at the Landstuhl Learning Center
 - Preregister with ACS to ensure unit sign-in roster
 - Units limited to reserving 15 training slots
 - Roster scanned back to unit as confirmation of training
 - Documentation of training is a unit responsibility

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