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MEMORANDUM FOR The Military Personnel Officer's (MILPO's) of all States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Army Spouse Employment Program (ASEP)

1. Army National Guard spouses now have access to the ASEP. Approximately 70 percent of spouses now work outside of the home. Army National Guard members and their Families have unique challenges, from organizing life around training weekends to dealing with deployment issues while geographically separated from Active Duty support resources on installations. ASEP is a resource that gives spouses increased career options and flexibility.
2. In order to increase awareness of ASEP, we are requesting widest dissemination of this information to your units, Families, and spouses, in your newsletters, and at your Family Readiness Group meetings. The website, www.militaryspousejobsearch.org offers training, job search capabilities, and additional resources to support a successful job search and employment.
3. What does the Army National Guard hope to accomplish with ASEP? The ASEP website offers a job search capability by zip code, a very attractive tool for ARNG spouses that are geographically dispersed throughout the states and territories. The Military Spouse Job webpage offers a wide variety of support to make your employment search successful (creating customized resumes and cover letters).
4. To view a current list of ASEP partners (national and regional sponsors) go to: www.myarmylifetoo.com and click under the "Work and Career" tab. Starbucks, Home Depot, and CVS are just a few of the corporate partners that can be reviewed at the site. All ASEP partners have pledged to give hiring preference for military spouses. Many Army installations also conduct Job Fairs with "ASEP Alley", employers that attend who are ASEP partners and are directly available to spouses at these events. To get a current list of Job Fairs, download Job Fairs Oct 08-Sept 09 under "Featured Downloads".

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5. POC for this program is Major Andra Duskie, at the Soldier Family Support and Services Division, telephone, (703) 601-7844 or email andi.duskie@ng.army.mil.

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and Services Division