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Dear Friend,

I can't stop thinking about the reply **Elaine Borakove**, one of our featured spouses this month gave in response to the question, "why do you work." Her answer was so eloquent, it gave me goose bumps. She said,

"Work is important to me because it was who I was before I met my husband, it's part of the woman he fell in love with, and it's part of the passion I have for wanting to do something for the greater good."

Those of you reading this email have your own reasons for working or wanting to work. As a whole, professional military spouses are passionate and committed individuals. We work, or strive to work, for reasons both personal and shared. For many of us, our career is part of the fabric of who we are as individuals and as spouses.

This month, we are pleased to introduce you to two spouses who show us as professionals, we can dive deeply into one field and develop an area of expertise. For them, a more focused career path has actually opened doors and opportunities for advancement. Following their lead, our theme this month is **Becoming an Expert**.

INTRODUCING

Elaine Borakove is a renowned expert in field of criminal justice, and she currently runs The Justice Management Institute.

Mary Fox is a Linguist and an English as a Second Language teacher. Her career path grew out of her experience living overseas and teaching English to international students.

MSEP INDUCTION

October also marks our official induction into the <u>Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP)</u>. As an ambassador organization, we will be able to work collectively with other organizations to open more doors for professional military spouses. Watch out for more information. We can't wait to share this experience with you.

Warmly,

Lynn Waidelich

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