**SURVIVING SPOUSE VIRTUAL CHAPTER May 2025**

**By Pat Green, President**

These have been busy months for the first quarter of 2025.

On January 21, Gail Joyce, SSAC Leader, did a year in review of all the activities and training sessions for Surviving Spouse Liaisons serving nationwide MOAA Chapters and Councils.

March was busy preparing for the Advocacy in Action. MAJ GEN April Vogel, MOAA Vice President of Government Relations, was our guest speaker on March 18. The group discussed options for engaging in AiA from home. The two tiers of interests were explained. All members were encouraged to use the Advocacy resource on the MOAA website.

In April, all members of the national MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council and the Virtual Chapter’s Website manager represented their home state when informing Congressmen(women) on the Hill about the bills that MOAA supports. The three day event consisted of training, meeting with Representatives and Senators, and award ceremonies.

This Virtual Chapter of Surviving Spouse quarterly newsletter earned a Level of Excellence Award. We are truly proud of our Newsletter Editor, Vivianne Wersel, for this accomplishment.

The surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter also has a book club that explores and discusses a fiction, non-fiction, or self help book each month. Our Selections this quarter were:

THE WIDOW CLIQUOT by Tilar J. Mazzeo

WEST WITH GIRAFFES by Eric Larson

THE LOST BOOKSHOP by Evie Woods

The next selection is A YEAR IN PROVENCE by Peter Mayle.

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