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For Military Spouses

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• “Joining Forces” supported by Dr. Jill Biden & Michele Obama during the Obama Administration worked with public/private sector helping to remove hurdles. Hopeful that Trump Administration will embark on similar initiative.

• The Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) have helped to take up the cause for reciprocity across the United States.
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