# **KEY SPOUSE**

- Conduit of Information
- Desire to Foster Confidential Needs of Unit Spouses, Partners, Significant Others, and Family Members through Mentoring and Support to Families During TDY and Deployment Phases
- Officially Trained in Key Spouse Training, Heart Link, Annual Suicide Awareness and SAPR, and Quarterly Continual Training to Remain Current on Air Force and Space Force Command Trends and Issues
- Qualified Volunteer
- Sounding Board for Families to Leadership and From Leadership to Families

This Commander Program, established March 2009, promotes partnerships with unit leadership, Key Spouses, family members, the Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) and other community and helping agencies.

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# MacDill AFB KEY SPOUSE PROGRAM



#### **KEY SPOUSE PROGRAM (KSP)**

The KSP is an official
Unit Family Readiness Program
designed to enhance readiness,
personal and family resiliency,
and establish a sense of Air Force
and Space Force community.

Key Spouses are Commander appointed and serve as a vital resource to Command Teams in an effort to support Air Force and Space Force families.

The strategic vision is to increase resiliency and unit cohesion amongst military members and their families throughout the military lifecycle.

# WHAT

Commander's Program created to support needs of Air Force and Space Force families facilitated through the Military and Family Readiness Center (M&FRC).

Builds Strong Air Force and Space Force Communities

**Enhances Family Resiliency** 

Establishes Continued Contact with Spouses, Partners, Significant Others, and Family Members

Identifies and Resolves
Issues at Lowest Levels

Increases Awareness of Installation and Community Resources

Increases Sense of Unit Support

Promotes Individual, Family, and Unit Readiness

**Support Program Independent from Unit Spouse Groups** 

### WHY

Help Unit Families Deal with Military Lifecycle Challenges

Changing Schools
Child Care Referrals
Employment Assistance
Family Separations
Financial Challenges
Frequent Moves
Operations Tempo
Personal & Family Challenges

Ensure Family Readiness for All Occasions

Encourage Attendance at Unit or M&FRC Briefings to Remain Aware of Benefits and Opportunities



## WHEN AND WHERE

Deployed Family Dinners, Unit, Base, and Local Family Events

Individual Meetings with Spouses, Partners, Significant Others, and Family Members

Key Spouse Program (KSP)
Awareness, Newsletters & Emails

When Directing Families to Needed or Requested Support

When Spouse or Family Concerns Regarding Units are Addressed at All Levels Necessary

When Spouses, Partners, Significant Others, or Family Members Accept Support

When Personal or Family Issues
That Can be Handled at Lowest
Levels are Handled at Lowest Levels