

Kathleen B. Moakler
Government Relations Director



Mrs. Moakler has been associated with the National Military Family Association since 1995 as a member of the headquarters staff. She has served as Headquarters Office Manager and several positions in the Government Relations Department, including Deputy Director. In February 2007, Ms. Moakler was appointed as interim Director of Government Relations and was permanently appointed as Director in October 2007. In that position, she monitors the range of issues relevant to the quality of life of the families of the seven uniformed services and coordinates a staff of 4 deputy directors. Mrs. Moakler represents the interests of military families on a variety of advisory panels and working groups, including the DoD/VA Survivors Forum, and the State Department Interagency Roundtable. Mrs. Moakler is co-chair of the Survivors Committee for the Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of 35 military and veteran organizations and serves on the Retiree Committee. She is often called to comment on issues pertaining to military families for such media outlets as the NY Times, CNN, NBC news, NPR and the Military Times. She writes regularly for military focused publications.

An Army spouse of over 28 years, Mrs. Moakler has served in various volunteer leadership positions in civilian and military community organizations in that time. Through the years, Mrs. Moakler has worked with many military community programs including hospital consumer boards, commanders' advisory boards, family readiness groups, church councils, youth programs, and the Army Family Action Plan at all levels. She believes that communication is paramount in the efficient delivery of services and the fostering of a rich community life for military families. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Albany. Mrs. Moakler has been awarded the Army Commanders Award for Public Service and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Mrs. Moakler is also a military mom. Her daughter is an Army nurse who has served two tours in Iraq and one son is an Army major stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Her oldest son is an aspiring actor in Hollywood, California. Mrs. Moakler and her husband, Colonel Martin W. Moakler Jr. USA (retired), reside in Alexandria, Virginia.