

# MILITARY SPOUSE

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## MAGAZINE

### 2011 Writer's Guidelines

*Military Spouse* is a monthly print publication—the only monthly magazine focused entirely on America's military spouses. Our official site, [milspouse.com](http://milspouse.com), is a primary, trusted resource for military spouses worldwide. We are owned and published by the veteran-owned Victory Media, Inc. (VMI), in Pittsburgh, Pa. VMI specializes in producing military niche market magazines, including its flagship publication, *G.I. Jobs*, and also *Vetpreneur*.

**Topics:** Deployment, PCS moves and other aspects of military life, profiles of military spouses, career and education, travel, food, health and beauty, home design/decorating, relationships and marriage, parenting/family matters, money management and other lifestyle-related subjects.

**Feature Stories:** Each issue includes at least one main feature article. These articles require extensive reporting and interviewing. Length: generally 800-1,200 words. We also run a variety of shorter features in each issue, plus monthly coverage of major topics. We follow the Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law.

**Queries:** Please send a comprehensive story idea with an estimated word count, a description of the types experts or contacts to be interviewed and suggestions for imagery that would support the story. In addition, please let us know a bit about your writing experience and submit two to three clips of previously published work, if applicable.

**Photography and/or Graphic Illustrations:** We will consider photography, cartoons and humorous illustrations on speculation.

**Exclusivity and Copyright:** All submissions to *Military Spouse* must be original, unpublished work not submitted for publication elsewhere, unless otherwise agreed. Once content is accepted for publication, *Military Spouse* and VMI may also elect to use that content in other VMI publications or on any of its websites, including [milspouse.com](http://milspouse.com), [GIJobs.com](http://GIJobs.com), or others owned by VMI. Submission to *Military Spouse* indicates author's agreement to allow copyright and licensure usage to Victory Media, Inc. Victory Media, Inc., reserves the right to reprint.

**Deadlines:** The deadline for all submissions is the 10th of every month. We work three months in advance. For example, content for publication in the January issue is due Oct. 10th. Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the editorial staff on a case-by-case basis.

**Fact Checking and Revisions:** *Military Spouse* requires a source list be maintained and submitted when requested; the assumption is that all facts have been checked and are accurate as presented. *Military Spouse* may contact sources for additional information or verification. The editorial team may request revisions and/or edit submissions when necessary.

**Payment:** Fees are based on length and complexity of the story, and on the writer's experience and background. VMI pays upon publication. We buy first North American serial rights.

**Submission Requirements:** A byline is given. Copy should include a suggested title, deck, subheads and byline. All editorial content must be submitted electronically as a Word document. If photos are submitted, they must be 300 DPI or higher.

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