



## To All Society of Military Widows Chapter and At-Large Members

As many or most of you now know, we are saddened to confirm that the affiliation agreement between NAUS and SMW which has been in effect since 1984 will terminate when NAUS closes its doors on December 31, 2016. SMW wants you to know that we will continue to operate as an independent organization to offer support to widows and work to improve the benefits we have earned for military widows and active duty service members over the years.

If you wish to remain a member of SMW, WE WELCOME YOU!

As a result of NAUS closing, you will have the opportunity to move to the officer's or enlisted organizations selected by NAUS. Any membership dues you paid to SMW through NAUS will entitle you to choose to remain a member of SMW through the date of your payment.

Our concern now is to determine how many widows who were transferred to SMW through NAUS are eligible based on the SMW guidelines and if they intend to continue their SMW membership. Our members, as defined in our bylaws, are "un-remarried widows or spouses" with Military ID cards. Our members' spouses are from any branch of the United States Military without regard to rank or rate. For more information about SMW, check our website at [militarywidows.org](http://militarywidows.org).

In order to update our membership rolls, SMW requests that ALL of our chapter and at-large members confirm that they are eligible and plan to maintain their SMW membership when NAUS closes. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Upon receiving this letter or reading the last issue of the GUARDIAN, please send the following information to SMW National President Janet Snyder at 5160 Indian River Dr., #341, Las Vegas, NV 89103-7453 or [groundhog71@gmail.com](mailto:groundhog71@gmail.com)

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUING ASSOCIATION!**