

Chelsea Morea
Gold Star Spouse of Commander Douglas “Dorothy” Morea, U.S. Navy

Chelsea Morea is a Gold Star spouse and advocate for strengthening mental health support, suicide prevention, and transition resources for military aviators, veterans, service members, and their families. Her perspective is shaped by the service and loss of her husband, Commander Douglas “Dorothy” Morea, U.S. Navy, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, F/A-18 pilot, TOPGUN instructor, and recipient of the Michael Longardt Leadership Award, recognizing the top leader in the Atlantic Fleet.

Following Commander Morea’s death by suicide, Ms. Morea helped establish the Doug Morea Memorial Fund to support organizations providing crisis response, reducing stigma, and expanding mental health resources for veterans, active-duty service members, and those transitioning out of military service, including members of elite aviation and warfighting communities.

Ms. Morea has become a trusted resource within the strike fighter and Gold Star family communities, bringing firsthand experience to efforts aimed at better understanding and addressing the long-term health and mental health impacts of military aviation service. Her advocacy focuses on ensuring that service members and families have access to timely support before, during, and after military transition.

In addition to her advocacy, Ms. Morea is a senior leader at a national nonprofit organization, where she has spent more than a decade developing mission-driven campaigns that build public awareness, mobilize support, and drive funding for cancer research and lifesaving care.