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## **State Associations Support Military Spouses Project NJ Leads the Way – IL, MA, PA, NC Join In**

New Jersey was the first state court reporter association to hear about the launch of our Military Spouses Program. It was exciting to witness the enthusiastic support for the program as members “passed the hat” and donations were pledged from the meeting room floor. In the end, New Jersey members donated enough to purchase 3 steno machines at \$2,000 each. The \$6,000 covers the purchase price and shipping six times per year for two years.

Their lead was readily followed at state conferences in Illinois (1 machine), Massachusetts (2), and Pennsylvania (3). The North Carolina association board heard about the fundraiser and quickly voted to support 1 machine. Each machine will bear a label thanking the association members for their contribution to the purchase of the writer.

The steno machines will be for the use of military spouses who enroll in Project Steno’s Basic Training program. Recruits in the program will learn the basics of writing steno in six weekly sessions. They are then eligible tuition assistance from Project Steno.

The board and advisory council at Project Steno appreciate the support of our mission to bring new students and future reporters to our wonderful profession. You can donate at <https://projectsteno.org/>.