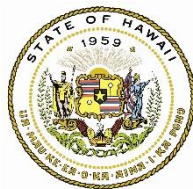


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MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

American Job Center Hawaii - Oahu
1505 Dillingham Boulevard, Room 110
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Major General Edward V. Richardson, Committee Chair, USAF, Ret., Owner, Edward V. Richardson, LLC
Alan Hayashi, Consult 808
Mike Bormann, U.S. Army Hawaii Transition Services Manager
Tamara Brethouwer, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, USARPAC, Ft. Shafter
Robert Bullen, University of Hawaii
Roman Galiki, Universal Technical Institute / VFW 12138
Irving Higa, DVOP, American Job Center Hawaii
Dagmar Hilsher, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, Schofield Barracks
Terence Holmes, Troops to Teachers Project Coordinator
Bridget Komine, Assistant Director, Hawaii Veterans' Employment & Training Service
Mildred Lonergan, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, Schofield Barracks
Mike Quitania, Hawaii Program Manager, Onward to Opportunity, JBPHH

STAFF:

Mark "Duke" Olds, Workforce Development Council
Michelle Miyashiro, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order.....Committee Chair Major General Edward Richardson

The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Committee Chair Major General Edward Richardson.

II. Approval of Minutes for the March 20, 2019 MVAC Meeting

Chair Richardson requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Bormann requested a correction on page 3, V. Announcements, B. Upcoming Events: June 24 – 28 should be Schofield Barracks ETAP (Executive Transition Assistance Program). Roman Galiki moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting. Mike Bormann seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as revised was approved unanimously. The revised copy will be distributed to committee members with the May 15 meeting minutes.

III. Update on the work of the two sub-committees

- A. Leveraging funds to promote the hiring of veterans and transitioning service members.
 - 1. Duke Olds reported on the outcome of the initial meeting of the sub-committee also referred to as focus group. Duke and Roman formed the focus group and conducted the meeting on conference call. Duke requested any member interested in joining the focus group to contact him to be included in future meetings. Meetings will be either in person or by conference call. The Committee has access to funds of up to \$5,000. Approval of funding level will depend on the scope of the proposal and when it is submitted. Duke and Roman reached out to two partner programs for possible collaboration. Duke reached out to the Military Veterans Committee of the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce and is waiting a call back. Roman reached out to the Army Community Services (ACS), who deal directly with transitioning spouses. Committee members received a one-page handout summarizing the focus group's first meeting.
- B. An action plan to gather and track data on a pre-defined set of metrics that help the committee confirm its effectiveness in carrying out its role and responsibilities.
 - 1. This sub-committee has not been formed. Duke will email members to see who would like to serve on the committee and for ideas on how/what to track.
 - 2. Dagmar Hilsher suggested contacting Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) Military Spouse Professional Network to see if they have any information or if they'd like to present to the committee.

IV. Announcements

- A. Future meeting location/dates will be revised.

1. The Director's Office conference room is no longer available for committee meetings. Duke will search for a meeting venue that is available on the third Wednesday, bi-monthly from 9:30 am – 11:00 am.

B. Committee member announcements

1. May 18: Maximizing Your Personal Brand workshop at Aloha Tower Market Place, reported by Mike Quitania.
2. June 21 & 22: State of Hawaii Inaugural Veterans Summit at the Hawaii Convention Center. The Summit agenda can be found on the website www.hawaiiiveteransfoundation.org, reported by Roman Galiki.
3. July 1: The start date for the Microsoft CSP classes has been changed to July 1 (previously reported as May 27), reported by Mike Bormann.
4. The Schofield Barracks Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SchofieldBarracksSFLTAP/>, posts upcoming transition events, reported by Dagmar Hilsher.
5. Mike Bormann shared an article with the committee regarding Army Spouse State Licensure and Certification Costs Reimbursement.
6. Bridget Komine suggested to Duke that the focus group's summary of its meeting be emailed to all members.

V. **Presentation on the Programs and Services of the American Job Center Hawaii to include priority of services to veterans, as presented by Erick Pascua, American Job Center Hawaii Manager, and Roxsand Okuna, American Job Center Hawaii Disability Employment Initiative Coordinator**

- A. Erick Pascua and Roxsand Okuna gave an overview on the American Job Center Hawaii and its programs and services.
- B. Duke stressed the importance of the statutory requirement giving priority of service to veterans and transitioning service members at all American Job Centers. Priority of service remains with the veteran for his or her lifetime. This is a good selling point when promotion the American Job Center to transitioning personnel and veterans.

VI. **Adjournment**

Chair General Richardson adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.