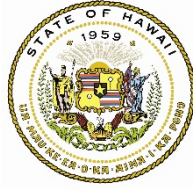


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## MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 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

Ann Greenlee, Director, Hawaii Veterans' Employment & Training Service

Crystal Bettenhausen-Bubulka, Hiring Our Heroes

Mike Bormann, U.S. Army Hawaii Transition Services

Tamara Brethouwer, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, USARPAC, Ft. Shafter

Jessica Dung, Transition Relocation Manager, USCG

Roman Galiki, Universal Technical Institute / VFW 12138

Elizabeth Garcia, Hiring Our Heroes

Alan Hayashi, Consult 808

Irving Higa, DVOP, American Job Center Hawaii

Terence Holmes, Troops to Teachers Project Coordinator, Department of Education

Bridget Komine, Assistant Director, Hawaii Veterans' Employment & Training Service

Honorable Edward Kubo Jr., Judge, First Circuit Court

Mildred Lonergan, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, Schofield Barracks

Gervin Miyamoto, Special Assistant, State of Hawaii Judiciary-CJC

Debbie Nakashima, Pathways Program

Mike Quitania, Hawaii Program Manager, Onward to Opportunity

Ramon Ruiz, DVOP, JVSG, American Job Center

Elizabeth Vela, Transition Services Specialist, USARPAC, Ft. Shafter

#### STAFF:

Mark 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 9:36 a.m. by Committee Chair Major General Edward Richardson.

**II. Approval of Minutes for the May 15, 2019 MVAC Meeting**

Committee Chair Major General Richardson requested a motion to approve the minutes. There were no comments or corrections. Roman Galiki moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting. Alan Hayashi seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

**III. Presentation on the Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) by the Honorable Edward H. Kubo, Jr., Judge, First Circuit Court (Oahu)**

Judge Edward H. Kubo, Jr. presented on the Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court, which can be found at this link:

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2019/08/Veterans-Treatment-Court-2019-w-Graduation.pdf>

**IV. Feedback on the inaugural Hawaii Veterans Summit held June 21-22, 2019**

Roman Galiki reported that the intent of the Hawaii Veterans Summit was to bring together resources and organizations that support veterans and to help veterans get answers to issues they're facing. Additionally, it was an opportunity for participating veteran service organizations to network to learn about each other's services and consider how best to leverage and collaborate on integrating resources.

Bridget Komine reported that the Summit showed the state legislature the importance of veteran affairs in Hawaii. Considering this was the first Hawaii Veterans Summit on Oahu the turn-out was very good. There were many volunteers and exhibiting organizations. It was a great opportunity for the veteran community to come together.

Ann Greenlee shared that the plan for future summits is to rotate the location of the event and to keep the event free to participants. It will be held annually rotating between Oahu and a neighbor island location. Although the legislature appropriated \$400,000 for this year's Summit not all of it was used. The unused portion lapsed with the end of the State fiscal year on June 30, 2019. Going forward the Summit planning committee will not depend on the State to fund future events. A 501 (c) (3) foundation organization has been established with the purpose of raising donations to fund future summits. The planning committee would like to avoid charging attendees and keep the costs to participating exhibitors at a reasonable level.

**V. New Business**

Mark Olds briefed the committee on the lack of DVOP (Disabled Veterans Outreach Program) services in Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii counties. There are no DVOP specialists posted at the American Job Centers (AJCs) in these counties. Therefore, eligible veterans and military spouses are unable to access DVOP provided transition and individualized career services. Similarly, there are no LVER (Local Veterans' Employment Representative) services in Kauai and Maui counties. Therefore, employers in these counties are denied access to LVER provided business services. Hawaii County has one LVER staff at the AJC. Oahu has four DVOPs and one LVER at the AJC.

Olds proposed that the committee make a motion to draft written correspondence to the Workforce Development Division (WDD) Administrator requesting DVOP and LVER services be instituted on the respective neighbor islands. The motion was suspended until the committee conducts more research on the matter as to what can be requested of WDD.

**VI. Update on subcommittees**

Olds reminded committee members to volunteer on sub-committees to help brainstorm innovative ideas on how to use available funds from the Workforce Development Council (WDC) to implement an initiative that supports the committee's work. The MVAC was formed by the WDC to focus on identifying and mitigating employment transition concerns of Hawaii veterans, transitioning service members, military spouses, and the National Guard and reserves.

**VII. Announcements**

A. Upcoming events

- a. The 2019 Hawaii Transition Summit, previously scheduled in October, has been rescheduled to November. More details will be announced at the September committee meeting.
- b. There are openings for the 3-year, 10-step certification class for federal resume writing on August 5, 6 & 7.

B. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 9:30 am – 11:00 am at the Oahu American Job Center.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Committee Chair Major General Richardson adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.