

Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Highlights of Committee Activities

For the WDC Quarterly Meeting

February 20, 2019

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Chair Talking Points

Meetings

Since the last Committee report at the last Council meeting on September 12, 2019, the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee (M-VAC) has held 2 meetings and its Military Spouse working group has held 4 meetings or conference calls.

Presentations

- ***National Association of State Workforce Agencies Veterans Conference*** by Mark Olds, WDC staff liaison to the M-VAC.
- ***WorkReady360*** by Andrew Appleton, CEO, and U.S.M.C. veteran. Mr. Appleton introduced a portable career option for military spouses.
- ***2020 Hawaii State Legislative Session opportunities for military spouses*** by Ms. Sydney Hart, legislative aide and military spouse.

Military Spouse Working Group

- Activated the military spouse working group on September 16, 2019. Purpose: provides a forum to explore military spouse transition issues. Has held 4 meetings or conference calls.
- Hosted a meeting with senior leaders of the Washington D.C. office of the Hiring Our Heroes Military Spouse Program at the American Job Center on November 19, 2019.
- Connected Program Manager of the Military Spouse Fellowship Program (MSFP) with Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) to promote possible MSFP placement at HPH.
- Gained situational awareness on existing programs for military spouses: My Career Advancement Account; Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone; WorkReady360; U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Hiring Our Heroes, Military Spouse Program; the Military Spouse Fellowship Program; and the Military Spouse Professional Network.

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