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COUNCIL

**Military & Veteran Affairs Committee**

**Military Spouse Subcommittee**

**Wed Oct 9, 2019**

**11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**Conference Call # 1-712-451-0669**

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**AGENDA**

10:55 AM	Establish connectivity	Duke Olds
11:00 AM	Opening remarks/introductions	Roman Galiki
11:05 AM	<b>Purpose and outcome.</b> Introduce and gain feedback on three programs available to military spouses and their advocates that offer solutions to spouse unemployment.	
	1) MSEEZ	<a href="https://www.hiringourheroes.org/mseez/">https://www.hiringourheroes.org/mseez/</a>
	2) MyCAA	<a href="https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa">https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa</a>
	3) WorkReady360	<a href="https://workready360.com/">https://workready360.com/</a>
11:15 AM	Open conversation and feedback	Group
11:35 AM	Wrap up	Roman/Duke
11:45 AM	Adjourn	Roman

Notes:

- 1) MVAC member, Roman Galiki, call leader
- 2) WDC staff, Duke Olds, conference call host/facilitator records the minutes.

**Purpose of Military Spouse Subcommittee.** Have robust conversations on military spouse transition issues that matter to the Hawaii military spouse community. Leverage carefully researched literature, network resources, and subcommittee members' knowledge to craft a recommendation for action to the WDC via the MVAC.

## Conversation highlights.

1. **MSEEZ. Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zones** are local areas throughout the U.S. that have established working groups comprised of community stakeholders to address local military spouse unemployment and underemployment issues. Registering as a MSEEZ, local groups have immediate access to a nation-wide network of employment tools and resources to mitigate military spouse employment issues at the local level. This was the first introduction of MSEEZ for most of the subcommittee members on the call. Members agreed that the subcommittee should find out more about the obligations and benefits of becoming a registered MSEEZ. Call leader Roman Galiki will work with WDC staff, Duke Olds to investigate MSEEZ membership.
2. **MyCAA. The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship Program** is a workforce development program that provides up to **\$4,000 in financial assistance to eligible military spouses** who are pursuing a license, certification or Associate degree in a portable career field and occupation. Some caveats to the program:
  - a. MyCAA is to be used at an academic institution approved for participation.
  - b. Certification or degrees should lead to employment in high-demand, high-growth portable career fields and occupations.
  - c. Eligibility are spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2 who have successfully completed high school and have the ability to request tuition assistance while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders. Spouses married to members of the National Guard and reserves in these same pay grades are eligible.
  - d. Those who are **not eligible** are spouses who are married but legally separated, or under court order or statute of any state or U.S. territory, from a member of the armed forces on Title 10 orders, spouses whose National Guard or reserve military sponsor is in a warning order or alert, post-deployment, demobilization or transition status, and spouses married to a member of the Coast Guard. <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa>The program is funded by the Department of Defense. Members on the call had familiarity with the program and attested to MyCAA participants in Hawaii.
3. **WorkReady360.** Founded by a veteran entrepreneur the company provides a portable career option for military spouses. A presentation is scheduled at the next MVAC meeting on November 20, 2019. This organization was new to all subcommittee members attending the call.