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COUNCIL

Military & Veteran Affairs Committee

Military Spouse Subcommittee

Tue Nov 5, 2019

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

American Job Center Hawaii Room

AGENDA

- I. Introductions/Opening remarks Roman Galiki/Duke Olds
Purpose and outcome. MVAC Military Spouse Subcommittee establishes a formal connection with the senior leadership team of the Military Spouse Program, Hiring Our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Washington D.C. The connection sets in place future collaboration and shared best practices that will reveal proven solutions to mitigate employment barriers faced by Hawaii's military spouses.
 - II. Open discussion
 - a. About the Workforce Development Council (WDC) & Duke Olds
Military and Veteran Affairs Committee (MVAC)
 - b. Military Spouse Employment Subcommittee Roman Galiki
 - c. U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Hiring Our Heroes, Military Spouse Program
Elizabeth L. O'Brien, Senior Director, and Anna W. Christen, Deputy Director
 - III. Next Steps
 - IV. Conclude and Adjourn
- Notes:
- 1) MVAC member, Roman Galiki, meeting leader
 - 2) WDC staff, Duke Olds, 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 input to develop proposals for action to the MVAC.

Conversation highlights.

1. Outcome achieved. MVAC chair and subcommittee members established the first step, an informative conversation on the roles of both organizations, and an exchange of contact information, to set in place future collaboration and technical assistance.

2. Conversation highlights.

Ms. Bonnie Amos, Hiring Our Heroes Branding Ambassador and spouse to retired U.S.M.C. Commandant, General (Ret.) Amos, shared her military spouse experiences: 42 years and 29 household moves and explained her role as the Personal Branding Ambassador for the Military Spouse Program and her passion to make a difference.

Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, Senior Director, Military Spouse Program, Hiring Our Heroes, shared her military spouse experiences and provided an overview of the Program, her role as the Senior Director, and addressed questions from the Hawaii Team.

Ms. Laura Schmiegel, Head of Military and Veteran Affairs at Booz Allen Hamilton, D.C. shared her military spouse experiences and her role at BAH, and the company's impactful partnership with the Hiring Our Heroes' military spouse fellowship program.

MVAC Chair, USAF MG (Ret.) Richardson, MVAC Chair reflected on his 43 years of military service to commend the Hiring Our Heroes Program and their work to promote the hiring of veterans and military spouses. The efforts of the Program and its nonstop collaboration with legions of stakeholders is notable not only in the CONUS military communities but equally so in Hawaii. The effects of the Hawaii HOH footprint have resonated a growing interest and deference, across the Hawaii military community, toward military spouses and the value-added talent they bring to Hawaii's businesses, communities, and the economy. He remarked that the military employment transition subcommittee was established less than three months ago to partner with the local HOH team and like-minded stakeholders to help ensure the momentum of support for military spouses is sustainable and grows ever stronger.

Subcommittee chair, Roman Galiki, provided an overview of the subcommittee's role.

WDC staff, Duke Olds, highlighted the role of the WDC, MVAC, and Hawaii resources. He expressed the subcommittee's goal to obtain the MSEEZ designation for the State.

3. Attendees. Team Hawaii: MG (Ret.) Richardson, Crystal Bettenhausen-Bulbulka, Tamara Brethouwer, Roman Galiki, Guyland Patton, and Duke Olds. Team HOH: Bonnie Amos, Anna Christen, Elizabeth O'Brien, and Laura Schmiegel.