

WDC Board Meeting, November 12, 2020

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee (M-VAC) Update

Highlights

Since the last Workforce Development Board meeting on August 13, the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee has convened 2 meetings held on August 26, 2020 and October 28, 2020. The Military Spouse Employment Working Group convened a meeting on October 23, 2020.

Updates on the Pandemic's Impact on Veteran Services

Committee members representing several veteran service organizations provided insight on the pandemic's effect on services to veterans.

- **Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) Update by JVSG staff**

- **Military Transition Programs by Mike Bormann and Tamara Brethouwer**

Mike and Tamara provided an update on the annual Career Summit, this year being held virtually, Oct 27-28. The Summit is tailored to veterans, separating service members, and military spouses.

- **American Job Center Services by DVOP Ted Avila**

AJC services to veterans is by appointment via conference call or virtual meeting.

- **Wounded Warrior Project by Roman Galiki**

Services continue but required intensive staff training on using virtual meeting platforms.

- **Labor Market Takeaways for veterans by WDC staff, Mark Olds**

- ✓ At the August 26, 2020 meeting, Mark gave a briefing on the Pandemic Economy and its impact on the labor market which can be viewed at: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/military-and-veterans-affairs-committee-meetings-2020/>; click on the [Pandemic Economy](#) link (August 26, 2020).
- ✓ At the October 28, 2020 meeting, Mark gave a briefing on The Effects of the Pandemic on Job Regeneration which can be viewed at <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/military-and-veterans-affairs-committee-meetings-2020/>; click on the [WDC Update](#) link (October 28, 2020). To listen and view the video recording of the briefing, go to <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/b8648d87-f48d-4967-89db-2ea8b72f42c1>. Briefing begins at the 49 min, 25 second mark.

- **Military Spouse Employment Working Group**

Convened its first meeting in 2020 on October 23. The last meeting was held in November 2019. The group reviewed the key takeaways from 2019 and were asked to prepare for the next meeting to set the agenda topics for the 2021 meetings.

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