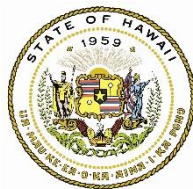


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MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Online via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Maj Gen Edward Richardson, USAF, Ret., Committee Chair; Owner, Edward Richardson, LLC
Tamara Brethouwer, Transition Services Specialist, SFL-TAP, USARPAC, Ft. Shafter
Robert Bullen, Veteran and Military Connected Outreach, U.H. Community Colleges
Roman Galiki, Warriors to Work Specialist, Wounded Warrior Project
Alan Hayashi, Consult 808
Melissa Hieda, Pacific Shipyards
Mildred Lonergan, Transition Service Specialist, SFL-TAP, Schofield Barracks
Debbie Nakashima, Program Manager, Pathways Career Services, Hawaii National Guard
Angela Para, Pacific Shipyards
Ini Patelesio, Pacific Shipyards
Mike Quitania, Hawaii Program Manager, Onward to Opportunity, JBPHH
Ramon Ruiz, Local Veterans' Employment Representative, Oahu American Job Center
Iain Wood, Pacific Shipyards and Ship Repair Association

STAFF:

Allicyn Tasaka, Workforce Development Council
Mark Olds, Workforce Development Council
Michelle Miyashiro, Workforce Development Council
Jayson Muraki, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order.....*Mark Olds, Workforce Development Council*

The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Mark Olds.

II. Approval of Minutes for the August 26, 2020 MVAC Meeting

Mr. Olds requested a motion to approve the minutes. Roman Galiki moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting. Mildred Lonergan seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

III. Information and Updates

A. Ship Repair Association of Hawaii (SRAH)

Iain Wood reported that the outlook for shipyard and ship repair work on the Navy base is strong and close to one billion dollars over the next five years. The Navy is transitioning to a fixed price structure with multiple companies acting as prime contractors. This may help the industry grow in Hawaii as they increase capacity and hire locally. Some work had previously been pushed to the mainland so this is an opportunity to demonstrate to the Navy that their needs can be executed in Hawaii. Recent jobs in Hawaii include the USS Michael Murphy, USS Wayne Meyer, and USS Chung Hoon. The industry also supports the U.S. Coast Guard and other Military Sealift Command in the commercial sector in addition to the Navy and Missile Defense.

Iini Patelesio reported that Pacific Shipyards has been growing rapidly with an average of five new hires a week over the past five weeks with the new contract structure. They are always looking for welders, mechanics and electricians. The administration side is also growing. Melissa Hieda reported that she is currently recruiting for Environmental Health and Safety Technicians, Marine Machinists, and an Assistant Production Manager. Angela Para reported that she is recruiting for an IT Director, Sandblaster Cleaners, General Laborers, Facilities Maintenance Technician, a CDL Class B Driver, and an Equipment Reconditioning Technician. A list of positions and position summaries will be sent to the group.

B. Military Spouse Subcommittee

Mr. Galiki reported that the subcommittee met on October 23. The purpose of the meeting was to reorient and rekindle conversations about military spouse employment transition issues since it has been about a year since the group last met. The group was asked to gather issues and concerns specific to their veterans, military personnel and spouses for discussion at the next meeting. Some issues to be discussed include internships available for military spouses in Hawaii, transfer of job licenses and credentials issued by other states to be accepted by Hawaii, military spouse preference to state agencies, and collaboration and partnership opportunities with other organizations.

C. Workforce Development Council (WDC) Updates

Mr. Olds presented an update on the Workforce Development Council and the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, which can be found at this link:
<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/MVAC-mtg-10.28.20-dukes-slides-.pdf>

IV. Announcements

A. Members' announcements.

Tamara Brethouwer reported that the Transition Summit took place today, October 28, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registered participants received on-demand webinar links for career preparation and overall readiness to assist in preparation for the Summit. There were approximately 200 participants as of the day before the Summit. Planning for the 2021 Summit has started with October 28 & 29, 2021 as tentative dates.

B. Future meeting dates: December 16, 2020 and third Wednesday, bi-monthly

C. Virtual meeting. Members meet on Microsoft Teams

V. Adjournment

Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.