

Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Update for WDC Board

August 12, 2021

The Military and Veteran Affairs Committee met on June 24, 2021. Interim Committee Chair Alan Hayashi introduced Ken Loui as the new Chair of the committee. Schoen Satofu is a new committee member and Vice Chair of the Military Spouses Sub-Committee. Mr. Satofu is Volunteer Coordinator at the VA Medical Center. Rebecca Gaster, Ambassador for American Corporate Partners has also joined the committee.

Work for Warriors Hawaii announced that 300-800 National Guard men and women would be called off orders by September 30, 2021. The committee is helping with the transition by providing resources and information.

Seven members of the committee attended the 2021 NASWA Veterans Conference. The National Association of State Workforce Agencies hosted a three-day virtual conference held July 28-30, 2021. A few of the topics and speakers included:

1. The Grit Factor: Going for Grit in Times of Change: Shannon Huffman Polson;
2. The Future is Remote: Mika Cross Workplace Transformation Strategist and Workforce Futurist and Dan Hawthorne, Ph.D. Director of IO Psychology – PAIRIN; and
3. The Future of Work: Ben Pring: Center for the Future of Work.