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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 23, 2021

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Online via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the health and welfare of the community is a priority. The meeting was held remotely, with Board members and staff participating via an online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

- Ken Loui, Chair, Vice President, Pacific Marine
- Debbie Nakashima, Program Manager, Work for Warriors Hawaii
- Mani Sehgal, Hawaii Pacific University, Dean, College of Professional Studies
- Mike Quitania, Hawaii Program Manager, Onward to Opportunity, JBPHH
- Ramon Ruiz, Local Veterans' Employment Representative, Oahu American Job Center
- Alan Hayashi, Owner, Consult 808
- Marie Calvo, Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- Ka'ala Souza, Workforce Resiliency Initiative
- Irving Higa, DVOP Specialist, Oahu American Job Center
- Angela Condon, Strategic Partnerships Manager, Western Governors University

STAFF:

- Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director, WDC
- Harrison Kuranishi, WDD, Employment Services Specialist

- I. Call to Order.....Committee Chair Ken Loui**
The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Committee Chair Ken Loui.

II. Approval of Minutes for the June 24, 2021, MVAC Meeting

Committee Chair Loui requested a motion to approve the minutes. Ramon Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021, meeting. Mani Sehgal seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

III. Information and Updates

A. Military Spouse Subcommittee

There was no subcommittee update

B. Workforce Development Updates

Harrison Kuranishi reported on Workforce Development Updates, which can be found at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/09/WDD-Updates-RR-9.23.2021.pptx>

C. Update on In-Demand Jobs

Ramon Ruiz reported that he met with Goodwill and will be establishing relations to help transition veterans. Employers are still looking for positions to be filled, some companies have multiple positions.

D. Workforce Resiliency Initiative

Ka'ala Souza presented on the Workforce Resiliency Initiative and can be found at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/09/WRI-WDC-Sept-Update-PDF.pdf>

E. Presentation Western Governor's University

Angela Condon presented on Western Governor's University which can be found at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/09/09.23.21-WGU-Presentation-MVAC.pptx>

IV. Announcements

Debbie Nakashima announced that the National Guard members got their orders extended to the end of the calendar year.

Michael Quitania shared a link for the upcoming 2022 cohort which can be found below: <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/>

Marie Calvo shared the link for DOD Civilian Careers Open House, which can be found at this link: <https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/DCPAS/e/vr57k>

V. Adjournment

Committee Chair Loui adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.