State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Workforce Development Division

WDC Military and Veteran Affairs Committee (MVAC)

Report for April 7, 2022 MVAC Meeting

1. **State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations now Open to Public**

a. Masks, vaccine cards, and proof of negative covid tests --no longer required effective March 28, 2022.

b. Unemployment Insurance Offices -- open for appointments only on Mondays and Tuesdays; open to walk-ins Wednesdays through Fridays.

1. **Hire Vets Medallion Program** <https://www.hirevets.gov/>

a. Actively promoted Program to businesses and American Job Centers

b. Very much appreciated partners, including Work for Warriors, SHRM, Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, who are spreading the word!

c. Promotions Increase awareness of veterans as a business asset; medallion identifies business as veteran-friendly organization, can help attract more veterans

d. See attached flyer and criteria table.

e. ***Application deadline for businesses—April 30, 2022***

1. **Pacific Shipyard—Developing Apprenticeship Program for Marine Welder/Ship Repair**

Continuing to work with Pacific Shipyard to create an apprenticeship program for marine welding.

1. **HUB (Helpful, Useful, Basic tools) Online Workshops for Jobseekers and Service Provider Staff**

Now you can view schedule and register on our website! See link below.

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/job-fairs-and-training-opportunities/>

1. **Job Fairs and Career Resource Fairs**

a. Kauai Feb 2-3 West Side Job Fair had great attendance by employers and jobseekers. (See attached flyer.)

b. Virtual Resource Fair - Hilo-March 29, April 4, April 12- Tips for Jobseekers (see attached flyer)

1. **IT Internships**

a. 42 college students and recent grads placed in state executive branch departments.

b. Paid internship is 89-day appointment @ $21.00/hr.

c. Over 12 state dept worksites hosting interns including DLIR, DAGS, DLNR, DOH, DHS, etc.

d. Several depts have indicated that they intend to hire interns.