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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, April 7, 2022

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 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
Ann Greenlee, Director, Hawaii Veterans Employment and Training Service
Ramon Ruiz, Local Veterans' Employment Representative, Oahu American Job Center
Mani Sehgal, Hawaii Pacific University, Dean, College of Professional Studies
Linda Puppolo, Executive Director, Maui County Workforce Development Board
Debbie Nakashima, Program Manager, Work for Warriors Hawaii
Mike Bormann, Schofield Barracks Transition Services Manager
Joe Logan, Senior Director for Military Affairs and Military campuses for HPU
Roman Galiki, Work for Warriors Texas Program
Sandra Goodale, Executive Director Hawaii County Workforce Development Board
Bridget Komine, Assistant Director, US DOL Veterans Employment and Training Service
Chase Nomura, County of Maui OED & Maui WDB
Nicole Kurashige, Executive Director, Oahu Workforce Development Board
Marie Calvo, Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Kim Graves, Vocational Rehab Specialist at Veterans Affairs
Keku DePonte, Maui County Kuina Program Coordinator

Daena Davis, Vice President, GSI Service Group, Representative of Environet Inc

STAFF:

Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director, WDC
Harrison Kuranishi, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Employment Services Specialist
Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Administrator
Erick Pascua, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Manager
Carol Kanayama, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Job Training Specialist
Duke Olds, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Employment Services Specialist
Katrina Ramos, DLIR Workforce Development Division
Daven Kawamura, DLIR Workforce Development Division

I. Call to Order.....Committee Chair Ken Loui

The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Committee Chair Ken Loui.

II. Approval of Minutes for the September 23, 2021, and January 20, 2022, MVAC Meetings

Committee Chair Loui requested a motion to approve the minutes for the September 23, 2021, meeting. Ann Greenlee moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021, meeting. Roman Galiki seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Committee Chair Loui requested a motion to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2022, meeting. Ann Greenlee moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, meeting. Debbie Nakashima seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Committee Chair Ken Loui used Chairperson’s prerogative to move the presentation on the Hire Vets Medallion Program forward.

III. Information and Updates

A. Hire Vets Medallion Program

Ramon Ruiz presented on the Hire Vets Medallion Program. Daena Davis a representative for Enviro-Net and GSI Service Group was introduced. Enviro-Net and GSI Service Group received the Hire Vets Medallion Award.

A presentation on the Hire Vets Medallion Program can be found at the link below:

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2022/04/MVAC-Hire-Vets-Powerpoint.pptx>

B. Military Spouse Subcommittee

There was no subcommittee update.

C. Onward to Opportunity Program

Michael Quitania was unavailable to provide an update on the Onward to Opportunity Program.

D. American Job Center Services for Veterans

Ramon Ruiz spoke about the services available at the American Job Centers. He introduced Irving Higa and Guyland Patton and explained their role in helping veterans at the American Job Center.

E. Workforce Development Updates

Carol Kanayama announced that the DLIR building is now open to the public and the UI offices are open for appointments. Maricar Pilotin-Freitas spoke about the IT internship program and the hopes to expand the program to other occupations.

IV. Discussion on Committee Structure, Members, Short and Long-Term Goals, and Opportunities to clarify committee direction for the next year.

Ken Loui asked for presentations for the next meeting. Carol Kanayama asked if Chair Loui would like to hear from the American Job Centers about what they do on their islands.

V. Announcements and Oral Testimony (if any)

Ramon Ruiz asked the committee to recommend candidates with drone piloting or scuba diving skills for a position.

Roman Galiki inquired about a program like the Hire Vets Medallion Program for state recognition. Maricar Pilotin-Freitas will discuss at the next committee meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Committee Chair Loui requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Greenlee moved to adjourn the meeting. Roman Galiki seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.