# STATE OF HAWAII

# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (WDC)

MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (MVAC)

MVAC GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

* Support the goals and objectives of the WDC and Hawaii DOL
* Help our military members and their families find employment by engaging with the public and private workforce entities to provide the necessary information, education, training and opportunities.
* Promote and continuously improve communication, collaboration and the sharing of information among the various programs and organizations serving the military and veteran community

2023 INITIATIVES:

* DOD Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) Program Participation
  + DOD anticipates a shortage of skilled technicians to support its future needs (estimated shortage of approximately 6,000 workers).
  + DOD looking to promote training and education for workers (including students)
  + Welding competition for Hawaii High Schools (Waipahu, Hilo, Kauai) and Honolulu Community College Students
  + Partnership with Private Industry
* Military Spouse Subcommittee
  + Advocate of military spouse employment opportunities (professional licensing)
  + Children Education and Support services (day care, etc.)
* Promote worker Training and Opportunities via Education, Apprenticeship and Mentoring Programs
  + SkillBridge Program – transition of military personnel to civilian employment
  + Western Governors Association – affordable and flexible on-line education
  + Formal Apprenticeship Programs – Sponsored by private industry