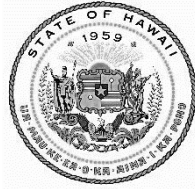


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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, July 5, 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, Committee Chair, Vice President, Pacific Marine
Trang Malone, Committee Vice-Chair, CVS Health
Alan Hayashi, WDC Chairperson, Consult 808
Michael Quitania, Program Manager, Onward to Opportunity
Ramon Ruiz, Local Veterans' Employment Representative, Oahu American Job Center
Deb Nakashima, Program Manager, Hawaii National Guard Work for Warriors Employment Program
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I. Call to Order.....Committee Chair Ken Loui

The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Ken Loui.

II. Approval of Minutes for the April 7, 2022, MVAC Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Loui requested a motion to approve the minutes for the April 7, 2022, meeting. Deb Nakashima moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022, meeting. Ramon Ruiz 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 Military Spouse Subcommittee meeting and no updates currently.

Deb Nakashima asked about the future of the Subcommittee since Roman Galiki is now out of state. Chair Loui stated that Schoen Satofu was appointed as the replacement lead on the Military Spouse Subcommittee by Roman Galiki but has not responded to any emails or calls.

Alan Hayashi recommended replacing the chair to lead the subcommittee if Sean is still unavailable.

B. Onward to Opportunity Program

Michael Quintania presented on the Onward to Opportunity Program. Founded in 2011, Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families empowers transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses to enhance their post-service lives. To date the program has impacted over 150,000 people.

Ramon Ruiz asked Michael about contact information as they will be going to the different islands and may meet people that are interested in the Onward to Opportunity Program.

C. Workforce Development Updates

Since Maricar Pilotin-Freitas was unavailable to provide an update on Workforce Development, Ramon Ruiz gave an update on the JVSG (Jobs for Veterans State Grant) program. Funding is currently available for the LVER's and DVOP's to travel inter-island to provide assistance to Disabled Veterans.

IV. Discussion on Committee Short and Long-Term Goals

Ken Loui suggested that a Short-Term goal for the Committee should be getting the Military Spouse Subcommittee meeting again. Chair Loui also asked the committee if there are any suggestions on any subcommittees or projects from the members.

V. Announcements and Oral Testimony

Chair Loui projected the meeting to be in the September/October 2022 timeframe.

VI. Adjournment

Committee Chair Loui adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.