HAWAI'I STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
PUBLIC MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
LEIOPAPA A KAMEHAMEHA BUILDING
235 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 405

I. PUBLIC NOTICE, CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2018 MEETING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
   A. Any person may submit testimony on any agenda item. Members of the public may join Commission members at the identified location above.

IV. REPORTS
   A. Chair’s Report
         a. Congratulations to HSCSW on Program Award
         b. Congratulations to Khara Jabola-Carolus on her election to the NACW Board of Directors
   B. Executive Director’s Report
      1. Budget
      2. Community Programs & Research
      3. Permanent Secretary Hire
      4. Legislative Planning and Programming
   C. State Commissioners Reports and Updates

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commission anticipates going into Executive Session pursuant to HRS 92-5 (a)(2) and HRS 367-2.5 to discuss the extension of the current Executive Director’s tenure.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Members Present: Leslie Wilkins (LW), Amy Monk (AM), Marilyn Lee (ML), Cyd Hoffeld (CH)
Members Excused: Lisa Ellen Smith, Sherry Campagna, Judy Kern
Staff: Khara Jabola-Carolus (KJC)
Ex-Officio: Beverly Munson (Honolulu Committee on the Status of Women)
Members of the Public: Dr. Kealoha Fox (Office of Hawai’ian Affairs)

I. Presentation of Haumea Women’s Health Report by Dr. Kealoha Fox
   A. Report is part of 3-part series of which Haumea report is one; next report will be on family and LGBT members; Haumea shows systemic crisis around women and girls across six component areas.

II. Public Notice, Call to Order
   A. 11:24 a.m. Quorum Declared - ML, CH, AM, LW

III. Commissioner Introductions
   A. LW:
      1. Invites Dr. Fox for outreach presentations on Maui to women’s consortium
      2. Plans to leverage federal Workforce Innovation Act to help transition for women.
      3. Schedule lunch w/ Khara and key stakeholders; OHA funder of Fernhurst Program

IV. Review and approval of minutes
   A. CH issues Motion to accept minutes for Jan. 30, 2018 - ADOPTED
   B. LW enters Motion to accept minutes for Feb. 13, 2018 - ADOPTED
   C. LW enters Motion to accept minutes Apr. 12, 2018 with editorial correction for Tina Chan misspelled—> Chen – ADOPTED

V. Chair’s Report
   A. Review of NACW logistics
      1. KJC is requested to remain one extra day until August 6 at NACW to run for national board office w/ NACW (three seats/state). Must fill nomination form on-site or in advance
   B. LW motion for KJC and Laney to review NACW award criteria. Deadline to apply for an NACW award is July 1 – ADOPTED

VI. Directors’ Report
   A. ML motion to transfer from personnel to operational $5,000 for Westlaw - ADOPTED
   B. LW motion to transfer personnel to operating budget to cover estimate $16,000 budget for seven (7) current HSCSW members confirmed NACW (KJC plus all Commissioners except ML) - ADOPTED
1. Registration = $3,500
2. Airfare = $5,600
3. Per diem = $6,090
4. TOTAL = $16,000

C. LW motion to approve Total 6 registration = $3,000 - ADOPTED
   1. Three representatives from Kaua`i
   2. One representative from Maui – Kate Griffiths
   3. One representative from Hawai`i Island
   4. One from Honolulu

D. Commissioners agreed to hear Kahala Motoyama present her findings as a former Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office, Department of Transportation, in a meeting after August 1, 2018.

VII. Sponsorships
A. LW motion to fund $2,000 Patsy Mink Leadership and YWCA Oahu - ADOPTED
   1. With proviso that we are co-sponsor and get to do a training
   2. Expand their recruitment beyond private schools, targeted recruitment for public school girls

B. In lieu of the Kaua`i Committee on the Status of Women’s $5,000 request for funding of NACW travel, registration, etc. Commission will pay for registration for three of their Committee Members.

VIII. Allocation of Remaining Personnel Funds
A. LW motion to move remaining personnel money to give authorization to upgrade technical capacity of the office because we are the portal for women’s communications throughout the state for connectivity, videoconferencing – ADOPTED

IX. Next Meeting
A. Commission would like to meet again sometime in June or July.

X. Adjournment -
### CSW Sponsorship Requests

**Last Updated: 10.9.18**

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| 2.23.18      | YWCA Kauai | a. YU Financial Literacy ($1,950)  
   b. Financial Empowerment Conference ($2,200)  
   c. Women’s Leadership ($2,200)  
   d. Women’s Empowerment Workshops ($1,600) | $7,950 | 4.12.18 | $5,565 | | | 5.14.18 | 5.15.18 | 41836440 | 5.23.18 |
| 3.29.18      | ALEA Bridge Day | ALEA Women’s Bridge Day | $1,000 | 4.12.18 | $500 | | | 5.14.18 | 5.15.18 | 41836438 | 5.23.18 |

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| 1.26.18      | Maui County Committee on the Status of Women | 1. Domestic Violence Awareness Fair ($500)  
2. Women of Excellance Awards ($900)  
3. Committee Travel Expenses ($1,350)  
4. Hosting of Round Table Discussion of CSW Representations Statewide ($500)  
5. Voter Registration ($1,200)  
6. Outstanding Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) ($1,000). | $5,450 | 2.13.18 | $6,000 | | 5.23.18 | 6.1.18 | 41836444 | 6.6.18 |
| 5.7.18       | YWCA O‘ahu & Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership | Girls’ Summit 2018 | $2,000 | 5.17.18 | $2,000 | | 5.21.18 | 5.24.18 | 41836442 | 5.30.18 |
| 6.4.18       | Friends of Future | 1. Equal pay day advocacy ($1,650)  
2. Real women essay contest ($500) | $2,150 | 6.7.18 KJC approved | $2,150 | | 6.7.18 | 6.8.18 | 41836450 | 6.13.18 |
<p>| 6.14.18      | ALEA Bridge | 9.15.18 Women’s day event | $500 | 6.15.18 KJC approved | $500 | | 6.14.18 | 6.15.18 | 41836455 | 6.22.18 |</p>
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As of October 16, 2018

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| **Other Current:**   |                  |                |                |                 |                |
| Quarterly Funds      | 11,924.00        | 11,925.00      | 11,925.00      | 11,925.00       | 47,699.00      |
| Expenditures         | (7,362.68)       | (1,320.74)     | (8,683.42)     |                 | (8,683.42)     |
| Encumbrances         | -                |                |                |                 |                |
| Emergency Restriction| -                |                |                |                 |                |
| Transfers (reversions) | -              |                |                |                 |                |
| Transfers (reversions) | -              |                |                |                 |                |
| **Balance**          | 4,561.32         | 10,604.26      | 11,925.00      | 11,925.00       | 39,015.58      |

**Total Payroll & Other Current funds available**

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2018 Hawaiʻi Island Services Directory for Families

This service directory is provided by the Hawaiʻi County Committee on the Status of Women, University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo - Division of Student Affairs and Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE

Hawaii Poison Hotline .......... 1-800-222-1222

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Bay Clinic

Hilo Family Health Center                               | 969-1427     |
Hilo Family Dental Center                                | 333-3600     |
Hilo Women's Health Center                               | 333-3500     |
Kaʻu Family Health and Dental Center                      | 929-7311     |
Keau Family Health and Dental Center                     | 930-0400     |
Pahoa Family Health Center                               | 965-9711     |
Pahoa Women's and Children's Health Center               | 965-3038     |

Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwi Primary Care Clinic
Primary medical care services. All insurances accepted. Sliding scale fee.
Hilo                                            | 969-9220     |

Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children        | 1-808-983-6000 |

Shriners Hospital for Children

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WEBSITES

State of Hawaii .................................................. ehawaii.gov
Hawaii County ..................................................... www.hawaiicounty.gov
Love Shouldn’t Hurt .................. http://ywcahawaiisland.org/what-we-do/teen-dating

HELP FOR CHILDREN

Catholic Charities Hawaii
Therapeutic Foster Care (Hilo) .................. 961-7000

Child Family Service
Providing emergency crisis service through ACCESS line 800-753-6879. Sex abuse treatment service therapeutic foster home program. Alternatives to Violence - ATV.
Hilo ........................................ 935-2188
Kona ........................................ 323-2664

Child Welfare Services/DHS
Provides protective intervention services to prevent child abuse and/or neglect.
Hilo: Case Management & Investigation (office) 933-0650
Hilo: E. Hawaii Child Welfare Services, and Licensing 933-0350
Islandwide Child Abuse Reporting (24-Hours) 1-800-494-3991
West Hawaii .......................... 327-4787

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Division/DOH
Focus upon special education children with severe emotional disturbances and others who meet certain criteria.
Hilo ........................................ 974-6006
Kona ........................................ 322-4880
Waimea .................................... 887-8114

Children's Justice Center
Provides a non-threatening environment to alleged child victims of abuse for the purpose of conducting forensic interviews by trained forensic interviewers.
Hilo ........................................ 933-1505
Kona ........................................ 329-5261

Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled/DOH
For children & adults who have intellectual disabilities.
Hilo ........................................ 974-4280
Kona ........................................ 327-6212
Waimea .................................... 887-8118

Easter Seals Hawaii
Early intervention services for ages 0-3 years.
Hilo ........................................ 961-3081

Family Support Hawaii
Provides infant/toddler home visitation programs, parent education services, youth development and outreach programs, enhancement of parent/school involvement, fatherhood program, and a family center for information and referrals.

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Neighborhood Place of Kona
Focus on the well-being of children and families. Prevention of child abuse and neglect in the West Hawaii Community. Referrals.
Kona ........................................ 331-8777
Fax ........................................ 331-8774
Email: info@npkona.org

Neighborhood Place of Puna
Puna ........................................ 965-5550
Fax ........................................ 965-5109
Email: info@neighborhoodplace.org
The Parent Line
Free statewide confidential telephone line, which offers support and information to parents and other caregivers.
Oahu 1-808-526-1222
Neighbor Islands (Toll Free) 1-800-816-1222

Partners in Development Foundation, HUI HO'O MALU
Contracted by DHS for foster care recruitment and training.
Hilo 987-5988
Kona 896-3829
Oahu 1-808-441-1117
Neighbor Islands (Toll Free) 1-888-879-8970

P.A.T.C.H.: People Attentive to Children
Referral of childcare providers in specific areas. Offering various levels of training for individuals in the Early Childhood field and those interested in starting a childcare business in their homes and training for parents.
Hilo 961-3169
Kona 322-3500

Project Hawaii, Inc.
Provides free services to children in homeless situations, with outreach personal hygiene, meals, food, clothing & other emergency needs.
Keau 987-6018

Queen Liliuokalani Children’s Center
Fulfilling the Queen’s mission with commitment to the orphan and destitute children in the state of Hawaii, with preference given to those of Hawaiian ancestry.
Hilo 935-9381
Kona 329-7336
Waimea 887-0640

W.I.C. (Women, Infants and Children):
Program that assists with supplemental/nutritional needs of pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women and infants/children under age 5.
Hilo 974-4270
Kona 322-4888
Pahoa/Ka'u 965-3030

The Island of Hawaii YMCA
Unique programming focus and clientele from pre-school, childcare services, after school services and health and fitness.
Hilo 935-3721

YMCA Family Visitation Centers
Providing safe and neutral environments where parents can visit with their children when there is a restraining order or when other concerns exist about the safety of unsupervised visits during custody disputes or instances of family violence and abuse.
Hilo 464-4020
Fax 969-1772

YWCA Healthy Start Program
Self/Agency referred. Outreach services, newborn to 3 years.
Hilo 961-3877

SUPPORT SERVICES

Adult Protective Services/DHS
Provides protective services to abused, neglected, or financially exploited dependent adults, ages 18 or older.
Hilo 933-8820
Fax 933-8859
Kona 327-6280
Fax 327-6292

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii
Serves individuals with disabilities by providing information and referral, peer counseling, advocacy and independent living skills training.
Hilo 339-7297

Ali Like, Inc.
Services to Hawaiians. Information and referrals, employment and training, job counseling and placement, technical assistance and education.
Hilo 961-2625

Alzheimer’s Association
Provides reliable information about Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, caregiving issues, and community resources; workshops and training; Safe Return 24/7 wanderer’s registry; and support groups to improve the quality of life for the person with the disease, their families and caregivers, case consultation 24/7 information. www.alz.org/hawaii
Hilo 981-2111
24/7 Help-line 1-800-272-3900

Aprisa Home Health Care
Provides complete respiratory and durable medical equipment and supplies for home patients.
Hilo 969-1211

ARC of Hilo
Serves people with disabilities with education, vocational and skill training; provides employment and residential help.
Hilo 935-8535

ARC of Kona
323-2626

Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC)
Self/Court referred, individual counseling, group counseling, outpatient services, therapeutic living program and clean and sober housing.
Hilo 935-4927
Keau 969-9994

Case Management Works
Provides case management for individuals with work-related disabilities.
Hilo 961-5590
Fax 961-5101

Child Family Service – Alternatives to Violence
Peer counseling, education groups and legal help for women and children. Advocacy and help for battered women. Court mandated groups.
Hilo (Islandwide) 935-2188
Kealakekua 322-3266

Crisis Line of Hawaii
Suicide hotline, referrals and outreach for youth and adults.
Islandwide (24-Hours) 1-800-753-6879

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Program for individuals with disabilities who require assistance with employment.
Hilo 974-6444
Kona 323-0025

Domestic Violence Action Center www.stoptheviolence.org
Email: dvac@stoptheviolence.org
Food Basket
Hilo 933-6030
Kona 322-1418

Hawaii Island Adult Care
Provide day care for elderly adults and adults with Alzheimer’s and dementia.
Hilo 961-3747

Hawaii Island HIV/AIDS Foundation
Support, information, and referrals. Free, anonymous HIV/HCV testing.
Hilo 982-8800
Kona 331-8177

TEEN SERVICES
Bay Clinic – Teen Clinic Services (www.bayclinic.org)
Pregnancy testing, birth control pills, shots, implants, IUDs, condoms, and Emergency Contraception. Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases for males and females. Free, confidential services and referrals for ages 14-18 years.
Hilo Women’s Health Center–Teen Clinic 333-3500
Ka'u Family Health Center–Teen Clinic 929-7311
Keau Family Health Center–Teen Clinic 930-0400
Pahoa Family Health Center–Teen Clinic 965-9711

Himaka-Ko’ala Health (Kapaa) – Family planning appointments...775-7204
Himaka-Ko’ala Health (Kapaa) – Family planning appointments...889-6236

P’Tee Clinic Services
DOE program with pre- and post-natal care. Referrals through school counselors.
Kenhawena High School 329-3433
Kekaha High School 327-4300

Love is Respect.org www.loveisrespect.org 1-866-331-9474

Domestic Violence Action Center–Teen Alert Program (http://tap808.org)
Oahu 1-808-531-3771
Neighbor Island 1-800-690-6200
**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

**Alu Like, Inc**
Services to Hawaiians, information and referrals, employment and training, job counseling and placement, technical assistance and education.
Hilo .................................................. 961-2625

**Big Island Workplace Connection (BIWC)**
Provides no cost services for job placement, job readiness workshops, testing, employment counseling and labor market information. Training also available.
www.1stop4youths.com
Hilo BIWC .............................................. 981-2860
Kona BIWC .............................................. 327-4770

**Catholic Charities Hawaii – Immigration and Employment Core Services**
Employment preparation and placement, English language classes, and immigration services for newly arrived and economically disadvantaged immigrants.
Hilo .................................................. 961-7030

**Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.**
Provides job readiness training, job developing, job placement and retention services for participants and employers. Serves low-income adults, out of school youth, and people with disabilities. www.higoodwill.org
Hilo Office .............................................. 961-0307
Hilo Retail Store ..................................... 961-6427
Kona Office ............................................ 443-5850
Kona Retail Store .................................... 443-5828
HAWAII COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (HCEOC)
Provides employment readiness and job placement and retention services for low-income persons and for immigrants. HCEOC offers services ranging from transportation to educational programs for children and youth.
Main Office ........................................ 961-2681

HOUSING REFERRAL ASSISTANCE
County of Hawaii/Office of Housing and Community Development
Rental assistance programs.
Hilo .................................................. 959-4642

Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Public housing projects.
Hilo .................................................. 933-0474
Fax .................................................... 933-0479

Home for Recovery
Does not offer substance abuse services.
Drug free housing .................................. 934-7852
Fax .................................................... 935-7894

LEGAL HELP
Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Presentation of criminal cases before the courts.
Hilo .................................................. 961-0466
Keaholekula ........................................ 322-2552

Hawaii Disability Rights Center
Hawaii’s protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities. Hawaii’s client assistance program. www.info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org
Honolulu ............................................. 1-800-882-1057

Hawaii State Child Support Enforcement Agency
Assistance in establishing paternity, child support, and enforcement of support. www.hawaii.gov/ag/esca
Islandwide ........................................ 933-0644
Fax .................................................... 933-0300

Hawaii State Office of the Public Defender
Free defense if charged with a crime punishable by jail and if income qualified.
Hilo .................................................. 974-4571
Kona .................................................. 322-1945

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Free consultation if income qualified. Uncontested divorces, child custody, senior program.
Hilo .................................................. 961-2851
Kona .................................................. 329-3910

Victim Witness Assistance Program
Victim support and counseling.
Hilo .................................................. 934-3306
Kona .................................................. 322-2552

Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii
The only organization in the state whose sole mission is to serve Hawaii’s low-income community through volunteer activities.
Honolulu ............................................. 1-800-528-7046

VETERAN SERVICES
Office of Veterans Services
Providing referral and information for veterans; advocates.
Hilo .................................................. 933-0315

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
Medical services for eligible veterans.
Hilo .................................................. 935-3781
Kona .................................................. 329-0774
Veterans Crisis Line ................................ 1-800-273-8255

Vet Center
Individual/couple/family counseling, groups, referrals.
Hilo .................................................. 969-3833
Kona .................................................. 329-0574

DEAF SERVICES
Department of Human Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation & Services for the Blind
Hilo .................................................. 974-6444
Kona .................................................. 323-0025

Sprint Relay Service for the Hearing and Speech Impaired
Speech to Speech ................................... 711 or 1-877-447-8711
Text (TTY) ......................................... 711 or 1-877-447-5990
Voice ............................................... 711 or 1-877-447-5991

OTHER USEFUL SERVICES
ACCESS (24-Hours)
Crisis services and access to adult mental health division services.
Statewide ......................................... 1-800-753-6879

Aloha United Way 211
Help line for information and referral to community service agencies and programs.
Statewide ......................................... 211

American Cancer Society
Offers services and referrals for cancer patients and their families, cancer related information, community education, and volunteer opportunities. www.cancer.org
Hilo .................................................. 935-9763
National 24-Hour Call Center ..................... 1-800-227-2345

American Heart Association of Hawaii
Health screening, information and referral, health education, speaker’s bureau, stroke information, and training. www.americanheart.org
Hilo .................................................. 961-2825

American Lung Association of Hawaii
Education to prevent lung disease and promote lung health.
Oahu .................................................. 1-808-537-5966

American Red Cross
Services to victims of disaster, community education.
Hawaii Island ..................................... 935-8305

Crime Stoppers
Hilo (Islandwide) .................................... 961-8300

F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
Honolulu ............................................. 1-808-566-4300
Kona .................................................. 329-5106

Hawaii County Civil Defense
Islandwide ......................................... 935-0031
After Hours ........................................ 935-3311

Immigration and Naturalization Services
Hawaii County Office of Immigration .................. 961-8220
USCIS (formerly INS) Toll Free .................. 1-800-375-5283

Kukuihule Mediation Center
Conflict resolution mediators for business, landlord/tenant, real estate, human resources and domestic issues including custody, visitation and divorce.
East Hawaii ........................................ 935-7844

United State Coast Guard
Search/Rescue Center .............................. 933-6934/943/6944
Or Emergency on Water ......................... 1-800-552-6458

United States Federal Marshals Service
Honolulu ............................................. 1-808-541-3000

United States Secret Service
Honolulu ............................................. 1-808-541-1912

Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii’s (VASH) Hawaii Island
Assistance to visitors who experience adversity while traveling to Hawaii Island.
Administration ................................... 756-0392
Hilo .................................................. 756-1472
Kona .................................................. 756-0785

West Hawaii Mediation Center
Kona .................................................. 326-2666
Waimea ............................................. 885-5525
2018
“Real Women”
Creative Writing Competition

Sponsored by the
Hawai‘i County
Committee on the Status of Women
Sunday, June 3, 2018
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Nani Mau Gardens
Hilo, Hawaii
“Real Women” Creative Writing Competition

Celebrating National Women’s History Month sets aside a special time each March for schools, work sites, and communities to recognize and celebrate the lives of countless women of all races, ages, cultures, ethnic traditions and ways of life. Women who are honored have participated in history by living out their lives, whether in ways grandly eloquent or steadfastly ordinary, and by so doing have contributed to our shared history.

The “Real Women” Creative Writing Competition is sponsored by the Hawai‘i County Committee on the Status of Women, in collaboration with the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s Women’s Center, as part of this Country’s celebration of National Women’s History Month, March 2018.

Through this essay competition, students throughout Hawai‘i County looked at the lives of women they knew in their family or in their community and saw the many ways in which these women contributed to our shared history. Contributing stories were submitted by students islandwide.

As we listen, we will draw inspiration from these stories, and only then will the expectations of females and males match the realities of the world in which we live.
Hawai’i County Committee on the Status of Women

Appointed by: Mayor Harry Kim

Supported by: Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
655 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 961-0466

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Annual Projects: Real Women Competitive Writing Competition
Hawai’i Island Services Directory for Families
Teen Dating Violence Prevention
Equal Pay Awareness and Advocacy
Hawai’i Island Women’s Leadership Forum

Resources available by contacting us or visiting our sponsored page at -
http://ywcahawaiiiisland.org/what-we-do/teen-dating

• Hawai’i Island Services Directory for Families
• Cell Phone Safety Cards
• CSW Brochures (will be available soon)
2018 “Real Women” Essay Contest Winners

5th – 6th Grade
1st Place: “The Aloha Spirit” by Abigail Keith, 5th grader at Waiakea Elementary School, Teacher: Mrs. Hashimoto
2nd Place: “The Maker of Me” by Irie Moreau, 5th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Arima
3rd Place: “Great Grandmother” by Malachi Hoshide, 5th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Arima
Honorable Mention: “A Heart of Gold to Me” by Keola Kalili, 5th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Arima

7th – 8th Grade
1st Place: “Believer” by Isabelle Au, 8th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Chung
2nd Place: “An Amazing Independent Woman” by Kayliiah Whittington-Ramirez, 7th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Wehrsig
3rd Place: “My Hero Denise” by Eva Chupity, 7th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Mrs. Wehrsig
Honorable Mention: “Real Woman Essay” by Hailey Nakamura-Seales, 8th grader at Waiakea Intermediate School, Teacher: Mr. Solt

9th – 10th Grade
1st Place: “Real Woman Essay” by Neve Sherie Enriquez, 10th grader at Waiakea High School, Teacher: Mrs. Polloi
2nd Place: “Real Woman Essay” by John Grover, 10th grader at Waiakea High School, Teacher: Mrs. Polloi
3rd Place: “Real Woman Essay” by Beau Yoeman, 10th grader at St. Joseph School, Teacher: Dr. Yocum
Honorable Mention: “My Real Woman” by Ella Johnson, 10th grader at Waiakea High School, Teacher: Mrs. Polloi

11th – 12th Grade
1st Place: “Pearl in Royal Blue” by John Ramos, 12th grader at Kea`au High School, Teacher: Mrs. Bonner
2nd Place: “A Priceless Gift” by Rachel Goblet, 11th grader at Kea`au High School, Teacher: Mrs. Bonner
3rd Place: “Another’s Perspective” by Kiana Ettore, 12th grader at Kea`au High School, Teacher: Mrs. Bonner
Honorable Mention: “Real Woman Essay” by Faith West, 12th grader at Kea`au High School, Teacher: Mrs. Kay
Abigail Keith
Parents: Ronald & Lisa Keith
Waiakea Elementary School
5th grade
Mrs. Hashimoto
Real Woman: Aloha Rocha
“The Aloha Spirit”

Ahuwale ka po‘okela i kau hana ia ha‘i means, it is through the way you serve others that your greatness will be felt. This saying defines my real woman whose actions speak louder than her words. My real women is Aloha Rocha. Aloha Rocha is a cardiac nurse who helps save lives every day. She is also my swim coach. Coach Aloha selflessly serves others and this is why she inspires me.

Did you ever think what the world would be like if there were no nurses like Aloha Rocha? Who would educate patients and families about their illness? Who would carry out the doctor’s orders? Who would alert the doctors to what is going on with their patients? Who would be there to support families when they are facing the end of life of a loved one? Who would encourage families when healthcare obstacles occur? Who would give patients pain medicine and baths? Who would sit and laugh with a patient in the middle of the night when they are worried about their upcoming surgery? Aloha does all of that and more! It would be very hard for a hospital to function if nurses like Coach Aloha did not exist!

Coach Aloha inspired me to be my very best and to go the extra mile in all I do. Even when I don’t believe in myself, she believes in me and encourages me through my doubts. In describing Coach Aloha, I would say she is like a freshly baked loaf of French bread. She is tough on the outside, but soft and warm on the inside. No matter what Coach Aloha does, she is a servant leader who leads by example and makes the world she touches a better place.
Irie Moreau
Parents: Ingrid & Ryan Moreau
St. Joseph School
5th grade
Mrs. Arima
Real Woman: Ingrid Moreau
On December 15, 1975 a woman was born in Guatemala City. This woman’s name was Ingrid Maria Lopez. She said that, “Through hard work and determination you can achieve your goals.” This means if you work hard you will achieve what you want to do. When she was 11, she moved to Bakersfield, California. Later, she went to California State University Bakersfield. She graduated with a Chemistry degree and became a teacher.

Years later she got married. Then in June 2005, she had a child who is now my older brother. Two years later on September 8 2007, she had another child, me. While I was young, she stayed home and took care of my brother and me. I feel good that she was able to love and care for me.

Eight months after I was born, my family moved to the Big Island of Hawaii. She became a STARBASE teacher, but she still had time to teach me stuff like how to walk and talk. Later she got a job at St. Joseph School. I had fun while she was my second grade teacher. She was also my Cub scout leader from first through fourth grade.

This is the woman of my life because she did many things for me like being my teacher, Cub Scout leader and mom. Now, she teaches 6th grade at St. Joseph School. I want to have her teach me next year because it was fun having her as my second grade teacher. She can still speak Spanish and sometimes teaches it to me. She has helped me at school with homework and made me who I am. I chose to write about my mom because she has taught me many things and is a loving parent.
Malachi Hoshide
Parent: Roslyn Hoshide Andrade
St. Joseph School
5th grade
Mrs. Arima
Real Woman: Mabel Hoshide
“My Great Grandmother”

A woman that inspires me is Mabel Hoshide. She is my great grandmother. She is currently 89 years old. She was born on November 24, 1928 in Honuapo, Kaʻu. Both her parents worked for the sugar plantation. She attended Naʻalehu School, Kaʻu High School and Hilo High School. During the time that Mabel was in school, World War II was going on. Every student was assigned a gas mask. Her community also had air raid shelters just in case they were attacked. Most of the men were drafted or volunteered to join the military and left to fight the war. The women of the community took on jobs in the sugar fields and factories. In those days it was normal for the women to stay home and care for the house and children while the men went to work. The war period gave women the chance to take on roles in the work force. Ever after the war, women became more active in the business world.

After graduating high school, Mabel attended and graduated from UH Manoa on Oahu. After college, Mabel moved back to Kaʻu and got a job as a teacher at Pahala Elementary. She taught there for 42 years before retiring. Many of her students still remember her to this day. Mabel had four children. After they all graduated college, she moved to Hilo where Mabel still lives today.

Mabel says she is blessed to have 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. It is because of them that she looks forward to each day with happiness. My great grandma inspires me every day. She is the kindest and most generous person I have ever met. She adores her family and does whatever she can for them. I aspire to be more like her.
Keola Kalili
Parent: Krystal Kalili
St. Joseph School
5th grade
Mrs. Arima
Real Woman: Krystal Kalili
“A Heart of Gold to Me”

The woman in my life that inspires me is my mom, Krystal Kalili. She has taught me to love from the heart, to love all and to never give up in life. She is strict and has high expectations for what I do in school and sports. She’s my number one fan and goes to every game.

Krystal was born and raised in Hilo, finished high school on O‘ahu, moved back to Hilo and married my dad. My parents tried for years to have children and couldn’t, but loved and raised many nieces and nephews. In 2006 they went to a specialist that helped families have babies. It took seven tries to have me. They welcomed me into the world on July 13, 2007.

My mom sacrifices a lot for me. After I was born, she decided to work from home and opened her own daycare, so she could see me more often and to support my dreams. She is the team mom for my baseball team, the secretary for K.K.A.A and supports me with my other sports and Boy Scouts.

My mom has fostered thirty-seven children in the past eight years. She loves them all and has taught them life lessons. She encourages them to better themselves and to make her proud with good choices.

My mom is a strong woman and will do anything for anyone. Since I was young, she knew I struggled with school. We learned that I have a learning disability: dyslexia, I.D, C.A.P and inverted ADHA. I have an awesome team that is created by my mom to work with the D.O.E. She is thankful for St. Joseph in supporting my education and spirituality.

My mom has always told me that God gave women the good rib, to endure everything in life for their family. I’m proud to have a mom like her.
Isabelle Au
Parents: Dean & Janelle Au
8th grade
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Chung
Real Woman: Janelle Au
“Believer”

A mom is more than just a person in your life. Most are creators, protectors, transformers, and lovers. They make us who we are today, change our lives, take away our worries and problems, and most importantly, love us. My mom is my inspiration and my true friend. Her name is Janelle Au.

My mom had a good childhood with her mom, dad and two older brothers in Oahu. After she graduated high school, she moved to Hilo to live with her brother. Soon after, she took a job as a receptionist at a radio station. She later took on more duties including music director, commercial director, business manager, and assistant engineer. After the radio station closed down, she created a small business named Bellies. My mom simultaneously worked full time and went to college. She never gave up, which resulted in her getting a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology. She managed to take care of my family, go to school and work full time.

My mom is a very important part in my life. When I get frustrated, she helps me get through it. She is a big supporter in gymnastics for my sisters and myself. He pays for us to do the sport, goes to all of our meets and encourages us tremendously. When I am upset and say I can’t do something, she always says, “Yet.”

My mom is a high school counselor and helps teenagers go to college. She is also there when they need to talk, figure things out, or even just need company. She tries to help everyone in any way she can.

Moms are dominators! They change the world. Moms are heroes! They achieve and stay humble. My mom is a believer! She makes things that seem impossible, possible.
Kayliyah Whittington-Ramirez
Parents: Karma Whittington-Ramirez & Jesse Ramirez
7th Grade
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Wehrsig
Real Woman: Lorraine Davis
“An Amazing Independent Woman”

I know a real woman, as many of you do, but what makes this woman so amazing? This real woman is the COO of the YMCA of Hawai‘i Island where they are dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. She is in charge of several empowering programs, one of which is the Sexual Assault Support Services Program (SASS). She has been at the YMCA of Hawai‘i Island for 14 years! She enjoys her job and the impact it has on the community.

When she was younger she was bullied. As she got older she didn’t want to be bullied anymore. She treats others as she wants to be treated and lives by the motto “do not harm, always approach others with honor and respect.”

Working for a non-profit and helping others wasn’t what she set out to do in life. She went to college and become a chemist! She did this for 20 years, but moved to Hawai‘i and found her passion working at the YMCA of Hawai‘i Island.

She and her SASS staff help victims of sexual assault every day. Her words to victims when they call the crisis line are that she appreciated they have called, and that it’s all going to be okay. It’s not their fault and she’s sorry that something like this happened to them.

I admire this real woman, whom I lovingly call Aunty Miss Lorraine. She is a strong independent woman in a position to help the community and victims of terrible wrongs. She told me once, “Don’t let the world tell you what to be, be who you want to be”.

Thank you Ms. Lorraine Davis for your dedication to empowering women, promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.
Eva Chupity
Parent: Sylvia Chupity
7th Grade
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Wehrsig
Real Woman: Denise Colgrove
“My Hero Denise”

I know a woman who is very special to me. Her name is Denise Colgrove. Denise is my mom’s friend and a veterinarian. My mom met her many years ago in California. Denise used to live in Mexico, but came back to California periodically to pick up supplies for the poor people in that country that didn't have enough money for veterinary care. At times it was dangerous living and working there, for example once she got stung by a scorpion and nearly died.

Denise encourages me in sports, especially swimming. Almost every day she swims. She belongs to a padding club in Hilo and paddles every week. I think she is a great role model because she always inspires me to work my hardest and never give up.

Denise has gone to Africa many times. When she went to Africa last year, she took care of AIDS orphans. This time, she is in Uganda for several months to take care of, and rehabilitate animals in a wildlife rescue center. At this moment she is in Africa with those animals! She writes weekly about her experience with the animals on her online blog. On her blog, she has recently written about a cheetah she took on walks with a leash and played with. She also wrote about a time at the rescue center when she was bitten by an angry chimp.

Overall, I think Denise is a wonderful person. I also think that Denise is tough and a trooper. Even when times are frustrating she keeps her head, and for all these reasons she, in my mind is a real good role model and a real woman. One more thing that makes her even more amazing is that she is 81 years old!
Hailey Nakamura-Seales
Parents: Bryson Nakamura & Harold Seales
8th grade
Waiakea Intermediate School
Mr. Solt
Real Woman: Harold Seales
“Real Woman Essay”

The most inspiring person is my mom because she is loving and caring. When my mom was 8 years old, her mother was severely burned but refused to stay in the hospital, so my mom volunteered to take care of her.

Every morning, my mom woke up at 4:30 a.m to prepare a bath for my grandma. She would clean my grandma’s wounds, treat them with the ointment and dress them. My mom would then dress my grandma, administer her medication, and prepare breakfast. Then my mom would walk with her brother to school (Hilo Union Elementary), which is 2 blocks away.

After school, my mom would rush home to give my grandma her bath, clean her wounds, and get her dressed. Then my mom would do her homework, have a snack, have dinner, and clean my grandma’s wounds again. To prevent infection, these wounds had to be cleaned three times a day. After a long exhausting day, my mom would fall asleep only to get up the next morning and do it all again.

When my mom became a sophomore at Waiakea High, my great-grandma became extremely ill and, again my mom volunteered to care for her. My mom would schedule my great-grandma’s medication, do her grocery shopping, and keep her house tidy. In the midst of this, she even managed to keep good grades.

Today, my mom has four children and is still loving and caring. She works 5-6 days a week, 8-9 hours a day. She makes time to go to church with us on Sunday, makes sure we have clean laundry for the week, puts food on the table, provides a roof over our heads, and supports us in our every endeavor. Her strength of character inspires me every single day.
Neve Sherie Enriquez
Parents: Shelley Cua-Enriquez & Hennrie Enriquez
10th grade
Waiakea High School
Mrs. Polloi
Real Woman: Cresencia Inocencio
“Real Woman Essay”

Many people can identify the key qualities they value in the personalities of others; a diligent mind, a caring heart, a perseverant soul, and countless others. Most of us also have an idea of how we obtained our own defining qualities. I have learned many of my defining qualities from the amazing women who have raised me. Most influential is the guidance I have received from my great-grandmother, Cresencia. She taught me the meaning of hard work, the value of persevering through life’s challenges, and the importance of gratefulness.

My great-grandmother dealt with many challenges in her journey; starting as a young woman in the Philippines and immigrating to Hawai‘i with her family. Life in the Philippines was difficult. As the mother of eight children she struggled to raise her children with limited resources. At one point they lived in a makeshift bamboo house; they would often go hungry when a typhoon would flood out their access to food. To create a better life for her family she decided to immigrate to Hawai‘i. However, this was not the end of her struggles, even after arriving in Hawai‘i she continued to work labor intensive jobs to establish their new life.

Hearing these stories made me very grateful for the comfortable life I have been blessed with; unlike her, I have never known the feeling of extreme hunger or the absence of a safe home. These stories encouraged me to strive harder in my own life. I too will persevere through life’s challenges and pursue things she never could: a higher education and a stable profession. My great grandmother may not have made a significant contribution to the world, but she absolutely made one for me. Her strength gave our family the opportunity to live the life she was once denied.
John Grover
Parents: Micah & Rina Grover
10th grade
Waiakea High School
Mrs. Polloi
Real Woman: Rina Grover
A woman who is very influential and inspiring in my life is my mom Rina Grover. My mom was born and raised in Okinawa. There she grew up in a rich culture that values family, character, and food. My mom has been teaching me some of her cultural traits that I wish to have as a part of my identity.

In a world that is moving so fast I sometimes catch myself stressing to keep up with it. Okinawans on the other hand are very calm and easy going people. Whenever I am with my family from Okinawa I find that they enjoy sitting down and laughing about the small things in life. My mom has taught me to slow down and think about the insignificant things that make me happy when I am stressed.

A character trait my mother has taught me is to be humble. My mom never liked to boast about all her different accomplishments, so whenever I start to excel at something she always tells me not to brag about it and be humble. The Okinawan culture really revolves around this idea of not trying to put yourself above anyone, but instead bringing others up. This positive thought process is what makes my mom very friendly and very easy to talk to.

Today in our very hectic world there is so much negativity going around and we need people to push against it. My mom has been changing our world by taking on the role of being a teacher and positive influence on numerous people’s lives. These types of women help add favorable traits to our character.
Beau Yoeman

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Yoeman

10th grade

St. Joseph School

Dr. Yocum

Real Woman: Julia Yoeman
“Real Woman Essay”

My real woman essay is going to be about my sister Julia M. Yoeman. I believe that a woman is not based on age but on the type of character that the person presents to the world. A woman perseveres through good and bad times and doesn’t blame someone for their actions, but takes full responsibility and ownership of their actions.

My sister is always messing up with all kinds of stuff whether it’s forgetting to feed the dog or maybe accidentally spilling over our dad’s coffee. She never blames me for anything. Also she perseveres through our dad grumbling at us for things we forgot to do and when our dad even yells at us because we don’t comprehend stuff.

She still cooks dinner every night for our family. Even when I’m being a bad and irritating little brother she still helps me on my tests and still makes me something so I don’t go to bed on an empty stomach. She takes care of me to the fullest extent like when she got a huge amount of money that was rightfully all hers she bought me food everyday from the store and sometimes even bought groceries for the house.

The fact that she is only 17 and she has such a selfless heart just proves to me that she is already mentally mature to be classified as a woman. When I used to do bad things and I was very unlikeable person to most people, she didn’t shove me away but tried to help me and counsel me to be a better person. All in all she has taken care of me since I was a little toddler in diapers. She is not only a very loving sister but she is also a Real Woman.
Ella Johnson
Parents: Donna Ohora & Tracy Johnson
10th grade
Waiakea High School
Mrs. Polloii
Real Woman: Donna Ohora
“My Real Woman”

“Wonder Woman” surpassed “Iron Man” in box office numbers, reaching a domestic gross of about 412 million dollars! Could this be a sign that society is finally acknowledging the significance of women? Even if it is, Wonder Woman is superhuman, so does this still hold true for “real” women? Well, my mother, Donna Ohora, may not have superhuman abilities; but she is a hero nonetheless.

Her compassion, wisdom, and passion make her far superior to anyone fictional superhero. For these reasons, amazing women like her should be acknowledged for all they contribute to society. She has taught me to fight for what I believe in and to never give up, despite any criticism from others. In addition, her guidance has encouraged me to be more confident and fully commit to going after my dreams, allowing me to better myself as a person, athlete, and student. I really wouldn’t be the person same without her.

Women not only shape the minds of future generations but the instigators of change. For example, Rosa Parks was on the very forefront of change when she refused to give her seat up to protest segregation. Women are finally being allowed to show their full potential through equal education and job opportunities, shifting of societal views, and other women to idolize. Still, women are paid about 20% less than men (on average) and there has yet to be a female president of the United States.

Women makeup almost half of the world’s population, and are still not properly recognized for their invaluable contributions to society. So the next time your mother drives you to school or a waitress delivers your order, be sure to express the gratitude they deserve.
John Ramos
12th grade
Kea‘au High School
Mrs. Bonner
Real Woman: Magdalena Ramos
“Pearl in Royal Blue”

Pearls shine, but not all that shine are pearls. Some pearls come in the form of a beautiful woman standing on a stage with a spotlight. Her smile radiates positivity and emphasizes her unshakeable confidence. She wears a necklace of 105 pearls and a pair of matching earrings. A while satin sash crosses her body with the words “Mutya ng Pilipinas” which means “Jewel of the Philippines”. A crown of pearls sits upon her head complimenting her royal blue Terno dress with broad butterfly shoulders. Beneath her crown, deep in her dark brown eyes is an abyss of sorrow and perseverance.

At the age of four, she witnessed her house burn down leaving only remnants of bricks and a silver teapot. The pictures that covered her walls, the kitchen where her mother said grace, and the stairs where her two sisters chased her up and down every day were nothing but ash in the wind. Five years later, at the age of nine, she wrote a eulogy for her best friend Nina, who suffered from cancer. She never had dreams and wishes because her life was a living nightmare. What she did have was hope and belief in God.

Her hopes and beliefs cast away her burdens and have helped her live up to her promises. “I want to someday start a family and be a paragon of a true woman inspiring and leading others,” she said. Today, she’s a wife to a husband, a caring mother to three, a grandmother to two, a friend to all, and forever will be a pearl of the world. As the saying goes, “The Pearl is the queen of gems and the gem of queens.” That pearl is Magdalena Ramos, my mom.
Rachel Goblet
Parents: Ann Sokalski & Randall Goblet
11th grade
Kea‘au High School
Mrs. Bonner
Real Woman: Ann Sokalski
“A Priceless Gift”

The road home was a rough one. On some of the coldest and rainiest days my mother took a break from work to drive me home from school. The potholes and the crevices in the pavement were tremendously horrid to drive over or around. While it was likely that anyone else would be complaining about the conditions of the roads, my mother would tap her fingers on the steering wheel with a wide smile and comment about the beautiful scenery that the forest drive provided us on our way.

My mother’s perspective wasn’t always so optimistic. There was time in her life when the balance of fairness came into question. My mother’s morality scale had been tipped greatly by the loss of her first child. The pain of losing someone so precious is something that not even your worst enemy should have to endure, but unfortunately the incident crossed my mother’s path. Despite her great loss, she put a brave foot forward to adopt a child from a closing orphanage in Vietnam; she provided a home for a baby who didn’t have one.

My mother’s part in my adoption was the greatest gift she could have given me. Growing up by her side and watching her perform miscellaneous acts of kindness like stopping to pick up other people’s litter on the side of the roads to just make it a bit nicer has made me look into being more good-natured. I strive to be the best version of myself possible every day, not only to make her proud, but to be someone worthy of having the title of her daughter. This is the least I can do after all she has done and inspired me to be.
Kiana Ettore
Parents: Loo & Anna Ettore
12th grade
Kea‘au High School
Mrs. Bonner
Real Woman: Lacey Perdomo
“Another’s Perspective”

Walking into the girl’s locker room every morning and seeing the bright smiles of my coach, Lacey Perdomo, has showed me a new way to look at life. As a young woman herself working at a high school, she has inspired the many girls who have been introduced to her. Every day I got to start my day with shining smiles and full of laughter with Coach Perdomo.

Although there was a great deal of stress upon her with her three other classes and an expected baby on the way, Coach Perdomo looked through the hardships and found a way to overcome the many havocs in her life while working with the young ladies in her classes. She taught us that “being true to yourself and loving yourself in your own way” is one of her goals. She helps us feel the connection through the tones she uses. Her way makes us feel that we can cry on her shoulder and everything will be alright.

There was a time in my life when I had no one but Coach Perdomo to go to. I was not sure if I could go to her, but she noticed that I was not joyful that morning and she pulled me into her office. I had explained to her what was going on and she pulled me close into her arms and she held me for a long while. She wiped my tears with her hands, she gave me the simplest talk to remind me that I am a strong person and I can get through it.

Defeat is something we all must overcome and that was what I learned from Coach Perdomo. I feel no matter how hard the situation I am in, Coach Perdomo can understand and help me in any way possible.
Faith West
Parent: Nathan West
12th grade
Kea‘au High School
Mrs. Kay
Real Woman: Karyn Khan
After the tragedy of divorce took place between my parents, my household was occupied with nothing but the sound of wind whistling through the trees and a cold, dark emptiness. Though through the darkness, my auntie Karyn stepped up and took me in as her own, shining some light into my life.

As a young child, she was my favorite auntie, always bringing me goodies and taking me shopping, every girl’s dream. Yet it wasn’t until I reached adolescent years that I really began to appreciate her. As life goes on, it gets harder, not easier, and as my life continued on. There were some bumps in the road, such as my parents’ divorce. As everyone else around told me to simply “get over it” or “forgive them,” she let me know that it was okay to feel my emotions. Whether that feeling was anger, betrayal, forgiveness, happiness or even resentment, she was right by my side, assuring me that it takes time to forgive and heal.

Being caring doesn’t mean you have to do things in epic proportions. She is a real woman to me because no matter where life takes me, she will be right around the corner to embrace me with her loving smile. It’s the little things that really make the biggest difference and whether that’s inviting me to binge watch movies and eat ice-cream with her when she knows I will be spending a holiday alone, having a baking day, or even just a simple conversation of guidance when I’m overwhelmed. She is kind, caring sympathetic and everything a real woman should be.
Hi Laney,

Sorry for repetition, just confirming that I will be attending a conference in VA next week, and regretfully, unable to attend the Commission meeting.

Khara or Leslie, for my report, may I please ask you to relay two items:

- Mana Wahine hats. Stacey Leong Design, a women-owned local company that has contributed to the Commission in the past, has created a new hat design, Mana Wahine. They will be donating a portion of the proceeds from sales, to HSCSW. I forwarded the info to Khara, who checked w/ DHS legal counsel and is awaiting guidance for what is allowable in the way of promotion (e.g., Facebook or any other communication). The hats are currently in production and are estimated to arrive in early November. Here’s the website to take a peek: [https://www.strongertogetherhawaii.com](https://www.strongertogetherhawaii.com). I would like to strongly encourage commissioners, as individuals, to share the word about the hats with family and friends. They will make unique, great gifts for the holidays, and support HSCSW.


Have a great rest of the week!

Mahalo and aloha,

Judy
Women Veterans Panel Discussion & Resource Event

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Location: TBD / Cost: FREE
Event Budget: Currently None

Potential Dates: 1st Choice: Tuesday, November 27; 2nd Choice: Monday, November 26
Potential Times: After Work/Early Evening - possibly 5:30pm - 7:00pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Potential Locations: Kauaʻi Veterans Center or County of Kauaʻi Boards & Commissions meeting room if Committee is willing to co-host & room is available

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- Kauaʻi Committee on the Status of Women
  - Co-Host &/or provide lite refreshments & snacks
  - Potentially to provide back-up event location

- Kauaʻi Veterans Council
  - Main Ask: Event Location; preference is for half of main hall at Kauai Veterans Center &/or side conference room

- Other potential partners: KKCR Public Radio, Star Media Kauaʻi, Kauaʻi Community College - Student Veterans group, Wounded Warrior Project, Democratic Party of Hawaiʻi Veterans Caucus, Prevent Suicide Kauaʻi Task Force

POINTS OF CONTACT

- Patricia Wistinghausen
  - KCJW Chair

- Gloria Willingham-Toure’
  - Village Projects, Founder

- Mary Kay Hertog
  - KVC Area Commander

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS

Speakers are women actively involved in Veterans Advocacy work, are veterans and members of Veterans Organizations.

While the focus of the panel discussion will be on Women Veterans, Women in the Military, and Transitioning to Civilian Life, the main point of the event will be to Highlight Resources Available To All Veterans, especially those resources and community groups here on Kauaʻi.

- Dr. Gloria Willingham-Toure’
o Founder of the non-profit organization Village Projects (http://www.villageprojects.net/founder.html)

- Lt. Col. Patricia Jackson Kelley
  o Retired U.S. Army; also an Air Force and Navy Veteran
  o Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commissioner
  o Member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Women Warriors
  o Active Member of the American Legion
  o National Vice-President of Operations for the National Association of Black Military Women
  o Served as a Member of a National VA Advisory Committee during President Obama’s Administration
  o Brings proactive information about points of contacts for Military Resources, vast knowledge of VA Resources and how to access benefits.

- Karen Weaver
  o U.S. Army Veteran
  o Knowledgeable about issues faced by Women Veterans Transitioning to Civilian Life; particularly addressing the experience of Homelessness and how Sister Vets can assist in referring fellow vets to sometimes unknown resources.
  o Karen has been a leader in U.S. Vets and brings compassionate leadership to the forefront of discussions about Veterans transitioning to Civilian life and beyond.
    ■ These three women will be flying in from California for Thanksgiving vacation on Kaua’i. Patricia met and heard Dr. Gloria speak at the National Association for Commissions on Women Conference in Los Angeles; so discussed putting together an event to get Women Veterans and all service members together in general, to learn about available resources and how to access them.

- Major General Mary Kay Hertog
  o Retired U.S. Air Force Veteran, Link to Bio
  o Former Director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) for USAF. SAPRO is the Department of Defense’s single point of accountability for all sexual assault policy matters and reports to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.
  o Served as Director of Security Forces, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. She is the focal point for force protection within the Air Force and is responsible for planning and programming the security for more than 30,000 active-duty and Reserve components’ security forces at locations worldwide. She provides policy and oversight for protecting Air Force installations from terrorism, criminal acts, sabotage and acts of war, and she ensures security forces are trained, equipped and ready to support contingency and exercise plans. Link

- Additional Kaua’i-based Women Veterans: Kimberly? Kelly Capuano WWP?

- Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard
  o Any other ideas for speakers/discussion panel??
RESOURCE PARTNERS
  - Service Providers, Community Organizations who can help promote the event, raise awareness about resources for Veterans and their families (locally, statewide and federal resources), and have a resource table/provide materials:
    ■ Wounded Warrior Project, Office of Veterans Affairs, Vet Center
    ■ Kaua‘i Vet Center, Kaua‘i Veterans Council & Leagues
    ■ Prevent Suicide Kaua‘i Task Force, KCC Student Veterans group
    ■ Kaua‘i Committee on the Status of Women
      - Resource partners can share tables as needed

MEDIA PARTNERS
  - To help get the word out about the event & resources available for veterans & their families
    ■ RADIO: KKCR Public Radio, KONG, Star Media Kaua‘i
    ■ NEWSPAPERS (Online & Print): The Garden Island, For Kaua‘i, MidWeek
    ■ Social Media: What’s Happening Kaua‘i, Kaua‘i Voice
    ■ TV: Ho‘ike

PROPOSED TIMELINE

4:30pm      SET-UP
            - (2) Tables & (7) Chairs for Panel Speakers + Moderator/Emcee
            - (6) Tables & (12) Chairs for Resource Partners
            - Sound Equipment: Microphones, wires, speakers, extension cord, etc.
            - Table cloths, refreshments/snacks
            - Sign In Table? With Leis &/or Program?
            - Chairs for persons in attendance

5:00pm      Continue Set-Up; Resource partners arrive to set-up

5:30pm      Doors Open, Welcome & Greet Speakers & Participants
            Informal Talk Story & Visit Resource Tables

6:00pm      Program Begins. Blessing & Welcome.
            Opening Speaker &/or allow each Resource Partner time to share info on mic

6:15pm      Panel Discussion: Introduction of Speakers and list of questions (40 min.)

6:55pm      Q & A from people present (20 min.)

7:15pm      Mahalo Everyone, any partners, etc. Talk story.

7:30pm      Program Ends. Clean-up.