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Bridget Komine is the Assistant Director, US Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) for Hawaii and Guam. VETS serves as the focal point for veterans employment by preparing military service members for transition to civilian employment, providing veterans the services to assist them with getting good jobs, and protecting their employment rights.

VETS administers federal employment grants to states, homeless veteran reintegration grants and veteran workforce investment grants to non-profit and for profit agencies, and the Transition Assistance Program for active duty service members transitioning from military to civilian life. VETS is the responsible federal agency for the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA). VETS mission includes employer outreach to encourage the hiring of veterans and their spouses.

Bridget is a retired Chief Master Sergeant with over 30 years of military service. Her last assignment was as the Recruiting and Retention Superintendent, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard where she served as the principle administrator in the state for all Air National Guard programs associated with the recruitment and retention of military members. Her responsibilities included advising state command staff on all recruiting and retention related issues and providing recommendations concerning force management as well as developing and facilitating a comprehensive plan to maintain organizational strength. Chief Komine has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Cluster.

As an Employment Outreach volunteer with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bridget works primarily with the local employment initiative Hawaii Hires Heroes, a partnership between businesses, government agencies, and military organizations whose goal is to increase job opportunities for Hawaii's veterans and service members.

Bridget is currently finishing her Bachelors of Applied Science with a specialization in Business Studies through Wayland Baptist University

