Armed Services YMCA Hawai‘i
2019 Annual Report
STRENGTH FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EVERYDAY MISSION
Aloha Friends of the Armed Services YMCA,

As you read this letter, our military serves in over 160 countries world-wide and at sea. The Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i supports and enables their service and sacrifice by providing essential services and programs to military families, just as it has for 102 years.

Twenty years after the attacks of September 11, 2001, it would be easy to see deployments, long separations, moves and hazardous duty as “normal.”

“The reality is that day to day life in the military is anything but normal. Every day military families experience the hidden costs of military life, including cycles of connection and disconnection when a spouse or parent leaves regularly for long stretches to work a dangerous job far from home.

The mission of the Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i is more important than ever as our programs help address those costs. The percentage of service members who are married with children is at the highest level in history. Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i provides stability during unpredictable transitions, assistance when young families struggle to make ends meet, and affordable childcare options blended with high-quality early education.

It is our privilege to provide this 2019 Annual Report that details the nature and impact of the work your generous support has enabled. Thanks to you, your volunteerism and generous giving, Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i continues to make a profound difference in Strengthening our Military Family. Strong families. Strong community. Strong nation.

On behalf of those we serve,

Lt Gen Dan “Fig” Leaf, USAF (Ret.)
Chairman, Board of Management

Laurie Moore,
Executive Director
According to the 2018 Blue Star Family Survey, the top 5 issues facing military families are:

- Time Away From Family
- Military Spouse Employment
- Military Child Education
- Impact of Deployments on Children
- Military Pay & Benefits

At the Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i we believe every challenge offers opportunity. We believe in strong military families and the power of community. Through programs such as Operation Ride Home and special events like Father Daughter Dances and Military Children’s Ball we strengthen family connections. Our early childhood and youth education programs such as Parent Participation Preschool, Early Learning Readiness, Operation Hero and Summer Camps strengthen emotional resiliency, empower children and youth to achieve academic excellence, and thrive during transitions and long family separations. The Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i fills gaps, improves health and provides assistance in times of financial hardship through Food For Families, Operation Holiday Joy and Children’s Waiting Room. Finally, we proudly employ military spouses: 66% of our workforce is comprised of military spouses.

“As a military family, we quickly learned to adapt to new situations with little notice or preparation. At a young age, my girls learned to embrace change and I could not be more proud! My husband has missed many different events because...well...duty calls. Although it’s difficult at times, we are proud of our hero, and just like him, my girls have become little heroes in their own right.”

Because of your support, Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i was able to serve 78,887 service members and family members, from all six military branches, over 518,678 times in 2019!

- ARMY served 178,033 times
- MARINE CORPS served 93,949 times
- NAVY served 129,065 times
- AIR FORCE served 85,732 times
- COAST GUARD served 24,648 times
- NATIONAL GUARD/DOD served 7251 times
November is Month of the Military Family. The Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i began the month with its signature event, Celebrating the Military Family, presented by Huntington Ingalls Industries. This unique event provides community and military leaders the opportunity to honor one family from each of the six service branches by recognizing their strength in overcoming extraordinary every day challenges.

Executive Director, Laurie Moore, said in her opening remarks, “Our honorees represent military families across Hawai‘i doing the extraordinary every day. For those of us closely affiliated with military service, we have a tendency to normalize deployments, long separations, moves, and hazardous duty but the reality is day to day life in the military can often look like one of the Mission Impossible movies.” Chairman of the Board, Lt Gen Dan “Fig” Leaf, USAF (Ret.) greeted the audience by commenting, “We are surrounded by everything that is right in this world from the military families being honored for their strength of character, resiliency in the face of suffering and service to our nation, to the sponsors whose generosity made this celebration possible.”

Keynote speaker for Celebrating the Military Family was LtGen Lewis Craparotta, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. Musical entertainment was provided by the Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band while the 25th Infantry Division’s Hui Ha’a Koa performed the Haka.

Outstanding Military Family Honorees

**ARMY HONOREE**
Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Poston
SFC Poston and his family have overcome extreme hardship while consistently volunteering at the Wailua Elementary School and Lynda volunteers as the HHC, SFRG leader.

**MARINE CORPS HONOREE**
Sergeant Justin White
Sgt White exemplifies professional excellence, military bearing and community service.

**NAVY HONOREE**
Operation Specialist Second Class Damien R. Behlin
OS2 Behlin was honored for his selfless concern for others in the community and through his hundreds of hours of volunteerism.

**AIR FORCE HONOREES**
Staff Sergeants Donven & Lillian Farquharson
Despite major hardship and adversity, this dual military family embodies resiliency, positivity and excellence.

**COAST GUARD HONOREE**
Electrician’s Mate Second Class Christopher McSwain
Honored for his distinguished service, consummate professional manner, and demonstration of outstanding leadership.

**HAWAI‘I NATIONAL GUARD**
Staff Sergeant Gregory Lum Ho
SSG Gregory Lum Ho is honored for his dedication to service, leadership in his community and for personal valor.

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**SAVE THE DATE**
Celebrating the Military Family
November 4, 2020

**2019 Celebrating the Military Family Event Planning Committee**
Laura Aquilino
Don Anderson
ADM Tom Fargo, USN (Ret.)
Sarah Fargo
Lt Gen Dan “Fig” Leaf, USAF (Ret.)
Lynda lee Lunday
Sally Mist
Larry Rodriguez
LtGen H.C. Stackpole, USMC (Ret.)
Vivien Stackpole
Youth Development

PARENT PARTICIPATION PRESCHOOL  EARLY LEARNING READINESS  PLAYMORNING

All military children deserve access to high-quality programs that nurture their social, emotional, physical and academic development; programs that provide them with a safe and nurturing environment, access to caring and invested adults and access to engaging enrichment activities. Our early childhood education programs follow YMCA of the USA Infant-Toddler and Preschool Guidelines, use evidence-based curriculum and developmentally appropriate practices that play a vital role in helping children achieve their fullest potential. Military families participated in early childhood education 45,998 times over the course of 2019.

INTRODUCING KIBO

In 2019 STEAM curriculum was added to the Parent Participation Preschool program through KIBO. STEAM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, arts and math. KIBO is a fun, evidence-based, screen-free robotics curriculum that introduces children to coding by engaging their curiosity and sparking imagination while also teaching problem-solving, collaboration, and tenacity.

“KIBO’s block-based coding language gives children control over the robot’s movements, sounds, and sensors, allowing them to express their imaginations with code. KIBO encourages children to tell stories, create characters, and explore their world.”

We are grateful to Hawaii Electric for their generous support which made it possible to purchase this curriculum for our military keiki.
463 military youth gained confidence, strengthened resiliency, developed critical thinking skills and engaged with their peers in a welcoming environment through Operation Hero, Camp Hero and Robotics Camp. Thank you to the following community partners for your investment in our military youth:

**OPERATION HERO:** Hickam Elementary, Millilani Ike Elementary, Mokapu Elementary, Mokulele Elementary, Wheeler Elementary

**CAMP HERO** “In Their Boots Day”: 747 Communications Squadron, 15th Wing, Emergency Management / 647 Civil Engineer Squadron, USCG Honolulu Sector, EOD, Fed Fire, Navy Region

**CAMP HERO** “Warrior Day”: 3rd Marine Regiment, VMM 268, MAG 24

**ROBOTICS CAMP**: Kalani High School Robotics Team

**OPERATION HERO**
“"Our last move has been one of our hardest moves yet. The Operation Hero after school program helped both of our girls adjust to their new home and helped them make friends. They were able to talk through their emotions with other kids who were going through the same thing. My daughters definitely recommend it!”

**CAMP HERO**
We have three goals at Camp Hero
- Every camper will have a sense of belonging.
- Every camper will form a positive relationship with a caring staff member.
- Every camper will be given the opportunity to try new experiences and challenge her/himself to grow in confidence and teamwork and have a sense of achievement.

**ROBOTICS CAMP**
Through Robotics Camp, campers not only engage in science, engineering, technology and math, but they also develop creativity, learn how to turn frustration into innovation and work with their peers to overcome obstacles through the power of teamwork.

Challenges Become Opportunities

Military life is highly mobile, full of transitions, and at times, uncertain. Deployments disrupt family routines and moves may interrupt friendships and academic progress. Military families know that while we can’t always decide for ourselves where we will move to next, we can decide how we respond to changing circumstances.

The Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i strives to strengthen each member of the military family by helping them develop to their full potential. To that end, we believe every child deserves to discover who they are and what they can achieve when they recognize challenges as opportunities. Through programs like Operation Hero, Camp Hero and Robotics Camp, we help children and youth build confidence, increase problem solving skills, overcome obstacles and develop new friendships. We help them become Military Kid Strong!
Sarah is a young mom with two small children. During her pregnancy with her second child, her husband deployed. Like many military spouses, she was geographically separated from friends and family, leaving her feeling isolated and alone.

She found it difficult to get out of the house during her pregnancy because of the overwhelming anxiety and fear that plagued her during her husband’s deployment. She sought counseling but could not find affordable childcare or someone she trusted to care for her child. At the same time she also had numerous doctor appointments that would not allow young children in the examining room. At her wit’s end and emotionally drained, she discovered Children’s Waiting Room (CWR).

Sarah trusts the staff at CWR, appreciates the empathy and care they have for her and her children and is thankful for the reliable and affordable care. Because of CWR, Sarah received the care she needed during her second pregnancy and continues to receive counseling and behavioral health services.

With financial concerns such as spouse employment, pay and benefits being of top concern for military families, the Armed Services YMCA in Hawai‘i is stepping up to help strengthen vulnerable military families. Whether it’s supporting a family through a health crisis by caring for their child, supplying groceries to military families impacted by a government shutdown, bringing families together for the holidays, or providing much needed holiday cheer to families affected by personal and financial hardship, we proudly strengthen and serve those who serve.

Military families in need were assisted 15,157 times through Ohana Food Drops, Food Pantries and Emergency Financial Assistance.

110 Military Families, E5 and below, flew home for the Holidays through Jack Daniel’s Operation Ride Home. This is double the number served since the program became available in Hawai‘i three years ago.

2,025 Operation Holiday Joy Baskets were gifted to military families in need during Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Children’s Waiting Room
Tripler Army Medical Center & U.S. Army Health Clinic, Schofield Barracks

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Eha Koa Golf Tournament & Toy Truck Run 4 Tots

Restaurant 604, Chinen Marketing Group and Hooligans LLC demonstrate the power of community to strengthen local military families. Through their efforts at the Eha Koa Golf Tournament, $10,000 was raised for helping wounded, ill, and military families in need. Through the Toy Truck Run 4 Tots over 500 gifts were collected and distributed to military families in need through Operation Holiday Joy gift baskets.

Mahalo nui loa to Restaurant 604, Hooligans LLC, and Chinen Marketing Group for your generous aloha and for strengthening our military ‘ohana in the everyday extraordinary mission of military life.
STRONGER TOGETHER

Sponsorship Opportunities for Programs and Events

- Celebrating the Military Family Breakfast
- Eha Koa Golf Tournament
- Military Children’s Ball
- Father Daughter Dances
- Operation Ride Home
- Operation Holiday Joy
- Summer Camps

Donate

- Annual “Malama Na Koa” Campaign
- Aloha Gives through Foodland
- Annual Staff & Member Campaign
- Giving Tuesday
- Online: www.asymcahi.org

Volunteer

Volunteers are integral to the Armed Services YMCA in Hawai’i. They strengthen military families by supporting programs such as Operation Holiday Joy and Camp Hero; keep our facilities looking sharp with lawn and building maintenance; serve as mystery readers to preschoolers and assist with monthly Ohana Food Drops. In 2019 alone, 1,411 volunteers donated 4850 hours of their time valued at $123,335.50. The Independent Sector values one volunteer hour at $25.43.

- Operation Holiday Joy
- Summer Camps
- “In their Boots Day” Military Unit Volunteers – provide hands on military experience for campers
- Monthly Ohana Food Drops
- Mystery Reader for Parent Participation Preschool

2019 Financial Information

TOTAL REVENUE: $2,234,857

- Contributions/Donated Revenue/Grants: 48%
- Program Revenue: 29%
- Armed Services YMCA Endowment (Allocation): 23%

TOTAL EXPENSES: $2,170,674

- Program Expenses: 89%
- Management/General: 6%
- Fundraising: 5%

NET REINVESTMENT $64,183

- Of Board of Management contributed financially to the Armed Services YMCA 100%
- Of Executive Staff & Branch Directors contributed financially to the Armed Services YMCA 100%
- Of all ASYMCA Hawai’i staff contributed financially to the Armed Services YMCA 83%
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