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HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITY

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NEWSLETTER



HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH – JANUARY 12, 2024

Hunt Military Communities Foundation, the non-profit organization founded by Hunt Military Communities (Hunt), is excited to announce it will begin accepting applications for its fifth annual HMC Foundation scholarship grants. Hunt will award \$75,000 to deserving applicants.

The HMC Foundation scholarship program assists active-duty Service Members, National Guard, or Reservists of one of the five branches of the United States Armed Services or their dependents who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs.

The deadline to submit a nomination is March 5, 2024, at 3 pm CST or until 50 applications are received, whichever comes first. For questions or issues with the scholarship process, nominees are encouraged to visit: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/hmcf/>.

NEW YEAR WISHES 2024

Thank you for choosing to live in our community. May this New Year bring immense happiness and prosperity. We are pleased to serve residents like YOU! We look forward to serving you in the new year! Our whole HMC team wishes you and your family a very Happy New Year!

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Landscaping Progress: Keeping MCBH Green

We're thrilled to report significant progress in our landscaping efforts. As of now, 70% of backflow repairs are complete. This marks a crucial step in revitalizing our irrigation system and ensuring that our community remains lush and green, especially as we transition from the rainy season into the new year. We appreciate your patience and support as we work diligently to enhance the beauty and sustainability of our environment.

HVAC System Replacement at Mololani: Enhancing Comfort & Efficiency

In other great news, we are on track to complete a significant capital project this January at Mololani: the replacement of over 330 HVAC systems. This initiative not only demonstrates our commitment to maintaining and improving the infrastructure of our homes but also highlights how effectively we utilize Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) funds for these vital upgrades. These new systems will not only enhance the comfort of our residents but also contribute to greater energy efficiency across the community.

Annual Preventative Maintenance: A Friendly Reminder

As we strive to maintain the highest standards of living, we remind all residents that annual preventative maintenance is essential and will commence shortly. This routine upkeep is crucial for ensuring the longevity and functionality of our homes.

BAH Increases for 2024: What It Means for Our Community

The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced a 5.4% increase in Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rates for 2024, effective from January 1, 2024. This adjustment aims to cover approximately 95% of housing costs, including rent and utilities, across over 300 military housing areas.

Key Highlights:

- In 2024, the military will allocate about \$27.9 billion in BAH to roughly one million service members.
- There is an increase of +\$71.7 million in the BAH program compared to FY 2023.
- Service members will not experience a decrease in their BAH rates if they maintain uninterrupted eligibility in a given location.
- A demotion will result in BAH adjustment to the rate corresponding to the lower paygrade.
- Upon promotion, your BAH will not decrease; you will receive the higher rate between your old and new paygrades.

This increase in BAH is a significant development for our residents, as rent in PPV housing is equivalent to the BAH rate. We're committed to ensuring that these changes are implemented smoothly and beneficially for our community. We thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in making our community a wonderful place to live. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding these updates.



JANUARY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Melissa Vaverek

Melissa Vaverek is a Mololani Resident Service Specialist here at Ohana Marines. Melissa has ridden a camel to the Taj Mahal and she and her husband make it a tradition to backpack a different mountain each year! When asked what she loves about her job Melissa said, "I have loved becoming a part of the Hunt community. I have always had a passion for serving others and being a part of my community. I love that my job here at Hunt gives me that opportunity every day!"

UPDATED TRASH & RECYCLING

We have distributed an updated trash and recycling schedule. If you haven't received this update, please let us know immediately so we can ensure you have the correct information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LOCAL EVENTS

The following events offer a mix of cultural, sports, environmental, and community activities, showcasing the diverse and vibrant spirit of Hawaii. Remember to check the exact dates and details as they can vary from year to year.

Whale Watching Tours (January - February)

This is the peak season for whale watching in Hawaii, especially in Maui. Take time to join a tour and witness humpback whales in their natural habitat.

Chinese New Year Celebrations (Late January or Early February)

Depending on the lunar calendar, this vibrant festival is often celebrated in Honolulu's Chinatown with parades, traditional lion dances, and cultural festivities.

The Sony Open in Hawaii (January)

A highlight for golf enthusiasts, this PGA TOUR is held at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu and attracts top golfers from around the world.

The Polynesian Cultural Center Events (January - February)

Explore the rich heritage of the Pacific Islands with cultural presentations, traditional dances, and crafts at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Makawao Third Friday Town Party (January and February)

Held in the upcountry town of Makawao, Maui, this event features live music, local food, art, and crafts.

The Maui Oceanfront Marathon (January)

A scenic marathon event that attracts runners from all over the world, offering a beautiful course along the oceanfront.

Pow! Wow! Hawaii (February)

An international art festival in Honolulu's Kaka'ako district, where artists create murals and engage in creative workshops and exhibitions.

The Waimea Town Celebration on Kauai (February)

Kauai's oldest and largest festival, featuring cultural displays, music, dance, food, and a rodeo.

The Great Aloha Run (February)

A popular 8.15-mile run from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, with participants running for health, fitness, and charity.

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Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Ocean Count (January - February)

Volunteer for this annual event to help count Hawaii's humpback whale population and learn about these magnificent creatures.

Bishop Museum Exhibits and Events (January - February)

Check out the latest exhibitions and events at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, focusing on Hawaiian culture, history, and natural science.

Valentine's Day Concerts or Events (February 14th)

Special concerts, romantic dinners, and cruises are often organized across the islands to celebrate Valentine's Day.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

JANUARY

Young Innovator's Discovery Kit

Stop by your RSO on January 17th to grab a stem kit from 1:00 - 4:00 PM!

Starry Night Out

Celebrate National Couples Day with a Starry Night Out! January 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the Waikulu Community Center.

FEBRUARY

Adopt a Hedgehog Day

Stop by your RSO on February 2nd all day long to pick out a stuffed hedgehog for adoption!

Craft and Cuisine

Come by the Waikulu Community Center on February 22nd from 5:30 - 7:30 PM for crafting fun with some ono bites to eat!



**HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP STARTS - JANUARY 12TH**

2024

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 Rent is Due New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	02	03 Pet Of The Month Contest Starts Facebook	04	05	06
07	08	09 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Pet Of The Month Contest Ends Facebook	10 Cut Your Energy Costs Day	11	12 HMCF Scholarship Program Launches	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED	16	17 Young Innovator's Discovery Kit RSO 1 - 4 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Starry Night Out Waikulu Community Center 5:30 - 7:30 PM	27
28	29	30	31			



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FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Black History Month American Heart Health Month	Rent is Due National Freedom Day	Adopt a Hedgehog Day RSO All Day Long Groundhog Day	
04 USO Birthday	05	06	07	08	09	10
11 The Big Game	12	13	14	15	16	17 Random Act of Kindness Day
18	19 Presidents' Day Pet Of The Month Contest Starts Facebook	20	21	22 Craft and Cuisine Waikulu Community Center 5:30 - 7:30 PM	23	24
25 Pet Of The Month Contest Ends Facebook	26	27	28	29		

