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AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation Awarded \$427,038 VA Adaptive Sports Grant

Federal renewal award will support adaptive sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces in Hawaii

KAPOLEI, HAWAII — AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation Corp has been awarded a \$427,038 renewal grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs through the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program to continue providing adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.

The Federal award, FAIN SPORTS-26-009, covers the period September 30, 2026 through September 30, 2027 and is authorized under 38 U.S.C. § 521A.

"This renewal represents another important investment in the Veterans and service members we are honored to serve," said Donovan Andrew Lazarus, President & CEO of AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation Corp and State Commander of AMVETS Department of Hawaii. "Adaptive sports provide opportunities for Veterans to remain active, challenge themselves, build relationships, and stay connected to a supportive community. We are grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for its continued partnership and confidence in our program."

The grant will support approved adaptive sports activities that may include instruction, participation and competition; athlete assessment; sport-specific training; coaching and technical assistance; adaptive equipment and supplies; program development; and partnerships supporting adaptive sports opportunities.

Alim Shabazz is identified as key personnel for the Federal award and will continue providing program leadership for AMVETS Hawaii's adaptive sports activities.

AMVETS Hawaii's program emphasizes accessible opportunities for Veterans and service members to participate in structured physical activity while strengthening connections among the Veteran, military and community organizations serving them.

The organization will administer the award in accordance with the VA Grant Agreement, approved application and budget, and applicable Federal requirements governing program performance, financial management, reporting and accountability.

"This is more than funding for sports and fitness," Lazarus said. "It is an opportunity to continue building a place where Veterans of different abilities can participate, compete, connect with one another and remain part of a team. We look forward to another year of serving our Veteran and military community."



About AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation Corp

AMVETS Hawaii Service Foundation Corp is a nonprofit organization supporting Veterans, service members, military families and the broader community through programs, partnerships, outreach and services. Its initiatives include adaptive fitness and sports activities and other programs designed to strengthen Veteran engagement and community connection.

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