Since then, the Chamber, through the Military Affairs Council (MAC), has worked with the military, government, community organizations and businesses to coordinate a month of events that convey Hawaii’s appreciation for our military members and their families.

For the last 5 years, the MAC has coordinated the opening ceremony for Military Appreciation Month with the Governor’s office. On Friday, May 4th, Lt. Governor Chin, on behalf of Governor Ige, officially proclaimed the month of May 2018 as “Hawaii Military Appreciation Month.”

During this ceremony, seven Hawaii-based members of the armed services were recognized for their dedication and commitment towards improving our community. All of the honorees dedicated countless hours of their own time to clean up the environment, support our homeless population and mentor our youth. Although most of these individuals are stationed in Hawaii for only a few years, volunteerism has been an opportunity for each of them to engage the community and make their adopted home of Hawaii a better place for all.

While defense spending is significant for the state’s economy, second only to agriculture, it is also a time for us to recognize the efforts made by the military, our women in uniform can also have an impact on our community in small but meaningful ways.

Our military should be honored for their service to our nation in defense of the freedoms each of us is afforded. Military Appreciation Month is certainly a time for us to do this, but more importantly, the month of May is also a time for us to recognize the incredible partnerships and individual efforts made by the military, our military, to improve Hawaii.

Welcome New Members
- Beachside Lighting
- Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated, Inc. (HEPA)
- Jevie Global LLC
- OSI Weight Management
- Pyramid Insurance
- Vensure Employer Service
- Veterans United Home Loans of Hawaii
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

Welcome New Young Professionals
- Luther Beck
  - Gannett Pacific Bank
- David Do
  - T-Mobile, Inc.
- Kiana L. Hirai
  - Hawaii Telal Support
- Chase Jenson
  - Transmerical Financial Advisors, Inc.
- Ashley Johnson
  - Windy Hill of Hawaii
- Annette Lee
  - Battleship Missouri Memorial
- Erica Martin
  - The Store Method Honolulu
- Cheyenne Martinez Boyette
  - Bank of Hawaii
- Torrey Nakamura
  - HP Strategy
- Sarah Nanbu
  - J. Uno & Associates
- Vivian Pham
  - American Savings Bank
- Edward Williams
  - New York Life
- Nikki Yuen
  - Gannett Pacific Bank

What tips do you have for a buyer to stay ahead in the constantly changing world of commercial real estate transactions?

A: Commercial real estate transactions have become increasingly complex. If not properly handled, the consequences can be far-reaching. Here are three tips to consider when you buy property:

1. Letter of Intent: When you negotiate a letter of intent, make sure that to be the case. If in doubt, check with a real estate transactional attorney before signing a letter of intent to avoid getting caught in potentially difficult situations.

2. Check Seller’s Ownership: Make sure that the seller actually owns the property being sold. Prior to your purchase, obtain a copy of the preliminary title report to verify the title to the property, as well as whether there are any liens or other title issues.

3. ALTA Surveys: If your lender or title company requests an ALTA survey, pay attention to the updated minimum standard detail requirements set forth by ALTA/NSPS (American Land Title Association and National Society of Professional Surveyors). ALTA surveys based on standards from ALTA/NSPS (American Land Title Association) and National Society of Professional Surveyors) are a thing of the past!

When purchasing real estate, it is prudent to engage a good attorney from the outset who can help your business successfully navigate the complexities of modern commercial real estate transactions.