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JVEF celebration to take place Aug. 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) will hold its 11th annual meeting celebration on Aug. 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ford Island Conference Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Gov. Abercrombie will serve as the guest speaker and address JVEF's theme, "Partnerships Shine ~ Ka Pilina 'Ōlinolino." Men and women of the armed forces, educators, and community members who have played a role in enhancing education in Hawaii public schools throughout the past year will be recognized.

What: 11th Annual Joint Venture Education Forum Celebration, a special partnership between Hawaii public schools and the military community, working together to improve educational opportunities for all of Hawaii's *keiki*

When: Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, 9 – 11 a.m.

Who: The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawaii
General Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, Commander, U. S. Pacific Air Forces
JVEF Executive Co-Chairs:
Ms. Kathryn Matayoshi, Superintendent, Hawaii State Department of Education
Colonel Christopher Wilson, U. S. Pacific Command

Where: Ford Island Conference Center, Bldg. 89, JBPHH

Background: The JVEF is a partnership between Hawaii's military community, Hawaii public schools and other community organizations. Since 2000, Hawaii public schools have benefited from the \$58 million appropriated by the Dept. of Defense to fund programs and partnerships that promote quality education through teacher training, computers in the classrooms, facility upgrades and other initiatives. The JVEF encourages military participation in Hawaii public schools through open dialogue on educational concerns that promotes an understanding and support for the needs and transition issues of military children and families, and facilitates support for Hawaii's public school students.

Contact: News media are invited to cover this event. Please RSVP by 3 p.m., Aug. 29 by contacting the JBPHH Public Affairs Office at 473-2926. Media will be met at 8 a.m. on Aug. 30 at the parking lot of Schooners Restaurant on Arizona Memorial Drive, directly under the Ford Island Bridge.

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