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Aloha:

I would like to personally thank you personally for taking the time to read the KBR monthly e-newsletter that contains information about everything real estate and what the REALTOR® organization is doing in the community.

In April, the National Association of REALTORS® and REALTORS® throughout the world recognized Fair Housing Month and Discrimination through education bringing awareness that everyone is entitled to equal professional services regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Kauai Board of REALTORS assisted in the promotion of the Legal Aid Fair Housing Seminars that were scheduled during April via Zoom.

This month the nation recognizes Military Appreciation Month and the role that the military has played in the history and development of our country. Today, the same Military Branches are safeguarding our borders and airports from the invisible war referred to as Covid 19 and riots that are seen throughout the world.

In recognition of all veterans (active, retired, etc.), the Kauai Board of REALTORS® encourages each of you to research the use of VA Loans when considering purchasing a home. Contact your REALTOR and/or your Lender (Financial Institution) to see if you qualify. FREE public VA seminars will be posted on our website at [www.kauaiboard.com](http://www.kauaiboard.com) upon confirmation.

In preparation for Hurricane Season that starts in June, it is important to remind all homeowners and tenants to review their Homeowners or Renters Insurance Policy and Coverage to assure that you are covered with the proper coverage needed in the event of a Hurricane or Rain Damage. Check with your insurance provider about your policy coverage (wind, rain, etc.) Tenants are reminded that the Landlords Hurricane coverage does not cover your personal contents. Tenants are advised to contact their insurance provider to obtain renters insurance to assure coverage of their personal belongings.

Remember.....Preparation is the key.

- 1) Create a plan with your family that includes an evacuation plan, emergency numbers, location to meet in the event you get separated.
- 2) Build a disaster kit containing the basic items such as bottled water, non-perishable food, batteries, flashlight, radio, sanitation supplies, medication, pet food, comfort items such as blankets and items to keep your children occupied to avoid anxiety.

3) Stay updated on impending weather conditions. This includes a radio with batteries, fully charged cell phones and access to social media.

Wishing all moms, dads, grandparents, aunties or uncles a Happy Mother's Day. After all, it takes a village to raise a child.

Watch for our June Newsletter when our focus will be on bills that were signed into law by Governor Ige.

*Karen Ono*

Association Executive