



THE CENTENNIAL

Restoring Pride in Hawaii's WWI History



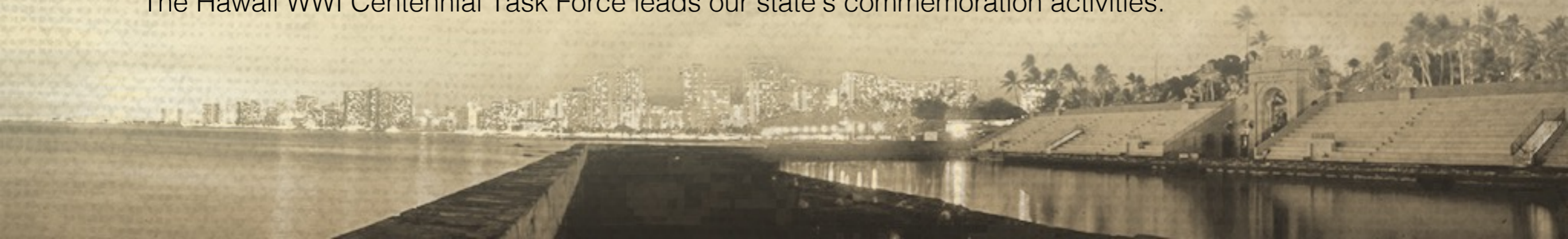


A century has passed since the “Great War.” With that passage of time, the sacrifice and contributions of Hawaii’s WWI Veterans, civilian volunteers and civic support accomplishments have faded from memory.

The National Centennial Commission was formed to:

- Educate the country’s citizens about the causes, courses and consequences of the war;
- Honor the heroism and sacrifice of those Americans who served; and
- Commemorate the 100th anniversary of this global event through public programs and initiatives

The Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force leads our state’s commemoration activities.





The Plan to Honor Hawaii's WWI History

The Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force, with the support of our Honorary Chairman, Governor David Ige, will:

- Initiate and inspire programs that explore the causes and consequences of war and promote education amongst youth and general public audiences
- Honor heroism and sacrifices of Hawaii's WWI Veterans and civilian volunteers.
- Prepare the existing WWI Memorial Natatorium, installing a large scale outdoor art exhibit/mural with WWI history and images, to host Centennial programming, including but not limited to educational presentations, evening programs, tours, and concerts
- Plan and host the Veterans Day 2018 event, the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, inside the WWI Memorial Natatorium, allowing public access to Hawaii's official WWI memorial for the first time since 1979.



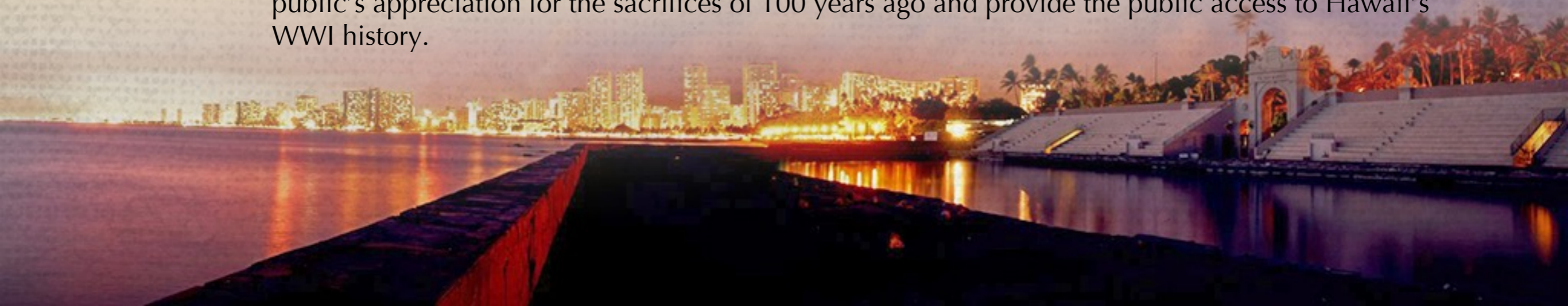


VENUE HISTORY

Hawaii's World War I Memorial was designed by Louis P. Hobart as a "living memorial" to honor the war-time contributions of over 10,000 Hawaii residents. The War Memorial Natatorium is a 100X40 meter ocean pool built into the Waikiki shoreline.

Considered the birthplace of competitive swimming, the War Memorial Natatorium opened on August 24, 1927, the birthday of Olympic gold medalist, Duke Kahanamoku. From 1927 through the 1960s, hundreds of Olympians from the U.S. and abroad competed in the Natatorium. Generations of Hawaii's children learned to swim in the Natatorium. It is a place where all Hawaii came together.

The War Memorial Natatorium is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Our vision is to renew the public's appreciation for the sacrifices of 100 years ago and provide the public access to Hawaii's WWI history.





PROGRESS TO DATE

- Since establishment September 2015, Hawaii's World War One Centennial Task Force has conducted over ten events and brought on board seventeen commemoration partner organizations.
- City approval, pending editorial review, received for the art installation
- Application for the National 100 Cities/100 Memorials grant funds submitted with local matching funds secured. Award notification - November 11, 2017
- Infrastructure concept developed that:
 - Incorporates input from engineers, contractors, logisticians, and city directors of Parks, Recreation, Design and Construction.
 - Provides safe public access to grandstand.
 - Installs safe and accessible stage for programs and performers.
 - Ensures easy removal at conclusion of Centennial events.
 - Accommodates installation of artistic wall for public viewing and education.





STATE OF HAWAII
WORLD WAR ONE CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE

August 3, 2017



Hawaii WWI Commemoration
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Aloha!

By an Act of Congress, the United States has commenced a two-year commemoration of its participation in World War I. The World War I Centennial Commission Act, Public Law 112-272 of the 112th Congress, enacted Jan. 14, 2013, established a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I. In support of this Act, I directed the establishment of the Hawaii World War One Centennial Task Force to plan and coordinate Hawaii's WWI Centennial Commemoration.

As the Honorary Chairman, I am pleased to report that the Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force (HI WWI CTF) has been operating for nearly two years after forming in May 2015. Hawaii's WWI Centennial Commemoration began on April 2, 2017, which by proclamation under my hand was recognized as *Hawaii World War I Centennial Remembrance Day*.

Our strategy is to conduct commemorations large and small, across the entire state. We encourage civic organizations, businesses, academia, military units, and Veterans organizations to partner with the HI WWI CTF plan and carry out grassroots commemorations. The HI WWI CTF will work with these organizations by providing historical research, and endorsing their commemoration effort as part of the State's official WWI Centennial Commemoration. We invite these same organizations, and individuals whose ancestors served in WWI, to highlight stories of service and share them with others throughout the centenary commemoration lasting until the end of the commemoration period in June 2019, which marks the centennial of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

While the commemoration period will last until June 28, 2019, the main commemoration event will be Veterans Day 2018, which will see the centennial of the Armistice and the cessation of combat operations. This event will be in cooperation with the City and County of Honolulu, and will be the main observance for Veterans Day 2018.

I pledge the State's support to this noteworthy effort and call on Hawaii's business, academic, and civic organizations to lend a hand, to support to carry out a centennial commemoration worthy of the sacrifices of the 9,800 Hawaii's residents served in both military and civilian capacities during World War I, including almost 200 who joined the British armed forces, and the 102 died in service.

Sincerely,

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Honorary Chairman

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CURRENT SCHEDULE OF 2018 EVENTS



MAY 27, 2018

- 5 K foot race around Diamond Head
- Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force and U.S. Navy recreation of Memorial Day 1918 parade
- Harley Davidson veteran's ride to War Memorial Natatorium
- Memorial Day on the Natatorium Lawn – 10 AM
- Youth Surfer Paddle-out – 11 AM
- Fireworks by Sister City of Nagaoka, tentative, 8 PM

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

- Veterans Day Celebration inside the Natatorium – 8 AM
- Public Access/Viewing of the Natatorium
- Concert Event – 6 PM



NOVEMBER 12, 2018

- Public Access/Viewing of the Natatorium
- Sunset Pauhana Concert – 5 PM





SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting - Army Commander	\$100,000
Platinum - Regiment Commander	\$50,000
Gold - Battalion Commander	\$25,000
Silver - Company Commander	\$10,000
Bronze - Platoon Leader	\$5,000
Patron - Doughboy	\$2,500



SPONSOR BENEFITS

PRESENTING - \$100,000

- Prominent Visibility as Presenting Sponsor of the Hawaii World War One Centennial - website, print, electronic communications
- Special Press Release announcing Presenting Sponsor and providing introduction of appointed spokesperson
- Prominent Visibility on all official Commemoration collateral Name/logo on collateral
- Masthead placement, link on official Commemoration home page
- Inclusion with speaking role at all key events
- Premier Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 50 Guest tickets at all official events

PLATINUM - \$50,000

- Visibility as the Platinum Sponsor of the Hawaii World War One Centennial - website, print, electronic communications
- Special Press Release announcing Presenting Sponsor and providing introduction of appointed spokesperson
- Name and logo on collateral and on website
- Premier Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 30 Guest tickets at all official events



SPONSOR BENEFITS

GOLD - \$25,000

- Inclusion as Gold Sponsor of the Hawaii World War One Centennial - website, print, electronic communications
- Press Release announcement to include key sponsor levels
- Name and logo on collateral and on website
- Reserved Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 20 Guest tickets at all official event

SILVER - \$10,000

- Inclusion as Silver Sponsor of the Hawaii World War One Centennial - website, print, electronic communications
- Press Release announcement to include key sponsor levels
- Name on collateral and on website
- Reserved Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 10 Guest tickets at all official events



SPONSOR BENEFITS

BRONZE - \$5,000

- Inclusion as Bronze Sponsor of the Hawaii World War One Centennial - website, print, electronic communications
- Name on website
- Reserved Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 5 Guest tickets at all official event

PATRON - \$2,500

- Name on website
- Reserved Natatorium Bleacher Seating at all Natatorium events
- 2 Guest tickets at all official event





CONTACT INFORMATION

Funds raised through this sponsorship appeal will be used for the following:

- Construction, exhibit, and other Natatorium/Memorial requirements
- Commemoration planning and promotion
- Execution of commemoration events ensuring veteran and public participation

Non-profit 501 (C)(3) status – Navy League, Council of Honolulu

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