The War Memorial to Honor All Americans of Hawai‘i Who Died in World War II

The World War II Memorial was dedicated on December 7, 1944. The white War Memorial is shaped like an inverted “T”.

Olive branches decorate both ends of the memorial’s front base, which is entirely white with the 880 names carved one inch deep on both sides of the monument. Originally the names were cast in plaster plaques, but these were updated in subsequent years and cast in concrete. The memorial was often used during the war years for ceremonies and in particular when new names were added. Subsequent Dec. 7 memorial services continued for several years with similar services and many flowers at the monument. It is prominently located in Honolulu on King Street at Punchbowl Street near the statue of King Kamehameha and across the street from Iolan‘i Palace.

“IN HONOR OF ALL AMERICANS OF HAWAI‘I WHO DIED IN THIS WORLD WAR, THAT THE BEAUTY AND FREEDOM OF OUR LAND MIGHT BE PRESERVED FOR ALL HUMANITY.”

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