Department of Hawaii General Orders # 002 Series 2025-2026

December 25, 2025

1. **Commander's Moment:**

The Holiday Season is upon us. I wish all of you within the Department of Hawaii a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

So far, we have had a productive year. We recently hosted the Commander in Chief and the Adjutant General during their week-long visit to Hawaii. They had a busy schedule that included the December 7th commemoration, an interview with a local TV station, visiting historical locations in and around Honolulu, and taking part in an interment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Both also took part in our Council of Administration and were able to visit with many of you. They were grateful for your hospitality and appreciative of all the support provided to them.

Our recruitment efforts are going well, and we project to meet our goal of 101% by year's end. With that said, please continue to canvas our veteran community for new members.

Lastly, we're privileged to have the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Glenn Umberger join us for our Mid-Winter Conference in February. He is looking forward to his visit, and I know we will all welcome our JVCIC to our home.

Happy Holidays!

- IT IS BETTER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED -

2. State Adjutant George Balett is hereby appointed the chair for the Special Committee on Post Areas of Responsibility effective immediately.
3. The following National Non-paid Appointments are hereby announced:

a. National Deputy Chief of Staff:	Joshua Taueu	Post 12138
b. National Deputy Inspector General:	Jame' Schaedel	Post 12138
c. National Special Aide-de-Camp	Maria Togia	Post 3391

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d. National Aide-de-Camp	Kevin Beall	Post 1540
e. National Aide-de-Camp	Kimberly Blaum	Post 3855
f. National Aide-de-Camp	Phil Branch	Post 970
g. National Aide-de-Camp	Deana Garay	Post 352
h. National Aide-de-Camp	Christobel Joyner	Post 3391
i. National Aide-de-Camp	Malologa Lagai	Post 3391
j. National Aide-de-Camp	Debra Lewis	Post 3875
k. National Aide-de-Camp	Raymond Loo	Post 10276
l. National Aide-de-Camp	Ralph Thomas	Post 3850
m. National Aide-de-Camp	Jesse Worthen	Post 2875

4. Congratulations to the following Posts for earning All-American Status for the 2024-2025 membership year.

a. Post 110,

b. Post 849

c. Post 970

d. Post 1572

e. Post 2875

f. Post 3830

g. Post 8616

h. Post 10276

i. Post 12138.

5. The Department Commander's and Department President's Homecoming will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 18:00 to 21:00 at Sunset Lanai on Camp Smith. Cost is $55.00 per person. Further details to follow.

6. Post 10154 will host the Department's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Award Luncheon held on February 14, 2026, following the Council of Administration at the Oahu Veterans Center from 11:00 to 13:00. Cost is $20.00 per person. Further details to follow.

7. This year's State Convention will be held on June 18-21, 2026, at the Ala Moana Hotel. Further details to follow.

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8. This year's COAs are currently scheduled for February 14, 2026, and June 20, 2026.
9. Looking for a Post to adopt Navy ship USS Hopper DDG 70 stationed at Pearl Harbor.
10. Post Commanders are reminded that any Post in arrears to Department or National for fees, other financial obligations or administrative requirements including Election and Trustee Audit Reports will be deprived of representation at the Department or National Conventions and Council of Administration. These include up to date trustee reports, current election reports, proper bonding of officers, payment of delegate fees for both the Department and National Conventions and filing of 990's and current DCCA registration.
11. Each Post Officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of the National By-laws shall be bonded in amount and surety, shall be approved by their respective units. Bonding period runs from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. This includes everyone that is a signatory on the banking/investment accounts.
12. Post Commanders shall submit Trustee Reports of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for 4th quarter ending June 30, 2025, 1st quarter ending September 30, 2025, 2nd quarter ending December 31, 2025, and 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2025. The deadline for the last Trustee Report will be April 30, 2026. Submitted Trustee's Reports need bank statements or other corroborating data attached. These reports are required to maintain your Post in "Good Standing"
13. Community Service Reporting: Post Adjutants are required to submit Community Service Reports on the All-American Dashboard quarterly. Total money expended, Volunteer Hours, Total Volunteers, Mileage, and Event Explanation are required for each volunteering opportunity. Reports that may be sent to Department will be entered into the Dashboard for the Post.
14. The State Commander, Quartermaster, and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.
15. The State Commander, National Councilmember, State Adjutant and Chief of Staff will be cc'd on all reports sent to National or sent for further distribution.

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