



Department of Hawaii General Orders # 003

Series 2025-2026

April 6, 2026

1. Commander's Moment:

We are well into Calendar Year 2026 and the Department is doing well. Our recruitment efforts are ongoing and we continue to aspire to meet our goal of 101% by year's end. I ask that all please continue to canvas our veteran community for new members.

We were recently privileged to host the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Cory Geisler and the Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Outreach, Robert Couture. From 25 to 28 March, the Department leadership joined them during an official tour of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Center of Excellence aboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, accompanied them during an office call with the Commanding Officer of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and provided them a tour of Camp Smith, Ford Island, and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Lastly, a reminder of our State Convention during the latter part of June. I ask that you join us for this yearly event, and if you have not done so already, please reserve a room as soon as possible. Details regarding the event can be found below.

- IT IS BETTER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED -

1. The next schedule Council of Administration is to be conducted on June 20, 2026 immediately following the Department Convention.
2. The following people have received appointments to attend the National Convention. Norbert Enos Post 2875, Christabel Joyner Post 3392, Stanley Fernandez Post 10276, Raymond Loo Post 10276, Jame' Schaedel Post 12138, Patsy Takemura Post 10276 Maria Togia Post 3391, and Joshua Tauau Post 12138.
3. According to National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure (MOP) Sec 217. Post officers shall be elected in April. Post Officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Election, but shall **not** assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed.
4. According National Bylaws and MOP Sec 222. Delegates and Alternatives for Department



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and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate Strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st. Delegate strength shall be 1 delegate per 30 members or portion thereof. Record of the election shall be included in the Post meeting minutes for that meeting.

5. Incoming Post line officers (Post Commander, Senior Vice, and Junior Vice Commanders) must submit Proof of Eligibility to the State Adjutant before the State Convention.
6. This year's State Convention will be held on June 18-21, 2026 at the Ala Moana Hotel. See the Department website for further details. Link to Dept Website: [Department of HAWAII](https://vfwhi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1). <https://vfwhi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1>
7. A Council of Administration is scheduled for June 20, 2026 after the close of the Department Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel.
8. Post Commanders and Quartermasters are responsible to ensure the proper procedures as outlined in the National Bylaws and MOP Section 107 in transferring members into their Post are followed. This includes completion of an application, signing the Member Declaration, and acceptance by the Post membership, recorded in the meeting minutes.
9. 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 current DCCA registration.
10. 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"
11. Community Service Reporting: Post Adjutants are required to submit Community Service Reports on the All-American Dashboard quarterly. Monthly is recommended. Total money expended, Volunteer Hours, Total Volunteers, Mileage, and Event Explanation are required for each volunteering opportunity. Reports sent to Department will be entered into the Dashboard for the Post.

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12. The State Commander, Quartermaster, and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.

13. 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.

By Order of:



Jason Seal.
State Commander

OFFICIAL:



George Barlett
State Adjutant