

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## National Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade & Public Ceremony Returns to Waikiki on December 7, 2025

**Largest Annual Event Commemorating the Attack on Pearl Harbor Marks Its 15th Year**

HONOLULU, HI — The **National Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and Public Ceremony** will take place in Waikiki on **Sunday, December 7, 2025**, commemorating the 84th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and honoring all who served in World War II. Now in its **15th year**, the parade remains the **largest annual event in the nation** dedicated to remembering Pearl Harbor and the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

This year's theme — **"Remembering the past by honoring those who serve, while celebrating that once bitter enemies are now friends and allies"** — highlights the importance of remembrance, unity, and the enduring bonds between nations.

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## A National Tribute Featuring Participants from All 50 States

More than **4,000 participants** representing **every U.S. state** will march through the heart of Waikiki in a powerful display of patriotism and community. Parade entries will include:

- Marching Bands & Choirs
- Classic Car Clubs
- Beauty Queens
- Scout Troops
- Military Platoons
- Commemorative Balloons & Floats
- Civic and Community Organizations
- **World War II Veterans**, honored as this year's **Co-Grand Marshals**

These heroes of WWII—whose courage and devotion shaped world history—will be recognized throughout the ceremony and parade.

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## Ceremonies & Performances

The evening will begin with a solemn and inspiring **Opening Ceremony at Kuroda Field at 4:00 PM**, featuring a **massed band and choir performance**, comprised of musicians from across the country, led by the Marine Forces Pacific Band

At **6:00 PM**, the National Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade will step off along **Kalakaua Avenue**, where spectators can enjoy an array of performances, historical tributes, and colorful displays.

Performing artist **McKenna Faith** will appear as a **special guest performer**, delivering a musical tribute at the opening ceremony and from the Review Area along Kalakaua Avenue.

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## Produced by Historic Programs

The event is produced by **Historic Programs**, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating meaningful commemorations and celebrations of the world's most significant historic events. Their work includes major observances such as:

- **Pearl Harbor commemorations**
- **D-Day ceremonies in Normandy, France**
- **The National Veterans Day Ceremony**
- **Remember 9/11 in New York City**

Historic Programs is also an **official partner of the America 250 celebration**, contributing to national efforts marking the United States' upcoming semiquincentennial.

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## About the National Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade

First held in 2011, the National Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade has grown into a flagship remembrance event and "Living Memorial" bringing together veterans, active-duty service members, families, performers, and visitors from around the world. Its mission is to honor those who perished, those who served, and the enduring peace that emerged from the tragedy of December 7, 1941.

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