

## BATTLE SHIP MISSOURI

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Battleship Missouri is located in Pearl Harbor. After the attack of Pearl Harbor, the Missouri became a symbol of hope to many during the war. Once the Japanese were defeated it was used as a stage for the commanders to sign the treaty that would end war. Though a sign of U.S. domination, many locals, during that time, looked up to it especially Japanese Americans who wanted to serve. When returning home after it was decommissioned it was given back to Oahu as a gift to the state and its dedication to the war by its people.

## HICKHAM AIRFORCE BASE

Hickham Airforce Base is located next to the airport and is the largest American airfield in Hawaii. This was a critical base as it housed many naval ships and airplanes during WWII. In addition, it was a vital repair area for all military machinery. Again and again it served a great purpose in the war as it was the location of central command for the Pacific War. It was because of this base, that it made Oahu a destination for military men to travel and come back to visit which increased Hawaii's economy after the war.

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## PEARL HARBOR

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On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the Japanese attacked the Pearl Harbor and the US declared war on Japan. After this event, Hawaii would serve as a rest stop and a fortified military command center which would forever change Oahu's political and social environment. Before there was a base, it was a beach with crystal sand that sparkled like pearls... (cont)

giving its name "Pearl Harbor" but development destroyed it. Pearl Harbor is not only a symbol of American tragedy but Hawaiian tragedy as it showed how the military has destroyed the environment around it due to its expansion. Now it is a tourist destination, honoring those who died in combat during the war.

## IOLANI BARRACKS

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Iolani Barracks is 19th century brick barrack. Although it is small it held one of the most significant revolts on Oahu. During 1873 mutiny broke out. Soon after the mutineers took control of the Iolani Barracks. The authorities waited them out and King Lunalilo stopped this revolt when he talked to the mutineer and granted them amnesty. Due to this action, the King was forced to disband the Hawaiian Army which made the nation vulnerable to foreign attack and insurrection. Since there was little to no military, Hawaii would have a hard time standing up to foreign rules and leaders.

## FORT DERUSSY

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Fort Derussy is located in Waikiki, it was one of the first fort in Oahu. For years, it remained the primary army fort in Honolulu and used as site for servicemen on Rest and Recuperation. Fort DeRussy was one of a number of batteries on the island to provide coastal defense. This fort, showed how foreign military presences played such a huge role in Hawaii's politics. During WWII, this fort remained a vital station for guards in Waikiki. Now just a WWII museum, this is a reminder of how Hawaii was transformed from an island paradise to a military fortification.

## PALI LOOK OUT

The Pali Lookout located by the H1 Highway and is a cliff overlooking the NE side of Oahu. Although it is quite and beautiful, it hosted the Battle of Nuuanu in 1795. Under King Kamehameha the First, this battle made it epic climax at the Pali Lookout where many Hawaiian warrior lost their lives. This served as the final battle for Oahu which became the center of power for the Hawaiian Kingdom after its unification. After this event, it would change the political background of Hawaii and its development.

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## LANIKAI PILLBOXES

Pillboxes is a reminder of how Hawaii became the only state to be put under Marshall Law. During the war, Hawaii was under military rule which led to curfews and expansion of military outpost. Lanikai Pillboxes were one of the many outlooks installed on the coast of the island to defend against enemy attacks and give vital information from the area. Although no attack came, these out looks were abandoned after the war. Though now just a tourist attraction, Pillboxes serves as a distant reminder when Hawaii, the only state, was put under Marshall Law and was fortified to the with military installments and rules.

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