

Important Dates Observed in the Hawaiian Kingdom in 2018

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2018 the Hawaiian Kingdom marked some very significant historical events that should always be remembered...

- **January 17** was the 125th anniversary of the day when our peaceful country suffered a sneak attack by U.S. armed forces in collusion with insurgents to seize control of the Hawaiian Kingdom. The observance included hundreds who marched from Mauna‘ala to Iolani Palace where a large celebration took place, encompassing the State Capitol as well.

As it turned out, January 17 was also the opening day of the 2018 session of the State of Hawaii Legislature... the ones “left holding the bag” today from the 1893 hijacking of the Hawaiian Kingdom. So there was a big event in the Capitol Rotunda with a lot of fanfare, obligatory lip-service and pontificating by state officials, but of course, no offer to vacate the premises and turn things over to the kingdom.

- **January 17** was also the 25th anniversary of the formal apology from Congress and the president of the United States to the Hawaiian people, for America’s role in the hijacking of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Again, no offer to vacate...

- **100th anniversary** of the first Hawaiian Civic Club founded by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana‘ole

- **199th anniversary** of the passing of Kamehameha the Great

- **200th anniversary** of the passing of Henry Opukaha‘ia

- **180th birthday** of Queen Lili‘uokalani

- **175th anniversary** of the restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom by Great Britain (celebrated as the national holiday, **Lā Ho‘iho‘i Eā**, Restoration Day)... events all over the Kingdom... on O‘ahu, at Thomas Square on Sunday, July 29)

- **175th anniversary** of the Joint Proclamation by the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of France recognizing the Hawaiian Kingdom as a sovereign state (independent country), celebrated as the national holiday, **Lā Ku‘oko‘a**, Independence Day... with events all over the Kingdom

- **125th anniversary** of the hijacking of the Hawaiian Kingdom government on January 17, 1893 (the event that led to the eventual occupation of the Hawaiian Islands by the U.S.)

- **125th anniversary** of the Queen Lili‘uokalani-President Cleveland executive agreement to restore the Queen and the lawful government of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

- **125th anniversary** of Cleveland’s address to Congress admitting that the U.S. had wrongfully engaged in what amounted to an Act of War against a peaceful, friendly, neutral country causing a regime change.

- **124th anniversary** of the self-proclaimed “Republic of Hawaii” on July 4, 1894, created to avoid prosecution for the treason cited in the Lili‘uokalani-Cleveland executive agreement.
- **120th anniversary** of Queen Lili‘uokalani, backed by the voice of the people (the Ku‘e Petition), succeeding in shutting down ratification of the pending ‘treaty of annexation‘ in the U.S. Senate (January, 1898). No treaty of annexation, no acquisition.
- **120th anniversary** of the infamous Newlands Resolution (July, 1898), the illegal instrument used for the fake annexation of Hawaii to the U.S. resulting in the present U.S. ‘ fake claim to dominion over the Hawaiian Islands.
- **120th anniversary** of the Spanish American War and the Philippine-American War for which the U.S. invoked “military necessity” to justify the fake annexation and the nasty habit of using the Hawaiian Islands to stage U.S. wars in the Pacific.
- **120th anniversary** of the beginning of American-acculturation with policies to extinguish Hawaiian national identity, language, culture, land holdings, sustainable systems, etc. (It is ironic that the 2018 “Year of the Hawaiian” celebration focuses on the rebirth of Hawaiian language and culture, when 120 years ago the U.S. and the Territory of Hawaii imposed repressive policies that nearly extinguished Hawaiian language, culture and identity.)
- **40th anniversary** of the fake-state constitutional convention of 1978 that created the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
- **40th anniversary** of the Hawaiian language immersion programs that saved the Hawaiian language from near extinction (indeed a praiseworthy achievement)