



THE SALVATION ARMY CELEBRATES LEGACY OF ALOHA AT NATIONAL DONUT DAY, A SWEET TRADITION STARTED BY THE ORGANIZATION

Community invited to join in acts of giving back to first responders, local veterans on
June 5

HONOLULU – The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division invites local communities to join in a celebration of National Donut Day on June 5, 2026. Held annually on the first Friday of June, National Donut Day was initiated by The Salvation Army to remember the legacy of the Donut Lassies, and the power of sharing a little kindness with others in challenging times.

The Salvation Army's Donut Lassies risked their lives to provide soldiers a taste of home by delivering freshly made donuts to troops in the frontlines throughout World War I and II. Established in 1938, National Donut Day became a salute to these brave women and their simple gesture that meant so much more than a popular treat. Today, National Donut Day still offers a time to sample and share a donut while drawing inspiration from the lassies to help honor and uplift those who serve our communities.

This National Donut Day, The Salvation Army's Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division will be spreading aloha on and around June 5 with donut deliveries to area first responders, veterans, and other public servants and community supporters who are making positive impact. Local donut shops are also getting into the give-back spirit. Among them, Kamehameha Bakery on Kalani Street in Honolulu is donating donuts for The Salvation Army to distribute to nearby fire and police departments, and other emergency disaster response partners in Honolulu. Island Craves Kauai on Kuhio Hwy. donated refreshments for County of Kaua'i staff for a donut day event held on Monday.

Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division, Major Troy Trimmer, said, "Together with support from local partners throughout communities in Hawai'i and the Pacific, we are able to carry on the spirit of what National Donut Day is truly about—bringing joy to our often unsung neighborhood heroes, and recognizing how our collective acts of kindness, no matter the size of the gesture, can transform lives."

The public is encouraged to help celebrate National Donut Day by enjoying a donut from their neighborhood bakery and sharing donuts and fellowship with those who serve others. For the latest updates and additional meaningful ways to mark the occasion, please follow The Salvation Army's Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division on Instagram (@salarmyhi) and Facebook. To learn more about how The Salvation Army is celebrating National Donut Day in Hawai'i, and to download the original recipe prepared by the Lassies, visit:

hawaii.salvationarmy.org/donutday

Link to Historic Photos and B-roll featuring the Donut Lassies; traditional donut recipe and fact sheets (courtesy of The Salvation Army) are available [here](#).

About The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands including Guam, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; family stores, food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawai'i's largest community center; preschools & day care services; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; and work therapy & rehabilitation services. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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