

A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE PACIFIC

On the 21st, in 1959 Hawaii becomes the 50th State. This occurs more than 60 years after the overthrow of the monarchy and 18 years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The overthrow occurred in two events, with the final event involving the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani. Initially Hawaii is organized as a Territory in 1900. By 1959, the territory would move into statehood, while excluding Palmyra Island (perhaps for good reason). Along this pathway to Statehood, leaders began to recognize the strategic importance of Hawaii in global affairs as America entered the Spanish American War in the Philippines. Respect grew as Hawaii was recognized by all countries of its pivotal role in securing peace within the Pacific Region.

Thought to consider: *If Hawaii was to play a key role in the securing of peace within the Pacific Rim, could the same strategy be utilized to secure peace in other parts of the globe? Perhaps if the answer is yes, the next Territory/Statehood expansion can be done without a Coup, but instead rely on the people of a country "petitioning the right" to become a US Territory/State.*

On the 24th & 25th in 1814, the US Capital is burned to the ground, referred to by some as the "Burning of Washington". Yet we have been told for the past 24 months that J6 was the worst experience that our country has ever seen in our nation's capital. In 1814, some say that it was God, once again, that intervened to put out the flames as a severe storm rolled in and Mother Nature did its part to stop the inferno.

Better stated, this was a war where America was on the side, as Britain and France entangled each other. In turn they provoked the Americas as they allowed for the attack on America's trade ships. Finally American leadership felt it was timely to attack forces in Canada, as a note of retaliation. This retaliation provoked the "Burning of Washington". By December 24, 1814, the Treaty of Ghent, was signed, returning all parties to a more amicable relationship.

Lesson: *Think twice about how you engage in a conflict.*

