

NATATORIUM IS WAR MEMORIAL

\$220,000 Structure At the Beach Completed This Year

Styled as "one of the finest structures of its kind in the United States," the Waikiki war memorial swimming pool, costing approximately \$220,000 and located on the old Irwin beach property opposite Kapiolani park, was completed and accepted by the government on February 25 of this year.

The memorial to Hawaii's World war heroes was formally dedicated by Governor Wallace R. Farrington and officials of the American Legion on August 24 when Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hawaii's greatest champion swimmer of a dozen years, and a host of the fastest swimming stars of the present generation took part in the first night of the greatest national swimming championships ever staged by the American A. A. U.

Such renowned swimmers as Johnny Weissmuller, Katsuo Takashi of Japan, Clarence ("Buster") Crabbe of Honolulu, Harry Glancy, Alberto Zorilla and Pete Desjardine were among those present.

Plans for the memorial were begun in 1921 by a war memorial commission created by the territorial legislature. An appropriation of \$200,000 was made by the legislature for financing the project, and an additional \$50,000 was obtained by taxation. Of the total amount of \$250,000, approximately \$20,000 was spent for sketches and to meet other expenses.

Dimensions of the tank are 100 meters in length and 150 feet wide. There are movable pontoons on either end to adjust for 100-yard races. The tank is equipped with a standard dimension diving tower. Water from the ocean is used. The structure was build by J. L. Cliff, local contractor.

A great portion of the credit for the swift completion of the memorial pool plans and the structure is given Lyman H. Bigelow, superintendent of the department of public works.

The public is admitted to the pool daily. Certain hours are fixed. Arrangements for the use of the pool at night or for meets are made through Superintendent Bigelow.