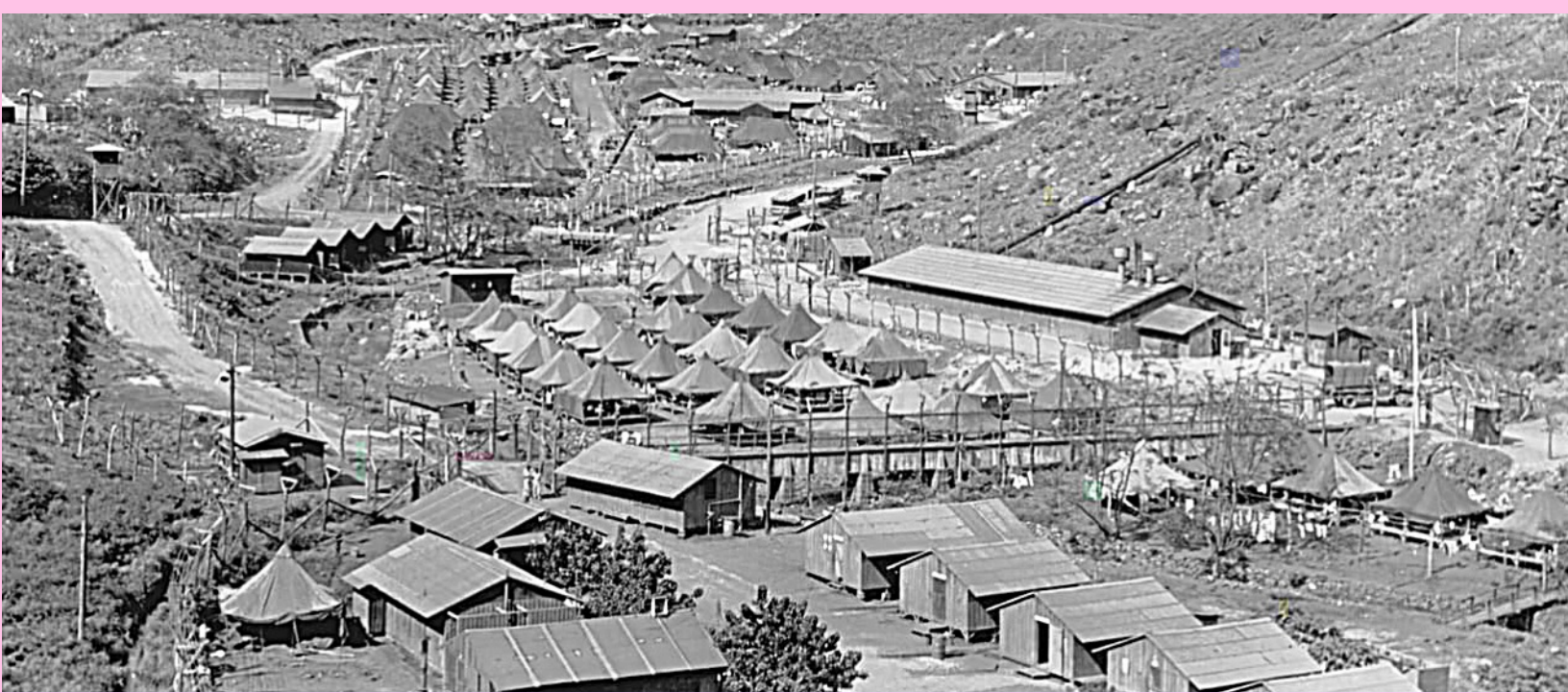


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Honouliuli Internment Camp

Honouliuli was the largest U.S. Army Internment Camp on Oahu.

The camp opened in March 1943, replacing a smaller facility on Sand Island.

Honouliuli quickly reached a peak civilian population of approximately 300 detainees, the vast majority of whom were American citizens.

The site also served as the largest POW camp in wartime Hawaii, holding more than 4,000 U.S. soldiers and 16,000 POWs from Italy, Japan, Korea, Okinawa and Taiwan.

More than 4,000 of these men,

mostly Okinawans conscripted into the Japanese Army - were held at Honouliuli.

A large number of civilians were released on parole in 1943, provided that they signed waivers absolving the U.S. government and individuals from any liability for their confinement.

Many more were either transferred to mainland camps or shipped to the continent as "evacuees" for the purposes of continued confinement. By war's end, the camp held 3,980 POWs.

Repatriation of these prisoners

began in December 1945 and continued till 1946.

The site is presently owned by Monsanto, an agricultural company that purchased a larger parcel that includes the site in 2007.

Since then, the site has been the subject of research and of archeological field schools held by the nearby UH West Oahu.

On February 19, 2015, President Obama issued a presidential proclamation creating Honouliuli National Monument, which will be managed by the National Park Service. *Continued on page 3*

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Upon finding an old well, Rev Takizawa performed a small ceremony to honor those that passed away in the camp.



10 religious leaders participated in the last tour of Honouliuli sponsored by JCCH

SHRINE MAINTENANCE



The roof over the hall kitchen was leaking on Monday, 11/23. The leak was located and immediately patched.



Mahalo to Bob Harada for power washing the shrine Hall building on 12/20



The shrine's two ficus trees underwent emergency intervention when it started dropping all its leaves.

The ficus is a relatively undemanding tree but the only drawback is that, given a sudden change in temperature, humidity or wind speed, it might play dead and drop all its leaves.

Mahalo to the shrine's long-time tree trimmers - Sherwood Tree Service for cutting back the two ficus trees on Friday 11/20.

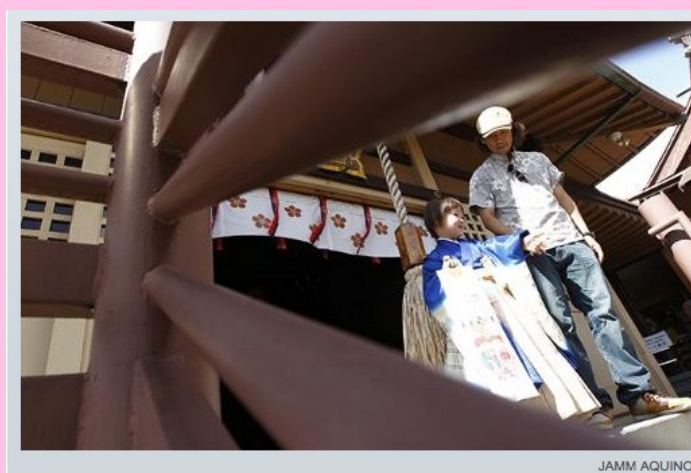
**Mahalo Nui to instructors
and students of Hanayagi
Dancing Academy Hawaii
Foundation for the annual
cleanup of the shrine
meeting room**

Welcome to the world, Vivian!!



A baby blessing was held for Vivian Christina Walsh on 10/30

Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi



JAMM AQUINO



Religious leaders from the Japan Religious 21st Century Committee visited the shrine on Sunday, 12/6.



JAMM AQUINO

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Remember! Shrine Volunteers can deduct car expenses

Volunteers ! just a reminder that you can deduct as a charitable contribution, any unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, such as the cost of gas and oil, parking fees, directly related to the use of your car in giving services to a charitable organization.

You **cannot** deduct maintenance and repair expenses, depreciation, registration fees, or the costs of tires or insurance.

If you do not want to deduct your actual expenses, you can use a standard IRS mileage rate for 2015 of 14 cents a mile to figure your contribution.

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Mochi Making

The annual Mochi making was held on Saturday, 12/5.

Over 2000 pieces of komochi were made and frozen in preparation for Hatsumode.

Many thanks to the many volunteers for their kokua !!

Ozoni Schedule for January 1:

Midnight - 2 am

10 am - 1 pm



DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
<p>31 Thursday 11:00 pm Yearend Purification Ritual</p>	<p>1 Friday Midnight - 5:00 pm Hatsumode 2016</p> <p>17 Sunday 1:00 pm Sagicho - burning of the old omamori</p> <p>3:00 pm Tsukinami-sai</p>	<p>16 Sunday 1:00 pm Kanreki & Yakudoshi Blessing</p> <p>3:00 pm Tsukinami-sai</p>

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