

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



As COVID-19 infections continue to rise in Honolulu, Rev. Takizawa thought it was safest to make the annual pilgrimage on his own to honor those who gave their all for our country. Prayers and *tamagushi* were offered at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Makiki Cemetery and Mo'ilili Japanese Cemetery.

MAHALO

Preston Chibana
 Bradley Chun
 Bill & Keiko Doughty
 Bryson & Reiko Goda
 Patrick Harrington
 Arashi & Pam Igarashi
 Rodney & Sharon Isa
 James & Melba Kurashige
 Yae Miko
 Steve Miwa
 Irina Monk
 Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
 Craig & Diane Nishida
 Akiko Sanai
 Yae Santos
 Gary & Linda Shinsato
 Robert Stallings
 Neal & Leila Tamashiro
 Shiho Wamura
 James Yonemura

This is the 28th year that *Koi Nobori* Carps were billowing above the shrine from late April until early May in celebration of *Tango no Sekku* or Boy's Day.



**June 26, 2022
 12:00 pm
 Richard T. Mamiya Theatre (Kaimuki)**

Be sure to mark you calendars for the Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation 75th Anniversary Dance Concert

CALENDAR

JUNE

5 10 am - 2 pm (CANCELED)
 Chinowa for People & Pets

2 pm (INTERNAL)
 Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

JULY

1 - 7 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Tanabata Wish Tags available in shrine

3 3 pm (INTERNAL)
 Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

AUGUST

7 10 am - 2 pm (CANCELED)
 Back-to-School Blessing

2 pm (INTERNAL)
 Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

VOLUNTEER AWARDS



From the founding of our country, volunteerism has been integral to the American culture and experience.

This year, we would like to acknowledge 3 outstanding individuals that have been a vital part of the shrine for many years.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to **Mike Lee, Mitsuru Igarashi** and **Pam Igarashi** for their outstanding dedication.

Over the years they have demonstrated a sustained commitment of hundreds of hours each year to the betterment of the shrine.

This recognition is a symbol for all shrine supporters, that we are an organization of volunteers, working together in service to the community, in a unified goal of the preservation and perpetuation of our cultural and spiritual heritage.

Past Recipients of the Volunteer Award

2013

Shinken Naitoh

Robert Harada

2016

Tom Jannuzzio

2019

Marilyn Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

2021

Gary Shinsato

Linda Sinsato

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Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

We can never be grateful enough for the sacrifices they made and are humbled by their willingness to put their own lives aside for the benefit of our nation.

Memorial Day is said to have begun sometime after the Civil War. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress.

Here are some data on America's Wars from the Department of Veteran's Affairs:

American Revolution (1775-1783)

Total US servicemen 217,000

Total US deaths 4,435

Indian Wars (1817-1898)

Total US servicemen 106,000

Total US deaths 1,000

Civil War (1861-1865)

Total servicemen:

Union Army (North) 2,213,363

Confederate Army (South) 1,050,000

Total deaths: 498,332

Spanish-American War

(1898-1902)

Total US servicemen 306,760

Total US deaths 2,446

World War I (1914-1918)

Total US servicemen 4,734,991

Total US deaths 116,516

World War II (1941-1945)

Total US servicemen 16,112,566

Total US deaths 405,399

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total US servicemen 5,720,000

Total US deaths 54,246

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total US servicemen 8,744,000

Total US deaths 90,220

Desert Shield/Storm (1990-1991)

Total US servicemen 2,225,000

Total US deaths 1,948

US Wars Total (1775-1991)

Total US servicemen 41,892,128

Total US deaths 1,190,085

In 1950, more than 1 in 3 men in the US were veterans.

From 1940 to 1973, men in the US were drafted to fill vacancies in the Armed Forces.

Active conscription ended in 1973 when an all-volunteer military force was created.

The number of veterans in the US has been declining since.



GOKITO Private Blessings



Animals, also members of the community of life, have co-existed with humans for tens of thousands of years.

That powerful and mutually beneficial bond continues today, with people and animals connecting in ways that are essential to the health and well-being of both.

Long distance blessings for Zoya and Remi of Massachusetts were performed on Sunday May 8.



Welcome back to Hawaii, Patrick!

Patrick has visited Hawaii for the past few years and has always visited the shrine for a Safe Travel blessing.

Dazaifu Tenmangu is revered as the shrine of culture and arts, education and travel safety.

In recent years it has also become the patron *kami* for those in the airlines, travel and aerospace industries.



The shrine's 2022 Scholarship recipient **Madisen Yasui** was named Valedictorian of Moanalua High School !!

According to the DOE, graduating seniors will be declared valedictorians if they have a GPA of 4.0 and have met the requirements of one of the Honor Recognition Certificates.

70th Anniversary of Dazaifu Tenmangu

Chochin lanterns are thought to have its origins in the Muromachi Period (1336-1555).

Imported from China, the original lanterns were bamboo baskets covered with paper and first used as religious objects for Buddhist funerals.

In Japan, *chochin* was redesigned to be carried while walking in the dark. The accordion like folded *chochin* that we see today was made sometime in the 15th century and continued to be popular through the *Edo* period (1603 - 1867).

Rolled *takehigo* or thin

strips of bamboo was fabricated in a spiral and covered with Japanese paper with a candle inside.

Two *chochins* were created in commemoration of the 70th year of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu.

Miyoshi Chochin of *Kagawa* Prefecture has created all the *chochin* for *Kotohiragu* for the past

three generations.

Third generation artisan, Toshiya Miyoshi created the two *chochin* for the shrine using ancient calligraphy from the *Edo* period.

Mahalo Nui to our devoted shrine friends who have supported the shrine throughout the decades.



MAHALO NUI

Thomas Agawa
Linda Agawa
Bryson Goda
Reiko Goda
Mitsuru Igarashi
Pam Igarashi
Arthur Isa
James Kurashige
Melba Kurashige
Mike Lee
Marilyn Naitoh
Shinken Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Gary Shinsato
Linda Shinsato

MAINTENANCE



The main purpose of rain gutters is to collect the runoff water from the roof and channel it away from the foundation.

Broken gutters can lead to major leaks in the home, cracks in the foundation and walls. The siding will start to rot and water damage will seep into the windows and

walls, making it very expensive to repair.

A few months ago, one of the gutters on the second floor of the hall tore and began to spew water onto the concrete walkway. Sealants were used to repair the tear however the awkward location of the tear made it

difficult for a permanent repair.

On May 1, the torn gutter was replaced with a new gutter which was attached to the exterior of the building.

The old torn gutter was blocked permanently and the repair areas were primed and painted. Mahalo Paul Chang and crew.



Olomea Street has long been a dumping ground for household trash, used batteries, tires, ignitable waste, insulation materials, waste vehicle lubricants, among other items. Probably the worst case was 52 cans of oil-based paint left in front of the shrine about 5 years ago. The months of April and May saw

daily cases of dumping in front of the shrine including office room dividers, clothing, tents, flooring, etc.

According to the State Department of Health, illegal dumpers may be subject to enforcement action and civil penalties of up to \$10,000/day for each offense.

The shrine rents a roll-off dumpster which are designed for regular trash with size and weight restrictions.

Mahalo Nui to Mike Lee for helping in cutting the metal frames of the office room dividers with a special metal cutter to lengths which are acceptable by the dumpster company.