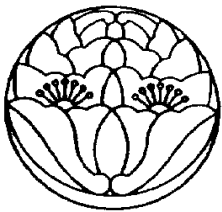


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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

May will be a busy month for the Mission.

- We are preparing for our May 28th Memorial Day Service and “All American Lunch”—our first major gathering in two LONG years. **JOIN US!**
- Our classes continue and we’re beginning to ponder what other classes and presentations our community would welcome. **SUGGESTIONS?**
- Bon Dance Practice is getting **SERIOUS** as we prepare for OBON in August. **ARE YOU READY TO DANCE? JOIN THE PRACTICE!**
- We are making progress on our preservation projects. To keep moving forward, though, we need to reach our fundraising goal for the Community Capital Campaign. **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING.**

NOTE: We’re taking a one-month break on the newsletter-- **NO NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE**

In gassho, *Susan Forbes*

2022 SERVICES

Changes in schedule will be posted at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

May 28 – SAT	Memorial Day Service at Hakalau Veteran’s Park with lunch to follow at the Hakalau Jodo Mission Please RSVP for lunch by contacting Mike Stolp at mstolp9@gmail.com or 805-705-6073	10:30 a.m. (Service) 11:30 a.m. (Lunch)
June	NO SERVICE	
July	NO SERVICE	
August 20 - SAT	O-Bon Service and Bon Dance	5:30 p.m. (Service) 6:30 p.m.- 10 p.m. (Dance)
September 11 - SUN	Higan-e at Hilo Meishoin (Fall Equinox Service)	10 a.m. (Joint Service)
October 9 - SUN	Eitai-kyo (Perpetual Memorial Service)	1 p.m.
November 13 - SUN	Ojuya Nembutsu Service	1 p.m.
December 11 – SUN	Bodhi Day Service	1 p.m.

NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES

2022 MEMORIAL SERVICES OBSERVED FOR THE YEARS OF:

2021 1st	2020 3rd	2016 7th	2010 13th	2006 17th	2000 23rd	1998 25th	1996 27th	1990 33rd	1986 37th	1980 43rd	1976 47th	1973 50th
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY				DATE OF DEATH		NENKI OBSERVANCE						
Antoku Kobashigawa				5/3/2021		1st						
Chiyo Hirakawa				5/13/2010		13 th						
Sakae Miyashiro				5/17/1973		50th						
Rika Mizuguchi				5/25/1973		50th						
Kimiko Yoshimura				5/28/1986		37th						
Atsushi Otake				5/29/2006		17th						
Shizue Arakaki				5/31/1990		33rd						

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 for scheduling. **Namu Amida Butsu**

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS: Advance registration, please. Contact the instructors.

- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Contact Jane Heit at bonqueen@gmail.com.
- **Karate for Children with 4th Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 3:50 - 4:40 p.m.; 7-12 years, 4:50 - 5:40 p.m. Contact Patricia Taniguchi at WKA.hakalau@gmail.com.
- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** Three times weekly including Mon 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **NOTES:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19. Alison will not be holding class from May 10 – July 6. Contact Alison Simpson at 808-825-7856 or by email: alison@mahanahouse.com.
- **Tai Chi with Sifu Slade Shim:** Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m. Contact Slade Shim at ws808@yahoo.com.

For more information, including schedule changes: <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR IF YOU NEED HELP!

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DONATIONS: APRIL 2022:

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	Susan Forbes, Robert Juettner, Earl and Sharon Nomura, Michael Stolp, Harold Uyeno, Garry Wyckoff, Ronald Yara
DUES	Kinue Kobashigawa (donation from January), Akiko Masuda,
FRIEND	Slade Shim
IN MEMORY OF	Earl and Sharon Nomura (IMO Shotaro and Momu Shimizu and their children), Harold Uyeno (IMO Jane Uyeno), Ronald Yara (IMO Chiyo and Kana Hirakawa)
SERVICES	Hanamatsuri: Yumiko Bamba, Ken and Susan Forbes, Kinue Kobashigawa

SERMON BY REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI: HANAMATSURI



Thank you for attending our Hanamatsuri service and for decorating around the Baby Buddha. The Buddha’s life stories say that the Buddha was born from the right side of his mother when she stretched her arm to touch a beautiful flower on a tree. The baby walked seven steps and declared that ‘in heaven and earth I alone am honored’ pointing to heaven and earth. Naga or dragons appeared and poured sacred water on the baby.

Being born from the side of the mother means that the Buddha belonged to Kshatriya or warrior class. Indian myth says that that there was a man called Purusha. After Purusha died, his mouth became priests, his arms became warriors, his thigh became commoners, and his feet became slaves. This myth supports the caste system. The Buddha’s family belonged to Kshatriya.

Walking seven steps means that the baby will go beyond the six realms and attain the seventh step or Nirvana. Six realms are the realm of heavenly beings, human

beings, fighting spirits, animals, hungry spirits, and hell. They believed that all sentient beings experience death and birth again and again forever. After death, one’s deeds are investigated by the Underworld judges to decide in what realm one will be born next. This belief is called samsara. When the Buddha was born, there were monks who tried to be separate from samsara or the cycle of birth and death.

Naga is a god of deified king cobras. Naga was believed to control weather; therefore, Naga poured sacred shower on the baby. When the sutra was introduced to China, Naga was translated into long (Chinese dragon), which is translated as dragon. So, you played a role of Naga dragon by pouring sweet tea on the Baby Buddha statue. Thank you.

The baby was named Siddhartha. Siddhartha means “to attain one’s aim”. His surname was Gautama. His mother, Maya, died 7 days after she delivered Siddhartha. Suddhodana married Maya’s younger sister, Maha Pajapati.



Hanamido 2022, decorated by Yumiko Bamba, John Boyer, and Michael Stolp

The sutra book says that the baby was born on April 8. That is what Chinese Buddhist have believed. Japan imported Buddhism from China, so the Buddha's birthday is April 8 in Japanese Buddhism. East Asian Buddhists have celebrated the Buddha's birthday for hundreds of years.

Today, we celebrate our birthday with birthday cake. This custom is not very old. It started in Germany in the 15th century because they believed that evil spirits would come to children on their birthday. They burned candles on a cake and prayed all day. It was for warding off devils, not a happy celebration. This custom came to America where people loved festivals in the 19th Century, and it became a happy celebration.

In Japan, people started celebrating individual birthdays after the 1950s. Before that, individuals became one year older on New Year's Day. When they were born, they are 1 year old, and on the New Year's Day they became 2 years old. So, if one was born on December 31, one became 2 years old on the next day. My mother was born in 1945. She said she did not celebrate her birthday until I was born.

Chinese people eat noodles on their birthday wishing for longevity. I don't know when this custom started but probably it was not festive. A Confucianism book written in the 17th Century says that dutiful people should not celebrate their birthday because it is the day when they put their mother in danger.

As this old Confucianism idea shows, many mothers died after delivery like the Buddha's mother. I know two members whose mother passed away at delivery. Many children died, too, in olden days. In the first 10 years after this church was established, 6 to 10 people were children in our deceased record. My grandma had 5 children, and 2 died at the age of 4 and 2. Japanese people take their babies to a Shinto Shrine 31 or 32 days after birth. Chinese people have a big celebration for their baby 100 days after birth. Many Hawaii local people hold big 1 year birthday parties for their babies. Those customs were formed because many children died before. Thinking about our predecessors' lives make us aware that we are in a better situation, and we can be happier when we are grateful for what they did for us. The Buddha said "Having respect, humility, contentment, gratitude, and hearing the Dharma on timely occasions. This is the highest happiness."

Please continue to have respect and gratitude to the Buddha and come to the church to hear Dharma and repeat Namu Amida Butsu.

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY: MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day Gathering 2019. The monument lists 16 young men who died in World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. Photo courtesy of Danny Escalona.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are delighted to be resuming the Memorial Day Service and the "All American Lunch" served afterwards at the Mission.

Memorial Day is just one of many ceremonies of remembrance celebrated at the Hakalau Jodo Mission. Others include: Gyoki-e, Nehan-e, Higan-e, Hanamatsuri, and Eitaikyo.

It is a time to think about those who came before us and express our gratitude for those who fought to protect freedom.

It's also a time to think about how our actions will be viewed by those who come after us.

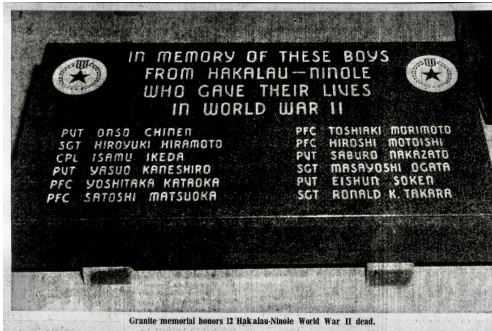
Former First Lady Michele Obama said:

"We've got a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us."

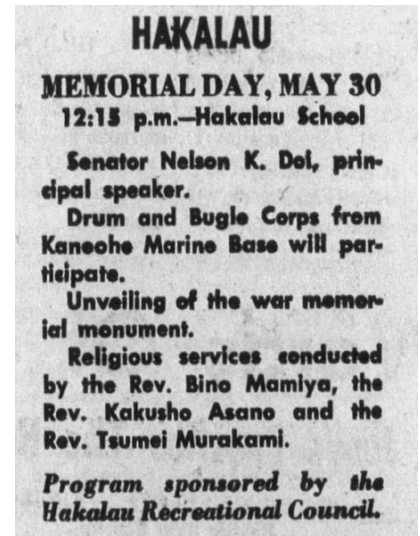
Please join us on Saturday, May 28th at the Hakalau Veteran’s Park (10:30 a.m.) to honor the 16 boys and young men from Wailea to Ninole who died in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. **If you are planning to attend lunch at the Mission after the service, please RSVP to Mike Stolp at mstolp9@gmail.com or 805-705-6073. We want to make sure we have enough food...especially the hot dogs!**

Here’s some background about the Memorial Day in Hakalau:

What began in 1945 as a quest to honor the 12 young men from the Hakalau area who died in World War II, took 20 years to become a reality. This monument was first unveiled at a Memorial Day Service on May 30, 1965 with 12 names. Over time, 4 more names were added from other wars and conflicts: World War I, Korea, and Viet Nam. Thankfully, we’ve lost none to subsequent wars.



The monument unveiled in 1965 with 12 names.



Hawaii Tribune Herald, May 29, 1965.

Let us honor all the young men from Wailea to Ninole that were lost during all of these wars:

<p>World War I: Thomas Smith</p>	<p>World War II: Pvt. Onso Chinen Sgt. Hiroyuki Hiramoto Cpl. Isamu Ikeda Pvt. Yasuo Kaneshiro Pfc. Yoshitaka Kataoka Pfc. Satoshi Matsuoka Pfc. Toshiaki Morimoto Pfc. Hiroshi Motoishi Pvt. Saburo Nakazato Sgt. Masayoshi Ogata Pvt. Eishun Soken Sgt. Ronald K. Takara</p>	<p>Korean Conflict: Pfc. Jun Matsushige</p> <p>Vietnam War: Sgt. Lester W. Alipio Spc. Bobby J. Barcena</p>
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Namu Amida Butsu

Those we lost in World War II: Ten of the 12 who died in World War II were with the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as it fought in numerous battles starting with Cassino, Italy after landing in Salerno in September 1943; then France from September 1944 to March 1945; and ending up back in Italy in April 1945 for a surprise attack on Nazi mountainside positions for which the unit received yet another Presidential Unit Citation.

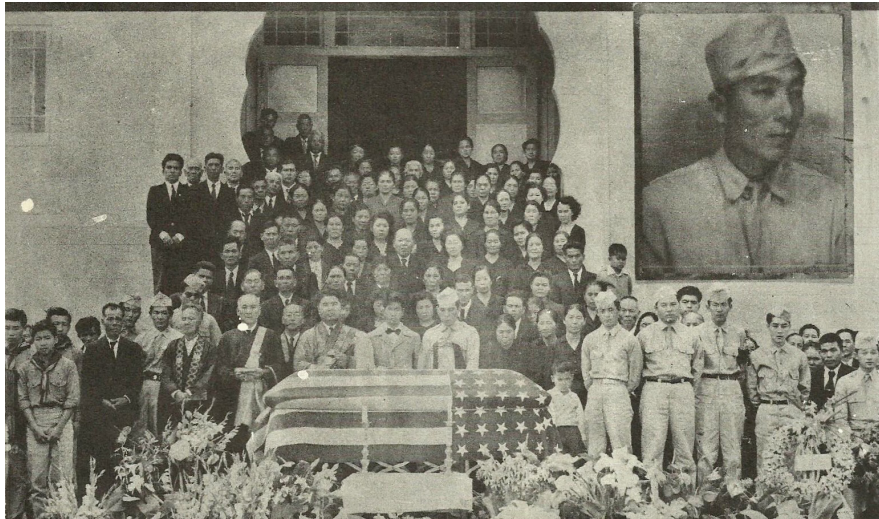
Nine of these Hakalau men were lost in the period of 12 months from November 1943 to November 1944, with the last dying in a plane crash right after the war ended. Two others died. One by a submarine torpedo 30 miles north of Upolu Point and the other drown by accident while in training as an interpreter. Brief biographies of each of the young men listed on the memorial have been compiled. Seeing photographs of them, learning about where they fought and died,

and identifying the grieving families left behind helps us to understand the magnitude of their loss. This understanding also deepens our gratitude for their service.

In this newsletter, we have room to share only two "bios:

ONSO CHINEN, November 29, 1943

Onso's father had immigrated in 1901 and his mother in 1912. Onso was raised in Chin Chuck, graduated from Hakalau School, then worked for Hakalau Plantation until he enlisted in June 1941, months before the December 7th attack.



He was the first Hakalau soldier killed in World War II. He was serving with the 100th Battalion on the Mediterranean front. They had landed in Salerno, Italy on September 22, 1943, and Onso was killed on November 29, 2 months after their first casualty. The objectives for the 100th on that day were in the vicinity of Cerasuolo and then to Cardito, villages about 35 miles from Salerno. Casualties were heavy and they were stopped on Hill 832 by well-entrenched enemy groups. By this time, and after much fighting, the 100th had already earned its reputation.

Survived by his mother, 3 brothers and 4 sisters, his remains were returned to the Big Isle in February 1949 for burial at the Veterans Cemetery in Hilo. A month later, services were held for him at the Hakalau Jodo Mission. A picture of the attendees was taken in front of the mission with the caption "**The silent triumphant return of Private Onso Chinen.**"

MASAYOSHI "BANTA" OGATA, January 25, 1944

Masayoshi was raised in Up Camp Hakalau, attended Hakalau School and later graduated from McKinley High School on Oahu in 1936. His father had immigrated in 1893 and worked as an engineer in the Hakalau Mill. Masayoshi was 26 years old and an electrician at Hakalau Plantation before being inducted into the Army on March 24, 1941, well before the December 7th attack. He was the first in Hakalau to volunteer. He and others were honored at a Hakalau dinner including Plantation Manager John M. Ross, Hakalau School Principal Eugene Capellas and Reverend Mamiya of the Hakalau Jodo Mission.

SGT Ogata was in the 100th Battalion Company D when it landed at Salerno, Italy in late September 1943, and was killed on January 25, 1944 near Cassino in the opening months of the battle of Cassino. In an account of that day, *"[the 100th] fought a series of advances and withdrawals through mine-wire defensive belts, without the benefit of armor, and under the registered German guns, eventually securing a shallow bridgehead on the west side of the Rapido [River]"*.



Masayoshi Ogata

Services were held in Hakalau at the Japanese Language School next to the Jodo Mission and a moment of silence was observed at the opening of the Hakalau baseball season for their former "star player." He was survived by his parents, 5 sisters and 4 brothers. He is buried at Alae Cemetery.

If you would like the document including all 16 bios, you can either download it from hakalauhome.com/jodo-mission-memorial-day.html, or request a paper copy be sent to you by US mail by contacting Susan Forbes at sksforges@gmail.com or 808-286-6130.

PRESERVING THE MISSION



April has been busy!

- The original windows have been installed, embellished by decorative wordwork inside to complement the scallop design outside. Brass hardware, both new and antique, has been installed to withstand our environment. Termite and water-damaged wood surrounding the windows on the outside of the building has been replaced. Painting inside the Temple is complete. NOW, the windows need to be cleaned. Final inspection of the windows is next week.
- The layout scheme for the memorial plaques has been finalized. Attaching them to the pews starts the week of May 1st.
- The roofs were inspected the last week of April. We were pleased to hear that, overall, the roofs (temple and parsonage) are in good condition. They do require some repairs and we're waiting for the proposal and bid. This project, funded by the Freeman Foundation, is high on our list of priorities.
- We've identified the source of leaks into the Social Hall and are in the process of scheduling the repairs. This is also a Freeman Foundation-funded project, also a high priority.
- We expect to be receiving a bid for painting the roofs and exterior soon.



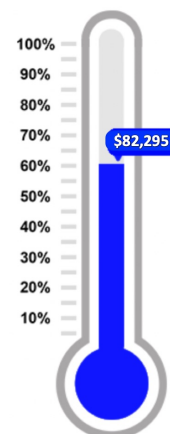
Left to Right: Decorative wordwork embellishing the window; brass hardware to withstand the environment; termite and water damaged wood replaced

Community Capital Campaign Status as of April 28th:

- 102 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$82,295, including \$50,000 (Freeman Foundation Grant, Phase 1), and \$32,295 (Community Campaign, Phase 2)—59% of our 4-year goal.
- **The opportunity is still available for *additional* memorial plaques. As of April 28th, 6 long pews and 3 short pews are available for sponsorship.**

TO ORDER A PLAQUE, please fill out the form on the next page and return it to the Mission with your contribution to the Community Capital Campaign.

GOAL: \$140,000



PHASE 2 COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT AND PEW SPONSORSHIP FORM

Donor Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ / Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Yes! I would like to make a gift *and* memorialize my ancestors, current family members, or others with a laser engraved koa plaque(s) for placement on a refurbished pew, as follows:

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____ NUMBER OF PLAQUES REQUESTED: _____

Size and Portion of Pew Sponsored	Sponsorship Level	# of Plaques
Long Pew	\$1,000	1 to 4
One Half of a Long Pew	\$500	1 or 2
Short Pew	\$500	1 or 2
One Half of a Short Pew	\$250	1

The choice of wording is yours. Once your contribution is received and the wording for each plaque confirmed, a draft will be produced and sent it to you by email or mail for your approval or revision. **A suggested format from Norma Yara, listing two generations, is provided below:**

In Loving Memory of: _____

Name of CAMP or VILLAGE: _____ (EX: CHIN CHUCK CAMP)

Children: _____
(List Biological children – oldest to youngest, followed by stepchildren)

Yes! I would like to contribute to preserving the Mission with a Community Campaign Gift. I/we do not request a laser engraved koa plaque.

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____

RETURN THIS FORM with your payment to: Hakalau Jodo Mission, PO Box 296, Hakalau, HI 96710.

NOTE: Contributions to the Hakalau Jodo Mission are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Arigato! Mahalo! Thank you!