

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - June 2024

Ishida Akihisa Sensei, Kendo Kyoshi 7 Dan, from Kyoto visited Kenshikan Dojo on Saturday, May 25. I was surprised that he brought his equipment all the way to Hawaii for just one time practice. It is amazing to see such a dedication for kendo person to have. Unfortunately I was not able to attend the practice due to my previous engagement. I am hoping that Ishida Sensei will repeat his visit in Hawaii.

Hawaii Kendo Federation had its 1 Kyu and Dan examinations on Sunday, May 26. We are happy and proud that our Club member Elbert Yoshida Sensei passed 5 Dan. Congratulations to him and I am telling him to pursue 6 Dan when he becomes eligible to take the examination. Also, all kenshis who practice with me regularly in other dojos I visit passed their respective rank examinations.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 23 at Mililani District Park Gym, 94-1150 Lanikuhana Avenue, Mililani, from 8:30AM to 5PM. Even though I urged our club members to participate, we ended up only 3 persons can participate. Good luck to them. Do your best and enjoy the tournament.

Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei, Kyoshi 7 Dan, and his devoted wife Keiko Sensei, Renshi 6 Dan, will visit Hawaii from June 19 to 24. They will visit our dojo on Wednesday, June 19. You may come and join our practice or just say, "Hi" to them. We are glad that they come annually to be with us and support us.

Yamakita Shiro Sensei, Renshi 6 Dan, with Japanese Maritime Defense Force, on vessel JS Haguro is participating RIMPAC2024 from July to the middle of August in Hawaii. He plans to visit Oahu clubs whenever his schedule allows. He normally bring along with him some other kendo enthusiastic shipmates. Please welcome him when he visits your club.

Every once in a while Hawaii Kendo Federation President, Yukimasa Furutani Sensei, tells his students, 「稽古は、嘘をつかない」 "Keiko-wa Uso-wo Tsukanai" Keiko (practice) would not lie. It means that continuous practices would certainly give you positive outcome or improvements. This applies to students who diligently study hard. They get good results at school. It applies to your business. You eventually end up with profit if you put your constant efforts in your business. As for me, practices are retarding my athletic ability deterioration. Let us keep on practice together.

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