

Wahiawa Kendo Club Bulletin - May 2025

Hawaii Kendo Federation 1 Kyu/Dan examinations will be on Sunday, May 25 at Honbu Dojo, Myohoji Hall. Those who take examination, prepare for it. Our dojo has only one applicant.

Our own Tusha Buntin Sensei is leading Hawaii Iai-Do delegation to Tsuyama, Okayama for its seminar and examination. The examination is on Sunday, June 1. Good luck for those taking the examination.

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance this year is on Friday and Saturday, June 13 & 14. Mark your calendar. We are canceling our 2 practices on Monday and Wednesday, June 9 & 11 because the social hall is not available for us for preparation. Also, they will be asking if you can volunteer some works for them if you are available.

We are happy and excited to have Sasaki Hiroshi Sensei and his sweet wife, Keiko Sensei. They are arriving in Hawaii on June 24 and stay till June 30. They will come along with Hatakeyama Misuhiko Sensei, President of Oodate Kendo Federation, Kyoshi 7 Dan with his wife Mrs. Yoshiko Hatakeyama. They will be visiting various dojos every day. Please welcome them when they visit your club.

Leeward Oahu Kendo Tournament is on Sunday, June 29 at Mililani District Park Gym. Plan to participate and practice hard.

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation 9th North American Women's Invitational Kendo Championship is on Saturday, July 19 in Shoreline, Washington preceded by the seminar conducted by 5 times All Japan Women's Champion, Murayama Chinatsu Sensei, Kyoshi, 7 Dan from Saitama. This tournament is restricted to ladies 15 years old and up. Team Hawaii still need member(s) to form Team. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

If you have vehicles running or not and no longer needed, consider donate them to Hawaii Kendo Federation through Kokua In Kind program.

Wahiawa Kendo Club T-shirts are available. Sizes are S, M, L, XL and XXL. Color is black and \$15 except XXL, which is \$17. The back of T-shirts says, "Kendo will make it better."

Not like where I live, I could not find much trash along side streets and roads during my recent group tour in Japan. When we climbed up a little hill to view the entire Ouchi Juku, old pedestrians lodging village with the line of thatched roof houses from Edo Era, I noticed a crushed aluminum can on the side of path. Something in my brain told me to pick it up, but I did not. When I was descending down, one of our tour group ladies was carrying that exact can. I was so ashamed of myself who was telling my kendo students to leave facilities clean or cleaner than the time you came in. I grabbed the can from her and told her, "It's my turn," and later found recycling container to dispose it. We suppose to do what we advocate in our lives.

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