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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, WAHIAWĀ SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2022; THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Organizations and affiliations that may be participating: Royal Order of Kamehameha Chapter 8, Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors (Mamakakaua); O'ahu Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Queen's Court, Lili'uokalani Church UCC, the Cathedral of St. Andrew, and others.

To add your organization's participation or for more information,
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The Lili'uokalani Birthday Remembrance at Soldiers Chapel Schofield has been approved for Sept. 1st, 2022 10:00 AM. This is an annual event initiated in 2015 to commemorate Lili'uokalani's role in supporting the construction of a chapel for use by the 13,000 soldiers of the newly established Schofield Barracks. The chapel was completed in 1913, about a year before the beginning of World War I in July 28, 1914. That war would end in 1918 one year after the death of Lili'uokalani.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918.

Lili'uokalani died one year earlier on Nov. 11, 1917. Veterans Day takes place every year on Nov. 11th the same day that Lili'uokalani's death is commemorated in the Episcopal Church of Hawai'i.

Soldiers at Schofield for many years referred to the chapel as the Queen's Chapel. An annual remembrance is held every year during the first week of September to coincide with her birthday on September 2nd.

IOLANI GUILD

Barbara Vlachos, former President of the 'Iolani Guild, a devotional philanthropic society of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, said she was moved to be able to attend a service in a church that the Queen had helped to build. "She would have loved to have been here worshiping with the Soldiers," Vlachos said. "She would have loved creating a house of worship where everyone could be worshiping together."

BISHOP FITZPATRICK

The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, which oversees the church Queen Lili'uokalani belonged to, concluded, "We're celebrating a saint in one of the houses she built for us all, but particularly for those lonely men and women from all over the United States and the world who don't even know they're being prayed for today in this place." When completed the Chapel was blessed in 1913 and in attendance included were the Episcopal Bishop, Queen Lili'uokalani and the minister of Central Union Church.

Chapel History

The Queen Lili'uokalani Chapel, as it was affectionately known, was constructed in 1913, and it was a gift to the Army from the last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani. The chapel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the historic district at Schofield Barracks. (USAG-HI preserves history by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai'i Directorate of Public Works, May 17, 2011) Queen Lili'uokalani (Lydia Kamakaeha) was born on September 2nd, 1838.