

## DRAFT LETTER TO O'AHU VETERANS COUNCIL

On Apr 28, 2024, at 9:08AM, Pete Aloha <pete.tingstrom@gmail.com> wrote:

I talked to the executive director of the Oahu Veterans council and she will email it to all the veteran service organizations, even ones that weren't there yesterday with whatever we want to tell them.

I have an event to go to today. If you could draft something up, that would be great.

Pete

### **Scott to Pete: What do you think:**

Memorial Day, which began as Decoration Day, honors the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. These courageous individuals have given everything they had to defend our freedoms and way of life.

Memorial Day reminds us of the high price of freedom and the debt of gratitude we owe to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice and honor their memory with gratitude.

A Japanese Buddhist group, Shinnyo-en, continues to trample on the memory and observance of our fallen heroes. Possibly their leader, Masako "Shinso" Ito does not understand the social significance of this sacred day of reflection. We have attempted unsuccessfully to educate their organization for five years. We offered a number of compromise alternatives. Shinnyo-en continues to ignore our polite, civil requests for change. Shinnyo-en instead prefers conflict.

A team of local Veterans and military supporters, led by LtCol (Ret) Pete Tingstrom and U.S. Army Reserves (Ret) Scott Goold, have initiated a boycott of Shinnyo-en Floating Lantern ceremony scheduled for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024.

The team calls for your immediate action. Our #1 objective is to persuade Shinnyo-en to change the day of Floating Lantern 2024 to Saturday or Sunday, May 25-26, 2024. If unsuccessful, we will continue our BOYCOTT Shinnyo-en action through this Memorial Day holiday.

Please see our team's website for additional information:  
[www.BoycottShinnyo.com](http://www.BoycottShinnyo.com)

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