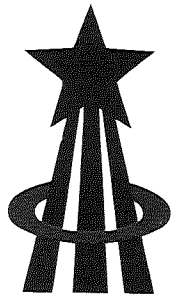




ONIZUKA MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF COLONEL ELLISON S. ONIZUKA



December 26, 2022

Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjin Kai
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Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjin Kai,

I would like to say Arigato to the Hawaii Fukuoka Kenjin Kai for providing me the great opportunity to travel to Fukuoka to be a part of the dedications in honor of Senator Daniel Inouye, Governor George Ariyoshi, and my brother Astronaut Ellison Onizuka. It truly was an honor to be a part of the dedication of the Bronze Plaque honoring Governor George Ariyoshi at Buzen. Also being a part of the dedication of the Bronze Bust of Senator Daniel Inouye at Yame City.

And finally being a part of the Bronze Plaque dedication at Ukiha City in honor of my brother Astronaut Ellison Onizuka.

I truly believe that the relationship between Fukuoka and Hawaii has definitely grown stronger with our visit to Fukuoka.

All of the ceremonies were very professional and uplifting.

On behalf of the entire Onizuka family, I would like to express our sincere Arigato for remembering my brother Ellison and helping us in keeping his legacy alive.

"The Dream is Alive and the Journey Continues"

Arigato

Sincerely

Claude S. Onizuka
Chairman