Okinawa was the fierce battlefield at the end of the Pacific War. The islanders were sacrificed by the Japanese military. Thousands of civilians were killed and even forced to kill themselves rather than surrender. They don't believe in war. Under the circumstance in which the tension of the U.S. against China has been getting worse, the people of Okinawa worry that their islands would become a battlefield again by the joint U.S. and Japanese forces. And their wish and movement for peace are getting stronger. Following the last year's first event, they again plan this event this year for the Okinawan memorial day on June 23. I hope you can join.

Please join and spread the word.

Read out the names on "Cornerstone of Peace" in Okinawa in June.

This June, again, we will read out names on "Cornerstone of Peace" for remembering the war dead during the Battle of Okinawa and pledging peace.

June 23 is Okinawa Memorial Day. Seventy-seven years ago, the systematic fighting of the former Japanese Army deployed in Okinawa ended on this day.

The "Cornerstone of Peace" in Okinawa is a monument inscribed with the names of 241,632 civilians, military personnel, and civilians who died in the Battle of Okinawa, regardless of their place of origin or nationality. Every year people gather around this memorial built at the center of the battle site, remembering the perished and suffering of the people and pledging peace. This year, for the second time following a successful event initiated last year, we gather online and live to read all the names inscribed on the "Cornerstone."

Nearly 14,000 American names are on the cornerstone. Stand with Okinawa NY asks you to join the project as a reader for peace.



## How to participate

Participate via ZOOM during the event.

# **Date and Time of our participation.**

Our reading session will be held via ZOOM on June 1, 2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,16,17,18,and 19. Due to the time difference, our slot will be set <u>from 8 pm to 9 pm EST</u> (only on June 19, 8:00 pm to 8:40 pm). You will join ZOOM and read the list of American and British names in a relay system, taking turns. <u>If you can participate</u>, <u>please let us know and give the selection of a few or several available dates so we can manage and decide your time/date among them</u>.

#### **How to read out the names**

- \*The participants will read the names either for 15 minutes (for 250 names) or 30 minutes (for 500 names). At first, you briefly introduce yourself, then read the names.
- \*Pre-register is needed. The participants will receive a list of names in advance as soon as the date and time of your participation are set.

## How to register

Contact in NY: Hideko Otake, Stand with Okinawa NY. <a href="mailto:standwithokinawany@gmail.com">standwithokinawany@gmail.com</a>

Cell: 917-587-1158.



### **REGISTRATION:** Please fill out and email to <a href="mailto:standwithokinawany@gmail.com">standwithokinawany@gmail.com</a>

Your name					
Organization (if you have)					
Email address					
Telephone number					
15 minutes or 30 minutes?					
Preferred day (Please check one or a few available date(s), if possible, among which we can decide					
one.) between 8 pm and 9 pm (except between 8 pm – 8:40 pm on June 9)					
June 1, Thur		June 2, Fri		June 3, Sat	

June 4, Sun	June 6, Tue	June 7, Wed
June 8, Thurs	June 9, Fri	June 10, Sat
June 16, Fri	June 17, Sat	June 18, Sun
June 19, Mon	ххххххх	хххххх

Thank you so much !!!!!!!