AMERICAN SAMOA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



2020 CALENDAR



Old Fale in Aua Village circa 1920

January 2020

Cover Photo:
Jean Haydon with
Matalasi Moliga visiting
Manu'a High School - 1972

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY January 1, 1962 - Western Samoa became the first independent state in the tropical South Pacific.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 January 8, 1915 - A devastating hurricane hit the Manu'a Islands, killing three people.	9	10	11 January 11, 1938 - The Pan American Airways Samoan Clipper, captained by Edwin Musick, crashed south of Tutuila shortly after takeoff. January 11, 1942 - A Japanese submarine shelled the Naval Station from Fagasa. One of the shells struck a building owned by Frank Shimasaki, one of the few residents of Japanese decent.
12	13	14	15	16	17 January 17, 1987 - Hurricane Tusi slammed into the Manu'a Islands, destroying or severely damaging most of the structures there.	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	21	22	23 January 23, 1918 - The New Government High School (later renamed the Poyer School) was dedicated in Aua, Tutuila, near where the canneries are located today.	24	25
26 January 26, 1956 - The first official U.S. air mail was delivered to American Samoa.	27	28	29 January 29, 1966 - 16 people were killed across the Samoan Archipelago by a hurricane. Many traditional structures were replaced by "hurricane houses," some of which still are in use today.	30 January 30, 1974 - A Pan Am 707 crashed when attempting to land at Pago Pago International Airport. 86 of the 91 passengers died in the crash.	31	



Group of young men holding paddles on the beach - Sili Village, Manu'a.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 February 2, 1990 - Hurricane Ofa began its four day rampage through the Samoan Islands.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 February 9, 1971- Apollo 14 splashed down near American Samoa; Astronauts from the spacecraft passed through Pago Pago en route to the States.	10	11 February 11, 1948 - President Harry S. Truman declared his intention to have American Samoa, Guam, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands administered by the Department of the Interior.	12	13	14 **Valentine's Day** February 14, 1872 - Commander Richard W. Meade, CO of the USS Narragansett, visited Pago Pago harbor to investigate the possibility of establishing a naval station there.	15
16	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18	19 February 19, 1900 - Commander B.F. Tilley became the first Governor of American Samoa.	20 February 20, 1929 - The U.S. Senate approves the Deeds of Cession signed by the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu'a.	21	22 February 22, 1951 - Naval administration of American Samoa is turned over to the Department of the Interior.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Covered Machine Guns infront of the Naval Administration Building, Fagatogo - circa 1937

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March 1, 1606 - Swains Island is sighted by Spanish explorer Pedro Fernandez de Quiros.	**2** March 2, 1872 - Commander Richard M. Meade and Mauga Manuma signed the first treaty between Samoa and the U.S., giving the United States rights to establish a coaling station in Pago Harbor.	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** March 12, 1912 - First Hospital in American Samoa is opened at Malaloa. Site later became known as the 'Annex.'	**13**	**14**
15 March 15, 1889 - The 'Great Apia Hurricane' sunk two German and two U.S. warships in Apia Harbor. Two other ships were forced to beach themselves. Only the HMS Calliope was able to make it to open seas.	**16**	**17** ST. PATRICK'S DAY	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** March 27, 1961- President John F. Kennedy appointed H. Rex Lee as Governor of American Samoa.	**28**
29	**30**	**31** March 31, 1943 - Marine 2nd Brigade opened a revised Jungle Warfare Training Center in Malaeimi Valley.				



Governor Haydon and dignataries and others visiting Ofu, Manu'a.

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 April 6, 1942 - The Utah Construction Company, with the assistance of the Marine Corps, completed a 2500 foot runway at Tafuna Air Base.	7	8	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 EASTER SUNDAY	13 EASTER MONDAY	14	15	16	17 AMERICAN SAMOA FLAG DAY April 17, 1900 - Deed of Cession that granted the United States sovereignty over Tutuila and Aunu'u was signed.	18 April 18, 1970 - Apollo 13 astronauts pass though Pago Pago International Airport after splashing down in the Pacific.
19	20	21	22	23	24 April 24, 1900 - Commander B.F.Tilley issued his first two ordinances as Governor of American Samoa.	25
26 April 26, 1960 - American Samoa Constitutional Convention ended. "Final unanimous agreement was hammered out by full debate and compromise."	27 April 27, 1960 - American Samoa Constitution was ratified and signed by the 68 delegates as well as Governor Coleman and Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton in front of 5,000 people.	28	29	30 April 30, 1900 - Commander B.F. Tilley issued Regulation No. 4, regarding 'Alienation of Native Lands.' This act protected Samoan land from being bought by foreigners.		



American Samoa Navy Nurses - circa 1944

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 May 1, 1900 - Commander B. F. Tilley issued Regulation No. 5, which established the form of government for American Samoa. The districts that were created at this time are still the political units in use today.	2
3	4	5 May 5, 1768 - Louis Antone de Bougainville sighted the Samoan Islands, naming them 'The Navigator Islands' after being impressed by the Samoans' sailing skills.	6	7	8	9 May 9, 1838 - The London Missionary Society (LMS) established a church at Pago Pago, Tutuila.
10 MOTHERS' DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 May 19, 1914 - Bank of American Samoa established.	20	21	22	23
24	25 May 25, 1986 - The Hokule'a voyaging canoe was greeted by "hoards of people" at Pago Pago Harbor. MEMORIAL DAY	26 May 26, 1969 - Apollo 10 astronauts pass through Pago Pago International Airport after splashing down near Tutuila.	27	28	29	30



Pago Park and Tennis

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 June 5, 1900 - United States flag raised on Ta'u for the first time.	6
7	8 June 8, 1922 - First bus service on Tutuila begins operations.	9	10	11	12	13 June 13, 1722 - Dutch navigator Jacob Roggeveen becomes the first European to sight the Samoan islands beginning with Manu'a.
14	15	16	17	18 June 18, 1888 - Elder Joseph Henry Dean established the first branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Leone, Tutuila.	19	20
21 FATHERS' DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 June 30, 1908 - The Papatea School opened at Ta'u, Manu'a. Vaega, a London Missionary Society pastor, was the only teacher.				



Ta'u Dispensary

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 July 6, 1900 - The Secretary of the Navy authorized Commander B. F. Tilley to form what would become the FitaFita Guard.	7 July 7, 2009 - The first fiber optic cable makes landfall at American Samoa.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 July 14, 1904 - Tui Manu'a Eliasara signed Deed of Cession, relinquishing sovereignty of his Kingdom to the United States of America.	15 July 15, 1904 - Deed of Cession of Manu'a registered at American Samoa's Courthouse by Secretary of Native Affairs E. W. Gurr.	16 MANU'A CESSION DAY	17	18 July 18, 1899 - Tripartite commission recommends that the Samoan Islands be divided instead of continuing tripartite administration of the islands. July 18, 1962 - First jet aircraft makes landing at Pago Pago International Airport. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall is one of the passengers.
19	20 July 20, 2008 - The 10th Festival of Pacific Arts opens in American Samoa. Over 25 island nations and protectorates participate in the opening ceremonies.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Poyer School Band

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 August 31, 1976 - The electorate of American Samoa decides by a vote of 3044 to 1366 to elect their Governor and Lieutenant Governor.					1 August 1, 1883 - the Sisters of Our Lady of Oceania opened their first school at Leone, Tutuila.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 August 11, 1925 - Margaret Mead arrives in American Samoa to begin fieldwork for her doctoral dissertation at Columbia University.	12	13	14	15 August 15, 1830 - John Williams sights Savai'i. Williams was the first missionary to make contact with the Samoan people.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 August 25, 1996 - the Aiga o Tautai Samoa (Samoan Voyaging Society) launched the 60 foot alia Mana o Samoa in Pago Pago Harbor.	26	27	28	29



View of officers' double quarter - Governor's Mansion in background

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 September 6, 1913 - Governor Clark Daniel Sterns established the Judicial, Treasury, Interior, Agriculture, and Public Health departments of the American Samoa Government.	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 September 23, 1949 - President Harry S. Truman approved a memorandum of understanding recommending that authority over American Samoa be transferred from the Navy to the Department of the Interior.	24	25	26
27	28	29 September 29, 2000 - McDonald's opened its first restaurant in Tafuna, Tutuila. September 29, 2009 - A devastating tsunami hits American Samoa killing 34. In Samoa 149 died while in Tonga 9 people were killed.	30			



Samoan lady doing washing 1928

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 October 1, 1900 - The first post office was opened at U.S. Naval Station, Tutuila.	2	3
4	5	6	7 October 7, 1945 - Al Lolotai became the first Samoan to play in the NFL as a tackle and guard for the Washington Redskins. October 7, 1949 - the U.S.S. Chelhalis burned, capsized, and sank off the oil dock in Pago Harbor.	8	9	10
11 WHITE SUNDAY	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13	14	15	16 October 16, 1956 - Peter Tali Coleman became the first person of Samoan descent to be appointed governor of the territory.	17
18 October 18, 1966 - Lyndon Baines Johnson became the only U.S. President to visit American Samoa. October 18, 1832 - Missionary John Williams arrives at Leone, Tutuila Island.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN October 31, 1988 - The National Park of American Samoa was authorized by the U.S. Congress.



School Fale in Fagaalu - Matafao - circa 1961

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 November 1, 1977 - Peter Tali Coleman became the first elected governor of American Samoa.	2	3 November 3, 1920 - Commander Warren J. Terhune committed suicide at Government House, becoming the first governor of American Samoa to die in office.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 November 12, 1901 - Commander B.F. Tilley is cleared of all charges in his court martial for drunkenness, lying down among the native Samoans, and comforting himself in an undignified manner among said natives.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 November 23, 1918 - Governor J.M. Poyer orders a quarantine saving American Samoa from the Spanish Influenza Pandemic.	24 November 24, 1939 - Imoa, who was convicted of killing Sema, was hung at the Customs House, becoming the last prisoner executed in American Samoa.	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29 November 29, 1970 - his Holiness Pope Paul VI became the only Pontiff to visit Samoa.	30					



Marketplace by the Pago Wharf. Sellers sitting on the malae holding umbrellas - 1925.

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 December 3, 1894 - World famous author Robert Louis Stevenson passed away at his home in Vailima, Upolu.	4	5
6	7 December 7, 1991- On the fiftieth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hurricane Val caused heavy damage throughout the Samoan Islands.	8	9	10	11 December 11, 1787 - 12 members of Jean-Francois de la Perouse's crew were killed at A'asu. The site became known as "Massacre Bay." At least 39 Samoans were killed in the clash.	12
13	14	15 December 15, 1916 - William Somerset Maugham arrived in Pago Pago aboard the SS Sonoma. Miss Sadie Thompson was also a passenger, and became the inspiration for the short story Rain.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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We invite the Community to provide us with comments and suggestions
on the American Samoa Historic Preservation Work for 2020.
What do you think of our plan? What do you think we should be doing this year?

WORK PLAN FOR FY 2020

The program activities listed below are as mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 and its promulgating regulations (36 CFR 800) as required and authorized by the National Park Service:

- Conduct an on-going comprehensive survey of historic properties in the Territory and maintain an inventory of such properties.
- Identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Advise and assist Federal and Territorial agencies in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities.
- Consult with appropriate Federal agencies on all undertakings that may affect historical properties in order to protect, manage, reduce or mitigate harm to such properties.
- Ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development.
- Provide public information, education and training, and technical assistance in historic preservation.

GOAL OBJECTIVES

In addition to our ongoing mandated activities, the following are our more specific goals for calendar year 2020:

Survey and Inventory Rehabilitation
- Conduct an archaeological survey in Tutuila and Manu'a to document prehistoric and historic archaeological sites.
- Update digital inventory files for all historic properties identified to date.
- Re-visit historic properties previously identified to assess their current status. Obtain geographic positioning system (GPS) derived UTM coordinates for all inventoried historic properties.

National Register of Historic Places
- Nominate at least two historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Draft and seek passage to Territorial legislation establishing a comprehensive American Samoa Historic Preservation Act.
- Nominate Legendary Sites to the National Register.

Education
- Develop newsletter for the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office.
- Improve/update web page (ashpo.org) and access to historical information.
- Work with the Department of Education, Private Schools and ASCC Samoan Studies to develop elements for a cultural/historical conservation curriculum for the schools linked to historic and legendary sites of Tutuila and Manu'a.

Planning
- Develop local legislation to establish an American Samoa Historic Preservation Act to protect, preserve, and maintain American Samoa's historic properties.
- Support Local Legislation which will provide funding to rehabilitate historic buildings in American Samoa.
- Seek government and private sector sources of funding to finance historic preservation projects.

Public Participation
- Solicit the views of all segments of the public regarding historic properties and preservation.
- Provide opportunities for the public to share their views on Historic and Cultural Preservation activities, including program activities of the ASHPO.
- Host a Territory-Wide Conference of Stakeholders in Cultural Preservation with the purpose of establishing a preservation or heritage council.

Outreach
- Work with the American Samoa Visitors Bureau and the National Park of American Samoa to develop heritage tourism and informational brochures.
- Promote Historic Preservation on Radio and Television.
- Compile Historic Context of Fautasi and Tatau

Public comment and in-put are welcome. Stop by our office in Fagaima,
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Legendary Rock at Sili, Olosega, Manu'a