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LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret)

President’s Report

In March, JAVA helped to say farewell to former Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs Ed Chow at Arlington National Cemetery. He always honored the legacy of the 100th, 442nd, and MIS. We will miss him and his many contributions to JAVA.

In another transition, on May 31, President Mike Cardarelli handed off JAVA leadership to new officers. Secretary Wade Ishimoto and I joined Vice President Mark

Nakagawa and Treasurer George Ishikata to form the new team. Thanks to Mike Cardarelli and the other key leaders for their professionalism and many contributions to JAVA!

As I embark on this journey, I will follow three key ideas. First, I am committed to JAVA’s fundamental purposes. Our predecessors’ patriotism and loyalty, especially the Greatest Generation who faced wartime discrimination, helped to secure justice and equality. Their legacy still resonates and guides all who follow in their footsteps.

Second, we must maintain the momentum on important ongoing projects, like the NARA digitization effort. As always, I commit to keeping you informed and working collaboratively with all as we do these and other tasks.

Finally, we must develop a clear vision to meet our needs and challenges of the future. Building on the 2015 strategic review, we will plan our azimuth for our next few years. We must work hard to keep JAVA relevant and to serve our membership.

Although I’m Mainland born, my roots are from Hawai’i. So with humility and gratitude, I close with *Aloha*. --Al Goshi

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The Honorable Edward Chow, Jr.



Arlington National Cemetery caisson bearing the remains of Secretary Chow on March 21, 2017. Photo from Sheila Khatri

Maryland State Secretary Edward Chow, Jr., Passes

By Al Goshi, Annapolis, MD. On March 21, 2017, JAVA helped to honor former Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Chow, Jr., at his interment at Arlington National Cemetery. Ed Chow was a Vietnam veteran and a strong leader in the Asian Pacific Islander American community throughout his life.

Helping in his family’s restaurant in Seattle, WA, and in his Army service in Germany and Vietnam, he learned values and leadership that made him a force in the Asian Pacific Islander, veteran, and broader communities. Always ready with a humorous and instructive story, he often pointed to the influence of the WWII Nisei on his Army career. The commander of his first unit, explaining that he had served with the 442nd, entrusted him with the toughest assignments. He was dedicated to honoring the legacy of the 100th, 442nd, and MIS veterans.

Upon returning from Vietnam, he worked as a portfolio manager and investment adviser, ran successful private businesses, and then was appointed as a Cabinet official in Washington State. He was responsible for the State government’s disaster response for incidents like the Mount St. Helen’s eruption. He served as the City Administrator for Kent, WA, and then was appointed by President Clinton as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

He was a leader in the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) since the 1980s, as VVA’s Washington State President, and on the National Board of Directors. In 2001 he became VVA’s National Vice President, and in 2006 became President of the Maryland State Council. He also participated in and cared deeply about JAVA and many other veterans organizations.

From 2009 through 2015, he served as Maryland’s Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He was instrumental in the passage of a Maryland General Assembly resolution honoring Nisei WWII veterans, and JAVA members spoke from the floor of both the House of Delegates and the Senate. The Maryland State House was one of our nation’s early capitols, so this was an historic event for JAVA. JAVA extends its condolences to Secretary Chow’s partner and fellow Vietnam veteran, Sara McVicker, to his children Dr. Ward Chow and Dr. Elizabeth Chow, and to the rest of the Chow family. He will be sorely missed.

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The Ohio State University Names Residence Hall in Honor of John Hideo Houston

Columbus, OH. On 4 November 2016, the Ohio State University dedicated their newest eight-story coed residence hall in John Hideo Houston's memory. Houston was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1949 but moved to the United States in 1965 with his family, including his younger brother, JAVA founding member Bill Houston. Houston House is one of several buildings honoring Ohio State veterans. Houston, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, died at age 34 after his helicopter crashed during training exercises in inclement weather in 1984 near Pohang, Korea.

John began his studies at OSU in 1969. In 1970 he was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The survival rate was less than 20 percent at that time. John didn't let the disease affect him and after a very aggressive treatment, including an experimental treatment, and two years of surgeries, he was cancer-free. John dreamt of becoming a Marine Aviator. His father fueled this passion by regaling the family with his exploits as a WWI fighter pilot. John earned a private pilot license at Ohio State.

In the summer of 1973 John began a year studying abroad as part of an OSU exchange program with the Keio University. After his semester at Keio, he remained in Japan, retracing his roots before hitchhiking through Asia and Europe to complete an around-the-world journey. Houston graduated from OSU in 1975 with a BA in business administration. After graduation he completed his platoon leader's class training with honors and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He began flight training in Pensacola, FL, and was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1979.

In 1981, John earned a Humanitarian Medal by assisting the government of Sri Lanka in delivering supplies to weather torn remote sites. He helped the people of Sri Lanka by delivering more than 15 tons of equipment to Mount Pidurutalagala. In 1982, Houston served as a liaison officer working with the Japanese Air Self Defense Forces.

Upon completion of that mission, the producers of the movie, *The Killing Fields*, needed the Marine Corps' assistance in filming the evacuation scenes of the American Embassy in Saigon. John and his crew were selected to fly the evacuation scenes. After completing the scenes, his squadron, HMH 361 was to take part in a historic flight of the first CH-53 squadron to be fully night-vision qualified. On the morning of March 24, 1984, two flights of four CH-53 helicopters began their mission from Pohang, Korea. The first flight crew completed the mission, but during the second flight, the XO aborted the mission because of deteriorating conditions. On the return flight to base, in thick fog and rain, John's helicopter struck the mountainside of Pohang and all on board were killed instantly -- 18 U.S. Marines and 11 Republic of Korea Marines. Today, a memorial in Pohang commemorates those who died.

Although he was born in Japan, Bill said, his brother dearly loved America. During a break in his flight training, Bill was assigned to work with Dr. John T. Mount, Vice President at the Ohio State University. Dr. Mount asked Bill if he knew John Houston. Bill had heard that question all his life and acknowledged that John was his brother. Thereupon, Dr. Mount recounted the story of how the Vietnam War had sparked riots across America and at Ohio State. After the Kent State shooting, the Ohio State closed the campus and reopened on May 19, 1970.

On May 21, 1970, rioters tore down the American flag from the flagpole in front of the Administration Building. Dr. Mount witnessed John's bravery as he and four other students wrestled the flag away from the rioters and kept it in safekeeping until help arrived. Dr. Mount found it ironic that five students, all of whom appeared to be of foreign descent, helped protect the American flag from Americans.

"Patriotism was not some cliché," Bill said. His brother would be honored by the recognition from OSU, but John would say he isn't deserving of such an honor. "He often spoke of Ohio State and the chances given him because of his time there," Bill said. "He lived what Woody Hayes preached quite often: 'You can never pay back, but you can always pay it forward.' John always paid it forward." In addition to the building in the North Residential District being named in honor of Houston, photos and other memorabilia from his time as a student at OSU are displayed in the hall.



Capt John Hideo Houston,
US Marines, Late Brother of
Bill Houston

Ishimoto's Role in the Building of Hawaii Air National Guard

By Maj Gen Arthur Ishimoto, USAF (Ret)

Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1956, Major Arthur Ishimoto was hired by the 7th Air Force to be the project manager of installing heavy ground radar equipment and ancillary equipment needed to establish an Air Defense Direction Center. When operational, it would provide radar coverage of all aircraft entering Hawaii air space, to identify it, scramble fighter aircraft to determine whether it is friend or foe, and if hostile, to destroy it. This radar station was located at Kahuku, Punamano, Oahu. It was an old WWII radar site believed to be the station that detected the Japanese invading aircraft on December 7, 1941.

At midnight July 1, 1956, Punamano radar station began operation providing air surveillance 24/7. In 1949, the US Air Force (USAF) planned to install a permanent, three site air defense complex at Kokee on Kauai, Haleakala on Maui, and at Kunia Tunnel adjacent to Wheeler AFB. The cost for the project was \$5 million. Unable to fund the project, USAF approached the National Guard Bureau (NGB) to fund and take over the project.

It was then turned over to the Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) to take over the project. Unfortunately the amount of money available was \$867,000. HANG refused. However, the NGB again requested HANG to do whatever possible to make it succeed. It was referred to Maj. Arthur Ishimoto for analysis since he was the Director of Communication-Electronics and had the expertise to analyze it. After studying it, he recommended a system change and equipment modification. It was approved. He proceeded to eliminate seven radio relay station with costly infrastructures. He designed new antennas and modified the receivers. He placed them in an optimum location and optimum height. Tested the system for four months and declared it 99.99% reliable. This was the major key to saving large amounts of money for the project.

The Kokee AFS began operating in 1961. It was completed as scheduled and no unusual problem encountered. Personnel from the Punamano radar station relocated to Kokee. Later the point-to-point radio system between Kokee, Kauai and Punamano was replaced with a new commercial microwave system made by Collins Radio Co. The initial cost was a million dollars because it involved a costly radio relay station with a ten-mile access road and power line. Maj. Ishimoto redesigned the system to place it next to a road with a power line, and installing a billboard type reflector to bounce the signal to clear a ridge, thus eliminating the costly relay site and saving \$950,000.

Haleakala was a problem. The University of Hawaii (UH) and TV stations had installations at the summit and they opposed the HANG installation. UH declared the radar would ionize the air, the activity would create dust and ruin their experiment. After a lengthy negotiation, HANG decided to kill the project. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed a joint-use facility on Mt. Kaala, Oahu. After Ishimoto provided for approval a composite radar coverage diagram, the Pacific Air Force approved the submittal. The FAA provided funding for the 6.8 miles of treacherous access road to Mt. Kaala and the HANG provided fund for the site development.

This project was fraught with problems. FAA had a contract dispute with the contractor and construction problems with the access road delayed the project. However, the radar control center was located in an old warehouse, Bldg. 204. It was refurbished, thus reducing the cost of the project. It began operation in 1965. JM Tanaka was the contractor for the access road.

When the project was completed, Maj. Ishimoto returned \$2,000 from the total amount funded for the project. He saved a total of \$5.133 million dollars. In today's dollars, adjusting for inflation, Ishimoto saved the US government over \$40 million. He was instrumental in developing a five-year defense plan to upgrade fighter aircraft and create two new units, an air refueling squadron and a military airlift squadron. Several years later, the HANG received the F-15 Eagle air superiority fighter, the 204th Airlift Squadron and the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron.

Today the HANG has the F-22 Raptor stealth fighter aircraft, C-17 Globemaster III transport for the airlift squadron and the KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft for the air refueling squadron. They made six deployments to the Central Command's Area of Responsibility in the middle east during the past two decades.

The Russian TU-95 Bear strategic bomber is still a real threat. Although it is a politically sensitive issue, the United States cannot repeat the pre-WWII mistake and ignore the threats. Thanks to Major Ishimoto, there will always be a Hawaii Air Defense System to defend against airborne threats.

Ednote: <https://java.wildapricot.org/news/4762190> provides Maj Gen Ishimoto's full report and photo. It can be found on the JAVA website: JAVA.wildapricot.org.]



Key Kobayashi and his Family Arranged Arlington Cemetery Memorial Day Service for 69 years

Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. In the late morning of every Sunday before the official Monday holiday of each year for the past 69 years, under conditions of rain, sleet, snow and fair weather, JACL WDC Chapter has placed flowers at the gravesite of each Japanese American and Caucasian officers who served with the Nisei interred at the Arlington National Cemetery. A 45-minute program at the Pavilion, which includes a keynote speaker and a US Army bugler playing the taps, the laying of flowers at each gravesite, and the presentation of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown, complete the program. JAVA has served as a joint sponsor of this event since May 27, 2007, when Dr. Craig Uchida, President of JACL WDC, invited JAVA to participate as joint sponsor.

In a high-profile burial service at Arlington on June 4, 1948, attended by high government and community leaders, two Nisei, both members of the 442nd RCT who were killed in the Vosges Forests of northeastern France, PFC Saburo Tanamachi of San Benito, TX, and PFC Fumitake Nagato of Arlington, VA, were the first Nisei to be interred at Arlington.

Program arrangements with the Cemetery began with former MIS officer Key Kiyokazu Kobayashi, who was born in Fresno, CA, on March 11, 1922. He received his Bachelor's in political science at the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's in international relations at Columbia. When war began he was evacuated to the Fresno Assembly Center, a temporary holding area to await the building of the Gila River Internment camp. To make the most of his camp life, he played for the Gila River baseball team before enlisting in 1945 in the US Army. He served in Japan during the Occupation of Japan and was discharged in 1948. He was recalled in 1950 and served to 1953 in Korea. He originally obtained the rank of Warrant Officer, junior grade, then when he was recalled to duty he accepted a second Lieutenant commission.

He attended the MIS Language School at Fort Snelling, MN and received training at Fort Holabird in Baltimore, MD. He was assigned to the 607th Counter *(article continues on next page....)*

JACL WDC and JAVA hold 69th Annual Memorial Day Service at Arlington Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. JACL WDC and JAVA held their joint Memorial Day Service at Arlington on May 28, 2017. The program consisted of remarks at the Pavilion near the Columbarium, the laying of flowers at the gravesites of 89 Japanese Americans and/or their spouses, and the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. Approximately 300 JACL and JAVA members participated in this annual event.

Turner Kobayashi, son of founder Key Kobayashi, made all arrangements with Cemetery officials, organized the event, and arranged for the laying of flowers. The Kobayashi family visit Washington, DC on this day from far and wide to participate in this family endeavor. Craig Shimizu and Mark Nakagawa, representing JACL WDC and JAVA, respectively, offered patriotic remarks, and Janice Faden introduced the speakers, who provided five-minute remarks:

Donovan Jackson, fourth grade student at Spark Matsunaga Elementary School at Germantown, MD, whose parents both serve in the US Army, said "in my research I read about a brave soldier from WW I. He dug a foxhole to take shelter when the enemy threw toxic gas into his pit. He tried to escape but his lungs gave out. His courage and bravery is an example for all of us."

LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret), recently elected President of JAVA, said "I invite you to join me in honoring the sacrifices of our World War II generation of Americans of Japanese Ancestry by considering three things. First, we should keep in mind what Courage really means. Second, we should remember their willingness to stand up for what is right. Finally, we should remember their battlefield valor that served a higher purpose.

MG Garrett S. Yee, USA, said "many Japanese American soldiers like my uncle served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WWII to prove their loyalty while their families, such as my mom's, were placed in an internment camp. It is important that America has learned from its mistakes and has made corrections."

Terry Shima was invited to highlight the lives of two Nisei veterans interred at Arlington. Special Forces Ranger Grant Hirabayashi and 442nd veteran Joseph Ichijui were singled out for this purpose. *(article continues on next page....)*

(Kobayashi, continued...)

Intelligence Corps for the Occupation of Japan and subsequently assigned to Kaesong for the Korean War. During his assignment to Japan he married Kyoko Toyoda. After his discharge, he joined the US Patent Office and then transferred to the Library of Congress where he served for 25 years as the assistant head of the Japanese Section.

The annual Memorial Day service at Arlington first included Nisei leaders such as Mike Masaoka and Ira Shimasaki and other JACL members. The number of interred has grown each year to a total of 89 in 2017 and they represent WW II, Korean, Vietnam, and the Gulf Wars. Guest speakers have included General Mark Clark, General Eric Shinseki, Senator Daniel Inouye, Secretary Norman Mineta, and Mike Masaoka. When Key Kobayashi passed in 1992, after serving as chair for 44 years, the mantle was passed to son, Turner, who has arranged the event for the past 25 years. Turner has enlisted the support of his mother (age 86), brothers, sisters, daughter, nephews and nieces. Some of them live outside the WDC area, one in California, and they all gather at Arlington for the annual event. Turner said, "it truly is an honor for me and my family, to be part of this service each year." Turner also learned that this program "is currently the longest running annual service held at Arlington National Cemetery by an independent organization."

On behalf of the Japanese American communities across this nation, JAVA thanks Turner and the Kobayashi family for arranging this program. If any member of JAVA wishes to make a donation to help pay for the flowers, which is jointly handled by JAVA and JACL WDC, please send your check, payable to JAVA, to P.O. Box 341198, Bethesda MD 20827.

(69th Annual Memorial Day, continued...)

Michelle Amano read the Japanese American Creed, written by her grandfather, Mike M. Masaoka. Masaoka was national secretary of JACL when WW II began and until he volunteered for the 442nd RCT. After the War, he was a leading civil rights advocate.

Following the gravesite visitations, MG Yee, Donovan Jackson, LTC Goshi, and Terry Shima served as the Honor Guards to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.



Active duty, retired and former military personnel respond to the Army bugler playing Taps.

Morita Assists Veterans Obtain High French Medal



Honolulu, Hawaii. Jeff Morita, a retired US Army Sergeant First Class and a Department of the Army Civilian (total 39 years), has filed applications for 13 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT veterans to obtain the *National Order of the Legion of Honor*, a prestigious medal conferred by the Government of France. Any American who served in France during WWII for its liberation may apply for this award. The French Government processing time is approximately one year.

The Legion of Honor is the highest award France confers to foreign nationals. A veteran must be living to apply.

Morita is pleased to advise or do the paperwork free of charge, as a public service, for any qualified 100th or 442nd veteran. His only request is the recipient of the Legion of Honor advise him after the award was received. Send email to Jeff Morita at the following address: jeff_kine_57@icloud.com (there is an underscore after jeff and kine).

NVN Partners with Army National Museum



National Museum of the United States Army, Fort Belvoir, VA

Washington D.C. NVN Press Release. The National Veterans Network (NVN) is honored to announce its collaboration with the National Museum of the United States Army (Museum) to develop an exhibit featuring the outstanding military service of Nisei soldiers during World War II and to increase the U.S. Army historical collection to preserve the story of the Nisei Soldier. Scheduled for completion in late 2019, the Museum will bring to life over 240 years of U.S. Army history to honor Soldiers, educate citizens, and inspire a new generation. This special place will tell the story of how the Army has shaped a nation and changed the world.

Included in the Museum's storyline are the experiences of American World War II soldiers of Japanese ancestry. Their artifacts and history will be told as part of the timeline exhibit, "reflecting change." This exhibit will show the societal changes the army has experienced since its inception including segregation and women in the service. "The story of the Nisei soldiers' service to our country during WWII is inspirational," said Tammy Call, director of the Museum. "The exhibit will honor the service and dedication of the Japanese American World War II soldiers to the United States."

When the museum opens, there will be a special exhibit on the Nisei Soldier that will tell the national story of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service that includes a display of the Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal on loan from the Smithsonian. The exhibit also will include stories and artifacts significant to the service of the Nisei Soldiers. "The National Veterans Network is honored to work with the National Museum of the United States Army on exhibits featuring the service of the Nisei Soldiers," shared Christine Sato-Yamazaki, executive director at NVN.

Located on an 84-acre site on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, less than 30 minutes south of our nation's capital in Washington, D.C., the Museum will be open to the public, free, and anticipates approximately 700,000 visitors annually. NVN is currently traveling nationwide with the National Museum of U.S. Army to introduce the Museum and to ask for personal objects and artifacts of Nisei Soldiers for the exhibit and the U.S. Army historical collection. To learn more, please email both Susan Smullen at susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@mail.mil and Christine Sato-Yamazaki at info@nationalveteransnetwork.com.

Meet the Generals and Admirals

This is a series of Asian Pacific Americans who have attained the highest ranks in the US uniformed services. The present count is that over 130 Asian Hawaiian Pacific Islander Americans have been promoted to generals and admirals, including three with four-star rank. Of the 130, 75 are in the US Army, 23 are in the US Air Force, 27 are in the US Navy, two are in the US Marines, one is in the US Coast Guard, and three are in the US Public Health Service.

BG Francis Shigeo Takemoto, USA

A veteran of the original 100th Infantry Battalion, BG Francis Shigeo Takemoto joined the Hawaii Army National Guard after WW II and was promoted to brigadier general in 1964 to become the first Japanese American to attain flag rank. As a brigadier general he took command of the Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade and was called to active duty in 1968, during the height of the Vietnam War.

When the 29th Brigade was deployed to Vietnam, BG Takemoto was advised he could not go because he had already served the maximum time in combat. Takemoto applied for a waiver of the regulations, however, the Army denied his request. He was forced to retire, much to his disappointment.

Takemoto was born in November 1912 in Honolulu to Japanese immigrant parents. He graduated from McKinley High School and then from the University of Hawaii where he majored in chemistry. While at the University, he joined the ROTC and upon graduation in 1935, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He also received a teaching degree from Santa Barbara College in California.

In 1941, Takemoto was teaching mathematics in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He was activated into the Army and was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion for training in Wisconsin and combat in Italy. Takemoto was wounded during the Anzio attack.

Takemoto joined the Hawaii National Guard in 1946. He spent his days at his regular job as an elementary school teacher and spent his after-duty hours and weekends at the National Guard. For his duty with the 100th, Takemoto received the Combat Infantry-man's Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation with cluster. For his duty with the Hawaii Army National Guard, Takemoto was awarded the Medal of Merit, the highest award given to the Guard.

[Copied from *Nikkei Generals and Admirals* by Ansho Uchima and Minoru Shinmoto]



BG Keith Y. Tamashiro, USA

BG Keith Y. Tamashiro was assigned to his current position as the Assistant Adjutant General and Director of the Joint Staff for the Hawaii National Guard on June 1, 2013. He was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate

in the Field Artillery on June 10, 1984 through the ROTC program at DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

BG Tamashiro served in the 2nd Bn, 11th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, from 1984 to 1988. In December 1988, he left active duty and joined the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

On April 7, 2001, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 4897th Field Artillery. He led the battalion as part of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's deployment in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom in 2004 where in addition to commanding the battalion, BG Tamashiro was the base camp commander for over 2,100 personnel at the Kuwait Naval Base in Kuwait. He was also responsible for soldiers spread out over 3 different locations in Iraq.

On July 8, 2007, BG Tamashiro assumed command of the 298 Regional Training Institute (RTI), a multifunctional Training Unit which included responsibility for the Officer Candidate School. In May 2010, he served as the Brigade commander for the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

BG Tamashiro's military schools include the Air Assault School and a Master's Degree in strategic studies from the US Army War College. His awards include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Management from De Paul University. When he is not serving in his duties in the Hawaii National Guard, Tamashiro works for the State of Hawaii's Department of Human Services First To Work Program where he manages a welfare program helping people gain employment and educational skills.

BG Tamashiro was born and raised in Chicago, but has a long family history in Wahiawa. He has resided in Hawaii for the past 30 years. He is married to the former Iwalani Kaninau of Wahiawa, Hawaii and they currently reside in Mililani.

Life and Times of a Modern-Day US Army Military Command

US Army South, Sam Houston, Texas. In addition to commanding troops, the modern US Army commanders' responsibilities include the defense and security of their military sectors, relationship with the US civilian population and relationship with foreign governments within their zones of command. This is a chronicle of MG K. K. Chinn, US Army, Commander of US Army South, headquartered at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, during the Spring and Summer 2017.

“We recently hosted the annual U.S. Army Section Chief and Military Personnel Exchange Program conference here at Fort Sam Houston. This was an excellent opportunity to share ideas and gain regional insights with U.S. military representatives stationed in 25 countries in Latin America.

“Members of Beyond the Horizon 2017 (BTH-17) commemorate Memorial Day during a ceremony in Belize. During BTH-17, U.S. Army, Air Force and Marine personnel serve alongside Belize Defense Force Soldiers as we continue to work on jointness and building partner capacity and capability.

“Everything the U.S. Army does in support of a country in Latin America and the Caribbean is channeled through an Army Security (ARSEC) in the US embassy. Through ARSEC we are able to work in concert with our Partner Nation Armies as trusted professionals to ensure our collective security and defense through shared responsibility. As we do in the U.S. Army, many of our partners use military working dogs. Our Colombian Army partners utilize their dogs for a variety of situations including narcotics, explosive detection and military patrols.



A member of the Colombian Army's "Puma" Special Forces, a group of highly trained, specially selected Colombian Army soldiers, trains with his military working dog in Caqueta, southern Colombia.

“Led by Brig. Gen. Erick Servando Cano, Guatemalan Army military police commander, and Vice Adm. Erik Alejandro Sanchez, Vice Minister of the Guatemalan Navy, the Guatemalan delegation engaged with the Army South team to discuss threats to our mutual security and to develop countermeasures.

“Following their first visit to Argentina in 1916, the Argentina Army invited Army South to the 207th Argentinean Army Day celebration at the Argentinean Army War College in Buenos Aires. Lt. Gen. Diego L. Suñer, Argentinean Army Chief of General Staff and Marcos Peña, Argentinean Chief of Cabinet Ministers, both graduates of the US Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, KS participated in the event. This event provided US Army officers an opportunity to meet with other Army partners in attendance including Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay.

Japan-America Society President to Receive Japanese Imperial Decoration

JASWDC Press Release:

Washington, D.C. – On April 29, 2017, the Government of Japan announced that it will confer the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck

Ribbon on Ambassador John R. Malott, president of the Japan-America Society of Washington DC. He is the third leader of the Japan-America Society in recent years to receive this Imperial Decoration. The award ceremony is scheduled for later this year.



Malott was recognized for his instrumental role in strengthening the relationship and friendship between Japan and the United States of America, both as a government official and as President of the Society. During his 31 years with the U.S. Foreign Service, he served as the American Consul in Kobe and the Consul General in Osaka. Malott was also the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. In 2006, he became the President of the Japan-America Society, a position he still holds today.

William T. Breer, former president and chairman of the Society, and Ambassador Rust M. Deming, former chairman, were given the same honor in 2007 and 2013, respectively. The Society is proud to have in its leadership officials who have dedicated their professional and personal lives to furthering strong ties between our two countries, and congratulates Ambassador Malott on his award.

The Order of the Rising Sun was established by Emperor Meiji in 1875 and was Japan's first award in its honor system. Awarded to both Japanese and non-Japanese nationals, it is one of the most prestigious awards and is given to those who have demonstrated notable achievements in international relations and/or promotion of Japanese culture.

Ambassador John Malott steps down as President of JASW

Washington, D.C. – The Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC) announced with regret that its President, Ambassador John R. Malott, has informed the Board of his decision to step down as President, effective December 31, 2017. "John Malott has been a pillar of the Japan-America Society of Washington for more than a decade," said Matthew Goodman, Chairman of JASWDC's Board of Trustees. "Under John's leadership, the Society has greatly expanded its visibility and programs, including signature events like the Japan Bowl and Sakura Matsuri. We understand John's desire to move on to a new phase of his life, but he will be sorely missed." Malott joined JASWDC as President and CEO in 2006. During his nearly 12 years with the Society, Malott oversaw substantial growth of JASWDC's educational, cultural, and policy programs, including: • *Sakura Matsuri*, the nation's largest Japanese street festival, held every April in conjunction with the National Cherry Blossom Festival • *The National Japan Bowl*, the nation's premiere academic competition for high school students of Japanese • *The Japan-in-a-Suitcase program*, which introduces Japan to elementary and middle school students in Washington, DC • Two new signature programs – the "*Japan This Year*" policy symposium held in January each year, and *CineMatsuri*, Washington DC's Japanese film festival.

JAVA offers its appreciation and respects to Ambassador Malott for reaching out to JAVA to include Nisei veterans in JASW's endeavors. This includes the provision of a booth and electricity during the annual *Sakura Matsuri*. On March 14, 2014 JAVA honored Malott with its *Courage, Honor, Patriotism Award*.

The Society has also greatly expanded its educational and cultural outreach programs under Malott's tenure, including re-launching the annual Tanaka and Green Scholarships to support American students spending a semester or more at a university in Japan. In announcing his retirement, Ambassador Malott said that what he has enjoyed most about his time at the Japan-America Society has been working with the many young people -- interns, volunteers, and staff -- who share the same passion for Japan and its people that he has always felt.

Grandson of Former JAVA President, Second Member of Family Headed for Special Forces

White Bluff, TN. 2LT William Nakamoto, son of Robert (Steve) & Sherri Nakamoto, and a JAVA Scholarship winner, was commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army on May 5, 2017, at Tennessee Technological University (TTU) in Cookeville, TN. He graduated with an accounting degree from TTU on May 6, 2017. The JAVA scholarship helped William to concentrate on his studies and finish college in three years with a 3.4 GPA while also doing ROTC.

Many of you will remember William when he was a child, as he frequently came with his parents and siblings to visit the late Robert (Bob) Nakamoto (William's grandfather), Founder and Chairman of Base Technologies, a large McLean, VA, IT firm, and former JAVA president. Dad Steve "wishes to thank JAVA members for the inspiration William derived from his interaction with them." William was one of thirty infantry officers selected by the Army (15 from West Point and 15 from ROTC) to attend the Ranger Course at Fort Benning, GA, in July 2017 prior to attending the Infantry Officer's Basic Course. Having graduated from Airborne school in August 2016, William hopes to be assigned to an Airborne unit following the completion of his training.



L-R: Robert (Steve) Nakamoto, his wife Sherri, 2nd Lt William Nakamoto and his wife, Lindsey

William, no doubt acquired a good deal of inspiration from his Dad, who is also a lifetime JAVA member. A graduate of West Point, Steve entered the civilian work force after his military commitments were honored. After the 9/11 terrorist attack occurred, Steve visited his enlistment center to request reactivation of his officer's commission. When he was told it was procedurally not possible, he enlisted as a specialist and served in Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) as a Sergeant with the Tennessee National Guard. He was discharged from active duty on July 18, 2006.

Legendary 100th Infantry Battalion

By David Fukuda, *Maui News*, June 1, 2017

Maui, Hawaii. Five thousand Nisei were already in the US Army when WW II began. LTG John DeWitt, military governor of the western defense command discharged Nisei in his command. Most of the soldiers went home, helped their families pack, and went to camp with them. LTG Delos C. Emmons, military governor of the Territory of Hawaii, had a different problem. Expecting an imminent invasion of Hawaii by Japan, Emmons concluded no Nisei soldier, active or discharged, should be in Hawaii lest the Japanese disguise themselves as Nisei. He proposed to the War Department that the 1,432 Nisei in the Hawaii Territorial Guard be sent to the mainland for infantry training and subsequent deployment to Europe. Army Chief of Staff GEN George C. Marshall replied "this is an excellent proposal, why didn't someone here think of it". This is the genesis of Marshall's interest in the development and deployment of the 100th and the 442nd.

I am reminded of the words from West Point Alma Mater that Bert Turner sent me 29 years ago when my father died. Bert, who passed away earlier this year, was a 1948 graduate of West Point and the son of COL Farrant Turner, the original commander of the 100th.

*And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
And may it be said "well done"
Be thou at Peace.*

I doubt there was a more humbler group of men than these Japanese American soldiers, not only what they accomplished on the battlefield but also because of the hurdle of prejudice they overcame along the way. Because of their service, their parents were able to attain US citizenship, jobs previously closed to AJAs were opened, barriers to property ownership and club memberships were removed, Hawaii statehood became a reality, with Americans of Japanese ancestry holding local, state and national political offices.

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In 1937 the 100th Battalion chaplain Israel Yost was invited to visit Hawaii when the remains of Nisei Killed in Action (KIA) were repatriated from Europe. He conducted memorial services on the various islands. In his speech at the then Makawao Veterans Cemetery, Yost shared a story about a day in November 1943 in Italy when he saw 4 Nisei carrying one of their fallen comrades on a litter as they made their way slowly down a path. He said a lone Caucasian soldier of the 45th Division noticed them, stopped, stepped off the path, removed his helmet and bowed his head. Yost was so moved by the scene that he later wrote a poem.

The opportunities and freedom we *sansei* and *yonsei* enjoy today are because of the patriotism, heroism and commitment to community of those young men of the 100th, including the 101 Maui County Nisei soldiers who didn't make it back home. They gave their lives for their country. They never saw their parents nor had the joy of raising their own families. Two men I have been close to in my life reflected on this tragedy. The first was my father, MAJ Mitsuyoshi Fukuda. When he returned to Hawaii from Europe after the war, he asked his employer for a month's leave before starting his new job so he could visit the Gold Star families in the territory. Remembering those men and their families was the theme in his many speeches he gave to veteran groups over the years.

The other man was Hiroshi Arisumi. When the war ended, his thoughts were with the men left on the battlefield. For the next 50 years the thought of building a memorial was with Arisumi and when the construction of the Nisei Memorial Center was proposed Arisumi worked hard to make it happen. *[David Fukuda is the son of MAJ Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, the highest-ranking Nisei in the US Infantry during WW II. He was commanding officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion with the rank of Major. Permission to reprint from Les Imada, Editor, Maui News.]*



David Fukuda

Maui Chapter Celebrates 100th Battalion's 75th Anniversary

Reprinted from 100th Puka Puka Parade, July 2017
By David Fukuda, historian.

Wailuku, Maui. The Maui Chapter of the 100th Battalion Veterans Club celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NVMC) in Wailuku, Maui on June 11, 2017. The event attracted 60 guests including 100th veterans Ed Nishihara, Willie Goo, Tom Yamada, and Hiroshi Arisumi, spouses, widows and family members. Peggy Mizumoto (Robert Mizumoto, Co. C) from the California Club 100 attended this celebration.

Mike Markrich of Honolulu was the keynote speaker and the participants were treated to the opening of the "Purple Heart Battalion" exhibit in the NVMC education center. Markrich, who co-edited the autobiography of Israel Yost, "Combat Chaplain", spoke about Yost's history with the 100th and the special life-long bond that he had formed with the veterans. Markrich also shared stories of veterans whom he had become familiar with in his studies of the 100th, including Maui's Willie Goo, Takashi Kitaoka, Jack Mizuha, Stanley Izumigawa, and Jesse Oba.



Some 100th veterans and widows were early arrivals. Ed Nishihara (pink lei) sits at the head of the table; Tom Yamada, (baseball cap), and Willie Goo (100th Veterans cap).
Photo from David Fukuda.

Following lunch, master of ceremonies Gary Sato directed the attendees to the Education Center to preview the new exhibit, "The Purple Heart Battalion", which displays the history of the 100th Infantry battalion from its formation through the Battle of Monte Cassino. This exhibit will be followed in August with Phase II of the 100th's history from Anzio to Livorno (Leghorn).

Kudos to the NVMC under the leadership of its new Executive Director, Deidre Tegarden and Research Archivist Melanie Abrugante for their efforts in putting together the descriptive pictorial exhibit of the 100th Infantry Battalion. *[Editor, Puka Puka Parade said OK to reprint.]*

Frank “Foo” Fujita, US soldier in Indonesia

By Stanley L. Falk, PhD

Frank Fujita, Jr., was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, on October 20, 1921, the son of a Japanese father and an American mother. His father, Tsuneji Fujita, had come to the United States from Nagasaki, Japan, in 1914. He had changed his first name to Frank and, in 1919, married Ida Pearl Elliott. In 1937, the family moved to Abilene, Texas, where Frank Jr. soon acquired the nickname “Foo.” He joined the Texas National Guard and rose to the rank of sergeant in E Battery, 2d Battalion, 131st Field Artillery. In November 1941 the battalion sailed in a convoy for the Philippines but, with the start of the war on December 7th, the convoy was diverted to Brisbane, Australia. Almost immediately, the 2d Battalion was sent on to Java to reinforce the Dutch defenses there. On March 1st, invading Japanese forces landed on the island and E Battery was soon engaged in the fight. Fujita himself shot five of the Japanese before Java was forced to surrender. The twenty-year-old sergeant was now a Japanese prisoner, doomed to nearly three-and-a-half years of cruel captivity. He was one of only two Japanese Americans captured by the Japanese during World War II. The other, Richard Sakakida, was on Corregidor when American forces in the Philippines surrendered in May.

Fujita and the other prisoners remained on Java. Treatment was rough, food was short, and Fujita’s health suffered accordingly. But his main concern was that the Japanese might discover his Japanese ethnicity and treat him as a traitor. Fortunately he remained undetected by his guards and in October was shipped with other prisoners to Singapore. From there many of them were sent on to Burma, to work on the infamous Burma-Thai railroad. But Fujita and another group sailed for Japan and in December 1942 landed at Nagasaki, the city from which his father had left twenty-eight years earlier. The prisoners were placed in nearby Fukuoka POW Camp #2 and put to work in one of the local shipyards. The work was hard and exhausting in the winter cold, food was inadequate and sickness rampant, and Fujita and his fellow prisoners were frequently beaten or otherwise tortured by their brutal guards.

Finally, in June, Fujita’s worst fears were realized when a guard recognized that his name was Japanese and his captors insisted that he was, indeed, a Japanese national. Although Fujita insisted proudly that he was an American, the Japanese commander tried to persuade him to join the Japanese army with the rank of captain. Fujita refused, loudly proclaiming that he was an American enemy of Japan, had fought against the Japanese, and wished he was still fighting them.

Surprisingly, no effort was made to punish him, despite the obvious animosity of his guards. But one day when the senior camp officers were away, the guards subjected Fujita to an extremely brutal beating which left him badly injured. Still, he was not further mistreated and finally, in October, was moved to the Omori prisoner camp just outside Tokyo. Harsh treatment by a particularly sadistic guard continued there. Then, in December, Fujita was transferred to a building housing Radio Tokyo where he was forced to participate in a Japanese radio propaganda program. He did so reluctantly, limiting himself to announcements that did little to support the Japanese propaganda effort. He remained at this task for nearly a year until he was liberated at the end of the war by arriving American forces.



Frank “Foo” Fujita

During his years as a prisoner, Fujita kept a written diary that he managed to keep hidden from his captors. In 1993 the diary was published as a book entitled *Foo, A Japanese-American Prisoner of the Rising Sun: The Secret Prison Diary of Frank “Foo” Fujita*. But the beatings and torture he had endured while a prisoner had left his body severely damaged and he died on December 11, 1996 at the age of seventy-five. [Dr. Stanley Falk is a Japanese linguist and veteran of the MIS, a former Chief Historian of the US Air Force, and a JAVA charter member.]

Monument to Honor Filipino Veterans

By Blanca Smallwood

(bsmallwood@staradvertiser.com) June 20, 2017

Honolulu, HI. The Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will appoint an artist to design and build a WW II Filipino Veterans Monument under a bill signed into law by Governor David Ige on June 19, 2017. House Bill 942, which was approved by the legislature this past session authorize the agency to design, build and choose a location for a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino veterans of WW II. “I think it is so appropriate that Hawaii join the effort to correct this injustice”, Ige said. “We can do our part to correct the broken promises and the discriminatory treatment of these veterans who served our nation and the state of Hawaii so admirably during WW II,” he concluded.

Up to \$200,000 will be used from the works of art special fund to build the monument.

Monday’s signing followed then-President Barack Obama signing into law on December 15, 2016, a measure that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to more than 260,00 surviving and deceased Filipino WW II veterans.

State Representative Ty Cullen who introduced the bill said at a news conference “I want to thank the colleagues here for supporting the measure because it is about time we can do something. In a written testimony supporting the bill, Jonathan Johnson Executive Director of the State Foundation recommended creating an art advisory committee to help with the process. [Blanca Smallwood said it is OK to reprint.]



L-R Wade Ishimoto, Al Goshi, and Mark Nakagawa taking the Oath of Office. Missing elected official is George Ishikata. Photo by Marie Yee.

JAVA Elects Officers for 2017-2019 Term

Falls Church, Virginia. JAVA Press Release. The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) is pleased to announce that the membership recently elected a new slate of officers and welcomed two new officers. Leading the JAVA Executive Council is newly elected president, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Allen Goshi, US Army (Ret). LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret) and LTC

LTC George Ishikata, USA (Ret) were re-elected to be vice president and treasurer, respectively. CPT Wade Ishimoto, USA (Ret), and former past president and vice president was elected to be secretary.

“I have three commitments to our membership: 1) Dedicate myself to faithfully and diligently serve JAVA and its members; 2) Move forward and communicate; and 3) Collaboratively develop a...strategic plan aligned with JAVA’s purpose,” said Goshi. “Continue to build on the legacy of our Greatest Generation, such JAVA’s founder, COL Phil Ishio, and others who have kept JAVA on the trajectory of modernization and improvement.”

The elected officers will serve a two-year term.

News from Other Veterans Organizations

Seattle, WA. In the Nisei Veterans Committee June 2017 Newsletter, Commander Bryan Takeuchi said, “The Fourth is also a reminder that the legacy of the NVC and NVCF is also borne out of the same cloth as the birth of our Nation. The freedom and rights for Japanese Americans were gained through the choice of Hawaiian and Mainland Japanese Americans who fought in World War II, despite the adverse circumstances in which they were placed by the very government they fought for. Their gallantry and bravery were unsurpassed in military history and led to major changes in immigration laws, segregation practices and eventually, vindication of those who chose not to fight and vindication for all Japanese Americans incarcerated in World War II. These changes arguably also impacted not only the future generations of Japanese Americans but all Americans of every color and ethnicity.”

Honolulu, HI. *Puka Puka Parade*, the monthly newsletter of the 100th Battalion Veterans of Hawaii, July issue provided details of the 75th Anniversary banquet on July 23, 2017 at the Pomaikai Ballroom at Dole Cannery in Iwilei. The banquet chairperson is Beverly Shiroma.

Maui, HI. *Okage Sama De* the Maui Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NMVC) Newsletter, reported that the NVMC 13th Annual Dinner, held on November 4, 2016 at the King Kamehameha Golf Course Clubhouse, featured Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr, Commander of the US Pacific Command, as its keynote speaker. Harris paid tribute to the Nisei who

News from Other Veterans Organizations, continued:

served in the 100th, 442nd and the MIS. Also, the Newsletter announced the appointment of Deidre Tegarden as its new executive director. A native of Pennsylvania, Teagarden spent her formative years in northern China and Japan and attended McKinley High School in Honolulu.

Los Angeles, CA. Go For Broke National Educational Center President Mitchell T. Maki’s message in the June 2017 eTorch said, “I am often asked whether I believe that the youth of today remember and appreciate what our WWII Nisei soldiers did for our community and our nation. Do they understand the great sacrifices that these men and their families made? Do the youth of today even care? When faced with these questions, I think of the countless young faces who have come through our "Defining Courage" exhibit. I am comforted by the thought that these young people have heard the WWII Nisei soldier story and have supported it in their own ways. At the same time, I admit that I wonder whether these young people will carry on the story. Will they, one day, invest of their time, energy, and resources to keep the legacy alive?”

David Inoue Appointed as JACL Executive Director

Washington, D.C. - JACL announces the appointment of David Inoue as Executive Director, effective Wednesday, July 5, 2017.



Mr. Inoue is a long-time member of JACL and was a part of the 2004 JACL/OCA Leadership Summit. Inoue brings over 10 years of experience in the nonprofit sector including his previous work at the Christ House as Administrative Director, the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems as Director of Grassroots and Government Relations, and at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a Science Research Analyst.

We thank Stephanie Nitahara for her leadership as Interim Executive Director and all her work stepping into various roles to assist with the transition. We are grateful for her commitment to the community.

Inoue was introduced at the JACL National Convention in Washington, D.C. from July 6-9.

Dorothy “Dot” Babson Shigemura



Honolulu, Hawaii. “Dot” Shigemura passed away peacefully at home on May 3, 2017, with family members at her side. Dot was born in Bad Tolz, Germany, to Reverend Richard Kim and Catharine Rickert, the fifth of eight children.

Her father’s military career in the US Special Forces, enabled Dot to grow up in diverse locations such as Okinawa, Alabama and Virginia. The family came to Hawaii in 1977, where Dot graduated from Baldwin High School and the University of Hawaii with a degree in business. It was at the University that she met the love of her life and devoted husband of 30 years, Kelvin Shigemura.

Dot worked as a financial analyst with The Shidler Group and as a housing specialist with the Hawaii Community Reinvestment Corporation, to provide innovative financial and consulting services to private and public organizations who engage in building livable and affordable communities in Hawaii.

Dot is survived by her husband, Kelvin, sons Schuyler and Drake, parents Reverend and Helen (stepmom) Kim of Grosse Pointe, MI, and brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews who live in Hawaii and various locations in the US. *[EdNote. This article, slightly condensed, was received from LTC (Reverend) Richard Kim, Dorothy’s father.]*

Wade Ishimoto Inducted into Special Operations Command Hall of Honor

Tampa, Florida. On April 18, 2017, Wade Ishimoto, the first Japanese American to achieve this recognition, was inducted into the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Commando Hall of Honor in a ceremony held at USSOCOM Headquarters in Tampa, FL. He was recognized by GEN Tony Thomas, USSOCOM Commander, for his many years of contributions to special operations ranging from cross-border operations in Vietnam, being the Intelligence Officer and Road Block team leader on the 1980 attempt to rescue 53 American hostages in Tehran, to his current role as a Distinguished Senior Fellow for the Joint Special Operations University.

Through the years, Ishimoto has been recognized for his mentorship and assistance to all aspects of special operations and its personnel from all services. This was evident when he received hugs instead of handshakes from GEN Thomas, GEN Joseph Votel (Commander, U.S. Central Command), LTG Bryan Fenton (Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Command), LTG Austin Miller (Commander, Joint Special Operations Command), LTG Michael Nagata (Director, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center), LtGen Joseph Osterman (Deputy Commander, USSOCOM), Lt Gen Brad Webb (Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command), MG James Linder (Commander, U.S. Army Special Warfare Command), and RADM Tim Syzmanski (Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command). They represented the four military services demonstrating Ishimoto's support for all of the services as well as his personal relationship to these Flag and General Officers.

Ishimoto was further honored with the presence of JAVA members Vice President Mark Nakagawa, Marty Herbert, and Mae Nakamoto. Mae and Marty were overjoyed to have Ishimoto introduce them to LtGen Osterman who commanded the Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC) when Mae's son, Capt Mike Lewis, was going through the rigorous MARSOC selection course and the Individual Training Course. They were also introduced to MajGen Carl Mundy III, current commander of MARSOC, and LtCol Worth Parker who oversaw the courses that Mike went through to become a member of MARSOC. LtCol Parker surprised them by describing a tattoo that Mike has and also gave them compliments on Mike's performance.



L-R: General Tony Thomas, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; Ishimoto; and Command Sergeant Major Patrick McCauley, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Special Operations Command.

Photo from Ishimoto.



Widow of JAVA Member, 442nd Veteran, Passes

By Sandra Tanamachi

Sun City West, Arizona. **Yuriko Kawamura Tanamachi**, 95, passed away on March 22, 2017, at the home of her oldest daughter, Pat Tanamachi Furuta (Otto), in Sun City West, Arizona. Yuriko was married to Goro Tanamachi, 442nd, Headquarters, and sister of T/Sgt. Mutsuo Kawamura, 442nd, Anti-Tank Company. (Goro was younger brother to Saburo Tanamachi, 442nd, E Company, KIA during the Battle of Bruyeres.)

Yuriko graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor University with a degree in math and history. She received her Master’s in Education and was a teacher in San Benito, Texas, and in Fairborn, Ohio, where she retired after 30 years of teaching. Yuriko and Goro had four children, four grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Howard Jay Kline, M.D.

San Francisco, CA. Dr. Howard Jay Kline, cardiologist and JAVA member, passed away on June 20, 2017, in San Francisco. The following article appeared on the program passed to attendees at his memorial service on June 25, 2017, at Temple Sherith Israel, located in San Francisco:



A patient's doctor. The heart in cardiology. A medical student's bedside manner. A student of science, art and literature. A true *hakase*. His wife's companion through history. His sons' field of dreams.

Born November 5, 1932, in White Plains, NY, son of Ray & Rose, brother to Robert and Norma, Kline attended Dickinson College where a professor convinced him to consider medical school, for which he has always been grateful, contributing each year to the college. He graduated from New York Medical College in 1958, completed his internship in Internal Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital, did his residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center and UCSF, following that with a

a two-year fellowship in cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center. In 1969, he headed west – convertible, degree, wife, 3-year old son and pennies in his pocket – to pursue what became a 59-year career in medicine. Always his own boss, Howard started his own practice and grew it over the years to include other physicians and staff. In addition to his private practice, he was a longstanding member of the medical staffs at the California Pacific Medical Center and at St. Mary's. While he recently announced plans to retire later this year, he practiced medicine until the end and even saw a pre-surgery patient before heading to the pool to swim where he suffered a severe brain injury.

He loved to learn and always had a medical journal in hand. But, more than that, he loved to teach. Dr. Kline was an Assistant Clinical Professor at Mount Sinai until 1969, when he became a Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF School of Medicine. From 1970 to 1990 he was the Director, Cardiology Training Program at St. Mary's and beginning in 2012 he was a Clinical Professor of Medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine. He twice received special recognition for his contribution as a member of the Clinical Faculty at UCSF, and the hospital remained committed to his teaching post-retirement. Kline is survived by his wife, Ellen, sons Michael and wife Robin, Ethan, and Christopher, and grandsons Levi and Caleb.

[JAVA comment: Dr. Kline served in the US Army Medical Corps and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From 1967-1969, LTC Kline headed the cardiology department at Valley Forge General Hospital, located in Pennsylvania. Kline volunteered to serve as the physician for the attendees to the National Veterans Network-sponsored events in Washington, DC in November 2011 for the Congressional Gold Medal Award celebration. Lawson Sakai, President of Friends and Families of Nisei Veterans (FFNV), in his remembrance remarks at the memorial service on June 25, 2017, said Kline volunteered to serve as the physician for the Sakai-led tours to Italy and France and at various veterans’ reunions. Kline and his wife, Dr. Ellen Sawamura, are life members of JAVA.]



George Minoru Wakiji

Camarillo, CA. George Minoru Wakiji passed away peacefully May 7, 2017 at his apartment at the Nikkei Senior Gardens in Arieta, CA. George Wakiji's mission was to build a memorial to honor American patriots of Japanese descent who served their country

during WWII. In October 1992, Congress authorized the building of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, and the government had donated federal land for its construction. Wakiji, Executive Director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), was responsible for raising the funds to build the Memorial. Since his appointment in 1995, a Board of Trustees, comprised of distinguished members from various parts of the nation, was formed.

In 1957, Wakiji received a degree in Social Welfare from UCLA, and later decided to return to school to pursue a journalism degree. In 1963, he graduated from Cal State L.A. with a B.A. in Journalism. Wakiji was among the first Asian-Americans hired for a sales/marketing job with TWA in the 1960s. He has had a long and distinguished career in public relations including positions with the Peace Corps and the Department of Labor. He said one of his most interesting posts was as Country Director of the Kingdom of Tonga, which he held for over three years. Wakiji is a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Department of Labor to take on his new position.

George Wakiji is a native of Pasadena. His wife, Betty, is from Hokonaa, Hawaii. His daughter, Dana, is a television sportscaster in Detroit. Most recently, he attended a 40-year reunion with his colleagues who participated in Project India. Their camaraderie was documented in Tom Morgan's book, *Friends and Fellow Students*.

A dedicated member of JAVA, when Wakiji decided to resettle in California, he voluntarily and at his

personal expense collected articles based on JAVA press releases and mailed them to the JAVA press release department. This service helped determine the value of the press releases. [This article is based on a write-up by Linda Wah, Alumni Association V.P., Communications Contributing Editor.]

Mary Nobuko Okamoto



By Dr. Wayne Minami

McLean, Virginia. Mary Nobuko Okamoto died peacefully in her sleep on June 12, 2017, in McLean, Va. Mary was born on August 14, 1920, in Sacramento, Ca. She grew up in Imperial, CA, and moved to Onomichi, Japan, as a teenager. She returned to Imperial prior to World War II. Later interned in Poston, Arizona, Mary met and married the late Fred K. Okamoto, of Watsonville, CA. In 1946 Mary moved to Watsonville, where she lived until 2006. She was active in the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, Watsonville Bonsai Club, Ikenobo Society, and the Pajaro Valley Historical Association.

In 2006 Mary moved to Alexandria, VA, to be near her only child, daughter Arlene Minami (Wayne), who survives her, along with granddaughter Lynne Johnson (Nick), as well as four great-grandchildren, Kendall, Taylor, Ian, and Ellie Johnson, four siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was known for her kind and caring heart. She always considered the needs of others first and foremost. Mary lived a long and fruitful life and will be missed greatly by her family and all who knew her.

Edward Masaru Yamasaki

Nagasaki, Japan. Edward Masaru Yamasaki, 93, 442nd RCT veteran and editor of *And Then There Were Eight*, died on April 27, 2017, in a hospital at Nagasaki, Japan, after he suffered a stroke. His daughter resides in Nagasaki. *And Then There Were Eight* is a 457-page book that describes eight Nisei soldiers of Company I, 3rd Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT, who were left standing after a battle to rescue the trapped battalion of the 36th Infantry Division in the Vosges Forests of northeastern France. Company K of the same battalion had 16 men standing after the battle.

After 5 days of bitter fighting under conditions of rain, sleet and snow, 211 Texans walked out to freedom. The German commander of the encircling forces revealed under interrogation following his capture that Hitler had ordered to take no prisoners--kill them all. The defeat of the Germans forces in the Vosges gave the 7th Army a clear shot for the invasion of the German homeland.

Yamasaki was a Sansei, his parents were both born in Oloa, Hawaii, on May 15, 1924. The family then moved to Honolulu, where his father was a co-owner of a gas station. Following his graduation from Punahou School, Yamasaki volunteered for the 442nd and trained in Camp Shelby, MI. His college education included Harvard University.

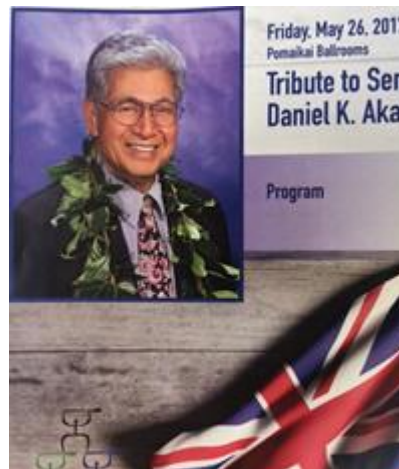


In order to better defend themselves against cyberattack, US Army South, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, TX, invited **LTG Paul Nakasone**, commander of US Army Cyber Command, (center) during May 2017 to address this threat. Nakasone was also invited to address the members of the Asia Pacific Islanders Heritage Month celebration. On Nakasone's right is MG Chinn, Commander, US Army South. Both are members of JAVA. *Photo from US Army South newsletter.*



BG Miyako Schanely, USAF, Deputy Commanding General of the 412th Theater Engineer Command with headquarters in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was selected for promotion to Major General. Confirmed by the US Senate, the Army plans to pin the second star in Fall 2017 when she assumes a two-star position. Schanely is the daughter of Miyako Tanabe, JAVA life member and former USAF Captain. Schanely, also a JAVA life member, was promoted to Brigadier General in December 2013.

BG Schanely, a West Point graduate, is the second Japanese American woman to reach flag rank, the first being Maj Gen Susan Mashiko, USAF (Ret).



Retired US Senator Daniel K. Akaka was honored on May 26, 2017 at a Native Hawaiian Veterans and Guests Luncheon. The event was sponsored by the Honorable Raymond Jardine, Jr. and the Kina 'ole Foundation. The event was held at the Dole Cannery

Pomaikai Ballroom in Honolulu and honored Senator Akaka's life along with his service and dedication to Armed Forces Veterans. Senator Akaka is an Honorary Chair of JAVA. *Photo from Gervin Miyamoto.*

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 (March 1, 2017 through July 1, 2017)

Anonymous (Moffett Field, CA); Metta Tanikawa, IMO Grant Hirabayashi (Warrenton, VA); Lynn Bettencourt ,
 IMO Ranger Grant Hirabayashi (Murrysville, PA); Miyako Tanabe, IMO George Fujikawa (Watertown, NY)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14, 2017: 11:30 am, Quarterly Member Luncheon:
 Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church, VA.
November 11, 2017: Veterans Day Ceremony: National
 Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in WWII
January 13, 2018: 11:30 am, Quarterly Member Luncheon:
 Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church, VA.

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