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This is an artist's concept for a Nisei World War II soldiers stamp.

Governor Brown and US Congress Send Letters of Support for Nisei Soldiers Stamp

By Wayne Osako, Co-Chair of *Stamp Our Story Campaign*

Garden Grove, California. California's Governor Jerry Brown has voiced support for a US commemorative postage stamp that would honor the patriotism of the Japanese American World War II soldiers. His letter was sent to the Postmaster General, Megan Brennan, in time for Memorial Day, as our nation remembers those who died while in service in our Armed Forces. During World War II, over 800 Japanese Americans soldiers perished.

"On behalf of the State of California, I respectfully urge you to approve a commemorative stamp to honor the patriotism exhibited by Japanese Americans during World War II," Governor Brown wrote in his May 23rd letter to Ms. Brennan. "I urge you to issue this stamp in time for next year's 75th anniversary, remembering the order of internment of Japanese Americans. This stamp will help preserve the memory and help educate and promote dialogue on this important part of our history for generations to come,"

This letter is a first from a state governor. Other letters of support for this stamp subject have been sent by numerous officials from city, county, and state officials in the past. This year, 32 members of Congress joined Representatives Mark Takai and Judy Chu in a letter that backs the stamp. (*continued on page 6...*)

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Scott Monfils Feted by JAVA During His Visit to the Nation's Capital, Invited to White House by President Obama and Vice-President Biden for Veterans Day Breakfast

Washington, DC. Scott Monfils and his wife, Robin Nodland, of Portland, Oregon, visited Washington, DC in early November 2015. Monfils, a steadfast supporter of JAVA, was invited to a White House Veterans Day breakfast on November 11, 2015 when he met both President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. Following the breakfast, Monfils and Nodland were invited by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater where they witnessed the President deliver his Veterans Day address to the nation.

That same Veterans Day afternoon, Monfils attended JAVA's 15th Annual Veterans Day program at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, located near the US Capitol building, where he received from JAVA President Michael Cardarelli a specially inscribed blue velvet box which contained a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal. The one and only medal, minted in gold and presented by the US Congress to the 100th, 442nd and MIS in November 2011, is on display at the Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. The Monfils also visited the Pentagon and the Library of Congress.



Blue Room of White House. Monfils (center) poses with Vice President. Joe Biden (left) and President Barack Obama (right). Photo from Monfils.



President Cardarelli presents a bronze replica of the Congressional. Gold Medal to Monfils. Photo by Bruce Hollywood.



The Monfils have lunch with JAVA members at the China Garden in Roslyn, Virginia on November 10th. Seated L-R: Monfils, Cardarelli, Robin Nodland, COL Bob Patrick, Director of Library of Congress Veterans History Project, Mae Nakamoto, Eileen Roulier; standing L-R: Terry Shima, CAPT Cynthia Macri, USN (Ret), LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret). Photo by Bruce Hollywood.

JACL WDC – JAVA 2016 Memorial Day Service at Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. The 68th Annual Memorial Day Service, sponsored jointly by JACL WDC and JAVA, was held at Arlington National Cemetery on May 29, 2016. The program consisted of a one hour program at the Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard. The guest speaker was Sophia Kim of the Spark Matsunaga Elementary School, located at Germantown, Maryland. Her remarks were entitled *Memorial Day Remembrance*. Mrs. Judy Brubaker, Principal of Spark Matsunaga Elementary School, received a special recognition for her support of the Veterans. Other speakers were John Tobe, President of JACL WDC; Mike Cardarelli, President of JAVA; and Michelle Amano who read the Japanese American Creed. The program closed with taps sounded by the US Army bugler. This was followed by the laying of flowers at 82 gravesites of Japanese Americans and Caucasians who served with the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) or their spouses.

The event was organized by Turner Kobayashi, whose father, Key Kobayashi, a MIS veteran, inaugurated the program in 1948, the year the first Japanese American soldier, Saburo Tanamachi, was interred there. When Key passed away in 1992, son Turner assumed the mantle, and he and his family have since been administering the program. JAVA was invited to participate in this program on May 27, 2007.

Below is a listing of 82 names of soldiers or spouses whose gravesites were decorated with flowers. If the list does not contain the name of a Japanese American or a Caucasian who served with the Nisei and you wish that veteran or spouse included in the list please send an email to Turner at Turner@audleyfarm.com. If readers of the Advocate wish to send tax exempt donations to this flower fund kindly write your check payable to JAVA and mail it to JAVA, P.O. Box 341198, Bethesda, MD 20827.

The 82 names appear on the following page (4).



L-R. John Tobe, President JACL WDC; Turner Kobayashi; Terry Shima; Sophia Kim; Michael Yaguchi, Michael Cardarelli, President JAVA.



Sophia Kim (left) with Mrs. Judy Brubaker, Principal of Spark Matsunaga Elementary School.

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Ando, Tomomi, MAJ US Army
 Buto, Jun, COL US Army
 Feldman, Horace, LT US Army
 Fujita, Harold H., US Army
 Hada, Juji John, LTC US Army
 Hada, Victor K., PFC US Army
 Hara, Minoru, US Army
 Hengyoji, Grant, Lt US Army
 Higgins, Martin, CAPT US Army
 Hirabayashi, Grant, T/SGT US Army
 Hirai, Ernest, MAJ US Army
 Hirose, Jack, PVT US Army
 Hirose, Toro, S/SGT US Army
 Ichiuji, Joseph, T/4 US Army
 Ishida, Haruo, T/4 US Army
 Ishio, Sunao Phil, COL US Army
 Itanaga, Richard, T/SGT US Army
 Ito, William, Medic US Army
 Iwata, Miki, CAPT US Navy
 Kanazawa, Robert H., T/4 US Army
 Kanazawa, Tooru, PFC US Army
 Kobayashi, Henry E., PFC US Army
 Kobayashi, Key K., LT US Army
 Kokubu, Jimmie T., CPL US Army
 Kozai, Kenneth, LT US Army
 Kuge, Thomas, PFC US Army
 Kumagai, Takeshi, M/Sgt US Army
 Kurlan, Norman S., CAPT US Army
 Kuwabara, Kenichi George, US Army
 Madokoro, Shigeshi, LTC US Army
 Masaoka, Ben, PVT US Army
 Matsui, Victor/Teru, CWO US Army
 Matsumoto, Hisao, T/3 US Army
 Matsunaga, Robert S., CWO-4 US Army
 Matsuura, Kaname, M/SGT US Army
 Miller, Virgil R., COL US Army
 Miyashiro, Shigeo, SGT US Army
 Morihiro, Roy T., PFC US Army
 Morimitsu, Arthur T., SGT US Army
 Morita, George, LTC US Marines
 Murakami, Kiyoshi, PFC US Army
 Nagano, Hiroshi, PVT US Army
 Nagato, Fumitake, PFC US Army
 Nakada, Pershing, LTC US Army

Nakamoto, Robert, T/SGT US Army
 Nakamura, John M., PFC US Army
 Nakashima, Raito, PVT US Army
 Nakashima, Wataru, Sgt US Army
 Nakayama, Homer S. CDR US Navy
 Noguchi, Hideyuki, US Army
 Oba, Stanley T., PVT US Army
 Obata, Benjamin, LTC, US Army
 Okazaki, Saige, COL US Army
 Onoye, Lloyd M, PFC, US Army
 Osato, Timothy, LTC US Army
 Ota, Robert Y. , LTC US Army
 Sakai, Paul, COL, US Army
 Shima, Betty, wife of Terry, US Army
 Shimizu, Jimmy, T/Sgt US Army
 Shimizu, Osamu, SGT US Army
 Shimomura, Ichiro, S/Sgt US Army
 Shiozawa, Roy R., PVT US Army
 Sugahara, Kay K., OSS
 Sumihiro, Sumio, PFC US Army
 Tagawa, Jack, S/SGT US Army
 Taira, Calvin, CAPT US Army
 Takata, Charles, PFC US Army
 Tamashiro, Samue & Yukiko, T/3 US Army
 Tanaka, John, PFC US Army
 Tanaka, Ruth A., LTC US Army
 Tanamachi, Saburo, PFC US Army
 Tomita, Theodore, LTC US Army
 Toyota, Shichizo, PFC US Army
 Tsuneishi, Warren M., 1/SGT US Army
 Yamada, Fred Shoji, CPL US Army
 Yamaguchi, George, T/4 US Army
 Yamamoto, Richard S., S/SGT US Army
 Yamashita, Kanshi S., LTC US Army
 Yano, Max, SGT US Army
 Yoshino, John, T/4 US Army

Members of the First Japanese Embassy to America. Photo, taken at the Washington Navy Yard, includes American naval personnel. Seated in the front row, L-R: Tsukahara Jugoro, Foreign Affairs Officer; Naruse Zenjiro, Foreign Affairs Chief Officer; Muragaki Awajinokami, Vice Ambassador; Shinmi Buzennokami, Ambassador; Oguri Bungonokami, Inspector; Morita Okataro, Accounting Chief Officer. Photo from Takashi Muragaki.



Marker Placed at Washington Navy Yard Where First Japanese Diplomatic Mission Arrived

Washington, DC. A dignified ceremony to recognize the arrival of the first Japanese diplomatic mission to Washington, DC was held at the Washington Navy Yard on May 13, 2016. The Society of Descendants of the First Japanese Embassy to the USA and the US Navy placed a plaque at Willard Park, near the Navy Yard Museum, witnessed by Navy personnel and representatives of the Embassy of Japan and the Japanese American community. At the Society's invitation, JAVA served as its advisor.

The first Japanese diplomatic mission arrived in Washington, DC on May 14, 1860 aboard the USS Powhatan to exchange the Treaty of Amity and Commerce that developed from the Commodore Matthew Perry's visit to Japan seven years earlier. The Japanese delegation, received by President Buchanan at the White House, returned to Tokyo aboard the USS Niagara on November 8, 1860.

Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commandant of the Naval District of Washington, welcomed the attendees, including some 40 members of the Society of Descendants who came from Japan. Other speakers were Takashi Muragaki, President of the Society, Dr. Edward Marolda, former historian of the US Navy, Minister Atsuyuki Oike, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, and former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

This was followed by four Japanese girls, descendants of the first Japanese diplomatic mission, unveiling the plaque which read: "In commemoration of the arrival of the first Japanese Embassy to the USA at the Washington Navy Yard on the 14th day of May 1860, we honor and remember the first historic visit of the 77 Japanese members of the Edo government of Japan and the long-lasting friendship between the USA and Japan."



Four girls, descendants of the first Japanese diplomatic mission to America, unveiled the plaque. L-R: Reina Muragaki, Madison Muragaki, Erica Muragaki, and Mahya Chan. US Navy photo.

Governor Brown and US Congress Send Letters of Support for Nisei Soldiers Stamp

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“This Memorial Day, we are grateful for Governor Brown’s bold stance in support of this historic stamp subject,” said Wayne Osako, co-chair of the *Stamp Our Story Campaign*, which is spearheading the nationwide effort. “We encourage governors and members of Congress to join Governor Brown and take a stand for this legendary group of American soldiers.” The eleven-year campaign continues to push forward as the Postal Service considers their proposal. If issued, the stamp would be the first to feature such a historical subject from the Asian American Pacific Islanders community.

Despite the incarceration, over 31,000 Japanese Americans enlisted in the US Army during the war. Many enlisted saying that they did so to show their American patriotism. Most served in the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, and in the Military Intelligence Service. Supporters are being asked to contact their governors by email and phone, which can be found on their governor’s websites. Also, people are being encouraged to continue to reach out to members of Congress to write their own letters of support, which can be found on the campaign’s website, www.StampOurStory.org.

With questions, contact Wayne Osako, Cell 714-222-6530, Email StampOurStory@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members!

LTC Clayton K. Hashimoto, USA (Ret)

CPL Masayuki Ishihara, USA (Ret)

Dr. Takumi Izumo, CPL US Army

Clive Lee, Friend of JAVA

Jane Shora Matsumoto, Friend of JAVA

E-3 David Okada, Hon. Discharged.

LCDR Dean S. Nakayama, USN (R)

Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, CAPT, USA, Hon Discharged

LTC Kurt T. Takushi, USA (Ret)

JAVA has New Website, JAVA.wildapricot.org

By Beth Kelley, webmaster

JAVA has a new online look! JAVA’s website has always been a rich source of information and history. Our new administrator created a new, more colorful and clean style: See <https://java.wildapricot.org>. She has now migrated all of the content from www.javadc.org over to the new <https://java.wildapricot.org>. Let’s take a tour of the new website....

On the home page, JAVA’s mission is front and center: *to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members, to perpetuate the memory and history of our departed comrades; to educate the American public on the Japanese American experience during WWII, and to strive to obtain for veterans the full benefit of their entitlements as veterans.* Clicking on the link below this sends you to a detailed page outlining our goals and objectives as well as a listing of our Executive Committee members.

The home page continues with up-to-date news on projects and activities going on among members; a place for newcomers to join JAVA online; and our Event Calendar with links to detailed event pages. At the very bottom of the home page is a link to a large database of WWII military personnel of Japanese descent; a News Feed with obituaries and articles of interest; and a glimpse of our Facebook page. This is all just on the home page—go back to the top of the page and see the tabs drawing you deeper into the JAVA website:

Our tabs include

- *ABOUT US*, which provides details about the organization and a thorough application for membership.
- *NISEI LEGACY*, a lengthy page with narrative (and fabulous photos) about the Japanese American experience during WWII. At the bottom of this page you can find six lists of the eminent recognitions received by Nisei veterans.
- *THE ADVOCATE*, with links to every issue of *The Advocate*, our quarterly newsletter, going back to 2006.
- *RESEARCH ARCHIVE*, containing a list of papers done by JAVA Research Team.
- *DONATE TO JAVA*, offering an easy way to donate to our work.
- *NEWS*, a news feed and an archive of past Press Releases.
- *OPPORTUNITIES*, descriptions of our annual scholarships process as well as other organizations’ opportunities for students.



Left: President Obama at APAICS Dinner. Photo by Joe Shymanski



Right: President Obama greeting Floyd Mori (R) at the White House reception for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (President's left) on April 28, 2016.

President Obama Speaks at the 2016 APAICS Dinner in the Nation's Capital

Washington, DC. President Obama spoke at the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies' (APAICS) 22nd Annual Gala Awards Dinner on May 5, 2016 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The President highlighted his Administration's efforts and successes on behalf of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. APAICS is a national organization dedicated to promoting Asian Pacific American participation and representation at all levels of the political process, from community service to elected office.

The President preceded his remarks by recognizing Congresswoman Judy Chu, former Secretary Norman Mineta and President and CEO of AAPAICS Floyd Mori. The following is a condensed version of the President's remarks. Obama said "As many of you know, I grew up in Hawaii. I spent time in Indonesia as a young boy. The food, the culture, the spirit of the Asia Pacific region -- that's who I am. And one thing that's clear -- and you can see it in this room -- is the amazing diversity of the AAPI community. I'm so proud of all that we've accomplished together. From Southeast Asia to the Indian subcontinent -- from the Pacific Islands to the Native Hawaiians of my home state, you represent the heritage that spans the globe. And your families may come from different countries. They may speak different languages, practice different faiths. No matter what your background, no matter what your story, whether you're a first generation or fifth generation American, you're bound by something more powerful than your differences, and that is this unshakeable faith in America -- that notion that here, in this country, we can make of our lives what we will. You are our soldiers and our sailors, airmen, marines, coast guardsmen, defending our freedom every day. And, increasingly, you are a powerful, visible force in American political life.

"We've worked hard to make sure that the AAPI community is represented at every level of the federal government. That's why I've made appointments of AAPI judges to the federal bench. Just this week, we finalized a policy to help reunite Filipino World War II vets with their family members who are stuck in our immigration backlog. The AAPI community is the fastest-growing minority in America, but it's still significantly underrepresented at the ballot box. In 2012, just 56 percent of eligible AAPI voters were registered to vote. And fewer than half of those registered actually voted. So if you're upset with America's immigration policy, but you're not voting -- that has to change.

"Because these things are connected. Americans are different. We look different. We sound different. We come from different regions. We have different interests, different politics, different economic situations. But in the eyes of the law, we're supposed to be treated equally. And if one person is being oppressed, if one group feels that justice is being denied, that's an affront to all of us -- it's an affront to the values on which this nation was founded.

"And in the end, this is the work of self-government. It is hard, it is slow. It can be frustrating. That's our job: To exercise our most precious inheritance -- citizenship. And that means we have to be well-informed, we have to engage with our government, and we have to vote -- not just when it's time to elect a president, every single election. School boards, County offices, state attorneys and state legislative races matter. That's how we honor the trailblazers who sacrificed so that we could be here today and how we fulfill our promise as a nation. That's how we're going to ensure that the freedoms secured by those who came before us will always be the birthright of our children. That's your goal. That's my goal."



Japanese American US Army Corps of Engineers Commander Caps Thirty-Eight years of Army Service

By Bernard W. Tate, Public Relations, Army Corps of Engineers

Washington, DC. Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick relinquished command as the 53rd U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) May 19, 2016, in a change of command and retirement ceremony at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBMHH), Virginia. He had served as the Chief of Engineers since May 22, 2012, and retired with 38 years of service in the U.S. Army.

As the USACE commanding general, Bostick served as the senior military officer overseeing most of the nation's civil works infrastructure and military construction. He was responsible for more than 32,000 civilian employees and 700 military personnel who provide project management, construction support and engineering expertise in more than 110 countries around the world. USACE has a key role in supporting overseas contingency operations, with thousands of civilians and Soldiers having deployed to support military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"USACE is composed of extremely loyal and competent civil servants. I am consistently impressed by our personnel at the locks and dams, and our park rangers, program and project managers, and others," Bostick said. "I have seen the completion of vital civil works projects thanks to collaborations among USACE employees, contractors, federal, state and local agencies, non-profit organizations and private citizens.

Bostick was born in Fukuoka, Japan. His mother was a Japanese national from Amami Island, a favorite resort area south of Kyushu with crystal-clear water. She met his father, an American Soldier, in Okinawa. Bostick's relatives, on his mother's side, continue to live in Amami Island as well as in Kyushu, Tokyo and other locations in Japan. Bostick is proud of his Japanese heritage and in 2011 facilitated an Army review that resulted in the award of Bronze Star Medals to some 80 members of the all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Other command and staff positions that Bostick held during his 38 years of service include Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Personnel; Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at West Point and was a White House Fellow. Bostick graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1978 and holds master's degree in both civil engineering and mechanical engineering from Stanford University.. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia. Bostick and his wife Renee will reside in Arlington, Virginia. Mrs Bostick is the principal of Randolph Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia.

JAVA Former Executive Director Visits Japan as Member of JALD

By Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret)

Arlington, Virginia. I recently returned from Japan as part of the 2016 Japanese American Leadership Delegation (JALD). What an absolutely amazing experience. I traveled with 10 incredible Japanese-American professionals, selected from across America as we were provided this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet, discuss and network with Japanese leaders. The purpose of the JALD program is to build people-to-people relationships with Japanese leaders from various sectors of society in order to strengthen and diversify U.S.-Japan relations.

We visited Kobe, where I was a panelist in a Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) and U.S.-Japan Council (USJC) sponsored panel entitled “Toward a Secure Society: Challenges in Diversity and Inclusion”. It was attended by over 120 individuals, including the Kobe Vice Mayor and the Hyogo Prefecture Vice Governor.

In Tokyo, our schedule was packed, but every experience was more amazing than the previous. We met with Princess Takamado, perhaps the most gracious and lovely person I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. We had substantive sessions with the Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his senior staff, about 20 members of the National Diet (their National Legislative Body), and serving and retired Cabinet Ministers. We also met with the most senior business and economic leaders and discussed issues of interest to both our countries. We met with Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives), and Forum 21.

A highlight for me was the luncheon hosted by the Mitsubishi Corporation Chairman. Ambassador [Ryōzō Katō](#) ([Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America from 2001 to 2008](#)) was there, and it was special for me to see him again after 8 years. He played a key role in reuniting me with my Japanese mother in 2006.
http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/world/2006-07-27-birth-mother_x.htm

Our trip was graciously sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. USJC President Irene Hirano Inouye led our delegation, and it was a pleasure to watch her work. We all learned volumes from her professionalism and grasp of every issue. She kept us moving, but also ensured we had a wonderful experience.

[EDNOTE. Hollywood, a federal government official is a member of the White House Leadership Development Program that was announced by President Barrack Obama on 9 Dec 2014. This groundbreaking program is designed to develop leadership skills in the next generation of career civilian senior executives. The first cohort has 16 Fellows, chosen from across the Federal Government and began in October 2015.]



After his meeting JALD with members, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe invited them for a group photo. Back Row, (LtoR) Bruce Harrell (Seattle, WA), Eric Hiraga (Denver, CO), Stan Masamitsu (Honolulu, HI), Monte Mesa (Tamuning, Guam), Eric Nakajima (Amherst, MA), Darren Nakata (Portland, OR), Mark Yokoyama (Alhambra, CA), Tasha A. Yorozu (San Francisco, CA). Front Row, (LtoR) Mr. Hiroshige Seko (Deputy Cabinet Secretary), Kiyo Matsumoto (Brooklyn, NY), Irene Hirano Inouye (Washington DC), Prime Minister Abe, Bruce Hollywood (Vienna VA), Koichi Hagiuda, Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress Exchange Students Visit Nation's Capital



On March 21, 2016 JAVA speakers were invited to discuss the Nisei WW II experience and its legacy with Fellows of the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress (CSPC) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Seated L-R are JAVA speakers Mary Murakami, Terry Shima and CAPT (Dr) Cynthia Macri, USN (Ret); standing L-R: from Left to Right: Aylin Manduric (Canada); Miranda Nyathi (South Africa); Marcela Gomez Valdes (Mexico); Roberto Barsallo (Panama); Fumi Osawa (Japan); Lluís Dalmau (Spain); Selena Kaneko (Japan); Lissy Sanchez Grana (Mexico); Guilherme France (Brazil); Pablo Rubio Morales (Spain). Photo by Go Kobayashi.

Founded in 1965, CSPC provides historical perspectives about the nation's highest offices for citizens and policy makers. CSPC's mission is to apply the lessons of history to address today's political issues. Fellows, selected by US and foreign universities, are brought to the nation's capital to participate in a three-day conferences to learn about leadership and governance and to share CSPC's research. The fellows also attended the March 23rd CSPC's Annual Awards Dinner which honored Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter with the Eisenhower Award for Strategic Leadership in National Security Affairs. JAVA speakers were also invited to attend this event.

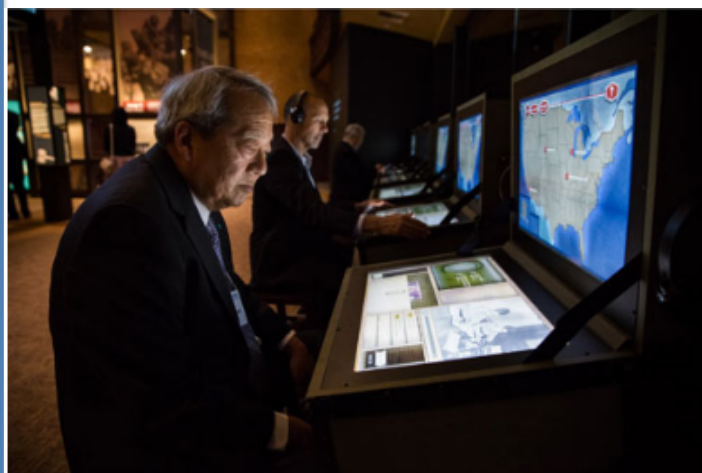
US Japan Institute (USJI), a coalition of nine Japanese universities in Washington, DC (Go Kobayashi, Manager), proposed to CSPC that JAVA speakers be invited to discuss the Nisei experience during WW II and its legacy. Following the program, the Fellows remarked that while they had known about the Nisei experience they appreciated hearing about it from the persons who experienced it.

GFBNEC New interpretive Exhibition Learning Center Opened to the Public

Los Angeles, California. On May 28, 2016, the Go For Broke National Education Center held a grand opening of its new interpretive exhibition to the public in Little Tokyo historic district, Los Angeles.

A brochure said "The exhibition is one-of-a-kind in its dynamic, hands-on, and experience-based approach, engaging visitors through participatory learning experiences. These experiences teach the history of the Japanese American World War II story and its relevance to our lives today. This isn't your typical history museum! You will discover the courage of World War II soldiers, civilians, men and women whose actions have meaning today. You will ponder over choices to be made, feel the triumph of challenges overcome, and the heartbreak of lives lost. You will get to know ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes along the way. And in the process, you will re-think what courage means to you."

The new GFBNEC facilities are located in the historic Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Little Tokyo. During World War II, the temple became a gathering place where Japanese Americans were forced to assemble before being sent to incarceration camps. The temple held these displaced families' belongings until they were able to reclaim them after the war.



GFBNEC Interpretive exhibition. Photo by Jon Endow

Japanese American Veterans Community Preparing MIS List of Unit and Individual Awards

Washington, DC. JAVA Research Team, building on the foundation laid by historian Seiki Oshiro of Minnesota, has compiled a list of MIS unit and individual awards based on a sampling of some 800 MISers who served in the Asia Pacific Theater during WWII. The List, shown on the right of this column, illustrates the extent of Nisei deployment to the zone of combat.

The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), Go for Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC), Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle (MVC), MIS Veterans Hawaii and organizations in Portland, Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City, and Houston have decided to review their files, including oral history interviews to add to the present list. Some organizations, such as NJAHS, are attempting to complete their survey by October 31, 2016 so they can “roll out” a new Japanese American Veterans Community MIS List of Unit and Individual Awards at their Veterans Day Programs in November 2016.

War Department initially expected the Nisei assignments limited to Regimental headquarters or higher for their safety and because their loyalty was questioned. Realities of combat, however, put a large number of Nisei in the combat zone. They entered caves to persuade Japanese soldiers to surrender, served in infantry and Marine invasion forces to translate documents and interrogate prisoners and pass to their commanders intelligence information real time; served in special forces to operate behind enemy lines; went on missions into hostile area to rescue downed American pilots and to save Allied prisoners of war; served on bombers to intercept enemy pilots’ communications to their bases. They were vulnerable to be shot by both sides. 33 Nisei linguists died in line of duty.

Nisei had two goals: to help win the war and to prove their loyalty. The MIS, as an organization, was not structured to maintain records of awards like their brethren in the 442nd RCT. Publicity about the MIS, which the US Army viewed as their “secret weapon”, was not allowed until the 1970’s.

This sampling of MIS Individual awards (a) illustrates the extent of Nisei deployment in front line duties; (b) demonstrates Nisei willingness to fight soldiers of their parent’s homeland, the acid test of loyalty to their nation; and (c) reflects Caucasian soldiers’ change of attitude from hate to total support of Nisei.

This List is drawn from various sources, including Army records, books, and publications. It is hoped that one day an organization can build on Japanese American Veterans Community MIS List of Unit and Individual Awards to achieve maximum coverage.

*Military Intelligence Service Unit and Individual Awards**

(Referencing various resources covering ~800 veterans)

Unit Awards (Received by MIS linguists)

Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation	57
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque	41
Navy Unit Commendation	27

Major Individual Awards

Distinguished Service Cross	1
Distinguished Service Medal	3
Silver Star	37
Legion of Merit	32
Navy Cross	1
Soldier’s Medal	14
Bronze Star Medal	388
Letter of Commendation	204
Army Commendation Medal or Ribbon	31
Air Medal	8
Purple Heart Medal	50
Combat Infantry Badge	121
Combat Parachutist Badge	1
Good Conduct Medal	267**
Military Intelligence Service Hall of Fame	11
Ranger Hall of Fame	3

Awards from Foreign Countries

Japan's Order of the Rising Sun	5
British Empire Medal	3
3 White Doves, Republic of China	1
Australian Defense Medal	1
Medal of Japanese Emperor	1
Medal of Honor of Liberation Star Award of Burma .	1
Legion of Honor Govt of Philippines	1

** This compilation is a work-in-progress as of 31 March 2016 and is based on Seiki Oshiro’s list of awards to MIS linguists. Please see accompanying narrative, which discusses these awards.*

*** The GCM number is conservative and is traced to the general orders that have been verified or reported.*

100th BN, 442nd RCT, and MIS Recognized by Maryland House of Delegates, Senate and Governor at Annapolis

Annapolis, Maryland. On April 1, 2016 the State of Maryland honored the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service at three levels of the Maryland state government. The Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates presented a Resolution in the House chamber to three JAVA members. Following that event the JAVA delegation was escorted across the hall to the Senate Chamber where the President of the Senate presented the Senate Resolution after a senator described the reason for the Citation and the Senators passed it with a unanimous vote. Ten JAVA members witnessed these historic events from the Visitors Gallery.

The JAVA delegation was then escorted to the Delegates Office building for a reception, sponsored by the Administrator of the Maryland Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. There, State Secretary of Veterans Affairs George W. Owings III presented the Governor's proclamation to JAVA representatives. This is said to be the first time an Asia Pacific American veterans organization was so honored in the Maryland State House.

Earlier, on February 24, 2015, the Commonwealth of Virginia House of Delegates presented a joint House-Senate resolution to the 100th, 442nd and MIS in the House chamber in Richmond. President Wade Ishimoto led the JAVA delegation to receive the Citation.

Maryland House of Delegates Presents Resolution to Nisei WW II Veterans



In a precedent-setting ceremony, Maryland House of Delegates presented a Resolution to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the MIS on April 1, 2016, on the floor of the Maryland House of Delegates at Annapolis, MD. This photo was taken after the presentation of the Resolution. L-R: Kumar Barve, Member of the Maryland House of Delegates representing Montgomery County; Terry Shima, 442nd, Dr Ray Murakami, Linguist, Occupation of Japan; LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret), Vice President of JAVA; Delegate Clarence K. Lam, M.D.; and Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Prior to the presentation, Delegate Lam testified to the House of Delegates members the Japanese American experience during WW II. The Maryland House of Delegates Resolution #134 said "Be it hereby known to all that the House of Delegates of Maryland offers its sincerest congratulations to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd in recognition of the Japanese American veterans of these units who fought the enemy abroad and prejudice at home. The entire membership extends best wishes on this memorable occasion and directs this resolution to be presented on this 1st day of April, 2016. Signed: Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House and Sylvia Siegret, Chief Clerk." Photo from LTC Nakagawa.

Maryland State Senate Presents Resolution to Nisei WW II Units



Senator Thomas Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate welcomed the JAVA delegation and Senator James Rosapepe, spoke about the Nisei experience during WW II. This was followed by the presentation of a Resolution to Dr. Ray Murakami and Terry Shima.

On the invitation of President Miller to speak, Shima addressed the Maryland Senate. He told the 44 senators, who had voted unanimously for the passage of the Resolution,

"On behalf of 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, the 110,000 persons of Japanese Ancestry who were confined in internment camps for the duration of WWII, the 800 we left on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific, and the Japanese American Veterans Association, I wish to thank the State of Maryland for this extraordinary recognition. It is a great honor to receive this Resolution in the Senate Chamber that served as the US Congress from November 1783 – August 1784, where General George Washington resigned his commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army on December 23, 1783, and where the US Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris on January 14, 1784 that officially ended the Revolutionary War thus making Annapolis the first peace time capital of America. We are proud to be contributing citizens to the Greatness of Maryland and America. God Bless Maryland and the USA."

JAVA Vice President LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret) presented inscribed JAVA coins to Senate President Miller and Senator Rosapepe. Nakagawa said the significance of the recognition in the State House is that it linked the Nisei to the patriots who saved America during the Revolutionary War. Standing, front row, L-R: Senator Rosapepe, Shima, Murakami, Nakagawa, Senator Douglas Peters, Chair of the Senate Democratic Party Caucus. Rear: seated is Reverend Mandy Sayers, Covenant United Methodist Church, Gaithersburg, MD. and standing to her left is Senate President Miller. Photo from LTC Nakagawa

American Heroes Channel Carries Sus Ito and 442nd on National TV

New York City. The Atlas Media Corporation (AMC), a producer and distributor of innovative non fiction programs, featured the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, on its nationwide broadcast on March 19, 2015. The documentary, carried on the American Heroes Channel (AHC), entitled *What History Forgot* and featured the late Dr Susumu Ito, a member of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd. During the rescue of the trapped Texas Battalion in the Vosges Forests of northeastern France, Ito served as a forward observer, a position that positioned him with the infantrymen at the forward point, from where he directed the artillery targets.



Dr. Sus Ito

AMC's announcement said this all-new episode described the individuals who risked life and limb fighting for our freedoms—from the fearless patriots who emerged from U.S. internment camps in WWII, to the brave men who risked their lives to save the helpless masses in Vietnam. History often remembers the pivotal events and their outcomes—and Sus reminds us of the heroes behind the stories.

AMC, which invited JAVA to provide candidates for video interviews, selected the late Dr Ito, Professor Emeritus Harvard University, who proved to be an ideal candidate to describe the Nisei experience during WW II. AMC and JAVA regrets Sus passed away before his film was aired.

JAVA announced the program broadcast details to its national members. COL Renita Menyhart, USA (Ret) wrote from Texas that they “watched with pleasure the wonderful feature about Dr. Sus Ito and the 442 last night. I thought it was very well produced and provided excellent insight and information about how it all began. I'm especially glad the professor thought to include just how well the 442 performed and all the awards the unit earned. I'm just so sorry Dr. Ito didn't live to see it.” JAVA thanks Lauren Mortellaro, Associate Producer, for reaching out to JAVA.

JAVA Participates in Two National Cherry Blossom Events

Washington, DC. The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) participated in two major events associated with the 2016 National Cherry Blossom Festival held annually in Washington, DC. At the front end of Festival on April 2, JAVA was a cosponsor of the 18th Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk held at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. This Memorial was built as a tribute to the Nisei who served in the US Army and the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were confined to internment camps during WW II. At the back end, on April 16, the day of the Festival's grand finale, the parade down Constitution Avenue, JAVA manned a booth at the Japan America Society's *Sakura Matsuri*, which is claimed to be the largest street festival in America. Following the morning parade, people, American and foreign, visited the *Sakura Matsuri*. Details of the two events are reported

18th Annual National Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk Held at Nisei WW II Memorial

By LTC Marty Herbert, USA (Ret)

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. JAVA was proud to again serve as a co sponsor for the 18th Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism on April 2, 2016. In spite of the rain, close to 100 people attended. This year's theme was “Protecting Our History, Preserving Our Parks.” (continued on following page...)



Photo: Dignitaries cutting the ribbon to launch the 18th Annual Freedom Walk to view the cherry blossoms. L-R: Janelle Kuroda, Department of State; John Tobe, President JACL WDC; Diana Mayhew, President of National Cherry Blossom Festival; Mike Cardarelli, President, JAVA; Calvin Shintani, Chairman, NJAMF; Jonathan Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; Minister Atsuyuki Oike, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan; Kristin Rohr, Chair of Board of National Cherry Blossom Festival; Lauren Vaughan, Secretary of DC Government. Photo by Bruce Hollywood

18th Annual National Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk Held at Nisei WW II Memorial

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It was a way to commemorate the 71th anniversary of the closing of the camps and to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service.

The program started off with a performance by the Nen Daiko Drum Troupe from the Ekoji Buddhist Temple and the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 508 from Mt. Airy, MD. Marty Herbert and Mark Nakagawa, served as the honor guards. Craig Shimizu, a fourth generation Japanese American, who served in the Army in Afghanistan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Janelle Kuroda, who serves in the Navy Reserves served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Jonathan Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, was the keynote speaker. He highlighted the recent designation of Honouliuli as a National Monument and the Confinement Sites grant program which promotes the preservation and interpretation of the internment sites. Other speakers included The Honorable Atsuyuki Oike, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, National Cherry Blossom Festival Chair Kristin Rohr, Lauren Vaughan representing the Mayor of Washington, DC as well as the representatives from the sponsoring organizations, Calvin Shintani, Chair of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Michael Cardarelli, President of the Japanese American Veterans Association, and John Tobe, President of the Washington, DC Chapter of the JACL. CDR Masato Murakoshi and two midshipmen from the Naval Academy in Annapolis attended.

At the conclusion of the program, members of the Pi Delta Psi fraternity at George Washington University led the Walk around the National Mall. Martha Watanabe, Chair of the organizing committee, said she is “pleased with the display of community interest and inter-generational participation in the annual National Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk. This program continues to build a firm US – Japan partnership.”



JAVA Participates in 56th Annual Sakura Matsuri in Washington, DC

By Beth Kelley, Coordinator of event

Capitol Riverfront, Washington, DC. Saturday, April 16, dawned bright and beautifully warm for the handful of JAVA volunteers waking up to get ready for the 56th Annual Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival in Washington, DC., sponsored by the Japan America Society of Washington (JASW). We came from Maryland, Virginia, and uptown to gather at the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood by mid-morning. This was JAVA's 14th year participating in the lively annual event, although things were a little different this year. JAVA was provided a booth "pro bono" by JASW. There was a constant stream of visitors walking by and many stopped to speak with Akio Konoshima, an Army Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Veteran and author of "What Pearl Harbor Wrought", a collection of short stories. "Aki" took time to sign copies of his book and converse with so many people. Aki was the only WWII veteran who volunteered this year. Thank you, Aki, for your dedication and fortitude—7 hours in the hot sunshine at age 92 is no mere feat! Thank you also for your generous donation of the proceeds of the sale of your book to JAVA.

We offered six different informational brochures to visitors free of charge such as The Nisei Intelligence War Against Japan by MIS Veterans Hawaii; The Story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team by 442nd Hawaii; and the Nisei Soldiers in the War Against Japan by JAVA member, Stanley L. Falk. We sold JAVA coins and patches, as well as ball caps and mugs with JAVA logo.

The Sakura Matsuri is organized by JASW, a non-profit educational and cultural organization working to promote greater American understanding of Japan and Japanese culture. The biggest change in the structure of this year's event was the location. Instead of lining beautiful Pennsylvania Avenue, the festival was set up in a spacious area next to the Washington Nationals baseball stadium on the Anacostia Riverfront.

Thank you very much to our volunteers: Rod Azama, Bruce Hollywood, George and Taro Konoshima, Mark Nakagawa, Kurt Takushi, Yumiko Takahashi, and Mike Yaguchi. We offer a special thanks to Noriko Sanefuji, our good friend and JAVA member from the Smithsonian, for attending and bringing Spam musubi and other delicacies!

Photo: A retired Army lawyer and JAVA member, LTC Kurt Takushi, USA (Ret) (second from left) and his wife Yumiko Takahashi (Takushi's left) discuss Japanese American experiences during WW II with a visitor. Seated, wearing hat, is Aki Konoshima.

OBITUARIES

Constance Nayematsu Ishio (Connie)

Longtime resident of the Silver Spring area, Connie Ishio died Friday, January 1, 2016 at her daughter's home in Goodyear, Arizona. Born in 1920 in Crow Agency, Montana, to Yahei and Koume (Mikami) Nayematsu, one of six children. She received her BA degree in Early Childhood



Education from Colorado State Teacher's College in Greeley, CO.

She taught preschool at Riverside Church in NYC before she married the late COL Sunao (Phil) Ishio in 1945. After marriage, they moved to the Washington, DC area where she taught preschool for many years and saw many of her pupils finish college and become parents themselves.

She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Wheaton and enjoyed watching the services of her church (now called Streams of Hope) every Sunday. She also enjoyed being part of the Kiwanis Club and the Women's Club and made many new friends there. She did volunteer sewing for various charitable organizations and was forever gathering material and thread. She also participated in the Grand Readers program at the local elementary school near her house in Md. She loved to cook and made many batches of peanut brittle and blueberry muffins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, with whom she shared 64 years of marriage, and her son, Douglas Ishio. She is survived by her daughters, Julie Sloneker and her husband, Mark, and Holly Molden and her husband, Jim and their son, Dr. Jaime Molden.

Memorial gifts may be made to Streams of Hope Church, 200 W Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or the Phil and Connie Ishio Scholarship Fund through JAVA. Please make check out to the Japanese American Veterans Association, and mail to JAVA; P. O. Box 341198, Bethesda, MD 20827 (note the name of the fund on memo line).

Major Muneo Michael Okusa

Great Falls, Virginia. On January 8, 2015, Muneo Michael Okusa, 95, of Great Falls, VA, died quietly and peacefully at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Thomas Dellinger, respectively. He is survived by his wife, Hideko Okusa, daughter, Naomi Okusa Dellinger, son, Mark Douglas



Okusa, grandchildren, Kate Makiye Okusa, Michael Kunio Okusa and Jason Takeo Okusa. Mike was born in Paxton, Nebraska, on October 31, 1920 to a farmer, Sotaro Okusa, and his wife Satoe Matsutani.

Mike was confined in internment camps during WWII, but later was recruited along with many of his Nisei compatriots to dedicate themselves to fighting for the American war effort. He joined the MIS and received training at Camp Savage, Minnesota. During WWII he served as a linguistics expert, along with many other Nisei; their collective efforts were felt by many to have shortened the war by 2 years. He and other Nisei in the MIS, 100th Regiment and 442nd Regimental Combat Team were recognized collectively by the United States and were honored individually with the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011.

Mike also served in the invasion force in April 1965 to stabilize the Dominican Republic during the Dominican Civil War. He retired from active military service as a Major in June 30, 1965. His intelligence service continued through several more decades in positions in the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. He received a number of awards from his military and civilian service. Mike was a founding member of JAVA and served as its Treasurer. He built innovatively designed tables and cultivated award-winning chrysanthemums.

A celebration of life was held February 19, 2016 at The Atrium, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Court, Vienna, Virginia. He will have a Full Military Honors Funeral Service at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Major Mike M. Okusa Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be made annually to direct descendants of Japanese American WWII Veterans and JAVA members ("Okusa Scholarship Fund", JAVA, P.O. Box 341198, Bethesda, MD 20827).

OBITUARIES

Susie Ichiuji

Rockville, Maryland. On February 10, 2016, Asako "Susie" Ichiuji passed away peacefully at her home after a long battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph "Joe" Ichiuji, loving mother of Karen Ichiuji Ramone (her late husband Phil Ramone) and their son BJ; Douglas Ichiuji (wife Melissa) and their son Alex; Stacy Pillersdorf and Julie Cyr from Douglas' previous marriage. She is also survived by brother George Tsuda, and sister Rose Tsuda Tanaka.



Susie was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on August 27, 1921 where she grew up and graduated high school. At the start of WWII, Susie moved to Washington, DC and avoided the internment of Japanese Americans into concentration camps. As a volunteer of the U.S.O., she met Joe who had just returned from serving in the U.S. Army's 552nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and they married in 1948.

In 1979 Susie retired from the Federal government after 37 years of distinguished service with several agencies, most notably NASA, U.S. Peace Corps, and the General Services Administration. Following her retirement, she devoted her time to traveling the world with Joe and friends. In her "spare" time, she loved making Japanese dolls, partaking in weekly dolls classes for over 30 years.

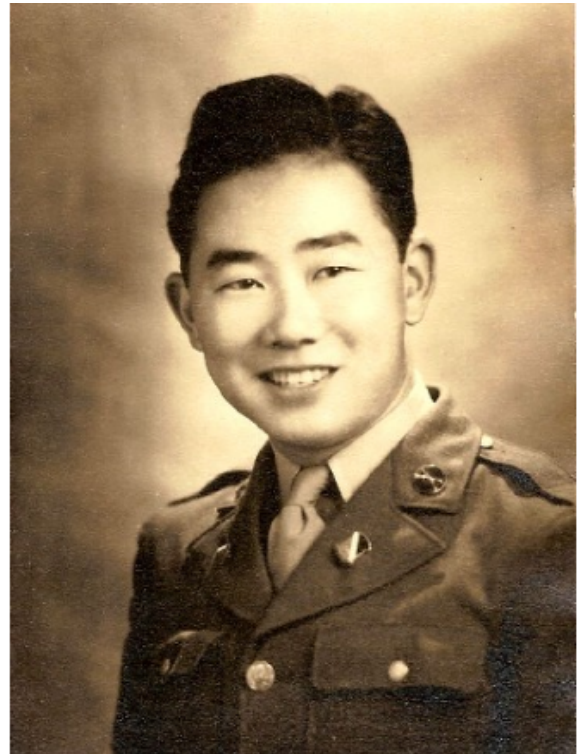
With her seemingly endless energy, she was always willing to lend a helping hand to family and friends in need. She especially enjoyed volunteering at her grand daughters' high school and organizations such as the Japanese American Citizens League and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 106-236, Washington, DC 20016.

Willie R. Tanamachi

By Judy Tanamachi, daughter

Willie R. Tanamachi passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2016. He was born March 1, 1921 in Beaumont, Texas. He was the 6th child in a family of 13. He joined the military at age 19 and served for 31 distinguished years. Willie was a veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star in Vietnam. He was one of 4 brothers who joined the military and were part of the famed 442nd RCT, a highly decorated combat unit in WWII. In 2011 the 442nd was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. In June 1945, Willie left New York for France aboard the Queen Mary. He traveled from France to Germany via "40 x 8" freight cars. While stationed in Munich Germany, he met his wife of 62 years, Ingeborg.

After his retirement from the Army Willie worked for the Johnson Space Center, the US Marshals Service & University of Houston. He is survived by his loving wife, and four children Linda, Judy, Tim and Tom and his daughter in law Cara. Willie was also survived by two very beloved grandsons, Will (his namesake) and Max.



OBITUARIES

Reiko Matsumoto

Nisei Author of Children Books and Educator Passes
Submitted by COL (Dr) Cal Matsumoto, USA (Ret)

Ashburn, Virginia. Reiko Odate Matsumoto, a lifelong educator, author of children's books, and beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, died March 12, 2016. Reiko was born in Kauai, Hawaii on March 25, 1929, and was the daughter of a Buddhist priest. After Executive Order 9066 was issued authorizing deportation of Japanese-American citizens to internment camps during World War II, her family was transported from Hawaii to the internment camp in Jerome, Arkansas and then to the notorious maximum-security Tule Lake Segregation Center in northern California, and remained imprisoned there until the end of the war.

After the war, Reiko attended the University of Hawaii, graduating in 1950 with a degree in Education and taught elementary school in Hawaii. She continued her studies in Berkeley, California, and earned her Master's degree in education at San Francisco State University. In 1958, she and her husband drove cross-country to settle in Northern Virginia. Reiko resumed her teaching career and continued it at the American School in Japan during an eight-year period in which her husband was assigned to Tokyo, Japan as head of the Japanese Division of the US Library of Congress.

Returning in 1977 to Northern Virginia, she taught English as a Second Language at Graham Road Elementary School educating many non-English speaking students in the increasingly diverse Northern Virginia. In 1989, Reiko was instrumental in initiating the Japanese Language Immersion Program for the Fairfax County Public School system. She directed the Japanese Immersion program at Fox Mill Elementary School until her retirement in 1994. A private interment service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. See more at: <http://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/Reiko-Odate-Matsumoto/Ashburn-VA/1598737#sthash.sUwT8dyi.dpuf>



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MG Carvalho, Jr, Receives New Position



The Pentagon. In December 2015, MG Joseph Carvalho, Jr, a native of Kaneohe, Hawaii and graduate of St Louis School, was appointed as chief medical advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. His duties include the coordination of all issues related to military health services such as operational medicine, health readiness with the army commands and with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His previous position was Deputy Surgeon General of the US Army. He received his BA in mathematics from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington in 1979 and received his MD from the Uniformed Services University, School of Medicine. MG Carvalho is a member of JAVA.

Two Friends from San Jose Meet in DC

When Mrs Michiko Ino Yee came to the nation's capital last April to visit her son, MG Garrett Yee and his wife Maria, Michiko had lunch with an old friend, former Secretary Norman Mineta, at the Occidental Restaurant near the White House. Michiko and Norman grew up together in San Jose. MG Yee, who works in the Pentagon, and Mineta are members of JAVA. L-R: Yuriko Ino Wong, Michiko's sister, Deni, Norman, Michiko, and Garrett. Photo by Maria Yee.



Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) Membership Application

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Application Explanations: JAVA is a registered 501(c) (19) War Veterans Organization and must comply with Internal Revenue Code provisions that require 90% of its membership to be comprised of war veterans. To qualify as a **War Veteran Member**, the applicant must have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces during any of these periods but need not have served in a war zone:

- December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946
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- August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975
- August 2, 1990 to present

To qualify as a **General Member**, the applicant must have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces during any period other than those specified above. In addition, cadets/midshipmen and spouses, widows, or widowers of war veterans, veterans, or cadets/midshipmen qualify for General Membership.

Friends of JAVA are those who support the purpose of JAVA but who do not qualify for membership. Friends of JAVA memberships have no voting rights.

JAVA does not currently assess membership dues. However, donations are accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16, 2016: JAVA Quarterly Luncheon, 11:30am, Harvest Moon Restaurant

August 6, 2016: JAVA EC Meeting, 10:00am

October 15, 2016: JAVA Quarterly Luncheon, 11:30am, Harvest Moon Restaurant

November 5, 2016: JAVA EC Meeting, 10:00am

November 11, 2016: Veterans Day, National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in World War II

January 14, 2017: JAVA Annual Meeting and Lunch, 11:30am, Harvest Moon Restaurant

February 4, 2017: JAVA EC Meeting, 10:00am

April 8, 2017: JAVA Quarterly Luncheon, 11:30am, Harvest Moon Restaurant

ADVOCATE CORRECTIONS

The *Advocate* Winter-Spring 2015-2016 edition, page 2 caption under the PPALM photo misstated the award. Lt Col Michael Yaguchi, USAF (Ret) received the **Excellence in Mentorship Award** in honor of Robert Nakamoto and family. With apologies for the error.



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