



JAVA ADVOCATE

President's Message

The last three months were marked by some major developments for JAVA, thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, members of the Executive Council, and supporters.

We are awarding our 2018 scholarships at our July luncheon that includes the US Senator Inouye scholarship of \$5000, the Colonel Phil Ishio Founder's scholarship of \$3000 and nine \$1500 individual scholarships donated by JAVA members and friends. As in previous years, JAVA was a co-sponsor of two events in the 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival: the Freedom Walk and the *Sakura Matsuri*. We also co-sponsored the Memorial Day program and decorating of the gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery.

We are pleased to announce that two nonfiction books on Nisei experiences are planned to be published in 2020, the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, separately, by two prominent New York Times bestselling authors. One book is on the 100th/442nd RCT and the other is on the MIS. This will coincide with the grand opening of the US Army Museum at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Speaking about books, Dr. Jim McNaughton's *Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During WW II* is scheduled to be published in Japanese in Tokyo this summer.

We have learned from a US Navy announcement that Mrs. Irene Hirano Inouye has laid the keel for a destroyer that will launched as USS Daniel Inouye.

In the categories of promotions and achievements of JAVA members, Admiral Harry Harris, who recently completed his assignment as Commander of the US Pacific Command, was appointed to be the US Ambassador and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Korea. LTG Paul Nakasone was promoted to General and assigned to the position of Director of the National Security Agency and Commander of the US Cyber Command. Ellen Nakashima, a journalist at the *Washington Post*, for the second time was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, the most prestigious journalism award. And LCDR Janelle Kuroda, USNR, a Navy lawyer, was promoted to Commander. JAVA congratulates each of them.

The above items are discussed in the following pages. I hope you enjoy them.

--Al Goshi

VOLUME XXVI, ISSUE II

Inside This Issue:

2018 JAVA Scholarship Winners	2-3
US Senator Akaka's Legacy	4
Upcoming Events	4
Senator Akaka Remembered	5
Fumie Yamamoto obituary	6
Admiral Harry Harris to Korea	6-7
Two New Books in 2020	7
Japanese Reenactors Honor 442	8
Aloha Sakura in Japan	8
Maryland Reenactors	9
2018 Cherry Blossom Festival in DC	10-11
Ellen Nakashima Wins Pulitzer	11
Memorial Day at ANC	12
Memorial Day at JACCC	13
GEN Nakasone Promoted	13
NJAMF Officials at Arena Stage	14
Maj Renee Lee (ANG) to Be Editor	14
Ishimoto Addresses DLA Group	15
News from Other Veterans Groups	15
B-24 Gunner Ogata Remembered	16
Meet the Generals and Admirals	17
MIS Nisei in the Aleutians	18-19
Keel Laid for Future USS Inouye	19

Continuing the Legacy: 2018 JAVA Scholarship Awards

Washington, DC. The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) announces the winners of the annual scholarship award program for 2018. Outstanding students from around the world applied for the scholarships. There were nearly 30 applicants for 11 scholarships. The competition was fierce, and all applicants would be worthy of receiving a JAVA scholarship to continue the legacy of the Nisei service to country, despite facing tremendous obstacles placed by their government.

The scholarships will continue to benefit a range of graduating high school seniors, advanced undergraduate students, and postgraduate and professional education students.



The \$5,000 memorial scholarship honoring the late US Senator Daniel K. Inouye's iconic career of military and civilian public service goes to Mike Bosack, an Air Force veteran pursuing his PhD. in International Relations at the International University of Japan in Nigata Prefecture. In his essay, Mike wrote, "I have dedicated my life to three things: serving my country, advancing US-Japan relations, and honoring my Japanese-American heritage. After leaving military service, I now find myself completing a Ph.D. in Japan as a stepping stone back to government so that I may continue supporting the ever-important US-Japan alliance."

The \$3,000 Founders Scholarship (named for JAVA's founder, the late Colonel Phil Ishio, USAR, his wife Constance and his son Douglas Ishio), goes to Sarah Nakasone, a student at the University of Chicago pursuing her doctorate in Global Studies. In her application, Sarah wrote, "I didn't look Japanese like my brothers. I didn't speak Japanese like my friends. I didn't even go to Japanese camp like my cousins. Me? I didn't belong. JAVA convinced me I was wrong. My dad began taking me to JAVA meetings ... and they quickly became my favorite events of the season. In a room filled with heroes, I learned what bravery and loyalty and, most of all, patriotism meant. ... I might not look like everyone else, but I was heir to this legacy of public service and commitment to change America for the better all the same."



The JAVA memorial scholarships each in the amount of \$1,500, go to:

Taylor Ishida, in honor of CWO 4 Mitsugi Murakami Kasai, MIS;

Jairus Iwasaki, in honor of Betty Fujita Shima, lifelong partner of 442 veteran, Terry Shima;

Becca Jackson, in honor of Major Orville Shirey and Maud Shirey, 442;

Allison Janowski, in honor of Calvin Ninomiya, US Army;

Sonny Kusaka, in honor of Kiyoko Tsuboi Taubkin, longtime patron of JAVA;

Jalyn Matsumoto, in honor of Pvt. Kuwasae Senaha, 442;

Colin Takeda, in honor of past JAVA President and Korean War veteran, Bob Nakamoto;

Jenna Tsuzaki, in honor of Etsu Masaoka, wife of Mike Masaoka and sister of the Honorable Norm Mineta; and

Julia Tsuzaki, in honor of Victor Matsui and his wife Teru, MIS.

JAVA thanks the selection committee, Frank Koye, CDR USN (Ret); Tuck Rosenberry, SC(STS) USN (Ret); Joshua Rigel, USA veteran; Zac Whittaker, USAR.



Taylor Ishida (CA)
UCLA



Jairus Iwasaki (HI)
University of Hawaii,
Manoa



Rebecca Jackson
Biola University



Alison Janowski (VA)
Duke University



Sonny Kusaka (OR)
University of Oregon



Jalyn Matsumoto (HI)
University of Northern
Colorado



Colin Takeda (CA)
Olin School of Engineering



Jenna Tsuzaki (HI)
University of Hawaii,
Manoa



Julie Tsuzaki (HI)
University of Hawaii,
Manoa

JAVA Officers

Honorary Chairs

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Hershey H. Miyamura, Medal of Honor

Elected Officers

LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret), President
LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret), Vice President
COL George Ishikawa, ARNG (Ret), Treasurer
CPT Wade Ishimoto, USA (Ret), Secretary

Executive Council Elected Officers plus

LTC Rod Azama, USA (Ret)
Lt Col Linda Bethke-Cyr, USAF (Ret)
LTC Brett T. Egusa, USAR
LTC Marty Herbert, USA (Ret)
LTC Jason Kuroiwa, USA (Ret)
CAPT (Dr) Cynthia Macri, USN (Ret)
Col Dale Shirasago, USAF (Ret)
Metta Tanikawa

General Counsel: Dawn Eilenberger

US Senator Akaka's Asian Pacific American Legacies

JAVA joins in mourning the late US Senator Daniel K. Akaka, a veteran, educator, and public servant whose life was devoted to making things better for others, and whose heart was filled with aloha. Akaka, who died in Honolulu on April 6, 2018, told JAVA representatives who visited his Senate office on September 27, 2012, "when I became a US Senator, I was determined to correct the injustice done to Asian Americans who served their nation."

Using his legislative and negotiating skills, Senator Akaka pursued this goal with single-minded diligence. He retroactively obtained for Asia Pacific American (APA) veterans awards, benefits and recognition, some of which were denied real time due to racial discrimination. He also obtained recognition for Nisei in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), who were assigned in small numbers to any unit that needed linguists. Here are some of the Senator's accomplishments:

Wrote the law to create the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Office of Minority Veterans that included the Center for Minority Veterans and Center for Women Veterans.

Worked to establish Hawaii's DVA medical and counseling centers in Hawaii.

Introduced the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act to provide parity between the Native Hawaiian people and the federal government.

Secured a review of 22 Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) medals awarded to APAs for upgrade to Medals of Honor.

Secured the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to over 7,000 linguists who served during WWII in the MIS.

Arranged with the US Army to publish Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During World War II, a 514-page documentary by Dr. James McNaughton, an Army historian. This book will be translated into Japanese soon.

Obtained approval for the National Japanese American Historical Society to use Building 640, the original site of the first MIS Language School at the Presidio of San

Francisco, as its learning center.

At the end of his 36th year in the US Congress, Akaka told JAVA he was satisfied that the American public now has a better perception of Japanese American courage and patriotism. Senator Akaka's efforts have made a huge difference "to correct the injustice" sustained by Asia Pacific Americans during WWII.



JAVA members and Senator Akaka at his US Senate office. L-R: John Tagami; John Tobe; Bill Houston (partially hidden); LTC Kay Wakatake, USA; Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret); Senator Akaka; Gerald Yamada; LT Janelle Kuroda, USN; Calvin Ninomiya; Terry Shima; MG Tony Taguba, USA (Ret).

September 27, 2012 photo by Hollywood.



US Senator Akaka's casket lying in state at the Hawaii Capitol Rotunda on February 18-19, 2018, following which he was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Upcoming Events

October 13, 2018: JAVA Quarterly Luncheon,
11:30 am, Falls Church VA.

November 11 or 12, 2018: Veterans Day Ceremony,
2 pm, National JA Memorial to Patriotism, WDC

A US Statesman, a Champion for Fairness, a Heart of Gold – How Senator Akaka was Viewed

Washington, DC. US Senator Daniel K. Akaka, JAVA honorary chair, has impressed the mighty as he has endeared himself to the person on the street with the same aloha spirit. Each person or group has a story to tell as to how the Senator impacted their lives.

President Barack Obama: “Akaka was a tireless advocate for the working people, veterans, native Hawaiian rights and the people of Hawaii. He embodied the Aloha spirit with compassion and care.”

To **M/Sgt Jim Agbayani, USAF (Ret)**, Vietnam War (1967-68), and a high school Special Education teacher in Woodbridge, VA, Akaka was “one of us. I accompanied my nephew, Andrew J. Agbayani, a member of the Hawaii student delegation attending the National Youth Convention, who had an appointment with the Senator. We were ushered into the Senator’s office and soon Auntie Millie (Mrs. Akaka) walked in, Hawaiian-style, barefooted, and sat in during the visit. We were greeted with much Aloha and left there as if we had just gone to visit our auntie and uncle from our *Ohana*.”

To **MG K.K. Chinn, USA (Ret)**, a native of Hawaii, West Point graduate, and whose last post was Commanding General of US Army South with headquarters in San Antonio, TX, Akaka affected everyone he associated with. Chinn said Akaka’s “contribution to Asian Americans and their rightful place in American history will last for eternity. He made a difference in the lives of all people he touched.”

To **US Representative Tulsi Gabbard**, who previously served on Akaka’s staff to handle veterans matters, Akaka was a mentor and friend. Gabbard said, “My heart is heavy today as we remember my dear friend and mentor, Senator Akaka. He dedicated his life to serving the people and our nation while in the U.S. Army, as a public school teacher, in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in the U.S. Senate.

His legacy of service and aloha will continue to inspire each of us to live Aloha every day.”

To **JAVA** Akaka was a great but humble man. After participating in a two-hour-plus oral history (OH) interview and the JAVA cameraman discovering to his horror the interview tapes were blank, empty, the OH coordinator reported this to Akaka’s Communications Director, Jon Yoshimura, who arranged the interview with the Senator. Akaka’s response to the coordinator’s apology was “please assure the cameraman not to worry, these things happen.” Akaka was as gracious and thorough in the retake as he was the first time. His OH is archived at the Library of Congress Oral History project.

Senator Akaka endeavored to raise public recognition of the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, and Military Intelligence Service to the level accorded to other units. Also, despite his demanding senatorial and constituent responsibilities, Senator and Auntie Millie, like they did to other organizations, actively supported JAVA’s programs with their Aloha spirit.



L-R: Andrew J. Agbayani, Senator Akaka, Josiah Estavillo-Travis and James Agbayani. Andrew attended Damien High School and Josiah, Andrew’s cousin and also a member of the student delegation, attended Leilehua High School. *Photo from James Agbayani.*

Fumie Yamamoto Passes



Fumie Yamamoto (94) of Kensington, MD, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2018. Fumie was born in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii in 1923. She married the late Dr. Richard Yamamoto in 1946. The couple moved to Maryland where she worked

while Richard finished his education and pursued his career. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in education and taught elementary school for almost 20 years.

In retirement, Richard and Fumie pursued their dream of traveling. Fumie's other interests included research, creating educational opportunities, gardening, crafts, and family. Fumie was preceded in death by her husband who died in 2002. She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Casso (Paul), and her grandchildren, Marie Wierzbic (Michael), Matthew Casso (Karla), and Brett Casso (Andrea), and 2 great-grandsons (Alexander and Malcolm).

Fumie was an extraordinary woman, sharing her time, energy, and skills with such organizations as JACL, the Foundation and JAVA. Fumie will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial gifts may be directed to: National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), 4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW, #106-236, Washington, DC 20016, or the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, 4217 Park Place Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060-9979.

Fumie and Richard have ensured that future generations will never forget the experience of Japanese Americans who served in the military during WWII. In 1990 Honolulu attorney Ted Tsukiyama, a 442nd and MIS veteran, engaged Susumu and Fumie to visit the National Archives to make Xerox copies relating to the 100th and 442nd. They visited the Archives weekly, making copies and mailing them to Hawaii. After 9 years the project stopped in January 1999 when Susumu became ill. By then they had copied some 25 linear feet of documents. 442nd Veterans Hawaii used these documents to review the citations of the Distinguished Service Cross for upgrade to Medals of Honor. Under Tsukiyama's leadership, this endeavor was restarted jointly with JAVA, which digitized relevant National Archives documents pertaining to the 100th, 442nd, MIS, and internment. Fumie was involved in this endeavor nearly

to the end. Digitization has enabled researchers to access this database electronically from anywhere in the world using key words.

Admiral Harris to be US Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

US Capitol Hill. The US Senate approved on June 28, 2018, the appointment of Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. as the US Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Korea. On May 30, 2018, Harris relinquished his command of US Indo Pacific Command in a formal change of command ceremony at Pearl Harbor. On June 14, 2018, he testified before and was approved by the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His wife, Bruni, can be seen in the photo below just behind him during the testimony. Harris was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 26, the full Senate on June 29 and was sworn in on June 30, 2018.



Harris told the Committee he is excited to serve in Seoul, with a country team of 600 men and women dedicated to strengthening the US-South Korean alliance. "I've experienced this relationship firsthand through my experiences with Korea across an almost 40-year career in uniform, including as the former Indo-Pacific Command commander overseeing the military side of the US-Korean alliance," Harris said. His father, who served in the US Navy during WWII, helped teach Korean Sailors at Chinhae. Early in her naval career, Bruni visited Seoul on many occasions. "These experiences afforded us lasting friendships and a deep appreciation of Korean culture and history, with their profound linkages to the United States," Harris said.

Harris discussed Korea's role "as our sixth-largest trading partner and the fifth-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods." Also, "Korean foreign direct investment in the US is already the second largest

Asian source of investment into the United States and the two nations enjoy a \$153.7 billion trading relationship, including goods and services.” He noted that the people-to-people relation is strengthened by the large number of Americans working or visiting Korea and the 1.7 million persons of Korean descent who reside in the US.

Harris concluded his formal remarks with a firm commitment: “I would, if confirmed as Ambassador, endeavor to deepen our partnership and alliance with the Republic of Korea.” The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved Harris’s nomination by a voice vote.

Harris, a highly decorated, combat-proven Naval officer with extensive knowledge, leadership, and geopolitical expertise in the Indo-Pacific region, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and was designated a naval flight officer in 1979. He earned an M.P.A. from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, an M.A. from Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service, and attended Oxford University. During his 40-year naval career, he served in every geographic combatant command region, and he has held seven command assignments, including the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

Big Name Authors Writing Books on MIS and 100th/442nd for 2020 Release

New York, NY. Two New York Times bestselling authors, Bruce Henderson and Daniel James Brown, are writing separate books on Nisei who served during WWII, aiming for publication in 2020, the 75th anniversary of the end of the war.

Bruce Henderson, author of *Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of the Jews who Escaped the Nazis and Returned with the U.S. Army to Fight Hitler*, is writing a nonfiction book entitled *Bridge to the Sun*, “an epic World War II narrative,” according to the trade journal, *Publishers Marketplace*. The book is about “a handful of MIS-trained Japanese-American soldiers, among the first Nisei in combat in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor -- as their own families were being held in internment camps in America -- deployed to the jungles of New Georgia, the caves of Okinawa, and the mountains of Burma with the famed Merrill’s Marauders, and who were, in effect, fighting two wars simultaneously: one, overseas against their ancestral homeland; the other, against racial prejudice at home.”

Bruce Henderson



Daniel James Brown



Sons and Soldiers was a national nonfiction bestseller in the US and Canada and has been translated into a dozen languages. It is currently being adapted by Hollywood for a limited series (6-8 hrs) for television.

Daniel James Brown, author of *The Boys in the Boat*, a story of the 1936 U.S. men’s Olympic eight-oar rowing team, which won the gold medal and the hearts of millions of Americans, is writing a nonfiction book on the 442nd RCT that is not yet titled. This book will be about four Nisei members of the 442nd tasked to accomplish the most difficult missions such as the rescue of a battalion of Texans trapped by German forces in the Vosges forests, located on the French-German border. What the Nisei did would become legendary and “earn them and their brethren at home the respect they had too long been denied,” an article on the internet said.

Brown is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat*, which has been published in 20 countries and also adapted in a young readers’ edition. *[JAVA is consulting separately with both authors.]*

Thank You, Donors!

We are grateful for those who donated funds from April 1 through June 30, 2018:

LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret), Joann Vander Horck, Kat Lipsett, and Bruce Koligian

Portraying the WWII Japanese American Soldiers in Reenactments in Japan

By Hidenori Koda, B Company, 100th Battalion (reenacted). On the Slopes of Mt Fuji, Japan.

Reenacting is common in the United States. It is also done in Japan by the members of B Company, 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, a top Japanese reenactment group. We wear and use uniforms and equipment of the US Army during WWII, but that is not the only purpose. Our purpose is "to experience" the life of a US Army soldier and also to publicize to the Japanese people the courage and patriotism of the Nisei. We reenact with respect and pride for the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd.

What we do is a very small thing compared to what the Veterans experienced. We try to experience the weight of the gear, the cold of the night, the heat of the day, the poor diet as we dig foxholes, go on night patrols, and freeze in the snow. We also use WWII uniforms, underwear, tents, gear, and blankets. An officer of the Japanese Self Defense Force conducts training and serves as an infantry drill sergeant. Emulating the Nisei, we walk, dig, eat, scout, attack, and defend.

Article continues on the next page, first column.

Hawaii Nisei Veterans and 100th Bn Reenactors (Japan) Celebrate "Aloha Sakura" in Maizuru, Japan

By Lawrence M.G. Enomoto, Honolulu, HI.

Sixty-eight years ago, Fujio Takaki, a MIS linguist from Hawaii assigned to Maizuru during the Occupation, arranged for the planting of a hundred cherry tree saplings on a hill overlooking the war-torn Japanese seaport of Maizuru, the point of entry for Japanese prisoners held by the Soviet Union. As a gesture of goodwill, Takaki obtained the seedlings and donated them to city officials. The trees were planted on a hill in Kyoraku Park. Today, a monument there explains the origin of the trees, dubbed the "Aloha Sakura" as a symbol of friendship and peace between the people of the United States and Japan.

As the sakura bloomed in pink splendor this spring, a group of Japanese citizens gathered to celebrate that

Article continues on page 10, first column.

Maryland WW II Reenactor Discusses His Experience with Reenactments

By Arthur R. (Bob) Buker, World War II Reenactor (Ellicott City, MD)

As a World War II reenactor and enthusiast, I have helped organize and participate in reenactments and in linking with other reenactment groups in the US and also in Japan. (See article to the left.) Some of my WWII collection of equipment are a restored WWII jeep, trailer, and ¾ ton truck. In addition to organizing reenactments, I participate in them as a Special Services technician for USO camp shows, American Red Cross, Recreation and Morale, Army post office, and Hollywood canteen during WWII.

A major annual living history event is the "WWII Weekend" at the Eisenhower National Historic Site (ENHS) in Gettysburg, PA. The site supervisor and I created the event in 1994 and subsequently expanded it with a reenactment battle in New Oxford, PA, located 10 miles east of Gettysburg. What started with 10 participants has grown to 800 participants with 100 WWII vehicles in multiple camp sites in neighboring towns. The participants arrive from east coast and midwest USA and Canada. The "Allies" are camped at ENHS while most of the "Axis troops" bivouac at New Oxford area. The living history program at ENHS is held for 2 days (rain or shine) and the battle reenactment in New Oxford is from 8:30 to 10:45 AM on Saturday. Approximately 1,000 spectators view the occupation, battle, and liberation from the town square. JAVA speakers were invited to speak twice (different years) at Gettysburg. A reenacted 442nd unit, F Co, 442nd RCT Reenacted, is a regular participant of the Gettysburg reenactments. The next event at the ENHS is scheduled to be held on Sept 15-16, 2018.

<https://www.nps.gov/eise/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?event=C50DC83A-155D-451F-67FAC14CBFF20E3B> and <https://www.liberationofnewoxford.com/>

Reenactments, using original documents, photographs, and equipment give the 21st century spectator a bridge to the events that happened many years ago. When the spectators display a positive reaction, the reenactors are gratified that their intended points and research had resonated well. An item of major audience interest is my presentation on the use of V-Mail, a form of

Article continues on the next page, bottom of first column.

Koda article, continued:

One day last year, in a small area of my local park in Maizuru city in Kyoto prefecture, I stopped to read a small stone monument and I was shocked. Imagine my surprise when I read the cherry blossoms there were planted by Japanese-American MIS soldiers in 1950! My research confirmed this. Ultimately, B Co worked to restore and replant the grove and invited members of the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii and 100th Veterans Club Hawaii for a ceremony on March 10, 2018.

We were extremely honored to have visitors from Hawaii and Japan including Mr. Lawrence Enomoto, President of the MIS Veterans Club Hawaii, Mr. Glen Arakaki, former MIS soldier stationed in Maizuru, as well as representatives of the families of 100th Battalion Raymond Nosaka, Michio Teshima, and Fred Hosokawa. We will continue to take care of the trees under the auspices of the Aloha Sakura Preservation Society. Thank you, members of the MIS, 100th and 442nd, for your service. B Company, 100th Battalion (reenacted) is honored to share with the Japanese people your stories and sacrifices.

In January 2018 Arthur R. (Bob) Buker visited B Co at the foothills of Mt Fuji, where it was bivouacked to enact winter combat conditions. In keeping with the spirit of B CO, Buker portrayed American Red Cross Field Director Richard Percy of the 34th Infantry Division and gave original comfort items to each of the men as well as several original can labels for their field kitchen. Buker said "It was an inspiring visit that I have taken to heart for my WWII living history events."

Links: B Company in Japan:

<https://www.facebook.com/BCo.HQ/>:

Aloha Sakura restoration video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9qy0IKrzQk&feature=share>: Aloha Sakura website:

<http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~kfir/alohasakura.htm>.

[EdNote. This article was edited by Bob Buker.]

Buker article, continued:

communication between the families on the home front and the boys in the war zones.

On May 19, 2018, my living history group arranged an exhibit at the National Cryptological Museum, located near Fort Meade, MD, on the occasion of Armed Forces and National Police Day. Personnel and their families from Fort Meade and environs attended. I was

privileged to speak on German Prisoners of War at Ft. Meade during WWII and their impact to the farms in Howard County, MD.



A portion of reenactors of B Co 100th BN bivouacked at Gotemba, the lower slope of Mt. Fuji in January 2018. Hidenori Koda, Commander, B Company, 100th Battalion (reenacted) is in the front row second from left and Arthur (Bob) Buker, American Red Cross reenactor is at front row right. Reenactor behind Buker is the cameraman with his Speed Graphic camera, the equipment used during WWII. Photo from Koda.



Photo taken at National Cryptological Museum, located near Fort Meade, MD.

Left to Right: General Paul Nakasone, Director of NSA and National Cryptology Center, Bob Buker, Master Gunnery Sgt. Stalker, Simon W. (last named withheld). Photo from Buker.

Enomoto article, continued:

simple gesture of aloha. On the invitation of the Maizuru Aloha Sakura Preservation Society, eight persons from MIS Veterans Hawaii and 100th Veterans Hawaii, visited Maizuru to participate in the Aloha Sakura festival on March 10, 2018 at Kyoraku Park, where they met 20 members of B Company, 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team (Reenactment). The head of the Hawaii delegation was Lawrence Enomoto, President of MIS Veterans Hawaii. While paying tribute to Takaki's foresight, B Company (Reenactment) and the visitors, under the guidance of a landscaper-arborist, planted several cherry tree saplings.

Following Enomoto's remarks, members of B Company (Reenactment), dressed in authentic U.S. Army uniforms from World War II, stood in formation and offered a respectful hand salute. The Japanese hosts took their visitors on a visit to various historic locations. One stop on the tour was Taira Bay, the entry point for the nearly 350 ships carrying about 660,000 repatriates from the Soviet Union to Maizuru between 1945 and 1958.

Two facts greatly impressed me during our visit to Maizuru: First, the 100th Battalion (Reenactment), comprised almost entirely of Japanese citizens, are so enthusiastic about the legacy of Nisei soldiers from Hawaii who served in Europe, throughout the Pacific, and in Japan, that they have volunteered their time, money, and energy to portraying the Nisei at numerous battle reenactments around Japan for the past 15 years. Second, the Aloha Sakura Preservation Society, established in December 2017 and consisting entirely of Japanese citizens, are so captivated by Takaki's story that they also are devoting themselves to preserving and promoting the Aloha Sakura legacy for generations to come.



Hawaii visitors, Maizuru Aloha Sakura Preservation Society members, and B Company 100th BN (Reenactment) at Maizuru, Japan. Photo from Gregg Hirata.

I wonder whether the sons, like me, and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of Nisei veterans in Hawaii can show the same degree of interest and enthusiasm as these Japanese citizens do to preserve the legacies of our Nisei veterans who fought and died for America.

[EdNote. Article condensed due to space constraints. Gregg Hirata, Editor of MIS Veterans Hawaii Newsletter, provided this article.]

JAVA Participates in Two Events at 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC

By LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret)

Washington, DC. JAVA participated in two events of the 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC, from March 20 to April 15, 2018. The Festival, which marked the advent of Spring, was a celebration of traditional arts and culture featuring talents from Japan and America, a Freedom Walk amidst the groves of cherry blossom trees, and climaxed with the National Cherry Blossom parade down Constitution Avenue and a Japanese street festival on nearby Pennsylvania Avenue following the Parade. As it has done in prior years, JAVA participated in the Freedom Walk and *Sakura Matsuri*, which were held on April 7 and 14, respectively. The Japan American Society of WDC (JASW) has touted this street festival as the largest Japanese American street festival in the US. JAVA is grateful for JASW invitation to participate because JAVA's representatives can discuss the Nisei experience during WWII with an international audience outside of JAVA's normal reach.

The National Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk, sponsored jointly by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and JAVA, held their 20th Annual Walk on April 7, a cold overcast day that was brightened by the cherry blossoms in full bloom, at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, located near the US Capitol building. Following the drummers and the presentation of colors by the Mt Airy Baptist Church Boy Scout Troop with Marty Herbert and Mark Nakagawa of JAVA as color guards, Elizabeth Kurata, the Daniel K. Inouye Fellow at the JACL office in Washington, DC, announced the names of founding

continued on the next page....

members of Freedom Walk as follows: Wai Ping Chan, Jean Kariya, Kent Kariya, Laura Nakatani, Ken Redden, Yasue Redden, David Yao and Ann Yonemura.

Representatives of the Embassy of Japan who attended were Minister Kazutoshi Aikawa, Deputy Chief of Mission and Mrs Aikawa; Minister Takuya Sasayama, Head of Chancery; and Second Secretary Fumiyo Tsuda. Speakers were Richard Bradley, Chair of the National Cherry Blossom Festival; Minister Aikawa; Larry Oda, Chairman of the Board of NJAMF; David Inoue, JACL Executive Director; and Deepa Iyer, author and former executive director of SAALT; Georgette Furukawa Martinez, president of JACL DC chapter; and Allen Goshi, JAVA president.



Ribbon cutting to signal start of 20th Annual Freedom Walk. L-R. Minister Kazutoshi Aikawa, Elizabeth Kurata, Richard Bradley, Diana Mayhew, Executive Director National Cherry Blossom Festival Committee; Larry Oda; David Inoue; Deepa Iyer and son; Georgette Furukawa Martinez; and LTC Allen Goshi. *Photo by Bruce Hollywood.*

For the fifteenth consecutive year, blessed by a warm and sunny day, JAVA participated in the April 14, 2018, *Japan America Society of WDC's Sakura Matsuri*, a Japanese street festival held on Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 7th Streets, near Constitution Avenue where the National Cherry Blossom Parade was held. Under the leadership of Lt Col Linda Bethke-Cyr, USAF (Ret), JAVA members LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret), JAVA President, Gerald Yamada, Esq, former JAVA President, LTC Nakagawa, MAJ Brett Egusa, USAR, Noriko Sanefuji, and Barbara Watanabe discussed the Japanese American story and distributed publications on the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service, and internment to the throng of American and foreign visitors, including journalists, who visited the JAVA booth.

[The Freedom Walk section is based on an article by John Tobe.]

Correction: The Spring 2018 Advocate contained a write-up of Dr. Chad R. Diehl's book. In it, we said Dr Diehl was a football star for Clemson University. He was not. We regret the error. He does, however, hold a second-degree black belt (*niidan*) in judo from the *Kodokan* in Japan.
--Advocate staff.

Ellen Nakashima Wins Second Pulitzer in Four Years

Washington, D.C. A team of *Washington Post* national security reporters, including Ellen Nakashima, received the Pulitzer Prize, journalism's most prestigious honor, on April 16, 2018. This prize was for its investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. The *Post* said the journalists exposed undisclosed information that "altered America's political landscape". The Pulitzer for this category was shared with the *New York Times*. This is Nakashima's second Pulitzer in four years, the first being in 2014, when she and her colleagues were awarded the Pulitzer for Public Service "for reporting on the hidden scope of government surveillance and its policy implications."

As a national security reporter, Nakashima covers such issues as cybersecurity, surveillance, counterterrorism and intelligence. She joined *the Post* in 1995, covered Virginia state politics, assigned to the White House and served as a foreign correspondent in southeast Asia. In her journalism career, she has won other awards, including the Gerald Loeb Award, the most prestigious honor in business journalism, in 2014.



Nakashima's late father, Shigemitsu, served in the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV) when the call came for volunteers for the 442nd RCT. Shigemitsu, like the other VVVs, volunteered but he failed to pass the physical examination.

He then volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service and this time passed the physical and served in the Papua New Guinea and the Philippines combat zones. After Japan surrendered, Shigemitsu served in the Occupation of Japan where he was assigned to the A-Bomb survey team in Nagasaki.

JAVA offers its congratulations to Ellen, a life member of JAVA. JAVA Secretary, Wade Ishimoto, wrote to Ellen: "I enjoy your balanced approach, knowledge, expertise and insights without revealing classified information."

Japanese American Community Sponsors 70TH Annual Memorial Day Service at Arlington

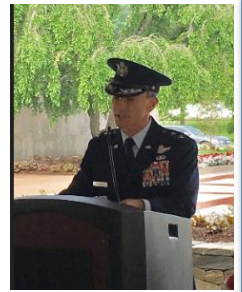
Arlington National Cemetery. Joint sponsors JACL and JAVA and event coordinator Kobayashi family celebrated the 70th anniversary of their Memorial Day program at the Pavilion and decoration of gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) on May 27, 2018. A large number of attendees braved the threat of a severe thunderstorm and traffic disruption near ANC due to hundreds of thousands of Rolling Thunder annual riders through Washington, DC to pay tribute to 90 Japanese Americans who fought in all wars since WWII and Caucasian officers who commanded Nisei units.

In 1948 the US Army held a high-profile gravesite burial ceremony for two 442nd soldiers, PFC Fumitake Nagato, who volunteered from Poston, AZ, internment camp and PFC Saburo Tanamachi of San Benito, TX . High-ranking military and civilian officials confirmed Japanese American loyalty, courage and patriotism, correcting the wartime stigma that Nisei were traitors to their nation and collaborators with Imperial Japan. The total number of Japanese Americans interred at ANC who died in all wars has grown to 90. Key Kobayashi, an MIS veteran, began in 1948 to hold an annual program, grave visitation, and laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown on Memorial Day. When Key died in 1992, his family, led by son Turner, and supported by Mrs. Kyoko Kobayashi, widow of Key, and family members from the WDC area, New York, Ohio and California gather to continue this noble endeavor. Turner said this ANC program is the longest-running annual service held at ANC by an independent organization.

The principal speaker this year was Maj Gen David Clary, USA (Ret), who was born in Osaka, Japan, of a Japanese mother and an American father. MG Clary was a combat pilot with 4,500 flying hours and 160 carrier landings. The special speaker was Sandra Tanamachi, a retired Texas school teacher and niece of Saburo Tanamachi. Sandra mounted a 12-year campaign to remove a racist street sign, *Jap Road*, from the town of Beaumont and three other Texas towns. The guest speaker was Kim Minh Thai, a 5th grade student at the Senator Spark Matsunaga Elementary School at Germantown, MD.

Maj Gen Clary provided a vivid summary of the 100th and 442nd combat record and concluded with a quote from GEN Jacob L. Devers, US Ground Forces Comm-

ander who spoke at the interment of the two Nisei 70 years ago: "There is one supreme and final test of loyalty to one's native land. This test is readiness and willingness to fight for and, if need be, to die for one's country. These Americans and their fellow Nisei veterans passed that test with colors flying."



After describing Nagato and Tanamachi's heroism, Sandra Tanamachi said, "This 2018 Memorial Day holds a special significance, as it is the 70th anniversary of when our uncle, Saburo Tanamachi, and Fumitake Nagato were the first two Nisei veterans to be interred in Arlington in 1948."



MG David Clary, upper right.
Sandra Tanamachi, above.
Kim Minh Thai, right.



Kim Minh Thai told the audience "Memorial Day is the day when we should honor and give respect to those who have lost their lives. These are the people who were true of heart and devoted their lives to keep us safe. We should all be inspired by their sacrifices."

Following the sound of taps by an US Army bugler, Turner Kobayashi assigned members of his family and the audience to place a bouquet of flowers at each gravesite he has on his list.



The
Tanamachi
Family at
the grave of
Saburo
Tanamachi,
Arlington
National
Cemetery.

Los Angeles Nikkei Community Holds Memorial Day Program at JACCC

By Ken Hayashi, President, National Japanese American Vietnam War Veterans

Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The Japanese American Veterans Joint Memorial Service was held at the Japanese American National War Memorial Court, located at the Japanese American Community Cultural Center (JACCC), at Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, on May 26, 2018. Emcee Helen Ota began the program by cuing the Redondo Union High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC and Boy Scout Troop 379 to call "Assembly" and post the colors. After a blessing by Reverend Mark Nakagawa, Cadet Sgt. Major Sean Prewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Aimee Machida Angeles sang the National Anthem. Go For Broke National Education Center Board Member Jeff Maloney then welcomed the audience and thanked them for remembering our heroes who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom.

Ken Hayashi then introduced Keynote speaker Quang Nguyen, who as a 6-year-old boy survived the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. He came to the USA as a young teen, studied to learn English and in his proudest moment, became an American Citizen. Quang spoke about what it means to him to be an American and he thanked all veterans and first responders for defending and protecting the ideals we hold so dear. He gave a special thanks to all who served in Vietnam and helped to keep him alive so that he could become an American Citizen.

Gold Star mother, Mrs. Yoko Nakamura, was then escorted by 1st Sgt Steve Mick and Korean War medic Min Tonai to make a floral presentation at the name of her son, Paul Nakamura, who was killed in action in Iraq. Vietnam Veteran David Miyoshi then introduced family members of heroes whose names are etched on the walls of the Memorial Court as they made floral presentations, followed by representatives of veterans and community organizations.

The program was closed with Aimee singing God Bless America, a 21-gun salute, Taps, the benediction by Reverend William Briones and the retiring of the colors. All attendees than made personal floral presentations and enjoyed a *bento* prepared by Chef Akira Hirose of Maison Akira.

General Nakasone Assumes Command of US Cyber Command and NSA

Fort Meade, MD. On May 4, 2018, General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, assumed the position as Commander US Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service. US Cyber Command's mission is to direct, synchronize, and coordinate cyberspace planning and operations to defend and advance national interests in collaboration with domestic and international partners.



The Change of Command Ceremony. L-R: Admiral Michael Rogers, outgoing commander, Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan, General Nakasone, and Master Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stalker, Senior Enlisted Advisor. *Defense Department photo.*

US Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats were among the dignitaries and guests who attended the change of command and change of directorship ceremony in Fort Meade, located 30 miles north of Washington, DC. Prior to the event, General Nakasone was promoted from Lt. General to General.

A long-time member of the cryptologic community, General Nakasone has served as Commander of US Army Cyber Command and led US Cyber Command's (USCYBERCOM) Joint Task Force-ARES in the global fight to counter ISIL in cyberspace.

"NSA and USCYBERCOM's greatest strength has always been our people," said General Nakasone. "Your agility and ability to solve the unsolvable challenges are more critical than ever, and perhaps our mission has never been more demanding. But we are up to this task, and I look forward to leading you in this new chapter of our history."

The event also marked USCYBERCOM's elevation to

continued on next page...

the nation's 10th combatant command and the official opening of NSA and USCYBERCOM's Integrated Cyber Center (ICC) facility, specifically designed for coordinating and planning operations against cyber threats.

USCYBERCOM's elevation reflects the growing importance of cyberspace to U.S. national security interests and better postures the command to accomplish its three missions: defend DoD networks, systems and information; defend the nation against cyber attacks of significant consequence; and provide integrated cyber capabilities to support military operations and contingency plans.

NJAMF Officials hold Q and A with Ohio Middle School Students



On April 6, 2018, Ryun Yu performed a one-man drama of *Hold These Truths*, a World War II story of Gordon Hira-bayashi's defiance of Executive Order 9066 by getting himself arrested, at Arena Stage. When David Inoue, Executive Director of JACL, learned that students from the Yellow Springs McKinley Middle School, Yellow Springs, OH, were attending the play, he arranged with Isaac Evans, Arena Stage Program Moderator, to have the students stay after the play for a Q&A. The teachers and officials of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) agreed and a productive brief discussion on the Japanese American experience during WWII was held. Facing the camera in the above photo are from L-R: Ryun Yu; Evans; Larry Oda, Chairman of the Board; Douglas Ichijui, Finance advisor; and Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret), member of the board. Photo from Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp.

Following her return to Yellow Springs, Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp, Performance and Live Arts Teacher, in a message to Col Hollywood said: "On behalf of all of us from Yellow Springs McKinney Middle School, thank

you so much for your gift of time and insight with our 8th graders after the performance of *Hold These Truths*. All our students and chaperones greatly enjoyed the opportunity to get to meet you and your fellow board members and learn more about NJAMF. Attending the performance and the talk-back afterwards was simply the highlight of our trip. . .

. From me, a heartfelt "thank you" for staying and talking with our students. Your presence showed them the importance of philanthropy and your words went to their hearts. It meant so much to all of us."

JAVA Advocate Editorial Staff



Effective with the Fall Edition of the JAVA Advocate, Maj Renee Lee, ANG (*photo on left*), will become the lead Editor. Renee works in public affairs at the Department of State, serves as a public affairs officer (Major) in the Air National Guard, volunteers as the VP for

Communications with the Pan-Pacific American Leaders and Mentors, and is also a JAVA member. Her father is a U.S. Army retiree and her brother currently serves on active duty in the U.S. Army. Her husband, Jason Yee, is also a member of the Air National Guard and a JAVA member. Renee and Jason reside in Arlington, VA.

Renee will be ably assisted by Beth Kelley, Chris DeRosa, Neet Ford, and Bill Houston. They have been the nucleus of the Advocate in the past. Also assisting Renee will be JAVA member Mark Matsunaga and Gregg Hirata, both based in Honolulu. Mark is a former city editor of the *Honolulu Advertiser* and Gregg is a professional writer. Both are sons of MIS Veterans.

The JAVA Executive Council is very pleased to have assembled this strong team to ensure the quality of the Advocate continues.

JAVA Secretary Addresses Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Headquarters

New Cumberland, PA. JAVA Secretary Wade Ishimoto was the guest speaker at the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration held at the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution headquarters in New Cumberland, PA, on May 30, 2018. Ishimoto commented on how Asian Pacific Islanders (API) as a group are the largest population in the world but a minority of those in America. Yet APIs have overcome prejudice such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of the 1880s and the incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese Ancestry during WWII to become significant contributors to American society and our military.

The award of the Congressional Gold Medal to 33,000 Americans of Japanese Ancestry and the 260,000 Filipinos that faithfully served America during WWII was cited as an example of API patriotism. He gave examples of how APIs have become Flag and General Officers with four APIs gaining their fourth star with the latest being GEN Paul Nakasone, who took command of the National Security Agency and US Cyber Command in May.

Ishimoto also cited how API Noncommissioned officers such as SSG Michael Kalua and CSM Ernest Tabata have excelled with two of the five major training facilities for the Army's Special Forces named after them. He then went on to encourage the audience to advance leadership in America today. He mentioned the National Commission on Military, Public and National Service that has Debra Wada as the Co-chair for Military Service and the Pan Pacific American Leaders and Mentors effort led by MG Tony Taguba, USA (Ret). After being presented with a Command coin and certificate from BG John Laskodi, Commanding General, DLA Distribution, Ishimoto led the audience in singing God Bless America.



L-R:
BG John Laskodi,
Bobbie Ishimoto,
Wade Ishimoto.
*Photo from
Ishimoto.*

News from Other Veterans Organizations

Maui, HI. The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center Spring 2018 Newsletter featured a front-page article entitled *This Year Marks the 75th Anniversary of 'Loyalty, Courage, Sacrifice' of the 442nd*. The article was accompanied by a photo, donated by the West Maui Veterans Club, of 77 Lahaina boys who volunteered for the 442nd. The Center has an exhibit entitled *Loyalty, Courage, Sacrifice* which opened on March 26 and will be on display until August 24, 2018. It will include memorabilia from Maui's Nisei WWII Veterans who served in the 442nd RCT.

Honolulu, HI. The 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club, Hawaii April 2018 Newsletter, *Puka Puka Parade*, recognized Tokuji "Toke" Yoshihashi, Pasadena-born and a veteran of CO A, 100th Bn, for his long service as a docent at the Go For Broke National Education Center Memorial in Los Angeles. The May issue reported that on April 22 Pacific US Command Commander Admiral Harry Harris, Jr., and his wife Bruni Bradley were honored at a farewell Aloha luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu. Two original 100th veterans participated. The June issue reported that the 100 Battalion 76th Anniversary mini banquet is scheduled to be held on June 23, 2018, at its clubhouse.

Chicago, IL. The Chicago Nisei Post 1183 May 2018 *News Bulletin* announced that *Honor Flights* will host free four-day trips to Washington, DC, for veterans from August 23–26, 2018.

Seattle, WA. In the Nisei Veterans Committee May 2018 *Newsletter*, CDR Walter Tanimoto, an Iraq War combat veteran, discussed the erection of the Nisei War Memorial Monument in the Lake View Cemetery where a Memorial Day program is held annually. The Lake View Monument lists the names of Japanese Americans who died in line of duty. It also includes the name of a Japanese national who died while serving in the US Navy during the Spanish American War. CDR Tanimoto encouraged veterans to wear their medals, ribbons, badges on appropriate occasions to show pride in their national service.

Los Angeles, CA. In April 2018 Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) announced that the *Courage and Compassion* exhibit will make its first of three stops on April 13 in Rochester, MN. On May 1, it launched the *Portraits of Courage: Photographs by Shane Sato* exhibition of Japanese American veterans of World War II. On June 4 it announced plans to host *H.R. 442: Nisei Veterans and the Fight for Civil Liberties*, an exhibition highlighting stories of Japanese American World War II veterans and their role in the fight for redress.

Nisei Experience as Gunner in B-24 Bomber During WWII

By Kenjalín Ogata

On December 8, 1941, a day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, Kenje Ogata of Sterling, Illinois, enlisted in the US Army. Although he already had a civilian pilot's license, he was rejected for flight training but was accepted to serve in the Camp Grant, Rockford, IL, hospital. After nearly two years of effort, he succeeded in early 1944 to obtain a transfer to Army Air Corps gunnery school from which he graduated and was assigned to his plane, which joined the 15th Air Corps base at Foggia, Italy.

Short and slender, Ogata was a natural for the assignment of ball turret gunner, sitting in a cold, cramped gun turret let down outside the belly of a B-24 *Liberator*. The crew was supposed to fly practice missions for a month, but after four or five days, he was awakened at three in the morning to fly for the first time—as a substitute in another crew. Crews lost their ball turret gunners all too often.

On December 26, 1944, “we bombed the rail yards in Oswiecim, Poland [site of the Auschwitz concentration camp].” When two engines were hit, orders were given to bail out, but the internal communications system had been destroyed. Ogata's buddy Vince Hanley pounded on the top of the ball turret to warn him. Ogata was the last to bail. He intended to pull the ripcord on his ‘chute after getting through the high clouds, but suddenly heard the sound of a beautiful choir, and experienced an unseen force physically compelling his hand, against his will, to pull the ripcord. He fought it unsuccessfully, which was fortunate: he was heading into ground fog, not high clouds. At first, he thought he had broken his legs when he landed.

Separated from the rest of the crew, he could hear artillery fire, but “after listening to those noisy bombers all those hours you don't hear too well—it was hard to tell where it came from. I tried to go away from it.” He waded up a stream through the fog because he could hear dogs barking. (The navigator later calculated that Ogata had landed behind enemy lines.) He walked through the haze, then at dark slept in a haystack and left his parachute hidden under it. Next day, still in dense fog, he was very startled to run into a local man who led him back to the nearby village of Magyarkeszi, where the empty B-24 had gone down and some of the crew had crew had spent the night with a family named Markus.

Ogata was now in Hungary. One crew member had a broken leg, but no one else was injured. The Russian army facilitated the crew's return to Foggia by foot, train, and plane.

On a spring 1945 mission, Ogata's plane was again forced down and crash-landed on an airstrip held by American Rangers, British Commandos, and Partisans, in the then-Yugoslavia. Crew members scrambled out of the bomber while it was still moving. Hanley forgot to unplug his heated flight suit cord and was dangling from the plane. Ogata unhooked him and jumped out, and they ran, shortly before the plane exploded.

Ogata flew his 35 missions and was honorably discharged on June 7, 1945. Forty years later, he and his wife Wilma visited Magyarkeszi. The villagers and the Markuses remembered him; he was given a fragment of his B-24. The Ogatas kept in touch with the Markuses until their deaths, and with surviving crew members until Ogata's own death in 2012.

[Kenjalín Ogata is the daughter of Dr. Kenje Ogata.]



Flight Crew, 726th Squadron, 451st Bomb Group.
Top Row, L-R: Broadwater, Hanley, McHale, Amos, Ogata, Miskoff. Front Row, L-R: Nall, Sims, Eskew, Tabor.
Photo from Kenjalín Ogata.

MEMBERSHIP IN JAVA IS FREE

Veterans join as “Regular Members”

Non-Veterans join as “Friends of JAVA”

Please visit <https://java.wildapricot.org> and
click on JOIN US NOW.

We welcome everyone.

Meet the Generals and Admirals

This is a series on Asian Pacific Americans who have attained the highest ranks in the US uniformed services. The present count is that over 136 Asian Hawaiian Pacific Islander Americans have been promoted to generals and admirals, including four with four-star rank. Of the 136, eighty served in the US Army, 24 in the US Air Force, 25 in the US Navy, 3 in the US Marines, one in the US Coast Guard, and three in the US Public Health Service.

MG (DDS) M. Ted Wong, US Army (Retired)

Major General Wong, a Southern California native, graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1980 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He entered active duty in 1984, following graduation from the School of Dentistry at the University of California, San Francisco. He received a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and is board certified in Prosthodontics.

MG Wong completed his General Dentistry Residency Program at Fort Sill, OK and an Advanced Prosthodontic Residency Program at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He is a graduate of several military leadership courses to include the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and US Army War College.

During his thirty year Army career, MG Wong served in a variety of clinical, staff, and command positions to include CG, Northern Regional Medical Command; CG, Brooke Army Medical Center and Southern Regional Medical Command; Deputy Director, San Antonio Military Health System; CG, William Beaumont Army Medical Center; Deputy Commanding General for Readiness, Western Regional Medical Command; Commander, US Army Dental Command. MG Wong served as the twenty-sixth Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

MG Wong's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He holds the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit. MG Wong is a recipient of the Boy Scout of America's Eagle Scout rank. He is married to the former Jeannie Lin. They have three children. MG Wong is currently the Chief Dental Officer with UnitedHealthcare.

Sustaining a Legacy of Service, by MG Ted Wong, USA (Ret)

When my father learned that I wanted to follow in his footsteps and pursue a career in dentistry, he gave me sage advice that would set me on a rewarding thirty-year odyssey as an Army officer. Growing up, my father instilled in me several values, to include integrity, respect, compassion, discipline, courage, and service to others. These were instilled in him by his father, a former general officer in the Chinese Nationalist Army. Intending to give me a professional opportunity to heal others and serve, my father advised me to apply for an ROTC scholarship and serve as an Army dental officer. The experiences, training, and military education I received as an ROTC cadet laid the foundation for a fruitful Army career.



Admittedly, I intended to only stay in the Army for my initial tour of duty, but the professional fulfillment, camaraderie, and opportunities to care for, and lead Soldiers enticed me to stay in. Another influence in my decision to stay in uniform was the cadre of leaders and officers who mentored me and provided valuable personal and professional guidance during my career. And my father always encouraged me to stay the course and try to reach the highest pinnacle of success in the Army Dental Corps. He reminded me of my responsibility, as a Chinese-American, to set a positive example and be a good role model for others, something he emulated as a dentist and through his active volunteer service in the community.

Throughout my career, I used the ideals my father taught me and the Army values as a moral compass that kept me on the correct azimuth. Whether it was

continued on next page...

treating a patient, mentoring soldiers, commanding a dental unit, or serving as the commanding general of a medical region, those life lessons and values guided me through many difficult and complex situations, and through many periods of dynamic change and unpredictability. Although I faced many challenges during my career, it was an honor and privilege to work with and lead those who cared for America's sons and daughters.

Every culture offers values and perspectives that contribute to effective team work and better outcomes. The Asian cultures emphasize respect, discipline and hard work, which are traits that are invaluable to service members and congruent with the military culture. The values I learned from my father and my Chinese heritage, were keys to my success and they were further strengthened during my Army career. They continue to influence my life today, and I've endeavored to pass them on to my children, one who continues our legacy of service as an Army Corps of Engineers officer.

Welcome to our New Members!

MG William Chen, USA (Ret)
 Sheryl Cruz
 SMSgt Karen Fujimoto, USAF (Ret)
 Maj Mariko Hart, USAF
 Marc Hiraoka, USAF
 Richard Huh
 Wayne Inouye, USA
 Matthew Kitajo, USAF
 CDR Edmund Marmol, USCG
 Victoria McDonald, USN
 1st Sgt Jason Montesanto, USA
 LTC Masaki Nakazono, USA
 SSgt Randy Reese, USMC
 Cory Riordan, USA
 CDR Michael Rutherford, USN
 Robert Shibata, USA
 LTC Eric (Rick) Teraoka, USA
 Tung Tsuyoshi, USAF
 COL K. Albert Yazawa, USA

Please email javapotomac@gmail.com if we do not have your rank and service listed.

Friends of JAVA:

Jennifer Jones
 Bruce Koligian
 Bonnie O'Keeffe
 Rebecca Pittman
 Joshua Rigel

MIS Nisei in the Aleutians

By James C. McNaughton, PhD.

Anchorage, Alaska. On May 17-19, 2018, veterans, family members and historians came together in Anchorage, Alaska, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Attu and the campaign that took place in the air, land and sea across the Aleutian Island chain in 1942-43. The U.S. Army Center of Military History invited me to speak about the role of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Nisei during the campaign.



In May 1942, the Fourth Army Intelligence School on the Presidio of San Francisco sent five Nisei to Alaska from its first graduating class, led by 24-year-old Sgt. Yoshio Hotta of Oakland, California. One team member, T/5 Henry Suyehira of Emmett, Idaho, arrived at the U.S. naval base at Dutch Harbor in time to experience the Japanese air raids on June 3-4, 1942, thus becoming the school's first graduate to come under enemy fire.

After that, the Nisei waited almost a year. As the language school later described it: "During the many months spent in Alaska before action took place, they were inconvenienced by the bleak and cold dampness which is characteristic of the Aleutian region." By July 1943 the school had sent about forty MIS Nisei to Alaska, the last group arriving just in time for the invasion of Kiska.

Unlike other American soldiers, the MIS Nisei carried an extra burden: they feared that their fellow soldiers might mistake them for the enemy. So whenever Nisei went to the front lines, they were accompanied by Caucasian bodyguards.

The language school assigned two Caucasian officers and ten enlisted MIS Nisei to the 7th Infantry Division, the main assault force which landed on Attu on May 11. As the language school later described it, "Though most of the language specialists went in with the second wave, they were subjected to the worst of combat conditions. The untenability of the front lines made work for the men dangerous and it was under these conditions that they made spot translations of captured documents and interrogations which aided immensely in formulating an offensive plan and bringing the campaign to a quick ending"

continued on next page...

After the battle S.Sgt. George T. Hayashida remembered crawling into caves looking for holdouts: "All I had was a flashlight and a .45, so when about ten [Japanese] agreed to surrender after prolonged discussions, I breathed a lot easier." Only 28 Japanese soldiers were captured alive on Attu.

The next stepping stone was Kiska, where Japan had stationed a larger garrison. This time the allies employed twice as many troops, including Canadians. The language school sent twenty more Nisei with two more Caucasian officers.

The assault waves landed on fog-bound Kiska on August 15 but were surprised to discover that the enemy had left two weeks earlier. In their haste, the Japanese had abandoned stocks of equipment and supplies, including sacks of rice, cans of bamboo shoots and kegs of soy sauce. The Nisei begged their officers not to destroy these foodstuffs, but instead to ship them to the War Relocation Authority camps on the mainland.

Good News: This summer *Sairyusha*, a Tokyo publishing company, will release a Japanese translation of Dr. James McNaughton's book, *Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During World War II*. The translator is Yukio Morita of Toyama City. Morita has previously translated the memoirs of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Senator Daniel Inouye.

That fall the secret of the MIS Nisei in Alaska leaked when Sgt. Pete Nakao was granted a furlough to get married. While visiting his parents in Heart Mountain, Nakao talked to a reporter from the Heart Mountain Sentinel: "Although reluctant to talk of his experiences, Sgt. Nakao revealed he had been stationed in Alaska for about a year, and was among those who landed on Attu where he lived a precarious life, was frequently under fire, and took part in at least one hand-to-hand engagement. Captured Japanese rations proved a welcome addition to the emergency fare on which Sgt. Nakao and his buddies were existing, and the Caucasian learned how to relish enemy delicacies, he said."

Another veteran of the Battle of Attu, Capt. Ralph T. Lui, wrote to the Sacramento Bee to protest the continuing prejudice against Japanese Americans on the West Coast: "I believe I can express the attitude of the soldiers who have met the Japanese in combat. I was with the men who froze under fire for 21 days on the bleak snow-covered slopes of Attu. There we saw our best friends killed in a maniacal demonstration of Japanese fanaticism. . . . We have gone into battle with loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry and they have acquitted themselves with honor and glory. Imagine the risk such a man takes when he volunteers and joins the army. Not only must he be careful of enemy fire, but he must take caution that he is not mistaken by his own troops as an enemy. We soldiers glory in the fact that these Japanese boys are with us giving their full measure of devotion, while their brothers and sisters, in some instances, are in relocation camps."

On Attu these MIS Nisei soldiers met their first test under fire, several months before the better-known 100th Infantry Battalion entered combat in Italy. The MIS Nisei made great contributions to victory in the Aleutians and the rest of the Pacific War.

James C. McNaughton is the author of Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II (Washington, D.C.: US Army Center of Military History, 2006). He retired from government service in September 2017 after thirty years with the Army Historical Program. He is also retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Keel Laid for Future USS Daniel Inouye

Bath, Maine. On May 14, 2018, General Dynamics Bath Iron Works celebrated the keel laying of the future USS Daniel Inouye. The U.S. Navy named the ship in honor of the late US Senator Inouye, statesman and a Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during World War II. Senator Inouye represented Hawaii in the US Senate for 50 years and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Irene Hirano Inouye, wife of the senator, is the ship's sponsor. A special steel plate containing her initials was prepared for the ceremony. Assisted by Frank Wood, a 31-year Bath Iron Works welder, the sponsor authenticated the laying of the keel by striking welding arcs onto the steel plate.

Article continued on next page...

The vessel is over half completed and the 3,000-ton keel unit was moved onto the building ways from the shipyard's Ultra Hall earlier this year. This signifies the start of hull integration and the pre-cursor to integration, test and trials.

Ed Kenyon, Program Manager for Bath Iron Works, hosted the ceremony and welcomed the audience of Bath Iron Works employees, Navy personnel and representatives of other major subcontractors in the program, as well as the ship's sponsor.

Mrs. Inouye said her late husband worked hard as a senator to ensure our military had the most formidable equipment. She said the ship named for her husband would be a fitting tribute. "It will really leave a legacy for the senator and for the many things he stood for, most notably the fact that this country believes in democracy and all that we need to do to protect it," she said.

[JAVA appreciates Bath Iron Works Senior Communications Specialist David Hench's efforts to provide the press release and photo.]



L-R: Capt. Casey Moton, USN Program Manager for the DDG 51 Program, Mrs. Inouye, Senator Inouye (photo) and Ed Kenyon, DDG 51 Program Manager for Bath Iron Works.

Photo from David Hench

The future guided-missile destroyer DDG 118 will be built in the Flight IIA configuration with the Aegis Baseline 9 Combat System, which includes Integrated Air and Missile Defense capability. This system delivers quick reaction time, high firepower, and increased electronic countermeasures capability for anti-air warfare. These multi-mission surface combatants serve as integral assets in global maritime security, engaging in air, undersea, surface, strike and ballistic missile defense, as well as providing increased capabilities in anti-submarine warfare, command and control, and anti-surface warfare.

Noriko Sanefuji Visits the Vosges



Noriko Sanefuji, Smithsonian official and JAVA member, standing below the 442nd Regiment street sign in Bruyeres in May 2018. Bruyeres honored the Nisei for liberating them and other towns in the Vosges, located in northeastern France.

Photo from Ms. Sanefuji



On May 8, 2018 Shane Sato and Robert Horsting visited Norman Ikari, Co E, 442nd RCT, at his retirement community in Gaithersburg, MD, where Shane shot this photo, which will appear in Shane's second *Go For Broke Spirit: Portraits of Courage*. This pictorial book is scheduled for publication in Fall 2019. The first *Go For Broke Spirit*, 184 pp, was published in 2017. Incidentally, Dr. Ikari will be 100 in February 2019. For information pertaining to the new book please consult <https://www.thegoforbrokespirit.com>; <https://www.facebook.com/goforbrokespirit/>; Instagram: @goforbrokespiritbook.