Masayo Arii (Widow of 442nd RCT Veteran)
(1926 – 2017)
Resident of Sunnyvale
Masayo, peacefully passed away on April 13, 2017 at her home. She was born on September 25, 1926 in Sacramento, California, and was the daughter of the late Tokujiro and Masami Yasui. Masayo was married to Mamoru "Mum" Arii for 60 years. Masayo was predeceased by her husband; daughter, Mary Arii Mah; and son-in-law, Melvin Arii Mah. She is survived by son, Rodney Arii; granddaughter, Melanie Arii Mah; grandson, Matthew Arii Mah; and many nieces and nephews. Masayo was interned at Gila River, Arizona during World War II. Masayo, her parents, and sister, Toshimi, settled in Cupertino after the war where she first was employed at Ames Laboratory and then later with Mariani Packing Company. Masayo was one of the founders and a longtime performer of the Chidori Band which was established in 1953. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street, San Jose, California 95112. Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Apr. 23, 2017 Mamoru "Mum" – E Co

YOSHINO TAJIRI HASEGAWA (Widow of Army Veteran)
Yoshino was born on September 9, 1921, in Dinuba, CA, and passed away on March 31, 2017, in Reedley, CA. She married Peter Hasegawa in the Poston, AZ, relocation center in 1943. She later spoke to many groups about
the injustice of the forced relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II. For over 50 years, Yoshino and Peter ran the family orange ranch in Sanger, CA, where they raised their family of five children. Yoshino became an assistant librarian in Sanger, CA. She received her Bachelor's degree from Fresno State College, and at age 53, a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Hawaii. After supervising branch libraries, she became a reference librarian at the Fresno County main library. She won a National Endowment of the Humanities grant to add Japanese language books to the library, sponsored Japanese culture festivals, and conducted several hundred oral histories to help preserve the life stories of Japanese Americans in Fresno and neighboring counties. In 1988, Yoshino was named Sanger's Mother of the Year. Yoshino was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Sanger, and in later years, El Estero Presbyterian Church in Monterey, CA, and had an abiding faith in God. She is survived by her children, Jack Hasegawa, Gail Harbert, Dave Hasegawa, Pat Wilson and Chris Hasegawa; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Dr. Akira Tajiri; and her sister, Haruno Tsuruoka. A Memorial Service will be held at First Mennonite Church in Reedley, CA, on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests remembrances be made to Sierra View Homes, 1155 E. Springfield Ave., Reedley, CA 93654, and note "Memorial for Yoshino Hasegawa" on the memo line. Wallin's Sanger Funeral Home, 1524 9th Street, Sanger, California (559)875-6555 Published in the Fresno Bee on Apr. 20, 2017

Glenn K. Hayashida  (Army Veteran)  
69, of Waipahu, Hawaii, died in Honolulu on Sunday, March 26, 2017. He was born in Honolulu. Visitation: 9:30a.m.; Services: 10:30a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017 at Borthwick Mortuary, Mauka Chapel. Inurnment: 2:00p.m. at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Published On April 21st, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Yasuo Higa  (Army Veteran)  
November 30, 1924 - March 12, 2017  
92 of Waipahu, HI, passed away in Aiea, HI. He was born in Honomu, HI. He is survived by son Daryl Higa; daughter Aileen Higa. Visitation 9:30am Friday April 21, 2017 at Mililani Mortuary Makai Chapel. Memorial service 10:00am. Inurnment 11:30am at Mililani Memorial Park. Casual attire. Published On April 18th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

FRANK KAORU INAMI  (MIS Veteran)  
Frank Kaoru Inami, of Livermore, CA, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the age of 95. Frank was born on April 25, 1921, in Madera, CA, to Shizuichi George Inami, and Kohina Okitsu. After graduating from Madera High School, Frank went off to University of California, Berkeley, to get a degree in electrical engineering. He was unable to complete his degree at Berkeley after the break out of World War II, which caused his family to be removed from the west coast. The Inamis were incarcerated in Jerome, AR. In 1944, while still in Jerome, Frank volunteered for the United States Army. He was assigned to the Military Intelligence Service because of his proficiency in Japanese. Frank was stationed at Fort Snelling, MN, where he eventually became an instructor. After the war, he served in the signal corps and then in the 8th U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Army in 1974, at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After he returned from Korea in 1952, he married Setsuko Matsubara, and the following year his daughter, Cynthia Sachiko, was born. Frank worked for Lawrence Livermore Labs until he retired. Frank enjoyed traveling, visiting libraries, going to garage sales, tinkering with electronics and was an avid ham radio enthusiast. He will be remembered for his cheerful demeanor, rosy cheeks and his love of telling stories. He was preceded in death by his wife, Setsuko Matsubara; and his sisters Lillian Takayama, Mabel Watanabe, and Lucille Markovich. Frank is survived by his daughter, Cindy Inami of Pleasanton, CA; his brothers, Joe Inami and Thomas Inami of Madera, CA; his sister, May Takata of Parlier, CA; and his many nieces and nephews. A Graveside Service will be held at Mountain View Cemetery, 1411 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. No Koden. Snelling 44-12 O-964829
Robert Y. Ishimoto (Army Veteran)
(Bob), Passed away peacefully 22 March 2017 in Honolulu. He was born 28 February 1931 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a retired Senior Engineer at Hawaiian Telephone and a former Commander of the 322 Civil Affairs Brigade. He is survived by his wife, Diane Ishimoto; children Robert Ishimoto Jr., David Ishimoto, Joan Ishimoto, Patey Ishimoto Larsen, Gloria Ishimoto, Baron Oshiro and Stacie Shimabukuro; grand-children Nicolette Larsen, Jordan Shimabukuro and Star Shimabukuro. Colonel (Retired) Ishimoto's services will be held 24 April 2017, 9:30 A.M., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Published On April 21st, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Michiko Kanemoto (Widow of MIS Veteran)
October 09, 1925 - April 17, 2017
Private family graveside services for the late Michiko Kanemoto, 91-year-old, Los Angeles, CA born resident of Monterey Park, who passed away on April 17, 2017, were held on Saturday, April 22 at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles. Predeceased by her beloved husband, George Kanemoto; she is survived by her children, Jeri (Michael) Miller, Craig Kanemoto, and Karen (Warren) Arata; granddaughters, Michelle Miller and Kendall Arata. Spouse – George Masato – Snelling 44-45

Samuel "Kila" Kawaha, Jr. (Navy Veteran)
(July 12, 1941 - March 14, 2017)
U.S. Veteran
Mr. Samuel “Kila” Kawaha, Jr., 75, of Hilo, HI, died at the Hilo Medical Center on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. He was born in Hilo, Hawaii and was an Assistant Base Manager with the former Aloha Airlines in Hilo, a professional musician and former security guard for the Federal Government. He was also a member of the Haili Congregational Church and a Veteran of the US Navy. Friends may call at the Haili Congregational Church on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, where a Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 AM. The family requests that casual attire be worn to the services. He is survived by his: Sons, Michael Anthony Kawaha of Hilo, HI and Daniel Martin Kawaha of Hilo, HI; Brothers, William Kanui of Oregon, Edwin (Tiki) Kanui of Hilo, HI and John Kanui of Hilo, HI; Sisters, Anna (Willard) Wessel of Nevada, Margaret Hill of Oregon and Lucille Morris of Oregon; Hanai Brothers, Lawrence (Sue) Poai of Hilo, HI, George Poai of Hilo, HI and Dennis (Ellen) Poai of Kona, HI; Hanai Sisters, Rachel (George) Hanohano of Hilo, HI, Eva Rowe of Hilo, HI, Mabel Iopa of Hilo, HI, Sybil (James) Evans of Hilo, HI and Cathy (John) Simmons of Hilo, HI; three grandchildren; numerous nieces & nephews. ASN – Unit Ukn

Michael Takeshi Kawakami (Army Veteran)
76, of Pearl City, died in Pearl City on Sunday, March 26, 2017. was born in Honolulu. Visitation: 4pm; Services: 5pm on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Nuuanu Memorial Park & Mortuary. Published On April 19th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Yasumi Kinoshita (Widow of 442nd RCT Veteran)
July 9, 1926 - March 25, 2017
Yasumi Kinoshita, 90, passed away peacefully in Kent, WA. She is survived by her beloved husband Goro, children Alva (Dennis) Nishimura, Ford (Renee) Kinoshita, Lori (Mark) Onoda, and Dean Kinoshita; 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, sister Faye (Arthur) Shigeta, and relatives on the Mainland, Hawaii, and Japan. A memorial service will be held June 10, 2017 2 pm at White River Buddhist Temple, Auburn, WA. Family requests casual attire. Published in the Los Angeles Times from Apr. 17 to Apr. 18, 2017

Jaime Kobayashi (Widow of Army Veteran)
94, was born in Glendale, Arizona on December 14, 1922. She entered Heaven's gates on April 8, 2017. Jaime was a wonderful mother and homemaker working very closely with Mineo in M. Kobayashi Trucking in Westmorland for over 55 years. She was a long-time member of the Japanese American Citizens League, Presbyterian Church, and Methodist Church. Jaime was also actively engaged with the Church Choirs, Brawley Women’s Club, Imperial Valley Art Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Japanese American Gallery of Pioneer Museum. The Kobayashi's were relocated from Imperial Valley to Astoria of Oakdale and Stacie's Chalet in Modesto 9 years ago. Jaime was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Mineo Kobayashi. Jaime is survived by her son, Paul Kobayashi and his wife Lois; daughters Susan Hampton and her husband Tom, and Janet Godwin and her husband William. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. The Celebration of Life will be held on May 6, 2017 at Frye Chapel at 10:30 a.m. with the burial following at Riverview Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Japanese American Gallery at the Pioneer Museum or the American Cancer Society. Cards may be sent to: Susan Hampton, 10609 Senda Acuario, San Diego, CA 92130. Published in Imperial Valley Press Online on Apr. 19, 2017

Nancy Kaneko Kubojiri (Widow of Army Veteran)
93, of Waipahu, passed away on March 23, 2017. Born in Kyoto, Japan, she was primarily a homemaker but worked briefly at Duty Free Shoppers. She had many artistic talents and pursued these creative endeavors throughout her life. Preceded in death by husband, Walter, she is survived by her daughters, Irene Kubojiri and Linda (Samuel) Dannaway; grandchildren, Steven and Marissa Dannaway and sister, Eiko Sakamoto. Private service held. Arrangements Provided By: HOSOI GARDEN MORTUARY. Posted On April 17th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

John K. MATSUMURO (Army Veteran)
88, passed away April 13, 2017 at Wingate of Norton. John was born March 28, 1929 in Haleiwa, HI to Kazumi and Kame Matsumuro. He is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Elly and his siblings May, Alice, Vicki, Henry and Kazu.
John served in the Army during the Korean War. He graduated from University of Hawaii and Boston University. He worked as Chief of Social Services at the VA in Boston. After retiring he became a group leader in the AMC. He and Elly also loved to travel the world, visiting Hawaii, Alaska, Europe and the Galapagos Islands to name a few. He is survived by his children Eileen, David, Paul, Steven, and Mary, and his siblings Evelyn, Toku, Merry and Joy. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by the Bolea-Amici Funeral Home Mansfield. www.boleafuneralservices.com Published in The Boston Globe on Apr. 22, 2017

Ronald S. Miyabara (Navy Veteran)
82, of Vancouver, WA, passed away on April 10, 2017. He was born on April 5, 1935 in Hanapepe on the island of Kauai and grew up on the island of Oahu. After graduating from high school in Saginaw, Michigan, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He proudly served his country for 21 years in the submarine forces during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired from the
Navy as a Senior Chief Commissaryman in 1975. He then worked for the City of Portland, Wastewater Treatment Plant for 20 years until he retired in 1995. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and collecting firearms. He also liked to read, cook, and solve crossword puzzles. Ronald is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mutsuko; and his daughter, Regina Anderson and son-in-law, Robert; daughter, Susan Tanaka; his grandson, Roger Hansen; granddaughter, Kelcey DeWeber and her husband Shea; and grandson, Zachary Anderson. He is also survived by his three sisters, Jeanette Lum, Christine Thomas, and Lynne Johnson.

Services will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver, WA 98661. Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. at Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 1402 E 29th St., Vancouver, WA 98663. Please sign his Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Richard Masato Nakamura  
( Army Veteran )
92, of Honolulu, passed away April 2, 2017. He retired from the State of Hawaii, DAGS. He is survived by his wife Alice, children Cheryl (Daniel, deceased) Dung, Pamela (Leighton) Hirata, Judith (Samuel) Kon, Kenrick Nakamura, Renee (Derek) Lum and 7 grandchildren. The family would like to thank Hospice Hawaii and his dedicated caregiver, Lily Lam. Visitation 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 26 at Diamond Head Memorial. Service at 6:00 PM. No flowers, casual attire. Published On April 21st, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Edward D. Nakata  
( Air Force Veteran )
81, of Bethlehem passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Hospitality Nursing and Rehab Center in Kenosha, WI, with family by his side. Born June 26, 1935, in Wilkes Barre, PA, he was the son of the late Veronica (Vrabel) and John Nakata. He was married to Ottilla K. "Tillie" (Kufrovich) Nakata for 43 years until her death on July 23, 2007. Edward proudly served his country in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Following his service years he was employed by Pan American Airlines as a flight mechanic and later as an electrician for Lucent Technologies. Upon retirement his hard work did not cease. He was a talented craftsman, often found in his home's workshop making his grandchildren fine wooden toys, such as doll cradles, carousels and puzzles; these will be cherished for years to come. He was filled with so much love for his family. He was a member of Assumption BVM in Lower Saucon Township. Survivors: He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Valerie Bennett wife of Karl of Pleasant Prairie, WI, and four grandchildren, Stephanie, Jennifer, Rachel and Daniel and his niece Sr. Virginelle. He was preceded in death by his brothers, George and John Nakata and sisters, Mary Makos, Veronica Klepper and Theresa Vasko. Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis - Monocacy Manor, 395 Bridle Path Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Arrangements, Connell Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions: In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Edward's name to the School Sister's of St. Francis Retirement Fund, 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017. www.connellfuneral.com Published in Morning Call on Apr. 15, 2017

Saneo Okada  
( Army Veteran )
90, of Honolulu, died in Honolulu on Saturday, April 15, 2017. He was born in Honolulu. Visitation: 5:00 p.m.; Services: 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Published On April 18th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Shigeru Oshita  
( 100th Bn Veteran )
(September 27, 1917 - April 11, 2017)
U.S. Veteran  
Shigeru Oshita, 99, of Kapaau, Kohala died Apr. 11 at the Kohala Hospital. Born in Union Mill, North Kohala, he was a retired industrial engineer for the former Kohala Sugar Company, member of the Kohala Jodo Mission, Kohala Senior Citizens Club and a veteran of the U.S. Army, 100th Battalion Headquarters Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. Private services held. Survived by wife, Jane Oshita of Kapaau; sons, Dennis (Michele) Oshita of Mililani, Andrew (Marcia) Oshita of Roseburg, Oregon; daughter, Aileen (Michael) Jervis Hilo; sister, Doris Kamihara of Honolulu; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Fred Tatsuo Sato  
( Army Veteran )  
Fred was born September 19, 1927 in Seattle, Washington. He passed away April 17, 2017 in Seattle at the age of 89 years. He is survived by his daughters Margaret and Elizabeth and a host of extended family and friends.

Robert Susumu Stark  
( Army Veteran )  
82, of Honolulu, HI, died in Honolulu on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. He was born in Honolulu. Private Services.

Roy Yoshiharu Takeyama  
( Army Veteran )  
89, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in Honolulu on Saturday, April 1, 2017. He was born in Puunene, Maui. Visitation: 4:00 p.m.; Services: 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Harris United Methodist Church. Published On April 18th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Jitsuo “Jits” Tamashiro  
( Army Veteran )  
Age 91, of Kailua, Oahu, passed away at his home on March 19, 2017. He was born October 28, 1925 in Hilo, Hawaii and was a partner with J. Tamashiro, Inc. Contractors and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by wife, Rosie Tamashiro; daughter, Brenda Irvine; brothers, Jitsuichi and Minoru Tamashiro; grandchildren, Julie Smith, Brooke Irvine; 5 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation 5:30-9:00 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary. Services 6:30 p.m. Flowers welcome. Arrangements Provided By: Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary. Published On April 21st, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Kazuo Ted Tanemura  
( Army Veteran )  
April 27, 1928 - April 15, 2017  
Preceded in death by his beloved wife Setsuko "Setsu" on March 26, 2017; survived by sons, Ron (Tina Yamagiwa) Tanemura, Steve (Nancy) Tanemura and daughter, Andrea Tanemura; 4 grandchildren and many nieces & nephews.  
A Memorial Service will be held 11:30AM, Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Seattle.
Mel R. Torikai (Army Veteran) 78, of Pearl City, died in Honolulu on Friday, April 7, 2017. He was born in Papaikou, Hawaii. Private services were held at Nuuanu Memorial Park & Mortuary. Published On April 21st, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

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TOM URABE (Army Veteran) Tom Urabe, age 91, born August 11, 1925 in San Luis Obispo, CA, died Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the VA Medical Center surrounded by family.
He is preceded in death by parents, Ichisaku and Midori (Matsuo) Urabe; sisters, Helen Tsunoda, Frances Yamada, Norma Kikuchi, Grace Ikuma and Hazel Teraoka; brothers, Junichi Urabe, Paul Urabe, Frank Urabe and Isamu Urabe; and grandson, Ahren Urabe.
Survived in death by brothers, Jack Urabe, George Urabe and John Urabe; son, Stephen Urabe (Chelle); daughter-in-law, Barb Urabe; granddaughters, Cara Urabe-Rasoul (Shariff) and Kristina Ebert (Wade); great-grandchildren, Ames and Emerson; and many loving extended family members.
After attending high school, Tom became a part of the U.S. Army and served in the Military Police while deployed in the European Theater, stationed outside of Paris, France (shortly after victory in Europe was declared in World War II). Tom said some of his favorite memories were during his service, including skiing in the Swiss Alps, picnicking in French fields, and exploring Italy.
Upon returning to the United States, Tom began his career as a Chicken Sexor. This brought him to Chicago, IL and eventually Rochester, MN, where he remained until moving to Richfield, MN to be closer to his family. Tom often enjoyed sharing with others his time on both the Dirty Jobs and Martha Stewart television shows featuring his career field.
Tom had a quick wit, a loving personality, fantastic laugh and infectious smile that will be remembered by all he came in contact with.

William Tetsuo Yasunaga (Army Eng Veteran) 98, Honolulu, passed away April 7, 2017. Retired Allstate claims manager; former Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 201. Survived by sons Miles (Amy) and Milton (Cheryl), 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Yoshiko and son Lawrence. Visitation 5 pm, service 6 pm, April 25, 2017 Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Casual attire, no flowers. Arrangements Provided By: HOSOI GARDEN MORTUARY. Published On April 17th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

MRS. KYOKO YOSHIMURA (Widow of Army Veteran) 91, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2017. She is survived by her loving family; son, Glenn Yoshimura; daughter, Colleen (Matthew Murray) Yoshimura; sisters, Yoshiko Koga and Michiko Baltazar; also survived by many nieces, nephews and relatives and beloved dog Rusty. Private family services were held on Saturday, April 22, with Rimban William Briones of Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple officiating. www.Fukuimortuary.com (213) 626-0441 Published in the Los Angeles Times on Apr. 23, 2017