Mariko Mukai Ando (Widow of MIS Veteran)

Mariko (Mukai) Ando died peacefully Friday morning, March 10, 2017, after 97 full years of life. Born in Seattle, Washington in 1919 to Japanese immigrant parents, Mariko, the first born of five children, was the first American citizen in her family. As a young girl, she and her siblings, Frank, George, Lily, and Henry, helped to run their father's movie theaters and the family bait and tackle shop located in Seattle's "Chinatown". A talented vocalist from an early age, Mariko performed her first concert at just 10 years old. She graduated salutatorian from Garfield High School in 1937 and went on to study music at the University of Washington. In 1938, Mariko became the first Nisei to sing in a grand opera in Seattle, as Abigail in The Queen of Sheba. At UW she performed as Susanna in Mozart's Marriage of Figaro and Rosina in Rossini's Barber of Seville (1940). In 1941, she was awarded a four-year scholarship to the Juilliard School of Music in New York. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, her family was displaced from Seattle, and she had to overcome housing discrimination and racism in New York. She received great critical acclaim, performing solo concerts in such venues as New York's Town Hall and Little Carnegie Hall. Her radio debut came in 1946 with vocals in P.A. Young's "Nine September" with Canada Lee and Gene Kelly. In 1947, a New York Times review extolled her "exceptional charm, skill and intelligence" as both a lyric and coloratura soprano, and the "graceful ease" with which she moved from one operatic style to another. In 1947, a New York Times review extolled her "exceptional charm, skill and intelligence" as both a lyric and coloratura soprano, and the "graceful ease" with which she moved from one operatic style to another. In 1947, she married Tomomi Ando, a young Texan Japanese-American military officer and lived on several military bases, Baltimore, and Seattle, before ultimately settling in Alexandria, Virginia with their four children. Mariko continued to sing, performing in Denver's Tabor Grand Opera House as Gilda in Verdi's Rigoletto, and in 1955, performing for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Later in life, Mariko continued to bring joy to others through music, serving as director of the Fort Myer South Post Chapel Choir, and as a soloist at the Fort Myer Old Post and
Memorial Chapels, where she was beloved not only for her vocal talents but for her warm and endearing presence, her easy laughter, and her joyful spirit. In 1989, Mariko was predeceased by her beloved husband of 42 years. She will be buried beside him at Arlington National Cemetery, July 5, 2017. She is survived by her 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Sign Mariko's online Guest Book at Borgwardt's Funeral Home: https://goo.gl/SB5Gwd Published in The Seattle Times on Apr. 9, 2017  Tomomi – Savage 42-06

Aileen Sumie Yoshioka Begler  (Army Veteran)
77 of Orange City, FL passed away March 30, 2017. She was born in Honolulu, HI on January 20, 1940 and was a United States Army Veteran. Aileen worked at Orlando Regional Medical Center as a medical transcriptionist. She is survived by her husband Carl Begler; sisters Bernice, Frances, Sylvia and Ann and god-daughter Deborah Lynn Gallenkamp. Online condolences may be made at www.allensummerhill.com. Allen-Summerhill Orange City is in charge.

Ignacio Sanchez Carmona  (Army Veteran)
Ignacio "Nacho" Sanchez Carmona, of Oxnard, who celebrated his 100th birthday in December, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 26, 2017 at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Ignacio was born on Dec. 8th, 1916 in Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico.
In 1923, the Carmona family came to the U.S. to escape the Mexican Revolution. Ignacio lived and attended school in Los Angeles for approximately 9 years. After school and on weekends he worked washing cars, selling fruit, and helped out at a gas station to help support his family.
After his father lost his job, Ignacio along with his family moved to Oxnard where he began his 80+ year residency. He attended Woodrow Wilson Junior High School and worked in the fields picking lima beans and lemons. As Ignacio grew older, he worked on cars, worked at Villa Real Market where he learned about managing a business, and then worked as a blacksmith for Matt Shriner, repairing farm equipment.
During World War II, the Takasugi family, owners of the Asahi Market, were ordered into a Japanese-American Internment Camp. A business deal was agreed upon with a HANDSHAKE, when Ignacio offered to run the business. Upon Takasugi's return, Ignacio, keeping his promise, handed back the keys to the store, which was featured in a book written by Tom Brokaw, "The Greatest Generation."
Ignacio married his beloved wife Emma on June 25, 1944. Several months after his marriage, Ignacio was drafted into the Army and had to leave his wife, who was pregnant, to serve his country. Ignacio received his citizenship, on June 21, 1946.
In 1945, Ignacio returned with a deferment from the Army, to help his mother care for her 6 grandchildren. Being the eldest son, he felt the obligation to help his parents raise his nieces and nephews, after his sister passed away. Ignacio went back to work for Matt Shriner performing blacksmith work and also learned how to weld. He then went to work for Bush-Metcalf's General Motors and Packard Dealership for 15 years and became a full-fledged licensed mechanic. He wanted to open his own business, which lead him to open "Carmona's Richfield Gas Station & Auto Repair" in La Colonia in 1961.
Ignacio enjoyed attending family gatherings, loved music and singing, and was very active in the Ventura County Community. He served on the Grand Jury in 1969, on the Parks & Harbor Commission from 1973-1988, served as Chairman of Colonia Neighborhood Council from 1974-1981, the Juvenile Justice Commission from 1975-1987, the Ventura County Parks & Recreation Commission from 1974-1989, and on the Building Committee for Oxnard School District in 1994. Ignacio was a distinguished citizen and received "Oxnard's Distinguished Citizen of the Year" award in 1986 for all of his volunteerism and service to the community. Ignacio was also a member of The American Legion and was a Lifetime Member of The Veterans of Foreign Wars.
He was preceded in death by his parents Jose and Soledad Carmona, five siblings, and his wife Emma. He is survived by his seven children, Max (Susan) Pina Sr. of Fillmore, Arthur (Lorraine) Carmona Sr., Ruben Carmona Sr., Lilian Magana, Ignacio (Dianne) Carmona Jr., all of Oxnard, James Carmona Sr. of Las Vegas, David (Pat) Carmona Sr., also of Oxnard, 22 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. He is also
survived by two brothers Angel Carmona and Alfred Carmona (Annie), numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A special thank you to all the wonderful caregivers and staff at Oxnard Family Circle, Glenwood Care Center, Assisted Hospice Program at Applegate Assisted Living Home nurses Dawn and Ali, and Brookdale Camarillo Assisted Living, for the special care they provided to our father. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 02, 2017 from 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 6:00p.m. at the Garcia Mortuary Chapel in Oxnard. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30a.m. on Monday, April 03, 2017 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Oxnard. Interment to follow at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park in Camarillo, California.

To sign the family's on line guestbook, share stories, and post pictures please visit our website: www.garciamortuaryoxnard.com and click on Ignacio's name located below "Obituaries." Funeral arrangements are under the direction of GARCIA MORTUARY, 629 South A Street, Oxnard. For further information, please call (805) 486-9148.

Gilbert "Gilly" Koichi Hara  
(Died March 20, 2017)  
U.S. Veteran  
Gilbert “Gilly” Koichi Hara, 79, of Hilo, died March 20, 2017 at Hilo Medical Center. Born in Hilo, he was a retired attorney in private practice, had worked for the State Department of the Attorney General in Honolulu, U.S. Army veteran, and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Private services held. No koden (monetary gifts). No flowers. Survived by brothers, George (Adela) Hara, James (Ilene) Hara, and Glenn (Suzanne) Hara, all of Hilo; sisters, Jeanne (Harold) Kurita of Honolulu, Grace (Charles) Kawamoto of Pahoa; numerous nieces and nephews.

Miriam Hattori  
( Widow of Army Veteran )  
of St. Petersburg, FL and Fishers, IN, born in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 20, 1931. Miriam attended nursing school in Honolulu, HI, after which she accepted a job at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and ultimately became head Pediatric Nurse. She met her beloved husband, Kiyo, at a Thanksgiving dinner in Chicago, sparking a wonderful lifelong journey of marriage and family. Miriam practiced nursing in her earlier years, but her greatest accomplishment was raising two sons and a daughter to become warm, kind and successful individuals, just like her and Kiyo. Miriam was loved and admired by those she touched throughout her lifetime, and was widely known for her warm and generous heart, gregarious personality, sharp wit and contagious laugh. Never one to be shy, she had an uncanny way of quickly making new friends everywhere she went. Her spunky personality and beautiful smile will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Miriam is preceded in death by her loving husband, Kiyo, of 54 years. She is survived by her three children, Robert, Amy and William (wife Leesa), and grandchildren Stephanie, Michael, Brett, Matthew and Lexys, and great grandchildren Magnolia, Melody, and Maddox. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Miriam's name to Daystar Life Center or the American Cancer Society. Guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net Published in the The Indianapolis Star on Apr. 6, 2017

Kiyo – Unit Ukn

Stanley H. Iida  
( Army Veteran )  
81, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, died in Kaneohe on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. He was born in Ka’u, Hawaii. Private Services held. Published On April 5th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries.

ASN – Unit Ukn

Delores Jean Germar Ikawa  
( Widow of MIS Veteran )
92, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the home of her daughter in Shelbyville, KY.

"Jean" was born in Wayne, Nebraska, to the late Edward and Lillian (Deyo) Germar. After graduating from Thomas Jefferson H.S. in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1942, she received her nursing training at St. Mary's College in Omaha, NE and did additional training at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She later continued her education, receiving her B.S. from The College of St. Francis in 1983. She was a Registered Nurse for 41 years. In her early career she worked a polio ward in Nebraska and a mental hospital in Nashville. She moved to Hilo, Hawaii originally to assist with a polio outbreak (and experience better weather). Here she met her future husband Richard whom she described as "the worst patient she ever had" though he did take time off from complaining about his care to operate a sports book within the hospital. Interracial couples were rare in those days but social norms couldn't stop the natural pairing of a nurse and a hemophiliac, and they were married on April 1, 1948. The majority of her career was spent on the night shift at Labor and Delivery "3-South" at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. At the same time, she raised her five children and was a wonderful mother. Although she had little time for herself, the countless hours she spent reading to her children and taking them to libraries and museums greatly enriched their subsequent lives. She and Richard attended innumerable school concerts, plays and recitals of varying degrees of quality and Little League games of consistently low quality.

After her children finally left and she retired from nursing, she continued to lead an active life. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, The Browsers, and a quilting club. She worked as a poll watcher, tutored children, and took many classes and trips with Oasis. A longtime congregant of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Indianapolis, she volunteered with the church's "Andy's Boutique" served on the sewing committee, and took calls for St. Vincent de Paul Society. For several years she enjoyed ballroom dancing with her husband and friends at Scott Dance Studio. In her 80's, she picked up playing "Words with Friends" with distant family and a complete stranger named "Chuck". She read voraciously, wrote extensively, and traveled widely.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Richard "Kenji" Ikawa and daughter, Ann Jensen. She is survived by four children, Jayne (Dr. Mike) Johnson of Shelbyville, KY, Dr. Bruce (Kay) Ikawa of Hillsdale, MI, Margaret Ikawa (Rafael Mazas) of Madrid, Spain and Doris (Cris) Gomez of Cicero, IN; two sisters, Doris "Jody" Milliman of Brandenburg, KY and Lillian "Billie" Cunningham of Council Bluffs, IA; son-in-law, Tom Jensen of Lebanon, IL; five grandchildren, Daniel Jensen, Dr. Jeanne Doi Flounders, Joann Monfort-Chang, Julia Jensen and Robert Gomez, and two great-grandchildren, Sofia Monfort-Chang and Isabel Monfort-Chang.

A gathering will be held at Webb Funeral Home in Shelbyville, Kentucky on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with a brief prayer service at 7 p.m. There will also be a gathering at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the chapel at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, in Indianapolis followed by a brief chapel service at 2 p.m. and burial. Arrangements have been entrusted to Webb Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.webbfuneralhome.com. Published in the The Indianapolis Star on Apr. 4, 2017

Richard Kenji – Snelling 45-07

Edna Hisako Isa

Edna Hisako Isa (née Higa) passed away March 22, 2017 at the age of 99. Edna was born in Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii on September 27, 1917 to Nabe and Ijuro Higa. She had five brothers and five sisters. She worked in the pineapple fields in Hawaii from a young age and was later a sought-after waitress at several Hawaiian hotels and country clubs. Edna married Wilbur Shinso Isa in 1937 and had three children. Wilbur and Edna raised their children in Hawaii, and they later moved to Lomita, California. Toward the end of her life she lived at a care facility in Oceanside, very near her son and his family.

Edna loved music; she played the harmonica and keyboard. She was still playing the harmonica at 95 years of age. She also spent countless hours knitting and crocheting blankets for her many friends and relatives.

Edna is survived by her son David (Inka), daughter-in-law Yuki, 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and 3 siblings; Sue Dote, Betty Thompson, and Wallace Higa. She is preceded in death by her husband Wilbur, daughter Blanche Aurio, son Rodney, grandsons Kendall and Keith Hanakahi, and 7 siblings; Koshin, Kenneth, Dorothy Skelton, Janet Ishikawa, Mildred Hokama, Charles, and Harold.

A memorial service will be held on April 9, 2017 at 1:00pm at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, 1999 El Camino Real, Oceanside. She will be interred with her husband and daughter at Diamond Head Memorial Park in Oahu, Hawaii.
In lieu of flowers please send donations to Elizabeth Hospice at 500 La Terraza Boulevard, Suite 130, Escondido, CA 92025. Please sign the guest book at dailybreeze.com/obits. Published in Daily Breeze from Apr. 4 to Apr. 6, 2017

Wilbur Shinso – Unit Ukn

James T. Iwamoto (442nd RCT Veteran)
94, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in Honolulu on Sunday, February 26, 2017. He was born in Lihue, Kauai. Private services held. Published On April 9th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Hitoshi Kajioka (Army Veteran)
93, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in Honolulu on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. He was born in Honolulu. Visitation: 10:30 a.m.; Services: 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Diamond Head Mortuary Chapel. Published On April 8th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Ruby Hideko Kashiwagi (Widow of Army Veteran)
July 27, 1929 - March 31, 2017
87 year-old Kibei-Nisei Torrance resident passed away on March 31, 2017. She is survived by her daughter, Joyce (Pierre Kruh) Kashiwagi and son, Eugene; granddaughter, Naomi Kruh; brother Yoshihiro (Junko) Urushibata; sister-in-law Frances Yamaura; nieces, Marsha (Gerry) Tashiro, Jolie Urushibata and Cathie (Brad McDonald) Urushibata; nephews, Craig Yamaura and Robert (Sarah) Yamaura; and also many other loved relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37-years, Masaji; her parents Torakichi and Moyo Shimazu Urushibata; stepmother Tsuneko Urushibata; brothers Hirokazu “Jack” and Keiji Urushibata. Born in Torrance, she moved to Shimizu City, then Kobe, Japan in 1940 when her mother died. She returned to the U.S. in 1951. Being fluent in Japanese and English, she was executive secretary to the various presidents of the Japan-based Pentel of America for 27 years. We were proud of our mother’s attainment as a teacher in the Misho-Ryu Miyahokai Ikenobo School of flower arrangement, her life-long hobby and passion. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 2:00pm at Fukui Mortuary “Chapel in the Garden”, 707 E. Temple St., Los Angeles.

Yoshio Kato (Air Force Veteran)
Yoshio Kato entered Nirvana on February 21, 2017. Born on March 5, 1934 in Auburn, CA, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Hisako Horikawa, Jerry Kato, Kengo Kato, Sue Matsumoto, Chiyoe Horikawa, and Marie Nakata. Yoshio attended local schools and graduated from Placer High School. Yoshio served in the U.S. Army, and continued his civilian career at McClellan Air Force Base until retiring in 1987. Yoshio is survived by two of his sisters, Mae Miyamura and Helen Sugiyama, and many members of his extended family. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in the Chapel at East Lawn, 4300 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95819. Published in The Sacramento Bee from Apr. 8 to Apr. 9, 2017

Ivan Den Kihara (Army Veteran)
Mr. Ivan Den Olivias Kihara passed away on Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the comfort of his home. He was surrounded by his family, his wife or 37 years, Armada Arrieta Kihara, his daughter Lori Kihara and his very faithful dog Lolita. He was born in Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico on August 16, 1946 to Elvira Olivias Kihara and Alfredo Kihara. Ivan, an army veteran was an extremely intelligent and a interesting man who traveled extensively
while serving his country with pride in the US Army. Ivan served two tours in Vietnam and Desert Storm and received many medals including 2 bronze medals and commendation medals. As he learned from his travels, he knew how to appreciate and value other cultures, for he was very intelligent. One of his many tours took him to Italy. Where he lived tons of interesting adventures. There visited all of Europe, Venice, Rome, Piza, Florence, Milan, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and the Swiss Alps. While in Rome he purchased the most beautiful Lancia. He came so popular with his 1961 Lancia. Everyone wanted to ride it. There was never a dull moment with Kihara. Ivan was also an antique car collector. It was his passion. He collected 12 antique car. He is preceeded in death by Kihara. Ivan was also an antique car collector. It was his passion. He collected 12 antique car. He is preceeded in death by his parents and his brother Alfredo Kihara. He is survived by his wife Armida Arrieta Kihara. His daughter Lori Kihara, and a son Ivan Kihara, sisters Leila Kihara from Cancun, Quintana Roo and Elvia Kihara Navarro from Juarez Chihuahua, three grandsons and one granddaughter and three great granddaughters and many nephews and nieces. Viewing will be held at Perches Funeral Home 2280 Joe Battle Blvd. Sunday April 9 2017 at 4:00 PM, Rosary at 6:00 PM and mass at 7:00 PM. Burial services will be held at 11:00 AM at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery. Published in El Paso Times from Apr. 6 to Apr. 13, 2017

TAMOTSU “ALBERT” KOYANAGI (MIS Veteran)
Age 94, of Mililani, HI, passed away February 19, 2017 in Wahiawa. Born March 5, 1922 in Papaikou, HI. He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran who served in the Military Intelligence Service. He retired from the Civil Service and the U.S. Army Reserve. A member of the Mililani Baptist Church. He is survived his wife, Kimiko "Kay" Koyanagi; sons, Bruce (Suzette) Koyanagi, Eric Koyanagi; daughter, Gayle (Ross) Hart; sister, Kimie Koyanagi; 4 grand- children; 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation 9:00 a.m. Friday (April 14) at the Mililani Mortuary Mauka Chapel; memorial service 10:00 a.m. Aloha attire. Flowers welcome. Published On April 9th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Harry Hiroshi Matayoshi (Army Veteran)
76, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, died in Kaneohe on Saturday, March 25, 2017. He was born in Waiahole. Visitation: 5:00 p.m.; Services: 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Published On April 9th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Hideo Matsui (Air Force Veteran)
77, of Honolulu, an Air Force veteran and retired accounting clerk for Aloha Airlines, passed away on March 19, 2017 at St. Francis Hospice Puiwa. He was born in Waikapu, Maui. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Corinne (Melvin) Agena and Lynne (Tony) Chun; brothers, Tetsuo, Warren and Jeffrey; sisters, Kay Muraoka and Ellen Matsui; and three grandchildren. Visitation is at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Service at 6:00 p.m. Casual Attire. Arrangements Provided By: HOSOI GARDEN MORTUARY. Published On April 9th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Rikio Matsuo (Army Veteran)
August 5, 1926 - February 27, 2017
90, of Pearl City, Hawaii, died in Pearl City on Monday, February 27, 2017. He was born in Kona, Hawaii. Private Services held. Published On April 4th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

Yoshiko Miyamoto (Wife of Army Veteran)
August 1, 1921 - April 3, 2017
Resident of Carmel
Yoshiko Gladycce Miyamoto passed away on April 3, 2017, at age 95. She is survived by Maya, her husband of 69 years; three children, Mickey, Mel, and Kay; four grandchildren, Kari, Michael (Judy), Daniel, Bridget (Jon); six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by four sisters, Mary Kubo, Mae Matsuzaki, Helen (Norio) Takayama and Beverly Tanouye. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Mas, Tom, and Kei and two sisters, Alice Nakashima and Phyllis Arao.

Private family services and final resting place will be the Columbarium in the City of Monterey Cemetery.
Condolences may be written to the family at www.bermudezfamilyfunerals.com Published in The Monterey Herald on Apr. 7, 2017

Tom Yoshikazu Mizuno (Army Veteran)
Tom passed away peacefully on April 2, 2017. He is survived by son, Michael (Chris), daughters, Judy Morinaga (Daniel), Carol Goi, Christine Tanizawa (Sam); grandchildren, Nicole Goi, Sydnee Mizuno, Brandon, Steven and Troy Tanizawa; great-granddaughters Lauren and Genevieve Goi-Yamamoto; sister Mildred Sasaki and brother George Mizuno and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Katherine; parents Tomisaburo and Shizue; brothers Ray and Michi and sister Toshi. Tom was the first born of six. He graduated from Galt High School. He worked on the family farm until he was drafted in 1941. He served in the Army during World War II. He married Katherine before being shipped to Italy where he was wounded and later received the Purple Heart. After the war, unable to return to farming due to his wound, Tom became a barber--he officially retired in 2004 to care for his wife. He loved the social interactions with his customers who soon became friends. He loved the land--his immaculate yard, fishing, golfing, his koi pond, garden. Until the end he always said what a fortunate man he was--wonderful family and friends and good health--things money could not buy. Tom will be missed but not forgotten. He was a kind, thoughtful gentleman and taught all that knew him something. Tom's family thanks his family and friends for their support over the years and the VA home base health team and the staff at Soaring Oaks for their care during his final days. At his request there will be a private memorial service. Donations may be made to your favorite charity . Published in The Sacramento Bee on Apr. 9, 2017

Mitsuo Nakasone (Army Veteran)
January 16, 1924 - February 12, 2017
93 of Pearl City, HI, passed away in Honolulu, HI. He was born in Waiahole, Hawaii. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and a retired truck driver for the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by wife Alison M. Nakasone; sons Kyle I. (Iris) Nakasone, Derrick N. Nakasone; 1 granddaughter. Private services held. Published On April 6th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

THOMAS TAMOTSU NITTA (Army Veteran)
78 of Honolulu, HI, passed away in Honolulu, HI. He was born in Waipahu, HI. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired as an electrician from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Shop 57. He is survived by wife Patricia S. (Fujieda) Nitta; daughters Shari Ann S. (Brian) Daluson, Karlynn H. (Ross) Tanaka; brother George (Ruby) Nitta; sisters Ichiyo Koga, Alice Asato; 3 grandchildren. Visitation 10:00am Sunday April 9, 2017 at Mililani Mortuary Mauka Chapel. Memorial service 12:00pm. Casual attire. Published in Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

BOB HAYAMI OGATA (Army Veteran)
Age 83, of Honolulu, HI, passed away February 20, 2017 in Honolulu. He was born April 16, 1933 in Hakalau, HI. He was retired from the State of Hawaii. He was a United States Army veteran. He is survived by wife, Kay Ogata;
son, Keith (Patricia) Ogata; daughters, Kathleen Ogata, Gwen (Greg) Ogata-Rutkowski; brothers, Seigo (Helen) Ogata, Shigeko (Chino) Ogata, Katsumi (Ursula) Ogata, Makoto Ogata, Ronald Ogata; sisters, June (Stephen) Nakano, Mitsue (Tetsuo) Ozaki, Anne Ogata, Charlotte (Dennis) Masaki; and 3 grand-children. Private services were held. Published On April 8th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries.

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**Kenneth T. Okano**  
**Army Veteran**  
89, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in Honolulu on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. He was born in Hana, Maui. Private Services held. Published On April 8th, 2017 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser Obituaries

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**Masaru Okubo**  
**MIS Veteran**  
93, of Kahului, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2017 at Maui Memorial Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Services honoring Mr. Okubo were held privately. No koden will be accepted. Nakamura Mortuary assisted with arrangements.

Masaru was born on August 11, 1923 in Peahi to Keiso & Masano Okubo. Mr. Okubo proudly served as a Military Intelligence Service serviceman in the U.S. Army and upon his return, worked for HC&S as a heavy equipment mechanic. He would later retire from HC&S after a 47 year career. Mr. Okubo was a known handyman, always willing to help those in need. He was intelligent, resourceful and innovative and enjoyed tinkering and improving the way things worked. He will be remembered as a quiet, generous and wise man who loved to sing.

Mr. Okubo was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mrs. Kinue Okubo. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, son, Paul (Adrienne) Okubo; daughters, Robyne (Paul) Tokunaga & Cheryl Okubo; grandsons, Shane & Ty Okubo and Reece & Chad Tokunaga. He is also survived by his sister, Harue Kobayashi; and sister-in-laws, Miyo Okubo & Mary Okubo; and aunt, Shizuko Okubo.

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**Violet T. Ono**  
**Widow of 442nd RCT Veteran**  
April 24, 1922 - March 31, 2017

Violet was born in Sacramento, CA, to Shigejiro and Tsuru Masuhara and passed away at the age of 94 on March 31, 2017. Violet spent her long time career in Personnel with the Sacramento Army Depot, where she retired in 1978. In her spare time, Violet enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening her vegetables and flowers, exercising and taking brisk walks, country music, sewing, and baking. She was an enthusiastic participant in the Triple R Program and always looked forward to attending. Violet loved to share her engaging personality with everyone and always had much laughter in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kiyoshi Ono, son-in-law Michael Majewski, siblings Ichiro, Shig, Camille, Takako, Sam, and Ayako. Violet is survived and missed dearly by daughter Linda Ono, sisters-in-law Harue Okazaki, Toshiko Ono, and Sachiko Ono, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her family is grateful for the Havenwood caregivers who also were a part of her life.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Temple, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818.

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**Dr. Gordon H. SATO**

Age 89, noted mammalian cell biologist and member of the National Academy of Science, died peacefully on March 31, 2017 at home. Sato was the last graduate student to study bacteriophage biology with Max Delbrück, was a co-founder of the field of molecular biology and received a Ph.D in Biophysics from Cal Tech in 1955. In his own academic research, Sato sought to adapt microbiology methods to the study of mammalian cells. His lab established the first mammalian cell lines to retain differentiated functions when cultured outside the body, and it used a novel approach to grow and study differentiated cells in culture. Sato and collaborators also created the
monoclonal antibody that became the drug Erbitux (cetuximab) that treated cancers of the colon and the head and neck in a new way. Sato grew up on Terminal Island in Los Angeles harbor and was interned as a teenager with his family in the Manzanar Relocation Center during World War II. The years spent in the desert of the Owen Valley inspired Sato to start the Manzanar Project in the 1980's to investigate ways of making deserts adjacent to oceans agriculturally productive. The goal was to use low tech methods to generate food for consumption or trade. The feasibility of the idea was demonstrated by planting hundreds of thousands of mangrove trees along the Red Sea in Eritrea that were used to feed livestock. For these efforts, Sato received the Rolex Award for Enterprise in 2002 and the Blue Plate Prize from The Asahi Glass Foundation in 2005. Dr. Sato is survived by his wife, C. Josette Gaudreau of Wenham, MA, his six children and six grandchildren. Services will be private. Online condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com. Campbell Funeral Home Beverly, MA Published in The Boston Globe on Apr. 9, 2017

Koji Shintani (Army Veteran)
(June 2, 1933 - March 26, 2017)
83, of Hilo, died on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home. He was born on June 2, 1933 in Hilo, Hawaii. He was the owner of Koji’s Bento Korner and a member of the Hilo Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Private services were held. Survived by, daughters, Karen Murakami, Sandra Wilson and Robyn (Bruce) Oda; son, Drew Shintani; brother, Futoshi Shintani; sister, Eko Hasegawa; 2 grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Richard Zenjiro Yamauchi (Army Veteran)
April 19, 1933 - March 9, 2017
83 of Honolulu, passed away in Honolulu. He was born in Honolulu. A retired Holsum Bakery driver/salesman. He is survived by his son Kelvyn (Micha) Yamauchi; daughters Claire (Dennis) Nishiguchi and Arlene (Shawn Omura) Yamauchi; brothers Thomas (Joanne) Yamauchi and Stanley (Janice) Ishikawa; sisters Helen (Kenneth) Yanamura, Dorothy Nada and Doris (Wilbert) Ching; 7 grandchildren. Visitation 9:30 am, Friday, April 7, 2017 at Mililani Downtown Mortuary, 20 S. Kukui Street, Honolulu. Funeral service 10:30 am. Burial to follow 2:00 pm at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe. Casual attire, flowers welcome.