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IRENE HIRANO INOUE TO SPEAK AT 15TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

We are very excited to announce Ms. Irene Hirano Inouye, President of the U.S.-Japan Council (USJC), as this year's keynote speaker of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center's (NVMC) Annual Dinner on Friday, Nov. 16, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Maui Beach Hotel.

We invite you to join us in what promises to be an informative and inspiring evening celebrating the legacy, heroism and values of the Nisei veterans. As in years past, we are anticipating a sold-out crowd, so be sure to reserve your tickets now by calling the NVMC at 244-6862.

Hirano Inouye, widow of the late U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, has been president of the USJC since its inception in late 2008 and, through her work on the council, also administers the TOMODACHI Initiative, a public-private partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the Government of Japan that was born out of support for Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. The initiative invests in young Japanese



and American leaders through educational and cultural exchanges as well as entrepreneurship and leadership programs.

A recipient of bachelor's and master's degrees in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and an honorary doctorate degree from Southern Methodist University, Hirano Inouye is also the former president and founding CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, a position she held for 20 years.

Hirano Inouye's professional and community activities include

extensive experience in nonprofit administration, community education, and public affairs with culturally diverse communities nationwide; serving as chair of the Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Center; trustee of The Washington Center; member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; member of the Advisory Board, Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California; and chair of the Advisory Board, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, University of California at Los Angeles.

She also served as former trustee and past chair of the Ford Foundation and former trustee and past chair of the Kresge Foundation.

We are thrilled to host this remarkable woman and tireless public servant, and hope you will join us in recognizing the heroes in our community through our annual "Hero Awards" to be presented in four categories: Philanthropy, Leadership, Courage and Legacy.

The 15th Annual NVMC Dinner: November 16, 2018

The 15th Annual Nisei Veterans Memorial Dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Elleair Ballroom of the Maui Beach Hotel. The event will feature our "Hero Award" winners.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Irene Hirano Inouye, Founding President of the U.S.-Japan Council.

DATE: November 16, 2018

LOCATION: Elleair Ballroom of the Maui Beach Hotel

TIME: Doors open at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

TICKETS: \$125 per person. Corporate Tables are available at \$2,000 and \$2,500.

For more information call Deidre Tegarden at 244-6862.

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We encourage family and friends to submit information and photos to our "Lest We Forget" column.

THE NVMC MISSION

The NVMC ignites human potential by inspiring people to find the hero in themselves through the legacy of the Nisei veterans.

THE NVMC VISION

We envision a community where all people act selflessly for the greater good.

THE NVMC VALUES

Being selfless for the greater good.
 Leading by example. Living in gratitude.
 Inspiring courage in adversity. Doing the right thing, always.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Asleep within the grave
 The soldiers dream, and overhead
 The summer grasses wave
 - Basho*

When I think about the Greatest Generation, I think about the values that guided the Nisei who served in World War II: *gaman* (patience), *on* (honor) and *giri* (obligation). I think about respect, hard work, compassion and the unfathomable difficulties they faced and endured.

President Harry Truman said, "You fought not only the enemy, but prejudice here at home, and won."

The actions and sacrifices made by the Issei and Nisei during WWII, and their contributions after the war, changed our nation and defined our state and politics then and for future generations. Their legacy of service to others lives on in the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center's (NVMC) activities and outreach.

In February, we opened the exhibit, "Loyalty, Courage, Sacrifice: the 442nd Story," which will run through Thanksgiving and features monthly rotating archival displays.

In early May, Stacey Hayashi's "Go for Broke: an Origin Story" had its sold-out Maui premiere at the Historic Iao Theater, and our deep appreciation and thanks go to our sponsors, Arisumi Brothers, Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans, Da Kitchen, Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, Alexis and Steven Dascoulias, and the team at the theater.

The month of May also brought the Kaiwo Maru Training Ship to Maui to help celebrate "Gannenmono," the 150th anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawai'i. It was a pleasure to welcome Captain Kumada and his crew to Kahului Harbor. There were ample cross-cultural exchanges during their stay including time at the Maui Matsuri and tours of the ship.

July's summer vacation highlight was a weeklong education program at our NVMC campus with the inaugural program between the NVMC, Kansha Preschool, and Kikkyo Kindergarten of Hokkaido, Japan. It was heartwarming, educational and inspirational, and we are already planning for another in 2019. Watching the children's interaction, I am confident more than one life-long friendship was formed between the students of Kikkyo and Kansha. It was wonderful!

In remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we welcomed Melinda Clarke in August as she kicked off her speaking tour across the continental United States, sharing the interviews she had done in the 1980s with atomic bomb survivors, the "hibakusha," as well as the documentary film "Lost Generation." Her presentation underscored the survivors' message, "peace, no more war."

Interspersed between the events above was our "Leadership Series" that so far this year has featured four Hawai'i governors sharing personal stories of life on and off the 5th floor of the State Capitol: (February) Gov. George Ariyoshi; (April) Gov. John Waihe'e; (June) Gov. David Ige; and (August) Gov. Neil Abercrombie. If you missed the talks, they are posted to our Facebook page. Gov. Linda Lingle will be the speaker in December.

Reflecting on our summer and the many activities in which we celebrated the past and present and planned for the future, it brings home the truth that the Nisei veterans have given us a legacy to live by and an opportunity to strive to emulate the "The Greatest Generation" through continuous service to each other.

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RETIRED MAUI ATTORNEY REACHES BLOOD DONATION MILESTONE

BY MELISSA TANJI AND BRIAN PERRY (ARTICLE CREDIT: MAUI NEWS)

WAILUKU — Retired attorney and Maui Adult Day Care Centers Board of Directors' President, William "Bill" Kinaka hit a milestone Tuesday, donating his 150th pint of blood — the equivalent of more than 18 gallons — to the Blood Bank of Hawai'i during an event Tuesday at the Cameron Center.

Kinaka said he wanted to publicize his blood donation to help encourage others to donate and to help save lives in Hawai'i.

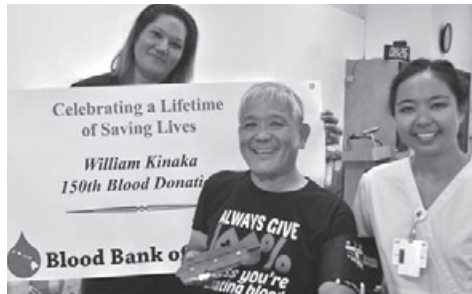
The 78-year-old Kinaka began donating blood nearly 30 years ago when he overcame a fear of being stuck by a needle to help a child suffering from leukemia. When the blood donation was completed before he realized it, he pledged to donate blood whenever the Blood Bank visited Maui, once every two months or so.

"I want to keep going," he said Tuesday morning. "There is no age limit."

"I rather be giving than receiving," he added with a chuckle.

For his efforts, Kinaka received a carved wooden surfboard-shaped key holder celebrating his 150-pint milestone from the Blood Bank. He also received a banner with his name on it.

Kinaka, in partnership with Sack N Save Wailuku, donated 19 gallons of POG to the Maui Food Bank on Tuesday. The 19 gallons is equivalent to 152 pints or close to the amount of blood Kinaka has donated, he said.



Bill Kinaka has not only dedicated his precious time to Maui Adult Day Care Centers for over 30 years, but, also to our Maui Community members who may be facing life threatening illnesses or even accidents who are needing blood transfusions. Bill Kinaka also is the recipient of Maui's 2018 Male Outstanding Older American Award. Photo credit: Maui News.

An actual blood donation takes, on average, about 10 minutes, Kinaka said. Donors need to provide identification, go through some reading material and answer a questionnaire with about two dozen questions.

During a physical checkup, a donor's blood pressure, pulse, body temperature and iron count are checked to ensure he or she is healthy enough to donate blood, he said.

"It doesn't hurt," Kinaka said as blood was being drawn from his left arm in the Cameron Center Auditorium.

After donating blood, participants are provided refreshments while recuperating.

Blood Bank officials said the summertime is "very challenging" to keep enough blood available for Hawai'i patients.

Every two seconds, someone needs

blood, officials said. So, about 200 donors are needed daily to provide blood to meet patient needs.

Only 2 percent of the state's population donates blood, and 12 percent of the blood supply comes from donors in high school, officials said. During vacations and when school is not in session, there's lower donor turnout.

Kinaka said he also likes to ramp up his public relations effort to recruit more donors during the holiday season because many people are too busy to donate blood while occupied with shopping or on vacation. Rather than buying gifts to feel good and in the Christmas spirit, Kinaka suggested donating blood, which won't increase the credit card bill.

"But you donate one pint of blood, you give the gift of life that cost nothing," he said.

Over the years, Kinaka estimates he may have recruited 150 new donors. He feels the best way to get new people to donate is by reaching out personally to others.

According to the Blood Bank, one in seven people entering the hospital will receive blood.

Among those that need blood, 36 percent are general medical patients and 20 percent are cancer patients.

For more information, go to www.bbh.org or www.facebook.com/BloodBankHawaii.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NVMC

December 11, 2018 - January 31, 2019

"The German Roots of Zionism"

Exhibit in conjunction with Maui Beit Shalom.

December 16, 2018

Leadership Luncheon with keynote speaker, former Governor Linda Lingle

1:30pm Kahili Golf Course, Nahele Ballroom \$35

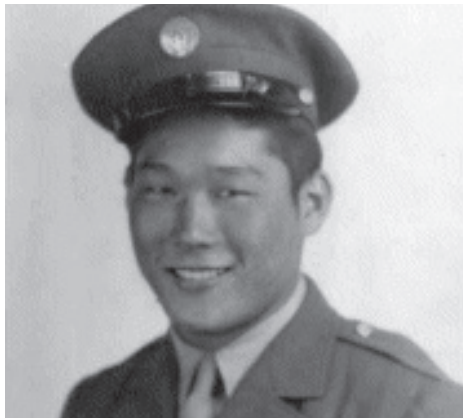
February 16, 2019 - June 14, 2019

Hawai'i Premiere "Toyo: Behind the Glass Eye"

Photographs by Toyo Miyatake

In conjunction with the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles, CA. TOYO: Behind the Glass Eye juxtaposes selected examples of Miyatake's pre-war art photography with his images of life in Manzanar camp—some photographed secretly before he was caught. Miyatake was eventually allowed by the authorities to serve as camp photographer.

PRESERVING THE 422ND'S HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



At the 2017 NVMC Annual dinner, we were treated to a fascinating presentation by Julie Checkoway, author of "The Three Year Swim Club." This is the story of young Maui swimmers who aspired to become members of the U.S. Olympic team before World War II interrupted their dreams. This year, the NVMC is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

One person who comes to mind as the best bridge between these two stories is John Tsukano, the author of "The Bridge of Love," one of the seminal books about the 442nd. John was a member of coach Sakamoto's swim club and, when WWII squelched that dream, he volunteered for the 442nd and in later years spent his energies preserving the unit's storied history for future generations.

Had it not been for Tsukano's foresight, we children of the 100th/442nd veterans may not have known as much about our fathers' achievements during WWII. My own father passed away more than 30 years ago, well before any concerted efforts were being made to preserve the 100th/442nd/MIS oral histories. It was in the early 1980s, when John and Eric Saul interviewed my dad on audio tape. Upon his passing in 1988, Tsukano sent me a copy of that interview.

John was the fifth of Niso and

Shimoi Tsukano's eight children, born at home in the family's Mill Camp cottage in Pu'unene, Maui, T.H. on Nov. 13, 1924. At the age of 12, he became a member of the 3-year Swim Club and began his training under Coach Sakamoto in the irrigation ditch next to Pu'unene School, with the goal of competing in the 1940 Olympics. The conflicts in Europe resulted in the canceling of 1940 games, ending the team's aspirations.

Unable to represent the United States in the pool, Tsukano volunteered to represent his country on the battlefield by joining the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. John participated in the Italian and French campaigns before being wounded and sent to England to recuperate.

Returning to Hawai'i, he attended the University of Hawai'i's School of Journalism after which John embarked on his lifetime quest of building "bridges" between Hawai'i and the rest of the world. These bridges, which first brought students from the mainland to the UH, later focused on tourism to Hawai'i, and with the publication of his book, "The Bridge of Love," established connections between the islands and places and people of Europe where the men had fought.

"The Bridge of Love," published in 1985, provides a historical overview of the 100th Battalion and 442nd

Regimental Combat Team starting with photographs of the men in each of the original companies. Descriptions of the defining events - Monte Cassino, Bruyeres /Vosges, and Dachau - are followed by post war stories of special ties created between the peoples of France and Hawai'i.

Tsukano spent the next two decades as a self-funded ambassador as he spread the story of the 100th/442nd to the world. In the process, he worked on numerous memorials for future generations to reflect upon and honor.

One of the most indelible memorials to which Tsukano contributed can be found at Monte Cassino in a locked chapel located in the lower levels of the abbey. Stained-glass windows surround this room, each representing one of the Allied countries which fought to free the region from German occupation. The United States window features an image of Madonna with a dove. At the top of the stain glass window are the letters, PAX, the name of the Roman goddess of peace. Directly under those letters is the logo of the 100th Infantry Battalion, a permanent recognition of the Nisei soldiers' contributions in Europe during WWII.

John Toshio Tsukano passed away on July 20, 2005.

For all your contributions to future generations, "thank you" John Tsukano.



John Tsukano (pictured on far right) with his family.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH NEW FRIENDS FROM HOKKAIDO



About a year ago, we received a call from the Mayor's office asking if the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center and Kansha Preschool would be interested in hosting a group of kindergarten students from Hokkaido, Japan. We were delighted for the opportunity and, one year later, welcomed the wonderful proprietors, faculty and students from Kikkyo Kindergarten from Hakodate, Hokkaido.

We learned each other's languages, shared Hawai'i-style obon dancing, and experienced field trips to the Maui Ocean Center, BBQ picnics and an entire day making ice cream and slime with a grand-daughter and great-grand niece of Nisei veterans, Tiara Kobayashi-Bautista and Cassidy Hanano. Everyone had a marvelous time and are looking forward to next year.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT KAYLEEN K.N.B. LAU

When asked about the inspiration for her poem "Because of You, I am," Kamehameha Schools Maui senior Kayleen Lau stated, "I reminisced, about the hardships our Nisei veterans must've experienced, while listening to Jake Shimabukuro's ukulele rendition of the song, 'Go for Broke.' Inspired by the song, I wrote this poem with the intent to briefly explain what our veterans went through and also the impact they've made on us."

Because of You, I Am.

*December 7th 1941.
They came from the west the war begun.
No one really knew what was to come,
so they stood there terrified so very stunned.
The bombs came and the ships went down.
Their screams were heard from all around.
The collection of the drafted and enlisted increased.
Just as the 442nd and the 100th unfortunately decreased.
The M.I.S. and the O.S.S. also helped with Americas success.
Decorated and NEVER forgotten,
Because of you I am.*

- Kayleen K.N.B. Lau



Governor Ariyoshi and Kamehameha Maui Student Kayleen Lau.
Photo Credit: Shane Tegarden.

NVMC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER: KAREY KAPOI

Karey Kapoi is the neighbor island regional director for the Hawai'i Medical Service Association (HMSA), supporting opportunities for partnership and collaboration to improve health and well-being for residents throughout the Counties of Maui, Hawai'i and Kaua'i. Raised on Maui, she is thrilled to have an opportunity to support Nisei Veterans Memorial Center's mission of encouraging people to find the

hero within themselves.

Her grandfather, Mitsuo Oura of Captain Cook, served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, and two of her uncles proudly served in the 442nd. She considers any opportunity to protect and preserve their contributions as a source of inspiration for others a privilege.

Karey is also president-elect for Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui and the treasurer for the Hawai'i State Rural Health Association.



NISEI VALUES AND CULTURAL BELIEFS SHAPING REMARKABLE LIVES

Halfway through the Leadership speaker series, this yearlong event has already proven successful, motivating and educating Mauians beyond the NVMC's walls and membership. Drawn by the opportunity to see and hear Hawai'i's heads of state, folks who might not have felt a direct connection to the Center or its mission have filled the Kahili Golf Club's Nahele Room for each of the inspirational talks.

The Leadership series, sponsored in part by the A&B Foundation, is featuring each of our state's living governors in presentations which focus on the role of Nisei values and cultural beliefs in shaping remarkable lives.

The series began, appropriately, in February 2018 with Hawai'i's longest-serving governor (13 years) and Nisei veteran (MIS) George Ariyoshi. The nation's first Asian-American governor, Ariyoshi has continued to serve the community, quietly and effectively, after leaving office in 1986. He has written two books, "With Obligation to All," recounting the post-World War II transformation of Hawai'i, and "Hawai'i: The Past Fifty Years, the Next Fifty Years," published in 2009, the golden anniversary of the 50th state.

In his Leadership series speech, the 92-year-old Ariyoshi invoked several of the values embraced by the celebrated

Japanese-American soldiers of WWII: Ganbari (perseverance), Chugi (loyalty), Haji (don't bring shame), and Okage sama de (thanks to you) – a phrase often used by local Japanese to mean "because of you, I am who I am." Also the name of this newsletter, Okage Sama De is an expression of gratitude and recognition of the importance of working together and depending upon each other.

"I never wanted to be a politician," he said, "I wanted to be a lawyer, ever since the eighth grade." But a year after opening his practice, he was approached by Democratic Party leader and future governor John Burns, who urged him to sacrifice his career dreams for the betterment of the community. "Jack Burns talked to me about prejudice, how we had never had a governor who was not white, never had a governor who was born in Hawai'i." Well aware of the political power imbalance of the time, Ariyoshi admired the efforts of Nisei vets like Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, who "were fighting to make the community fairer. The courage shown on the battlefield did not stop there." He agreed to run for the Territorial Legislature and spent the next 32 years in public office, three of them as Burns' lieutenant governor.

Throughout his military, political, and community service, the former governor adhered to the values addressed in his presentation. He delivered his entire talk without notes, speaking eloquently and sincerely from his heart. Afterwards, he graciously shared one-to-one time with attendees, inspiring each of us to continue the legacy of the Nisei vets and work together to better our community.

The second Leadership series speaker, on April 28, was Governor John Waihe'e, who served as Ariyoshi's third-term lieutenant governor. When he succeeded Ariyoshi in office, Waihe'e also made political history as the first person of native Hawai'ian descent to be elected a U.S. governor.

In his presentation, Waihe'e paid tribute to the WWII Nisei vets for their heroism during the war as well as their post-war public service. Remarking on the loyalty and honor shown by the members of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Infantry while fighting prejudice by even their fellow soldiers, he said, "... you have to be amazed at what these people did when they volunteered to help their country."

Upon their return, Waihe'e noted, the Nisei vets "wanted to build something special. They did not want to put up with the negative



From left to right: Beryl Bal, Nelson Okumura, Hideo Kawahara, Governor Waihee, Melanie Agrabante, Mrs. Lynne Waihee, and Brian Moto.

things that were going on,” including discrimination and social imbalance. He told the audience that the veterans were chiefly responsible for major reforms in Hawai‘i, including universal workers’ compensation and medical insurance. The creation of the Office of Hawai‘ian Affairs (OHA), which is generally credited to Waihe‘e’s efforts as a 1978 Constitutional Convention delegate, received invaluable support from the late Senator Daniel Inouye, who personally called all 101 Con-Con delegates to stress the importance of OHA to the future of Hawai‘i.

Waihe‘e, himself clearly impressed by his visit to the NVMC, urged people to visit the education center and see the stories of heroism and dedication. “Then ask yourself, what are you going to do to make this the Hawai‘i that we all love, a place where the land can love us and we can love it back?”

Our current governor, the Honorable David Ige, came to Maui in June as the third speaker in the series. Breaking with the established format, he sat for an informal interview rather than deliver prepared remarks. Yours truly had the honor of “talking story”

with him, and at the risk of seeming disrespectful, I opened the interview with, “So what, Guv? How you stay?”

Without missing a beat, Gov. Ige replied with a grin, “I stay good!”

The audience was delighted and so was I. The rest of the interview was conducted in standard English but that little bit of pidgin set the tone for a relaxed and candid discussion of Nisei values and how they shaped Ige’s career and leadership style.

As with Ariyoshi, elective office was not Ige’s original career choice. He was a 27-year-old electrical engineer working for Hawai‘ian Telephone Company when he received a call from a former high school classmate asking him to consider entering politics at the state legislative level. It seemed ludicrous at first. “My plan was to become the first island-born-and-raised president of Hawai‘ian Tel,” he laughed. “I’d never considered politics.” But his friend persisted, and after speaking with leading Democrats, including then-Governor Ariyoshi, Ige was persuaded. No doubt, Nisei values such as *gisei* (sacrifice), *giri* (sense of duty), and *on* (debt of gratitude)

influenced his decision.

Raised by nisei parents (his father was a member of the famed 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry), the governor spoke about the traditional cultural values that his parents practiced, rather than preached. “Like many of the 100th and 442nd veterans, my father never talked about his wartime experiences,” he said. “He led by example.” In turn, Ige strives to do the same, to live and lead in a way that would make his parents proud.

Former governor Linda Lingle will close-out the series on Sunday, December 16, 2018.



Governor Ige laughing with Interviewer Kathy Collins. Photo credit: Melanie Agrabante.

LEADERSHIP SERIES

ABERCROMBIE: NISEI VETERANS SHARE QUALITIES OF BUSHIDO CODE



Photo credit: Melanie Agrabante.

Former Governor Neil Abercrombie drew parallels between WWII Nisei veterans and the Samurai Code of Conduct during his keynote speech at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center’s “Leadership Series” luncheon, August

19, at Kahili Golf Course Nahele Ballroom in Waikapu, Maui.

In his speech titled “Leadership in Today’s Hawai‘i: How are the Nisei Values Part of It,” Abercrombie, Hawai‘i’s seventh governor, said pre-modern Japan Samurai lived by the code known as “Bushido” which places the qualities of loyalty, courage, truthfulness, compassion, honor and respect above all else.

He said Hawai‘i’s WWII Nisei veterans exhibited and still share these same qualities.

The code is an ideal, Abercrombie told the gathering of about 100 guests that included past and present elected officials as well as several running for office this election cycle. He added that while he has fallen short of it at times in his own life, he has done his best to

adhere to it.

“The most important thing people want in a leader is to know they can trust him or her,” Abercrombie said.

At the end of his speech, Abercrombie expressed his gratitude to the NVMC for inviting him to speak and said he admired and supported its mission of helping people find the hero in themselves.

The governor also made it a point to single out and thank attendee Maui artist Kirk Kurokawa whose official portrait of the governor hangs in the state Capitol.

“Forty-six artists applied for the job,” Abercrombie told the audience. “Kirk was the only one from Hawai‘i and when I saw the sensitivity in the portrait he painted of his father, I knew I wanted him.”

NVMC HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED ON PAGE 19)



Hideo and Joyce Kawahara share a photo from Kaiwo Maru's 1980 trip to Maui with Kaiwo Maru Training Ship Captain, Kiminobu Kumada.



Hawai'i Public Radio's Noe Tanigawa stops by for an interview. From left to right: Leonard Oka, Veteran Hiroshi Arisumi, Tanigawa, and Brian Moto.



In remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Melinda Clarke shared interviews she had done in the 1980s with Hibakusha from those two cities.



From left to right: Peter Galpin, Consul Norimasa Yoshida, Rene Yamafuji, Melanie Agrabante, Deidre Tegarden, Consul General Ito, Mrs. Ito, Brian Moto, and Kyoko Kimura.



UH Maui College's Stephanie Ohigashi stopped by with Meiji Gakuin University Vice President, Takeo Shigeki, and Professor Keiko Tanaka.



Senator Jill Tokuda points out her grandfather in Julie Checkoway's "The Three Year Swim Club" in a recent visit to the NVMC.

"SHARING THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA" GALA DINNER, JUNE 16, 2018



Photo Credit: Ann Kabasawa and Clyde Sugimoto.

Maui's Nisei Veterans Memorial Center was among organizations and individuals recognized by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i at its annual "Sharing the Spirit of Aloha" gala dinner, June 16, in Honolulu at the Hilton Hawai'iian Village, Coral Ballroom.

From left to right: Honoree Wesley Deguchi with Nisei Veterans Legacy; Consul General of Japan Koichi Ito; honoree Dr. Mitchell Maki with the Go For Broke National Education Center; honoree Donna Tanoue; honoree Jake Shimabukuro; JCCH president Carole Hayashino; JCCH board chair Christine Kubota; honoree George Takei; honorees Deidre Tegarden and Brian Moto, Nisei Veterans Memorial Center; Claude Onizuka; honoree Ellison Onizuka Memorial Committee; Lt. Gov. Doug Chin; Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, and Gov. David Ige.

MAUI ARTIST KIRK KUROKAWA TO PAINT 76 FOOT MURAL AT NVMC



Award winning Maui artist Kirk Kurokawa is doing something very special for Maui's Nisei Veterans Memorial Center in Wailuku.

Embarking on a project to paint a mural on the center's outside front wall that when completed will measure 76-foot long and range from two-to-three feet high at the beginning to as high as seven feet at the end, Kurokawa said the work should be completed by the end of the year.

"Kirk came to us, he wanted to do something for the center," said Deidre Tegarden, NVMC executive director. "Saedene Ota, one of our board members, asked him about painting a mural that would honor the legacy of the Nisei Veterans."

After some brainstorming, the NVMC and Kurokawa decided on a mural that would include the veterans' wish to show "continuing service," and making things better for future generations, according to Tegarden.

The project, funded by supporters of the NVMC, is getting help from the carpenters union and masons apprenticeship class who donate their time and labor to prepare the wall with concrete donated by Miyake Concrete

Accessories, Inc.

"We are thrilled and honored to have Kirk Kurokawa share his talent with us on a mural that will pay homage to the past and the future generations for the entire community to enjoy," Tegarden said.

Kurokawa looked through the center's extensive archives for imagery and photos, to use as reference material and for inspiration. He also read news articles and books about the Nisei in WWII.

"It was also awesome to hear the stories from the men themselves when the center had some of the veterans come and speak at a couple of the events in the past," he said. "It was quite humbling to see what these men and their families had to endure. I just want to honor these brave people as best I can.

"It is an important project to me and I definitely put a lot of pressure on myself; I just want the artwork to be worthy of the center and what it represents."

A 1992 Baldwin High School graduate, Maui-born and raised Kurokawa, 44, began his formal training at the California College of Arts in San

Francisco. He earned his bachelor of fine arts degree with distinction in 1997.

In July, 2017, Kurokawa's commissioned portrait of former Hawai'i Gov. Neil Abercrombie was unveiled at the Hawai'i State Art Museum and is now displayed in the ceremonial room of the governor's office along with the portraits of Hawai'i's 17 previous governors.

Abercrombie selected Kurokawa from a field of 46 artists from across the nation who applied for the commission.

At the time, Kurokawa said it was the "most significant" work he had done to date, noting that it is now a part of Hawai'i's history.

Kurokawa's work has been featured at the Schaefer Portrait Challenge at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center; The Contemporary Museum at the First Hawai'ian Center on O'ahu; Hui No'eau Members Show on Maui; Accession, Recent Acquisitions from the Art in Public Places Collection at the Hawai'i State Art Museum; Viewpoints, Solo Exhibition, The Contemporary Museum and the Hui No'eau Solo Show on Maui.

To view more of Kirk's work, visit his website at www.kirkkurokawa.com.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

PUKALANI SUPERETTE

Pukalani Superette is a friendly mix of just about everything a person needs from a snack to a smile. Maybe that's why the popular little store on the corner of Haleakala Highway and Makawao Avenue bustles with so much energy.

One of the last of Maui's true mom-and-pop establishments, the Superette has been serving Upcountry Maui for over 60 years and is still going strong under ownership of Aric and Myles Nakashima. Pukalani Superette has been a family operation from the start. The Nakashima sons' grandparents, Takeo and Kome Tanizaki, were issei that came from Japan to Hawai'i to work on the plantations and first opened a small store in Wailuku. When that business was lost to a fire in 1927, they built Tanizaki Store at a Pukalani location adjacent to the current building.

The old general store was similar to many of that era with a gravity-fed gasoline pump in front and the simple items people needed inside.

A new and larger store and now a Pukalani landmark was completed in 1955. "Yoshimura built the store," said Moriaki Nakashima, Aric and Myles' father. "It cost \$17,500."

The new store had an auspicious beginning. On opening day, Dec. 13, 1955, when the name was officially changed from Tanizaki Store to Pukalani Superette, Sumiko Tanizaki Nakashima gave birth to her youngest son, Myles.

Moriaki Nakashima, who served in WWII with the Army Corps of Engineers, also worked for Kahului Railroad, and he worked his last 20 years with the company as a tugboat engineer. Sumiko worked at the store seven days a week until she retired in 1990.

Pukalani Superette, or Puk Sup



"Your-Easy-Does-It" Place for over 60 years!

(Pook Soop) as regulars have nicknamed the store, has tailored its inventory today to its changing clientele. From its rural beginnings when sleepy Pukalani consisted of just a few homes and Kula was mostly a farm community, the market has adjusted to Upcountry's eclectic mix of customers. "Everybody needs coffee," Aric said, recalling the days when a can of Folger's would be fine. "But now you need a coffee grinder and a variety of coffee beans."

Pukalani Superette's prepared hot and cold foods sections offer ready-to-eat items for the busy customer. Chili Chicken, Chow Fun, Lau Lau (Chicken, Beef, and Pork) and Tako Poke are available every day of the week. These popular prepared foods Puk Sup is known for today began back in 1927 with sushi. "My grandmother made sushi," Aric said. "Two kinds, cone sushi and rolled sushi." His mother, Sumiko Tanizaki Nakashima, and his aunt continued that legacy for many years thereafter.

Most of the fresh produce comes from local farmers and is packaged for individuals, couples and small families. It's a place where you don't have to buy more than you need. And unlike some of the big stores, the shelves are almost always well stocked.

"We're that size where it's small enough where we can see the whole store, sort of like your house," Aric explained.

A PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Pukalani Superette supports many local organizations and businesses. For example, when the employees at Ah Fooks lost their jobs when the store burned down several years ago, they received gift certificates to buy groceries from Pukalani Superette. Pukalani Superette also values its customers whose generous donations have helped organizations such as - Maui Memorial Cancer Foundation, local school fundraisers, as well as those of various non-profit organizations. In addition, Puk Sup offers Senior discounts every day.

The store has endured because it has kept up with the times yet held on to its friendly, neighborhood feel. Takeo and Kome Tanizaki must be smiling to know their dream is alive and thriving in today's big box, bigger-is-better times.

**Pukalani Superette is located at:
15 Makawao Avenue
Pukalani, Hawai'i 96768
Mon - Sat 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sun 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

NISEI RECIPE CORNER

SWEET SOUR SPARE RIBS

Contributed by Mon Tai Luke **

Ingredients:

2 lbs. spare ribs (cut into one inch pieces)
4 tsp soy sauce
1 tsp salt
1 clove garlic, chopped

Gravy:

2 cups brown sugar
1 cup cider vinegar
1 cup water*
2 pieces ginger root
2 Tablespoon cornstarch
1 onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 can pineapple slices (optional)

Marinate ribs in soy sauce and salt for 10 minutes. Heat skillet and add oil. Brown garlic and ribs. Mix gravy ingredients and add to ribs. Bring to boil, turn heat low and simmer 20 minutes. Add vegetables and pineapple. Cook 10 minutes or more until tender.

Tip: Add water for a lighter sauce and more gravy.

TAPIOCA

Contributed by Naomi Yap*

Ingredients:

1 cup small tapioca pearls
5 cups water
1/2 cup sugar
2 pkg frozen 12 oz. Hawaiian Sun coconut milk
1 bottle 12 oz natadecoco, drained
2 cups frozen blueberries or black grapes
1-1/2 cup cubed cooked Okinawan potato
1-2 cans lychee, cut in fourths, save the liquid

In a large pot, boil water. Gently stir tapioca pearls into boiling water. Stir occasionally to keep pearls from sticking. Boil for 20-23 minutes until pearls are translucent. Turn heat off. Cover, remove from stove top and let sit for 30 minutes. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Cool. When cool, add coconut milk and mix well. Add drained fruit and refrigerate before serving.

OKINAWAN SWEET POTATO SALAD

Contributed by Naomi Yap*

This is a layered salad. The amount of each ingredient can be increased or decreased as you see fit.

Ingredients are listed with recommended portions.

Ingredients:

Salad vegetables (spring mix with romaine lettuce)
10 oz. buckwheat soba, boiled as directed on package
1/2 lb seaweed salad (mix with soba before layering)
1 package shelled soy beans, boiled for 2-3 minutes
1 package Okuhara brand imitation crab, cut in half and shredded
5-6 sprigs green onion, Cut into thin pieces
Chop suey mix soy bean sprouts
Daikon sprouts
1/2 bunch watercress, use 2" of the stem and the leaves
Japanese cucumber, cut diagonally and thinly
Kamaboko, cut thinly into strips
Char Siu, cut thinly into strips
1 carton red ginger
Peppers (red, yellow, and orange), cut into slivers
Boiled Okinawan sweet potato, cut into sticks
Chicken, cut into slices or shredded

Serve with Tropics oriental dressing.

* Naomi Yap is the daughter of Tadayoshi Hamasaki who was 2nd Lieutenant in the 100th Battalion, D Company. Naomi is a terrific cook. She says, "I hope you enjoy concocting this salad. It's a lot of work but nice to serve!"

CALL FOR RECIPES!

Wendy Higa and Rene Yamafuji, chairpersons for the upcoming Nisei Veterans Memorial Center Cookbook, are asking for your favorite recipes. Proceeds from the cookbook will benefit the Center.

Please send your recipes for soups, salads, appetizers, main dishes, desserts and especially family favorites to Wendy Higa at whiga@arisumibrothersinc.com or call her at (808) 281-4814.

** A friend of Wendy's father, Mon Tai Luke, is sharing his favorite recipe for family parties.

MAUI KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



With the passage of time, it is clear Maui's chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association needs new and younger members if it is to survive.

"We are getting older," said Robert "Sam" Fevella, 84, president of KWVA Chapter 282. "We are looking to bring in post-Korean War veterans, men and women who have served in Korea since the war, to fill our ranks, and to get families involved as associate and honorary members."

According to Chapter 282 Secretary Warren Nishida, 88, there are 41 members and 12 honorary members in the chapter with most members' ages ranging between 80-90. "We're encouraging veterans who have served on the Korean Peninsula after the war ended in 1953 to join us, to carry on," he said.

Mike Takamatsu, 88, joined Maui's KWVA about six years ago. He shared information written by Chapter 282's founding member Abel Cravalho, 86, who became the chapter's first president in 2001 and who said the idea of forming a KWVA Maui chapter started with a discussion that took place in 1999. At that time, Maui County was the only county in Hawai'i that didn't have an established chapter so when the state's KWVA organizer, Louis Baldovi "a Maui boy who lived on O'ahu" broached the subject during a visit to Maui, the wheels started turning, Cravalho said.

Baldovi's primary reason for flying over to Maui was to discuss plans with several Maui Korean War veterans to travel to Korea for a "re-visit." Those

meeting with Baldovi were George Matsunaga, Richard Miyamoto, Tommy Sato, Richard Ouchi and Cravalho. Following the discussion about the trip, Baldovi brought up the subject of organizing a Korean War Veterans chapter on Maui, according Cravalho who said at the time, "No one seemed interested in the idea and besides, Matsunaga and Miyamoto were already members of the Honolulu chapter."

But the wheels kept turning and in 2001 Cravalho made a decision that set in motion establishing a KWVA chapter on Maui. "I think I'm going to call Baldovi and inform him that I'm willing to try to get a chapter established on Maui," Cravalho told his wife Barbara. "We're all getting old and if we don't do it now, it will never be done. Besides, I feel bad for Baldovi, being a Maui boy and not having a chapter on Maui."

Fast forward 17 years, today KWVA Chapter 282 members contribute to the Maui community in an array of ways including volunteering at Maui Kaunoa Senior Center events, helping clean Maui's Veterans Cemetery in Makawao, as well as having worked with others to establish WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials at the Veteran's Cemetery.

"We want to spread the word to those who have never served in the military that the purpose of service is not for war, not for conflict, but to be of assistance to others," said Lloyd Sodetani, 73, honorary member of Chapter 282.

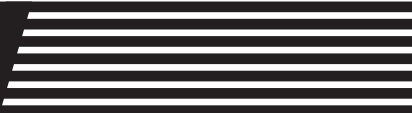
Korean War Veterans meet at the NVMC to plan an exhibit to be held at the Education Center in the near future. From left to right: Melanie Agrabante, Jo Davidson, Shirley Choy, Bill Choy, Mike Takamatsu, and Harold Kametani. Shirley and Mike are holding their Chapter photo which shows almost all of their members.

A Maui Realtor and retired U.S. Army colonel, Sodetani served for 31 years, including 12 assignments in Korea. "Korean War veterans want to be sure, these things don't happen anymore, the amount of suffering that occurred," he said referring to the war, the wounded and deaths like that of Maui-born Anthony Thomas Kaho'ohanohano (1930 - September 1, 1951) who was killed in combat in Korea and posthumously received the United States military's highest decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor.

"The need to serve is always there but not in war, not in conflict," Sodetani said, citing the example of military teams sent to Samoa and Western Samoa to provide aid and assistance in restoring infrastructure after the islands were devastated by a super hurricane. "The men and women who are in our military are our greatest resource."

The Korean War (1950-53) is often referred to as the "Forgotten War" despite an estimated 1.2 million lives lost in battle on all sides. Because it broke out only five years after the end of WWII and combat ended only two years before the beginning of the societally tumultuous Vietnam War in 1955, the Korean War has not received the attention it deserves. Some Maui Nisei who served in WWII also served later in the Korean War. Of the estimated 275 Hawai'i service members killed in the Korean War, an estimated 80 were from Maui County. Keeping alive the histories and memory of all who served and fought in Korea is important so present and future generations will understand and learn from their sacrifice.

"We don't want people to forget us," Nishida said.



Takashi Masuda

Feb. 7, 1923 – April 4, 2018

Takashi “Red” Masuda of Kahului passed away on April 4, 2018. He was born on February 7, 1923 in Pa’ia, Maui, to Otosaburo and Taki Masuda. After his mother passed away when he was only 2 years old, he moved to Japan to live with his maternal grandmother. But when his father remarried, his new wife asked that Takashi return home to Maui at the age of 8. He attended Pa’ia School and Maui High School.

Takashi entered the Army on Sept. 18, 1944. After training, he was attached to Company A of the 100th Battalion/442 Regimental Combat Team. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good

Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal for service in the Po Valley, North Appennines and Rhineland Campaigns. On Nov. 4, 1945, Takashi was honorably discharged with the rank of Private First Class.

Upon his return to Maui, he worked as a salesman for Singer Sewing Company, Joe Kozuki, Theo H. Davies and Lewers and Cooke. He became part-owner and president of Maui Distributors, Inc., from which he retired. He enjoyed bowling, card playing, mahjong and Scrabble. He was a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veteran’s Club.

Mr. Masuda is survived by his wife, Eleanor Masuda, and his daughter, Robin (Wallace) Terui.



Edward Herman Nishihara

April 7, 1920 – Aug. 29, 2018

Edward Herman Nishihara of Wailuku passed away on Aug. 29, 2018, in Kahului under the care of Island Hospice. He was 98.

Ed was born in Pa’ia on April 7, 1920. He worked for a short time at Haleakala Dairy and, at age 18, joined the 299th Regiment of the Hawai’i National Guard. He was then assigned to Company C. He attended baking school at Schofield Barracks on O’ahu.

After Pearl Harbor, members of the Hawai’i National Guard were consolidated into an all-Nisei battalion, which was eventually designated as the 100th Infantry Battalion. Ed was then assigned to Company D and, after training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, shipped overseas to the European Theater. There, Ed participated in the Naples Foggia Campaign, Rome Arno Campaign, Rhineland Campaign, Po Valley Campaign and the North Apennines Campaign. He received various honors: the American Defense Service Medal with clasp, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Good

Conduct Medal. He was recently awarded the French Legion of Honor for his service with the 100th Infantry Battalion in France during WWII. Nishihara served his country for a total of 7 years, 4 months. He was honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant.

After being discharged from the Army in 1945, Ed spent some time working as an inventory clerk for the Army Port and Service Command in Honolulu before returning to Maui and working at the Navy cafeteria at NASKA. In 1947, he joined the Maui Fire Department, where he worked for 28 years before retiring as a captain at the Wailuku Fire Station in 1975. He also worked at the Sears & Roebuck store as a sales staff from 1968 to 1994. He was an active member of the Maui Chapter of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Mr. Nishihara is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marie, and predeceased by son, Edward Jr., and sisters, Josephine Nishihara and Frances Tavares. He is survived by son, Kevin (June); daughter, Francine (Rowan) Lee; brother, Richard “Noosh” (Phyllis); nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 75TH ANNIVERSARY

As the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) celebrates its 75th anniversary, many people will tell you that their story began on December 7, 1941, the day that Pearl Harbor was bombed by the nation of Japan.

But in reality, the story of all of the Nisei soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service (MIS), and the 1399th Engineering Battalion started with the Japanese immigrants who first came to Hawai'i 150 years ago. They were known as the "Gannenmono," or "the people of the first year." Also known as Issei (first generation), they would be followed by other waves of Japanese immigrants to Hawai'i.

Not only did they offer the sweat of their labor, but they also brought with them the human values engrained in their hearts and minds. The *Issei* lived their lives with *gaman* (quiet endurance), *giri* (sense of duty), *gisei* (sacrifice) and *ganbari* (perseverance). This was how they were raised in Japan, and this is how they would raise their *Nisei* (second generation) children in Hawai'i.

With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Nisei wanted to prove their loyalty to the country of their birth, the United States of America. As loyal Americans, they were willing to serve their country in whatever way they were needed. The values their parents taught would serve them well.

On January 28, 1943, the War Department announced it was forming an all-Nisei combat team, and it called for 1,500 volunteers from Hawai'i. An overwhelming 10,000 men volunteered, of whom 2,686 were selected. They joined with the 1,182 Japanese-American recruits who

volunteered from the continental United States, many from behind barbed wire of internment camps.

The 442nd RCT was activated on February 1, 1943. The soldiers trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, until April 22, 1944, the day they left for Italy. They saw their first day of combat in June 1944.

By this date, the 100th Infantry Battalion had already been in the Mediterranean Theater for more than nine months and had been involved in many significant battles, including the Battle of Monte Cassino.

The units merged in June of 1944, with the 100th becoming the 1st Battalion of the 442nd. They formed a single regiment and went on to create a single proud history. Together, they became the most decorated unit of its size and length of service in the history of the United States Army. They were awarded 18,143 individual citations, including 21 congressional Medals of Honor. They fought in eight major campaigns in Europe, earning eight Distinguished Unit Citations. They were honored with the title of "Honorary Texans" for their bravery and sacrifice in what is widely known as "The Rescue of the Lost Battalion."

While their loyalty to the United States was being questioned, these brave men of the 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT and their fellow soldiers of the MIS in the Pacific Theater and 1399th at home in Hawai'i proved that they were truly loyal and proud Americans. The values of *sekinin* (responsibility), *hokori* (pride), *meiyo* (honor) and *gisei* (sacrifice) and the "Go For Broke" attitude made them great soldiers and, later, great citizens of Hawai'i and throughout the U.S.

Today, the *Sansei* (third generation)

and *Yonsei* (fourth generation) remember the sacrifices of our ancestors. The Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans and the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NVMC) work together to perpetuate the story of their fathers' sacrifices to make this a better world for our generations and for generations to come. We truly believe in "okage sama de"—because of you, I am.

A recipient of the 2018 Mayor's Small Business, "Outstanding Non-Profit Business" award, the NVMC has lived by its mission statement: "The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center ignites human potential by inspiring people to find the hero in themselves through the legacy of the Nisei Veterans."

Together, the Sons and Daughters and the NVMC congratulate the 442nd RCT on this, their 75th Anniversary!



Leonard Oka is the current president of Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans and has been designated as board member emeritus of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. Leonard is the son of Clarence "Hekka" Oka - 442nd RCT, Company "L".

UNDERSTANDING THE REGIMENTS AND ROLES IN THE U.S. ARMY

This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. While most of our readers are familiar with the unit's history and exploits, many are not entirely clear what a regiment is and its role in the U.S. Army structure. We hear about the 522nd Artillery, 100th Battalion, 232nd Combat Engineers, and Antitank Company, but we may not be quite sure how they all fit in the regiment.

INFANTRY SQUAD/PLATOON/COMPANY

Army's smallest complete tactical and administrative unit. E.G. Company A, Company K, etc. During WWII, a 200 men infantry company was comprised of three rifle platoons and one weapons platoon.

COMPANY (APPROX 200 MEN)

- Commanded by a Captain and three senior NCDs (1st SGT, Supply SGT, & Mess SGT)
- Four platoons - Approx 40 men each
- Each platoon commanded by a Lieutenant and Staff SGT
- Each platoon has four squads. Each commanded by Squad Leader (SGT) and Assistant Squad Leader (Corporal).

1ST PLATOON (RIFLE - APPROX 40 MEN)



2ND PLATOON (RIFLE - APPROX 40 MEN)



3RD PLATOON (RIFLE - APPROX 40 MEN)



4TH PLATOON (WEAPONS - APPROX 40 MEN)



BATTALION/REGIMENT

An Infantry Battalion consists of four companies and one headquarters company each.

BATTALION (COMMANDED BY LT. COLONEL OR MAJOR)

1ST BATTALION CONSISTS OF COMPANIES A-D

2ND BATTALION CONSISTS OF COMPANIES E-H

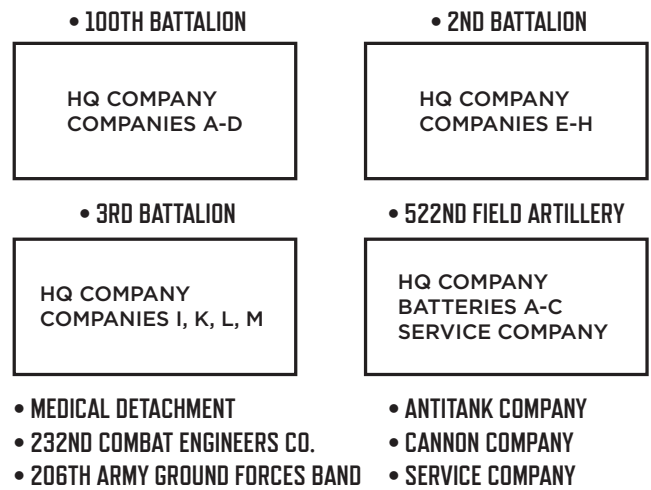
3RD BATTALION CONSISTS OF COMPANIES I, K, L, M

Exception to this rule: Formation of 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate)

- 100th Battalion was established as a six-company battalion (A-F)
- Through combat attrition, battalion shrank to typical four companies (A-D), but original members of Companies E-F would continue to identify themselves with Companies E and F.

442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM (RCT)

A U.S. Army regiment consisted of three Infantry Battalions, a regimental headquarters company, antitank company, cannon company, service company, and medical detachment.

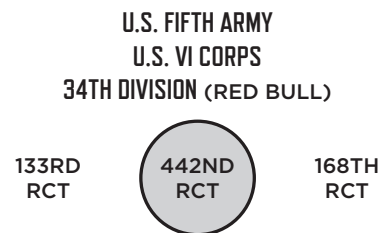


TOTAL STRENGTH OF 442ND RCT EXCEEDED 4,000 MEN

DIVISION/CORPS/ARMY

As an infantry regiment, the 442nd RCT was assigned to an Army division, which in turn was part of an Army corps. During the European Campaign, the 442nd RCT served under two different Army corps as part of the U.S. Fifth Army.

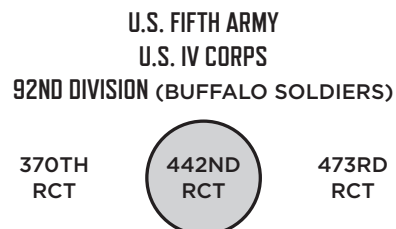
1943-1944 ITALIAN AND FRENCH CAMPAIGNS:



*Prior to the arrival of the 442nd RCT in June 1944, the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) was attached to the 133rd RCT as its 2nd Battalion.

**During "Lost Battalion" campaign, 442nd was attached to 36th Division (Lone Star) joining the 141st and 143rd RCTs. It was the First Battalion of the 141st RCT that was saved by the 442nd RCT.

1944 PO RIVER CAMPAIGN:



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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM JUNE 23, 2018 AWARDS LUNCHEON



MSDNV/Maui Aja Scholarship Winners with Ralph Murakami - Former Maui District Superintendent of Schools, from left to right: Maybel Galace- LHS, Tiffany Banggo-MHS, Trisha Mae Rapacon- MHS, Jaymar Quedding- MHS, John Lloyd Supnet- LHS, Katherine Swor- BHS, Kayla Tuitele- Kamehameha-Maui, and Ross Miyabuchi- KKHS. Award winners not pictured: Ruby O'Donnell- LHS, and Hunter Worth- Kamehameha-Maui.

10 outstanding graduating seniors from various Maui high schools were recently awarded with \$1,000 scholarships from the Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans / Maui AJA Veterans Scholarship Program.

The Maui AJA Veterans organization established the scholarship program, awarding their first scholarship in 1951. Recently, the AJA veterans and the Sons and Daughters organizations formed a partnership whereby the legacy of supporting our youth will be able to continue for years to come.

The Maui AJA Veterans Inc. formally disbanded at the end of 2016 after over 70 years of service to the Maui community. They transferred \$85,000 of their scholarship fund to the Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans. The combined scholarship funds have been carefully invested to ensure that the joint scholarship program will continue to support Maui's students pursuing a higher education. The veterans group continues to be a part of the scholarship name because the Sons and Daughters want to honor the Maui AJAs for their fundraising and

scholarship efforts.

At the end of 2017, the Sons and Daughters were pleasantly surprised with a \$10,000 donation to their scholarship fund.

In 1952, the Maui AJA Veterans Scholarship program presented their second annual scholarship to a high school senior by the name of Ralph Murakami. Times were tough for the family but the scholarship gave Ralph the incentive and opportunity to attend the University of Hawai'i, earn his degree, and to achieve great success in the field of education. Starting as a teacher, he went on to become a principal, and later the Maui District Superintendent for the State Department of Education. He was also awarded the 1990 Milken Family Foundation's Educator Award. At the time of this award, Mr. Murakami also was recognized as a National Distinguished Principal by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

His recent donation gave Mr. Murakami the means to "pay forward" the opportunity for future students to

pursue their own education goals. On Saturday, June 23, Mr. Ralph Murakami was a guest speaker and presenter at the annual Sons and Daughters / Maui AJA Veterans scholarship check presentation luncheon held at Tante's Island Cuisine in Kahului. Nine of the 10 scholarship recipients and/or their parents were able to attend and to hear Mr. Murakami speak.

This year's 10 scholarship recipients and their schools are: Katherine Swor of Baldwin High School; Kayla Tuitele and Hunter Worth of Kamehameha Schools Maui; Ross Miyabuchi of King Kekaulike High School; Maybel Galace, Ruby O'Donnell and John Lloyd Supnet of Lahainaluna High School; and Tiffany Banggo, Jaymar Quedding and Trisha Mae Rapacon of Maui High School. A total of 29 applications were received this year.

Maui's Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans fund scholarships through their annual Chrysanthemum Festival.

Like the scholarships, this event was created by the Maui AJA Veterans Inc. - more than 65 years ago. It was turned over to the MSDNV in 2007.

NVMC HAPPENINGS



From left to right: Leonard Oka, Stacy Hayashi, Tommy Arisumi, and Mitsuo Arisumi at the "Go For Broke" Premiere.



Mau County Gannemono Committee awaits the arrival of HIH Prince Akishino and Princess Kiko at a Reception in their honor hosted by Consul General and Mrs. Ito.



Our guests from Kikkyo Kindergarten in Hakodate, Hokkaido showing off their goodie haul from the ABC Stores.



Councilwoman, Yuki Lei Sugimura, and WWII veteran, Mr. McGuffie Morreira with his whippet-chihuahua, Chacha.



Naganuma Family with KSM student Cheyenne Yap.



Japanese Cultural Society of Maui's Bon Dance class at the NVMC.

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IRENE HIRANO INUYE TO SPEAK AT 15TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

We are very excited to announce Ms. Irene Hirano Inuye, president of the U.S.-Japan Council, as this year's keynote speaker of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center Annual Dinner.



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CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH NEW FRIENDS FROM HOKKAIDO

Nisei Veterans Memorial Center and Kansha Preschool hosts Kikkyo Kindergarten, a group of kindergarten students from Hokkaido, Japan.



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NISEI VALUES AND CULTURAL BELIEFS SHAPING REMARKABLE LIVES

This yearlong event has already proven successful, motivating and educating Mauians beyond the NVMC's walls and membership.



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MAUI ARTIST KIRK KUROKAWA TO PAINT 76 FOOT MURAL AT NVMC

Award winning Maui artist Kirk Kurokawa is doing something very special for Maui's Nisei Veterans Memorial Center in Wailuku.



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