



Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii

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MIS VETERANS

President's Message

"The mission of the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii is to preserve and perpetuate the achievements of the World War II Nisei veterans of military intelligence through public education programs in Hawaii and elsewhere, participating in community service that honors MIS and military intelligence veterans, and creating partnerships with other organizations and institutions in furtherance of the club's goals."

We are fulfilling this mission, quoted from our club's 2014–2019 Strategic Plan, by: (1) recently opening the MIS exhibit at the Army Museum at Fort DeRussy and (2) launching a project to ensure that MIS-related personal documents, photographs, and other WWII memorabilia will be preserved in digital or other permanent media or storage. We encourage veteran and associate members who can spare some time to tell Mark Matsumaga or Gregg Hirata when they can serve as docents or greeters for our MIS exhibit. We especially invite our WWII veteran members: (a) who have not yet been interviewed about their experiences or (b) who have personal documents, photographs, or memorabilia that they would like the club to preserve as their legacy, to share their stories and personal material for historical and archival purposes. We don't want to lose the legacies of our veteran members by not trying harder to preserve them as soon as possible!

Mahalo for supporting these activities.

Lawrence Enomoto

Nisei Veterans Remembered

MIS Veterans Club president Lawrence Enomoto and secretary Karen Kikukawa presented wreaths at the Brothers in Valor memorial at Fort DeRussy in conjunction with the Joint Memorial Service held in September. The memorial honors Japanese Americans who served in the military during World War II.



Joint Memorial Service Held in September

MIS Veterans Club president Lawrence Enomoto (third from left) represented the club at the annual Joint Memorial Service held September 28 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Also attending were (from left): Bruce Coppa, representing Governor Neil Abercrombie; State Representative Gregg Takayama for the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion; William Thompson, president of the 442nd Veterans Club; and Lloyd Kitaoka, president of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. Photo by Wayne Iha.



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Sunday, December 7

Shinnenkai 2015

Sunday, January 25

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Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Masa's Cafeteria
910 Mapunapuna Street

Cost:
MIS members & other adults: \$25
School-age Children: \$10
Under 5 years: No charge

RSVP by: December 1

Inquiries/information:
George Arine (456-2615 or
george_arine@yahoo.com)

SHINNENKAI 2015

Sunday, January 25
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pomaikai Ballrooms
Dole Cannery
(2nd floor of parking lot)

Cost:
\$40 per person

RSVP by: January 9

Inquiries/information:
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Honolulu, HI 96802

For a PDF version of the response forms,
send an e-mail request to: <misveteranshawaii@gmail.com>

UH Students Earn MIS Scholarships

Three students at the University of Hawaii will receive grants from the Military Intelligence Service and Makiki Japanese Language School Endowed Scholarship Fund for the 2014-15 academic year. They are:

- **Blaine Masayuki Ishizu**, a graduate of Moanalua High School who is a sophomore studying Japanese at the Manoa campus;
- **Ashley Chanel Nobuko Tomori**, a Waiakea High

School alumna who is a junior in Japanese studies at Hilo; and

- **Jamie Alan Yugawa**, a senior at Hilo who is majoring in Japanese studies. He is a graduate of Hilo High School.

The scholarship is open to full-time, undergraduate or graduate students at any UH campus who are majoring in Japanese language or culture.

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RSVP & Forms Due:

December 1, 2014

MIS Member (\$25/MIS member): x \$25 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Other Adults (\$25/person): x \$25 = \$ _____

Names: _____

Kids: 1st-12th Grade (\$10/child): x \$10 = \$ _____

Names: _____

Kids: 5 years old and under No Charge

Names: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ _____

I will bring a grab bag (\$5 and under); wrapping optional, gift cards okay.

I will donate a lucky number/bingo prize.

I will donate cash or gift certificate (up to \$10) for the younger children.

I wish to reserve seats for my family or group (named above).

Number of seats: _____

Check payable to:

MIS Veterans Club

Mail to:

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Questions or need a ride to the party:

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Phone: 456-2615 or
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Pomaikai Ballrooms, Dole Cannery

2nd floor of parking lot

RSVP & Forms Due:

January 9, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone number(s) _____

E-mail _____

Number
Attending:

Total
Enclosed:

_____ X \$40 per person = \$ _____

I will donate cash or a gift as a prize

Make checks payable to:

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Submit by:

January 9, 2015

Return this form to:

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MIS Exhibit Opens at Army Museum

The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii has opened a colorful new exhibit that tells the little-known story of the 6,000 Japanese Americans who served in the Military Intelligence Service in World War II.

These Nisei used their knowledge of the enemy's language and culture to save countless lives and shorten the war against Japan. About half of them were from Hawaii.

The exhibit, entitled "America's Secret Weapon," features such Hawaii-born MIS heroes as Hoichi Kubo, who earned the Distinguished Service Cross while serving with the 27th Infantry Division on Saipan, and Dick Hamada, who saved a battalion of Allied troops while serving in Burma with Detachment 101 of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The exhibit was produced on behalf



MIS veterans George Matsunaga (left) and Major General Arthur Ishimoto were among the early visitors to the exhibit at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii. The exhibit will be on display for the next two years. Photo by Mark Matsunaga.

of the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii by Mark Matsunaga, Gregg Hirata, and Harlan Yuhara. It includes 80 photographs and dozens of artifacts from veterans as well as the Army Museum's collection.

"It's a beautiful exhibit, and we plan to show it for at least two years," said Judith Bowman, director of the museum.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to tell this very American story," said Matsunaga. "While the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team were answering doubts about their loyalties in Europe, there were some skeptics

who wondered whether Japanese Americans would fight 'their own kind.' Little did they know that, even before Pearl Harbor, there were Nisei who were doing just that."

The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii is located in historic Battery Randolph, a former Coastal Artillery beachside fortification on the Diamond Head end of Fort DeRussy. The museum is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, except for federal holidays. Admission is free.

Parking is available in the lot across Kalia Road. The museum will provide validation for a reduced parking fee.