



Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club of Hawaii

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# MIS VETERANS



The monument, which was under construction at the time of this photograph, is located on the Ward Avenue side of the NBC Concert Hall.

## NBC to be Rededicated as War Memorial, November 10

The City and County of Honolulu will rededicate the Neal S. Blaisdell Center as a war memorial on November 10, at 5:00 p.m. A monument and plaque, located on the Ward Avenue side of the Concert Hall, will be unveiled at that time.

Veterans and their families are invited to attend. Free parking in the center parking lot will be available.

On September 2, 1964, the Honolulu International Center was dedicated and officially opened as the City and County of Honolulu's War Memorial.

Thousands of people attended the ceremony, including Governor John A. Burns, Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell, members of the Honolulu City Council, other elected officials, city department heads, and military and civic leaders.

The inscription on the original dedicatory plaque read:

*Dedicated to all the sons and daughters of Hawaii who served their country in time of war and in special tribute to those who gave their lives in order that freedom and justice might prevail throughout the world.*

A lot has happened in the half-century since. The HIC is now known as the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. There's a multi-story parking lot, meeting rooms, and a box office. The city administration has announced plans for the redevelopment of the NBC grounds. However, the plaque is long gone, forgotten along with memories of the center's designation as a memorial.

Tanya Harrison, a former Hawaii resident, discovered this missing piece of history. She and a small grassroots group of veterans and supporters suc-

cessfully lobbied the City and County of Honolulu and the result is the rededication of the site as a war memorial.

RSVP by calling Lawrence Enomoto at (808) 255-8971 or e-mail the MIS Veterans Club at [misveteranshawaii@gmail.com](mailto:misveteranshawaii@gmail.com). RSVP deadline is October 29.

Information on the project is available at <http://blaisdellmemorialproject.org/>.



### Joint Memorial Service Honors the Fallen

Members of the various local veterans groups—representing the Military Intelligence Service, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, and 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion—gathered the last Sunday in September to honor the memory of those who had served in the armed forces. The MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars MIS group to present a wreath at the ceremony, which was again organized by the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center. Presenting the wreath was club President Lawrence Enomoto (pictured above), accompanied by two JROTC cadets.



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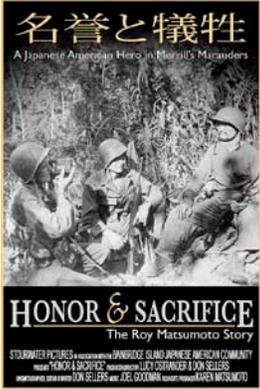
## MIS Club Christmas Party

Sunday  
December 6

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# Matsumoto Documentary to Air on KIKU in November

KIKU TV (Oceanic channel 9, HT 20) will broadcast "Honor & Sacrifice," a documentary film about World War II Military Intelligence Service veteran Roy Matsumoto in November in honor of Veterans Day.



The half-hour film will be shown three times: **Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.;** **Thursday, November 12, 8:30 p.m.;** and **Friday, November 13, 12:30 p.m.**

Each showing will be preceded by a half-hour airing of "Witness American Heroes: Nisei Soldiers," a report by David Ono of KABC in Los Angeles.

Matsumoto was a kibeï, born in California, educated in Japan. He and

his family were among the 110,000 Japanese people who were forcibly removed from the West Coast in 1942. Matsumoto volunteered for the Army from the Jerome, Arkansas, relocation camp and served with Merrill's Marauders in Burma and went on to make the Army his career. He died last year at the age of 100.

"Honor & Sacrifice," by Stourwater Pictures, was first shown on public television last year and has won two national awards. For details about the film, see <<http://honordoc.com/index.html>>. The producers, Lucy Ostrander and Don Sellers, are working on a film about MIS veteran Kazuo Yamane.



## MIS and JASH Celebrate

The MIS Veterans Club was represented at the Japan America Society of Hawaii's Annual Bridge Award Dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Attending were (seated, left to right) Frances Aoyama, Andy Sato, Bob Honke, and Kenzo Kanemoto. Also (standing) Glen Arakaki, David Sakai, Lawrence Enomoto, Yoshinobu Oshiro, and Annie Inouye.



## "Brothers In Valor" Gets a Cleaning

MIS Veterans Club members cleaned the "Brothers in Valor" memorial at Fort DeRussy on September 25. George and Hiroko Arine (pictured) organized the annual event, which included scrubbing the plaques and marble foundation. Assisting were Mark Matsunaga and Gregg Hirata.



## Veterans Keep Spirit Alive

MIS Veterans Club members (from left) Kenzo Kanemoto, George Matsunaga, Annie Inouye, David Sakai, and Lawrence Enomoto were among the 200 people who observed the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II at the August "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive" ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Enomoto presented a wreath on behalf of the club.

# Christmas Party

**WHEN**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

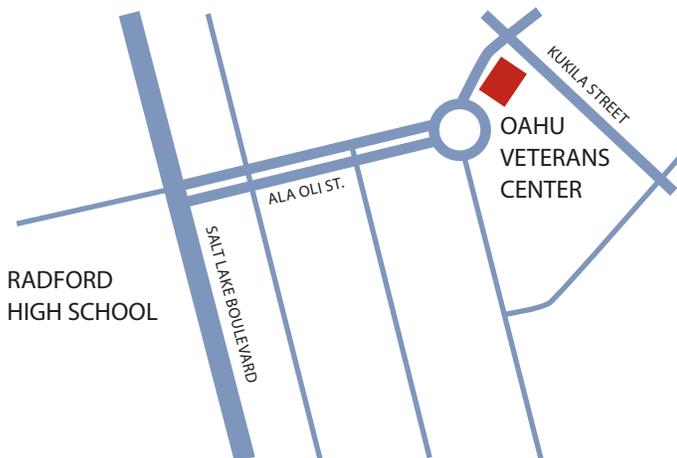
**Oahu Veterans Center**

1298 Kukila Street

(across Radford High School entrance)

**RSVP & FORMS DUE:**

**December 1, 2015**



*Happy Holidays  
One and All!*

**Join us at the MIS Christmas Party!**

**Complete & Mail with Payment**

**Due December 1, 2015**

**MIS Member & Other Adults**

**(\$20/MIS member):** ..... x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouses & MIS widows**

**(\$15/person):** ..... x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kids: 5 years old and under:** ..... x No Charge

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please bring a grab bag (\$5 and under per adult); wrapping optional, gift cards okay.

Donation of cash or gift certificate (up to \$10) for the younger children welcome.

I wish to reserve seats for my family or group (named above).  
Number of seats: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Help Keep the MIS Legacy Alive

Here are a few ways you can keep the MIS legacy alive.

## **Learn your veteran's story.**

You videotaped your kid's graduation and your grandchild's birthday. You can record your veteran's recollections. At least write key facts down and save your notes. Record the dates and locations of photos and especially the names of people in photos.

## **Save wartime letters, documents, photographs, and memorabilia.**

Each of them is irreplaceable. Efforts are under way to develop permanent storage for these priceless items, by the MIS Veterans Club and the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center. Meanwhile, store them in acid-free containers and away from direct sunlight or extreme temperatures and humidity.

However, if you don't have storage space or are desperate to discard items, please contact us for advice or assistance.

## **Do some homework.**

The MIS story is not a simple one because the number of wartime assignments they had were as diverse as the soldiers themselves, and their achievements were cloaked in secrecy. But you can begin with something as effortless as a Google search; enter the veteran's name along with a keyword like "Army," "World War II," or "military intelligence service," and see what comes up. Several books have been written about the MIS, many more about the war. Reading can give you a better understanding of what your veteran did during the war. Maybe you can write a book someday, because much remains unrecorded for history.

## **Set the record straight.**

For more than twenty years, a number of independent researchers have been compiling a database containing the service information of MISers who served in World War II, the Battle of Okinawa, and the occupation. Unfortunately, due to the secrecy of the assignments of the MIS personnel, about 2,000 Hawaii MIS veterans have incomplete records. This does not do justice to their service.

For the sake of all of your families, your historical legacy, and for the education and appreciation of future generations, volunteers are being recruited to help in this research, which will be conducted entirely in Honolulu. Training will be provided; hours are flexible (weekdays, business hours) and record-copying expenses furnished. Service learning credit may be awarded to qualifying students.

Please contact Drusilla Tanaka, (808) 235-1343 or (808) 372-4840, or e-mail at <[drusillatanaka@gmail.com](mailto:drusillatanaka@gmail.com)> to participate.

## **Join the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii and get involved.**

Veterans and their descendants are eligible for membership. Fill out an application provided in the "Join Us" page on the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii website <<http://www.misveteranshawaii.com>>. The club does not have a paid staff, nor resources to conduct detailed research. Participation in club events, however, might steer you to people and source material.