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MIS VETERANS



MIS Members Invited to November 10 Showing of Kazuo Yamane Film

A new historical documentary film, "Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii," will be shown in November at the Hawaii International Film Festival.

Yamane was a member of the original 100th Infantry Battalion, one of 60 who were transferred to the Military Intelligence Service to use their knowledge of Japanese language and culture in the war against Japan. He singlehandedly discovered a priceless Japanese document, then was sent to Europe to prepare for a secret raid into Berlin.

The film will be shown for the first time in Hawaii at 7:45 p.m. on November 7 and at 1:30 p.m. on November 10 at the Regal Dole Cannery theaters. A trailer for the film may be viewed at <http://proofofloyalty.com/>

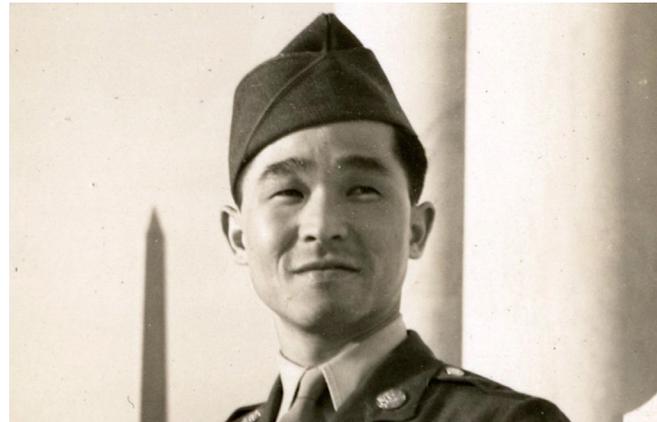
The Yamane family will host veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and MIS at the November 10 screening. The MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii will sponsor friends and families of MIS veterans at the November 10 screening, also complimentary. The Yamane family will also provide a hospitality room for the veterans and friends at the Piilani Ballroom (one floor above the theaters) after the movie.

The producers, Lucy Ostrander and Don Sellers, and other involved in creating the film will be present and look forward to meeting the nisei veteran community.

In order to take advantage of those offers, you must sign up in advance, at misveteranshawaii@gmail.com or club100vets@gmail.com. Deadline for signups is October 31 (see page 2).

Ostrander and Sellers, of Seattle-based Stourwater Pictures, spent months conducting research

and interviewing such authorities as historians Ted Tsukiyama and Tom Coffman. Their hour-long movie won the Audience Choice Award (documentary) at the Asian American International Film Festival in New York in August.



Born in Hawaii, Yamane was educated in Japan, earning a degree from Waseda University. He returned to Hawaii and was drafted into the Army before Japan's December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Amid post-attack fears of invasion, Yamane was among 1,400 Hawaii nisei who were sent away and became the 100th Infantry Battalion. Yamane was one of the 60 transferred to the Military Intelligence Service to meet a critical need for linguists. He eventually was assigned to the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section, where he found the complete Japanese army ordnance inventory amid captured documents.

Two of Yamane's brothers also served in the MIS. Another served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. After the war, Yamane returned to the islands and, along with his brothers, continued the family business.



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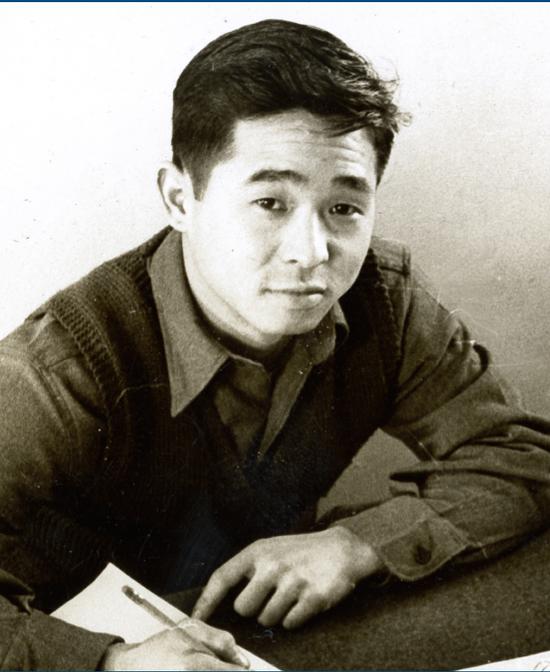
MIS Club Christmas Party

Sunday
December 3

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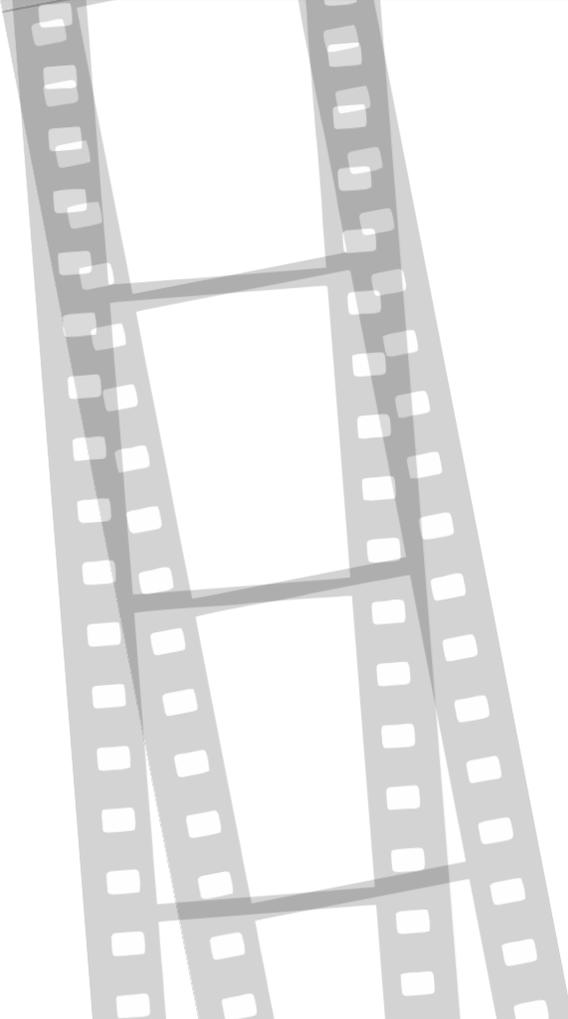


Please Join Us



Hawaii Veterans Premiere

PROOF OF LOYALTY:
KAZUO YAMANE
AND THE NISEI SOLDIERS
OF HAWAII



Friday, November 10
1:30 p.m.
Hawaii International Film Festival
Regal Dole Cannery Theaters

Refreshments to follow
hosted by the Yamane Family
Piilani Ballroom
(2nd floor, above theaters)

Coordinated by MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii
and 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans

Reservations required
for complimentary tickets and reception

RSVP to:
missveteranshawaii@gmail.com
or
club100vets@gmail.com

RSVP deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 31

Christmas Party

WHEN

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

WHERE

Oahu Veterans Center

1298 Kukila Street

(across Radford High School entrance)

RSVP & FORMS DUE:

November 24, 2017



*Happy Holidays
One and All!*

Join us at the MIS Christmas Party!

Complete & Mail with Payment

Due November 24, 2017

MIS Member & Other Adults

(\$20/MIS member): x \$20 = \$ _____

Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

Spouses & MIS widows

(\$15/person): x \$15 = \$ _____

Names:

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

Names:

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Kids: 5 years old and under: x No Charge

Names:

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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: _____



Check payable to:

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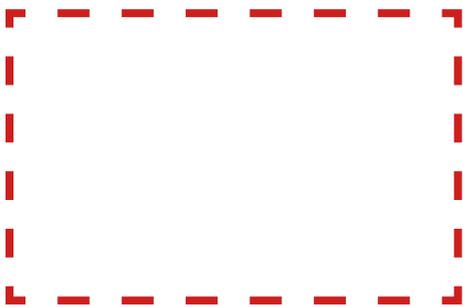
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We are providing your MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii membership status in the box above.

Your membership dues help the club publish this newsletter, maintain our website, and organize our various activities, including the Shinnenkai, Bonenkai, and other events.

If you haven't paid your annual dues, please send a check for \$20.00, made payable to "MIS Veterans Club" to us at:

MIS Veterans Club
 P.O. Box 3021
 Honolulu, HI 96802

Questions:
 misveteranshawaii@gmail.com

Help Keep the MIS Legacy Alive

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

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 at <<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.

Learn your family'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. 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> to participate.