



Military Intelligence Service Veterans Education Society of Hawaii

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# MIS VETERANS

## MIS Status Change Moving Forward

The MIS Veterans has submitted its request to the Internal Revenue Service to change its status from a veterans' organization to a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit group under the Internal Revenue Code.

In addition, while the club has been operating as a corporate entity under Hawaii law, that status will be withdrawn and the organization will eventually operate as a domestic Hawaii unincorporated nonprofit association under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Attorney General.

The members approved the change at a general membership meeting held in August 2018. As stated at the time by President Lawrence Enomoto, the loss of so many World War II veterans in recent years prompted this move to allow more people to join the club, while enabling the group to continue to receive tax-deductible donations. Because of the veterans organization status, club membership to date has been restricted to veterans, cadets, spouses and widows or widowers, and lineal descendants.

The club's mission and activities will remain the same.

### A SUMMARY OF THE KEY CHANGES:

**Name:** The club is now the Military Intelligence Service Veterans Education Society of Hawaii.

**Organizational Status:** Once the IRS approves the club's application, the society will be operated as a charitable and educational nonprofit organization governed by Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code, as well as a Hawaii unincorporated nonprofit association under state jurisdiction.

**Missions:** The goals of the society will be to (a) sponsor scholarships for educational and research opportunities related to preserving the history and achievements of the MIS nisei veterans of World War II; (b) support and participate in commemorative activities that educate the community about the legacy of MIS nisei and military intelligence veterans; and (c) establish partnerships with other organizations and institutions in furtherance of the society's charitable and educational purposes.

**Membership:** The society will accept memberships from the general public.

**Governance:** The offices of second vice president and auditor have been eliminated. The number of directors has been reduced to five from 10, all serving one-year terms. There will be a limit of five consecutive terms.

**Board Quorum:** Five directors at a board meeting will constitute a quorum, down from the previous 10, and the president can also call for an electronic vote.

The bylaws are posted on the website <misveteranshawaii.org>.



## Nisei Veterans Summer Special

Presenting:

- \* Veterans benefits: an overview
- \* Tom Coffman
- \* "Oka-san" by Nyla Fujii-Babb & Dann Seki
- \* Music by Kealoha Pauole

Saturday, July 27  
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
100th Infantry Battalion  
Veterans Education Center  
\$30/person

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### MIS BOARD SWORN-IN

Officers and directors of the MIS Veterans Education Society of Hawaii took their oaths of office at the annual Shinnenkai held in January at the Natsunoya Tea House. They are (seated, from left): Herbert Matsumoto and Yoshinobu Oshiro. Standing: Mark Matsunaga, Keith Matsumoto, Gregg Hirata, Vice President Shinye Gima, Annie Inouye, Treasurer Sherman Takao, Secretary Karen Kikukawa, and President Lawrence Enomoto. At the far right is Wallace Hirai, who administered the oath of office.





## Veterans Groups Map Future

Oahu-based groups representing the World War II nisei are collaborating on a strategy to perpetuate the legacy of these veterans.

The group has been named the AJA Veterans Association of Hawaii. In addition to the MIS Veterans, the working group consists of representatives of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization, 442nd Veterans Club, 442nd Legacy Center, Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Nisei Veterans Legacy, and former members of the 1399th Veterans Club.

The various organizations were called together a year ago by Harry Nakayama, then president of the 100th Infantry, and have been meeting since to work on the goals and collaborative projects of this association.

The members are poised to sign a memorandum of understanding, pledging to cooperate on achieving mutual goals.

MIS Veterans members will be kept apprised of the progress of this initiative.

## Honolulu Magazine Seeks Veterans, Families

Staff writer Jayna Omaye is seeking World War II AJA veterans and their families for a possible photo feature in *Honolulu* magazine.

Omaye is the granddaughter of a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran and grandniece of an MIS veteran.

She's especially interested in what the veterans did after the war and in talking to their families. If you know of a veteran who may be interested, please contact Jayna at (808) 534-7556 or <jaynao@honolulumagazine.com>.

### VETERANS TURN OUT FOR SHINNENKAI

A number of MIS veterans attended the Shinnenkai (from left): Jack Hirai, Robert Hinazumi, Ben Kaito, Herbert Matsumoto, Yoshinobu Oshiro, Frank Takao, Charles Moriyama, Toshi Nakano, and Shinye Gima.

## Help Keep the MIS Legacy Alive

### Join the MIS Veterans and get involved.

Fill out an application provided in the "Join Us" page on our website. 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 and 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.

### "What did dad/grandpa/great-grandpa do in the war?"

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 to help answer this frequently asked question. 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 us at <misveteranshawaii@gmail.com> to participate.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# Nisei Veterans Summer Special

Saturday, July 27

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Education Center

520 Kamoku Street • Parking at Ala Wai Elementary School

\$30 per person  
(includes bento)

FEATURING

- **Veterans benefits:** an overview
- **Tom Coffman**, author of books on Hawaii history and the nisei experience
- **“Oka-san”** story-telling by **Nyla Fujii-Babb** and **Dann Seki**
- Musical entertainment by **Kealoha Paule**

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## WHY, YES, COUNT ME IN!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Bento choices:** **A.** Garlic chicken nori-maki **B.** Shrimp nori-maki  
**C.** Karaage chicken and rice **D.** Vegetarian

List Each Attendee’s Name	Circle Bento Choice
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COST:  
\$30.00 per person (includes bento)

<b>Number Attending</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
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