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MIS VETERANS

Message from the President

Good News



In the middle of COVID Year 2020, we have good news. I am happy to report that we have finished our campaign to pay for a MIS Veterans Plaque at the National Army Museum of Honor at Ft. Belvoir, VA near our nation's capital. We have also gained a new Board member, leaving us with only the "Vice-President" office still vacant. Our membership is growing as people in our community are beginning to fulfill their obligation by sending in their membership dues. Several have also made donations in addition to paying their dues. Our deep appreciation for your generosity.

I wish to thank Mark Matsunaga, pictured at left, for being the point-man on our NMUSA Plaque donation project. The design of the MIS plaque to be displayed at the Museum is shown as part of the article on the project. Now, we are part of a permanent display at our nation's capital, symbolic of the everlasting pride that we hold for our Legacy. Our appreciation to all the individual members whose donations

made up the major portion of the required sum. The balance was made up by the club. Well-done, all.

We were fortunate to have other members who made donations to the club in addition to paying their dues for 2020. In these tough economic times, we appreciate your willingness to give "just a bit more" in addition to dues. "Arigato Gozaimasu!"

Please join me and the Board in welcoming Mrs. Beverly Ramsey as the new Board member. I am very grateful for her willingness to make this effort at doing "something" to contribute. She showed initiative by sending in a piece for the "Members' Page", titled "Nostalgia", which originally appeared in our Newsletter in 2003. Talk about History!

Looking forward, aloha,
Shinye Gima



Nisei Linguists

1941 - 1952



Dedicated to the 6,000
Americans of Japanese ancestry
of the

Military Intelligence Service
who served the U.S.A. and its Allies
with quiet honor in World War II
and were instrumental
in the occupation and rebuilding of Japan

Presidential Unit Citation

Rendering of proposed
plaque to be displayed at
the National Museum of
the United States Army

Museum Opening Postponed; MIS Fundraising Nears End

Opening of the new National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) near the Washington, D.C., has been postponed indefinitely because of the covid-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, a plaque is being prepared for the museum's Path of Remembrance to honor the American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who served in military intelligence in World War II and the occupation of Japan.

Eighteen donations totaling \$4,000 have been made to the Army Historical Foundation for the Nisei linguists plaque. The MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii is donating the balance to attain the \$5,000 needed for the plaque. Additional donations to the museum in the name of the MIS can still be made. See <https://armyhistorical.causevox.com/mis-veterans-hawaii>.

We thank all of the donors, particularly Shirley Imada Metcalf, whose father Thomas Imada was one of the two Nisei language officers with General Douglas MacArthur when he received the Japanese surrender delegation in Manila in August 1945, and Amy Young, whose father Herbert Yanamura served in Leyte and saved more than 1,500 civilians on Okinawa with the 96th Division.

Donations toward the plaque were also made by MIS veterans Ben Kaito, Shinye Gima (in honor of his teammates of the 308th Intelligence Detachment) and Thomas Toshimitsu Nakano. Also donating were "anonymous" in honor of the late MIS veteran Gulstan N.T. Enomoto; Francs Aoyama, in honor of her late husband, Tsugio Aoyama; Gregg and Roslyn Hirata in honor of their late father, Timmy Teichiro Hirata;
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Members' Page

NOSTALGIA; HAWAII IN 2003

Submitted by Bev Ramsey

Nostalgia of Older Hawaii surroundings. MIS Newsletter. December 2003. Author "Ed", assumed to be MISVC member.

"One or two of the following still exist, if at a different location. Here goes: Piggly Wiggly, Nylen Brothers, Lewers and Cooke, Eki Bicycle, Shubert's Cyclery, Standard Trading Co., Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal. From Aala Rengo: Hawaii Importing Co., Sato Clothier, Aloha Curios, Aala Market, Asahi Furniture, Amaguri Taro, Iwahara Hardware, Haseyama Tailor, Heiwado Jewelers, and Nishodo Manju, and the Komatsuya Hotel.

Theaters: Aala, Toyo and Kokusai. By the river was College Walk In (and there was a good homey restaurant run by the Chinen family on Beretania near River – big servings with separate plate of mountainous rice, many Japanese and Filipino single men used to go). Coca Cola Bottling on Sheridan, across from the Pake Patch vegetable farm, Torii Store – the originators of the plate lunch (?), Dai Maru Inn (open air tavern), Sheridan Theatre, Kewalo, Golden Wall, King, Princess, Palace, Hawaii, Liberty, Kaimuki, Palama Theatres, etc. Homin Ice

Cream, Hinds Dairy, Dairyman's, Purity Inn, Honolulu Iron Works, Easy Appliance. Furniture stores were Fuji, Central, Van's, Oahu, Bailey, Tanabe, Shin furniture specializing in unfinished furniture. McKinley Grill, Alakea Grill, Denver Grill, Beretania Café, Honolulu Café, Evergreen Café, Jane's Fountain, Mother's Inn, May's Market, Okada Trucking, HC&D, KT Kwai, Civic Bakery, Yoshino Drugs, the famous bakery, Alexander Young Hotel by Dillingham Building downtown and by Hawaiian Telephone... Blaisdell Hotel, Omochaya, Mitsukoshi, Aloha Soda.

Tea houses – Mochizuki, Kanraku, Ishii Garden, Rainbow Garden, Shunchoro, Koko Head Tea Garden, Shinonome-tei, Natsunoya, Ikesu, Eiraku, Shioyu, Kasuga, Shinryutei, Kiku Zuki, Kyorakan, Hananoya, Shinkiraku, Chiyoda, and others?

Liderman's Bar, Ritz, Kim Chow Shoes, Kress Store (where the waffle-cracker ice cream sandwiches were delicious, but expensive at 10 cents a throw!). Uptown Jewelers, Miyamoto Jewelers, Ethels Dress Shop, The Bon Ton, New York Dress Shop, Kanda Shoes and how about the Peanut lady at Sears & Roebuck? Did you buy Par-T-Pak quart size soda? How about Bireley's non carbonated?

The old Civic Auditorium and the Honolulu Stadium. As a kid I remember scaling the wooden fence in the back parking lot side and getting an armful of splinters. We thought getting in free was worth the trouble!"

MY TEACHERS AT KAHULUI SCHOOL

By Shinye Gima

During my seven years at Kahului Elementary School, several teachers stand out in my memory. Mrs. Low was the first grade teacher; she made the strongest impression on me because she was the first. Other teachers were Mrs. Kapohakimohewa, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Furukawa, Mr. Vikoli, a Hawaiian man, and Mr. Kazuo Kage.

Mr. Kage was dapper; he always wore a dress shirt and tie. He had a square face and had a thin mustache. He taught the upper grades; but he was a figure familiar to us younger kids because he walked the grounds during recess. One day, as our gang was resting in the shade during recess, Mr. Kage came along as he walked the campus. He strolled over to us. "Taking a break, fellahs?" he said., smiling, and walked away. We were so thrilled; he called us "fellahs"! Like we were older!

Plantation Pidgin—Royal Poinciana Tree Seeds

By Dr. Yoshinobu D. Oshiro

Small Kid time we used to take the bean pod seed and fill in a Durham Bag (Doron Bagu) (Papa's roll your own cigarette tobacco). We played a game called ALABEEYA (not ale or beer).

We first filled the Doron Bagu with the Poinciana seeds. The game consists of two members on a team.

The object (aim) is to throw the bean bag to the other team members and score a point. We chased each other around and tried to score. When you get hit by a Doron Bagu it is sore (painful).

ALABEEYA was a fun game!



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MUSEUM OPENING POSTPONED; MIS FUNDRAISING NEARS END

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James Hirai, in honor of his late father Toshiyuki Hirai; Henry Morisada Rietz; Lyle and Cindy Matsunaga and Mark Matsunaga in honor of George Mitsuru Matsunaga; Trisha and John Tubbs, in honor of her late father Russell "Katz" Kono; "anonymous" in honor of the late MIS veteran James Hiroshi Saito; Adena Ishii in honor of her late grandfather, Chris Ishii; and Suellen Kotake-Hollars. Mahalo nui loa to all of you.

The National Army Museum, located 30 minutes from the capital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was scheduled to open next month, but the pandemic suspended finishing work on the facility. NMUSA officials say the facility will open when the conditions can ensure the health and safety of visitors and staff, and the museum is ready to begin daily operations. For more information and updates, see the website, <https://armyhistory.org/opening-day>

More than 100 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry are featured in NMUSA exhibits, including many MIS Nisei from Hawaii.



IN MEMORIAM

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URGENT: Volunteers Needed for Records Search

Records of awards and decorations earned by veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team can be found readily in publications and on websites.

Not so for the Military Intelligence Service veterans.

Fortunately, Seiki Oshiro, a Hawaii-Island-born nisei who has been living in Minnesota after his service during the occupation of Japan, has been diligently combing service records of World War II Japanese Americans who served in the MIS.

Oshiro has been researching for more than 20 years and his current project is identifying the units in which Hawaii soldiers served in the China-Burma-India theater by reviewing the discharge documents that contain their unit assignments, awards, and decorations.

This is where volunteers are needed.

Volunteers will search the Hawaii State Bureau of Conveyances' records where veterans were invited to file a

copy of their discharge documents.

Training will be provided.

Volunteers must be able to read and write English. Computer skills are helpful but not required. Costs will be covered or reimbursed.

The bureau is located in the Public Reference Room of the Kalanimoku Building, 1st floor, 1151 Punchbowl Street (across the State Capitol). Metered parking is available in the basement, with entrances from Punchbowl or South Beretania streets.

Volunteers may work any weekday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No minimum time is required.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Drusilla Tanaka, researchmis2k@gmail.com or (808) 235-1343.

While Oshiro's project is focusing on the MIS, volunteer assistance from any other veterans groups would be welcome. Students desiring to fulfill community service credits are invited to participate.