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# MIS VETERANS



Gov. David Y. Ige, City and County of Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Hara, State Adjutant General, family members of the late Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, a small number of community members, and a Veteran from each war era were on-hand to break ground in Kapolei, Oahu, for the new Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home (SVH) on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021 at 10 a.m.

## Message from the President



**Congratulations!** We've made it through another Fourth of July. Things are getting back to somewhat normal, even though, we're not yet at the 70% community vaccination level. With the new normal, I am still wearing my mask in most indoor spaces. Better safe than sorry.

**Bonenkai:** The Board is looking forward to a rousing Bonenkai this year. We'll be at Natsunoya (they serve a delicious lunch). To be at our old favorite spot for a traditional party is something to look forward to. This year marks our 75th Anniversary and that will be something extra for Bonenkai.

**Donations Received:** We have received several donations; the total amounts to over \$1,000. Please see another column for donor names. We thank you; "Do mo arigato gozaimasu!"

**Representing MIS at Two Events:** Acting as your President, I attended two recent events involving Nisei veterans:

1. As a "Veteran", I spoke for three minutes at the "GoForBroke Stamp" Unveiling Ceremony,
2. As a Nisei Veteran of WW II, I was invited to take part in the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home groundbreaking and blessing ceremony on May 31 at Kapolei.

In 1. above, my main concern was to remind everyone that the stamp represented all the Nisei soldiers of WW II, that they were people of flesh and blood, not a mere figure on a stamp.

In 2. above, I had the privilege of being anointed with "blessed" water by Kahu Kordell Kekoa and Mrs. Millannie Mattson, daughter of the late Senator Akaka. The Akaka family had been invited to take part in the event. It was a "chicken skin" moment; I felt truly blessed to receive the water on my hands. I felt like it was a very special moment, a moment for a lifetime. I was so overwhelmed, I could barely squeak out a "Thank you." When finished, the new facility will be a fitting tribute to the late Senator Akaka, who, a veteran himself, was a champion for veterans. I was very happy to be there as a representative of all Nisei veterans.

**Stories:** We have a letter from **Willy Toda**, old-time member, who reminisced about the once-active sports teams of the old MIS club. Those who have memories of those teams may want to write about their sporting times with the MIS.

**New Blood Needed:** We need new blood for future Board offices. Please think about it.

Thank you, and aloha for now,  
Shinye Gima

# Looking for New Blood to Keep MIS Club Going

The Board has been hobbling along for the past year with only seven offices filled. Ordinarily, we should have nine in total, four officers and five Board members. We need a Vice-President and two Board members. At the end of this year's term, in November, 2021, there will be vacancies. FRESH BLOOD is needed to keep our club going. Otherwise, we are facing dire consequences. PLEASE THINK ABOUT this problem; it will not go away.



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## Donations Received – Thank You!

There were a number of donations for which we are very grateful.

Seven donors donated a total of \$600 in memory of **Herbert Yanamura**, whose belated funeral services were held in June. Their names are **Anita Nihei, Gwen Fujie, Gregg Hirata, Yoshinobu Oshiro, Ann Furuuchi, Jean and Isami Ariyoshi, and Kay Mita**.

In memory of **Tony Koura**, we received \$550 from **Susan Nakata, Constance Williams, and Larry Nakata**.

General donations in the amount of \$125 were received from **Walter Ozawa, Nancy Tokuda and Flora Yanagi**.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all donors. Thank you.



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Section of *Fujieda* by Ando Hiroshige (1797-1858)



## MIS Story on The National WWII Museum website

"Military Intelligence Service (MIS): Using Their Words" can be viewed at

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/military-intelligence-service-translators-interpreters>

From the website:

"Saipan. Sgt. Bob Hoichi Kubo, of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, an interpreter with the American Assault Forces, tries to comfort an abandoned Japanese boy found in a field. Kubo received the DSC for his actions on Saipan in persuading Japanese soldiers to surrender and release more than 100 civilian hostages. Courtesy National Archives."