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President's Message

The easing of pandemic-related public health restrictions and directives has allowed the resumption of many activities that had been suspended during the past two years, including those

involving our MIS group.

Honoring Veterans

I represented the MIS Veterans at the Nisei Soldier Memorial Service (formerly the Joint Memorial Service) in late September at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. A brief recap is on page 2.

I attended the memorial service for the Reverend **Yoshiaki Fujitani** in August. Yoshiaki, a longtime community and religious leader and key contributor to preserving the legacy of the nisei veterans of World War II, passed away in May 2021.

Yoshiaki was associated with Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for decades, including as its bishop. He served with the MIS during the war and was a member of our MIS Veterans group.

Along with another prominent leader, **Hideto Kono**, Yoshiaki was co-chair of the Hawaii Nikkei History Editorial Board, established with the support of **Bishop Ryokan Ara** of Tendai Mission of Hawaii. The board's goal was to further Ara's desire to broaden public recognition and appreciation of the Japanese American soldiers of World War II. The result was *Japanese Eyes, American Heart: Personal Reflections of Hawaii's World War II Nisei Soldiers*, a collection of personal remembrances recorded by veterans of the major wartime units that was published in 1998. Two more volumes of the book have been released since then, with a fourth, focusing on the Military Intelligence Service and its veterans, planned for publication at a future date.

With Ara's backing, Fujitani was the driving force in having this latest in the historical series focus on the MIS.

We also lost two other MIS veterans recently: **Frank Takao** and **Yoshinobu Oshiro**.

Frank served in the China-Burma-India theater during the war, became an attorney and judge, was president of the MIS Veterans Club three times, and assisted with our oral history project. Yoshinobu, a school principal, was a director of our club for several years and contributed to *Reflections of Honor: The Untold Story of a Nisei Spy*, about Arthur Komori, and as editor of *The Pacific War of the Nisei in Hawaii*, written by Yuki Kikuchi and originally published in Japan.

I will be representing the MIS at two forthcoming events: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7 and the Japan-U.S. Memorial Ceremony at Ford Island the following day.

IRS Tax Status

Maybe it's the pandemic but the Internal Revenue Service claims it has not received our applications—sent two times as of this date—to update our non-profit tax status. For an explanation of this situation, see the September 2018 edition of this newsletter on our website.

I will be resubmitting our application for the third time.

Bonenkai Canceled; Shinnenkai in January

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel our annual Bonenkai, which was slated for November.

However, we are proceeding with our Shinnenkai, to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Natsunoya Tea House. We will be combining our nomination and election of officers and directors for the 2023 term at that time.

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2023: Year
of the Dog.
Happy
Holidays!



Join Us
at the MIS
Shinnenkai!
新年会
Sign up form
on page 3.

ABOVE: SCENE FROM THE 1964 MOVIE
"ZATOICHI'S FLASHING SWORD"
STARRING KATSU SHINATORO.

MIS Scholarships for UH Students

Students at the University of Hawai'i can apply for a Military Intelligence Service Veterans/Makiki Japanese Language School Endowed Scholarship to help defray the cost of their college studies.

The scholarships are open to any UH graduate or undergraduate student seeking to perpetuate the Japanese language and culture. Preference is given to students who plan careers teaching the Japanese language. A successful recipient will receive an amount based on the investment return on the endowment administered by the University of Hawaii Foundation.

Past recipients have used the awards to further their studies in the hopes of becoming Japanese language teachers or English as a Second Language instructors.

Students can apply through the UH System Common Scholarship Application, a single application form for the wide assortment of scholarships administered by the school.

The deadline to apply for the 2023-2024 school year is March 1.



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Fallen Veterans Honored at Memorial Service

Veterans who served in World War II, including the Military Intelligence Service, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, were honored at the 17th Annual Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service (formerly the Joint Memorial Service).

The event was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Sunday, September 25. It was organized by the Nisei Veterans Legacy.

Brendan Po'ohala Burns, principal of Aina Haina Elementary School and grandson of the late Governor John A. Burns, was the keynote speaker at the in-person event. Governor Burns was noted for his support of people of Japanese ancestry in Hawai'i.

More than 15 nisei veterans groups were represented. There were speeches from the NVL's Nisei Impact Youth Journalism program participants Marisa Fujimoto of Kalani High School, Shane Kaneshiro of McKinley High School, and L. Kensington Ono of Punahou School.

The memorial service was televised by 'Ölelo Community Media on channel 53 and is available for viewing on demand at 'ÖleloNet (search for "nisei").



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MIS Repped at Izumo Taisha Matsuri

MIS officer Karen Kikukawa and director Wilbert M. Toda represented the society at the 16th Annual Autumn Thanksgiving Festival of the Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii. Toda is a member of the mission.

The event was held on October 9 at the mission, located on North Kukui Street near the Chinese Cultural Plaza. The Taisai Shiki religious service was followed by various festivities.



Park Service Salutes Nisei Veterans

The National Park Service honored the nisei soldiers of World War II with a special event at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial on November 12.

The event included a boat tour to the USS *Arizona* Memorial. Two veterans were in attendance: Takashi Manago of the 100th Infantry Battalion (left) and Wilbert M. Toda of the MIS. "Taps" was played, an Army color guard rendered honors, and a brief Buddhist and Christian service was held. In addition, Toda and Manago were piped aboard the Navy boat that took them to the memorial, a Navy custom for dignitaries.

The event was held to recognize the contributions by the Americans of Japanese ancestry who served the United States in uniform during the war and was part of the NPS "After Dark in the Park" series. It included talks by park staff and volunteers and a brief tour of the memorial's shore facilities.

MIS VETERANS SHINNENKAI 2023 — YES, COUNT ME IN!

JOIN US!

Sunday, January 29, 11:00 a.m.
Natsunoya Tea House
1935 Makanani Dr. (Alewa Heights)

Valet Parking from 10:30 a.m.

RSVP by January 13

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone number(s) _____

E-mail _____

PLEASE COMPLETE:

| Attending | Cost Per Person | | Number Attending | | Total Cost |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|---|------------|
| Veteran or widow: | No Charge | x | | = | \$ |
| All others: | \$20.00 | x | | = | \$ |
| Amount Included | | | | | \$ |

Valet parking fee not included

Make checks payable to: MIS Veterans

Submit by: January 13, 2023



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Election

As I just noted, we will be holding our election at the Shinnenkai. Here is the slate of volunteers for the various posts:

OFFICERS

President: Open
Vice President: Bev Ramsey
Secretary: Karen Kikukawa
Treasurer: Sherman Takao

DIRECTORS

Gregg Hirata
Keith Matsumoto
Mark Matsunaga
Wilbert Toda

The president's spot is open because I will be stepping down at the end of my current term. I have accepted a similar post with the Nisei Veterans Legacy and cannot fulfill the responsibilities of both.

If you have any nominations, please contact me at <misveteranshawaii@gmail.com>.

Happy Holidays

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May your holidays be filled with the aloha of family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you at our Shinnenkai in January and to updating you on our MIS activities and sharing my thoughts on our future.

Aloha,

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto



Is Your MIS Membership Current?

Your current MIS Veterans membership dues expiration date is provided in the box below.

Your dues help the club publish this newsletter, maintain our website, organize various activities, and preserve the legacy of the MIS veterans. If you haven't paid your annual dues, please send a check for \$20.00, made payable to "MIS Veterans Hawaii," to us at:

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