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President's Message



Aloha and thank you to everyone who attended our 80th anniversary celebration of the Military Intelligence Service. The event commemorated the 1943 recruitment of more than 700 nisei volunteers from Hawaii who went on to serve in the Pacific against Imperial

Japan in World War II as members of the U.S. Army's MIS.

If you missed it, look forward to our next event—the annual Bonenkai—scheduled for Sunday, November 12, at Natsunoya Tea House.

A number of people helped to make our anniversary observance memorable, so permit me to recognize them here:

Colonel Carol Stauffer, our terrific keynote speaker, commands the U.S. Army's 500th Military Intelligence Brigade-Theater. An Oklahoma native, the colonel has directed a tactical intelligence company in Iraq, another in the Republic of Korea, and the 109th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion headquartered at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and assigned to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Arigato and congratulations to the new 17th bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii: **Toshiyuki Umitani**, for delivering the invocation.

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Colonel Carol Stauffer.



Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and wife Yoshiko.



MIS HAWAII 80TH ANNIVERSARY



MIS veterans, their families, and guests joined for a photo to commemorate the 80th anniversary celebration. All photos courtesy of Ann Kabasawa and Clyde Sugimoto.

UPCOMING: Bonenkai 2023, Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 to 2, Natsunoya Tea House

SEE INSIDE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Veterans, from left: David Sakai, Albert Matsumoto, Norman Hashisaka, Wilbert Toda, James Moy, and Lawrence Enomoto.

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Thank you also to the helpers for our 80th anniversary:

Sherman Takao and his family managed the registration.

Carolyn Morinishi and her family produced a wonderful video that included the MIS song.

Thanks to **Mark Matsunaga** for coordinating the showing of "Proof of Loyalty" and obtaining the DVDs for distribution to our attendees.

Thank you to everyone at the **Hawaii Herald** for the copies of the MIS

anniversary edition that we distributed to all attendees.

Arigato to **Ann Nakata** for the gorgeous patriotic centerpieces.

Thank you to the **Hashisaka Family** and **Kauai Kookies** for the delicious cookies and great anniversary stickers we used for favors.

A big mahalo to **Ann Kabasawa** and **Clyde Sugimoto** for all the wonderful pictorial memories.

We're grateful to **Harlan Yuhara** for producing our Hawaii Herald ad and the printed program.

Thank you also to those who were not able to attend but made donations, such as former State Senator **Brian**

Taniguchi, a longtime advocate for the nisei veterans.

I hope you will consider encouraging others to join our organization. You need not be a descendant; anyone is allowed to join. Many of the World War II veterans are no longer with us, so it's up to us to keep their stories alive so the yonsei, gosei, and future generations will never forget that our fathers endured abuse, prejudice, and internment to make a better life in a country their parents had chosen.

Arigatai,
Karen Kikukawa



MIS soldiers in training during World War II.



Picnic Under Cherry Tree, Woodblock Print by Kitao Shigemasa (1739 - 1820), Japan, Edo Period

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MIS Veterans Hawaii's BONENKAI 2023

WHY, YES, COUNT ME IN!

Sunday, November 12

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Natsunoya Tea House

1935 Makanani Drive

(Alewa Heights)

Valet parking from 10:30 a.m.

RSVP DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 1

 Name

 Address

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COST:

MIS Veterans / MIS Widows—FREE (must be MIS club members in good standing)

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MIS Welcomes Members

MIS Veterans members Ann Kabasawa and Clyde Sugimoto had an opportunity to visit the U.S. Army's 500th Military Intelligence Brigade-Theater, based at Schofield Barracks. They were hosted by Command Sergeant Major Billy J. Budd, who attended the 80th anniversary luncheon with Colonel Carol Stauffer.

The unit, which is the modern iteration of the MIS of World War II, is housed in Fukuhara Hall. The building is named after **Harry K. Fukuhara**, who served during the war in New Guinea and the Philippines and the post-war occupation of Japan. Fukuhara has earned many commendations and was inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

His life was documented in *Midnight in Broad Daylight*, authored by Pamela Rotner Sakamoto and published in 2016.

