

1958 NISEI VETERANS REUNION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 18, 1958

The meeting was called to order by General Chairman Paul Bannai.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as sent out.

CORRESPONDENCE: Soichi Fukui, Executive Secretary

A letter was received from Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown stating that he will be unable to attend the Reunion.

Los Angeles City Councilman Ernest Debs presented a Resolution before the City Council welcoming the Nisei veterans and proclaiming July 26 through August 1 as Nisei Veterans Reunion Week.

Letters were received from Hawaii appointing the official delegates to the Reunion.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn presented a Resolution before the Board of Supervisors welcoming the Nisei veterans.

General Chairman Bannai passed the Resolution from the City of Los Angeles for the members to see.

There will be a press conference on Friday, July 25, with General Clark at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel.

LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT - George Maruya

A liability insurance policy has been taken out for the Reunion.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT - Elwin Ninomiya

There are several releases that will go out this week, as well as General Clark's interview and the releases from the Army PIO.

George Hattori stated that the various airlines will furnish Reunion banners.

Art Ito of the Flower Market will coordinate all floral arrangements for the Reunion.

Movies will be taken of the Hawaii group on departure and enroute. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WILL TAKE MOVIES OF THE ARRIVAL HERE, PLEASE CALL THE REUNION OFFICE, MA. 8-4135.

BOOKLET COMMITTEE REPORT - Mike Kawaguchi

Four thousand copies of the Souvenir Booklet have been printed. It was agreed that no additional copies would be printed. A copy of the Booklet will be placed in each registrant's envelope, and other copies will be sold at the Reunion Office and all Reunion functions by the Women's Auxiliaries. The price of the Booklet will be \$1.00, or \$1.25 if mailed by the Reunion Office.

REUNION OFFICE: ALEXANDRIA HOTEL, 210 W. 5th St., L. A. 13 MA. 8-4135 or 8-4136



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 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT - Mas Kumamoto, Chairman

It was determined that individual cars would be able to take care of the transportation to the various sports activities.

Two Toyopet automobiles are to be assigned for Reunion use.  
 A suggestion was taken under consideration to send the baby sitters home by taxi on Ladies Night. The women will not be able to drive the sitters since half of the cars will be at the Hotel to take the men home after the Smoker, and the women will have to pool rides.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Tad Kiyomura, Chairman

See Appendix A

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the Reunion, and the final drawing will be held at the Sayonara Dinner.

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I Company passed out ash trays with their insignia on them.

Reunion Committee members were requested to put the Reunion decals on their cars.

ENTERTAINMENT & PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT - Ed Shimatsu, Chairman

Airport Welcoming - The three women's auxiliaries will participate in the welcoming with Mmes. Marjio Hirashima and Hide Danna of the Nisei Veterans Women's Auxiliary in charge. They will be working under the directions of I Company. Eleven women have signed up for this event, and they will furnish their own transportation. It was suggested that the last Nisei Week Queen and her attendants and Miss Reunion be present also.

A bouquet of flowers will be presented to the arrivals at the airport by Miss Reunion for publicity and another to Mrs. Mark Clark. Fruit will be placed in the Hospitality Room for the registrants to pick up.

The VIP Committee will meet General and Mrs. Clark's plane.

Memorial Service - The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Transportation to the cemetery will be by bus which JAFB will handle. VFW 1961 of Gardena has set up the program. One wreath each will be presented by the Cold Star Mothers, the Mainland group, the Hawaii Group, and the community at large.

Company colors will be displayed at the Memorial Service, then in the lobby of the Hotel, but not at any other function during the Reunion.

Business Luncheon - The site of the next Reunion will be discussed. Attendance is open to all. Tickets will be sold at the time of registration, before Sunday, July 27.



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Moulin Rouge Welcome Dinner - Tickets to this event are completely sold out. Between 150 and 300 people who have not paid for their reservations will have to be turned away.

PLEASE STRESS THAT TICKETS TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES BE BOUGHT IMMEDIATELY.

Barbecue - Mrs. Toyo Yamagata, Chairman, & Mrs. Ruth Fukui, assisting, from Perry Post Auxiliary.

5:00 p.m. Various sports  
6:30 p.m. Barbecue Dinner in Auditorium which seats 1,000  
8:00 p.m. Entertainment  
9:30 p.m. Dancing to Tak Shindo Orchestra

Hank Eddow will take care of the baseball, swimming and volley ball.

Tickets for children under 8 years of age will be \$2.00, from 8 to 16, \$2.50.

Shopping Tour - Mmes. Chiye Imamura & Lynn Yamazaki in charge.

Tuesday, July 29 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Thursday, July 31 All day

An information desk will be set up at the Hotel from which packets containing a map of the entire downtown shopping district and stuffers from the different department stores concerning sales will be handed out.

Tea and cookies will be served by the VFW women during the day in the Hospitality Room as the women return from shopping.

Ladies Night - Mrs. Yae Aihara of Nisei Veterans Womens Aux. Chairman

Local guests will be charged \$5.00, while Hawaii guests will be charged \$4.00 since this function was not included in their package plan. A steak dinner will be served. Kow Kaneko is staging a spectacular fashion show using seven models who have donated their services. Special table favors have been made by the Auxiliary, and the Seattle Auxiliary is sending 500 tiny totem pole souvenirs to be given to the guests.

Since the Island guests will be admitted for \$4.00, the actual cost of the dinner, the Committee is working on a slim margin financially. To offset this, tickets will be sold three for 50 cents and several prizes will be raffled.

Sayonara Dinner - Sho Doiwchi, Chairman

6:30-7:30 Cocktails  
7:30-9:00 Dinner  
9:00-9:30 Opening Remarks by Marvin Segal  
9:30-10:00 Guest Speaker, Dore Schary  
10:00-10:15 Presentation of sports awards  
10:15-11:00 Entertainment - Samoan dancers  
11:00-11:10 Farewell Address by Chairman Paul Bannai

The women's auxiliaries were asked to act as hostesses during the cocktail hour.



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Hospitality Room

After considerable discussion on how to raise the funds to support the Reunion Hospitality Room, Jim Yamashita moved and Frank Okada seconded the motion that each organization contribute \$25.00. The motion was approved. Each organization participating in the Reunion was requested to send their checks to Finance Chairman, Tad Kiyomura, with the notation "For Hospitality Room" on them.

Tours - Each bus must have an organization representative on it. Please see George Hattori.

HOUSING & REGISTRATION REPORT - Gerald Kobayashi, Chairman

The distribution of tickets was discussed.

Two of the Hotel's finest suites have been placed at the Reunion's disposal. One will be made available to the Hawaii contingent, while the other will be used by the Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Downtown parking is a problem, and it was suggested that a parking lot be made available for use during the weekend, possibly at the Flower Market.

Jim Yamashita of the Housing Committee stated that 212 rooms will be taken at the Hotel during the Reunion.

JATB and Finance Committee will handle the sale of individual tickets to various events.

Registration will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. After that, the Reunion Office will handle registration. Twenty-seven members of the women's auxiliaries have volunteered to assist in registering.

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Executive Secretary Fukui introduced the request of the Booklet Committee Chairman, Jack Nagano, that the Steering Committee approve giving ten Souvenir Booklets to members of his Committee, to sell or dispose of as they wish, in appreciation for their work on the Booklet. This request was passed by the Steering Committee.

George Hattori stated that although a trip to Del Mar Race Track is not on the official program, it could be an optional tour. Del Mar has sent 300 free admission tickets for Friday, August 1. Nisei Veterans Reunion purse is the fifth race.

As this is the last time the Steering Committee will meet, General Chairman Bannai expressed his thanks to all the committees and stressed the fact that all facilities of the Reunion office in the Alexandria Hotel were available to all committees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*June Kurisu*  
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Recording Secretary



## APPENDIX A

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bank balance, last report June 20, 1958		\$3,666.23
Income:		
Registration & package plans, etc.	\$4,887.95	
Booklet Ads:		
Perry Post	355.00	
VFW 9938	190.00	
Syndicate	20.00	
232nd Engineers	40.00	
VFW 1961	210.00	
I Co.	10.00	
Raffle Ticket Sales:		
Perry Post	36.00	
NVNA	16.00	
Hawaii	2.00	
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Total		5,766.95
Total Available Cash		<u>9,433.18</u>
Disbursements:		
Secretarial services	44.72	
Stamps for bulletin	17.20	
Advertising, Pacific Citizen	8.00	
Advertising, Rafu Shimp	13.00	
Stamps & office supplies	32.64	
Petty cash for office use	20.00	
Assoc. Graphic Art - Booklet	1,050.00	
Unigraf Photo Supply - Booklet	16.65	
Decals for Reunion	123.67	
Ribbons for Reunion Committee	12.78	
Rental of Typewriter & chair	22.88	
Deposit on telephone	120.00	
Liability Insurance	179.20	
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Total		<u>1,660.74</u>
Balance in bank, July 18, 1958		\$7,772.44

Income from the sale of raffle tickets has been very slow during the last three months. We are still about \$1,800.00 short of breaking even. Please try to turn in all the money as soon as possible and make on last concentrated effort to push the ticket sales.

Tad Kiyomura  
Finance Committee Chairman