



**100th Infantry Battalion
442nd Regimental Combat Team**

GO FOR BROKE
COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET
MARCH 7, 1981 FAIRMONT HOTEL



DEDICATION

This banquet is dedicated to the heroic fighting men of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Their valiant deeds and accomplishments are told here tonight, as well as at the Presidio exhibit. But the dedication of this Banquet goes beyond what is past. It started with an idea earlier this year by the Presidio Army Museum to develop an exhibit to recognize and honor the "Go For Broke" unit. It is the Army's most decorated combat organization for its size and length of service in the annals of American military history.

As the word went out to the Nisei veterans for support, the response began to snowball and thousands of personal photographs, mementos, memorabilia, uniforms, medals and small artifacts of war were donated in larger than expected amounts. Background information was obtained through archival research and oral histories from the veterans themselves. So much new and exciting information was gathered about this most unique military unit that it was then decided to publish a book to include new information and many photographs that were never published before.

Then, along with the high interest generated by the development of a dedication ceremony for the "Go For Broke" exhibit, this banquet evolved as a commemorative event. The "Go For Broke" package now includes the Presidio Army Museum Dedication Ceremonies, a military exhibit of WW II vehicles and parade, the Presidio Museum Exhibit, the forthcoming "Go For Broke" pictorial history book, this Commemorative Banquet, and many invaluable documents, information, memorabilia, oral histories and other related materials. All this by the Presidio Museum, individual efforts and no formal organization. The efforts were freely given for the memory of the 100/442nd and not for personal gain or publicity.

What is next? Throughout the many personal contacts made in the preparation of these events, Nisei veterans were most generous in their assistance—many expressing the feeling that the exhibit is their legacy for their children and history. One recalled the words from the poem Flanders Field, "To you from failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high..." He said, "We must hold high that torch—let this be the beginning of a living legacy. A memorial exhibit legacy to keep high the torch for which our brothers died."



PROGRAM

Music	Sixth US Army Stage Band Director: SFC James D. Church
Call To Order	Mike M. Masaoka, Washington, DC Master of Ceremonies (442 RCT)
Post Colors	Color Guard Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879 VFW
Pledge of Allegiance	Harry Iwatuchi, San Francisco (100 Bn)
National Anthem	Sixth US Army Stage Band
Invocation	Chaplain (Ret) George Aki, Claremont, CA (442 RCT)
Greetings	Dianne Feinstein, Mayor, San Francisco
Opening Remarks	Master of Ceremonies
Introduction of Honored Guests	Tom Kawaguchi, Major (Ret), Richmond, CA (442 RCT)
Welcome	Young O. Kim, Colonel (Ret), Los Angeles (100 Bn)
Dinner	Haru Sakaji, Richmond, CA (442 RCT)
Recognitions	Lead by: Ted Ohira, Gardena (442 RCT)
"Go For Broke"	Music by the Sixth US Army Stage Band
Guest Speaker	Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga Senator from Hawaii (100 Bn)
Guest Speaker	Honorable Daniel K. Inouye Senator from Hawaii (442 RCT)
Special Presentations	Tom Kawaguchi
Concluding Remarks	Master of Ceremonies
Moment of Silent Tribute	Taps by SFC Gary Lefell and Sp4 David Hesseman
Japanese American Hymn	Recited by Tad Masaoka, San Mateo (442 RCT)
Benediction	Chaplain George Aki
Announcements	Master of Ceremonies
Adjournment	Music by Sixth US Army Stage Band
Dancing	

100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team

100th Infantry Battalion

Headquarters Company
A Company
B Company
C Company
D Company
E Company
F Company
Medical Detachment

442nd Regimental Combat Team

Headquarters Company
Antitank Company
Cannon Company
Medical Detachment
Service Company

First Battalion
Headquarters Company
A Company
B Company
C Company
D Company

Second Battalion
Headquarters Company
E Company
F Company
G Company
H Company

Third Battalion
Headquarters Company
I Company
J Company
K Company
L Company
M Company

206th Army Ground Forces Band

232 Engineer Company

522nd Field Artillery Battalion
Headquarters Battery
A Battery
B Battery
C Battery
Service Battery and Medical Detachment

JAPANESE AMERICAN HYMN

By Marian Tajiri

There was a dream my father dreamed for me
A land in which all men are free;
Then the desert camps with watch-towers high
Where life stood still, mid sand and brooding sky,
Out of the war in which my brothers died -
Their muted voices with mine cried:
This is our dream that all men shall be free,
This is our creed we'll live in loyalty,
God help us rid the land of bigotry
That we may walk in peace and dignity.

442ND SONG

All hail! All hail! Our Company
The finest in the land
Through storm or wind, In peace or war
For Freedom we shall stand
We come from far off Aloha land
The land of paradise
Hawaii, Hawaii, Pacific Paradise
Hawaii, Hawaii, Pacific Paradise

Four Forty Second Infantry
We're the boys from — Company
We're fighting for you and the Red, White and Blue
We're going to the front and back to Honolulu-lulu
Fighting for dear old Uncle Sam
Go For Broke, we don't give a damn
We've got the Huns on the run
At the point of our guns
For victory must be won

De-hi-li-li De-hi-li-li
De-hi-li-li De-hi-li-li
De-hi-li-li De-hi-li-li
All hail our company

Democracy and freedom
That's what we're fighting for
Peace on earth and goodwill
That's what we're fighting for
We are the AJA's from a fighting, fighting, fighting
From a fighting, fighting, fighting team
Fighting for Victory
So let us all "Go For Broke"



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