

Go For Broke

National Veterans Association

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 1991

OVERVIEW: Bill Marutani

THE OTHER DAY I was leafing through the November issue of the American Legion magazine at the barber shop. I noted an article on military monuments in Washington, D.C., particularly the continuing difficulties being encountered by the Korean War Memorial: their design was rejected, again, for the fifth time. The Korean War Memorial has been in the preparation stage for years; yet, in the fall of 1991, they haven't received the "green light" to proceed. The women's military memorial has not attained the necessary funding goal.

THE LESSON for us is that we must be prepared for a long, uphill trek prepared to meet and overcome obstacles and inevitable delays; that we shall not allow ourselves to become discouraged; that, instead, we'll simply reaffirm our resolve to attain our goal for a monument in our Nation's capital - in tribute to the spirit of "Go For Broke."

FUTURE EVENTS:

MISLS "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY" REUNION TO BE HELD IN TWIN CITIES IN 1992

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Military Intelligence Service and Language School (MISLS) a reunion is scheduled for the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota) on May 28-30, 1992. It has been titled the "Sentimental Journey" reunion. The JAACL (midwest chapter) and the MIS of Southern California are sponsoring the event. The reunion is open to all interested parties. Registration applications and additional information are available by writing: MIS Club of Southern California, Sentimental Journey Reunion, 12012 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025, or by calling: Cathy Tanaka (213) 626-0441, George Kanegai (310) 820-3451, Mits Usui (818) 886-0974 or Jim Mita (213) 532-7247.

442ND 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION SCHEDULED FOR 1993 IN HONOLULU

The 442nd RCT will hold its 50th Anniversary Reunion in the capital city of the 50th state. It will be held the week of March 24-28, 1993, according to Chairman George Nakasato. Many timely and appropriate events will be built around the suggested theme, "Go-For-Broke: A Legacy of Americanism." For additional information, write: George Nakasato, Chairman, 442nd 50th Anniversary Reunion, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI 96926 or call: (808) 949-7997.

50th Anniversary MIS Reunion a Huge Success

Over 800 MISers from all over the country enjoyed a four-day event held in two cities, San Francisco and Monterey, from October 29 - November 1, 1991. The successful anniversary gathering was staged by the members of M.I.S., Northern California.

On the first evening, the 50th Anniversary Reception Dinner at the Miyako Hotel was emceed by Loni Ding. The main speaker was Judge Robert Y. Thornton, a former Attorney General of Oregon for 16 years and senior judge in the State of Oregon. Judge Thornton was a graduate of MISLS at Fort Snelling. Rep. Robert Matsui (D-CA) was the keynote speaker.

Highlights of the second evening was the "Informal Mixer" held at the Japanese Cultural Center featuring Japanese cuisine and professional Japanese entertainment.

On Thursday, October 31, the venue was shifted to Monterey at the Defense Language Institute and Presidio of Monterey. Note: a report of the event from GFBNVA member Key Kobayashi follows in back pages.

MEMORIAL UPDATE

The anticipated congressional hearing of H.J. RES. 271 in October 1991 did not come to pass due to a busy schedule and has been moved forward to sometime in the second session of the 102nd Congress in 1992. We should be aware the wheels of bureaucracy move very slowly. (See President Marutani's Overview column this page).

100/442 Veterans Association Solicit Help for Armed Forces Museum Established at Camp Shelby

LOS ANGELES--The 100/442 Veterans Association has established a special account to accept donations and distribute funds to obtain an exhibit, help refurbish a larger museum building, and erect a monument to honor three Japanese American units (100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT and MIS) which trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi during World War II.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Herbert Sasaki, a 442 RCT veteran living in Hattiesburg, Miss. and a regional vice president of GFBNVA, is involved with these projects. Estimates of financial need between \$15,000 and \$20,000 will be required to complete these three phases.

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Hank Yoshitake, president, 100/442 Veterans Association, requests your support. Contributions should be made out to: 100/442 Veterans Association - Camp Shelby Project, 1438 Oak Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015. Please specify EXHIBIT, MUSEUM, or MONUMENT on your check.

PRESIDENT MARUTANI SPEAKS TO GROUP IN TOKYO

TOKYO--In a meeting arranged by Peter Okada, regional VP, GFBNVA, president William Marutani spoke to a group of Nikkei, who work and live in Japan, about the Go For Broke National Veterans Association. The meeting was held October 2, 1991 at the Foreign Correspondent Club in midtown.

This meeting was held to inform the Nikkei in Japan about the GFBNVA and its effort to build a monument in Washington, D.C. and enlist their support. Also in attendance was Tosh Okamoto, executive VP, GFBNVA, of Seattle who was also in Japan at this time. A floral presentation of welcome was made to president Marutani by Jane Kaihatsu on behalf of the Tokyo chapter of the JACL.

An ad-hoc committee was organized to pursue the possibility of organizing an official veterans group in Japan so that GFBNVA might be able to liaise in the future. Those serving on the committee include: Bert Fuji, Ted Shigeno, Harry Takagi, James Adachi, Dyke Nakamura, George Nakamura, Frank Wada, Yukio Kitahara and Peter Okada.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD S. OGURO

Richard S. Oguro, 71, of Honolulu died on Monday, October 14, 1991 at the Kaiser Hospital in Honolulu. The cause of death was a stroke. Oguro, who was "Dick" to his friends, was an original supporter of the Go For Broke National Veterans Association. He was a member of Co. B, 100th Battalion before he transferred to the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) where he served as a member of the Allied Translators and Interpreters Service (ATIS) in Australia and Philippines during World War II. Besides his support of the GFBNVA, Oguro was active with the MIS group, the Lions Club, and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Oguro was born in Honolulu and retired as a school teacher. He is survived by his wife: Doris M., son: Keith K., and daughters: Bery N. Chung, Jo Ann E. Donovan, and Sharon M. Chinen, brother: Henry Y. Oguro, and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were held, Saturday, October 19, 1991 at 2 p.m., at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary in Honolulu. More than 350 people including representatives of the GFBNVA, MIS, Lions Club, and DAV were in attendance.

Note: After Oguro was stricken and hospitalized, Hawaii Liaison Vice President Chet Tanaka delivered an orchid plant on behalf of GFBNVA. At the funeral, koden on behalf of the GFBNVA was presented to the family.

WILSON HARUO MAKABE

Wilson Haruo Makabe, 72, of Reno, Nevada, died November 1, 1991 at the Veterans Medical Center in Reno. Memorial services were held November 8, 1991 at the Northern Nevada Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada (30 miles east of Reno) with full military honors.

The services were attended by approximately 50 veterans and friends of the family. The local VFW chaplain presided and gave a brief history of Wilson's life. This was followed by eulogies by Jun Yamamoto (GFBNVA), Tom Kawaguchi (NJAHS) and representatives of the VFW and JACL. A gun salute was performed by the VFW firing squad and the colors were presented to Mrs. Marga Makabe. Immediately following the services, a reception was held in Reno at the Pythian Hall where refreshments were served.

Makabe enlisted in the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah on June 6, 1943, and served as a rifleman with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He represented the regiment in July 1946 and accepted a Presidential Unit Citation from President Harry S. Truman. He was among those who were forcibly interned by the federal government and later volunteered for service in the Army.

He fought in the campaign to take Northern Italy from the Axis powers. On his way to Rome in a truck, the vehicle struck a mine. Makabe lost one leg by amputation and most of the mobility in the other.

He joined the Veterans Administration and later became chief of prosthetic services and sensory aids at the Reno Veterans Administration Center, helping rehabilitate the disabled and fitting them with artificial limbs. He had worked with the VA for 18 years.

A native of Loomis, Calif., he was born January 11, 1919, and had lived in Reno since 1965. Surviving are his widow, Marga; son Mark and sister Grace Makabe, all of Reno; sons Ernest of San Francisco and Wayne of Sacramento; daughter Ingrid Overlook of Medford, Ore., sister Ivy Down of Oakland, Calif.

Note: Among the veterans in attendance were: Shig Doi, Harold Harada, Tom Kawaguchi, Eric Saul, Rudy Tokiwa, Jun Yamamoto, and Shig Yokote. This list is not exhaustive.

ELECTION of GFBNVA Officers at Seattle

Election of new officers was held at the Seattle meeting, June 21, 1991. Due to a production oversight, please check the minutes of that meeting and the attached Enclosure 1.

EDITORIAL...

Putting out a newsletter, even periodic one, is tough going for any organization but tougher yet when one gets too little support from its membership. I knew up front that Nikkei are not the best letter writers or contributors.

One major problem with a quarterly publication is that the news gets very stale after a few months. This is not to say that some people do not send in material. Folks like Harold Harada (Culver City, CA), Tosh Okamoto (Seattle), Art Morimitsu (Chicago), President Bill Marutani, and few others have been kind enough to forward news and information.

Another difficulty is to get contributors to comply with "deadlines." Hey, I know this is a volunteer organization and we all have lots of other things to do. In addition we might want to comment on relevant issues but with so many bodies involved it takes the process a long time to consensus. As you may be aware, premature disclosure may peril the process in the long run, e.g., H.J. Res. 271.

One suggestion I might make is to select regional contact points in each region whereby members can forward suggestions to the selectee and they can write up the information of what members in their respective regions are doing. Some of the names mentioned earlier might be good choices. Like anything else to succeed, it takes "teamwork."

LETTERS TO THE GFBNVA:

Dear Board Members and Members of the Go For Broke National Veterans Association:

Your thoughtful expression of sympathy has been a great comfort during this time of sorrow.

Thank you for the Koden. I am also very grateful for having Dr. Harold Harada and Jun Yamamoto come up to represent the Go For Broke National Veterans Association at Wilson's funeral services and to bring the most beautiful flower arrangement. Jun Yamamoto delivered a very touching eulogy. Thank you!

Their presence at the funeral meant a lot to me. It gave me strength. Seeing friends of Wilson's so far out in the desert made me realize that they are now my friends too.

Sincerely,
(signed) Marga and the Makabe Family

To: Go For Broke National Veterans Association:
Many thanks to all of you. Because you were so kind-- People who are as nice as you are very hard to find!
(signed) Doris Oguro

Note: Donation in memory of Richard Oguro was received by GFBNVA.

MORE Letters...

November 7, 1991

Go For Broke National Veterans Association
310 Woodridge Lane
Media, Pennsylvania 19063

To whom this may concern:

The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council of the JACL recently voted to make a donation to the Go For Broke National Veterans Association in memory of the late Mike Masaoka. Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$2,500.

Mr. Masaoka was a true leader in the Japanese American community, and his commitment to the Go For Broke National Veterans Association is indicative of that leadership.

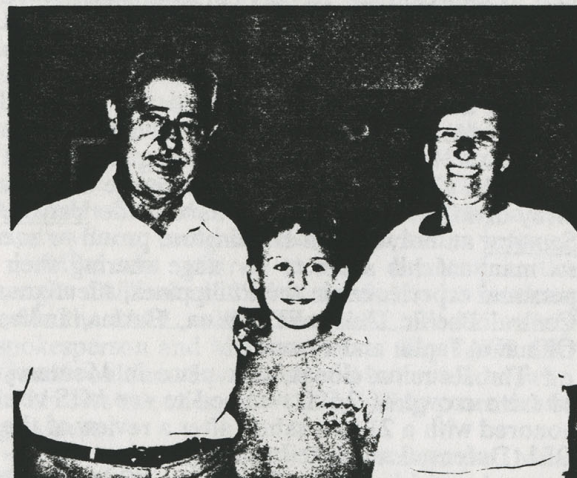
With Sincere Regards,
(signed) Neal Taniguchi
Neal Taniguchi
Governor, NC-WN-PDC

Serge Carlesso visits California

Reported by Jun Yamamoto

M. Serge Carlesso, wife Monique and Grandson Laurant visited California on a whirlwind vacation beginning in San Francisco and ending in Los Angeles. They were able to visit amusement parks and points of interest in the Bay area, Central California, Yosemite, Disneyland, Sea World in San Diego, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios. They saw the highlights of California motoring all the way and had dinners with their many friends. Hosting and planning the itinerary were Shig Doi, Tom Kawano, Rudy Tokiwa, Jun Yamamoto and Shig Yokote.

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M. Serge Carlesso, Laurant, Monique at Knott's Berry Farm

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Serge is the founder and first president of Bruyeres Go For Broke Club and has endeavored to keep alive goodwill relations between the people of Bruyeres and the nisei soldiers in appreciation for liberating them during World War II.

He is active in veterans affairs in France as president of the French Federation of War Disabled of the Vosges Legion; a member of the Sacred Flame, Arch de Triumph Commission in Paris and most recently was Knighted to the Order of National Merit.

GFBNVA hosted a farewell dinner on the eve of their departure at Knott's Berry Farm. In attendance for the bon voyage were Dr. Harold and Chiye Harada, Willy Kai, Jack and Louise Nagano, Bacon Sakatani, Mike and Kay Shimizu, Hiro and Emi Takusagawa and Beverly and Jun Yamamoto.

MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion Huge Success

Reported by Key Kobayashi

Nearly 1,000 nisei veterans from over 20 states, Canada and even Japan attended the 50th MIS (Military Intelligence Service) Anniversary Reunion held at San Francisco and Monterey from Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 1991 and it was a huge success from all accounts in terms of weather, registration number and programs presented.

The Reunion was blessed with 4-days of California sunshine from dawn every morning. Advance registration of nearly 800 far exceeded the goal anticipated by the planning committee, and late registrants were turned away days after the deadline date. Banquets were oversubscribed where an overflow crowd was accommodated in adjoining banquet rooms to watch and listen to U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui and other opening night speakers via TV monitors. (Note: MISNORCAL members deserve a special accolade for relinquishing over 100 seats in the main banquet for their out-of-town comrades.)

The panel of speakers represented a veritable WHO'S WHO of MIS veterans dating back to the era of the Crissy Field and Camp Savage days, an array of MIS vets that would have made Yankee Samurai author, Joseph Harrington, proud to see so many of his subjects on stage sharing their personal experiences in the Philippines, Aleutians, Central Pacific, Australia, China, Burma, India, Okinawa, Japan and Korea.

The Reunion climax took place in Monterey where a crowd of 2,500 watched to see MIS vets honored with a 21-gun salute after a review of the DLI (Defense Language Institute) student detachments comprising units from the US Army (7 companies), US Marine Corps, US Navy Security Group, the 3483rd USAF squadron, all backed by the 7th Infantry Division Band and the Salute

Battery, 6th Battalion, 8th Artillery, 7th Infantry Division.

Over 600 attended the MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion opening night reception on Oct. 29, 1991 held at Miyako Hotel with Loni Ding, Color of Honor film producer, serving as toastmistress for the event. Harry Fukuhara, president of MISNORCAL welcomed the MIS veterans to the Reunion and George Kanegai from MIS of Southern California responded with eloquence in behalf of the visiting MIS veterans. Judge Robert Y. Thornton from Oregon reminisced fondly of his close working relationship with the nisei MISers in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Congressman Robert Matsui emphasized how vital the World War II record of the MIS in the Pacific and of the 442nd RCT in the ETO were in ensuring the successful passage of the 1988 Redress legislation in congress which was later signed into law by President Reagan and thereby provides the payment of \$20,000 to every living survivor of the U.S. internment camps.

On Oct. 30, a standing room only crowd listened intently to an all-day session of three panels organized by Program chairman Hank Goshu of Merrill Marauder's fame. Moderator Phil Ishio, Salt Lake City native, introduced an impressive line-up of MIS panelists, Yoshikazu Yamada, Gary Kadani, Arthur Kaneko, Jerry Shibata, Roy Uyehata and Terry Takahashi relating their personal anecdotes and experiences in prewar Philippines, Crissy Field classroom days, recruiting in WRA relocation camps. Gary Kadani, San Juan Bautista, CA native, described a most poignant visit to Salinas Assembly Center where his parents were initially incarcerated. How U.S. Army private Kadani, unable to enter the camp, stood outside the barbed wire fence to receive their requests to purchase bottles of "Clorox" which were in great demand for sanitizing their living camp quarters, former county fairground horse stables.

Moderator Ben Hazard, South Lancaster, MA native, and his panel of Fred Tanakatsubo, Nobuo Furuiye, Dick Kishiue and Wally Amioka gave an account of their experiences in Attu, JICPOA (Joint Intelligence Center of the Pacific Ocean Area at Hawaii), Central Pacific, and Okinawa. Nobue Furuiye from Denver, CO, spoke bitterly of how his unit, while working for the U.S. Navy, was still not allowed to enter the navy base and treated as military security risks.

Panel Two with Hank Kuwabara, Malad, ID native, as moderator covered the CBI (China, Burma, India) theater with George Nakamura from Tokyo, Sho Nomura, Hank Goshu, Art Morimitsu from Chicago, Roy Takai and Ken Akune. Working in a theater of war controlled by their allies, British and Chinese Nationalist troops was a cultural shock in itself having to participate in the British past-time of "tea time" more religiously practiced than the American "coffee breaks."

Panel Three provided an overview of the mission of the Occupation of Japan with Barry Saiki closely monitoring the time of each panelist, beginning with Tom Sakamoto and his vivid account of signing of the Terms of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Gene Kono recalled his Maizuru days interviewing Japanese POWs returning from their Siberian POW camps years after the end of the war and how the disease-ridden environment affected the lives of the MIS interrogators including himself who returned to the United States as a seriously ill patient. Shiro Tokuno spoke on the "Land Reform," one of the successful Occupation reforms accomplished in Japan. Wara crimes trials in Yokohama for Class "B" criminals were topics that still serve as bitter memories for George Koshi and Peter Nakahata. Mits shared his experiences with Chinese POWs interned in Korea POW camps. In sum, panel members had much more information to share but were interrupted due to lack of time.

The 2-hour charter bus ride with "bento lunches" on a warm sunny morning from San Francisco to Monterey was a delightful sight-seeing trip through Silicon Valley and the garlic and artichoke farmlands of the agricultural area of California.

Over 800 attended the MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion Banquet of Oct. 31 held at Hyatt Regency in Monterey with Peter Nakahata serving as emcee in his inimitable style. Guest speaker, Richard Sakaida, had the audience spellbound with his account of serving as a U.S. counterspy working in the midst of the Japanese army troops occupying Manila. He never broke although he was tortured to reveal his U.S. intelligence role.

In conclusion, "Thanks, Thanks," to Reunion Chair Tom Sakamoto and his committee for hosting a most memorable and exciting MIS REUNION.

MASAOKA MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN LOS ANGELES

A memorial service for Mike Masaru Masaoka, 75, one of the original members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was held on August 17, 1991 at 10 a.m. at the Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

The officiant was Rev. Jim Miyabe of the Venice-Santa Monica Free Methodist Church. Posting of colors was by veterans of the 100/442 Regimental Combat Team.

Tribute were paid by Dr. Harold Harada, who represented the GFBNVA, Mr. Jerry Enomoto, Mr. Bill Hosokawa and the Honorable Norman Mineta. The JACL creed was read by Mr. Cressey Nakagawa, and the Japanese American Citizens League hymn was sung by Ms. Gina Shaw. The eulogy was given by Mr. Togo Tanaka. Words of appreciation on behalf of the family were given by Mr. Tad Masaoka. Words of comfort were expressed by Rev. Jim Miyabe.

After the final tribute at the church, burial services were held at the Masaoka family plot in Green Hills Memorial Park, overlooking Los Angeles Harbor.

Tribute to Mike Masaoka given by Dr. Harold Harada

Etsu, Tad, Kiyoko, Michelle, members of the Masaoka family, distinguished clergy, distinguished guests and friends. I am honored to be asked to speak in tribute of a man, who is a legend--a man who was an amazing wonder--and a man for whom I have had the highest respect.

I am representing the Go For Broke National Veterans Association, an organization that was founded by Mike Masaoka about four years ago. It had been lately very dear to his heart and he and I became closer friends in our zeal for this group. On behalf of Go For Broke National Veterans Association President, the Honorable William M. Marutani, its officers, and members, I bring deepest condolences to the Masaoka family.

Etsu, all of us, thank you for your support of Mike over the past years and to have allowed Mike the wherewithal to have done so much for us and this great nation, as well. Thank you, Etsu, for the tender, loving care that you gave Mike, especially the past year or more.

I had heard of Mike Masaoka a few years before I formally met him.

It was about 48 years ago at 413 South Fourth East Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, when I was honored to meet him. Some of you will recall that address, it was the residence of Saburo and Mine Kido. Mine was my sister. I was twenty years of age and had just lost both of my parents over a ten month span at Topaz Relocation Center and was now on my way to Chicago, from Topaz.

My sister, Mine, was a wonderful cook and Sab Kido was a benevolent soul. Most of the Japanese American Citizens League stalwarts dined there for the food was good, substantial and very reasonable--it was free. Mike always knew a bargain. I truly know though, that Sab and my sister received more from Mike than they gave. The JACL camaraderie that emanated from that residence was immeasurable. The JACL policies that were formed there and reviewed today, a half century later, could not have been better written.

Mike was referred to as a diamond in the rough. Brilliant orator but needed to be inculcated in the JACL mold. The JACL needed a fiery spokesperson and Mike was that. The JACL Old Guard could not have selected a better leader, who in his late twenties, had the bristling potential of greatness.

Perhaps some of you here today, put Mike through the tempering fires to make him become a true, clean, clear-cut diamond of purest high quality--a rarity--a jewel--a national treasure.

He with the advice of patriotic, loyal, true and honest men and women led us brilliantly in the darkest hours of our history.

Bitter hatred, violence and threats of violence, prejudice, and discrimination at every turn against Japanese Americans were taken on by Mike. Sad to say some of detractors were of Japanese American ancestry.

Mike had visions, dreams and the ability to prophesy. He had that uncanny ability to take great risks against all odds and come out a winner. The spirit of Go For Broke was Mike through and through.

He knew that the risks and stakes were high in what he and others proposed to do to counter the War Department and other government agencies.

With Mike's proposal, lives were at risk but what was a nobler cause than for us to lay down our lives to free ourselves and our loved ones from distrust and to prove our loyalty once and for all with blood and guts.

How sad was Mike when he was serving overseas in combat with all four of his brothers in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to learn that brother Ben was missing in action and later to be declared killed in action.

How sad was Mike when shortly later he learns that his youngest brother, Akira Ike, was critically wounded by enemy shrapnel. Ike not only received a Silver Star and Purple Heart for bravery in action as a Combat Medic but also a colostomy for the rest of his fifty or so years of his life.

Did these tragedies and the deaths of others of Japanese American ancestry, some seven hundred fifty or more who were killed in action in World War II and several thousand who were wounded, leave a mark on Mike?

One only need read William Hosokawa's article "Horrors of Combat: The Nisei Soldier and Redress" in the 1989 Holiday Edition of the Pacific Citizen about the heroics and suffering endured by the combat veteran. Knowledgeable people attribute the elimination of discriminatory laws, the granting of redress and a letter of apology from President Reagan to the sacrifices of the Japanese American soldiers. It was however, also Mike's abilities to guide much of the legislation through Congress to final fruition.

Hindsight tells us that the selected path taken by Mike and others who believed as he did, could not have been more perfect. Those of us that chose to stand with Mike in combat, share and bear with him the burden of that high cost of lives and limbs of our comrades in arms and we also salute them today.

Look about us here today, as we come from all walks of life, to celebrate the life of one Mike Masaru Masaoka. If he and other leaders opted for anything else, would we be what and where we are today?

Mike's life and spirit will live on in many ways for all of us. To this end, we of the Go For Broke

National Veterans Association accept the flaming torch of liberty from Mike and pledge to fulfill his dream of a national memorial monument in the Go For Broke spirit depicting the struggles, sacrifices and triumphs of all the Japanese Americans from the Spanish American War to the recent Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

A historical national memorial monument on the Avenue of the Heroes in Arlington Cemetery can serve as a warning in the future that tragic World War II Japanese American history shall not ever be repeated. Without recorded history, tragic errors will never be known and Mike was a integral part of that very important history.

In closing, I should like to read L'Envoi by Rudyard Kipling as a benediction to my hero friend Mike. Its last stanza was a benediction that we repeated as a youth at the Riverside First Methodist Episcopal Church and it has sustained me in trying times.

L'ENVOI - Rudyard Kipling

*When earth's last picture is painted;
and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded and
the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall
need it--lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all Good Workmen
Shall set us to work anew!*

*And those that were good will be
happy: they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten league canvas
With brushes of comets' hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from--
Magdalene, Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting
and never be tired at all!*

*And only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working,
and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it
for the God of Things as They are!*

Amen, rest in peace, Dear Mike. Thank you.

SHORT TAKES...

The latest to join GFBNVA is 1st Lt. Michael S. Oshiki and probably the first of the Desert Storm group to sign on as a member...The National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco reports the preparation of MIS 50th anniversary exhibit and commemorative booklet (Nov. 1991) and preparation of 100th/442nd 50th Anniversary (1993). For further info--NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St, SF, CA 94103; (415) 431-5007.

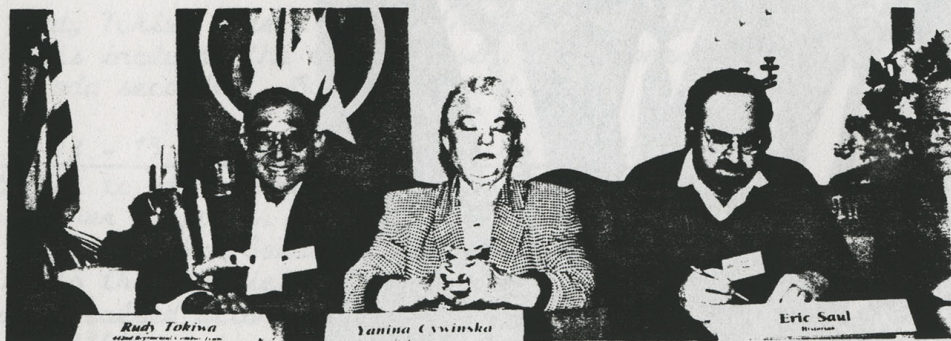
MORE SHORT TAKES...

Vets of the 100/442 RCT and of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion were special guests of a 36th Texas Infantry Division reunion held in San Antonio earlier this year. Frank and Haru Nishimura and Tosh and Toshi Okamoto of Seattle were among the 77 "442nd" vets and wives in attendance at the reunion and dedication of a monument to the 341st RCT of the 36th Division. It should be noted that the first battalion of the 341st was rescued by the 100/442 and the 522 F.A.B....Those of you planning visits to the nation's capitol should be aware that effective December 2, 1991 and for the next three to five years, parts of the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials will be shadowed by scaffolding and fencing while the National Park Service undertakes a massive project to inspect, document and repair the two structures...Recently, a group of five "Go For Broke" couples in the LA area devoted an afternoon stuffing envelopes for a GFBNVA membership

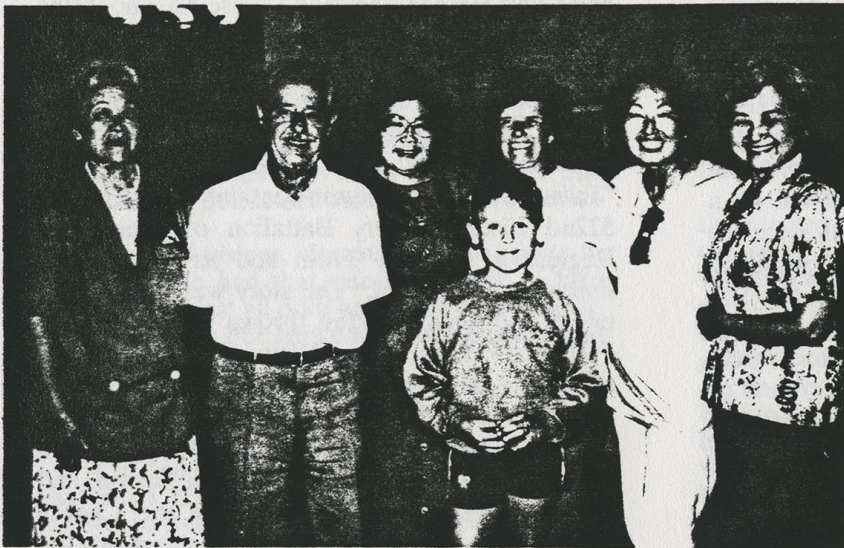
recruitment drive. Those assisting were Harold and Chiye Harada, Jack and Louise Nagano, Mike and Kay Shimizu, Hiro and Emi Takusagawa, and Jun and Bev Yamamoto. They stuffed some 1,500 envelopes. They should be commended for their efforts and support of the organization...The November 11, 1991 issue of the New Yorker in its "Talk of the Town" column contains a piece on the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and its role in the liberation of Dachau. The story was related at a bagels-and-sushi breakfast thrown recently by San Francisco Holocaust Oral History Project. Historian Eric Saul helped organize the event and is quoted in the article. Also mentioned are veterans Toll Okazaki who enlisted from Heart Mountain, Rudy Tokiwa, who volunteered from Poston, and George Oiye who helped organize the Charlie Battery reunion. Some forty survivors of the Holocaust were in attendance.



Nisei Liberators Reunited with Dachau Survivor
 Nisei members of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion spoke to a crowd of 400 at Los Angeles recently. Left, historian & GFBNVA member Eric Saul, George Oiye, Cal Matsumura & Dr. Sus Ito.



GFBNVA/442 Rudy Tokiwa, Dachau survivor Yanina Cywinska, Saul.
 Cywinska was blindfolded ready to be shot by Nazis when rescued by 522nd veterans.



AT KNOTTS BERRY FARM
Chiye Harada, Serge Carlesso, Kay Shimizu, Monique Carlesso, Beverly Yamamoto, Emi Takusagawa;
front Laurant



**MASAOKA MEMORIAL SERVICE,
LOS ANGELES**
Tad Masaoka, Etsu Masaoka,
Bill Hosokawa



MASAOKA MEMORIAL SERVICE
JACL President Cressey Nakagawa,
Jerry Enomoto, Congressman
Norman Mineta, Dr. Harold Harada

GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Seattle, Washington June 21-22, 1991

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., Friday, June 21, 1991, by President Bill Marutani.

In Memorium

A moment of silence was observed in memory of departed comrades Frank Kamino and Mas Fujita.

Announcements/Introductions

President Marutani announced that various papers at individual tables relate to topics to be covered and will be discussed by speakers to follow.

Introductions were made of Kaz Oshiki, Washington, D.C. representative; George Wakiji, Alexandria, VA; and Mas Ishida, Chicago, IL. Mas has brought seven patriotic music tapes which had been produced for the Chicago welcome for Desert Shield/Desert Storm veterans. The tapes were entrusted to Yaye Herman for custody and distribution. Executive VP Tosh Okamoto welcomed attendees to Seattle and introduced local members Jim "Turk" Suzuki and Peter Okada; his wife Toshiko; and Jim Kanaya of Gig Harbor, WA. George Abe was introduced as the recorder for the conference. Tosh then reviewed the agenda and outlined other events scheduled.

Mike Masaoka

Toro Hirose reported that he had been in contact with Etsu - she is exhausted - Mike's condition is not good - attempting to place him in a nursing home. Peter Okada talked to Etsu yesterday - Mike is scheduled to enter the nursing home on Monday - she sends Mike's and her good wishes for the Conference.

Letterhead Stationery

Chet Tanaka referred to black and white samples of the latest revision of letterhead. Final product will be in three colors; dark grey, blue, and red; on 20# rag bond; with matching envelope. Since this will be used for official correspondence, until the organization acquires a "Home Address", will use two addresses, Culver City (Harold Harada) and Media, PA (Bill Marutani).

Bill stated that clearance has been obtained from each Honorary Committee member. Copies have been sent to Senator Inouye and Congressman Mineta, each of whom has been presented a GFB pin. Bill suggests a plaque for each Honorary Committee member. Harold Harada stated that plaque would cost \$35 each, total cost for 14 would be \$560.

MOTION: Rudy Tokiwa made a motion that \$560 be authorized for the 14 plaques - this includes the two deceased, to be presented to the widows. Peter Okada seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of 14 - 15 December meeting (Los Angeles).

Bill referred to item "Monument Fund" specifying that none of the funds are to be spent for other purposes. Exception made in advance to Katriel Schory for production of the "Yankee Samurai" tape wherein it is now necessary to add a segment pertaining to the 522 Field Artillery role in the Dachau liberation.

Jun Yamamoto called attention to omissions in Stoufer report; (1) Mits Okamoto's donation of \$1000 is to go to the Foundation; (2) Denver meeting authorized \$600 for a promotional dinner for commanders in the Los Angeles area. Minutes need to show that the dinner was held and expenses noted in Treasurer's report. Harold Harada later reported that Jack Nagano's financial report does show expense of \$187 and return of \$413.

MOTION: Tom Masamori made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Yaye Herman seconded - motion carried.

TREASURERS' REPORTS:

Harold Harada reported donations received totaling \$3100 from the following: Wilson Makabe - \$500, Mits Okamoto - \$1000, Frank Tarino - \$100, George Hagiwara - \$1000, and Mrs Kamino - \$500.

Hitoshi Shimizu referred to the three financial statements submitted. One is the Foundation's statement, the others are the Association's - reason for two Association reports being that one closes the fiscal year, January 31, and the other, which includes Washington, D.C. income, is for the period 2/1/91 to 5/31/91. He acknowledged receipt of letter of thanks from MIS Vets for \$100 donated for their 50th Anniversary Reunion. To question as to "authority" for the expenditure, the reply was "Executive decision".

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers' Reports as submitted. The motion carried.

In discussions regarding "Foundation" funds and "Association" funds it was learned that IRS has approved the Foundation as "non-profit", the Association was not; donations to the Memorial (Foundation) are tax-deductible; membership dues go into the "Association" and are not deductible. Harold has been using the Association funds for operational expenses - it will be necessary to conduct fundraisers to replenish Association operating funds.

Nominations/Election of Officers:

Bill reminded that at the Chicago meeting, the then current officers' term were extended to serve until successor(s) were elected.

Tom Masamori distributed ballots/slate and noted that current officers are being extended for another term. The slate was reviewed, position by position; geographical areas corrected and/or added; and other nominations made. The slate included nonelective appointed positions for which they too were requested to serve again. Terms of office begins with election and ends with next election.

MOTION: Chet Tanaka made a motion that the ballot, with additions and corrections be approved in total. Motion was seconded and carried.

Listing of the Officers and their positions appears as Enclosure 1.

Suggestion was made that clarification of geographical boundaries is needed.

Membership

Rudy Tokiwa apologized for the delay in sending membership cards - he will get them out as soon as he returns home.

Membership drive in LA did not live up to expectations because of lack of brochures. We now have brochures - Orville Shirey designed and printed 15,000 - we have 6000 left. Life Memberships are growing, 20 in the last month. If more brochures are needed, call Rudy and he will send out. We need to express appreciation to Orville for his efforts.

Discussion was held as to "Annual Date" and/or "Anniversary Date" for period of the membership year.

MOTION: Harold Harada made a motion to change the membership year to fall due on the "Anniversary Date". Rudy seconded and the motion was passed.

Tosh Okamoto inquired as to continuing follow-up on expiration date of membership. VPs for recruiting need update on paid-up and additional members to preclude duplicate and/or repetitious contact. Key Kobayashi proposed sending names to newsletter editor to put in the paper. George Wakiji agreed to accept and publish - his address is: 5820 Iron Willow Court, Alexandria, Virginia.

Regarding Orville Shirey, Bill stated that he and Harold have each sent personal letters of appreciation, but we need to send a corporate letter of thanks. Bill requested that Rudy prepare something specific and appropriate.

Bruce Yamashita Case Update

Harold Fukunaga and Peter Okada supplied background re: Bruce Yamashita, a Sansei from Hawaii, who was a Marine OCS candidate, had been constantly subjected to harassment, many with racial overtones, and discharged two days before completing the OCS course. The case was brought to attention of our Association at the LA meeting. Bill had reviewed the facts available and then written a fine letter to the Navy Discharge Review Board. Latest information is that the Corps has reopened the case. Bruce, who has a law degree from Georgetown, is now in Hawaii. Senator Akaka is also interested in the case.

Bill reminded that with the 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor to be commemorated on December 7, many activities are being planned - many may adversely affect Japanese-Americans, and other Asians as well. We need to take the initiative and organize to counter-act any negative activities. JACL is also addressing the issue. Hawaii JACL has asked 442nd Club for support. Racism is world-wide; note Prime Minister of France and Her recent reference to "little yellow men". Time is short - we need to organize and have plans in place before December 7. Take positive action, show Katriel Schory's film, tell the story of JAs in Hawaii Territorial Guard, the 100th BN, 442 RCT, Military Intelligence, other branches of the service, publicize our DSC winners - contact every news media; news editors, TV, etc. Bill requested that Jack Nagano draft a good statement/resolution to send to the President and other officials. George Wakiji concurred, and is willing to help - suggests that we write a good story and send to media, all officials, national magazines, e.g., Parade. George is prepared to sell the story and asks for support from the group. People with public affairs and/or media experience are requested to share ideas/suggestions.

Monument Design Committee

Jim Suzuki reported that the Committee which started with 5, now has 11 members. Design competition was announced in December 1990 with deadline of July 1, 1991. We received 28 requests for specifications - have three designs in hand. There is need to establish a selection committee. LA people have been contacted re their monument ideas and experiences. They conducted a "blind competition", received 138 entries which were checked and culled, rejected some, and balance judged. Their prize was \$18,000 - ours \$5000. Since our desire is for the monument to encapsulate the spirit of "Go for Broke", and while acceptable to military, ascetic, and civic groups, we should reserve the right to approve based upon our philosophic beliefs. Due to sparse response, it was decided to extend the design competition to July 1992. Will need to publicize extensively.

Congressional Bill for Monument

Kaz Ishiki provided a very insightful dissertation on the mechanics of obtaining passage of a bill through Congress. On Wednesday, June 12, 1991, Resolution HJR 271 was introduced in the House - jointly by Representatives Mineta, Matsui, Mink, and several others. Additional supporters have since joined the group. Kaz cautioned that "introduction of a bill is the start, passage is a small step forward, the biggest comes after the bill is signed". He foresees no great difficulties since, among other considerations, we are not asking for expenditure of Federal funds.

Senator Inouye has introduced a companion bill SB 121 on the other side of Congress and plans to start pushing when the bill comes from the House.

We must start construction within 5 years after the bill is signed, or else the bill will expire. However, once the bill passes, we must work through a maze of governmental agencies, i.e., National Park Service, General Services Administration, Memorial Planning Commission, National Planning Commission, Fine Arts Commission, etc. In the meantime we must raise the funds to purchase and erect the monument - must have all money plus 10% in hand - 10% plus any surplus goes into the Federal Treasury, earmarked for the National Park Service to maintain the monument and grounds in perpetuity.

As to selection of monument design, Kaz suggests that we not look too far forward - don't select the "least bad" - there is still time.

After Kaz returns to Washington, D.C., he will confer with Norm Mineta on how to line up support from veterans groups and others, more support in the House, and from key people on the various Commissions.

As Key Kobayashi stated, we are fortunate to have Kaz working for us in Washington - he is a very capable standard bearer.

Camp Shelby Monument

Herb Sasaki reported when Camp Shelby was federalized last July for Desert Storm, the Post Engineers created a "Memory Lane" to contain memorials to units that have trained there during wartime. WWII units that already, or soon will, have memorials there are the 32nd Division of Ohio, the 65th Division (the 100th Bn was attached to them at one time), the 69th Division, plus two other divisions next year. Some members of the 442 RCT, 522 FA, and MIS visited Shelby last April, after the 36th Division Reunion in Texas; and were treated royally. The Post Commander, with approval of the Governor of Mississippi, desires a 442/100/MIS monument to be added. Herb has been a Committee-of-one developing this project. The 100/442 in LA have approved the project and are in contact with 100th and 442nd organizations in Hawaii. Herb hopes that \$20,000 be raised for the monument.

Although much of the discussion tended toward monument design, Bill Marutani cautioned that the important thing now is to approve the project and then proceed with the fund raising..

MOTION: Herb Sasaki made a motion that concept of a Memorial at Camp Shelby, in memory of the units that trained there, be reaffirmed. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As to a "name" of the donation-check recipient, whether from individuals directly or funneled through GFBNVA, it was deemed necessary to have an entity established at Camp Shelby. Bill charged Herb with establishment of such an entity, e.g., a trust fund, and then notifying GFBNVA by official letter from Camp Shelby authority that account "such-and-such" has been established for the acceptance of funds for the memorial.

Ways and Means

Jun Yamamoto reported on special projects undertaken to raise funds for the Association.

1. Embroidered emblems (iron-on) are on order. Will notify via bulletin when they are available - expect cost \$4 to \$5.
2. Official caps, with our emblem on it, for wear at parades, etc., will be ordered.
3. An official blazer is being considered.
4. In order that fund raising can be implemented immediately upon Congressional approval for our monument, a Ways and Means Committee has been selected. Yaye Herman volunteered to chair. List of names are on Enclosure 2.

Jun reminded that the Association will continue to be faced with funerals which will, customarily, require a "koden" or a floral display. We should have a guideline (SOP) as to an appropriate amount - note that floral wreaths cost \$150-\$175. Harold Harada said we have been sending \$50 "koden", but in return have received donations in amounts ten-times over.

MOTION: Harold Harada moved that in the event of death of a member of this Association, we shall give \$50 as a standard "koden".
Chet Tanaka moved to amend the motion by adding that on an exceptional occasion, at the discretion of the Treasurer, the amount may exceed \$50. Peter Okada seconded - motion as amended, carried.

Newsletter

George Wakiji expressed his desire to set up an advisory/support committee for the newsletter - several volunteers immediately responded. Need to decide how often to publish and what is appropriate content. News from all parts of the country will be necessary to produce a viable product - item is only as good as its input. Consensus was for issues on a quarterly basis, additional issues as required. Time-table and content determination was left to editor discretion.

MOTION: Harold Harada made a motion that \$100 be advanced to George Wakiji, as a start, to cover printing costs, postage, and incidental expenses of the Newsletter. Yaye Herman seconded.
Peter Okada moved to amend the amount to \$300. Joe Ichiuji seconded.
The motion, as amended, carried.

Next Meeting

MOTION: Harada made a motion that the next meeting be held in the month of October 1992. Peter Okada seconded - the motion carried.

Miscellaneous & Closing

Friday:

1. Prior to adjourning the daytime session, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Joe Tanaka, Chet's brother.
2. Bill had previously displayed a card, especially made by Jean Ishiki for Mike Masaoka, which had been circulated about the meeting room. Bill requested that everyone be sure to sign.
3. After adjournment, group pictures were taken to be sent to Mike.
4. Evening session consisted of a talk by Paul Suddes, Deputy Director of the Office of Redress Administration. Many veterans of WWII are not aware that they may be entitled to redress even though they may not have been personally evacuated. He urged all to apply.

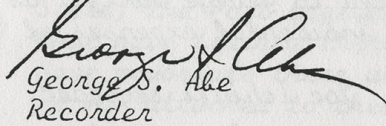
Saturday:

1. Bill advised that he would be in touch with various VPs regarding the 50th Anniversary issue.
2. Harold Harada reported four life memberships received at the meeting - and 442 Hawaii renewed their organizational membership.
3. Tosh Okamoto introduced Pat and Misako Hagiwara who attended today. He acknowledged with thanks M/M Lloyd Kurihara for gift of fruits, Uwajimaya for teacups, and Bacon Sakatani for preparing the name tags.
4. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Group departed for a tour and lunch at M/M Jim Suzuki's home - reassembled at Nisei Veterans Hall, Seattle, for dinner.

Resolutions:

1. Appreciative thanks to all the good people of the Seattle area in hosting a memorable meeting to and for Go For Broke National Veterans Association, including:
 - a) Members PETER OKADA, TOSH OKAMOTO and JIM SUZUKI - and the many ladies of the Seattle area - for organizing and putting on a fine meeting for all attendees;
 - b) YURI and JIM SUZUKI for graciously opening up their home for an afternoon of relaxation for the members;
 - c) NISEI VETERANS COMMITTEE, Seattle, Washington, for their hospitality and Pacific Northwest dinner so thoroughly enjoyed by attendees and their spouses; dinner hosted by local GFBNVA members;
2. A special thanks to ORVILLE C. SHIREY for a "job well done" in organizing - setting up, printing and distributing the membership brochure - including his patience in receiving suggestions from various members;
3. Also special thanks to GEORGE ABE for recording the minutes of the June 21 - 22 meeting of GFB/NVA in Seattle.

Respectfully submitted:


George S. Abe
Recorder

Enclosure 2

GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (June 21, 1991)

Yaye Herman	Chairperson
Peter Okada	
Slim Ye	
Art Morimitsu	
Tom Masamori	
Harold Yoshinaga	
Dick Oguro	
Katherine Nunotani	
Judy Nizawa	
Martie Kurihara	
Jun Yamamoto	

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Suggestions for newsletter title, masthead and layout will be greatly appreciated.

Enclosure 1

GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS - 1991/1992 (Elected: Seattle Meeting, June 21, 1991)

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Assistant Treasurer	Joe Ichiuji
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Southern	George Hagiwara
Northwest	Key Kobayashi
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Northern California/Nevada	Tooru Kanazawa
Southern California	Bill Koshiyama
Central Valley, California	Herb Sasaki
	Peter Okada
	Jim Suzuki
	Tom Masamori
	Rudy Tokiwa
	Wilson Makabe
	Jack Nagano
	Bacon Sakatani
	Lloyd Kurihara
	Shig Yokota

Appointed Officers:

Trustee:	3 years	Wallace Nunotani
	2 years	Paul Bannai
	1 year	Slim Yei
National Legal Counsel		Mark Kiguchi
Nat'l Consultant Education & History		Eric Saul
Computer Consultant		Bacon Sakatani
Official Photographers		Shigeo Yokote
		Tom Masamori

522nd Field Artillery Battalion Returns to Dachau

Reported by Brian Maeda

As many of you 522nd members know, the 522nd was one of the first groups to enter the Dachau death camp and liberate the unfortunate POWs. These members are now coming forward with their stories and startling photographs of this historic event.

To date, there has been two symposiums put on (in Los Angeles and San Francisco) with members of the 522nd and survivors of Dachau, who remember the nisei soldiers as being their liberators. These symposiums have been very powerful and emotionally packed. Needless to say, the AJAs & the Jewish people share a commonality when it comes to persecution.

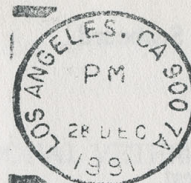
Eric Saul, who have put on these symposiums, along with the "unlikely liberators" committee are

now planning a trip to Dachau, Germany with the survivors of Dachau and any 522, 100/442 and/or any other individual who would be interested. After a day at Dachau, the tour will go to Israel where they will meet the President and Prime Minister of Israel. Yom Hashowa (Day of Liberation) will be observed as well as the unveiling of a monument by a French sculptor from Bruyeres. The 522nd FAB will then be recognized in "The Grove of Righteous Gentile" (Liberators of World War II).

Then a tour of such holy landmarks as Jerusalem shall commence. All of this is to take place around April 26, 1992 for 14 days. We are firming up the exact details now.

For more information, call George Oiye at (415) 941-4850 or write him at 53 Alma Court, Los Altos, CA 94022. This trip is open to all persons, veterans or civilians.

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