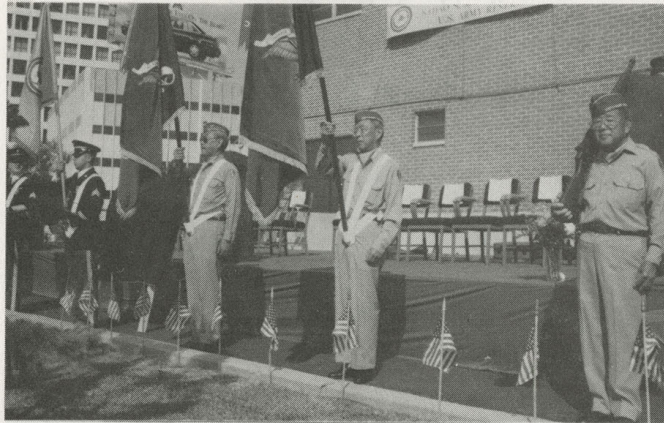
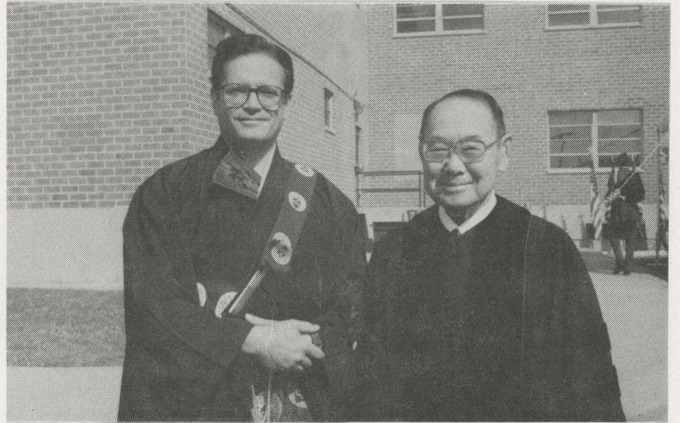


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Rev. Lee Rosenthal, Rev. George Aki



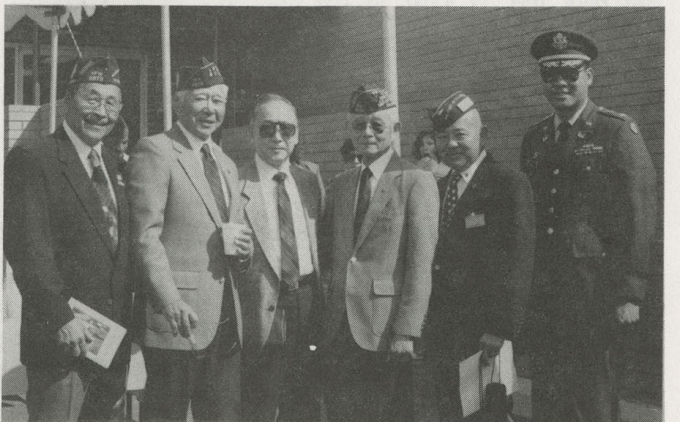
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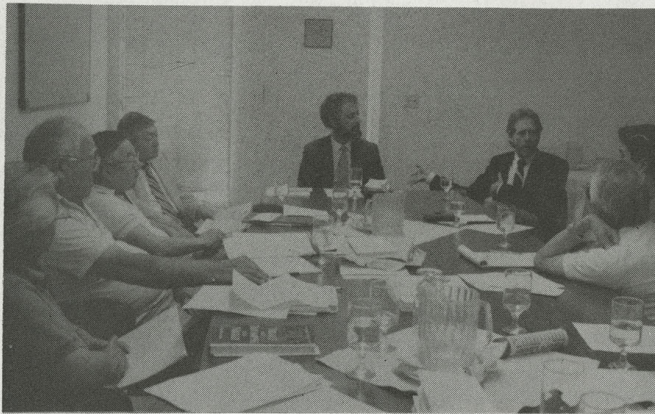
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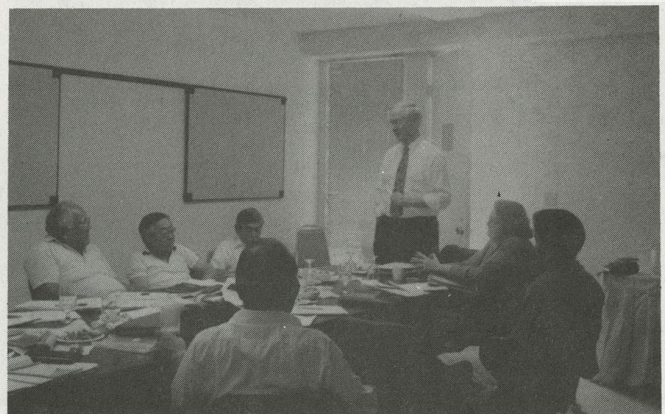
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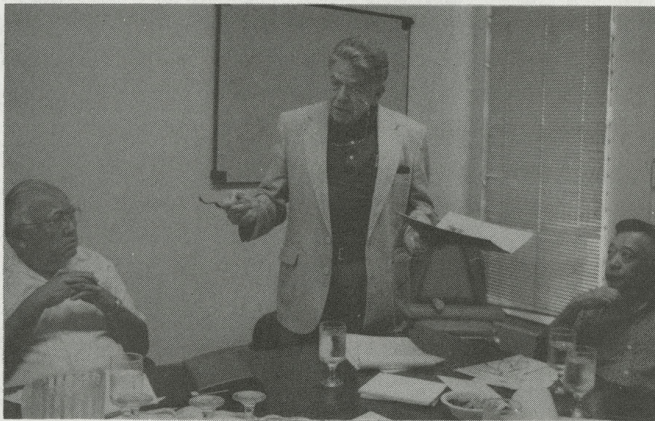
Oldtime vets



Presentation by Mark Randal & Co



Paul and Diane Netzel



Orville Shirey: They were both good



Fund Raising Committee



"Go For Broke" monument, Memory Lane, Camp Shelby, Mississippi



Right: Ted Yenari, Hiro Takusagawa, Betty Drake, Herb Sasaki, Ron Oba

MIS REUNION

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Dr. J. Alfred Burden was honored as the only "Hawaiian" in the first Presidio MISLS class, and first to lead a team to Guadalcanal where his insistence on the use of Nisei MIS soon convinced field commanders in the Southwest Pacific campaign as to the loyalty and value of Nisei linguists in the war against Japan.

Yoshikazu Yamada and George Sankey, both Hawaii born, were recognized for their role in translating the Japanese "Z-Plan," considered the most significant enemy document captured in the War. Yukitaka "Terry" Mizutani posthumously honored for his heroic service and sacrifice in the New Guinea campaign, while Kazuo E. Yamane was cited primarily for his discovery of the Japanese Imperial Ordnance Manual while serving at PACMIRS, Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

Hoichi Kubo, of Maui origin, was appreciatively recognized for his heroic rescue of 122 civilians held captive in a Saipan cave, earning the distinction of being the only Nisei MIS'er to win the Distinguished Service Cross in the Pacific War.

On Friday morning July 9th, 92 MIS hackers got up early for a 7:00AM tee off at the tough Navy-Marine Golf Course, the local 36-hole tourney being won by a notorious local "dorobo," 8-handicapper Nobu Uyehara.

Friday evening, the MIS multitude crammed into the Natsunoya Teahouse to enjoy the fabulous Alewa Heights view, Japanese "gochiso" & free booze.

Saturday morning, visiting MIS'ers were bussed up to the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery joined by local MIS'ers for a solemn and impressive memorial service, honoring the memory of all departed MIS veterans.

The memorial address was delivered by retired Lt. Gen. Thomas Rienzi who lauded the service and contributions of Nisei veterans during World War II and their successful demonstration of loyalty and Americanism.

The 50th Anniversary Reunion was climaxed Saturday night by the Reunion Sayonara Banquet attended by 592 faithfuls at the Pagoda ballroom. Following gubernatorial and mayoral greetings, the keynote speech was delivered by Shigeya Kihara of Monterey, California, veteran MISLS and DLI instructor and trainer of language intelligence, who covered the whole sweep of the MISLS history and the contributions of the 6,000 MISLS graduates in the war against Japan, and of the impacting influence of the Nisei veterans' service upon the postwar lives of all Japanese Americans.

Convention Chairman Hakobu Kumagai and his Reunion Committee deserve the well earned plaudits and thank you letters that have come pouring in, one of them calling it "an out-of-this-world" convention that "can't possibly be duplicated" again. In turn the Hawaii MIS'ers are pleased and satisfied that "everyone went home happy!"

MIS Reunion Book "Secret Valor" Available; Kaz Oshiki Mentioned On Unusual Experience

All attendees of the recent MIS reunion in Honolulu received a copy of "Secret Valor" put out by the sponsoring club. This is not the usual reunion booklet with greetings, ads and program events, but a very professional job covering the history of the MIS and its personnel from Hawaii.

Covered are the four pre-war intelligence "senpai" - Iwai, Wada, Komori and Sakakida; overview and history of the MISLS; individual wartime experiences of Burden and many others; deciphering the "Z" plan; campaigns in the various theatre of operations and translations of enemy documents.

An interesting experience is related by Bennett Ikeda about the "The 1st Radio Squadron Mobile." A group of MISer were flying on bombing missions over Formosa and Kyushu. A secret report stated: "...radio equipment was installed in plane...to intercept, translate (enemy fighter and anti-aircraft control stations)...performed during actual strike...was the first attempt...of airborne radio interception."

Ikeda goes on to report: "[Sgt.] Kazuo Oshiki and others were awarded the Bronze Star for their unique missions." [Ed. note: Confirmed with Kaz Oshiki, former GFB-NVA D.C. liaison, that it is him.]

By giving out a free copy of "Yankee Samurai" to President Clinton, they got him to come up with a "Greetings" - a very shrewd group. Wonder what JAVA will come up with at their MIS reunion in D.C.?

Chairman George Ishida and staff should be commended for this superior effort.

Now available to the general public.

Soft cover 8 1/2" x 11", 124 pages, many B&W photos, \$15.00 + \$3.00 shpg/hdl. Check payable to MIS Veterans, P.O. Box 3021, Honolulu, HI 96802.

JANM Planning All Wars Exhibit For 1995

GFB-NVA has received words from the Japanese American National Museum of Los Angeles, Calif., requesting participation in "an exhibit focusing solely on the Japanese American soldiers in times of war. This would include not only World War II, but also the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and possibly Desert Storm. We are hoping to install this in mid 1995 in the main gallery of our existing building."

They go on to say: "...the cooperative efforts of the Museum and Japanese American veterans organizations will lay the foundation by which we can begin to build a rich collection of information, artifacts, and relationships that will be the basis for both future exhibits and scholarly work on Japanese Americans in the military."

We'll keep you posted.

CAMP SHELBY

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To summarize, this event, which was organized not only to celebrate the 76th anniversary of Camp Shelby, but to dedicate the **ARMED FORCES MUSEUM**, was staged for all branches of our military services. For our Nikkei units who took all or part of their training at Camp Shelby to have been singled out for special recognition is indeed a very high honor.

Further, the work of Lt. Col. Sasaki of the Mississippi State Guard cannot be minimized. LTC Sasaki, who lives in Hattiesburg which is close to Camp Shelby, was the supply sergeant for Service Company of the 442nd RCT. It was he who first presented the idea for raising a monument on Memory Lane in Camp Shelby to join those of the other military units who trained there.

Through his persistent efforts, a committee was formed in Los Angeles consisting of representatives from the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT and the MIS headed by Henry Yoshitake, then-president of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association. In the meantime, when the Armed Forces Museum occupied a building in Camp Shelby, Sasaki arranged for a separate room to house the 60 photo "Go For Broke" exhibit furnished by the National Japanese American Historical Society.

When the building needed an air conditioning system to help preserve the artifacts, he advanced his own funds to pay for the installation. He also arranged through his daughter Beverly to install carpeting in the room.

He is to be very highly commended for his single-handed dedication and efforts to create this lasting tribute to the Nikkei soldiers in the United States Armed Forces in an area which is in vital need of being educated to the fact that Americans come in all colors and creeds and that we all contribute to make the United States of America the great country that it is.

Also to be commended is Dr. Ted Yenari of Metairie, Louisiana who has given much time and effort to help set up the exhibit and provide video equipment.

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Has many historic battle photos and maps. Also covered are the 100th/442nd RCT Memorial in Bruyeres, October 30, 1947; the "Twining Bruyeres - Honolulu," October 11, 1961; Company K visit to Bruyeres, October, 1971; Bruyeres visit to Honolulu, October, 1976; 40th Anniversary in Bruyeres, October, 1989; the Dachau Story; the Smithsonian U.S. Bicentennial, 1987; the Redress drive, 1988 and the dedication of the Peace and Freedom Trail, Bruyeres, July, 1989.

Many, many black and white photos, with color photos by GFB-NVA's Shigeo Yokote. Picked up my copy at a "one day special" at an autograph party by author Pierre Moulin for \$60 (sixty). A bit steep but has never-before-covered materials, and all 100/442 vets should get a copy.

Hard cover, 375 pages, weighs a ton.

Letter to Membership Chair

Letter received in response to reminder

My Dear Colonel; Re: Late Due

Man - I just fergot - sorry. At 75 years old - and hobbling on a cane from "heroism" with a bad heart, diabetic & TB (tired butt) it slipped my "hoke toru" haid, such as it is. You da good kine organization - keep em up. - Chicago is hot & humid liken to your California (Southern) ways so I can imagine you poor souls suffering - unless beer up and go to da Beaches and "nuli" (swim kine)

My hilarious excitingly fast lifestyle is get up at a leisurely 9 or 10 AM, wash off my two expensive denture plates, insert the hearing aids (also cost like hell) plug in my eye balls (the other kine, dangling is OK) wig up, orthopedic shoes, and check if I didn't wasureru nothing - da cane, lock the door, money - half a day shot in ass.

launch on my walk - some 7 blocks to the dirty beach, watch the wahine with hardly anything on (hooray fer the new fashion). some of dem actually go into water - and boy, Yoshiro, I use my strong bonocular like in Italy - to seek out the Krauts. Also sea gulls, birds, pigeons (gotta watch dem cuz some of dem have bomb sights) - good fresh lake breeze anyhow.

If that gets boring, I go to the Post 1183 and want my comrades play checkers & chess. And once a month, I - ?- watch our Jewel superman hit semi trailers unload their cargoes. Yippie.

Chicago member

News from Japan

GFB-NVA member, Shinichi Sudo, President of the 442 RCT Club in Japan, reports that a war museum is being established in Hokkaido. One of the major exhibits will honor the Nisei soldiers with reference to several of the major campaigns in Italy and France. As further details become available, Mr. Sudo will notify us.

News From Other Vet Groups

CHICAGO NISEI POST NO.1183

ED KELLEY DEAD AT 71. Past national president of the 34th Infantry Division Association succumbed to cancer and died on Sunday, July 25 at his home in Elmhurst, Ill. Post member for over 20 years, played a major role in redress campaign and was present at the initial redress meeting in early 1979 when Min Yasui came to Chicago to raise support.

Kelley also led the drive to have the National 34th Infantry Division Association support the redress campaign with a resolution that he and Warren Fencl, also a past national officer, presented to the Red Bull group. Kelley stopped a Lillian Baker-contingent from recruiting in the Chicago area ex-POW group when he spoke before them.

Funds are currently being raised in honor of Kelley.

FUND RAISING

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Rules of fund raising were given as: 80% of funds will come from 20% of donors; 20% will come from the rest of the 80% of donors. Without large donors, the fund drive cannot succeed, and it was noted that givers key off what their peers give.

To raise a sum of \$5,000,000, for instance, we must come up with 40 - 50 names for personal interviews, people who has influence, set examples and provide leadership in the campaign. From these interviews, and by how much these people might donate, estimates can be made of the total funds that can be raised.

After the feasibility study is concluded, must act on the fund drive within 90 days, as conditions might change with the major donors. Campaign is to run 10 - 12 months - urgency of the campaign to raise necessary funds and to finish on time must exist. Randall will train us on this.

Randall brought out that fund raising is based on personal relationship; getting non-JA participants can make this a better project; foundations and corporations usually account for only 10% of goal - individuals are the ones that give. On a \$3,000,000 total raised, Randall's fee should be around 4 - 6 % with the feasibility study running around \$25,000.

Jack Nagano talked about donations other than cash - insurance, Redress gifts, pledges, family gifts, in-memory-of gifts, corporation matching gifts, special contributions, real estate, trust funds and securities.

Kaz Oshiki reported that since he has moved to California, he recommended that the new D.C. liaison be Ron Yonemoto, a captain in the Naval Reserve. He is a federal employee, one block away from Davis Buckley, a Vietnam vet and a lawyer from Hawaii.

Yonemoto is working on the *Statement of Purpose*, preparing project questionnaires to mail out to the membership, and use the result for possible focus group discussions in D.C., Hawaii and San Francisco (not Los Angeles so it will not get confused with the monument controversy there). From these focal groups, it is hoped that a consensus can be developed on what should go into the monument.

Paul and Diane Netzel of Netzel Associates, Inc., appeared for their fund raising presentation. They stated that they will need a 90 days retainer to meet with the core group of our organization to find out (a) who we are, (b) our goal and (c) make plans. They think a feasibility study is not necessary at this time, but would want to know who the key supporters and donors are.

Fixed fee on 2-3 million dollar budget will be 6% plus expenses to counsel on the fund drive. For \$17,500, they will give us a "Planning Project Overview," or "game plan," to point us in the right direction.

At the Saturday morning meeting, Orville Shirey gave his critique on the prior day's presentations. He went over the points presented and concluded that both firms

were capable of meeting our needs. He believed that a brochure should give more than a historical background—it needs an intriguing cover to make one open it, and must be first-class. We should go ahead and get organized, select a fund raising counsel and deal with the issues of a brochure.

A sub-committee was formed consisting of Harada, Shirey, Oshiki, Shimizu, Okada/Okamoto to interview fundraisers and have recommendations by the October annual meeting.

Peter Okada reported on his visit to Japan - please see separate Japan report. Meeting was then adjourned.

Local Assemblyman Introduces Resolution to Name Highway After Nisei Military Units

Condensed from article in *Rafu Shimpo, Los Angeles, August 25, 1993.*

SACRAMENTO—Assemblymember Tom Umberg (D-Santa Ana) is pushing legislation to commemorate the efforts of the most highly decorated U.S. Army units of World War II: the all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service.

Umberg, a veteran and major in the U.S. Army Reserve, has introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 62, which would designate a portion of State Highway 99 between Salida and Manteca to honor these Americans.

[Ed. note: About 10 miles northwest of Modesto, 65 miles east of Oakland in Central California.]

In addition, ACR 62 directs CalTrans to erect signs and historical markers, purchased with non-state funds, along the route.

"It's important that all Californians recognize the significant sacrifice and patriotism exhibited by these American soldiers, which happened to be of Japanese ancestry," said Umberg. "They gave everything they had to prove they were loyal to their country: the United States. Many gave their lives. Certainly, they are American heroes.

On June 12, 1942, the U.S. Army formed the first Nisei unit, the 100th Infantry Battalion. Later, due to their service, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service were created.

The 442nd RCT, whose motto was "Go For Broke," suffered a 314 percent casualty rate. They earned more decorations for battlefield bravery than any other unit of their size in the history of the U.S. Army.

"These units fought and triumphed against bigotry and suspicion to earn a place of honor in American history," said Assemblyman Umberg.

[Ed. note: A similar bill was introduced last May to name a section of Highway 99 as the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Highway." I am not aware of the outcome of that bill.]

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The list included:

- Philippine Defense Medal—for participation in any engagement against the enemy on Philippine territorial lands, waters and air during the period from Dec. 8, 1941 to June 15, 1942.

- Resistance Movement Medal—for military service in the Philippine Resistance Movement at any time during the period from June 16, 1942 to Oct. 16, 1944.

- Philippine Liberation Medal—for at least 30 days of service in the liberation of the Philippines from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sep. 3, 1945. (A) For participation in the initial landing operations in Leyte or adjoining islands from Oct 17-20, 1944. (B) For service in the Philippine Islands for no less than 30 days during the period from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sept. 3, 1945.

- Philippine Independence Medal and Ribbon—for military personnel of the U.S. Army and U.S. Armed Forces Far East who are recipients of the Philippine Defense Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

- Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge—for participating in the Philippine Defense Campaign from Dec. 8, 1941 to June 16, 1942, or the Philippine Resistance Movement, or the Philippine Liberation Movement from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sept. 3, 1945 (in the war against the Japanese Empire from Sept. 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942, inclusive and during the Philippine Campaign for Liberation from 1944 to 1945).

- World War II Victory Medal—for service any time between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946.

- American Defense Medal—for active service in the U.S. Armed Forces Far East between Sept. 8 and Dec. 7, 1941.

- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal—for continuous services of at least 30 days, or broken service of 60 days in the Asiatic-Pacific theater from Dec. 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946.

President Ishio urged that all veterans eligible for the mentioned awards should notify JAVA immediately, no later than Sept. 10, so that these names can be included in the convention booklets. Information should include a brief summary of their service in any of the above campaigns, battles, and engagements, providing name, dates and units to which they were assigned.

These names will then be forwarded to the Office of Veterans Affairs, Philippine Embassy for approval and preparation of appropriate medals, ribbons and citations.

The Embassy is also looking into the background of Richard Sakakida, the U.S. government undercover agent that was sent to the Philippines when war with Japan became imminent. Efforts are being made to have Sakakida present at the banquet, as Sakakida, a Lt. Colonel Air Force MIS retiree, will be attending its reunion at about the same time as JAVA's reunion.

JAVA is a member of the Department of Defense World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Com-

mittee and will be putting on a MIS exhibit at the Pentagon.

Ishio disclosed the following speakers for the reunion:

- Keynote speaker, banquet, Sen. Daniel Inouye
- Congressional luncheon, Rep. Norman Mineta
- Memorial Service, Arlington Cemetery, Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama

List of invited guests include President and Mrs. Clinton, the newly-nominated Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Army Chief of Staff.

The reunion is being held on October 21-23, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 920-3230, ask for "MIS Reunion" for special room rates, or write to JAVA, PO Box 391, Vienna, VA 22183-0391, or call Sunao Ishio at (301) 460-0401.

[Editor apologizes for lateness of this edition due to last minute arrangements to annual meeting.]

ANNUAL MEETING

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Room cost will be \$70.80 total per night, single or double, with no meals included. Reservations will be taken on a first-come basis. Must specify as single, couple or two persons of same gender. Couples will be assigned room with king-size bed; others will be assigned room with two single beds.

This rate is for "mainland" persons as those from Hawaii in "L" Company have been given other "inducements" to make this trip.

If more than the ten rooms allotted are signed up, committee will secure rooms at next-door Rio Hotel and Casino and the price differential will be worked out. These persons will be notified in case they would rather make their own arrangements elsewhere.

Gold Coast Hotel is located on the other side of the freeway from the "strip" on Flamingo Road. Reservations with names and amount of \$141.60 made out to "GFB-NVA" should be sent right away to: Bacon Sakatani, 210 N. Shadydale Ave, W. Covina, CA 91790, (818) 338-8310. Please include phone number in case rooms at Gold Coast are not available.

Gold Coast does have a free shuttle to the "strip." Should plan on continuation of meeting through Friday morning.

VFW Post 9938 of L.A. Awarded First Place for Americanism

From the Rafu Shimpo, August 24, 1993

Los Angeles Memorial Post 9938 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was awarded first place for Americanism at the 73rd annual Department of California Convention held in Ontario, California, June 20-25.

At the Post 9938 meeting on Aug. 10, 5th District Commander Ernest C. McGaw presented the award to Comrade Tosh Nakayama, Post 9938 Americanism chairman. The post was also awarded sixth place for

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Americanism at the national convention.

Americanism awards are based on such programs as legislation, buddy poppy sales, flag presentations, parades, preservation of monuments, veterans and memorial day services, school programs and Voice of Democracy contests.

Dr. Harold Harada New Commander of VFW 9938

From Rafu Shimpō, August 18, 1993

After two terms as commander of the Nisei Memorial Post 9938, Los Angeles, Dave Monji relinquished the post to Harold Harada.

Commander Harada was a member of the 442nd RCT during World War II. He recently retired from his dental practice and is now very active in community services.

Harada was the past president of the California Dental Association and currently is the president of the Venice Culver JACL. He is also on the advisory board of the College of Letters and Science at UCLA, a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

One of the major projects for the year 1993-4 will be the celebration of the 45th anniversary of this post.

[Harada is the National Treasurer of GFB-NVA.]

A Tribute To The Nisei

Address given by Turner Kobayashi, Memorial Day, 1993, at the Arlington National Cemetery

Since 1948, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has honored American armed service personnel of Japanese ancestry in an annual Memorial Day service event at the Arlington National Cemetery. This event is organized by the Washington D.C. Chapter of the JACL.

For nearly thirty years, my father, Key K. Kobayashi, was involved with this special event. For the past two decades, he has chaired this event for the JACL. On November 15, 1992, he died of a sudden heart attack in his home. As he wished, my father was inurned at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium in late November.

My name is Turner Masaru Kobayashi, the second son and fifth of seven children. I am a proud Sansei. I feel this way because I am part of the two greatest countries and civilizations in the world. Although I have never directly experienced the many challenges that the Nisei faced, I have strived to gain an appreciation for their accomplishments. I have felt prejudice but not like that of internment and post World War II America. Oddly, I have been the benefit of a reverse type of discrimination. I have certainly experienced some of the typical anti-Asian sentiment, but for the most part it has been the complete opposite.

As an east coast Sansei, there were a fewer number of us. Many teachers and employers made the assumption that because I was of Japanese ancestry that I was a hard

working, intelligent, trustworthy, and dedicated citizen who often puts the greater good of many before personal objectives.

This perception was by no accident. It was earned by the Nisei. I have met many Nisei who have personally sacrificed and possess all the aforementioned attributes. You have opened opportunities and allowed me to benefit in many ways. I am very grateful for this in a day that I clearly see other minorities still struggling to overcome the many obstacles of prejudice. American society has come a long way in civil rights and we must continue to strive for improvement. Now, it is time to carry on the tradition and ensure that the next generation of Japanese American citizens continues to enjoy the same.

It is somewhat ironic, I was born on the Fourth of July and I speak very little Japanese. Although my physical appearance is 100% Japanese, I could not be more American. I love baseball, apple pie, and I stand proudly for the National Anthem. But, I also am a strong believer in "kaizen" (continual improvement), a very Japanese concept. We must leave this society a better place for those behind. My father's life fulfilled this aim.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It is an annual reminder of those who gave the ultimate for liberty and freedom. It is a renewal and rededication to the basic rights and privileges of being an American citizen. There is not a day that passes that I do not think of my father. I miss him dearly. I love him more than words can express. I know that it is not very Japanese like to express your feelings so openly, but I am an American. As I stated at the service this year, I am honored and pleased to accept the responsibility of the annual Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Day event for the JACL not because I know that it would have made my father happy and proud, but because it is, simply, the right thing to do.

I am very fortunate to have met Mike Masaoka. He was a great man and a friend of my father. In my home, I have a copy of the Japanese American creed that the author gave to my father hanging proudly. To me, it is as beautiful as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. I cherish it more for what it meant and means to the Nisei, and now the Sansei, with each passing day. More importantly, this feeling that has been conveyed and internalized must be furthered to my children and one day to their children.

In closing, to paraphrase the Japanese American creed, this effort is "in hope to become a better American in a great America." This is dedicated to all those no longer with us and those who survive that continually strive for the realization of this aim.

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