



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru December 31, 2018

Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II

National Museum of American History
Washington DC

Now thru January 8, 2018

Only the Oaks Remain: The Story of Tuna Canyon Detention Station

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5, 1 p.m.

Veterans Ceremony
Officiated by Rev Kodachi
Rose City Cemetery
Followed by Ceremony at
Willamette National Cemetery

November 11

Veterans Day

November 23

Thanksgiving Day

December 2, 5 p.m.

Nikkei Community Holiday Party
OBT Basement

December 13-21st

Kakehashi Trip to Japan

Jan 2, 2018

Kakehashi Applications due for
March Trip

January 28, 2018

Mochitsuki Festival
Portland State University

GRATITUDE FOR THE VETERANS

by Lynn Fuchigami, Portland JACL Board Member

November represents the season of gratitude and Thanksgiving and we also celebrate Veterans Day to honor and remember those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and service to our country. I want to dedicate this article to the Japanese American Nisei women and men that served in the armed forces during WWII as well as share how their story will be represented at the new National Museum of the United States Army that is scheduled to open in 2019 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

33,000 Nisei were members of the Armed Forces in WWII, including the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (442 RCT) and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) who were posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Barrack Obama in 2011, the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress. Their record stands alone in the annals of history. They amassed over 18,000 individual decorations: 21 Medals of Honor, 9,486 Purple hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars, 52 distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 22 Legion of Merit Medals, and an unprecedented 7 Presidential unit citations. To this day, they are the most decorated military unit in U.S. history for its size and duration of service.

What makes their story more remarkable is how they fought for the freedom of others while their own rights

and those of their families and friends were being denied. They served their country while it held their families and friends captive. Their unparalleled example of fortitude and valor, along with their dedication to the pursuit of liberty and justice for all and their unwavering loyalty, shaped lives, defined futures, restored dignity and paved the way for future generations of Japanese Americans to be able to realize their dreams. Courage, respect, humility, perseverance, compassion and citizenship---these were the character values that they exemplified as they honored us with their heroic acts, selfless service and sacrifice for which we owe them a debt of gratitude. As General Eric K. Shinseki stated at the 2012 Congressional Gold Medal Gala Dinner, "We must educate future generations about the magnificence of what was done by stalwart men of average stature to bequeath to us an eternal gift through their sacrifice---our unquestioned loyalty as American citizens."

Now their story will be highlighted at the new 185,000 square foot National Army Museum that will bring to life over 240 years of U.S. Army history and how it has shaped a nation and changed the world. The 100th, 442nd and MIS Nisei soldiers will be showcased in the Soldier Stories Gallery that will feature steel pylons in formation with soldier's images and information about their

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service, as well as the Army and Society Gallery's Reflecting and Changing Timeline that shows the societal changes and issues that the Army has responded to as it relates to segregated units, gender equality and other issues mirroring our country's history. Dedicated space for the Nisei soldiers on this timeline will include text panels, video, photos and objects. In addition, a 600 square-foot space will be provided for the Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal Exhibit that will display the original Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal, rare artifacts and present the experience of the soldiers in the 100th, 442 and MIS. The fourth area to feature the Nisei soldiers will be in the Medal of Honor Memorial Garden where the names of the 21 Japanese American Medal of Honor recipients will be engraved on the Wall of Honor.

The National Veterans network (NVN) has been working in collaboration with the national museum to develop these exhibits, providing historical expertise, research, and developing content as well as working with organizations throughout the country to help identify Nisei soldier stories and artifacts for the exhibits. Closer to home, we should be very proud of how our local organizations are supporting these efforts. The Portland JACL and the Ancestral Society of Portland have both stepped up to generously contribute with sponsorships for the Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal Exhibit and Oregon Nikkei Endowment has been working with the NVN to develop the exhibits to share local veterans' stories and artifacts at this museum that will welcome an estimated 1 million visitors every year. Please remember on this Veterans Day, to pause and give thanks to all those that have answered the call and served or are serving our country. We are home of the free because of the brave.



Aerial view of the construction of the Army Museum at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. To become an exhibit sponsor, email Christine Sato-Yamazaki at donate@nationalveteransnetwork.com. To support the project with a donation, please send a check payable to "National Veterans Network/Tides Center" at P.O. Box 1221, Torrance, CA 90505, or to donate online, visit our website at www.nationalveteransnetwork.com. The National Veterans Network's fiscal sponsor is the Tides Center, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

NIKKEI COMMUNITY WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 2, 2017

At the Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement

Starting at 5pm

Please join us for the 5th annual Nikkei BCC/HKS+* Party
This will be a semi-potluck dinner where the main course
and rice will be provided and
you bring the side dish of your choice.

There will be activities for kids and a visit from Santa.

Start the holidays with food and fun!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Connie at
cmasuoka@comcast.net or 503 243-3291

*Bodhi Day, Christmas, C/Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Solistice

Now Accepting Applications for the JACL Kakehashi Program 2017-2018!



Apply now for the 2017-2018 JACL Kakehashi Program! Up to 200 participants will be selected to participate in this year's JACL Kakehashi Program. The goal of the ACL Kakehashi Program is to build relations between Japan and Japanese Americans/Asian Americans.

Participants selected in a competitive process will travel to Japan for 9-days where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities, and participate in a homestay with a local family.

Go To WWW.JACL.ORG for more information and links to apply.

Trip Schedule

Trip Date	Application Deadline	Copy of Passport Deadline	Notification of Selection
Trip 2: March 12-20, 2018	January 2, 2018	No later than January 25, 2018	February 2018

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Unite People's Holiday Wreath Sale

Get ready for the Holidays and reduce your stress by pre-ordering winter greenery to decorate your home or office.

Let us help you decorate your home or business by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths and holiday decorations. This year the proceeds will benefit Epworth Church who has been very supportive of Unite People by providing them a meeting space and Unite People's summer project.

Your Name

Phone number

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$26.00	
20 inch		\$32.00	
Door Swag		\$15.00	
Candy Cane Style		\$20.00	
15 foot Garland		\$20.00	
Red Bow		\$ 5.00	
Mizuhiki		\$ 5.00	

Total

Deadline to order is November 10, 2017

Pick-up date:
Sunday, December 3, 2017
from 11-2pm
at Epworth United Methodist

Mail this form to:
Unite People
6305 E Burnside
Portland, OR 97215

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE



March 28
**MINORU
YASUI DAY**



ESSAY CONTEST

Explain the lessons learned from the life story and legacy of Minoru Yasui and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. How do those lessons inform your position on current U.S. policies on immigration and national security?

ATTENTION

**All Oregon middle-school
& high-school students:**

***Learn & Write about
Oregon's own civil rights leader,
Minoru Yasui***

**Win cash prizes & a trip to Portland
on Minoru Yasui Day, March 28, 2018**





Essay Length: 500-1000 words

Submissions accepted: January 1 - March 1, 2018

Prizes: winners - \$250 (high school), \$150 (middle school)

runners-up - \$150 (high school), \$50 (middle-school)

Ask your local PUBLIC LIBRARY to apply
for free resource materials to help you to
prepare your essay:

-  The new documentary film *Never Give Up!
Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice*
-  Court documents on Min Yasui's legal case;
-  Unpublished writings by Min Yasui & others
-  Bibliography, filmography & useful
internet websites



For complete contest rules see: www.minoruyasutribute.org/essaycontest

For more information: cynthia@oregonnikkei.org

To apply for resource materials: miniyasutribute@gmail.com



PORTLAND JACL AWARDS THREE YUMIBE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Portland JACL Board is very pleased to announce that three of the Chapter's youth members have been selected to receive Collegiate Yumibe Scholarships.



Madeline Masog is a graduate of Scappoose High School in 2015 and a past winner of the Yoshiko Kennedy Scholarship. She has also been selected by National JACL to receive the Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship. She is attending Pacific University and studying Exercise Science with an interest in Neurosurgical Medicine and she is a member of the Varsity Women's Rowing Team.



Weston Koyama is a graduate of Portland State University and attended Sarah Lawrence College and Bennington College. He is attending the University of Oregon School of Law, and is the winner of the inaugural Minoru Masui Fellowship. Weston has been also been selected by National JACL to receive the Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship.



Joy Yuzuriha is a graduate of Mountain View High School in 2016 and a past winner of the Kiyoko Yumibe Scholarship. She has also been selected by National JACL to receive the Shigeru Nakahira Memorial Scholarship. Joy attends Stanford University, majoring in computer science and music, and she regularly performs Traditional Japanese Dance and plays tenor saxophone with the Minidoka Swing Band.

Kiyoko Yumibe Scholarship's. Portland JACL is honored to administer Kiyoko's generous trust to support community youth. Kiyo was a hard working Nisei all her life and was incarcerated at Tule Lake, Jerome and Heart Mountain during World War II. Her wish for the youth was to live by her example of being kind, living their lives with integrity, remaining youthful and passionate for their dreams and always being optimistic for the future. The Yumibe Trust allows Portland JACL to select promising and talented youth members and financially support their studies.



Portland JACL 90th Birthday Bash



Aerie at Eagle Landing
10220 SE Causey Ave., Happy Valley
Saturday, February 17, 11:30 a.m.

We are very excited to celebrate the 90th year of the founding of our organization. We will learn about our history as well as enjoy the energetic music of the Minidoka Swing Band. Limited seating, \$50 per person. RSVP Setsy Larouche at 503-698-4656 or larouche@msn.com

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Portland Taiko, Takohachi, En Taiko, and Unit Souzou joined forces on September 30th at P.C.C. Sylvania to give the community a great show! Shown here is their impressive finale!

Photo by Chip Larouche



Left: Rich Iwasaki and Marsha Naito pose with Sam looking on at a recent gathering at the Naito household. Top: National JACL Board looks on as Treasurer Alan Nishi briefs them on the financials at a meeting in San Francisco on Oct 21st. Photos by Chip Larouche



O.N.E. Award Banquet took place Oct 4th. Left: Jean Matsumoto, Judy Murase and Setsy Larouche enjoy the festivities. Right: Jeff Selby is always a great Emcee, keeping the many events on time!

Photos by Curtis Suyematsu of Reflections Photography



Left: At the VIP table were Kimberly McCullough Karen and Consul General Uchiyama, Carol Suzuki, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and John Kodachi. Right Lynn Fuchigami poses with Keiko and George Nakata



BOARD MEMBER VOTING BALLOT

Here is the slate for new Board Members for the 2018-2020 term. The following have been submitted for consideration by the Portland JACL Nominating Committee:

- ☐ Marleen Ikeda Wallingford – President
- ☐ Susan Leedham – Vice President
- ☐ Jean Yamamoto/Heidi Tolentino – Co-Secretaries
- ☐ Chip Larouche – Treasurer
- ☐ Setsy Larouche – Membership
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Board members at large:

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| <input type="radio"/> Ryan Nakano | <input type="radio"/> Verne Naito |
| <input type="radio"/> Christopher Lee | <input type="radio"/> Sachi Kanako |
| <input type="radio"/> Lynn Fuchigami | <input type="radio"/> Connie Masuoka |

Please vote for the slate as presented, or write-in suggested officers and Board Members. Please send your completed ballot choices to jac1@pdxjac1.org or to PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286 -- no later than 12/30/2017.

Thank You!



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IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR NOVEMBER **1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775**

Thu. 2 - Pork-Ginger/
Fried Tofu-nimono

Fri. 3- Miso-Ramen

Mon. 6 - Crispy Beef
Bibimbap

Tue. 7 - Ed's Salmon

Thu. 9 - Shrimp in
Tomato sauce/Chicken-
Potato side dish

Fri. 10 - **Veteran's Day** -
Tara-nabe/Kuri-Gohan

Mon 13 - Tonkatsu

Tue. 14 - Sweet & Sour

Chicken

Thu. 16 - Nira-Nabe

Fri. 17 - Beef Curry/
Kabocha-Satsumaimo

Mon 20. - Bill's Halibut
Fish & Chips

Tue. 21- Roast Pork
Yakisoba

Thu. 23 - **Thanksgiving** -
Closed

Fri. 24 - Closed

Mon. 27 - Birthday Sushi

Tue. 28 -Peanut Chicken/

Pad Thai

Thu. 30 - Saba Shioyaki/
Meatball-Okura Soup

- **Nov 10**, Kathryn Work
on Piano

- **Nov 21, 10:30:**
Sage Circle - Study
Group of Herbal Uses

- **Nov 16, 11:30** Sing
Along with Jerry &
Friends!

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or
soup and dessert
- Closed Wednesdays
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**
Hanafuda and bridge
- **Mon-Tue-Fri, 11:30:**
Chair Exercises
- **Nov 7 & 14, 11:15:**
Blood pressure
- **Thursdays 11:30:**
Qi Gong w/Kathleen
- **Nov 14** Fujinkai Board
- **Nov 20**, Ohana Lunch
Bunch

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