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Board Member MESSAGE

Nisei Soldier Celebration Event

Ft. Belvoir, Virginia
August 26th – 29th 2021

By: Setsy Sadamoto Larouche

The National Veterans Network (NVN) did an outstanding job to unveil the Nisei Soldier Experience exhibit at the National Museum of the U.S. Army located at Ft. Belvoir, VA. The unveiling had been delayed over a year due to the COVID pandemic. The Museum finally reopened to the public on June 14, 2021, marking the Army's 246th Birthday. It should be noted that the Commonwealth of Virginia also contributed \$5 million dollars to enhance the Museum.

The two Japanese American WWII Nisei veterans honored guests were: Colonel (retired) Charles Moriyama, 96, of Honolulu and Ralph Matsumoto, 100 years old, of Paramount (near LA), CA. They both traveled across the United States to visit the Museum and the historic exhibit which will end in January 2025. Although they have never met, they shared service to the United States as linguists in the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during WWII. It was my privilege to honor my Uncle Joe Shiraishi of Portland, Oregon who also was an MIS soldier during WWII.

Over 150 people registered for the long weekend events. The schedule began on Thursday, Aug 26th, for the first film showing of In the Company of Heroes, presented by David Ono, Emmy...

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 11
Indigenous People's Day

October 15
Nominations due for
Portland JACL Officers and board

October 20
Public comment due for
Lava Ridge Wind Project

November Elections of
New Portland JACL officers and board

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...award-winning filmmaker and KABC News Anchor in Los Angeles. The film was shown again on Friday evening due to the space constraints. After the viewing the film, we were divided into groups to view the 26 wartime objects of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) were on display, as well as the actual Congressional Gold Medal (on loan from the Smithsonian) that was presented to the World War II Nisei Soldiers on November 2nd, 2011. The Congressional Gold Medal was approved by Congress in 2010 and over 1,000 people attended the celebration banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. in November 2011. A large Iwasaki family from Portland/Hillsboro was there to view the exhibit, including the Army jacket which was worn by Art Iwasaki. Mr. Iwasaki was very active in the Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc. as the former Commander, here in Portland and he was instrumental in establishing the Nikkei veteran brick wall at the Beaverton City Park.

The Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism Tours were also available with docents for both mornings of Aug 28th and Aug 29th. This Memorial is located in Washington, DC right near the Capitol Building.

The Celebration Dinner for the special museum exhibit was held on Saturday, August 28th, in the huge lobby of the Museum. All of the events were held in the evening after the Museum was closed to the public. The Master of Ceremonies was David Ono, KABC News Anchor from LA. Welcoming remarks were given by Tammy Call, Director of the Museum, followed by remarks by Christine Sato-Yamazaki, Executive Director of National Veterans Network. The White House sent Erika Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison who delivered remarks to the crowd prior to General Shinseki (retired), the 34th Army Chief of Staff taking the stage to introduce the Keynote Speaker, General

Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, United States Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Services. For security reasons, we were asked to not take photos during the banquet.

After the banquet, guests were invited to tour the Museum at their own pace. We only had time to tour the main floor exhibits which had the Army's history in chronological order, from the Revolutionary War to the present. Since we were on active duty during the Cold War, we toured that section first. It was walking down memory lane. I was also stationed at Ft. Belvoir in the early 1980's so it was very nostalgic to visit this new Museum. The Museum is now again open to the public and it's FREE, but you need to make reservations to visit due to COVID 19 restrictions for crowd control. I would highly suggest that you visit the National Museum of the US Army during the three-year duration of this special Nisei exhibit. Best time to visit the Washington, DC area is in the Spring or Fall. Their Winters are very cold/snowy and their summers are very hot/humid. Ft. Belvoir is located only 30 minutes from the National Mall and Arlington National Cemetery and less than 10 minutes from Mt. Vernon, former home of George Washington.



Front: (L to R) Helen Moriyama, Col (Ret) Charles Moriyama (WWII Veteran), Ralph Matsumoto (WWII Veteran), Amy Matsumoto

Back (L to R). Christine Sato-Yamazaki, Executive Director, NVN; Tammy Call, Director, National Museum U.S. Army; Sarah Nakasone, Mrs. Susan Nakasone, Gen. Paul Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Services; Congressman Mark Takano; Rina Iwata; Erika Moritsugu, White House Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison; Mrs. Patty Shinseki, Gen. Eric Shinseki (Ret).

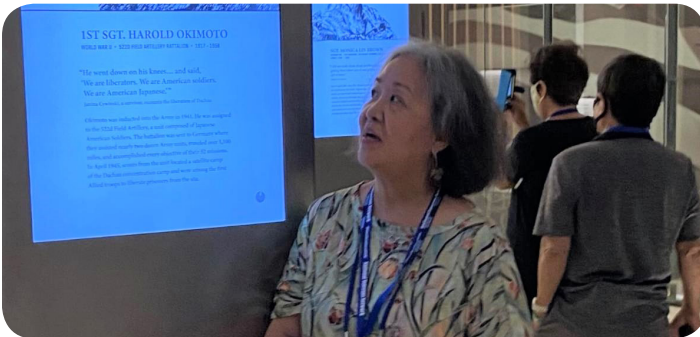
Photo Corner



Connie Masuoka and Marleen Wallingford manned the JACL booth at the Ridgefield Festival on September 4, 2021.



Portland JACL supports Portland Taiko at the outdoor performance at Oaks Park.



Cheryl Okimoto Russell also from Portland, Oregon was present at the Museum where her father was featured in an exhibit.



General Shinseki and Chip & Setsy Larouche.



David Ono was the M/C for all the events from Aug 26th thru Aug 29th.



The large Iwasaki family representation.

❖ National Scholarship Winners ❖



Lauralei Singsank

Lajuralei has been chosen a recipient of the JACL Law Scholarship.

She is originally from Maui, Hawai'i and moved out to Oregon in 2016 for college. She majored in music and political science at the University of Oregon's Honors College, and graduated in June 2020. After graduating, Lauralei moved to Portland and served in AmeriCorps as a college counselor for low-income, high-achieving students. She also moonlit as a fact checker and LSAT tutor. Now, Lauralei is excited to begin her first term as a law student at the University of Virginia, where she's been selected as a Karsh-Dillard Scholar. When she's not in the classroom, Lauralei loves playing pickleball and practicing the flute. (Photo of Lauralei is on the bottom)



Sayuri Payne

Congratulations on receiving the Hanayagi Rokumie Memorial Cultural Scholarship from the National JACL.

This award was established in 2006 in memory of Hanayagi Rokumie, a noted teacher of Japanese dance. The award is made to a student who excels in any Japanese Cultural Activity (such as: nihon buyo (Japanese Classical Dance), Japanese Classical Instruments (shamisen, koto, shakuhachi, taiko), ikebana (flower arrangement), Chado (tea ceremony), or Japanese Martial Arts (aikido, karate, judo kendo, etc.) Sayuri has practiced the martial art of Kendo. She was also a recipient of Portland JACL's Mable Shoji Boggs Scholarship.

❖ NOW is the time to act! ❖



ACT NOW!

Minidoka NHS and
Southern Idaho Need You!

Minidoka National Historic Site's historic, natural and cultural resources are being threatened. Magic Valley Energy wants to install the "Lava Ridge Wind Project," a 400-unit wind turbine field on 73,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. If built, it will be one of the largest in the U.S. Some of the turbines will be installed on the historic footprint and almost all

are completely visible from the WWII Japanese American incarceration site in Southern Idaho. The wind turbine project endangers the Minidoka NHS site, stakeholder organizations and our communities! Silence is consent. ACT NOW!

Read the project plan and other BLM documents here: eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013782/540

The deadline to submit a public comment is October 20th.

How to Submit a Public Comment

Online at the BLM site: go.usa.gov/xFKxg. Click on the "Participate Now" button to the far right of the document link. Enter your comment and information, then click "Submit".

Email:

BLM_ID_LavaRidge@blm.gov

Mail:

Kasey Prestwich, Project Manager,
BLM Shoshone Field Office
400 West F Street
Shoshone, ID 83352
(Must be postmarked by October 20th)
Phone: 208-732-7204

❖ From Nominations Committee ❖

"Final Call" for the Portland JACL Board and Officers nominations. Nominees should send a photo and brief bio (50 -75) words Jeff Matsumoto (jeff@pdxjacl.org) by October 15 to accompany the election ballot.

Thank you,

The Nominations Committee

Jeff Matsumoto
Jillian Toda-Currie
Wynn Kiyama



**RACIAL IDENTITY, RESILIENCE
AND PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL
MOVEMENTS**

**JOIN OUR MULTIRACIAL MOMENT AND FILL
OUT A SHORT SURVEY ABOUT YOUR
EXPERIENCES**

- Help us examine the dynamic process of navigating multiracial identities within the context of national BLM and AAPI social movements

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- Complete this Anonymous Survey in ~20 minutes and be entered into a raffle for a chance to win 1 of 8 \$25 gift cards to a store of your choice!
 - Must be 18 years or older to participate
 - Questions? Contact the Principal Investigator, bergerl@up.edu
 - Survey link in description below

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Iko no Kai - OCTOBER 2021

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 Mar Far Chicken
4 Chicken Katsu w/ Curry Fried Rice	5 Salmon w/ Mushroom Sauce	6 X	7 Happosai Pork & Vegetable Stir Fry	8 Gapao Rice Thai Pork & Vegetables over Rice
11 Chow Mein/ Ankake Yakisoba	12 Shrimp w/ Singapore Noodles	13 X	14 Butter Chicken Curry	15 Saba Grilled Mackerel
18 Panko Fried Salmon	19 Pork Meatballs w/ Sweet & Sour Sauce	20 X	21 Mapo Tofu Pork	22 Ginger Pork
25 Sukiyaki Beef w/ Vegetables	26 Oyakodon Chicken and Egg Donburi	27 X	28 Birthday Sushi	29 Pad Thai

Cooks: Naomi Molstrom-M Kyoko Adcock-Tu Rieko Shimada-Th/F

New Lunch Prices: \$8 for seniors 65+ / \$9 for under 65 / \$ 5 kids

Reservations preferred / Walk-ins welcome! / Indoor Dining Limited to 30 guests

* For reservations please call and leave a message or email:

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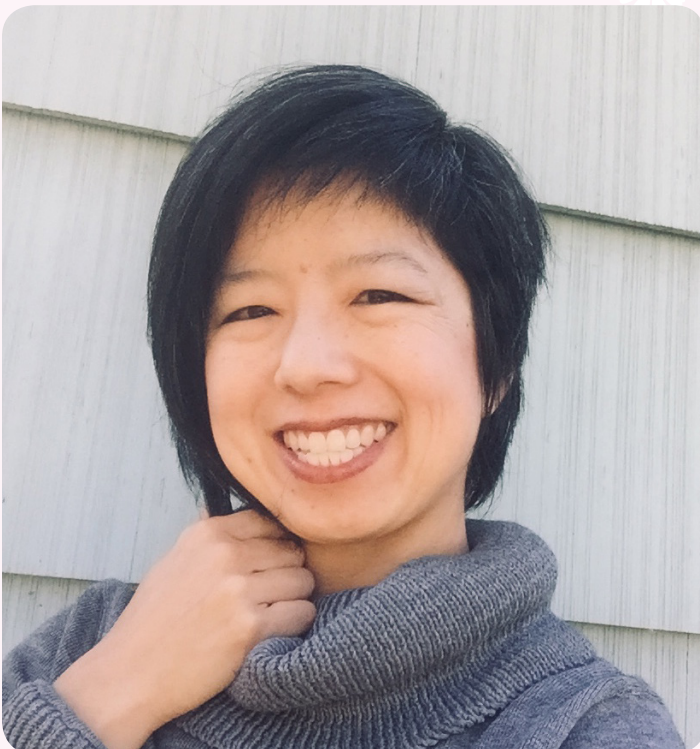
**** vaccination card and signed COVID waiver will be required in order to dine indoors**



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❖ Changes at Ikoi No Kai ❖



Jeannine Shinoda is the new site manager at Ikoi no Kai. She is a mixed race Sansei born and raised in Dallas, Texas. She is an artist, architect, and chef with a deep love of creating community in and around food. She is excited to support and grow the Ikoi no Kai community one delicious meal at a time.

Ikoi no Kai is now looking for new volunteers, collaborators and an assistant site manager.

If you are interested in working with this amazing community lunch program, please contact Jeannine at ikoinokai7@gmail.com