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Board Member MESSAGE

Veterans Day is Extra-Special for the Japanese American Community

by Setsy Sadamoto Larouche

As November arrives, many people start thinking of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday with Christmas season soon to arrive after that. This year I think it's important to not skip over an equally important holiday, namely **Veterans Day**.

Veterans Day used to be called Armistice Day, to celebrate the end of World War I, also nicknamed the war to end all wars. Having clearly not lived up to its nickname, with the advent of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was officially changed to Veterans Day in 1954.

Our community is blessed to have been represented by some very heroic military people in those two subsequent wars. The Nisei Veterans of World War II were honored by being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010. Amongst the many decorations these soldiers received, noteworthy were the 21 **Medals of Honor** and the 9486 **Purple Hearts**, the most of any unit of its size in WWII. Interestingly, their Congressional Gold Medal presentation was preceded by the Native American Code Talkers in 2008 and the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII in 2009. Also honored with the Congressional Gold Medal after

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 6

Daylight Savings Time ends

November 8

Election Day

(Oregon ballots must be postmarked by this date)

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 20

Transgender Day of Resilience

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

November 25

International day of protest against consumerism

December 3

Portland JACL Holiday Party

Oregon Buddhist Temple | 5 pm

Congratulations to Jenny Ogawa, who was recently appointed by Governor Brown to the State Workers Comp Board. Jenny previously was an administrative law judge.

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the Nisei Veterans were the Fallen Heroes of September 2001 and the Montford Point Marines awarded in 2011, The First Special Service Force of World War II in 2013, the American Fighter Aces, the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders and the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol, the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section of the Allied Armies, and the 65th Infantry Regiment, all in 2014. Congress finally caught up to awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of WWII in 2016 and the Chinese-American Veterans of WWII in 2018. Certainly, the Nisei Veterans are amongst some very notable awardees.

In June 2021, the Nisei Veterans of World War II were honored again with the issuance of the Go For Broke stamp by the US Postal Service. This was a long-fought project by the late **Aiko Ogata King** and the late **Fusa Takahashi** who worked 15 years to make this happen along with **Wayne Osako** whose help was essential to make the Go For Broke stamp a reality. The commemorative event in Portland was held at the Oregon Historical

Most recently, the Oregon Nisei Veterans of WWII were honored with having Highway 35, that connects Mount Hood to Government Camp, named in their honor. The ceremony to commemorate that event was held in Hood River/Odell on August 13, 2022, with the 426 known soldiers who participated in that War memorialized on a placard that will be displayed on the highway along with a special tribute to the 17 Nisei soldiers who lost their life during World War II.

Every year on Memorial Day, the community gathers at the Japanese Cemetery located inside the Rose City Cemetery to honor all the community veterans who paid the ultimate price not only during World War II but also those in the Korean War and Vietnam as well.

So hopefully on Veterans Day, you'll take a moment to remember the heroic effort of our Nisei Veterans and perhaps you'll join the community next year at Japanese Cemetery when we observe Memorial Day for all the deceased veterans.



Thank you
VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



❖ Resilience — A Sansei Sense of Legacy ❖

Special exhibit at the Japanese American Museum of Oregon

October 2nd – December 22nd, 2022



Resilience — A Sansei Sense of Legacy is an exhibition of eight artists whose work reflects on the effect of Executive Order 9066 as it resonated from generation to generation. While several of the artists in *Resilience* employ traditional Japanese methods in the construction of their work — Lydia Nakashima Degarrod's use of boro stitching on her works on paper and Na Omi Judy Shintani's use of kintsugi on the ceramic vessels which accompany her deconstructed kimonos — others use iconography relating to Japanese culture as a jumping-off point for personal explorations on the subject of the incarceration camps — Reiko Fujii's photographs-as-kimono and Tom Nakashima's mixed media collage on Byōbu folding screen. Each in their own way, the artists in this exhibition express moments of deeply-felt pain and reluctant acceptance—

emotions which were often withheld by their elders.

Exhibition artists are Kristine Aono, Reiko Fujii, Wendy Maruyama, Lydia Nakashima Degarrod, Tom Nakashima, Roger Shimomura, Na Omi Judy Shintani, and Jerry Takigawa. The exhibition was co-curated by artist Jerry Takigawa and Gail Enns.

This exhibition is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Photo Corner



The C.A.C.A and Portland JACL learned about ballot measures from Chris Colby of the League Of Women Voters. **Election Day is November 8th.**



Nancy Stout and Janet Kakishta are the volunteer organizers of the monthly bento for homebound seniors. This is a program that Ikoi No Kai provides for the community.

Portland JACL Youth Group work on helping the upcoming election in November at their first meeting on September 24, 2022.



Jeff Matsumoto, President of PDX JACL, Dr. Connie Masuoka and Lauren Yanase, PNW JACL NY/SC Representative attend the first get together of Unite People (Youth Group) at Epworth Methodist Church on September 24, 2022.



Unite People's Holiday Wreath Sale

Beat the Pandemic Blues by pre-ordering winter greenery to
decorate your home and virtual spaces.

Let us help you decorate by ordering from our lovely selection of
wreaths and holiday decorations made by Iwasaki Bros. Nursery.
The proceeds help Unite People fund projects for the community,

Your Name

Phone number

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$26.00	
20 inch		\$32.00	
24 inch		\$38.00	
Door Swag		\$15.00	
Candy Cane Style		\$20.00	
15 foot Garland		\$20.00	
Poinsettas 6inch pots		\$10.00	

Total

Deadline to order is November 17, 2022

Pick-up date:
Sunday, December 4, 2022
from 11-2pm
at Epworth United Methodist

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

or
Order on line at
pdxjacl.org

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We are just concluding our second year of printing only a limited number of paper newsletters and using email to send the majority of our newsletters. Paper and printing costs have increased and currently each paper newsletter costs us \$4.35 a month.

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Iko no Kai - NOVEMBER 2022

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
	1 Grilled Shiokoji Chicken <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	3 Seafood Curry <i>10:30am Move On Class 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda</i>	4 Tori Soboro Ground Chicken Rice Bowl
7 Tonjiru Udon Pork Noodle Soup <i>Knife Sharpening 11:15am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong</i>	8 Miso Ginger Pork & Eggplant <i>11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	10 Seafood Pasta <i>11am Blood Pressure 11:15am Aikido Stress 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda</i>	11 Grilled Salmon <i>Bingo</i>
14 Sweet & Sour Pork <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	15 Oyakodon Chicken & Egg Rice Bowl <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	17 Birthday Sushi <i>10:30am Move On Class 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda</i>	18 Meatloaf <i>Ohana Lunch</i>
21 Chicken Katsu Curry <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	22 Chicken Pad Thai <i>11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED
28 Vegetarian Oden <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	29 Pork Wonton Soup <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>			

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

New Lunch Prices: \$8 for seniors 65+ / \$10 for adults under 65 / \$ 5 kids

Reservations preferred / Indoor Dining Limited

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

(ph) 503-238-0775 (email) ikoinokai7@gmail.com

Seating at 11:30 am with lunch served promptly at noon

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



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NIKKEI WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY AND JACL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, December 3, 2022
at Oregon Buddhist Temple
Starting at 5 pm**

**Create a new holiday tradition and please join us for the 7th* annual Nikkei Community Winter Party where we will joyfully welcome the holiday season. This will be a semi-potluck dinner where the main course (Poached Miso chicken, and Vegetarian/Vegan Chili) will be provided. Bring a side dish of your choice (optional – we would rather have you and your family there)
There will be activities for kids, raffle for the adults, and a visit from Santa and a short general meeting of Portland JACL.
Start the holidays with food and fun.**

For more information or to RSVP contact Connie at connie@pdxjacl.org or call/text 503-318-5839.

***Post (fingers crossed) COVID**