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Scholarship Recipients Announced

The University of Hawaii Foundation has announced the recipients of the MIS Veterans Club and Makiki Japanese Language School scholarships for 2014–2015: **Blaine Ishizu**, a graduate of Moanalua High School who is studying at the UH Manoa; **Hyesun Kong**, a student from Korea who is a junior in Japanese studies at UH Hilo; **Anela Lani Nishimoto**, a Waiakea High School alumna who is a senior in communications at the university's Hilo campus; **Ashley Chanel N. Tomori**, a UH Hilo student who graduated from Waiakea High School; **Brianne Kimie Tottori**, an alumna of Mililani High School who is studying at the Manoa campus and pursuing a degree in Japanese; **Jamie A. Yaguwa**, a Hilo High School alumna now attending the Hilo campus; and **Alyssa Matsue Kawailani Yomes-Takushi**, a Kapolei High School graduate who is a sophomore at Leeward Community College, studying health information technology.

Anela Nishimoto wrote to the MIS Veterans Club, from Tokyo Gakugei University, to express her gratitude for the scholarship, stating, "I'm now currently studying abroad in Tokyo, Japan, and I cannot express in words how much this scholarship has impacted my studies and life here. I'm so blessed to have received such an award that has helped me to live out my dreams here!"

Hyesun Kong, meanwhile, said, "Your gift has meant more than just financial assistance; it gives me a more positive attitude to achieve my academic goals. Your generosity in supporting students in my area of studies is greatly appreciated. My future goal is to become an educator who can teach second language and culture including multi-culturalism with the aloha spirit that I received from you and the UHH staff and students."

Corrections

We made some errors and omissions in our last edition.

Senate Ceremony: NORMAN HASHISAKA is pictured in the Senate ceremony photo, not Kiyoshi Sasaki. Norman served in the Philippines and occupation and we send our regrets to him for the error.

MIS Group Photo: HIROYUKI ITO was incorrectly identified as Hiroyuki Kaito. Our apologies to him.

Mahalo Nui Loa: The JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII was among the supporters of the MIS National Reunion. Mahalo to everyone at the center for their kokua.

President's Message

First, I'd like to thank again all members—both veterans and associates—of our MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii for your continued membership and loyal support of our strategic plan activities and programs to preserve the legacy of all MIS soldiers who served during and after World War II. Although we honor the memory of those veterans who have died this year, we can preserve their legacies by ensuring that their surviving spouses and adult children become associate members.

Second, we soon will receive from the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC) a letter from President Wes Deguchi inviting us to participate again in an "opportunity drawing," sponsored by the Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC), for a
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**NO BE
ONE BAKA!**
Save These Dates

Joint Memorial Service
September 27, Punchbowl, 9 a.m.

Bonenkai — see page 3
October 25, Natsunoya Tea House, 11 a.m.

Christmas Party
December 6, Oahu Veterans Center

GANBATTE KUDASAI!



Major Veterans Projects in the Works

There has been a flurry of activity in recent months to preserve the history of Japanese Americans during World War II, particularly the military service of the Nisei. Here is a recap of some of the announced projects.

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center



Locally, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is continuing its efforts to preserve the history of the World War II veterans from

Hawaii. The center has sponsored a traveling photo exhibit throughout the state, is developing an expanded website <nvlc.org>, will again organize the Joint Memorial Service in September, and is planning other projects to draw attention to the contributions of the Hawaii military units during the war and beyond.

Honouliuli Internment Camp



Mansanto Hawaii press release photo

President Barack Obama signed a proclamation in February declaring Honouliuli a national monument. Carole Hayashino, president and executive director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, and Jane Kurahara, a longtime volunteer for the organization, were

present for the signing ceremony at the White House.

"Today, I think about all the people who made this day possible. Starting with the Campbell Estate vice president who spent a full day with us on the search to locate the site of the Honouliuli Internment Camp, to the high school students who wrote letters, to President Obama," said Ms. Kurahara.

"Jane Kurahara and I have the honor of representing the memories of Honouliuli internees, all Hawaii's internees, their families, and the thousands who have supported the effort to preserve Honouliuli," said Ms. Hayashino.

Opened on March 1, 1943, Honouliuli was the longest operating and largest World War II internment and POW camp in Hawaii. Built on 160 acres in west Oahu, the camp was hidden from view in a deep gulch that the internees called *jigoku dani*, or "hell valley."

The camp held citizens, resident aliens, and POWs, including Japanese Americans but also Japanese, German, and Italian permanent residents who were living in Hawaii. Honouliuli was also the largest POW camp in the islands, holding nearly 4,000

individuals. All told, during the war more than 2,300 Japanese American men and women from Hawaii were incarcerated, including community leaders, teachers, journalists, religious leaders, local politicians, and World War I veterans.

Last year, the National Park Service held a series of community meetings throughout Hawaii to present the initial findings of a federally funded study of the site, and invited attendees to offer comments and ask questions.

More information is available at the JCCH website <jcch.com>.

Go for Broke National Education Center



Photo by Roslyn Hirata

The Go For Broke National Education Center is in the early stages of planning an interpretive exhibit about the Japanese American experience during World War II. The exhibit will be geared toward a modern audience, to include contemporary issues that affect Americans' lives today, according to the center.

The exhibit will open in spring 2016. The group visited a number of cities, including Honolulu, to solicit input for exhibit ideas and themes.

The exhibit will be housed in the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, which is owned by, and next to, the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles' historic Little Tokyo. The GFBNEC will lease the space from the museum.

Details on the project are available at <goforbroke.org>.

Congressional Gold Medal Digital Exhibition

The National Veterans Network (NVN), in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Center, National Museum of American History, and National Parks Service, is producing a digital exhibition on the military service of Nisei during World War II, including those who served in combat, in supporting roles, and as part of the occupation. The exhibition is based on the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service.

Last summer, the Parks Service agreed to fund the Smithsonian's exhibit. The Smithsonian then engaged the NVN to con-

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**MIS Veterans
Club of Hawaii**

Bonenkai 2015

Sunday, October 25, 2015

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Natsunoya Tea House

1935 Makanani Drive (Alewa Heights)

Valet parking from 10:30 a.m.

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ceive and implement the project. The NVN has held meetings with interested parties to discuss themes.

The NVN and Smithsonian organized the Congressional Gold Medal tour that came to the Bishop Museum in 2013.

"We are honored to be partnering with the Smithsonian Institution ... on the Congressional Gold Medal digital exhibition project," said Christine Sato-Yamazaki, NVN executive director. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ensure that the Japanese American World War II experience, including the forced removal of families from Hawaii and the mainland, the heroism of our veterans, and the postwar civic engagement, will always be included as an integral part of U.S. history at our nation's premier history museum."

The NVN is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating the nation on the Japanese American World War II experience. More information is available at <www.nationalveteransnetwork.com>. The organization is also seeking donations for the project.

National Museum of the U.S. Army

The Japanese American Veterans Association is cooperating with the Center for Military History and Army Historical Foundation on exhibits that will relate the history of the Nisei experience during World War II.

The exhibits will be displayed at the National Museum of the



Architectural rendering of the National Museum of the United States Army, courtesy of Skidmore, Oring & Merrill LLP.

United States Army that opened this summer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, about 20 miles south of Washington, D.C. It will be the preeminent museum for the Army.

JAVA has been asked for help in finding artifacts, such as clothing, insignia, subsistence items, equipment, documents (other than photographs, posters, and motion pictures), artwork, and any other item that can be associated with a military unit or a member of the unit.

Donations are preferred because there are strict rules regarding loans of artifacts.

Questions may be directed to JAVA President Gerald Yamada, gyamada@goingforwardstrategies or (703) 938-3074. Details are available at <javadc.org>.



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President's Message

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2015 Honda to be awarded at the center's gala dinner in Los Angeles on September 19. Half the funds donated to NVLC for this drawing will be kept in Hawaii to support programs and activities.

Third, the NVLC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, dedicated to preserving, perpetuating, and sharing the legacy of



Participants included George Arine, who organized the annual event, Andy Sato, Mark Matsunaga, and Karen Kikukawa. Scouts included Scout Leader Bob Calderwood, Noah Calderwood, Elijah Calderwood, Abigail Calderwood, Mike Assman, and Thomas Assman.

Club Honors the Fallen

MIS Veterans Club members and Boy Scouts from Pack 197 placed flowers on the graves of MIS veterans at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on the weekend before Memorial Day.

all Nisei soldiers of World War II, including those who served in the MIS. The NVLC is committed to ensuring that their sacrifices and service are never forgotten and that future generations learn the story of their military accomplishments and contributions to the evolution of Hawaii after the war. Because NVLC is open to anyone who supports its mission, I encourage MIS Veterans Club members, their families, and friends to become NVLC members. I joined earlier this year and was elected to serve as a director.

Fourth, the NVLC will again be the sponsoring organization for the 10th Annual Joint Memorial Service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Sunday, September 27, at 9:00 a.m. The MIS Veterans Club will present a wreath jointly with the MIS Veterans of Hawaii Post 110, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Please come with your families and friends to honor all Japanese American soldiers who died during World War II in Europe and the Pacific.

Finally, our annual Bonenkai will be held on Sunday, October 25. It will be another opportunity for us to enjoy the fellowship of members and family, great food, and entertainment. I look forward to seeing you there.

Aloha,
 Lawrence Enomoto

Hawaii Bids Aloha to Consul General Shigeeda

Consul General of Japan Toyoei Shigeeda departed Hawaii to return to Japan and await his next assignment to Lithuania. Members of the MIS Veterans Club joined the community in bidding aloha to him and Mrs. Shigeeda at a luncheon sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. The consul general has been a popular guest at the club's annual Shinnenkai and also attended the National Reunion in March.

The new Consul General of Japan is Yasushi Misawa.



Pictured with Consul General and Mrs. Shigeeda are, from left: Frances Aoyama, widow of Tsugio Aoyama, Herbert Yanamura, Lawrence Enomoto, Mark Matsunaga, and Kenzo Kanemoto.