

*Liberty
Lost...*



*Lessons in
Loyalty*

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"The Statue of Liberty Means Home: The Henry Y. Arao Story"

Getting ready for a full-dress parade is not the most exciting part of military service, but this parade was going to be special. All personnel of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team were to assemble. The war against Nazi Germany was finally over in May of 1945, and this special moment was a time of reflection for Staff Sergeant Henry Y. Arao.



For now, Arao had to ready himself for the ceremonial parade that acknowledged his heroic actions. For a spontaneous act of bravery on April 5, 1945, Arao was awarded the U. S. Army's *Distinguished Service Cross*. "It was quite an honor standing there in front of the men," reflected Arao, with tears swelling in his eyes.

The Japanese attack on Sunday, December 7, 1941 changed many lives. Arao, 21, volunteered on December 11, 1941 at the local draft board in Santa Cruz, California.

Sixteen weeks of basic training were completed at Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles. Arao did so well he was to join an anti-tank unit as part of the cadre (instructional team). Instead, he was separated and segregated. He ended up doing "KP" (kitchen police) work.

The 700 *Nisei* soldiers at Camp Roberts were ordered to board a special train, whose destination was Camp

Robinson, Arkansas. Arao's group ended up at Fort Riley, Kansas. The *Nisei* soldiers were reduced to performing subservient roles for white officers, or digging ditches and latrines.

"They didn't trust us," Arao stated with disgust.

When the call went out for the formation of an all-*Nisei* unit, the 442nd RCT, Arao volunteered. After successfully completing basic training again, he was one of 2,000 replacements, ready to join the fighting as part of the 100th Battalion's Company A in the European theater of operations.

From Fort Dix, New Jersey in June of 1944, the group sailed across the Atlantic to Algiers. Eventually they were ordered to liberate the town of Bruyeres, France.

The fighting in the Vosges Forest was so severe, Arao observed stating, "We were being slaughtered." They had been ordered by Major General John E. Dalhquist to rescue his Texas "Lost Battalion." The 1st Battalion of the 141 Regiment of the 36th Division had been cut off for seven days by the Germans. Arao told his buddies, "I guess we're not going home (alive)." The rescue of the Texans cost the 100th/442nd RCT 184 killed and over 600 wounded. Arao was one of the few who could still muster for formation.

Later, during an exceptionally dark night Arao's squad was ordered to locate the enemy position. The squad came face-to-face with a German Panzer tank. The tank opened fire, but it was firing wildly. Arao told his men to hit the dirt and to crawl back to their lines. Arao called for an artillery strike after giving the 522nd Field Artillery the proper coordinates.

While in France, Arao was wounded in the neck and was taken to the field hospital. The doctor sewed up the wound without giving Arao a shot for the pain. The bleeding stopped so Arao was sent back into combat. He had been gone for about an hour. Yes, he earned the *Purple Heart*. The shrapnel is permanently lodged in his neck, his own twisted "Medal of Honor".

Arao's most frightening moment came when a German mortar shell landed five feet from him, and it didn't explode! "I guess it wasn't my time to go," recalls a fatalistic Arao.

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Then, the 100th/442nd RCT was returned to Italy. For over five months our army divisions could not break through the Gothic Line. In the Apennine Mountains, the German SS troops were dug in with rock and concrete bunkers. The U. S. Navy bombarded the area and the U. S. Army Air Corps' P-51 pounded the area. The Germans, undaunted, held the high ground.

When the offensive order came, the officers of the 100th/442nd RCT decided that I, L, and M Companies of the 3rd Battalion would climb up quietly the ridge of Mount Folgorita in total darkness! A Nisei soldier fell to this death off the steep cliff without uttering a sound. That brave soldier didn't want to give away the element of surprise. Watsonville's volunteer from Poston Camp II, **Pfc Shig T. Kizuka** of "Love" Company, was among the very first up that mountain. They had caught the Germans completely by surprise and took possession of the mountain! This battle took less than 33 minutes!

Meanwhile, men of the 100th Battalion on April 5, 1945, whose objective was to secure neighboring Mount Cerreta, were pinned down by deadly machine fire. Someone tipped a land mine, and during the scramble several more land mines were set off, causing heavy casualties and bringing down hand grenades and machine gun fire on A Company. The pincer drive had faltered. When the squad leader was badly wounded by a grenade burst, Pfc Arao tended to the wound and re-organized the small squad. Most of them were youngsters. At 25 he was the "old man" of the squad. He took charge.

"I told the men to say low. They really weren't combat ready. I crawled around to the left. (I) got behind the Germans." Arao took out the pin of his hand grenade, released the handle, counted off two seconds, and then threw the grenade into the bunker. With his "Tommy" (Thompson submachine gun), he finished off the first machine gun nest of six Germans. Realizing that there was another machine gun nest raining fire down on his men, he quickly moved into position without any regard for his own safety and eliminated that machine gun nest using only his "Tommy." Arao had crawled up and through a heavily land mined field! His heroic actions had spearheaded the attack, and the 100th Battalion had broken through.

In 33 minutes of actual combat the Nisei soldiers were able to break through the Gothic Line that had held out for nearly half a year.

Germany surrendered a month later on May 7, 1945.

Returning home via New York harbor, Arao remembered, "I saw the Statue of Liberty when I left and I saw the Statue of Liberty on my return. Tears came to my eyes when I saw her. I was lucky enough to come home alive."

Arao was asked if it was worth the effort. "Yeah, it was worth it. We did what we had to do. We had to prove that we belonged in this country. There's nothing as good as the United States."



HENRY Y. ARAO, SON OF LIBERTY

Henry Y. Arao passed away on November 20, 2007.



The Statue of Liberty was a goodwill gift from the people of France to the people of the United States. It was presented in 1886. The real name is "Liberty Enlightening The World," but we all call it the "Statue of Liberty".

Emma Lazarus wrote:

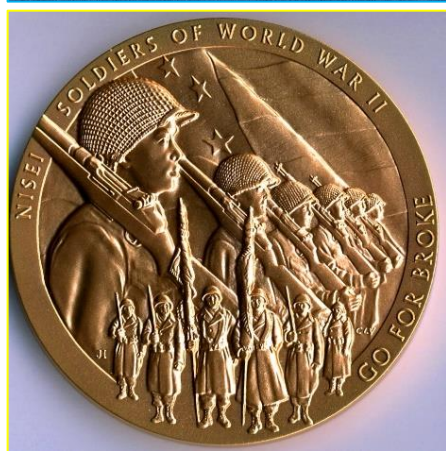
"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shores,
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

This Statue has, among others, welcomed our *Issei* immigrant parents, visitors, and returning Americans.

Henry Y. Arao was a true Son of Liberty. On August 12, 2007, we of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, were honored to present Henry as one of our nominees to "Salute and Honor the Veterans of WW II" aboard the *USS Hornet*, an aircraft carrier docked in Alameda.

An American soldier returning home via the New York harbor, Henry remembered, "I saw the Statue of Liberty when I left, and I saw her on my return. Tears came to my eyes when I saw her. I was lucky to come home alive."

For the 811 Nisei soldiers killed in action, their names are permanently inscribed on the *Honor Roll* of our National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D. C.



Sgt Henry Y. Arai, A Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was a recipient of the *Distinguished Service Cross*, the *Purple Heart*, five theater campaign medals, and the *Congressional Gold Medal*.

Henry was born on the west side of Santa Cruz on March 9, 1920 to **Kumaji Arai** and **Rui Terasaki Arai**. His brothers and sisters are **Taisuke**, **Midori**, **Tetsuo**, **Akiharu**, **Takanori**, and **Himeko** (all deceased). Henry passed away at the age of 87 on November 20, 2007.

His mother passed away early in life. Henry left Santa Cruz High School in his sophomore year to help support the family by working in the field, harvesting Brussels sprouts. The work was long and hard, and the pay was so little. It wasn't what he wanted to do. It was what he had to do. He once said that he didn't get the education he wanted but he had no regrets. His pride was with the education of his children, and he couldn't have been more proud.

Upon his return to civilian life, he raised strawberries with his brothers in different areas of California from Moss Landing to Hollister to Pescadero and then to Watsonville where he farmed on his own.

He married **Phyllis Miyoko Osato** in 1950. They were to have three beautiful children. **Reba Ellen** is married to **Rusty Condon**, and they have two children, **Laura** and

Patrick. Son, **Michael Dean** is single. **Shirley Ann** is married to **Mark Hipperson**, and they have three children - **Matthew**, **David** and **Amanda**.

After the years of growing strawberries, he went to work managing the *Nakashima Nursery* here in Pajaro, growing roses and carnations for the cut flower market. He worked there from 1962 until his retirement in 1988. For the last few years of his employment with *Nakashima Nursery Co.*, he was living in Indio, CA; where he built and managed a new branch of the nursery. Living away so far from home wasn't what he wanted to do. It was something he had to do. Making sacrifices for others was a way of life for Henry. He was always grateful to the *Nakashimas*.

When he retired in 1988, he moved back to Watsonville. His retirement years were mainly spent with *Phyllis* and fishing with his buddies. It got lonelier with the passing of each of his fishing buddies. The fish stories got smaller. But, the spirit of fishing was rekindled with his son, son-in-law, grandchildren's and nephew *Jerry's* interest in fishing. He really enjoyed fishing with his family, and now, those days are cherished memories.

He attended the A Company reunions in Las Vegas. The guys loved to reminisce about their wartime experiences—about breaking ranks to steal cabbage from this angry Italian farmer. They got salt and made *tsukemono* in their helmets. When the pay master paid for the stolen cabbage, peace was restored. When his 442nd veteran roommate passed away, he didn't have anyone to go with.

Henry misplaced his medals. With the help of the Veterans Administration of Santa Cruz County, we were able to get the army to issue replacements. His medal record is included with his 201 file, his service record. Our JACL decided to case them up so that he couldn't lose them anymore. He appreciated that. We certainly appreciated him.

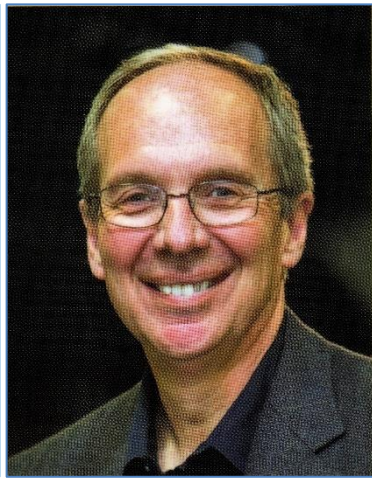
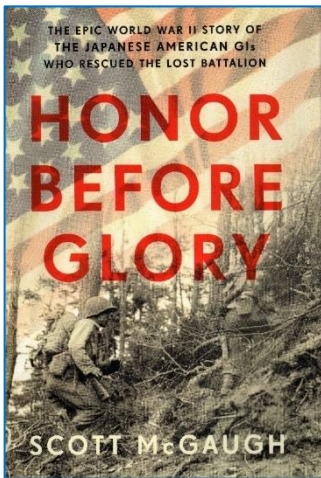
Phyllis passed away in October of 2005. It was a shock and a great loss.

Reba, Mike, and Shirley, your love and devoted care fulfilled your dad's life and made it possible for him to live out his life in the comfort of his home as he wanted. Thank you.

Whenever I'm at the Statue of Liberty or see a photo of it, I think of Sgt Henry Y. Arai and of all the guys and gals who didn't return.

"Henry, you are a charter member of the *Greatest Generation*. You served your country, your family and your *Nikkei* community well. You served the cause of Liberty. 'At ease,' Henry, now's the time to be 'at ease'".

Mas Hashimoto, Editor



Honor Before Glory is the epic WW II story of the Nisei soldiers who rescued the “Texas Lost Battalion.” It is an extremely well-written narrative that painstakingly relives the actions, events, and personalities involved in the rescue.

But, it is more than that, thanks to the author, **Scott McGaugh**, who is the author of *Surgeon in Blue*, a *NY Times* ebook bestseller and the founding marketing director of the *USS Midway Museum* in San Diego. A former weekly newspaper publisher, McGaugh is now a guest lecturer at San Diego State University and has taught at the San Diego State University Writers' Conference.

McGaugh stated this was a most difficult story to write.

The readers will be grateful for his inclusive, narrative style which pulled no punches on what and why the battle happened.

“It is the best book ever written on the 100th/442nd RCT's rescue efforts. A must read for all WW II buffs and for everyone in the *Nikkei* nation.” **Mas Hashimoto**, Editor

“On October 24, 1944, more than two hundred American soldiers realized they were surrounded by German infantry deep in the mountain forest of eastern France. As their dwindling food, ammunition, and medical supplies ran out, the American commanding officer turned to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to achieve what other units had failed to do.

“*Honor Before Glory* is the story of the 442nd, a segregated unit of Japanese American citizens, commanded by white officers, that finally rescued the “lost battalion.” Their unmatched courage and sacrifice under fire became legend—all the more remarkable because many of the soldiers had volunteered from prison-like “internment” camps where sentries watched their mothers and fathers from the barbed-wire perimeter.

“In seven campaigns, these young Japanese American men earned more than 9,000 Purple Hearts, 6,000 Bronze and Silver Stars, and nearly two dozen Medals of Honor. The 442nd became the most decorated unit of its size in World War II: its soldiers earned 18,100 awards and decorations, more than one for every man.

“*Honor Before Glory* is their story—a story of a young generation's fight against both the enemy and American prejudice—a story of heroism, sacrifice, and the best America has to offer.”

Da Capo Press, Boston, publishers

“Well-researched and riveting, *Honor Before Glory* is a stirring tale of how Japanese American soldiers disregarded hatred, distrust, and overt racism to serve the nation with

courage, dignity, and distinction. A page-turner with both depth and emotional punch.”—**Stephen Harding**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Battle*

“On these beautifully written pages, the desperation, terror, and trauma of the infantry soldier's world comes to life, as does the famous story of the ‘Lost Battalion’ and the remarkable men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. A true page-turner—I could not put it down.”—**John C. McManus**, author of *The Dead and Those about to Die*

“Men in combat pull no punches, and neither does author Scott McGaugh, who has crafted a stirring, superbly written account of the Nisei soldiers who fought a determined enemy, terrible weather, impossible terrain, command blunders, and racial injustice at home—and changed a nation's attitudes about Japanese Americans. Inspiring!”—**Flint Whitlock**, Editor, *WWII Quarterly*

“The best book yet written on the subject—a masterpiece of nonfiction, at once gripping in its narrative and definitive in its accuracy.”—**Chris Brusatte**, Go for Broke National Education Center

“The author creates a suspenseful narrative that carefully recounts the actions, events, and personalities involved without bogging down the flow...World War II buffs will find this book to be a satisfying read and a necessary addition to the subject's literature.”—**Library Journal**, 10/1/16

To place an order of *Honor Before Glory*, <http://dacapopress.com/book/hardcover/honor-before-glory/9780306824456>. Just click below the image of the cover. **Missy Kennedy**, Marketing Da Capo Press/Lifelong Books.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY -- NOVEMBER 1, 1941

The 75th anniversary celebration will be held on **Sat. Nov. 12, 2016** at the MIS Historic Learning Center, Bldg. 640 at Crissy Field, Presidio of SF, starting at 10 am.

The keynote speaker will be **Dr. James McNaughton** of the US Army Center for Military History.

A luncheon (RSVP required) will be held at the Presidio Golf Course Clubhouse, 300 Finley Road at Arguello Gate. Special guest speaker will be **John Tagami**, former aide to US Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii.

From noon to 5 pm, the MIS Historic Learning Center will be open to the public with docent tours, film screening, and exhibits. The \$10 admission is waived on this day. Go online for more information: www.njahs.org.



Nisei veterans of WW II, both 100th/442nd RCT and MIS.

Months before the Dec. 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the US Army was preparing for the war against Japan.

In 1941, it had conducted a survey of 3,700 *Nisei* (Japanese American) soldiers in the US Army. Only 111 were accomplished as linguists; 148 were proficient; and 111 needed training in the Japanese language. The rest, 90%, were considered too "Americanized."



On Nov. 1, 1941, five weeks before Pearl Harbor, a top secret language school (above) was established in an abandoned airplane hangar, Building 640, at Crissy Air Field, Presidio of SF by **Lt Col. John Weckerling** and **Captain Kai E Rasmussen**, and the director of academic training was **John F. Aiso**, who later became a renowned judge.



Sixty students, mostly *Nisei*, had been recruited. *Nisei* who completed and graduated were promised commissions as 2nd Lieutenants. That was not to be. Only the Caucasian graduates, whose knowledge and expertise was considerably less, received officer's commissions. Japanese American soldiers were to fight two wars—one against the enemy and another against prejudice and favoritism in the US military.

Among the first instructors were **Tom Tanimoto** of Watsonville and **Shig Kihara** of Monterey.

After we were forcibly removed from the West Coast in 1942, the school was moved to a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp--Camp Savage--in Minnesota. It moved again when larger facilities were required -- to nearby Ft Snelling, Minnesota.

Currently, this school is at the Presidio of Monterey and is called the **Department of Defense Language Institute (DLI)**. Monterey is the language capital of the world. Today, of the 60 plus languages studied--Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, and the North Korean dialect--are among the most important.

More than 6,000 MIS graduates, men and women, served throughout the Pacific Theater and the subsequent Occupation of Japan. The men served in every campaign in the Pacific War starting with the Japanese invasion of the

Aleutian Islands in Alaska, part of the Japanese Battle for Midway Island.

The Japanese language was used as a secret weapon against the Japanese. The US military broke every secret code of the Japanese ... including one the Japanese thought was absolutely unbreakable. This code was based upon Japan's military academy's -- their "West Point's" special language--but our *Nisei-Kibei* soldiers had attended that academy before the war and knew the special "lingo" spoken there.

Codes: There were several levels with special covers: **Confidential** (blue folder); **Secret** (red) and **Top Secret** (yellow). The British would say "Most Secret" for Top Secret.

Then, there's "the code within a code" that's impossible to break for it's between two individuals: **Niitaka yama nobore**--Climb Mt. Niiatoka" which gave the Imperial Navy the go ahead to attack Pearl Harbor. Or, **Tora, Tora, Tora** -Tiger, Tiger, Tiger"" which meant surprise attack achieved.

Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, 4th Army commander, having the ear of **President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, stated "a Jap's a Jap. It makes no difference whether the Jap is a citizen or not ... There isn't such a thing as a loyal Japanese." DeWitt had served his purpose. President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942 -- our "Day of Remembrance"--and Congress passed Public Law 503 by which 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly placed in one of ten concentration camps without warrants, charges, attorneys, trial or due process of law. The Constitution ceased to exist for those of Japanese ancestry.

The MIS were the "ears and eyes of the US and its Allies." **General Douglas MacArthur** stated, "Never in military history did an army know so much about the enemy prior to actual engagement." He was, of course, praising the MIS.

"We would have been twice as blind ... without a doubt they have saved many American lives."

Col. Van Antwerp, 27th Infantry Division

"We used them on **Bataan**. They collected information on the battlefield, they shared death in battle, and when one of them was captured, his fate was a terrible one. The information received through their special skills proved invaluable to our battle forces."

Maj. Gen. Willoughby

"No group had so much to lose. Capture would have meant indescribable horrors to them and their relatives in Japan. They are worthy of the highest praise for their invaluable contribution to the success of Allied arms."

Col. Mashbir, Commanding Officer,
Allied Translator and Interrogator Service

"If you are ever questioned as to your loyalty, don't even bother to reply. The testimony to your gallant deeds under fire will speak so loudly that you need not answer."

Maj. Gen. Bissell, WDGS

"They worked so close to the enemy on these missions that with the danger of being killed by the Japanese, they run the risk of being shot, unintentionally by our own marines. Many have paid with their lives. They had done an outstanding job, and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu, and Iwo [Jima]."

Joe Rosenthal, News Cameraman,
Pulitzer Prize Winner for his photo of raising the American flag over Iwo Jima.
The Marine Memorial.

Gerald "Gerry" Borg of Watsonville was with the first wave of Marines on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945—his "Day of Remembrance"—when so many of his buddies were killed. He went on to survive the war and continued to serve. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



At first, the commanders didn't know what to do with the MISers. They were assigned in groups of 4, 10 or 14. Because they were assigned as TDY – on temporary duty—"on loan"—they weren't mentioned in the company's morning reports. They were invisible and were not given due credit or recognition. They were used as drivers or ditch diggers (latrine duty). The MISers went to work interrogating when the first Japanese soldiers were captured.

My MIS brother, **Tadashi**, served in combat with the US Marines without a helmet. He didn't want to be shot accidentally by a Marine.

They went into battle armed with little dictionaries. Their work as interrogators and interpreters, then later as translators, radio announcers, propaganda writers, and cave flushers impressed not only the officers but the men, too.

MIS learned while listening to airplane radio communications, which was in plain Japanese, of the movement of Japan's top military leader—Admiral Yamamoto-- and aided in shooting him down.

They translated captured war plans—the famous "Z Plan." We knew their entire war strategy and maneuvers.

We learned of their complete military organization, the names of the officers, the strength of each unit, and where they were deployed.

When a Marine detachment asked for reinforcements, they were told they had the numbers to do the job and reinforcements would be sent where they were badly needed.

MIS translated one huge, obscure document that later proved invaluable. The Japanese kept a careful inventory of their equipment ... some artillery pieces were missing firing pins. We knew what they had and where they were located.

Captured maps detailed the position and battle plans. Letters and diaries told of the desperation, hardships and starvation ... the enemy was reduced to eating roots, snakes and insects and suffered from diseases.

MIS men made beach assault landings, went on patrols, captured prisoners and interrogated them, parachuted behind enemy lines and operated behind enemy lines for the duration, worked with guerrillas and blew up bridges, ambushed enemy troops, and destroyed their supplies.

The exploits of Merrill's Marauders was made into a Cinemascope war film in 1962 with actor Jeff Chandler as Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill. How many have seen it? Included was one Japanese-speaking Filipino! Conspicuously absent were the 14 MISers who saved the lives of Merrill's Marauders time and time again. Hollywood needs to remake the film and do it correctly this time.



Among the 14 guys was **Roy Matsumoto** (above with **Tom Sakamoto** of the MIS) who recently died at age 100. The long-range penetration by special operations jungle warfare unit--5307th Composite Unit (provisional) with the code name "Galahad" -- in South-East Asian theater of WW II (China-Burma-India) was vital to the war effort—to keep China in the war. Supplies to China were sent via USA, South America, Africa, India and then over the "hump" (Himalayas) to Chungking, China—three quarters way around the world. Later, more supplies will be sent via the Burma Road.

The Marauder 2nd Battalion was trapped at Nhpum Ga. At night, Roy Matsumoto crawled close to the Japanese lines to listen to them talk. He secured valuable information.

Later, he noticed a communication line in the trees. He climbed and tapped into the line. He knew the Japanese dialect (accent) that was spoken, and he responded!

He learned that the Japanese were planning to annihilate his battalion. Roy, using his language skills, set up an ambush. When the attack came, the Marauders sprang the trap mowing down the first wave of attackers, and when the second wave stalled in confusion, Roy stood up and yelled in Japanese, "Attack! Attack!" causing the second wave to meet the same fate as the first.

When his Caucasian comrade, **Sgt Warren T. Ventura**, asked his commanding officer, **Lt Col George McGee**, why Matsumoto was not recommended for the *Medal of Honor*, the Colonel replied, "He was only an enlisted man doing his duty."

Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill said, "As for the value of the Nisei group, I couldn't have gotten along without them. Probably few realized that these boys did everything that an infantryman normally does plus the extra work of translating, interrogating, etc. Also they were in a most unenviable position as to identity as almost everyone from the Japanese to the Chinese shot first and identified later."

After the Marauders, Roy served in China at the Sino Translation and Interrogation Center (SINTIC). Then, after the war Roy worked for Headquarters, China Command and

performed undercover missions for the general headquarters of the Allied forces in Japan.

Roy ended up interrogating his cousin and rescuing his brother from a prison in China. He is credited with saving the lives of over 800 American soldiers and twice saved his own battalion from annihilation. He was awarded a *Bronze Star*.

In the 1970s, he attended a reunion of Merrill's Marauders, and he was overwhelmed with the attention, gratitude and respect showered upon him. He was inducted into the **US Ranger Hall of Fame 1993** and **Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame** in 1997. His exploits are truly that of an American patriot. Once he had been classified as an enemy alien ineligible for military service. The British have the Commandos. We have Rangers.

The Marauders opened the Burma Road to keep China supplied and in the war against Japan. The Japanese never did connect with the Axis Powers in India.

When **Sgt. Frank Hachiya** was returning from a scouting mission he had volunteered for during the battle of Leyte, Philippines, he was shot by our own troops ("friendly fire"). While wounded and dying he made a detailed report of the enemy location and fortification. He was awarded the *Silver Star Medal* and *Purple Heart* posthumously.

George Ichiro Nakamura, a graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Class of 1941, enrolled as a pre-medical student at UC Berkeley with high aspirations of becoming a doctor.

As the war was winding down in the Philippines, there were pockets of isolated Japanese soldiers left behind. On June 29, 1945, Sgt Nakamura tried to convince one group to drop their weapons and surrender. A shot rang out. Nakamura lay dead. The war was to end seven weeks later. His family received his *Silver Star*. There's a building named Nakamura Hall at the Presidio of Monterey in his honor and memory. He was only 22 years old. He is buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

There's an academic building named after Sgt Frank Hachiya too.

The MIS served with distinction with:

- 6th, 8th, and 10th Army Headquarters
- 1st, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, and 24th Corps Headquarters
The First Cavalry Division
- 6th, 7th, 11th, 24th, 25th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 40th, 41st, 43rd, 77th, 81st, 93rd, and 96th Infantry Divisions
- 1st, 5th, and 7th Marine Divisions
- AMERICAL Division
- Far East Air Forces Headquarters
- 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 20th Air Forces

They served with Psychological Warfare, Office of Strategic Service (OSS), Office of War Information, Chinese Combat Command, and British, Australian, and New Zealand armies.

They fought in Attu, Alaska; New Guinea; Luzon, Mindanao, Leyte, Corregidor, Bataan in the Philippines; Solomon Islands; Los Negros; Guadalcanal; New Georgia; Makin Island; Saipan; Okinawa; Anguar; Ryuku Islands; Iwo Jima; Marianas; India-Burma; Chungking; Guam; Burma; and so many other forsaken places.

Soon after Germany surrendered in May of 1945, MIS linguists were flown to the Japanese Embassies in Europe to read captured documents which may shed light on Japanese

war plans. The war in the Pacific continued for another three months.

MISers were assigned to our *Manhattan Project*, the secret building of the atomic bomb, for the Japanese were attempting to make such a bomb. So were the Germans.

Gen. Wainwright, the hero of Corregidor, and 1600 prisoners were rescued by an OSS team which included **Fumio Kido**. This was called *Operation Cardinal*.

When the war ended on Aug 15, the very next day, **Dick Hamada** and six others from OSS Det.101, parachuted into an enemy POW camp in Peiping, currently Beijing, to rescue four *Doolittle Raiders* and 600 others from possible execution. They were fired upon by snipers, surrounded and threatened by hostile enemy. It was called *Operation Magpie*.

There were ten such Mercy Missions conducted simultaneously, and they all were parachuted behind the enemy lines.

MIS help write the surrender terms, interpreted for **Emperor Hirohito** and **Gen. MacArthur** upon their first meeting.

The Emperor spoke to **Kan Tagami**, asking that the *Nisei* be the bridge between Japan and the United States.

They assisted with the War Crime trials in the Philippines, China and Japan. My high school teacher, **Paul Bourns**, was an Army Chaplain during the war assigned to Sugamo Prison. The high ranking Japanese officers asked for a Buddhist priest. Bourns found a young *Jodo Shinshu* minister in Tokyo--**Rev. Shinsho Hanayama**. He wrote of his experiences in *Way of Deliverance*, a best-seller in Japan. In the 1950s he became the bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America. His grandson, the late **Rev. Shousei Hanayama**, was the minister of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple from November of 2001 to July of 2016.

MIS helped with the Occupation, assisted atomic bomb victims, helped those Japanese soldiers repatriated from Korea, China, and the Soviet Union after the war, helped with land reform and in writing the new constitution of Japan, helped in the Korean War. The maps of Korea were in Japanese and had to be translated into English.

They helped to keep the Japanese Communists in check. We were not going to trade a fascist regime for a Communist one.

There is an important connection between the MIS, the 100th/442nd RCT, and the JACL. It's the **Sgt Kazuo Masuda Story**.

"You take away our farm, our home, put us in prison, take my son, he is killed, and you want to give me a medal? No, thank you." Kaz Masuda's mother refused to accept the medal. In Fountain Valley (Los Angeles), the family couldn't get their hero son buried because "No Japs" were allowed in the town's cemetery.

Daughter June Masuda accepted the *Distinguished Service Cross* from **General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell** who flew all the way from Washington, DC. General Stilwell knew first hand of the heroic contributions of the *Nisei* soldiers both in Europe and in the Pacific campaigns.

"The Nisei bought an awful big hunk of America with their blood," said General Stilwell, Commander of US troops in China-Burma-India Theater. The soldier's hall at Ft Ord is named in his honor for he served here before the war.

"The blood of Americans that has soaked into the sand of a beach is all one color. American stands unique in the world, the only country not founded on race, but on a way, an ideal ..." said a young Captain who accompanied General

Stilwell. **Captain Ronald Reagan**, who remembered and, as President, signed the **Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988**, which offered an apology and reparations for our unjust wartime incarceration.

When the war ended in 1945, the highest ranking Nisei officer was that of a major. Today, we've had over 40 flag—men and women --admirals and generals.

In the year 2000, during a JACL National Convention in Monterey, a Presidential Unit Citation was presented by the Army Chief of Staff, **Gen. Eric Shinseki**, on behalf of **President Bill Clinton**, to the MIS. **Marvin Uratsu** accepted on behalf of the MIS.

A Congressional Gold Medal was presented in November of 2011 to those of 100th/442nd/MIS.

"The United States of America owes a debt to these *Nisei* linguists and to their families which it can never fully repay."

Col. Sidney Mashbir, ATIS

"The *Nisei* saved countless Allied lives and shortened the war by two years."

Maj. Gen. Charles Willoughby, Chief of Intelligence, G-2, under Gen. MacArthur's command.

So, what did the *Nisei* soldiers of the MIS, along with the 100th/442nd RCT and those who remained faithful to America in those awful concentration camps, accomplish?

Well, it was said in the press before WW II, "the Japanese is an alien race which can never be assimilated into the American way of life. There's nothing of value of Japanese culture."

Nothing of value? Today, many Americans—young and seniors--know how to use chopsticks, enjoy *sushi*, *sashimi*, *tofu*, *wasabi*, *teriyaki*, *sukiyaki*, *mochi*; they know how to write *haiku*, fold *origami* and enjoy *ikebana*, *bonsai*, *taiko*, *karate* ("wax on, wax off"), *karaoke*, cherry blossom festivals, *Godzilla*, *Seven Samurai*, *ninja* warriors, and the love of nature's beauty.

But, far more important is our philosophy--*kodomo no tameni* (for the sake of the children), *gaman* (to persevere), *giri* (duty), *on* (honor), *haji*—never bring shame to the family, *arigatai* (gratefulness), and *wa* (harmony). No longer are Japanese customs, traditions, and culture to be feared or ridiculed. They are respected because of the patriotism of our *Issei* immigrant pioneers and following generations.

We enjoy a unique place in American society, and I believe we've helped to open it for other Asian cultures.

On this special 75th Anniversary of the Military Intelligence Service and Veterans' Day observance, we salute all men and women who have served and who continue to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Editor

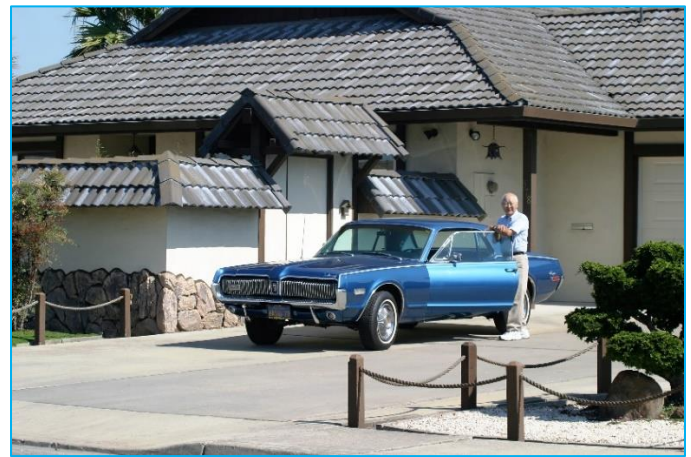
A PROPOSITION OR TWO, OR MORE ...

I needed to take my blue 1968 Mercury Cougar out for a run. Oh, how Cougars love to run when given the chance! In 18 months, the Cougar will be 50 years old.

David Kadotani of Kadotani Auto Repair keeps my Cougar in "purr-fect" condition.

My golf game isn't going all that well, so I decided to take the Cougar to Spring Hills Golf Course to practice by hitting some golf balls.

My playing partners think that's a waste of money, "Why are you practicing THAT swing?"



On the way to the golf course, the Cougar asked me about the upcoming election, "For whom are you going to vote?" We've always talked to each other via his AM radio.

"You mean, who am I going to vote for?" I asked.

The Cougar, frowning, said, "You shouldn't end a sentence with the preposition! For whom are you going to vote?"

I was getting an English grammar lesson here.

"Are you a Democrat, Republican or Independent?" the Cougar asked. I decided to keep him in suspense.

"Well, for whom do you think I should vote?" I asked in "purr-fect" English.

"The Japanese cars think that one candidate is *futekito-no*. What does that mean?"

"Where do you hear about our elections?"

"Oh, we cars talk while in the parking lots."

"Politely, *futekito-no* means unfit."

"Hmm, the German, French, Italian, and British cars are interested, too. I don't know of any Russian cars," said the Cougar.

"You speak German, French, Italian, English, and Russian?" I was impressed.

"Speaking Korean is fun," added the Cougar.

"Well, Cougar, I would have mailed my absentee ballot by now (three weeks ahead of election day) but there are so many propositions on the ballot to consider."

"What are propositions?" the Cougar asked.

It was going to be a long dissertation, but I thought I'd give it my two sparkplug's worth. "They are part of the reform movement of the early 20th Century. Once, in California, the state legislature was controlled by the "Big Four" barons—Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, Collis P. Huntington, and Charles Crocker—who 'rode the railroads (Central Railroad) to big profits.'

"This reform movement included initiatives, referendum and recall.

"Recall is the procedure by which an elected official may be removed by a vote of the people."

"Referendum is the principle of submitting a measure by the legislative body to popular vote for final decision. The measure is 'referred' back to the people."

"The initiative came into being when the legislature, controlled by political bosses, wouldn't pass laws the people wanted or needed. The citizens, via the initiative, took power away from the big businesses that controlled the state legislators. At first, it worked well.

"Today, however, big corporations can easily place on the ballot via initiatives, which on the ballot are called propositions or measures for their benefit. They have plenty

of money to pay people to sign their petitions and place TV ads, which may be misleading.

"And, there are 17 propositions on this year's state ballot. A voter has to be careful for they are sometimes written so that a 'no' vote means 'yes,' and a 'yes' vote means 'no.'"

The Cougar asked, "Why do special interests do that?"



"Perhaps, Cougar, it's about money or power, or both."

Well, now I'm in my eighth decade and after a horrible practice, I concluded that I don't need golf lessons or new golf clubs. If I want to improve my game, I will need a whole new, younger body, but that's not one of the propositions.

VOTE ON OR BEFORE NOV. 8, 2016!

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

It seems as though thanks are always given in the Senior News because everybody is so generous and thoughtful. The *toban* committee always has help from members who are not even on the committee. I'm always amazed how generous people are with their time and energy. October *tobans* were **Yaeko Cross**, **Gail Wurtenberg**, **Leigh Sakaguchi** and, of course, there's always **Jean Yamashita**, **June Honda**, **Eileen Byers** and **Eiko Stewart** who help.



The 45th anniversary celebration of our Senior Center was held on October 6. We opened with greetings from **Iwao Yamashita** and W-SC JACL president, **Marcia Hashimoto**.



The traditional congratulatory's *Shigin* was performed by **Chie Sakaue**.

Photos were taken by **Mas Hashimoto** and **Carol Kaneko**.



Seniors 90 and over were honored with a beautiful plant: **Haruko Yoshii 99**, **Miyeko Yamashita 98**, **Mitzi Katsuyama 96**, **Tea Hashimoto 95**, **Hideko Nagamine 95**, **Michiko Hamada 95**, **Akira Kodama 95**, **Fred Oda 93**, **Chiyeko Shikuma 91**, **Ruby Nakamura 91**, **Haru Ishibashi 90**, **Eiko Nishihara 90** and **Satoko Yamamoto 90**.

Not in attendance were: **Nancy Iwami 102**, **Masako Miura 102**, **Yoshino Matano 101**, **Louise Sako 99**, **Frances Goon 97**, **Chiyoko Yagi 96**, **Evelyn Kamigawachi 92**, **Betty Yagi 92**, **Eiko Ceremony 91**, **Sam Sakamoto 91**, **Floy Sakata 91**, **Akira Nagamine 91**, **Grace Fujita 91**, **Kimiyo Fujii 90** and **Yae Sakamoto 90**.

Congratulations to all of you!



After the cake cutting, a marvelous slide show of the year in review was presented by **Kimiko Marr**. After bingo, grace was presented by **Iwao Yamashita** and we were all blessed by a marvelous meal prepared by **Imura Restaurant** and potluck dishes from our members. There was so much wonderful food – it was delicious and beautifully presented. (I especially enjoy the potlucks, tasting your traditional Japanese foods prepared by you in your homes. **Terry Hirahara** or **Susan AmRhein** always tell me what the food is, but by the time it gets to my mouth, I've already forgotten

the name. At any rate, I just want you chefs to know that I enjoy every bit of the food whether I recognize what it is or not.)

If you would like a copy of the DVD with the slide show presented by **Kimiko Marr**, please let her know.

The *Santa Cruz Symphony* has offered several complimentary tickets to the symphony on November 6 at the Mello Center. Thanks to the SC Symphony for their generosity.

We had a moment of silence in honor of **Mrs. Yoshino Matano**. Her services will be held on November 12.

The Buddhist Temple thanked all the Seniors for their support for the *Chicken Teriyaki* fundraiser held on September 24th.

Members will again be offered a bus trip to San Francisco Japantown on December 6th-- \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. There will be a stop on the way home at the *Marukai Store* in Cupertino. *Pacific Monarch* bus lines will provide the transportation. See **Rubie Kawamoto** or **Jean Yamashita** to sign up now. Please ask your friends and relatives to come along -- we need to fill the bus!

It's not too late to donate for the 45th anniversary. One of the obligations of being a member of JACL Seniors is to donate for your birthday and the anniversary. Annual Senior Center dues of \$20 will be collected in November.

We encourage everyone to be full members of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL which provides so many services (utilities, insurance, garbage, maintenance of the hall, etc.) and for the use of this hall.



October birthdays were celebrated for **Nobuko Akiyama** and **Toshiko Yamashita**. The delicious birthday cake, which was donated by **Toshiko**, and ice cream were served following the pictures and blowing out of candles. Happy Birthday! Beautiful flower decorations were provided by **Jean Akiyama** and **Hisako Kodama**.

A bus trip to **Table Mountain Casino** is planned the 24th of January. Mark your calendars now -- more details soon.

We have a correction to the September Senior News: The many DVDs, which were donated to the Senior Center and are currently displayed in the back room for anyone and everyone to take and enjoy, came from an anonymous donor.

A generous monetary donation was received this month from the **Watsonville Rotary Endowment** via **Dr. Arthur Hayashi**. Dr. Hayashi worked at the *Rotary Club Lewisburger Booth* at the Santa Cruz County Fair and was able to designate where part of the profits went. He generously chose our W-SC JACL Senior Center to receive the funds.

Thank you to the **Watsonville Rotary Club** and **Dr. Hayashi** for remembering us again!

Other monetary donations gratefully received this month: **Nobuko Akiyama, Edna Nagata, Floy Sakata, and Toshi Yamashita. A special THANK YOU to all of you for your 45th Anniversary donations.** We appreciate your generosity very much.

Thank you for all the wonderful Bingo prizes:

Miye Yamashita	5 pkgs. <i>senbei</i> , 5 <i>senbei</i> snacks
Iwao/Jean Yamashita	53 bags tomatoes, 13 bags <i>kabocha</i>
Toshi Yamashita	5 plates chocolate cake, 6 pkgs. cookies, October birthday cake
Jane Sugidono	2 pkgs, <i>sushi nori</i> , 1 bag roasted nuts
Sunao/June Honda	4 pkgs. <i>Koshi An</i> , <i>ume sushi</i> with <i>chashu</i> , 6 plates apple cake with walnuts
Rubie Kawamoto	2 bags <i>chagashi</i> , 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 dozen large brown eggs
Nobue Fujii	5 bags Italian cookies
Eiko Ceremony	4 cans mixed fruit
Hide Nagamine	8 rolls paper towels, 3 <i>daikon</i> , 10 bags cucumbers, 3 <i>napa</i> cabbage
Eileen Byers	8 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap, 8 extra-large paper towels
Gail Wurtenberg	3 bottles hand soap, 12 rolls paper towels, 9 bags <i>Fuji</i> apples
Mitzi Katsuyama	4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Chie Sakaue	1 bunch flowers, 3 bags apples
Eiko Stewart	6 rolls toilet tissue
Hisako/Akira Kodama	6 bags apples and corn, 5 bunches red beets
Jean Akiyama	6 rolls paper towels, 4 boxes <i>Jell-O</i> , 2 pkgs. seasoned <i>nori</i> ,
Kumiko Nakatani	1 box pomegranates
Edna Nagata	3 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 6 rolls paper towels
Yaeko Cross	18 rolls toilet tissue, 3 pkgs. peanut butter cookies
Haru Ishibashi	10 bags persimmons
Eiko Nishihara	12 jars strawberry jam
Yoshiko Nishihara	18 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Nobuko Akiyama	12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Judy Hane	30 rolls toilet tissue
Satoko Yamamoto	4 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap, 2 multipurpose sponges
Haruko Yoshii	4 rolls toilet tissue
Flower decorations for anniversary	
Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, Mitsuyo Tao	

Please go to our Senior Center website to see Senior News, upcoming events, and photos in living color: kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com.

It was another wonderful month at the Senior Center. Hope to see all of you in November.

KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY REPORT

By **Robb Mayeda**

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Watsonville's relationship with Kawakami-mura, **Dorothy Mayeda** created and pieced together in 2013 a friendship quilt, titled "Friends Across the Ocean." The center blocks featured a design pattern called *ocean waves*.

We sent the quilt to Kawakami with the chaperones who stayed with us that September, 2013. We told the chaperones that this was a gift from Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association to the Kawakami Friendship Committee (our counterpart organization). When Dorothy and I went to Kawakami-mura the following spring, the quilt was not to be found. It was lost. Of course, this was very disappointing.



creation.

"This quilt is a gift from Dorothy Mayeda of our sister-city, Watsonville, California, USA, as a commemoration of our 25-year friendship in 2013. She made it all by hand."

Fast forward to 2016: Upon hearing about Dorothy's cancer, members of the Kawakami-mura Friendship Committee renewed the search for the quilt. Many of the friendship committee members are quilters, too. In fact, ten members visited Watsonville in 2008 and attended the *Pajaro Valley Quilt Show* with Dorothy. Two weeks ago, we received word from **Mariko Endo** that the quilt was found and is now prominently displayed in the Kawakami-mura library wall along with information detailing its

The November 2016 Calendar:

1	Tue	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
2	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
3	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
6	Sun	2 pm	<i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> & Sunday Service
13	Sun	2 pm	Sunday Service
20	Sun	2 pm	<i>Eitaikyo</i> Service
25	Fri		Secretary is out of office
27	Sun	10 am	BWA Memorial Service with Rev. Naomi Nakano Luncheon to Follow

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10 am Sunday November 6, 2016

Let us gather to remember and to express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the November service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

November Memorial List

Akiyama, Sadatoshi	Aoki, Tom Tsutomu
Aramaki, Kumaki	Arao, Henry Akio
Arao, Taisuke	Arita, Yoshino
Eto, Mitsugu	Fukuhara, Helen Natsuko
Fujii, Chizue	Fujita, Shinhichi
Fujita, Yoshio	Hamada, Sasayo
Hara, Toraji	Higaki, Dick Takashi
Idemoto, Mitsuji	Iwanaga, Fujino
Iwanaga, Tokiuyemon Jim	Izumizaki, Sadao
Kadotani, Hana	Kadotani, Peggy Ayako
Kaita, Kiyomi	Kajihara, Bill Kennich
Kajihara, Masayo	Kajihara, Sadao
Kajihara, Shizuko	Kajihara, Takeshi
Kamimoto, Yoshiko	Kinoshita, Mrs. Hatsumo
Kohara, Kimi	Kohara, Shinnosuke
Matsunami, Kunishige	Mino, Barbara Ayako
Mio, Kazuji "Kaz"	Misumi, Saburo
Nakahara, Chikiye	Nakamori, Natsu
Nishita, Hiroshi	Nitta, Tokuki
Oda, Betty	Ogawa, Chiyo
Okamoto, Fumiko	Ota, Lois
Sakae, Roy	Shiotani, Fumiko Frances
Shirachi, Ryu	Sukekane, Ayano
Tada, Ben	Takei, Jean
Tao, Katsumi Jim	Tominaga, Tatsuyoshi "Tats"
Tsuda, Tomio	Ura, Senzo
Wada, Masao	Wakayama, Fusajiro
Yagi, Tami	Yamakoshi, Kikuyo
Yamamoto, Kiku	Yamashita, Hideo

Yoshida, Kuni

BWA Report for October and November

BWA provided *musubi* and delicious homemade *tsukemono* and ABA provided Chinese chicken salad and sliced steak for **Keiko, Shoren, Elren** and Sensei's cousin **Grace Kosokura** and family as well as the ministers and wives at the parsonage for lunch on Saturday, September 17th. Thank you to **Toshiko Yamashita** for the potato salad

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS



On Oct. 2nd, during the *Shotsuki Hoyo* service, our guest speaker, **Nick San Juan** of the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist

Temple, told of Jodo Shinshu's beautiful compassion and tolerance that he didn't find elsewhere.

and **Terry Hirahara** for the marinated vegetable salad and fresh fruit.

Join us at the BWA Memorial Service on Sunday, November 27th. Guest speaker is **Rev. Naomi Nakano** of San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple, who Hanayama Sensei invited in March of 2016. Following the service lunch will be provided with a variety of delicious desserts. BWA members to bring desserts to the kitchen at 9:30am.



Rev. Jay Shinseki officiated the October 23rd *Hatsumairi* service with **Tony Von Pervieux** with son **Takeo**, **Leah** holding daughter **Makenna**, and **Brooke Rains** holding baby **Lily**, **Chris Rains**, and proud grandparents **Vicki Halil** and **Gerald Kondo**. ABA prepared a delicious luncheon.



ABA hosted the *Hatsumairi* Service.

Temple Board Meeting Notes for October

BWA & ABA ladies hosted the September 17th Hanayama memorial ministers' luncheon in the parsonage.

BWA will provide the *osonae* & flowers for the *Eshinniko* Service.

Building & Maintenance: **Sadao Matsunami** and **Perry Yoshida** patched the BBQ pit fire hose.

CD Report: The BCA National Council will be hosted by Coast District in 2017.

Scouts: During the last few weekends the Scouts have been cleaning up at the beach and camped out on the Sakae property. The weekend of the 8th & 9th, the Scouts biked at an event called Coyote Creek Cycling. Sometime soon they are going to try to go up to Fremont Peak to look at the stars. The Scouts would like to move their meeting nights from Tuesdays to either Monday or Wednesday.

The 110th Anniversary of Watsonville Buddhist Temple preparations for 2017, the kitchen project renovation permit has been submitted.

Rev. Hanayama Memorial Service: From all the members of the funeral committee--we would like to first thank **Rev. Jay Shinseki** for his leadership and guidance.

We would also like to thank these particular members and organizations:

Bill Wurtenberg for his supervision and overseeing all facets prior to and on the day of the service.

BWA and ABA for preparing a delicious luncheon for the minister, wives and the Hanayama Family.

ABA for preparing the Thank you cards for the Hanayama Family.

Dennis Ikegami and **Perry Yoshida** for researching and handling the audio visual portion of the service.

Dean Sakae for handling the parking and security.

Mas Hashimoto for the idea of informing the neighbors of the traffic on the day of the service and then both **Mas** and **Marcia** distributing the notices prior to the event.

Bill Wurtenberg, **Dean Sakae**, **Dennis Yamaoka**, and **Perry Yoshida** for cleaning the exterior of the Temple and repainting the *Wheel of Dharma*. How it shines!

Gerry Kondo, **Kenny Kusumoto** and **Perry Yoshida** for your leadership in ushering and crowd control.

A special "Thank You" to **Susan Uyematsu** for her excellent expertise in the fine tuning from start to finish throughout the entire event.

The **Salinas** and **Monterey Temples** for their contributions.

Thank you to our **Sangha** for stepping up a notch, working so very hard, and being so very gracious and patient to our requests throughout the entire process.

And a big **Thank You** to our Sangha and everyone else that brought the delicious desserts for the refreshments. With that said, the entire day went very well, and we could not have been more prepared that we already were.

Thank you again.

Rummage Sale was very successful. Thank you all who worked on this event.

Midori Kai: September 10th in Mt. View--We sold approximately 40 crates of strawberries, donated by **Richard Uyematsu Farms**, **Kenny Kusumoto**, **Paul & Kim Tao** and **Berry Co-Op** from Watsonville. We were sold out by 3 pm. Thank you to **Nancy Kuratomi**, **Lori Yoshida**, **Kim Yoshida** and **Barbara Shingai** for volunteering to support this event in Mt. View.

Mochi Tsuki-We need to order new *kine* (hammers). *Gakko* will chip in to pay for the *kine*. **Perry Yoshida** will look into the price and order from *Soko Hardware* in San Francisco.

A new camera for funeral committee for pictures of the flowers and a Wi-Fi color printer will be ordered.

Service officiant ministers will not be asked to open the Temple before the services. **Sadao Matsunami** says it is no problem for him to open up before services.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS by lawson sakai, 442nd rct

hi, mas ...it was one of the best reunions... over 200 attended but only 19 veterans of all wars...

October 16 to 20....lots of free time to mingle...we have two banquets...Monday welcome with speakers *hiroshi arisumi* from *maui*...he was combat engineers (232nd) and told his story in a film by *john esaki*....then *matthew elms*, a schoolteacher in *singapore*...wrote a book about the *akimoto* brothers "When the Akimotos went to War"...free from the American Battlefield Monuments Commission....then *christine sato yamazaki*, Nisei Veterans Network (NVN), spoke about the congressional gold medal exhibit at the Smithsonian, and what has to be done to continue the exhibit in digital form...other brief speakers...*dr. mitch maki*, GFBNEC, *lloyd kitaoka*, president 100th BN Hawaii, *dr. brian yamamoto* about his tour of france in 2019...



In the photos...*kaz kurasaki*, *joe* and *christine bowes*, *iwao yamashita*...*sam sakamoto*, *roy* and *esther murotsune*...

Farewell banquet on Wednesday at noon...speaker *david ono*, renowned television reporter on KABC-TV in los angeles...has made many documentaries of the 442nd. Battles.... but had to leave early to cover the debate in las vegas....followed by our annual raffle highlighted with a quilt made by *mineko sakai*....program is more formal than the welcome banquet....beginning with *taiko* drumming by *christine bowes*...then the national anthem by *sandra togashi chong* (violin) and her son *alex* on the cello....followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of the veterans....our usual ending with entertainment by the 100th. Group from los angeles and hawaii.

Both banquets emceed by grandson *gaku ito*...lots of activities at hospitality suites hosted by Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans....and the 100th. Battalion group from los angeles and hawaii....

....i'm with sam sakamoto, franz steidl, and iwao yamashita ...



then me with daughter *janet ito* (left)...she is running the show with her children and volunteers from los angeles.

all photos by *jean yamashita*.



christine sato yamazaki (left) addressed the veterans ...

Btw...*brian* (Lt Col *Brian Shiroyama*, US Air Force retired, Vietnam War veteran, FFNV Vice President) is

still recovering from his open-heart surgery september 12 to repair an aneurism that was about to burst...probably won't be able to go out until December...

That's just a brief report...hope it's enough....lawson.

[Editor's note: Yes, thanks, Lawson. 'Appreciate it. Glad you, the veterans and their families had a great time ... wishing Brian a speedy and complete recovery.]

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Nancy Yamamoto

On September 25, 2016 Nancy Yamamoto peacefully passed away in Watsonville. She was 92.



Nancy attended elementary schools in Watsonville and finished Poston Relocation Camp High School. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, traveling and going on walks. She was a beloved and long-time member of Westview and the W-SC JACL.



Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, **James A. Yamamoto** and parents; **Gohei and Kiku Maegoto** and siblings, **Nobuo Enomoto** and **Mitsuo Maegoto**.

She is survived by her children; **Carolyn Mikawa, Jeanne Evans, Elaine Hikido** and her sister; **Yuri Nishita**. Nancy is also survived by her

6 grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park.

Please make donations to Westview Presbyterian Church, 118 First St., Watsonville, CA 95076 or Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, Ca 95077.

Yoshino Matano

Yoshino Matano, 101 years old, died October 6, 2016 in Watsonville, CA while resting peacefully. Yoshino was born in Watsonville on June 4th 1915 at 161 A Main St. to the late **Ben and Yuki Torigoe**. Preceded in death by her husband **Yoshio**, brothers **Drs. Ernest and Kenji Torigoe** and sister **Toyoko Nakanishi**.

She is survived by sons **Susumu Matano (Michiko), Takeshi Matano (Masako) and David Matano (Anne)**, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren all living in California. She leaves many nephews and nieces residing in California and Japan.

At four years of age she was sent to Japan to live with her grandfather and uncle. They both gave her the opportunity to experience the Japanese culture: playing the *koto*, the *ochanoyu* (tea ceremony), attending a girls' high school and learning *ikebana* (ancient art of flower arranging).

Ikebana became her lifelong passion. Her uncle also taught her how to cook many Japanese dishes.

From Japan, she returned to California in 1934. Her first job was to teach the Japanese language in a school house in Castroville (now a historical site). WWII started, and she was ordered to relocate to Colorado.

Watsonville was a very welcoming

community after WWII. Upon returning the **Wilkinson Family** of *Granite Construction* was her first employer who hired her without question. The company became a life-long employer for her husband.



Mrs. Matano soon began teaching *ikebana* and, by 1992, achieved the highest degree in the **Ikenobo Ikebana Society**. She leaves a legacy of dozens of talented and dedicated students to carry on the art. She strongly believed that *ikebana* should be available to all nationalities and cultures. Photo

courtesy of **Susumu and Michiko Matano**.

During the difficult post war period **Dr. Ruth Frary, MD** and **Dr. J. Ludden, MD** gave her free medical care for many years.

Our family would like to thank the many people who contributed to the wonderful 101 years of life for Yoshino Matano.

A memorial service will be held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Sat., November 12, 2016 at 1 pm.

Herbert Ichikawa

April 4, 1940 - October 9, 2016, A resident of Aptos.

Herbert, "Herb," Ichikawa, respected local architect, beloved husband, father and "Grandpa," passed away peacefully at home on October 9th, 2016, at the age of 76. Herb has been described by family, friends, and acquaintances as a kind, soft spoken, generous man and the best dad and husband in the world!

Herb's family invites you to a lunch buffet and celebration of his life on Saturday, November 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chaminade Resort, 1 Chaminade Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Santa Cruz County or the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League, (JACL), P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.



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Esther Ura

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Yoko Umeda
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Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of Joyce Sumiko Tamashiro from ...

Tamashiro family: Susumu, Vicky, Jill, Kris,
Dennis, Kieli, and Ty
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Esther Ura

In memory of Herbert "Herb" Ichikawa from ...

Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Vivian Moutafian for scholarship

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN'S "CHIMES"

By Leslie Nagata-Garcia

The Life Transformation of Learning to Read!



Nicole, a second grader, came to our Tutoring Club last spring. After being given a short reading evaluation it was determined she was a total non-reader. Mary Lou began working with her at our



Tutoring Club on Thursdays, and when we stopped the program for the summer Mary Lou continued meeting with Nicole during the summer twice a week just to help Nicole along. Her parents spoke limited English and, therefore, were not able to help her as much as they would have liked with her studies.

Through much practice Nicole started sounding out letters, then words and now beginning to read with confidence. Her mom was so thrilled when one day Nicole got a book at her own volition, sat on the floor, and read to her while she cooked! Mom was glowing!! Over the past

several months Nicole's whole demeanor has changed. She is now much more confident in all her subjects at school and even in her social interactions. She has blossomed. Learning to read is so much more than academics—it is life transformation!

Nicole could have easily fallen through the cracks and been pegged as a low performer. She is now seen for what she is - bright and creative! Her teacher and principal are very grateful for Mary Lou and the Westview Tutoring Club!

Our Tutoring Club is changing the life of one child at a time! Thank you, Mary Lou, and thank you to our other tutors and support staff: Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Joanne Hayashi, Dan Hoffman, and Nancy Shott!!

God bless you and be with you,
Pastor Dan



The **Tutoring Club** has resumed and meets every **Thursday** from **3:30 - 5 pm** at **Westview**. Many have much need for help in math and reading and they are learning much! Our Tutors are awesome - Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan and sometimes Nancy Shott & Joanne Hayashi! If you want to join us, please let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. Our annual **Harvest Dinner** will be held **Saturday,**

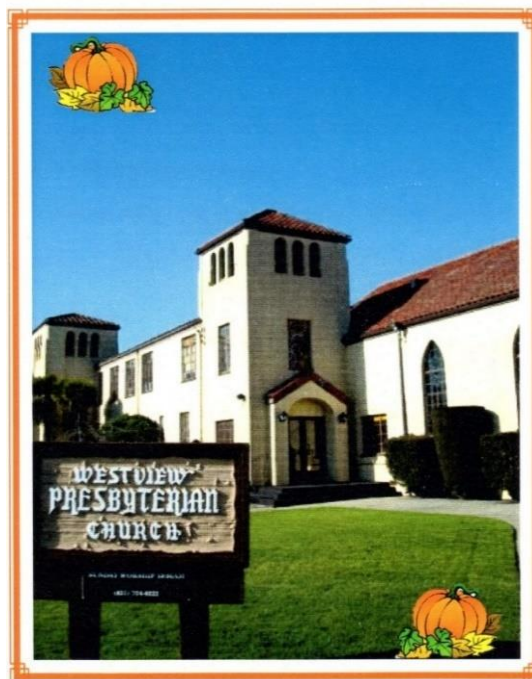


November 5th at **Westview** 118 First Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 beginning at **5 pm**. This year the Harvest Dinner will benefit

Jacob's

Heart, a ministry to children with cancer and their families. Everyone is always welcome at this event and please bring your appetite!!

Please RSVP by Oct. 27 by calling Diane Mio at (831) 724-5834.



Guaranteed to be a good time for great fellowship! Don't forget to mark your calendar!!

Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!

Youth/Family Upcoming Events:

Gym Nites are usually the **1st and 3rd Friday** of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

November 4th: Gym Nite at Westview, 5:30-7:30 pm.

November 18th: Gym Nite at Westview, 5:30-7:30 pm.

December 2nd: Salvation Army Night/Gym Nite, 4 – 7 pm, Westview

December 16th: Gym Nite at Westview, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Wednesday Study Series: The Wednesday Study Series is usually held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We are continuing our **Revelation study** of the **Max Lucado book**. Please mark your calendars for the following dates: **November 9th, December 14th, December 28th**

The Salvation Army Dinners will begin again in December. Please mark your calendar for **Dec. 2nd**.

Sunday Message Series: - "Ancient Wisdom for Life: mining the wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures."

Sunday School: During Worship Service in our Youth Room.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Our **Holiday Boutique** is almost here! On Sunday, November 6th from 12-5 pm at the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076, we'll have our annual boutique and raffle.



This year's quilt will be quite different from years past. It will be a tumbling block design using Japanese indigo fabric.

Other prizes include a smaller *Pokemon* quilt, 24 carat gold pastry tray and a gift certificate for the Chardonnay boat trip. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from *taiko* members or by calling our

business manager Kay at 831-457-1088.



We will have themed gift baskets, succulent gardens donated by **Carol Kaneko** (above photo, right), wine, handmade aprons and Japanese ceramics to name a few. We will have a bake sale and craft vendors.

We hope to see everyone there!

For more information on our holiday boutique, upcoming performances or classes please contact **Kay Miyamoto** at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org

Our upcoming 2016 schedule:

Nov. 6th-Watsonville Taiko's Holiday Boutique

Nov.13th-Big Sur Half Marathon

Dec. 4th- Multicultural Celebration, Watsonville

MULTI-CULURAL CELEBRATION DEC. 4th

Thank you for supporting our pancake breakfast fundraiser on Oct. 8 at Applebee's.



Seated are **Loy and Norm Haney**, back **Clarice and Harry Wiggins**, **Devorah Harris**, and **Marcia Hashimoto**.

The Multi-Cultural Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4th at the Watsonville City Plaza from 1 pm to 4:30 pm, which will be followed by the Holiday Tree Lighting at 5 pm.

KAKEHASHI PROJECT EXTENSION

For the trip of March 13-21, 2017, the application deadline has been extended to **Dec. 15, 2016**. It'll be the beginning of Spring in Japan, a wonderful time to see the beauty of Japan and to take part in its many traditions.

Those eligible Asian Americans who are between the ages of 18-25 should contact **Merissa Nakamura** at japanprogram@jacl.org or phone (202) 223-1240 (M-F, 10 am-5:30 pm EST) right away. Do not delay. Merissa is our *Norman Y. Mineta Fellow*.



**President Barack Obama presents
Luis Valdez
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CSUMB University
President Dr. Eduardo Ochoa
in a Conversation with Luis Valdez
"An American Original"



Honoring the Playwright, Director, Filmmaker,
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Tuesday, November 22, 2016
3:30 PM at the World Theater
Call Ca State Monterey Bay (831) 582-4580 for
reservations, www.csumb.edu/worldtheater

JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we'd love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2016-2017. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Annual membership dues are \$80 for individual, \$150 for couples, and \$25 for youth between the ages of 14 and 25.

Yes, you don't have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don't even have to be a US citizen. You must be an advocate for justice and for civil rights for all.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx **8/16** means your membership expired back in **August of 2016!** Please renew before your membership's expiration month. **Marcia Hashimoto**, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.

Please do not mail to our Kizuka Hall address on Blackburn Street.

Our mailing address is: W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Thank you for reading this November 2016 newsletter. Comments are always welcome.

Hi Mas, thanks again for a great (October 2016) newsletter. I was still pretty young but your recollections of camp life brought back memories that I remembered of Poston; the movies outdoors still vivid and the chaffing I suffered from the unlined wool pants that we wore back then (smile)! **Helen Y.**

Didn't know about your love story with Amy Izumizaki. Ah, young love! We enjoyed visiting with Arthur and Amy when they lived in Pacifica. Also enjoyed story of seeing eye dog, golf and about yourself, charmingly told.

Ann T.

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>, Newsletter, then the month.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

2017 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY PAMPHLET

The 2017 Community Directory deadline for businesses and professional services is **Sat. Dec. 10**. We are grateful to the many faithful who each year donate and participate in our project, and we welcome new participants. Information about placing an ad is included in this newsletter.

The Community Directory will be published and widely distributed in January of 2017.

We keep our Directory next to our telephone so that we can easily and quickly call for services and appointments.

Merit Academy, Susan D'Arcy

McSherry and Hudson Insurance

Drs Gerald Kondo and Brooke Kondo Rains

Alan Uyematsu, CPA

Central Electric Company, Tony Kulich, President

Nik Chan, Espresso Metro

Mas Hashimoto, Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty

Fujii Bros (donation)

Second Harvest Food Bank, Victor Kimura

Dr. David South, MD

Toriumi's Auto Repair, David Toriumi

Watsonville Berry Co-op, Tom Simmons

West Lake Brokers, Louis Ivanovich & Sam Gabriel

A Accurate Overhead Door

Polaris Tours, Lance Imamura

Julian Grantz, CPA

SPEAKING ON OUR WARTIME INCARCERATION

Thanks to the invitations from **Dr. Martin Rizzo** of Cabrillo College of Aptos and **Maria Gitin** of Temple Beth El of Aptos, Mas spoke to Dr. Rizzo's US History class (studying from 1865 on) in the morning and to the elders of Temple Beth El in the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 24, 2016.

**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163**

October 2016



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Dear Friends,

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the National JACL is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization (ID #94-2659895) that serves our greater community in the important areas of education, civil and human rights, and cultural appreciation.

We will be publishing a 2017 directory of businesses and professionals that will be a valuable resource to our chapter's 400 members and friends who reside primarily in Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley. It will also be on our website which has thousands of viewers. We would appreciate your consideration in placing an ad in our 2017 Directory. It would be a wonderful way to acknowledge your loyal customers and friends and advertise to those who could be potential customers and clients.

Your tax-deductible ad donation will provide support of our organization's outreach programs which include but are not limited to:

Educational Outreach:

- Presentation to students about the Japanese American experience—the unjust wartime incarceration of over 120,000 innocent persons.
- Youth scholarship awards and program support for students and educators.
- Events highlighting our Nikkei veterans and community members.

Civil and Human Rights Outreach:

- Support of legislation protecting Constitutional rights.
- Support of individuals and organizations against discrimination.

Cultural Community Outreach:

- Provide and safely maintain facilities for our elders at the Senior Center (JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall); Watsonville *Taiko*; Watsonville *Bonsai* Club; and *Kokoro no Gakko*, our Japanese cultural school.
- Publish a comprehensive community newsletter each month.
- Sponsor cultural heritage celebration events.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL sincerely appreciates your generous support and service to our greater community. Please check our website: <http://www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>.

Yours truly,

Marcia Hashimoto
Victor Kimura
Phil Shima

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL 2017 Community Directory

The directory booklet size is 5-1/2 inches x 8-1/2 inches. Ads are black & white. Professionals' names and businesses will be organized by category with an alphabetical index.

Ad Sizes (see reverse)

- Full-page (4 1/2" w. x 7 1/8" h.)..... \$350
- One-half page (4 1/2" w. x 3 3/8" h.)..... \$200
- One-third page (4 1/2" w. x 2 1/8" h.)..... \$100
- Name & Info listing (text only, max. 4 lines)..... \$50

Ad Specifications

- For best results, send your completed ad as a black & white PDF file (saved as Press quality), or an Illustrator (or EPS) file. **Be sure page size is same as ad size.**
- Or fill in the Ad Copy below (or email your ad copy), and it will be typeset.
- Or you may submit a business card, and the info on it will be typeset (it will not be scanned).
- If you wish to include a logo or graphic: submit a digital file in .AI or .EPS format. Photos require high resolution (300ppi minimum) Photoshop, JPG or TIFF files.

Send your file as an e-mail attachment to: wsc.jacl@gmail.com

For technical questions, email: wsc.jacl@gmail.com

For other questions, contact Marcia Hashimoto: (831) 722-6859, or email: wsc.jacl@gmail.com

Artwork and Donation must be received by Dec. 10, 2016. The Directory distribution will be in early 2017. *Thank you for supporting the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. Your ad donation is truly appreciated.* Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Send the form below with your donation payable to *Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL* to:

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL • P.O. Box 163 • Watsonville, CA 95077-0163

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Name/Business _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Ad Copy _____

Circle Size of Ad:	Full page \$350	One-half page \$200	One-third page \$100	Name listing \$50
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Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

No Increase in the 2016 – 2017 Membership Dues

Working toward our national goal of *Better Americans in a Greater America* is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight **racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.**

The 2014 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

Family/Couples	___ \$150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
Individual Member	___ \$80 This includes National dues with subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.
Youth/Student	___ \$25 for each of ages 14 to 24, which includes a subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is <u>required</u> for scholarship consideration.

For **Thousand Club**, **Century Club**, and **Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership chair **Jeanette Otsuji Hager**.

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

For family membership, please list names (and ages) of all children under the age of 14:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077
Thank you so much for your support.
Check out our websites: <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org> and jacl.org.