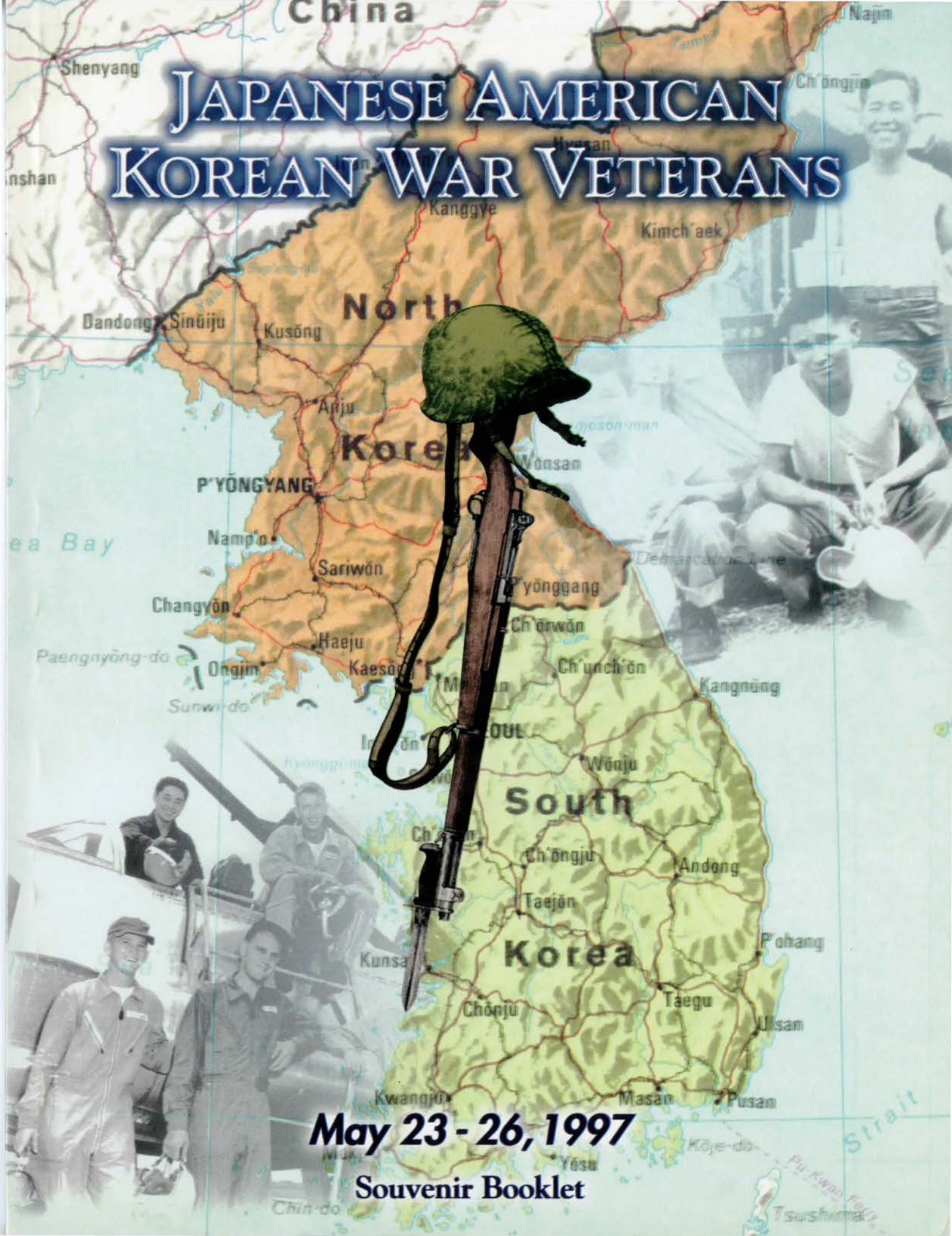


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 1950 - 1953

Korean War GIs: A Statistical Sketch

Korean War: June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953

Korean "Conflict Period": June 25, 1950
 to January 31, 1955

Korean Era Veterans (Living): 4 million

Number of Participants:

Actual service in Korea during war	1,500,000
Stationed in Far East Command (Korea, Japan, Okinawa Sea of Japan)	1,789,000
On active duty during the "Conflict Period"	5,764,143

Draftees: 1,751,820 or 30% of total "Conflict Period Forces"

Peak Strength of All U.S. Forces in Korea
 (July 1953): 325,270

Peak Strength on U.S. Ground Forces in Korea
 (July 1953): 302,483

U.S. Army: Army Forces, Far East; 8th Army; I, IX and X Corps;
 8 Divisions (1st Cavalry and 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th,
 40th and 45th Infantry) and 2 Regimental Combat
 Teams (5th and 187th Airborne)

U.S. Navy: Naval Forces, Far East; 7th Fleet; and Task Forces
 77, 90 and 95

U.S. Air Force: Far East Air Forces (FEAF); 5th, 13th and 20th
 Air Forces; FEAF Bomber Command; FEAF Logistical
 Forces; and 314th and 315th Air Divisions

U.S. Marine Corps: 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Air
 Wing. Peak strength (April 1953) —35,306

U.S. Combat Deaths: **33,629**

U.S. Wounded in Action: **103,284**
 (Only hospitalized counted)

U.S. Prisoners of War: **7,140**
 Returned 4,418
 Died in Captivity 2,701
 Refused Repatriation 21

U.S. Missing in Action: **8,177**
 Still Unaccounted for: 389

Medal of Honor Recipients: **131**



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Japanese American Korean War Veterans
Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony
Japanese American Cultural
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Los Angeles, California

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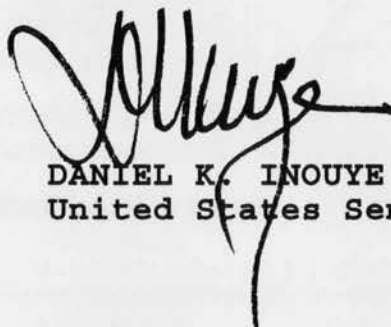
It is my pleasure to extend my warm greetings and congratulations on the dedication of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans memorial wall.

I commend the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization for its diligent efforts to pay tribute to the 249 Americans of Japanese ancestry who made the ultimate sacrifice. This memorial wall is an appropriate way to commemorate those brave soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to preserve and defend our nation's principles of peace, freedom, and democracy. Their stories of extraordinary duty, honor, heroism, responsibility, and sacrifice will always live on.

We must look upon this memorial wall as a legacy of honor, pride and the promise of a better life for our children and the generations to follow. It is a celebration of the future that Japanese American Korean War veterans helped to create; a future filled with peace, equality and freedom.

I send you my best wishes for a most successful and memorable gathering.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE
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February 5, 1997

Attn: Robert M. Wada
Japanese American Korean War Veterans
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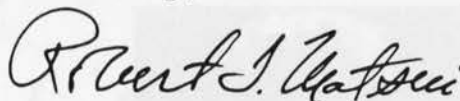
I am honored to welcome all of you to the first Japanese American Korean War Veterans reunion. This occasion is especially poignant because it marks the official dedication of the Japanese American Korean War Memorial Monument.

I congratulate the JAKWV for the completion of this long overdue memorial wall. The Korean War can never truly become "forgotten" as long as organizations like JAKWV seek to preserve the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This memorial will stand as a testament to their heroic accomplishments and is a fitting tribute to the memory of the many Japanese Americans who died during the War.

I salute the Japanese American Korean War Veterans commitment to its mission of highlighting the achievements and efforts of Japanese American veterans. I commend the JAKWV's accomplishments thus far, and am confident your work will lead to a greater appreciation of the role Japanese Americans played in the Korean War.

Again, please accept my best wishes to all of you during this special occasion.

Sincerely,



ROBERT T. MATSUI
Member of Congress



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**MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T. MINK
FOR THE FIRST REUNION OF
JAPANESE AMERICAN KOREAN WAR VETERANS
AND DEDICATION OF THE
JAPANESE AMERICAN KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MAY 23-25, 1997**

It is an honor to be given the opportunity to extend my warmest aloha to the Japanese-American men and women who served the United States with loyalty and dedication during the Korean War and to their families on the occasion of this first reunion sponsored by the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization. In particular, I want to acknowledge the presence of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hershey Miyamura.

The focus of this first reunion is the dedication of the memorial wall honoring the 246 Japanese Americans who lost their lives in the service of our country during the Korean War. These young men of courage and principle represent a great loss to our nation and to the families who lost beloved sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers. None of us knows how much each would have accomplished given a longer life, but we know that their families have carried a wound that can never be fully healed. I salute all of you for ensuring that the sacrifices of our honored dead and their families will not be forgotten.

To all the veterans of the Korean War and to all who have risked their lives and health in the service of America in conflicts around the world, I offer my heartfelt gratitude and admiration. You will not be forgotten.



Very truly yours,

PATSY T. MINK
Member of Congress



GOVERNOR PETE WILSON

May 24, 1997

I am honored to join with everyone gathered today in Los Angeles on the occasion of today's dedication of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall.

No one is more deserving of tribute than those brave men and women who answered our nation's call to duty, risked and sacrificed all and ensured the freedoms we claim as birthright. For their courage and commitment to duty, they have earned our lasting respect and heartfelt appreciation, and I commend the Japanese American Korean War Veterans for making this special project a reality.

To all Japanese-Americans who served in the Korean War, we are forever indebted, and we realize that without their courage and heroism, the world would not be a better place. California and indeed, the entire nation, are profoundly grateful for the sacrifices made by our veterans, and this memorial wall a well-deserved tribute to them.

Gayle joins me in wishing you the very best for an outstanding initiation ceremony and every future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Wilson".

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March 28, 1997

Korean War Veterans and Families:

I write to extend my endorsement and support for a Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial. I believe these patriots are owed and deserve this acknowledgment of their dedication and service to our country.

I have been honored to be listed as an Honorary Co-Chairperson for this important memorial which will serve as a needed tribute for the sacrifices made by these veterans that traveled to a foreign land to defend democracy and American interests.

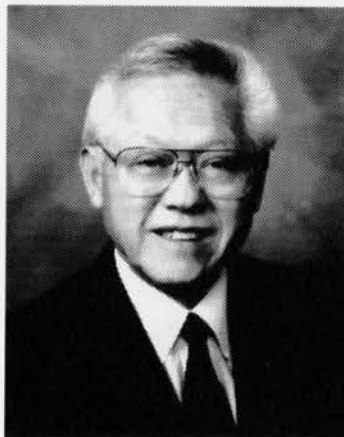
The best way to honor the memories of these soldiers is to share the story of the war and their bravery. This memorial would provide that recognition and opportunity for educating future generations about this page of America's history.

Thank you for allowing me to be involved in this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nao Takasugi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

ASSEMBLYMAN NAO TAKASUGI



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March 18, 1997

JAKWV
410 W. Amerige Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92832

Dear Japanese American Korean War Veterans :

It is a great honor to extend my congratulations to the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization, on behalf of the Korean Consulate General in Los Angeles on the occasion of opening a memorial wall honoring 249 brave Japanese Americans who sacrificed their lives in the Korean War.

This memorial is meaningful insofar as it recognizes the noble sacrifices of the Japanese Americans in the Korean War unfolding to many Koreans for the first time that Japanese Americans selflessly fought for the freedom of Korea. To the rest of the world, the Korean War has been called the "Forgotten War" but we Koreans have never forgotten the terror instilled, the suffering endured, and the help rendered to us.

Although the war cost the lives of more than 5 million people and completely devastated Korea, Korea has made great achievements both in democracy and economy. Without the sacrifice from our allies, including the 249 deceased Japanese Americans, it is truly hard to imagine developed Korea of today.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my utmost thanks to Mr. Robert M. Wada, President of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization and all of its members for their dedication in serving in the name of freedom and democracy world wide.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tae Hee Park'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tae Hee Park
Consul General



May 24, 1997

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend warm and cordial greetings to all who have gathered for the dedication of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans memorial wall at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center and to pay tribute to the many Japanese American soldiers who sacrificed so much for democracy and freedom.

I commend the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization for your dedication and outstanding service to the Japanese-American community and for your efforts to reflect on the significance of this momentous event in our history.

Best wishes for a memorable and successful celebration.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Riordan
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March 24, 1997

Mr. Robert Wada
President
Japanese American Korean War Veterans
410 West Amerige Avenue
Fullerton, California 92832

Dear Robert:

Thank you for including me in this most special event -- the first Japanese American Korean War Veterans Reunion and Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony.

As a veteran of the Navy, I share your enthusiasm and intense patriotism to the United States of America and I am pleased that you have chosen to honor the men and women of Japanese ancestry who gave their lives or are still listed as missing in the Korean War with the creation of a memorial wall.

It is especially fitting that you would take this opportunity to honor Hershey Miyamura. Being the only living Japanese American Medal of Honor recipient, Mr. Miyamura is a symbol of courage and sacrifice on behalf of our great Country.

Julie and I send our best wishes for a very memorable evening.

Sincerely,

DON KNABE
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May 24, 1997

Dear Friends:

My warmest welcome to you on the occasion of this very special tribute to Japanese American veterans of the Korean war. The Memorial Wall reflects the reverence and profound respect we so deeply feel for the 246 Japanese Americans who sacrificed their lives in the war. Your presence honors their memory.

I especially commend and thank all those who so generously gave of their time and resources in making this important memorial a reality.

My best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Rita Walters



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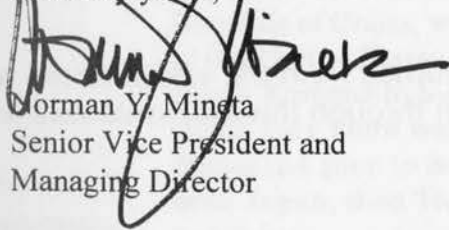
Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the completion of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans memorial! As a veteran of the Korean War, I would like to extend my gratitude to all those who have contributed their time, effort and resources to making this memorial a reality

This important project will go a long way toward ensuring that the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the service of this great Nation are remembered and honored. The example of the 246 Japanese Americans who lost their lives in Korea stands as a testament to our community's devotion to this country and to the cause of freedom. Your dedication to building this memorial is a fitting tribute to their sacrifice and their heroism.

Once again, thank you and my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Norman Y. Mineta
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Dear Veterans, Non-veterans, Families and Friends,

It is indeed an honor and a great privilege on behalf of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans and the Memorial Committee to welcome everyone to our first ever Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial Weekender.

In just nine short months, we have attained our initial goal of \$150,000 to assure us of the construction of our proposed memorial wall honoring over 247 Japanese Americans who gave their lives in the service of their country in Korea during the war from 1950 to 1953.

The fund raising is not over for us, as we must still fund other tributes and memorials in other areas of the United States. Additional funds are needed to finance a replica half scale memorial wall that will be displayed at museums, historical societies and other educational locations throughout the country. Plans include the display of the replica with a CD-Rom computered kiosk containing personal histories and stories of the Japanese American participation in the Korean War.

We thank everyone who has shown an interest in our organization and especially thank each of the donors who have made this memorial wall a reality.

To forget those who never returned from the war in Korea would be a dishonor, but to remember them through this memorial wall will be everlasting.

With our deepest gratitude,

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Greetings to you all. As Chair of our Japanese American Korean War Veterans' 1997 Memorial Day Weekend, I want to thank all of you for attending our functions. I also want to thank all of the many committees and their chairs and the many volunteers for their tremendous effort, initiative and cooperation in making this weekend what it became. The committee members were so enthusiastic that they would immediately volunteer and no task was insurmountable. If something wasn't done or something was slipping through the cracks, they would volunteer to help. If they didn't know, you just needed to point them in the right direction. It was unbelievable. I cannot tell you how much pleasure it has been for me. The culmination of all of our effort is this great day. Finally, after nearly forty-four years since the end of the Korean War, we are able to memorialize those Japanese Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Our dream has been fulfilled by all of you.

It is important to know that the Japanese American KIA's and MIA's died at a rate of 3.2 times greater than the rate of the general populace of the United States. Our community again gave our elite, young men to our country at a rate higher than the rest of America. Some of these men were even incarcerated behind barbed wire fences, with armed guards, during World War II, in what was then called, euphemistically, Relocation Camps, solely because of their ancestry. No one can ever question our loyalty again..

Unknown to most, even to those who fought in the Korean War, this war changed the course of history. The Soviet Union, with its ally Peoples Republic of China, was implementing its grand plan of testing the resolve of the United States to defend its allies. What better way than to use the North Koreans to test this resolve by having them invade South Korea, which they knew was so ill prepared to defend itself. Had the United States not gone to South Korea to stop the onslaught, next would have been Japan, then Taiwan, Philippines, Southeast Asia and on to other countries.

The debt that we owe to the men on our Memorial and to the other American soldiers who died in the Korean War is immense. Because of their sacrifice, we were able to live the kind of life that we did. Every remaining day of our life is a gift that we received. Thank you, guys.



Gratefully,

Minoru Tonai

Minoru Tonai
Chair, 1997 Memorial Day Weekend

THE JAPANESE AMERICAN KOREAN WAR VETERANS STORY

by President Robert M. Wada

For years I dreamt about bringing the Japanese American Korean War veterans together and perhaps someday build a memorial to honor those who gave their lives in Korea during the war. Apparently Min Tonai had a similar dream. One day in November of 1995, he called me to ignite the spark. I didn't know who he was at the time so when I asked him how we would get permission to place the memorial on the grounds of the JACCC, he emphatically assured me there would be no problem for the site. I thought to myself, "Who the heck is this overconfident guy anyway?"

Our purpose in such a venture was quite simple, deemed to be very necessary, and long overdue. Over the past years, the Korean War was being forgotten by our nation and even by our Japanese American community. It had been overshadowed by the exploits of the 100th/442nd/MIS and the Vietnam War.

Believe me, I am the first to agree, they certainly had their heroes, but we too had ours in Korea. There were individual heroics by men such as Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura; Distinguished Service Cross recipients Edward M. Ishibashi, Robert S. Kobashigawa, Fumio Moriyama, Wataru Nakamura, and Ichiro R. Miyasaki, who were all killed in action; Retired Colonel Dusty Toshio Aoyagi who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross as an enlisted man or the untold story of Noboru Nakamura who saw a grenade coming towards him and his friend John Iwamoto. Nakamura is purported to have caught the grenade in his chest, taking the full blast and saving the life of Iwamoto. An untold story which should have surely been Medal of Honor material.

There were probably many other DSC's as well as other decorations for heroism awarded to

Americans of Japanese ancestry during the Korean War. For example, Colonel John Juji Hada who received the highest decoration of the Republic of Korea, and it was personally presented to him by South Korea's President Syngman Rhee.

In Hada's recent letter referring to those who died in the war, he is quoted as saying, "We do not know the dignity of their birth, but we do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips, the hope that we would go on to victory."

If heroism is measured by the sacrifice of life, then our true heroes of the Korean War are those who have their names etched on this dream come true Japanese American Korean War Memorial Wall which we are dedicating today.

Someone once said, "War is hell." The men listed on our new Memorial Wall never had the chance to make the comparison between war and hell. They did, however, see the war and paid the supreme price.

We must always remember that they all died so young and so far away from their homes and their loved ones. In death, they were alone without being comforted by their mother, their father, their wife, or without being able to say goodbye for the last time to their relatives and friends. In the minds and hearts of their families, relatives, and friends are the etched pictures of only young boys. Those memories will always remain that of a very young boy, never ever a memory of him growing old.

By dying they never had the opportunity to return home to enjoy the thrill of parenthood or to ever hear the word "grandpa." They never had the chance to grow old with us and suffer arthritis

pains, sore backs, greying hair, losing their hearing, and all those good things that come with growing old.

It should give all of us here today, a reason to appreciate what we have and give our thanks to each of those who are listed on our Memorial Wall for their supreme sacrifice.

What hands of fate guide our destiny and the future of our lives? We all live with different religions, faiths, and beliefs. We go about our daily lives sharing our happy moments, experiencing sad moments and trusting our lives to the powers that may be. For many of those who served during the Korean War era, they willingly offered their lives for our country and for people of another country they never knew. But whether by fate, the hand of God or for whatever reason, many never had to go to Korea; others did go, but were part of the vital support troops and yet many others fought or died without hesitating to show their courage, honor, and pride as an American of Japanese ancestry. For these reasons, we have to consider all those who served during this era, regardless of where they served, as Korean War veterans.

Many of the men whose names are engraved on the Memorial Wall were killed in the very early days of the war. Some died just days after arriving and yet others died just days before they were to return home.

I read a letter from one of the men who died in which he writes home and tells his family not to send him anything because he is scheduled for rotation home very soon. Can you imagine the devastating feeling the family experienced when first they received that happy letter and shortly thereafter receive a telegram from the President of the United States informing the family, we regret to inform you but your son, husband, or brother is not returning home after all.



JAKWV Memorial Committee

I believe it is for those reasons that I have worked so hard to make my dream become a reality. It has taken a lot of time, effort, and hard work on the part of everyone on the Memorial Committee and the Regional Coordinators. It is truly a gratifying feeling for them and for myself to finally have our dream come true. To accomplish it in such a short period of time was even more astounding, and it is something everyone here today can be very proud of.

The Memorial Committee hopes with this Memorial Wall that no one will ever forget there was a Korean War. We don't want anyone to ever forget the sacrifice and the price paid by those whose names are etched on our memorial and the heartache and the loneliness suffered by their families. For those of Japanese ancestry without Japanese surnames who may not be listed, we also pay special tribute to them and equally dedicate this memorial in their honor.

The 246 names on this Memorial Wall will not only be a constant reminder for our future generations of the price that was paid by all Americans of Japanese Ancestry, but deep down in my heart it will be a special memorial and an everlasting tribute to all of the 33,629 Americans who died for the defense and the freedom of South Korea.



Chosin Reservoir - As the long vehicle column ground to a halt while the infantry cleared the flanks up ahead, the parka-clad soldiers — many of them walking wounded, sagged to the roadside in utter exhaustion.



Chosin Reservoir - Never in any past war of our history have Americans shown greater courage and endurance.



The Chosin Few
100 Mountain Spring Road
Waynesville, NC 28786

Exclusive Fraternity of Honor
THE CHOSIN FEW
NOVEMBER -- 1950 -- DECEMBER

Whatever we were in that frozen long-ago and whatever we are now, we are bound as one for life in an exclusive fraternity of honor. The only way into our ranks is to have paid the dues of duty, sacrifice and valor by being there. The cost of joining, in short, is beyond all earthly wealth.

**BATTLE of the CHOSIN RESERVOIR
NORTH KOREA
NOVEMBER -- 1950 -- DECEMBER**

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*This page is dedicated in memory of
all those brave Japanese Americans,
who made the supreme sacrifice in the
Korean War, so that the rest of us
could attain life to its fullest.
We pray that their souls rest in peace.*

Dr. and Mrs. Ken M. Harada Family

Dr. and Mrs. Harold S. Harada Family

WWII Veteran 100th/442nd and Korean War

IN MEMORIAM

JAPANESE AMERICAN KOREAN WAR VETERANS

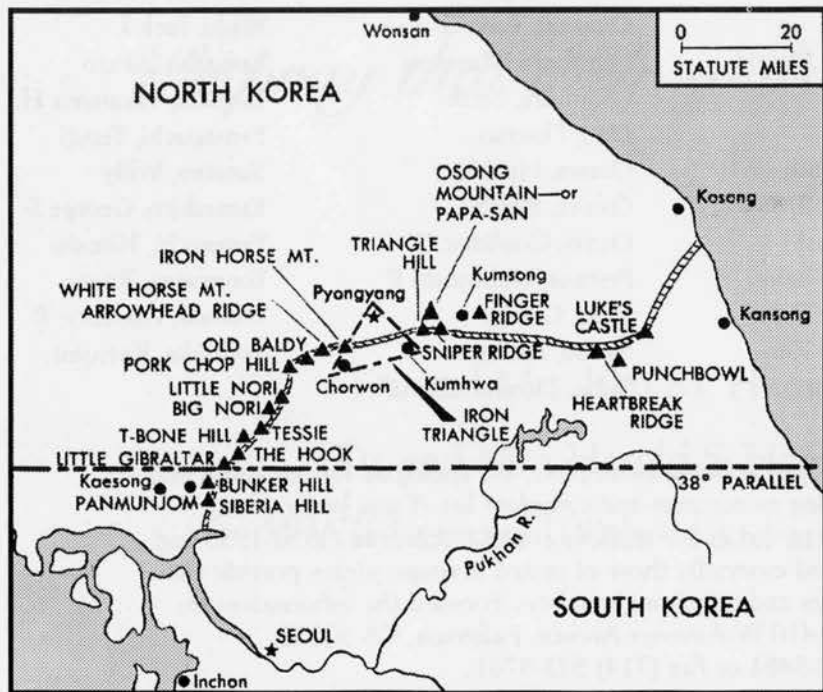
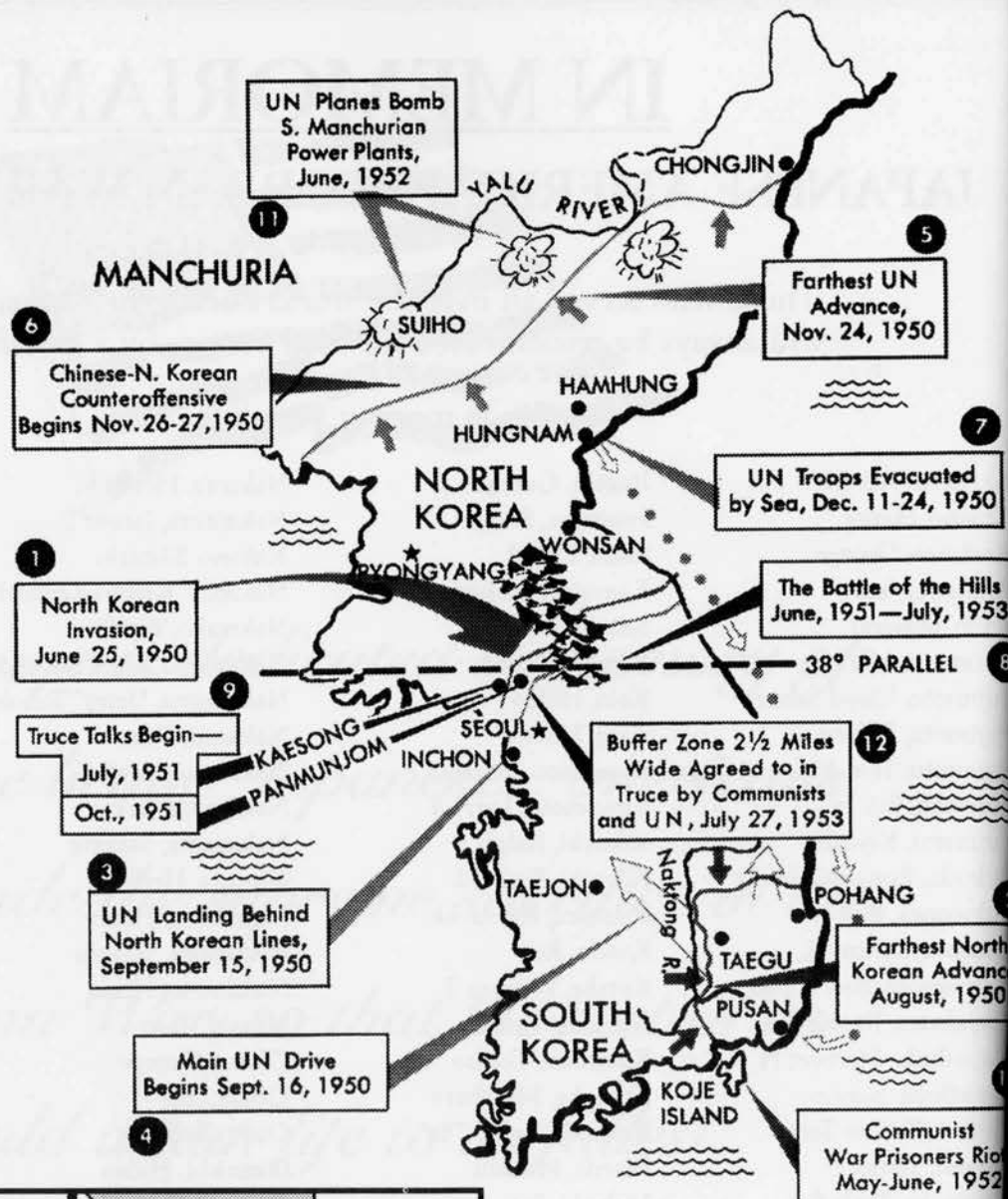
Those who served all over the world during the Korean War era will always be remembered for their service by a grateful nation.

In memory, we salute:

Akiyama, Albert	Itagaki, George	Nakama, Henry K.	Sakamoto, Ben
Amano, Henry	Iwatsuru, Shogo	Nakamura, James T.	Sakuma, Fumio
Arakawa, George	Kado, David	Nakano, Kimiaki	Sakurai, James
Arakawa, Jack	Kamigaki, Robert	Nakaoka, Kiyoto Kenneth	Senaha, Minoru
Endo, Masami	Kaminaka, Frank	Nakasako, Yutaka	Shimazaki, George
Enomoto, Marvin	Kataoka, Tokuo	Nakashima, Dick Suyeyoshi	Shimooka, Eddie
Fujimoto, Lloyd Saburo	Kato, Hideo	Nakashima, "Jerry" Tohoru	Sigemoto, Harry
Fujimoto, Robert	Kato, Mitsuo	Nakasuji, Tohoru	Takagi, George
Fujimoto, Tom M.	Kawakami, Isamu S.	Nakauchi, Frank K.	Takamoto, Ben M.
Fujinaka, Eiji	Kawamoto, Larry S.	Nakayama, Sakae	Takashima, Harold
Fujinami, Kiyoshi	Kikuchi, Ralph	Nakayama, Takeshi	Takechi, Sam
Fukuda, Ronald Takeshi	Kikuchi, Richard	Nimura, Herbert	Takeda, Akira
Fukuzawa, Ben	Kitahara, Katsuyuki	Nishikawa, Henry	Tanaka, Kenzo
Gozawa, Jimmy S.	Kondo, Ken	Nishikawa, Tohoru	Tanaka, Masanobu
Hamamoto, Ben Hisaji	Kotake, William T.	Nishimoto, Hisao	Tanji, Robert
Hayakawa, Kenneth K.	Kunieda, Yoshiro	Nozaki, Tom	Togami, Kazumi
Hayashida, Herbert H.	Kunitomi, Tetsuo	Obata, George	Tsuboi, Jack
Higashida, Sumio	Kuraoka, Masaharu	Ohara, Joe	Tsukimura, Henry H.
Hirami, Tatsuo Tom	Kusumi, Yoshio "Yo"	Oishi, Robert	Uyemura, Yasuo
Hirano, Yasuo	Maeda, Hiroshi	Okanishi, Hideo	Uyesaka, Robert J.
Hiratsuka, Tosh Ray	Makishi, Joe	Okazaki, Tom G.	Wada, Jack J.
Hirose, Donald T.	Mayeda, James Masaki	Okumura, Masanori	Yamada, Manzo
Ichikawa, Ken	Miho, Tom S.	Okumura, Yeizo	Yamada, Takamasa H.
Ida, Shigeru	Mine, Kiyoshi	Ono, Thomas	Yamaguchi, Teruji
Imaye, Fred Hachiro	Miyagishima, Tosh	Osawa, Hiroshi	Yamano, Willy
Imura, Tsugio	Miyashima, Art T.	Oshiro, Roy S.	Yamashiro, George S.
Inouye, Takeshi	Miyashiro, Hiroshi	Ozaki, Coolidge C.	Yamauchi, Hiroshi
Iriye, Shoichi	Mizuno, Victor Isamu	Pestana, Nobutoshi F.	Yoneyama, Roger
Ishibashi, Takao	Morita, George Tadao	Saiki, George	Yoshida, Clarence T.
Ishii, Hiroshi	Mukai, Jenkuro Zen	Saisho, Kazuji	Yoshioka, Katsumi
Isobe, Iutaro	Nakagawa, Henry	Sakai, Dennis "China"	

The above memorial list is acknowledged as being incomplete. We apologize for omissions and request your assistance in attaining an accurate and complete list. If you know of any Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in our nation's armed forces from 1950-1953 and have since passed away, including and especially those of mixed heritage, please provide the JAKWV with their names, addresses and telephone numbers. Forward the information to:
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It was set up along the line of the battle front at the time of the truce. The last two years of the war saw many bitter battles along these hills and ridges.





In honor and memory of Samuel Akira Fujii
and all the Veterans who made the ultimate
sacrifice for our country, so that we could all
live in freedom. Thank you.

Joe Yuzuru Fujii and Family
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March 1, 1997



**EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY
PRESIDENT ROBERT M. WADA AT THE 47TH ANNUAL NISEI VFW REUNION
HOSTED BY THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY NISEI VFW POST 4140
ON FEBRUARY 15, 1997**



Robert M. Wada keynote Speaker: 47th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion hosted by San Fernando Valley Nisei VFW Post 4140

When I first began organizing this incredible group, at about the 3rd or 4th meeting, I opened with the statement, "Before I begin this meeting, I just want you all to know, I'm the first to admit that the Marines did not win the war in Korea by themselves." I got them so mad, look at what this incredible group did. With the help of our Fund Raising Committee and the Regional Coordinators, we have reached our initial goal of \$150,000 for the memorial in just 9 short months. I've had great support, but in return, a lot of name calling and cat calls!!! We still have a ways to go for other planned tributes and memorials, so we are still continuing with our fund raising.

But on the more serious side, there has always been something very unique happening with the Americans of Japanese ancestry during each of our generations.

For the first generation Issei, it was their foresight and just plain guts to come to a strange new country called America, start a new life, a family, and ultimately take their place in the history of our nation.

Then in the next generation, Pearl Harbor and the beginning of WWII. The second generation older Nisei had to prove the loyalty of the Japanese Americans through their heroic efforts with the 100th/442nd and the MIS in Europe and the South Pacific. They did this even while their families were interned and deprived of their constitutional rights as American citizens.

After the WWII Nisei, came the generation of the too young for WWII Niseis and Sanseis who got their opportunity to answer the call to arms and again prove the loyalty and the bravery of the Americans of Japanese ancestry; only this time in the Korean War or known at that time as a "Police Action."

A full generation later, the Sanseis and perhaps Yonseis got their chance to show our community and our nation that they too were as loyal and as brave as their predecessors. Their opportunity came by way of the very costly and extremely controversial Vietnam War. If there were any Sansei draft dodgers who skipped to Canada during that period, I sure didn't hear about them.

Now generations later, we see the Japanese Americans serving in Panama, Grenada, Desert Storm, and other areas of conflict. We are extremely proud of all Japanese Americans who served in our armed forces in war and during peacetime. But most important of all, we must always remember and pay special tribute to those who gave their lives to help us prove to our nation that we belong and that we have earned the right to live freely as Americans.

The term "Forgotten War" has a special ugly connotation for myself and for many Japanese American Korean War era veterans. We should not allow anyone to ever forget the war or forget those who died. It is our obligation to perpetuate their memory. I lost my home town Mexican-American friend, Bob Madrid, who I had known since kindergarten and it was I who asked him to join the Marines with me. Just a few hours before his death, God gave us a miraculous opportunity to visit for the last time. God brought us together to give Madrid his last touch of home. Bob's death has left an indelible ache in my heart for him and for all the young men who made the supreme sacrifice in Korea or in any war for that matter.



Dorothy McDowell at Korean Veteran display at 47th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion

We must remember that they all died so young and so far away from their homes and their loved ones. In death, they were alone without being comforted by their mother, their father, or without being able to say goodbye for the last time to their relatives and friends. They never had the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of parenthood or ever hearing the word "Grandpa." Without question, we,

the survivors, are the lucky ones and we owe it to our KIA's and MIA's that they are never ever forgotten.

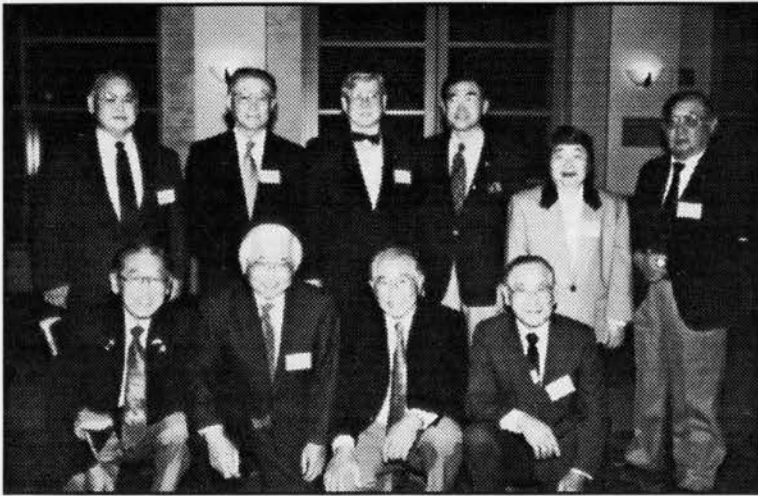
It is hard to visualize the older men and women around us today who served their country as very young men and women. It is hard to visualize them under strenuous training conditions and, in many cases, combat conditions with their now ever-so-common bad backs, arthritic conditions, being frail in stature, and pot bellies. We must always remember that those who died so young shall forever remain as young men; never having the chance to have a bad back or grow old with us.

I became involved in the JAKWV organization because we Japanese American Korean War era veterans all served together but under very different circumstances than our World War II predecessors. Our families were not living in internment camps and we, therefore, had nothing to prove and no obligation to serve whatsoever unless, of course, we were drafted. When the Korean War started, many of us still went ahead and volunteered to serve our country for our own various personal reasons.

Throughout the years, the Korean War veterans and the Japanese Americans who served all over the world have generally been ignored by the public, the press, and even the Japanese American community. We were forgotten partly because of the continuing publicity surrounding the heroic stories and unique history of the 100th Bn., the 442nd RCT and M.I.S. during WWI, and the many stories from the very controversial Vietnam War.

But to the Korean War veteran, the war was just as real and as deadly as World War II and Vietnam, and it is time to recognize the war and pay an everlasting tribute to those who gave their lives. We must fulfill our obligation to them and to their surviving families.

The Nisei of WWII served with the pride and honor instilled in their minds and hearts by their Issei parents. With the same pride and honor, the Korean War era Japanese Americans also proved themselves, but did it under different circumstances. They did it on an individual basis in separate integrated units of the Army, Navy, and the



*JAKWV Members at 47th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion
 Front Row L-R: Roy Shiraga, Ed Nakata, Nori Uyematsu, Ken Tomei.
 Back Row L-R: Goerge Tabata, Sam Shimoguchi, Hershey Miyamura,
 Robert Wada, Dorothy McDowell, Deen Matsuzawa.*

Air Force. Yes, even the Marines. Taking nothing away from the 100th, 442nd, or the M.I.S., the Japanese Americans of the Korean War still proved that the Japanese Americans were loyal and were still good brave soldiers. They did it without the confidence of belonging to a segregated unit where bravery and confidence of support from your comrades was prompted by the parental guidance of not bringing shame in front of your brothers, cousins, or friends.

The Korean War veterans were also faced with their own unique situation and adverse condition of "looking like the enemy." There are many stories that can be told by Korean War veterans who faced serious life threatening situations such as the well known and documented story of the experience of Roy Shiraga.

History will never know what an all Japanese American unit would have or could have done in Korea. There were individual heroics by men such as Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura; Distinguished Service Cross recipients Edward M. Ishibashi, Robert S. Kobashigawa, Fumio Moriyama, Wataru Nakamura, and Ichiro Miyasaki, who were all killed in action; Retired Colonel Dusty Toshio Aoyagi who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross as an enlisted man, or the untold story of Noboru Nakamura who saw a grenade coming towards him and his friend John Iwamoto. Nakamura is purported to have caught the grenade in his chest, taking the full blast and saving the life of Iwamoto. An

untold story which should have been Medal of Honor material.

There were probably many other DSC's as well as many other decorations for heroism awarded to Americans of Japanese ancestry during the Korean War; for example, Colonel John Juji Hada who received the highest decoration of the Republic of Korea presented personally by President Syngman Rhee.

In Hada's recent letter referring to those who died in the war, he is quoted as saying, "We do not know the dignity of their birth, but we do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips, the hope that we would go on to victory."

Again, the Korean War was unique for the Japanese Americans. Not like WWII when the Navy, the Air Force, and especially the Marines were very restrictive when it came to accepting enlistments from the Nisei. In the Korean War, the Japanese American community was well represented by servicemen like Lt. Commander Harvey Kitaoka who as a naval aviator flew 81 missions from the Carrier Princeton over North Korea and the Yalu River. The Air Force had its fighter pilot, Ray Ito, who flew missions over Korea and ironically survived combat missions but was killed in an air accident in Korea. There were many other Air Force personnel, officers, and pilots. And we must not forget the many former members of the 100th/442nd/MIS who remained in the service and served in Korea. Louis Hirata, who was killed early in the Korean War, was a former member of the 442nd. Medal of Honor recipient Hershey Miyamura served with the 442nd before going to Korea. Many of these Japanese American career soldiers went on to attain the ranks of Lt. Colonel and Colonel.

The MIS story didn't end with WWII either. When the Korean War began, hundreds of Japanese Americans in the MIS were sent to Korea as interpreters. Just look at our rosters and backgrounds of many of the Korean War veterans. They were some of the first troops into the war. Many were trapped at the Port of Pusan, which was our last piece of real estate held in the early part of the war. Many of the Japanese Americans in the MIS were taken prisoner by the North Koreans.

The stories of individual heroism and sacrifices by the Japanese American Korean War veterans proves their loyalty and perhaps as a cohesive unit they too could have made the Japanese American community very proud of those who served in the Korean War.

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization is not a matter of heroics or personal glorification. It is a matter of preserving the history and background of all Japanese Americans who served and to perpetuate the memory of those who never returned to live a full life, raise a family, and leave treasured memories for their children and grandchildren.

We must never forget those who made the supreme sacrifice, regardless of which war or conflict. All those young men who died shared the same fate. They lost their lives at such a young age and the memories of them held by their families and friends will always remain as young boys. Never the memory of a husband, father, or grandpa.

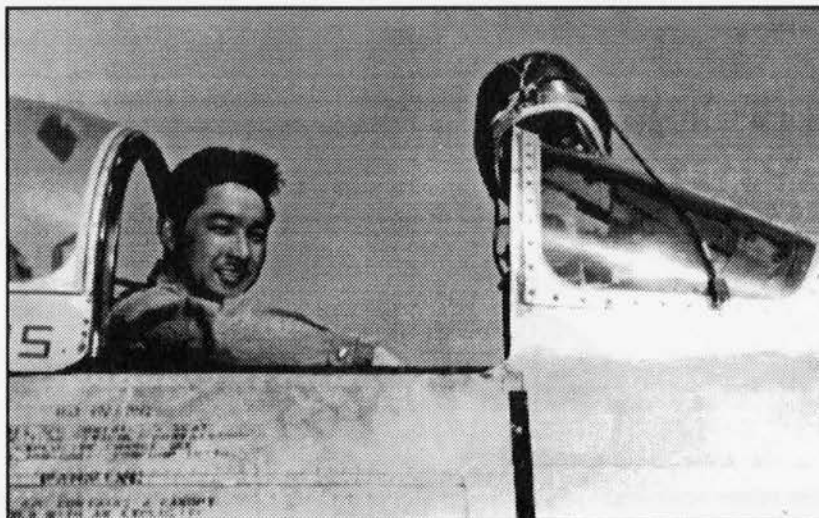
The Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization recognizes a Korean War veteran as a person who offered his life for his country and served all over the

world. He willingly served wherever his Commander in Chief, the President of the United States, needed his presence.

Again, we thank the San Fernando Post for giving us this tremendous honor and opportunity to remind everyone...yes, there was a Korean War. The Japanese American community can be proud of those who served during the Korean War, and the 246 who died shall be remembered forever on our new Japanese American Korean War Memorial Wall.



JAKWV Display: John Yamano and Dorothy McDowell.



**IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT RAY ITO
after numerous missions,
was killed in an air accident in Korea.**

-Bacon Sakatani

***IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME
SACRIFICE DURING THE KOREAN WAR 1950 - 1953***



WE MUST NEVER FORGET OUR KIA'S, MIA'S AND POW'S.



AMERICAN LEGION, COMMODORE PERRY POST #525
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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, NISEI CHAPTER #100
100TH/442ND VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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KOREAN WAR NIKKEI VETERANS

ROLL CALL

JAPANESE AMERICAN KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The following is a list of names of Americans of Japanese ancestry and those affiliated with the JAKWV who served in all branches of the services during the Korean War era from 1950-1953. Their service all over the world during the Korean War is a credit to the Japanese American community and we salute each person listed and those who may have been inadvertently omitted.

Albert T. Abe	Kiyo Goto	Charlie Inatsuka	Tak Kawasaki
Takuzo Ageno	Yoshio Hama	Harry S. Inouye	Daniel K. Kawashima
Seiji Aizawa	Pete Hamagiwa	Masato Inouye	Zitsuo Kawashima
Henry Ajima	Noboru Hamaguchi	Lloyd Inui	Ted Kijiya
Hidekazu P. Akahoshi	Mas Hamamoto	Dick Isawa	Richard Kimura
Albert Akiyama	Tad Hamano	George Iseri	George Kiriya
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Henry T. Arakaki	Kenji Harada	Tohoru Isobe	Richard Kitano
Kazumi Arakaki	Saburo Hasegawa	Frank Ito	Roy Kitano
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Bill Asamoto	Kouji Hata	Min Ito	Ken Kobara
Morimizu Asato	Billy K. Hatano	Tom Ito	Elmer Kobashi
Harry Baba	Ike Hatrchimonji	John Iwamoto	Edward H. Kobata
Hiroichi Baba	Franklin Hayakawa	Henry T. Izuka	Katsuji Kobata
Takeo Ban	"Elwood, M" Hayashi	Takumi Izuno	Bill Kobayashi
Mizuho Bobroskie	Jack Herzig	Calvin Jeo	Isamu S. Kobayashi
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Asami Fukumoto	Kenneth Igawa	Taro Katagiri	Takeo Kumagawa
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Takeshi Fukushima	George S. Ikemiya	Tetsuo Katayama	Kimi Kunisaki
Morio Fukuto	Tom Ikemiya	Mits Kato	Ed Kunishige
Harold H. Furukawa	Henry Ikemoto	Tom Kawahara	Raymond Kunitsugu
Tom Furushiro	Thomas T. Imagawa	"Gene" "Moe" Kawamoto	Jerry Kurakazi
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IN MEMORY OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS

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Crossing an enemy-made footbridge. The 24th Division advanced to positions northwest of Ch'ongp'yong-ni by 23 March.



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**mitsuru goto
hidemaro s. ishida
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**AND ALL WHO MADE THE
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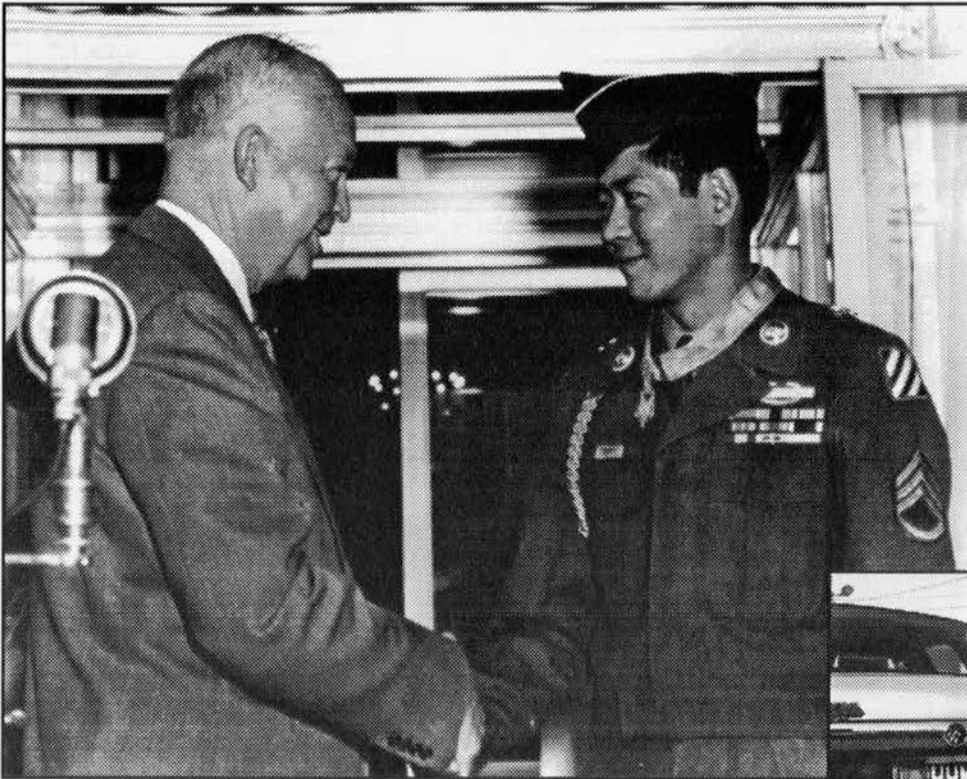
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THE NISEI LEGEND OF THE KOREAN WAR HIROSHI "HERSHEY" MIYAMURA CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR



Every war has its heroes and the Korean War was no exception. The most famous Japanese American of the Korean War, Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura began his life as the son of an immigrant coal mine worker in Gallup, New Mexico.

He grew up in a family so typical for the Nisei before World War II. In 1944 Hershey entered the U.S. Army and served a short term with the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team just in time to return to Washington, D.C. for the ticker tape parade down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Returning to Gallup, New Mexico, Hershey reenlisted in the Army Reserve Corps. It was then that he married Terry Tsuchimori in 1948.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, Hershey soon found himself in Korea with the 3rd Division all the way north to the Yalu River. The Chinese then entered the war and Hershey soon found himself pushed back to Pusan.

Reversing the role and pushing the Chinese north beyond the South Korean Capital of Seoul, Hershey found himself in the thick of battle with the Chinese forces that had crossed the river below his perimeter. Outnumbered, Sgt. Miyamura who was the squad leader for the machine gun crew, ordered his men to retreat to the rear while he alone kept the enemy busy with his arsenal of machine gun, rifle and a couple of cases of hand grenades. He, himself had to abandon his position when they began dropping phosphorous bombs on him.

By now, the Chinese soldiers had his position surrounded and Hershey found himself face to face with the enemy. The two Asian soldiers squared off, recognizing each other as the enemy by their

uniforms. Miyamura had prepared himself by fixing the bayonet onto his rifle and he attacked the other soldier who had a concussion grenade. When Hershey withdrew his bayonet from the other man's body, he fell flat on his back and at the same time, the enemy grenade hit his leg. Hershey immediately kicked it away but when it exploded, a piece of shrapnel became embedded in his body. Now wounded, Hershey struggled to get away from the enemy, but he could not. He decided to play possum and laid there hoping the enemy troops would leave him for dead. About an hour later at daybreak, someone spoke to him in English, "Get up! You are my prisoner. We have a lenient policy for our prisoners." Sgt. Miyamura was now a prisoner of war.

For nearly two and a half years, Hershey suffered in the prisoner of war camp coping with dysentery and malnutrition. Malnutrition caused his hair to fall out in huge clumps and night blindness was another symptom caused by the lack of a proper diet.

Hershey was among the last groups to be released from the camp. On August 21, 1953, his group was placed on a truck which took them to the train station for the long awaited trip to Freedom Village located in Panmunjom, Korea.

At Freedom Village, after lengthy debriefing sessions and being checked physically, Hershey was informed of his being awarded the nation's highest award for bravery, the Medal of Honor. The Pentagon had known about his brave deeds in saving his squad while single-handedly fighting off the enemy until he was forced to retreat, and knew that his retreat came only after killing more than 50 Chinese soldiers. However, they did not disclose his actions for fear of retaliation while Hershey was being held as a prisoner of war.

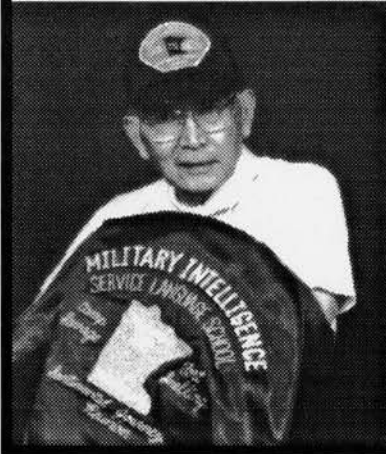
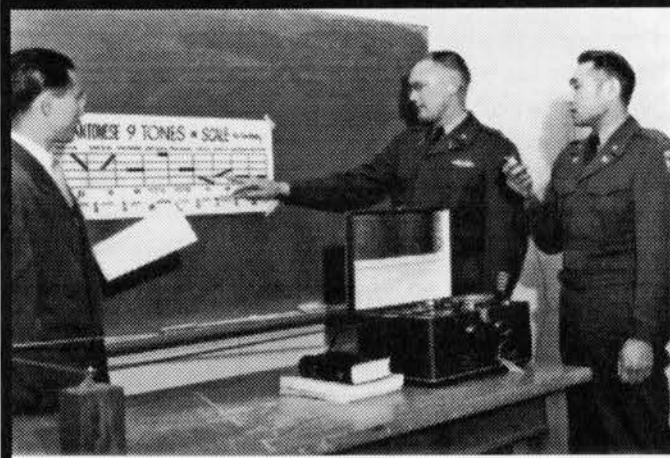
Upon his return to the United States, Hershey was formally presented the Medal of Honor by then President Dwight David Eisenhower in October of 1953. The ceremony took place at the White House with Hershey's family, including his father, witnessing the impressive ceremony.

*In honor of all the men of the
187 Airborne Regimental Combat Team
who served during the Korean War
"Ne Desit Virtus"
and
a tribute to all fallen Rakkasans
" 'Til We Form Again"*



K. Oye
187 Regimental Combat Team





Top Left: Capt. Dale R. Buis and WOJG Mitsugi Kasai practice Chinese-Cantonese dialect tones in 1950. Buis and a sergeant were first killed in Vietnam War. Buis' name appears first on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial under April 1959 in Washington D.C. The language training sent Mits to Korea in 1952.

Top Right: Mits participates in the repatriation of Chinese anti-repatriate POWs (UNC Camp No. 3) to Taiwan and pro-repatriate POWs (UNC Camp No. 8) to Mainland China. The two camps were located on Cheju Island, Korea.

Bottom: Mits attended the 1942 Military Intelligence Service Language School Reunion in 1992 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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On Their Inaugural Reunion
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for honoring those who paid
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during the war in Korea.**



Paul Bannai

**Legislative Advocate
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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (MIS) PLAYED MAJOR ROLE AT ONSET OF THE KOREAN WAR

The MIS story didn't end with WWII. When the Korean War began, hundreds of Japanese Americans in the MIS were sent to Korea as interpreters.

The lack of trained American soldiers in the Korean language and the knowledge that the Korean people were fluent in the Japanese language prompted the U.S. Army to send hundreds of Japanese Americans to Korea immediately. They were some of the first

troops into the war. Many were trapped at the Port of Pusan, which was the last city and area held in the early part of the war.

Many of the Japanese Americans in the MIS were killed in action, while others were taken prisoner by the North Koreans. Some died in prison camps and others suffered permanent disabilities as a result of their captivity as prisoners of war.



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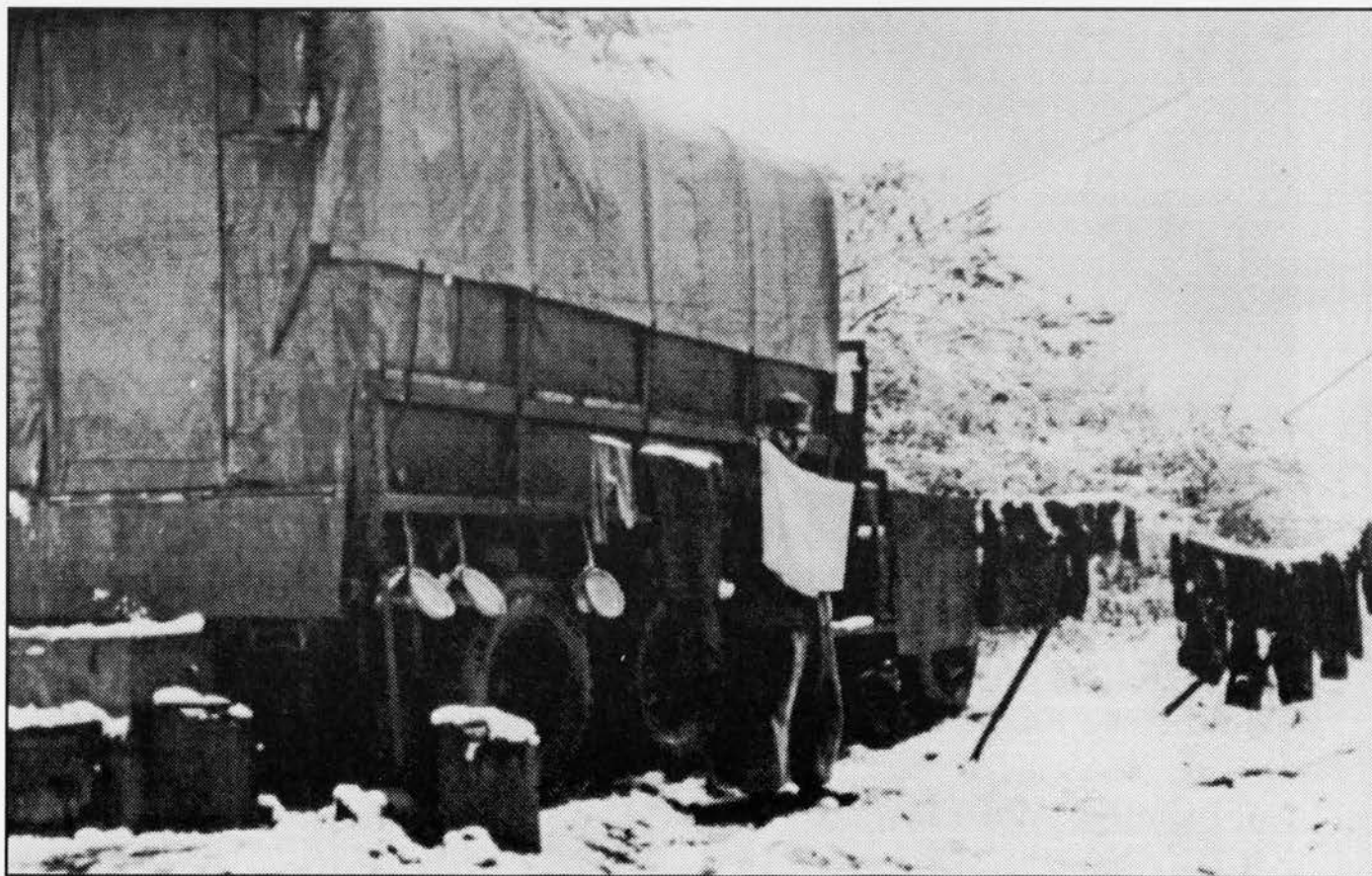
Not pictured: Albert Ibaraki

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Wintery washday in the 24th Division area, 24 November.

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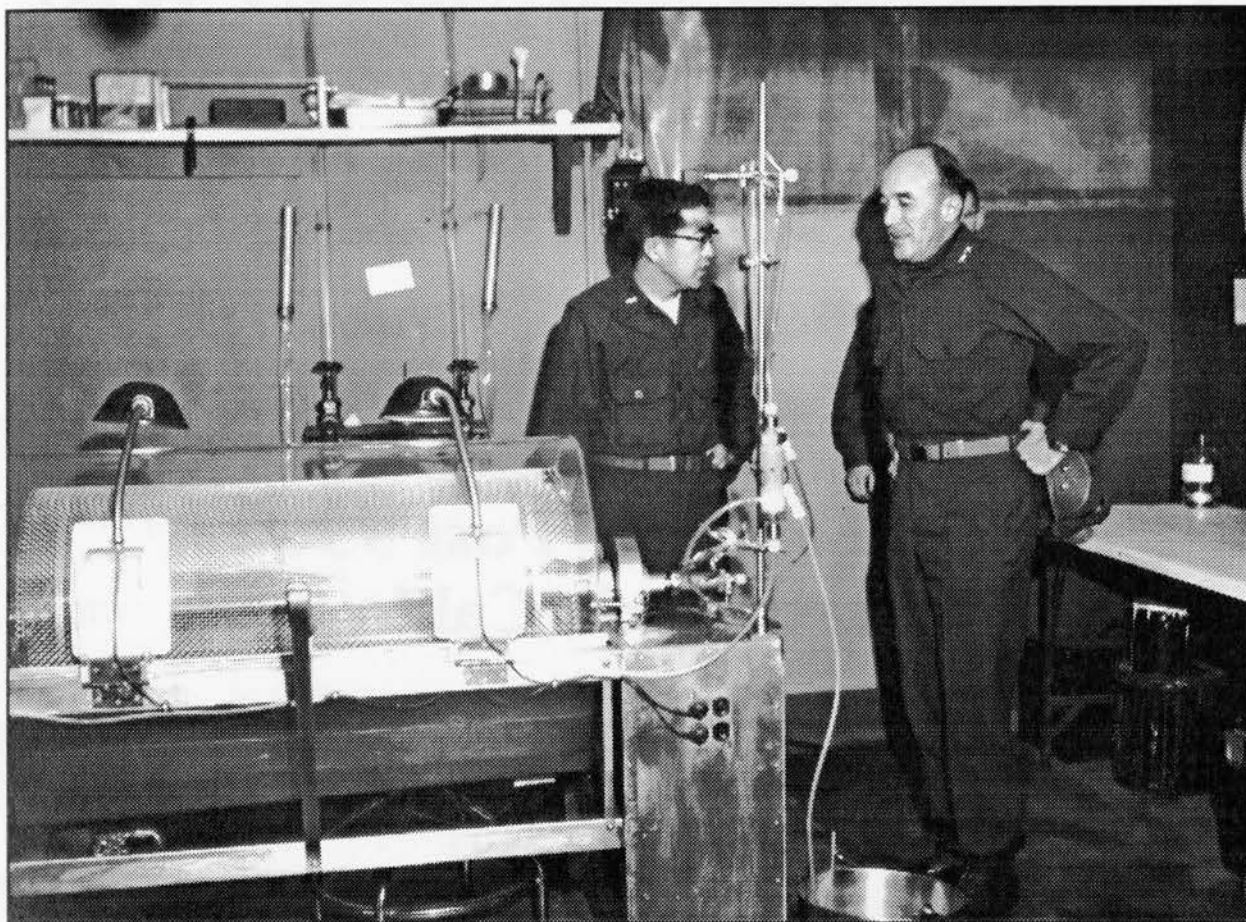
IN MEMORY OF LT. RAY ITO

36th Fighter Bomber Squadron
Korea



*Ken Ito, Kow Ito, James Ito
Chino, California*

MASH Hospital-First Dialysis Machine



U.S. Army Photo: Jan 17, 1954- 1st Lt. Benjamin T. Uyeno, of Cleveland, Ohio, shows Surgeon General of the Army, Major General George E. Armstrong the only artificial kidney in Korea at the 48th Surgical Hospital during Gen. Armstrong's visit to medical installations in Korea.

Dr. Benjamin Uyeno's Tour of Duty in Korea

My first contact with Korea was at Pusan in March 1953, and then to my permanent duty station at the 48th MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) just a few miles north of Seoul and near Panmunjon. As a non surgeon my duties were that of a triage officer delegated to see all admitting casualties and determine disposition. I soon was trained to operate the only kidney machine known as the Klopff model and to care for G.I.'s in kidney failure. From Middle of 1953 our men were affected with a serious illness very similar to our modern E-coli virus causing a hemorrhage with viral illness that was life threatening. Since one phase of this disease had to do with kidney failure our MASH was assigned the task of caring for all

those who contracted this plague. When we had to use the kidney machine it was premature ancient model known as the Klopf model. This was the machine I was showing Major General George Armstrong when he came to inspect our MASH on occasion of his inspection when he became our new Surgeon General of the 8th Army.

During the last 8-10 months of my tour in Korea, the Mash allowed me to have a Korean clinic where I saw between 100-110 patients daily. The army paid for all the meds and the help I needed to care for them.

My tour in Korea was a fascinating and rewarding period and I would not change it for any other time of my life.

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— *Boyhood Friend*

5th Regimental Combat Team

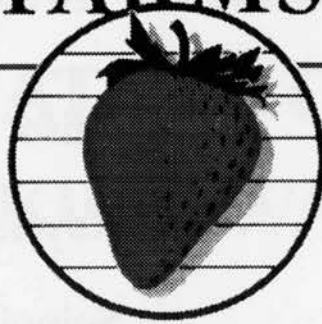
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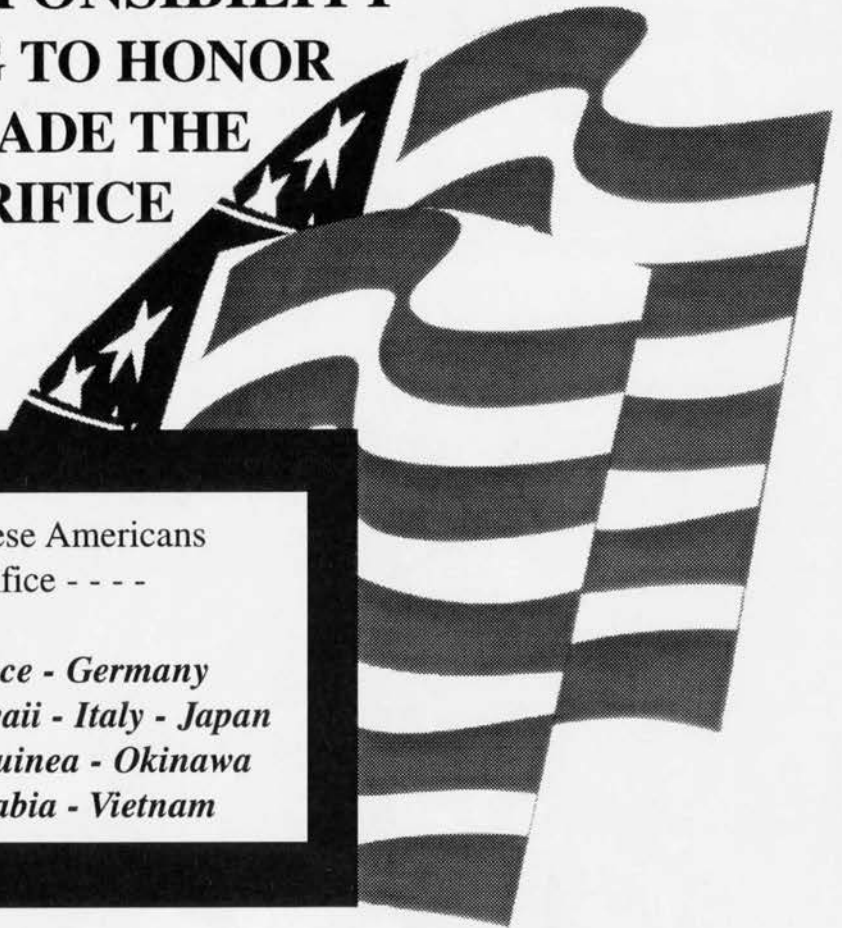
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Congratulations to the Japanese American Korean War Veterans for a job well done. It appropriately stands along side of the Japanese American Vietnam War Memorial as a grim reminder of the supreme sacrifices made by their fellow comrades. The message given by these Memorial Walls are that "we must never allow our War Dead to be forgotten." They are the true Heroes.

Americans of Japanese Ancestry War Memorial Coalition joins a grateful community in saluting the Japanese American Korean War Veterans for not compromising in honoring their war dead on their Memorial Wall.

AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY WAR MEMORIAL COALITION
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FROM CAMP DAYS, TOHORU TAKAI,
WHO WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, WHILE
LEADING HIS SQUAD ON PATROL AT THE
CHANGJIN (CHOSIN) RESERVOIR AND
DIED IN A PRISON CAMP, SOMEWHERE IN
NORTH KOREA.**

**HE LEFT HIS BELOVED WIFE AND
A SON HE NEVER SAW.**

**TOHORU, I'M SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG
TO BUILD THIS MEMORIAL FOR OUR
KOREAN WAR HEROES, WHO GAVE THEIR
PRECIOUS LIVES, SO THAT WE WHO
REMAINED WERE ABLE TO LIVE IN A
BETTER WORLD.**

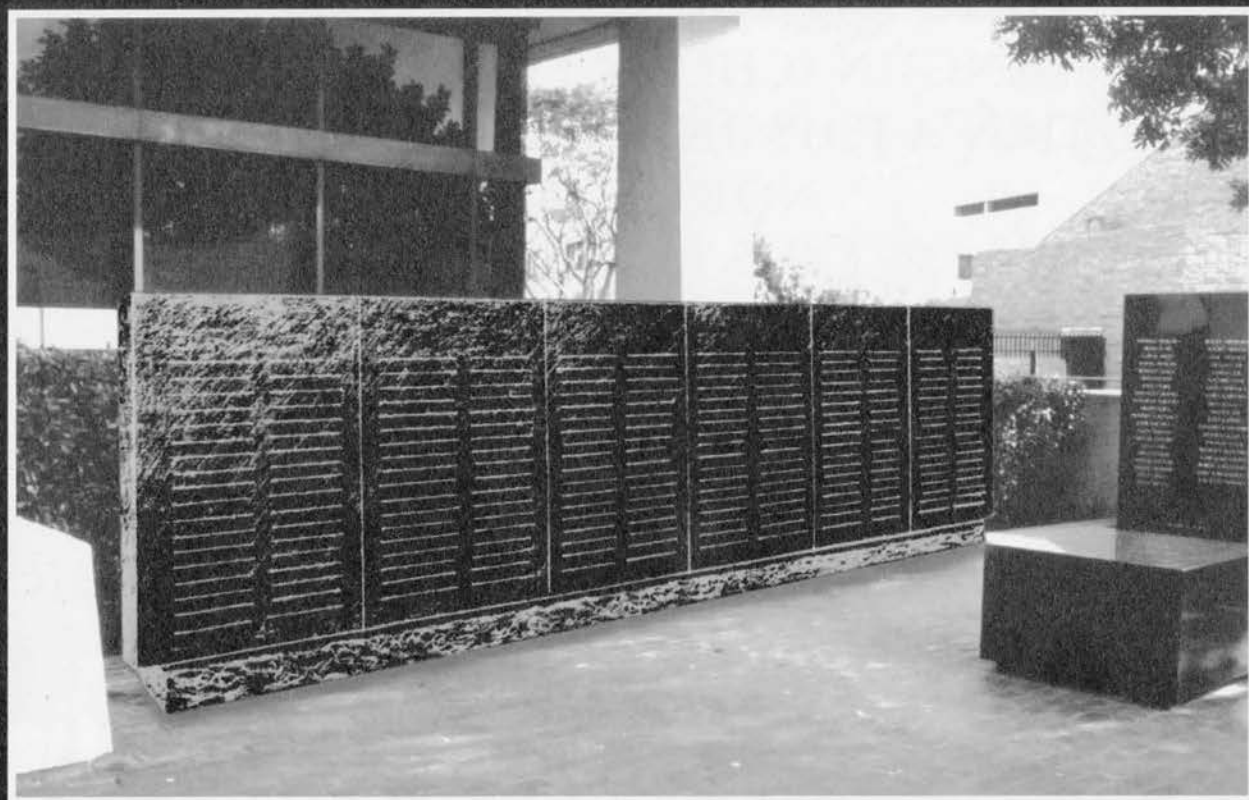
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REMEMBER YOU.**

MAY YOU REST IN PEACE



**Your Pal from Amache,
Min Tonai
24 May 1997**

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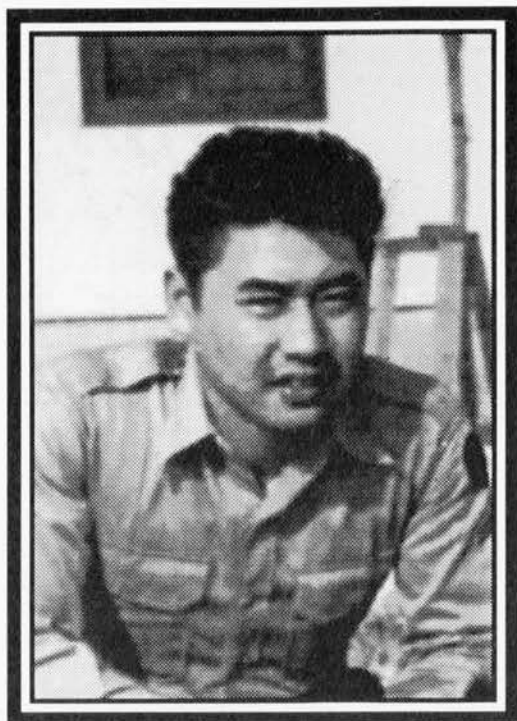
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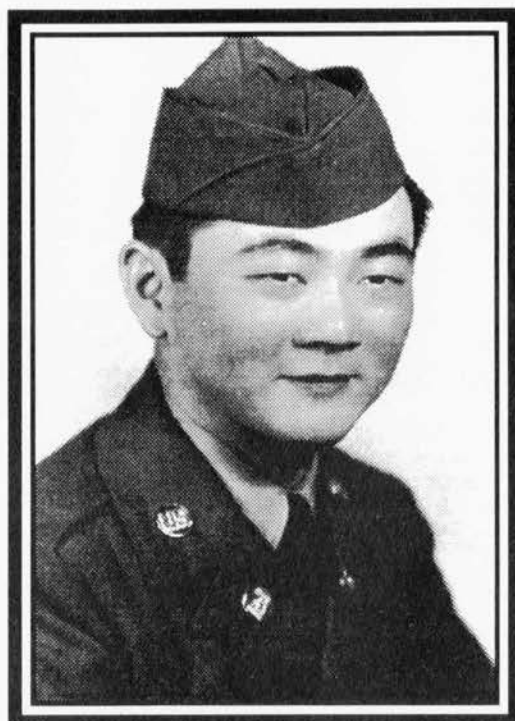
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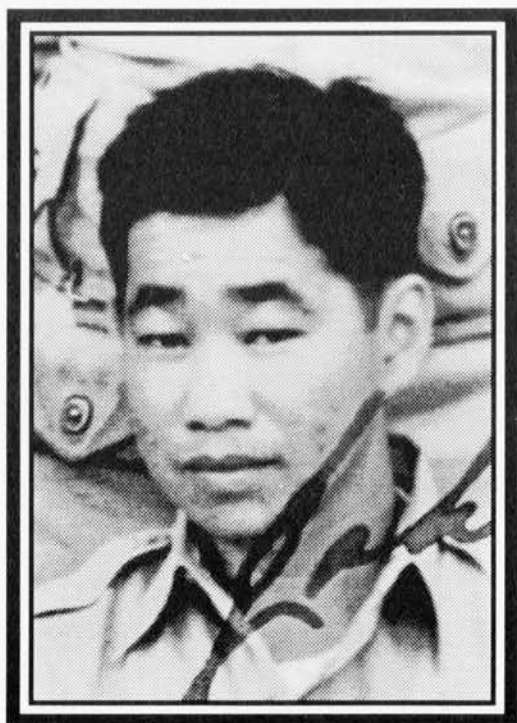
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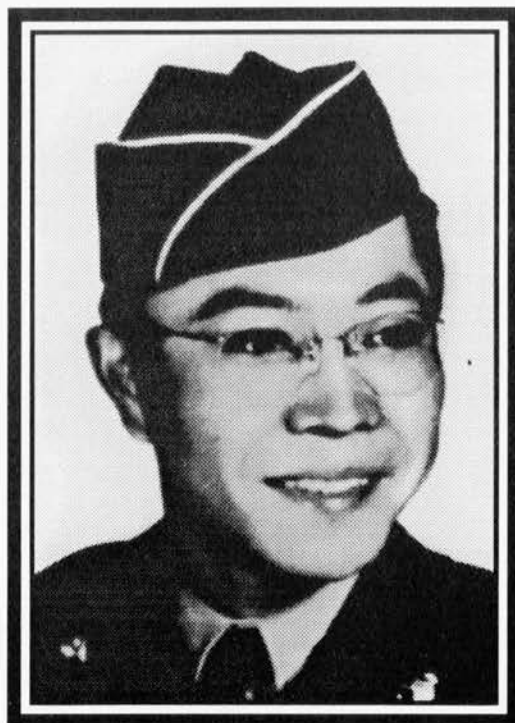
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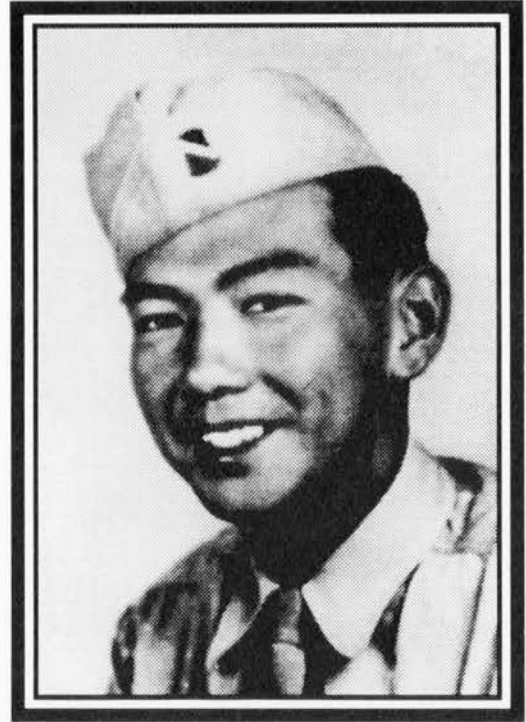


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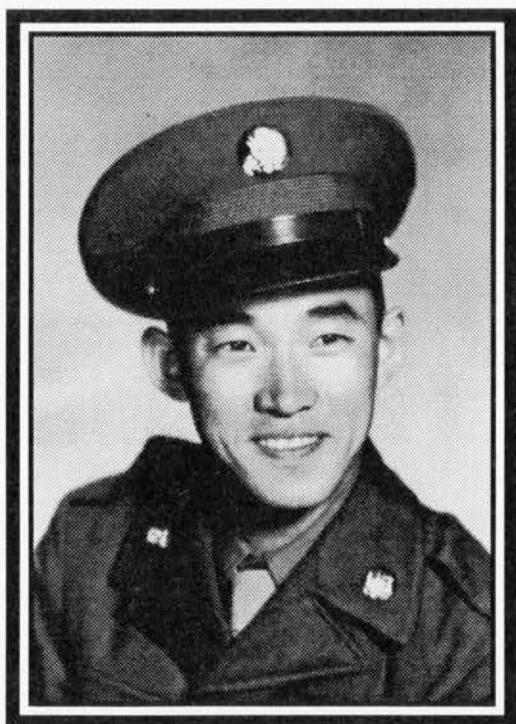


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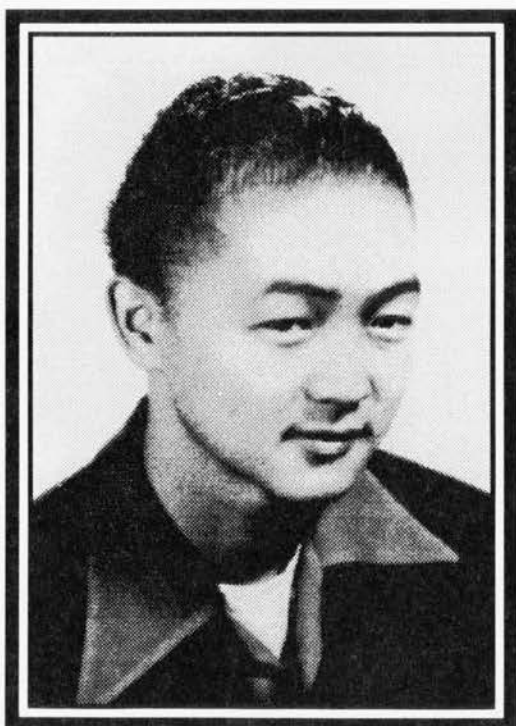
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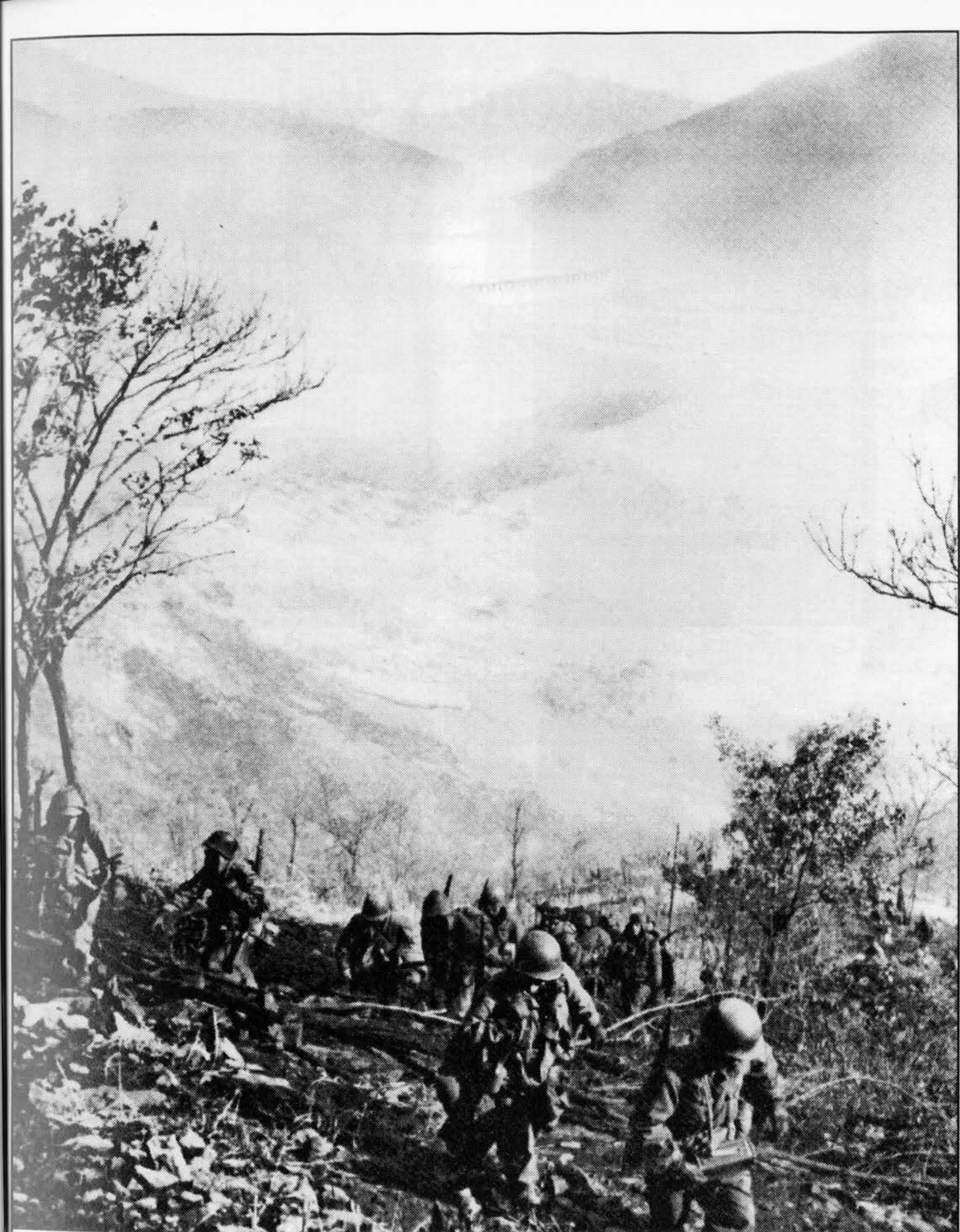
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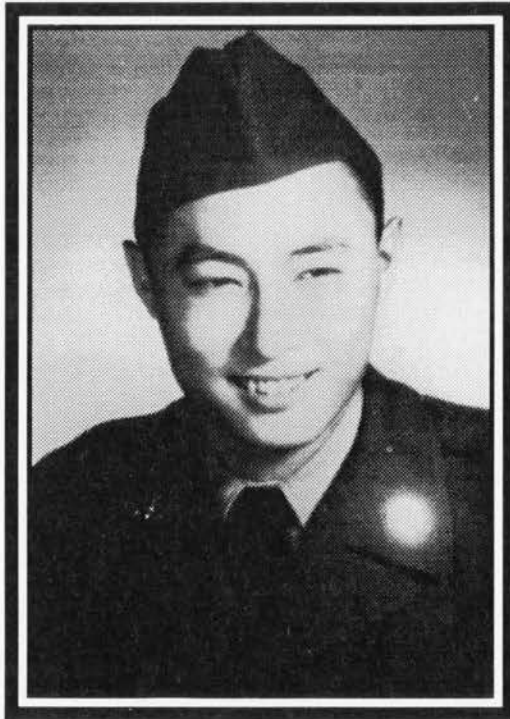


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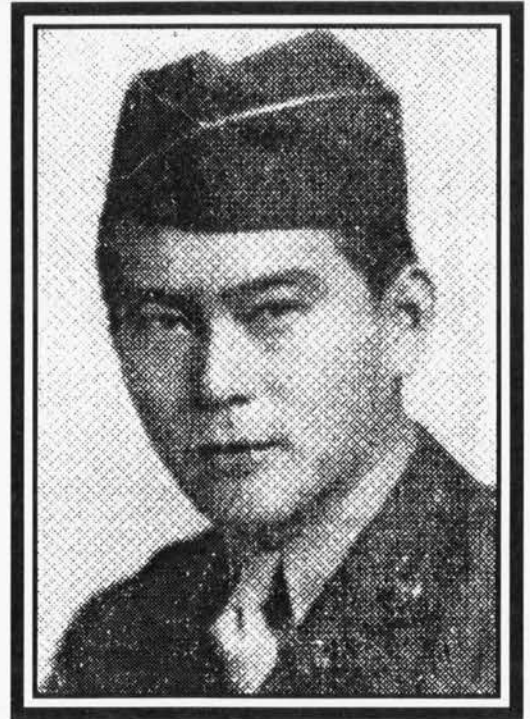


After crossing the Hongch'on River, men of the 5th Infantry tackle another enemy-held hill, central sector, 19 March.

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Sgt Yoshio Ikeda
8/12/50



A1c Hidemaro Saito Ishida
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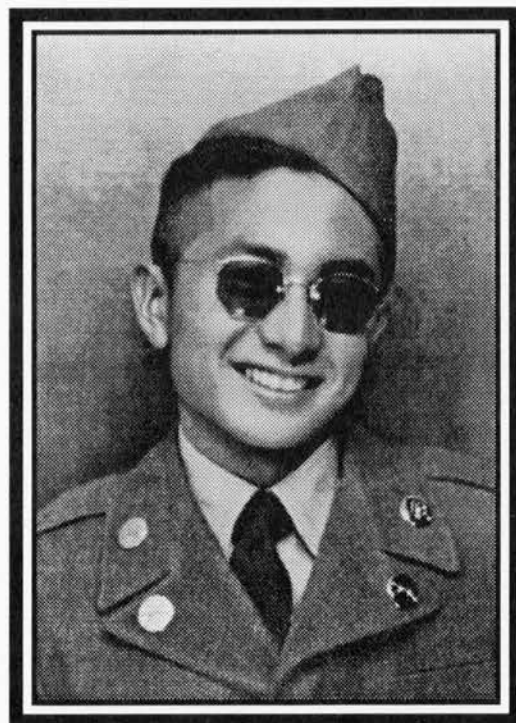


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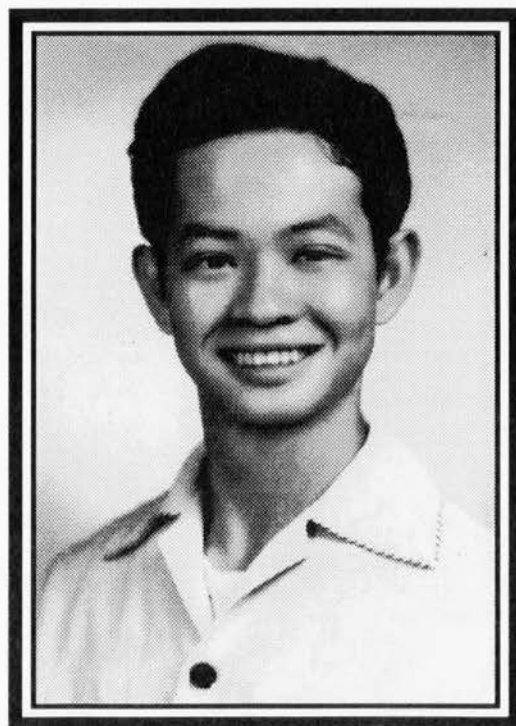
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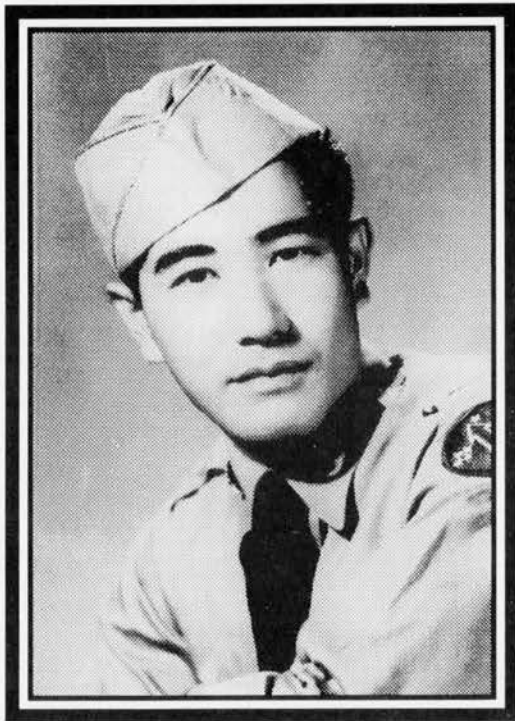


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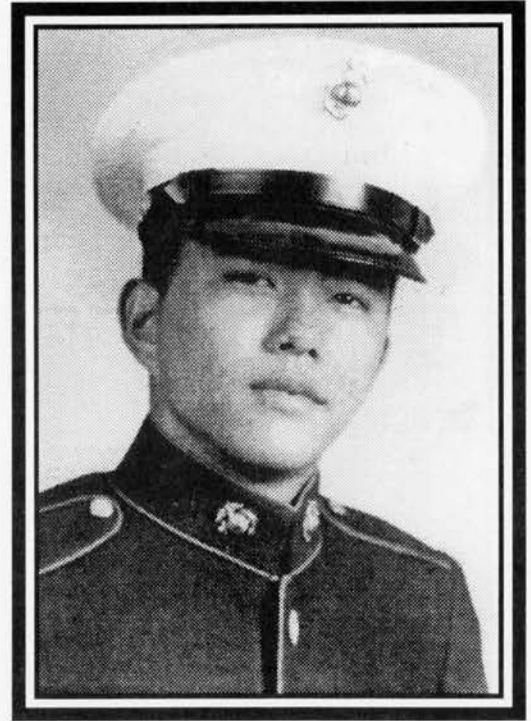


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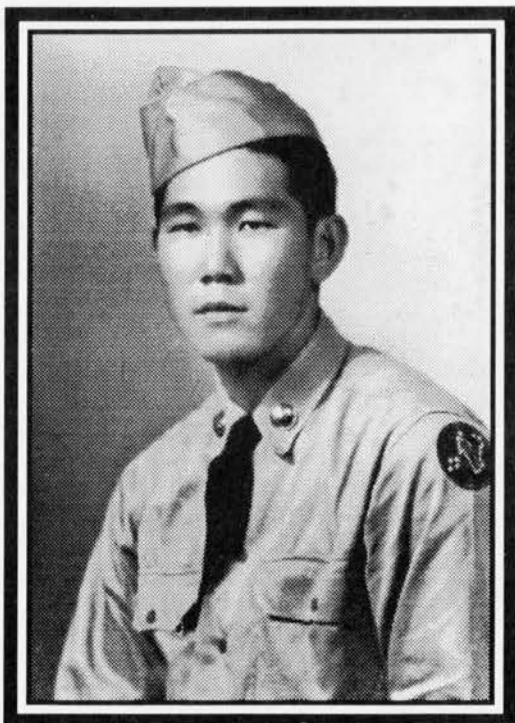
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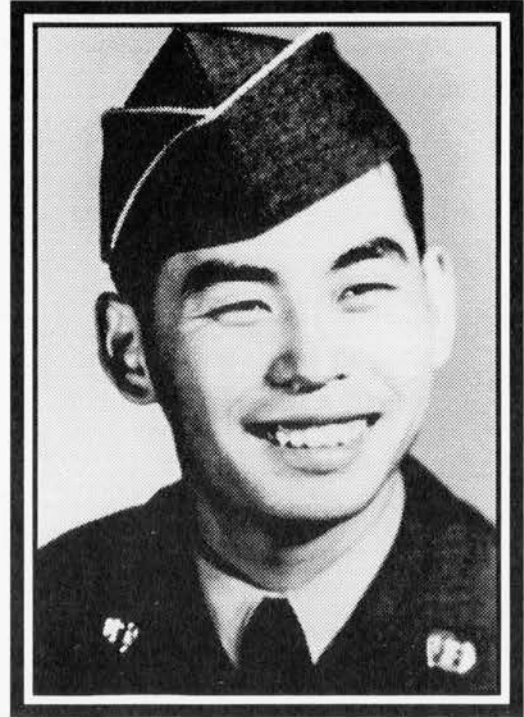


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Sfc Jimmie H. Mayemura
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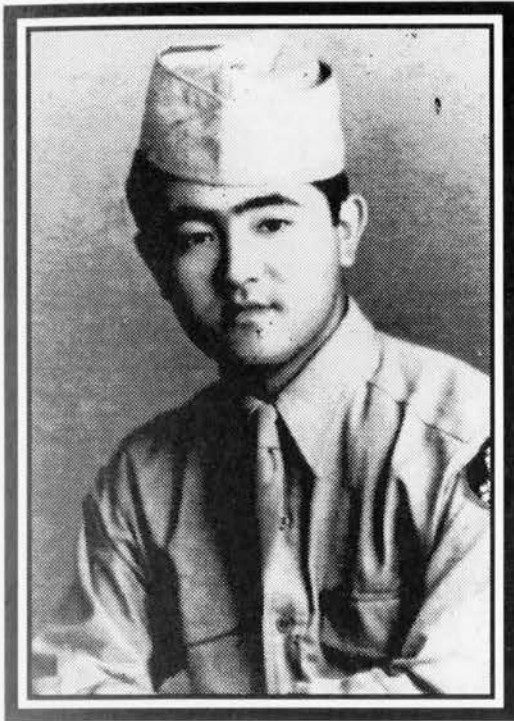
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Pvt Ichiro Roy Miyasaki
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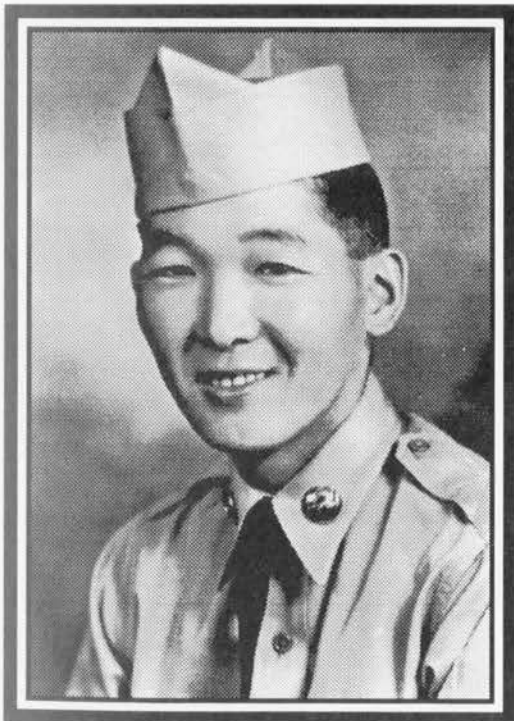
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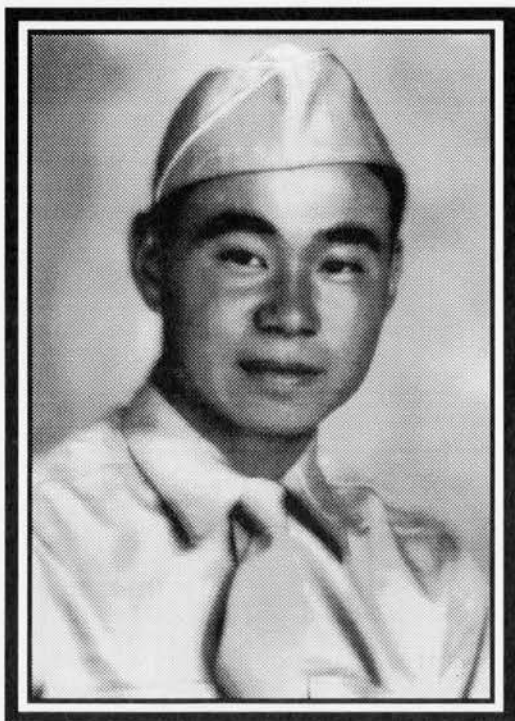


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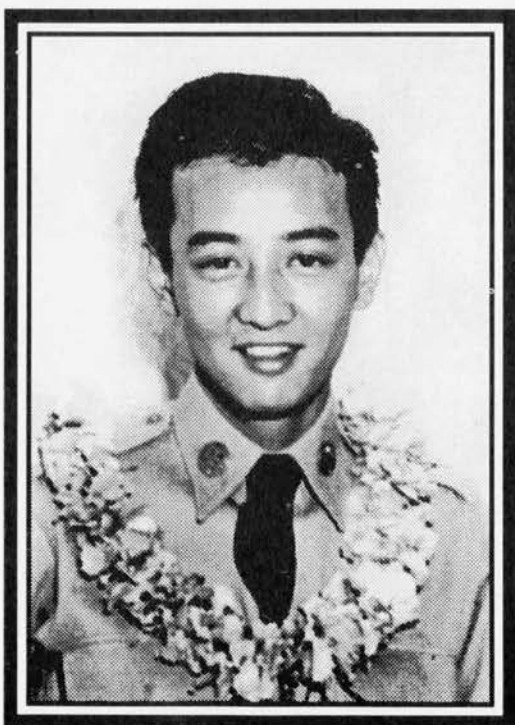
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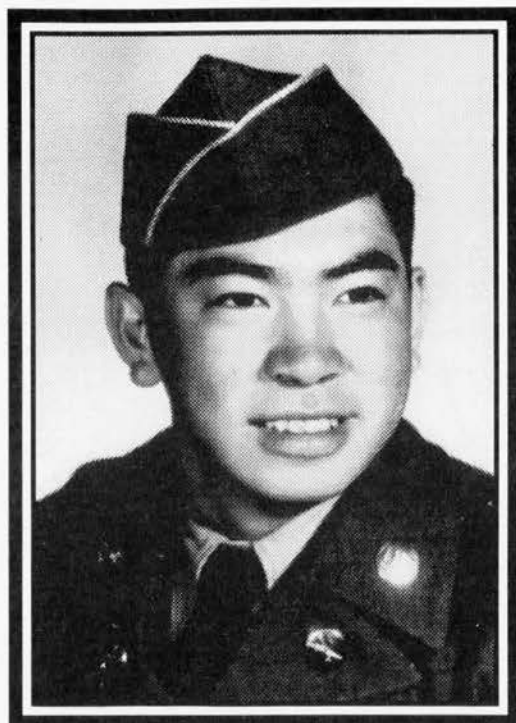


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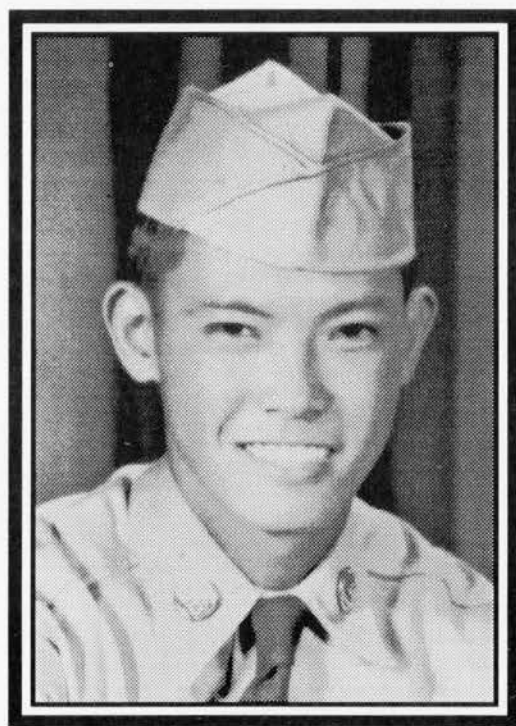
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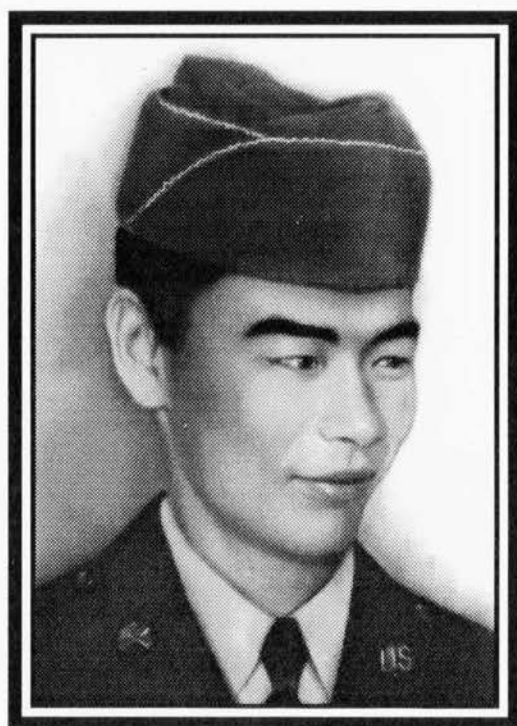
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Pfc Henry T. "Tomo" Senaha
9/20/51



Pfc Lawrence Y. Shima
4/7/51



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Pvt Herbert H. Suzuki
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Capt Sam Osamu Takahara
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6/30/51

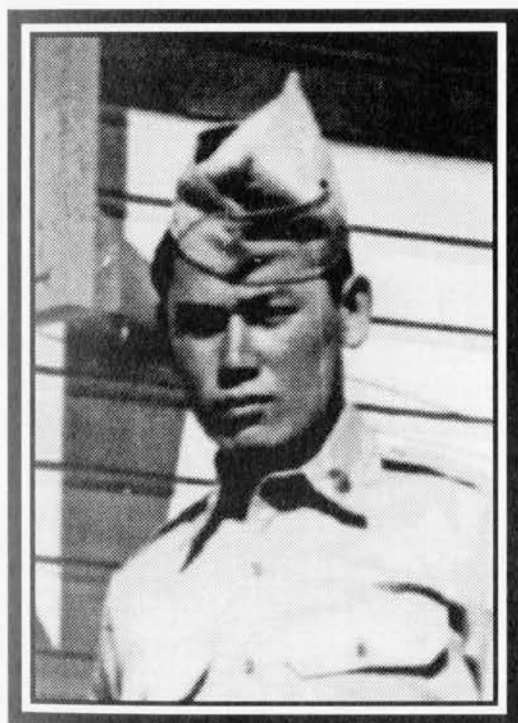
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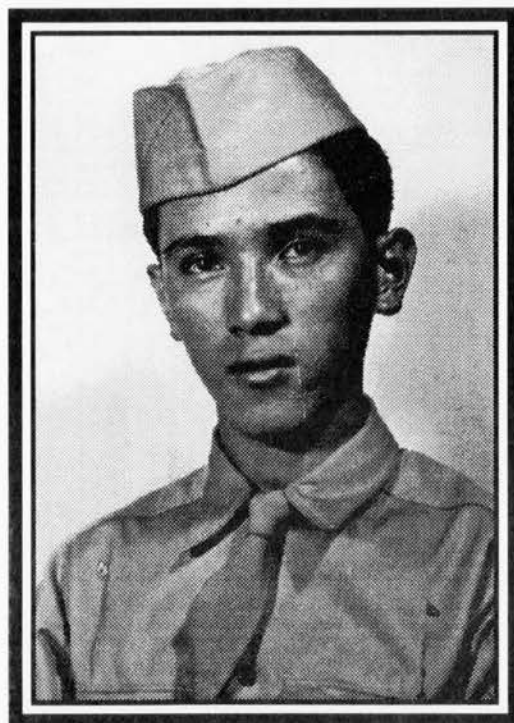
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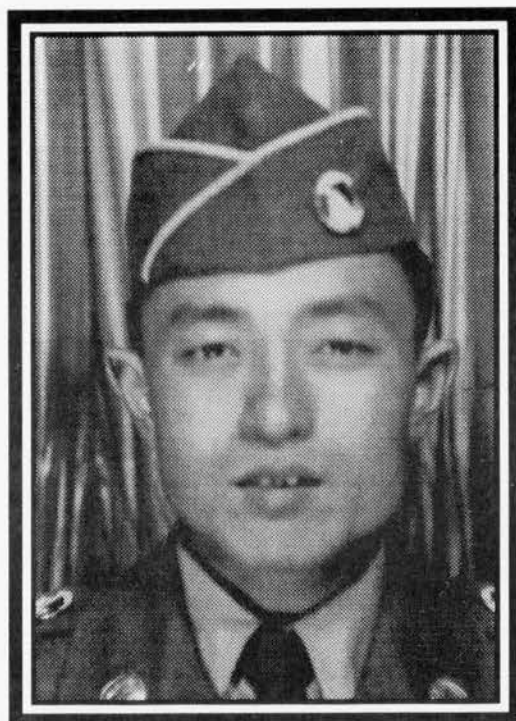


Sadato Tosaki
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Cpl Archie M. Uno
5/19/51



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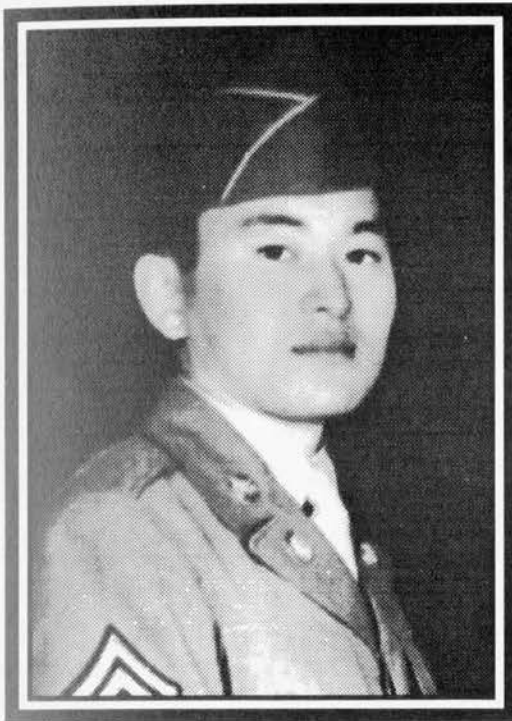


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11/22/51

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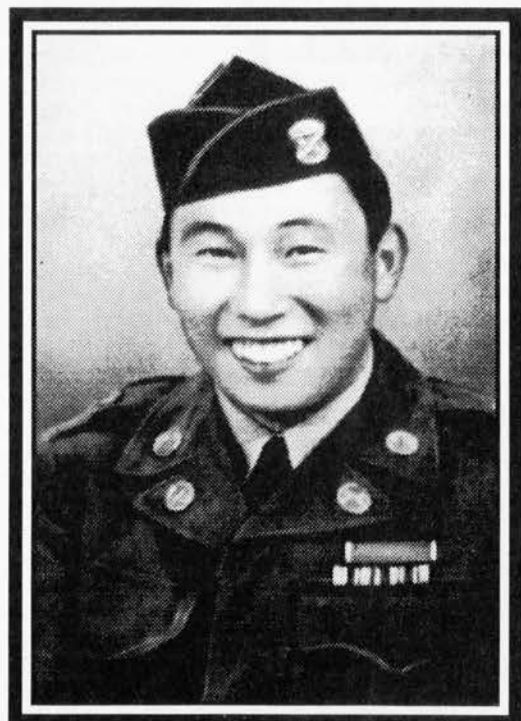
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Pvt Gary Kaname Yasunaka
4/25/51



Pfc Elmer J. Yoshihara
8/12/50



Cpl Don Ron Yumori
3/30/52

KIA, MIA Korean War Vets to Be Remembered at May 24 Event

Had he lived, he would be 76 years old this year. But PFC Wataru Nakamura isn't here. The clean-cut 30-year-old was killed in action in Korea on May 18, 1951.

While he may be gone, he, along with 247 Japanese Americans killed or missing in action from the Korean War, will be remembered during a ceremony on Saturday, May 24.

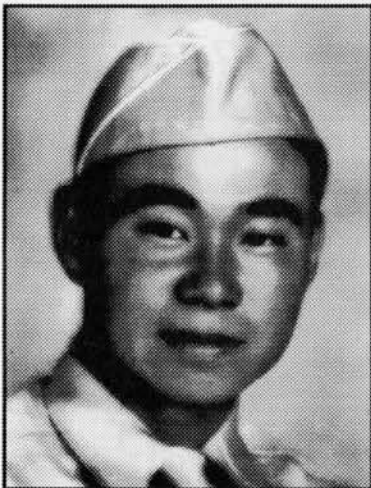
The ceremony will include a memorial wall dedication in the Veterans Court of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, located at 244 S. San Pedro in Little Tokyo.

Nakamura, born in Los Angeles in 1921, attended Jefferson High School. He and his family—parents, three brothers and two sisters—were interned in Rohwer, Arkansas, during World War II.

Nakamura served with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, and after his discharge, settled in Chicago. He was in the Army Reserve when the Korean conflict broke out in June 1950. His reserve unit was activated, and he was eventually assigned to the 38th Infantry Regiment of the Second Division in Korea.

Near P'ungch'on on the night of May 17, 1951, Nakamura's unit sustained a vicious attack which neutralized communications between the First Platoon and the Company I command post.

A citation on his posthumous



Wataru Nakamura

Distinguished Service Cross reads:

"... At approximately 0430 hours on 18 May, with intermittent rain and fog increasing the darkness of early morning, Private Nakamura volunteered to check and repair the damaged line, and unaware that the enemy had infiltrated and captured heavily-fortified friendly positions, moved forward until he came under a withering hail of hostile fire.

"Disregarding his own safety, he made a one-man assault, silencing a machine gun and its crew with his carbine and bayonet and destroying two enemy positions with grenades, but when his ammunition was expended, he was forced to withdraw in the face of overwhelming odds.

"After falling back, Private Nakamura met a carrying party, briefed the officer in charge and replenishing his ammunition, returned to engage the hostile force. Supported by rifle fire, he wiped out an enemy position and attacked the remaining bunker, killing one and wounding another enemy soldier before he was mortally wounded by grenade fire."

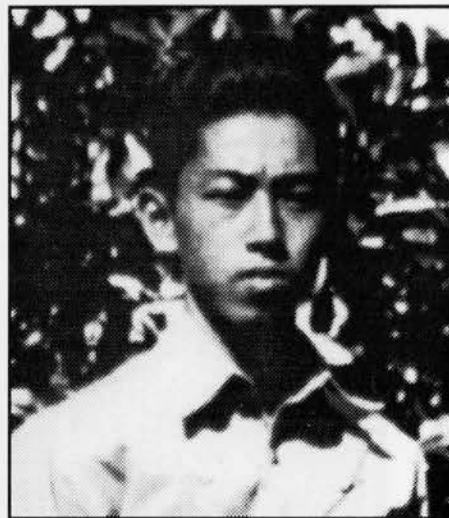
The citation goes on to state, "Private Nakamura's intrepid actions and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and uphold the honored traditions of the military service."

His remains are interred at Evergreen Cemetery.

Robert M. Wada, president of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans which organized the fund drive for the memorial, stated, "How sad to realize that these Japanese American comrades, along with the many non-Japanese KIAs and MIAs, never had the chance to ever have children of their own. Each young man died without the benefit of being held or comforted by his parents or family in death. They died alone in battle so far away, and it is our obligation to see that they are no longer alone and will never, ever be forgotten."

The memorial dedication is part of a May 23 to 26 weekend full of events, including a golf tournament and banquet. For more information, contact Wada at (714) 992-5461.

Devotion of a Sister



Arthur Okamura

This is the story of Natsuko Okamura, a sister whose love and devotion was shown by her many letters sent to her brother Arthur in Korea long after his death.

When Arthur's company, A Company, 5th Regimental Combat Team, was assaulting enemy held hill bunkers on October 14, 1951, the company's assault was halted by heavy bursts of enemy machine gun fire. While the unit was pinned down, Pfc. Arthur Okamura discovered an enemy mine field in the path of his comrades. Without regard for his own safety, he exposed himself to the intense fire and began clearing the mine field.

Pfc. Okamura worked four hours under direct observation of the enemy and had cleared most of the area when one of the mines detonated and mortally wounded him. His heroic deed was directly responsible for saving his comrades' lives and inspired them to capture the hill.

Pfc. Arthur L. Okamura and his sister Natsuko wrote to each other almost weekly, as did his other friends, ever since Arthur had arrived in Korea. Both her returned unopened letters to Arthur and his letters to her reveal a heartwarming story. In the weeks following Arthur's death, Natsuko and her family were completely unaware of his death. Natsuko was not receiving any mail from Arthur so she began writing letters to him more often, even daily.

It was not until later when the family was officially notified of Arthur's death and Natsuko's unopened letters to Arthur were returned by the Army did she stop writing to her brother. Postmarks on the unopened letters to Arthur show dates almost daily for about a month after his death. Such love and devotion from a sister is a story that has no ending.

IN MEMORY OF
MICHAEL SUSUMU SATO

Our memories of you are treasured.



Edward & Jo Ann Sato
Tom & May Sato
York & Amy Sato
Hiroshi & Florence (Sato) Nagamoto

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND WHO WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

ROBERT BANUELOS MADRID

REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA



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