

# CAMP SHELBY MISSISSIPPI



WWII Commemorative OPEN HOUSE  
REUNION and HOMECOMING



# HEADQUARTERS CAMP SHELBY TRAINING SITE



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**June 16, 1995**

**Office of the Commander**

**Dear Honored Guests:**

**It is with great pride and pleasure that the staff of Camp Shelby Training Site and I welcome you to the World War II Commemorative Open House and Reunion. We hope that you will enjoy your visit as we honor you, the veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service.**

**The attached packet of information acknowledges those individuals and organizations that have contributed to the success of this event. You will also find programs detailing specific ceremonies and activities. It is an honor to host the 50th Anniversary Open House commemorating the end of World War II by having your Reunion and Homecoming held here.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Woodrow G. Lyon".

**Woodrow G. Lyon  
Colonel, MS Army National Guard  
Commander, Camp Shelby Training Site**





"WELCOME BACK TO MISSISSIPPI" SUPPER

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE 1995, 6:00 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE-----111TH ARMY BAND  
HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

OPENING REMARKS-----COL WOODROW G. LYON  
COMMANDER  
CAMP SHELBY TRAINING SITE

POSTING OF THE COLORS-----100TH BN, 442ND IN  
FORT DERUSSY, HAWAII

INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN RON HERZOG

DINNER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS-----COL LYON

WELCOME TO HATTIESBURG-----THE HONORABLE J. ED MORGAN  
MAYOR, CITY OF HATTIESBURG

WELCOME TO FORREST COUNTY-----THE HONORABLE J. LYNN  
CARTLIDGE, PRESIDENT  
FORREST COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WELCOME TO PERRY COUNTY-----MR. KENNETH J. PATTERSON  
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

INTRODUCTION OF BG HOPKINS-----COL LYON

WELCOME TO MISSISSIPPI-----BG ALBEN N. HOPKINS  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT  
GENERAL,  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VETERANS' RESPONSE-----COL (R) ROBERT KATAYAMA  
HAWAIIAN CLUB  
LTC (R) HENRY IKEMOTO  
LOS ANGELES CLUB

PRESENTATION OF LEIS-----MR. SASAKI

CLOSING COMMENTS-----COL LYON



## HOMEcoming CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 1995, 9:00 AM

DOLTON HALL (POST THEATER)  
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

MUSICAL PRELUDE-----41ST ARMY BAND  
MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

PROCESSIONAL OF SPECIAL GUESTS----BG ALBEN N. HOPKINS  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

"WELCOME BACK TO CAMP SHELBY"  
AUDIOVISUAL PRESENTATION

POSTING OF THE COLORS-----CAMP SHELBY COLOR GUARD

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM-----41ST ARMY BAND

THE INVOCATION-----CHAPLAIN (LTC) RON HERZOG

WELCOME TO CAMP SHELBY-----COL WOODROW G. LYON  
COMMANDER  
CAMP SHELBY TRAINING SITE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS-----COL LYON

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS----BG HOPKINS

GUEST SPEAKERS' COMMENTS-----SENATOR THAD COCHRAN  
CONGRESSMAN GENE TAYLOR

RECESSIONAL OF SPECIAL GUESTS-----BG HOPKINS

CLOSING REMARKS AND  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE\*-----COL LYON

\*AT THIS TIME ALL WWII VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE OLD  
SOLDIER AS HE MOVES TO THE PARADE FORMATION.



CAMP SHELBY WWII COMMEMORATIVE  
OPEN HOUSE AND REUNION

HOMECOMING PARADE

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 1995, 10:30 AM

PARADE ROUTE: FROM POST THEATER, TO FORREST AVENUE, TO MEMORIAL  
LANE, TO THE POST CHAPEL

ORDER OF MARCH:

CAMP SHELBY TRAINING SITE COLOR GUARD (NATIONAL AND STATE  
COLORS)

HONOR VEHICLES

111TH ARMY BAND, HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

100TH BN, 442ND IN COLOR GUARD (NATIONAL, 2 DIVISIONAL  
COLORS)

THE OLD SOLDIER

THE WWII VETERANS

THE FLAGS OF THE VETERANS' HOME STATES (ISU FLAG CORPS)

MARCHING UNIT OF THE U.S. MILITARY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

WWII VEHICLES

41ST ARMY BAND, MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

1ST BN, 155TH MECHANIZED INFANTRY COLOR GUARD AND MARCHING  
UNIT

CONSOLIDATED COLOR GUARD OF THE 155TH SEPARATE ARMORED  
BRIGADE (HEAVY), MSARNG, THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION AND THE  
2D BRIGADE OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

MARCHING UNIT REPRESENTING THE 2D BDE OF THE 1ST CAVALRY  
DIVISION, FORT HOOD, TEXAS

"D" BATTERY 3/83 FA BN

FLYOVER:

WARBIRDS (AT-6 "TEXAN")



## MONUMENT DEDICATION

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 1995, 11:00 AM

MEMORIAL LANE  
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

POSTING OF THE COLORS-----CAMP SHELBY COLOR GUARD  
100TH BN, 442ND IN COLOR GUARD  
155TH AR BDE, AND 2D BDE, 1ST  
CAV DIV COLOR GUARD  
STATE COLORS - ISU FLAG CORPS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS-----MR. HERB SASAKI

SPEAKERS' COMMENTS-----LTG(R) ALLEN K. ONO  
MG(R) JAMES H. MUKOYAMA, JR.

DEDICATION-----THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE  
U. S. SENATOR, STATE OF HAWAII

UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT-----SENATOR INOUE

LAYING OF THE WREATHS-----442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
100TH INFANTRY BATTALION  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
171ST INFANTRY BATTALION  
SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE 442ND

TRIBUTE-----MONSIEUR PIERRE MOULIN

LAYING OF THE BRUYERES WREATH

TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE

THE OLD SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE

ECHO TAPS

FLYOVER - "MISSING MAN" FORMATION BY THE Warbirds





## LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 1995, 12:00 NOON

REUNION TENT, MEMORIAL LANE  
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

WELCOME AND COMMENTS-----MR. HERB SASAKI

LUNCH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS-----MR. SASAKI

RECOGNITION OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS----MR. SASAKI

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS-----MR. HENRY YOSHITAKI

ANNOUNCEMENTS-----MR. SASAKI



## HOMEcoming BANQUET

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 1995

PAYNE CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

SOCIAL\*----6:00 PM

BANQUET----6:30 PM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-----MR. HERB SASAKI

POSTING OF THE COLORS-----100TH BN, 442ND IN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----MR. SASAKI

INVOCATION-----FORMER "GO FOR BROKE" CHAPLAIN  
GEORGE AKI

DINNER\*

INTRODUCTION OF DR. LUCAS-----MR. SASAKI

WELCOME TO USM-----DR. AUBREY K. LUCAS  
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS-----THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE  
U. S. SENATOR, STATE OF HAWAII

REMARKS AND

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER-----SENATOR INOUE

SPEAKER'S COMMENTS-----LTG(R) ALLEN K. ONO

CLOSING COMMENTS-----MR. SASAKI

\* MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE 111TH ARMY BAND, HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL  
GUARD.





## MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 18 JUNE 1995, 9:00 AM

MEMORIAL LANE  
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

CALL TO WORSHIP-----RACHAEL BENEFIELD,  
BAG PIPER

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION-----MR. HERB SASAKI

POSTING OF THE COLORS-----100TH BN, 442ND IN  
COLOR GUARD

INVOCATION-----FORMER "GO FOR BROKE"  
CHAPLAIN GEORGE AKI

THE HYMN "AMAZING GRACE"-----RACHAEL BENEFIELD,  
BAG PIPER

"THAT WHICH RE-MADE AMERICA"-----CHAPLAIN AKI

THE RIFLE SALUTE TO HONOR OUR FALLEN COMRADES

FIFTY SECONDS OF SILENCE

TAPS

# HATTIESBURG

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

## 442nd Annual Reunion 1995

Camp Shelby, Mississippi

### *Schedule of Events*

#### **Friday, 16 June 1995**

1800 Hrs      "Welcome Back to Mississippi" Supper  
(6:00 pm)      Reunion Tent at Memorial Lane, Camp Shelby

#### **Saturday, 17 June 1995**

0800 Hrs      Continental Breakfast  
(8:00 am)      Exterior of Post Theater, Camp Shelby

0900 Hrs      Homecoming Ceremony  
(9:00 am)      Post Theater (Dolton Hall), Camp Shelby

0900 Hrs      Armed Forces Museum (*open for visitation*)  
(9:00 am)      Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby

0900 Hrs      Static Displays (*available for viewing*)  
(9:00 am)      Parade Ground, Camp Shelby

1030 Hrs      Military Parade & Warbirds Flyover  
(10:30 am)      Post Theater to Memorial Lane, Camp Shelby

1100 Hrs      442nd Monument Dedication Ceremony & Warbirds Formation (*Missing Man*)  
(10:30 am)      Memorial Lane, Camp Shelby

1200 Hrs      442nd Luncheon  
(12:00 noon)      Reunion Tent at Memorial Lane, Camp Shelby

1300 Hrs      World War II Re-enactment (*ground, artillery and air assault*)  
(1:00 pm)      Parade Grounds, Camp Shelby

1330 Hrs      Flyover (*modern aircraft*)  
(1:30 pm)      Parade Grounds, Camp Shelby

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**Saturday, 17 June 1995** *(continued)*

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| 1400 Hrs<br>(2:00 pm) | Special Forces Aerial Demonstration<br>Parade Grounds, Camp Shelby                           |
| 1500 Hrs<br>(3:00 pm) | Closing of World War II Commemorative Open House<br>Camp Shelby                              |
| 1500 Hrs<br>(3:00 pm) | 442nd Movement<br>from Reunion Tent to World War II Garrison Area, Camp Shelby               |
| 1530 Hrs<br>(3:30 pm) | Firing of Ceremonial Rounds & Last Rounds Downrange Ceremony<br>Firing Point 69, Camp Shelby |
| 1800 Hrs<br>(6:00 pm) | 442nd Social Reception<br>The Payne Center-University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg   |
| 1830 Hrs<br>(6:30 pm) | 442nd Banquet<br>The Payne Center-University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg            |

**Sunday, 18 June 1995**

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| 0900 Hrs<br>(9:00 am) | 442nd Memorial Service<br>Monument Site on Memorial Lane, Camp Shelby |
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*The Hattiesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomes you to beautiful Hattiesburg, Mississippi, located in the heart of the Pine Belt. We hope that your reunion rekindles old friendships and memories of Camp Shelby and South Mississippi.*

*If we can be of any assistance in making your stay more enjoyable, please give us a call.*





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### CAMP SHELBY WWII COMMEMORATIVE OPEN HOUSE AND 442ND REUNION AND HOMECOMING

#### HOSTS:

GOVERNOR KIRK FORDICE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MISSISSIPPI  
NATIONAL GUARD  
MG JAMES H. GARNER, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI  
BG ALBEN N. HOPKINS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI  
BG RICHARD S. POOLE, COMMANDER, 66TH TROOP COMMAND,  
MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
COL HOWARD L. GOODWIN, CHIEF OF STAFF, MISSISSIPPI MILITARY  
DEPARTMENT  
COL WOODROW G. LYON, COMMANDER, CAMP SHELBY TRAINING SITE

#### 442ND CAMP SHELBY PROJECT COMMITTEE:

MR. HERB SASAKI-----SITE CHAIRMAN  
MR. HENRY YOSHITAKI-CHAIRMAN, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DELEGATION  
MR. RONALD OBA-----CHAIRMAN, HAWAIIAN DELEGATION

#### 442ND COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

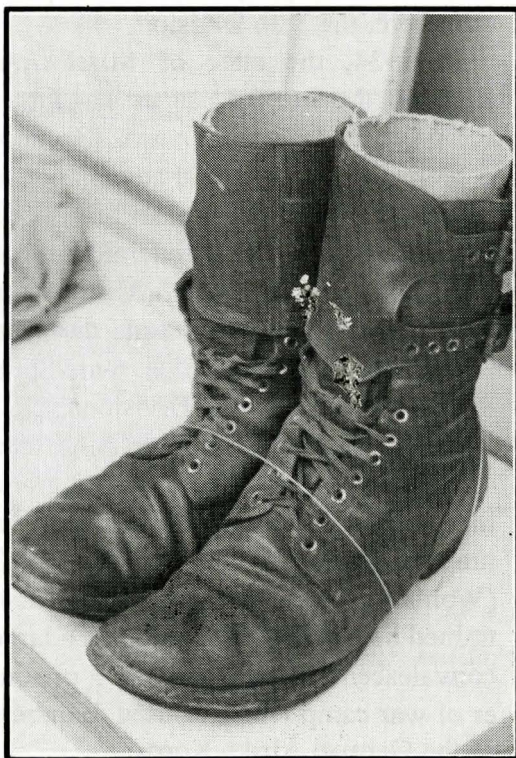
MR. STONE BAREFIELD	LTC FRED FISHER	MR. KEN SMITH
MR. PATRICK BELL	LTC BOB JOHNSON	MR. GEORGE STEPKO
MR. OTT BROCKMAN	MR. JACK LUCAS	MR. RICK TAYLOR
MRS. JANA BRYANT	MR. HERB SASAKI	MR. G.D. WILLIAMSON
DR. BETTY DRAKE		

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

MG EDWARD V. RICHARDSON, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF  
HAWAII  
111TH ARMY BAND, HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
100TH BN, 442ND IN, FORT DERUSSY, HONOLULU, HAWAII  
41ST ARMY BAND, MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
100TH/442ND VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL JAPANESE-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AJA VETERANS COUNCIL, HAWAII

# THE ARMED FORCES MUSEUM

CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI



*A Step Into History. . .*

# About Camp Shelby

Camp Shelby, Mississippi, is the largest state-owned and operated field training site in the United States.

Camp Shelby was established in 1917. The post was named in honor of Isaac Shelby, Indian fighter, Revolutionary War hero and first governor of Kentucky, by the first troops to train here, the 38th Division.

In 1934, the state of Mississippi acquired the site for use as a summer camp by the National Guard. Because of Camp Shelby's natural advantages of climate, terrain and location it was reopened in 1940 as a federal installation. Some of the divisions that have trained in Mississippi include the 31st, 37th, 38th, 43rd, 63rd, 65th, 69th, 85th, 87th, 94th and the 99th Divisions.

The famous Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Battalion trained here in preparation for World War II. WAC (Woman's Army Corps) units also trained here. The post contained a large convalescent hospital and had a prisoner of war camp which housed members of the German Afrika Korps.

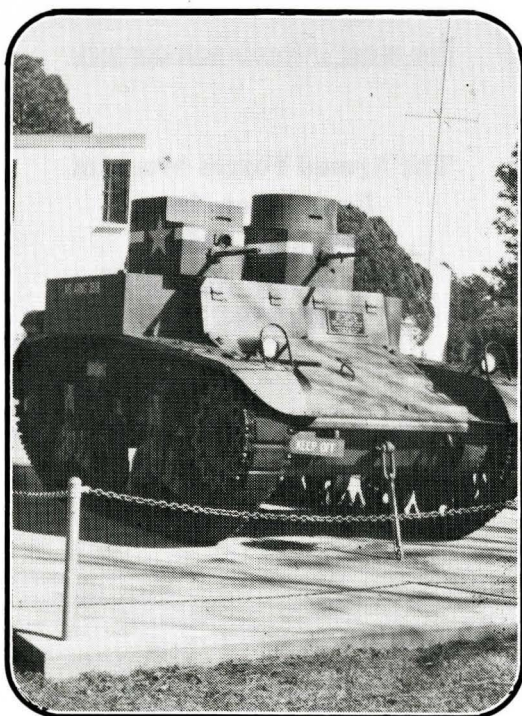
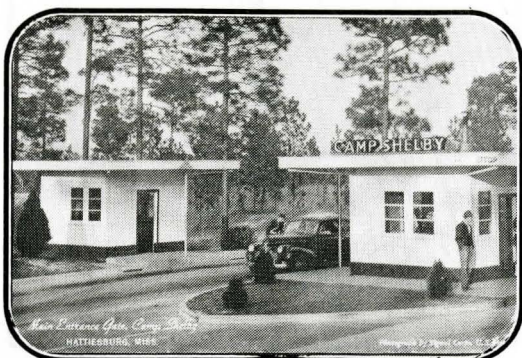
The post was closed shortly after the end of World War II. During the Korean War, Camp Shelby was established as an Emergency Railhead Facility.

In the summer of 1954, non-divisional National Guard units trained at Camp Shelby and in 1956, it was designated a



permanent training site by Continental Army Command. Over 5,000 troops were processed through Camp Shelby during Desert Storm operations.

Now, throughout the year over 100,000 troops from all branches of the United States military train here.



# About the Museum

The Armed Forces Museum was established and incorporated in 1988 by a group of individuals to preserve the past in order to more fully understand the future; and, to share our rich military heritage with generations to come.

Over 7,000 items of military memorabilia are on display, including many newspapers, weapons, uniforms and incidentals that were used during the major wars fought by America.

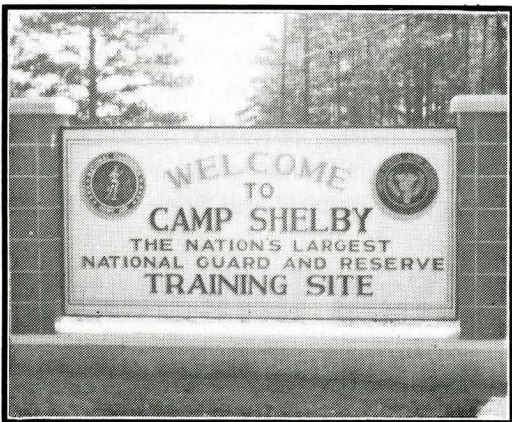
The museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., by appointment; Saturday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Groups should make reservations. Closed on Federal and State Holidays.

## Your Invitation

The Armed Forces Museum Foundation, Incorporated is a non-profit organization dependent on contributions and donations for its programs and expenses. All persons who are interested are encouraged to become a member of the foundation. Annual membership is \$10.00. Lifetime membership is a one-time \$200.00 contribution. For additional information contact the Foundation or the Museum as indicated on the back of this brochure.

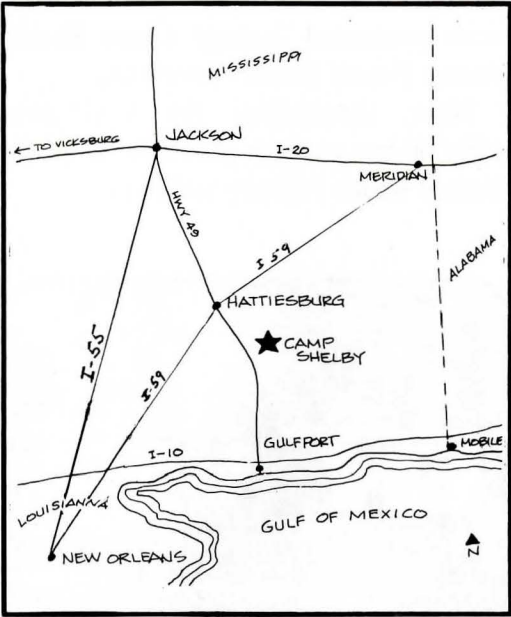
# Welcome

Welcome to the Armed Forces Museum. . . a unique collection of memorabilia dedicated to all of America's fighting men and women from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Air Force.



- *Travel down the dusty roads of the past and rediscover your military heritage.*
- *Share the memories with the men and women who fought for freedom in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama and Desert Storm.*
- *Savor the past so that you can more fully enjoy the future.*





For more information contact:

**The Armed Forces Museum  
Foundation, Inc.**

Building #350  
Camp Shelby, MS 39407  
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# 'Go for Broke' guys break out in tears at Camp Shelby reunion

Advertiser News Services

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Veterans of the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, formed from the ranks of Japanese Americans, returned yesterday to the camp that prepared them for some of the heaviest fighting of World War II.

"Seeing this place left tears in my eyes," said Hiromi Omura of Hawaii.

The "Go for Broke" team was honored in day-long homecoming ceremonies at Camp

Shelby, a sprawling state-owned training facility in south Mississippi.

In all, some 400 veterans and family members attended the reunion — including U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

The veterans, some walking with canes yesterday, had served in the most highly decorated regiment in Europe in World War II.

■ **INSIDE: Hard training, hard lessons: The 442nd prepares for war. Page A4**



Hattiesburg American photo

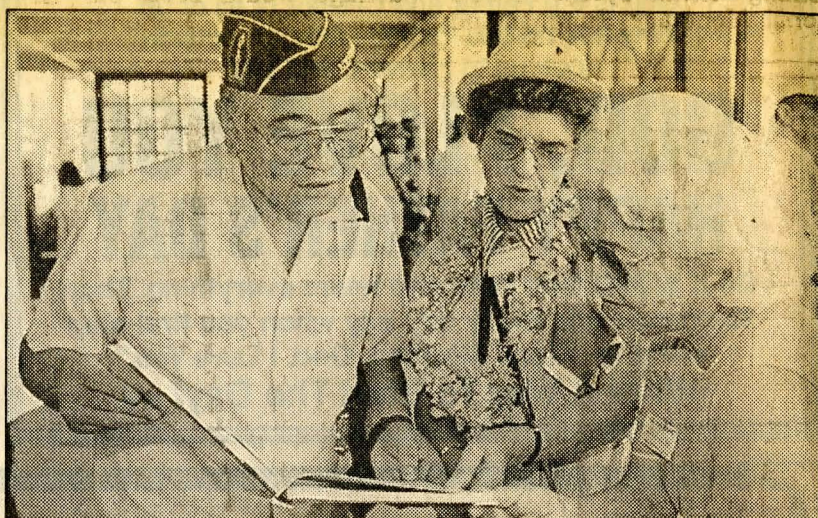
Herb Sasaki, a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran, declines food in a mess kit offered by history buff Doug Mansfield of Ocean Springs, Miss., a collector of World War II gear.





AP photo

Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Thad Cochran, R-Miss., look at a monument dedicated to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.



AP photo

Veteran Henry Ikemoto of Downey, Calif., left, Monique Carlesso of France and Matsu Oshiro of Huntington Beach, Calif., look through a 442nd scrapbook.

# A memorable bivouac for 442nd

Return to training camp brings back 'the happiest days'

Advertiser News Services

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Memories of Camp Shelby revolve around snakes, chiggers, heat and endless training.

Despite the hardships, it was still home for the Japanese-Americans who left internment camps to train there for some of the heaviest fighting of World War II.

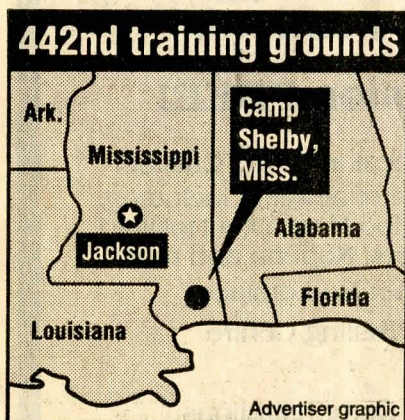
Training didn't go smoothly at first, Ron Oba of Honolulu said.

"Our first bivouac was a disaster," he said. "We rested against trees and the chiggers swarmed all over us. We learned to live together, fight together and be friends forever."

It was good, solid training. But it couldn't prepare them for what was to come.

Soldiers of the 442nd, and the 100th Infantry Battalion it was attached to, received 18,000 Purple Hearts while fighting in seven major campaigns in Europe. Of 4,500 soldiers, the unit suffered 800 casualties in France in October 1944, fighting to rescue the "Lost Battalion" of the Texas 36th Infantry Division.

"It was hell," Hiroshi Arisumi of Maui said. "We lost our lieutenant, these two people



who always went with the lieutenant. We lost them all."

One member of the Texas 36th Infantry, Sam Jesse Nelson, was unable to leave his Monroe, La., home. So he sent his twin sister, Ruth Byrd.

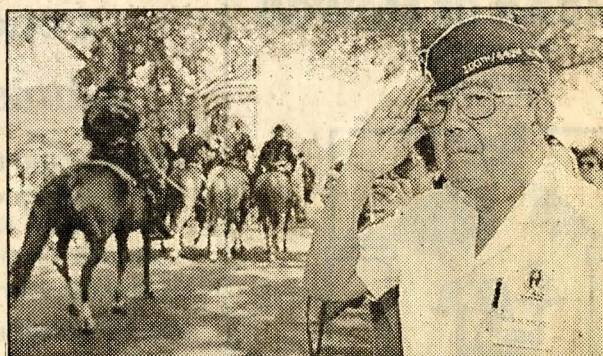
"He told me to come out and thank the men because they saved his life," Byrd said.

"He just could not honor the 442nd enough for saving his life," Byrd said. "He almost cried because he couldn't come today."

U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, a 442nd veteran who lost an arm in combat, arrived in a vintage armored command truck accompanied by troops in World War II uniforms.

"It's good to be back," Inouye said. "I remembered how hospitable the people were down here and I'm happy to say they are still very friendly people. That's just the same."

At a monument dedication



AP photo

Veteran Hiro Takusagawa salutes as a military parade passes during yesterday's ceremonies.

ceremony, he said that hospitality had special meaning for the young Japanese-Americans who left their families behind in crowded prison camps set up by a country still smarting from Pearl Harbor.

Ask most any 442nd veteran what he remembers most about Camp Shelby and the answer is the same: chiggers, snakes and the weather, either hot or cold.

"It was so cold for us from Hawaii," Tom Haga, now of Pueblo, Colo., said. "We had that potbellied stove glowing red. The cadre came in and chewed us out, said we were going to burn down the whole barracks."

Haga remembers liking a restaurant about two blocks from the courthouse but gets sidetracked by another memory.

"I remember the courthouse because there was a bootlegger

there," he said. "I remember him, with the long coat and the bottles inside."

Retired Lt. Gen. Allen Ono of Hawaii was only a boy during World War II, but he felt compelled to attend.

"These guys are my heroes. Look around

you at these veterans being received as American patriots," Ono said. "It wasn't always this way. These people paved the way for people like me."

"Everybody's got a story and I think being here brings a lot of those old memories back," said Herb Sasaki, a member of the 442nd and organizer of the reunion.

"Everybody wants to go see something. This takes them back to when they were 18, 19 or 20 and of course, even with the terrible time of war, those were the happiest days of our lives."

The most moving moment for the veterans came as they stood in a crowded base auditorium as a military band played the National Anthem.

Some placed hands over hearts, others saluted, and most sang along.



June 29, 1995

Dear Henry & Mildred:

Hi! How are you folks? I trust everything is fine.

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping that showed the 44<sup>th</sup> Second reunion which was held at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

I thought you folks might want it, because it had a picture of Henry.

Take care my friends and God bless you.

Aloha,  
Al Chong





**Chong**

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