

**M I S**

Military Intelligence Service

*50th Anniversary Reunion*

Panel Discussion Program

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# MIS 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

## PANEL DISCUSSION PROGRAM

October 30, 1991  
Miyako Hotel, San Francisco

Program Coordinator: Hank Gosho ♦ Special Commentator: Loni Ding

9:30 A.M. to NOON

### S.W. PACIFIC / PHILIPPINES

#### MODERATOR: PHIL ISHIO

Panel One:

PACIFIC

THEATER

OF WAR

Yoshikazu Yamada	Pre-War Philippines
George Sankey	Pre-War Hawaii; Early Group assigned Australia
Gary Kadani	Pre-War; 1st Group Crissy Field
Art Kaneko	1st Group Enlisted Men Instructors, Camp Savage;
Jerry Shibata	1st Student Group Savage; Recruitor Team to Relocation Camp
Hank Gosho	Relocation Camp Volunteer
Howard Ogawa	1st Grp Savage; New Guinea
Roy Uyhata	South & SW Pacific
Terry Takahashi	A.T.I.S. [Allied Translation & Interrogation Section] & SW Pacific
Pat Neishi	SW Pacific; Philippines
Harry Fukuhara	SW Pacific
Spady Koyama	Leyte

### ALASKAN / CENTRAL PACIFIC / OKINAWA

#### MODERATOR: BEN HAZARD

Fred "Sats" Tanakatsubo	Attu (Alaska)
Nobuo Furuiye	Kiska (Alaska); J.I.C.P.O.A.[Joint Intelligence Center of the Pacific Ocean Area],(Hawaii) Central Pacific
Dick Kishiue	Central Pacific
Wally Amioka	Okinawa

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Noon to 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH BREAK

**MIS 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION**  
**Panel Discussion Program (continued)**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**MODERATOR: HENRY "HANK" KUWABARA**

Panel Two:

**CHINA - BURMA -  
INDIA (CBI)  
THEATER OF WAR**

George Nakamura	China / Dixie Mission
Sho Nomura	China
Hank Goshō	Burma /Merrill's Marauders
Art Morimitsu	Burma /Mars Task Force
Roy Takai	S.E.A.T.I.C. [South East Asian Translation and Interrogation Center]; British Forces
Ken Akune	India / O. W. I. [Office of War Information]

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

**3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.**

**MODERATOR: BARRY SAIKI**

Panel Three:

**OCCUPATION OF  
JAPAN**

Tom Sakamoto	USS Missouri
Marshall Sumida	SCAPINS [Supreme Commander Allied Powers Instruction]
Joe Kurata	C.I.C. [ Counter Intelligence Corp ]
Gene Kono	Repatriation
Shiro Tokuno	Land Reform
George Koshi	War Crimes
Pete Nakahara	War Crimes
Skeets Oji	Korean War
Mits Kasai	Korean War/POW's
Harry Fukuhara	High level Japanese Govt. Liaison

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

**5:00 P.M.**

**~ END OF SESSION ~**

**M.I.S. AND THE NISEI**  
**A CHRONOLOGY OF DATES**

- 1941 Sep. Conscripted Nisei on active duty "requested" or "ordered" to report to Crissy Field, Presidio San Francisco. Foregoing preceded by War Dept. directives to establish a Military Intelligence Service Language School.
- 1941 Nov MISLS 5 classes formed. Classes designated as A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2 and Special Class.
- 1941 Dec. 7 Pacific War begins as Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.
- 1942 Feb. President Roosevelt issues Executive Order 9066 which leads to evacuation of "all" Japanese from the Pacific Coast area.
- 1942 Apr. 1st Group at Crissy Field complete MISLS course and 8 graduates assigned to Bougainville, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Liberation of the Philippine etc.
- 1942 Nov. Volunteers from Relocation Camps report to MISLS Camp Savage.
- 1943 Jan. 10 man team from 1st Group Graduates assigned to Alaska; Attu Campaign.
- 1943 Feb. U. S. activates Joint Intelligence Center Pacific Ocean Area (JICPOA) at Pearl Harbor and Honolulu. MIS Caucasian officers assigned duty and housed at Pearl Harbor while MIS Nisei enlisted men assigned and housed in a vacated furniture store in Honolulu.
- 1943 Sep. to MIS teams assigned to China-Burma-India.
- 1945 Jun. Central Pacific Operation begins. JICPOA teams assigned Tarawa, Makin slands, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwojima and finally Okinawa.
- 1945 Aug. 15 Japan surrenders.
- 1945 Sep. 9 to U.S. Occupation of Japan.
- 1951 Sep. 8 MIS Nisei and Dept of Army Nisei Civilians take part in key roles.
- 1950 Jun. 30 to Korean Conflict. MIS Nisei as well as recalled-to-active-duty Nisei MISers assigned.
- 1953 Jul. 27 U.S. - Japan Security Treaty signed.
- 1951 Sep. 8 Treaty permits US military advisors, military assistance personnel and Dept of Army civilians in Japan.

## M.I.S. PANELIST DATA

(Alphabetical Order)

**AKUNE, Kenjiro** (Panel Two)  
Home Town: Gardena, CA  
Entered Service: Nov. '42 from Granada(Amache) detention camp, AR  
Military Training: Nov. '42 - May '43 MISLS Camp Savage, MN  
  
Campaigns: Mar '44 - CBI OWI Psychological Warfare Team

**AMIOKA, Wallace S.** (Panel One)  
Home Town: Honolulu, HI  
Entered Service: Jan '44; discharged Oct. '48  
Dec '50 Recalled; discharged Apr '52  
Military Training: Feb '44 - Jul '44 MISLS Camp Savage;  
Jul '44 - Sep '44 MISLS Fort Snelling;  
Oct '44 - Feb '45 OCS Fort Benning, GA;  
Feb '45 - Mar '45 MISLS Fort Snelling  
  
Campaign: Apr '45 - Sep '45 Okinawa Invasion  
Military Duty: Sep '45 - Nov '48 Occupation of Japan

**FUKUHARA, Harry K.** (Panel One & Three)  
Home Town: San Jose, CA  
Entered Service: Nov '42 from Gila River detention camp, AR  
Military Training: Dec '42 - Mar '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
  
Campaigns: Dec '43 - Dec '44 Southwest Pacific - New Britain, New Guinea, Morotai.  
Jan '45 - Sep '45 Philippines  
Sep '45 - Jan '46 Occupation of Japan  
Jan '47 - Sep '71 Occupation of Japan  
Sep '71  
Date Discharged: Sep '71  
Civilian Status: Sep '71 - Sep '90 Occupation of Japan  
Retired: Sep '90

**FURUIYE, Nobuo** (Panel One)  
Home Town: Denver, CO  
Entered Service: Jan '42; discharged Dec '45  
Sep '50 recall; discharged Nov '51  
Military Training: Nov '42 - May '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
  
Campaigns: Alaska, Kiska; Central Pacific, Saipan, and Iwo jima.  
Sep '50 - Nov '51 Japanese Language Instructor, Presidio, Monterey, CA

**GOSHO, Hank** (Panel One & Two)  
Home Town: Seattle, WA  
Entered Service: Nov '42, from Minidoka detention camp, ID  
Military Training: Nov '42 - July '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
  
Campaigns: Sep '43 - Apr '45 CBI Merrill's Marauders (Burma)  
Date Discharged: May '45.

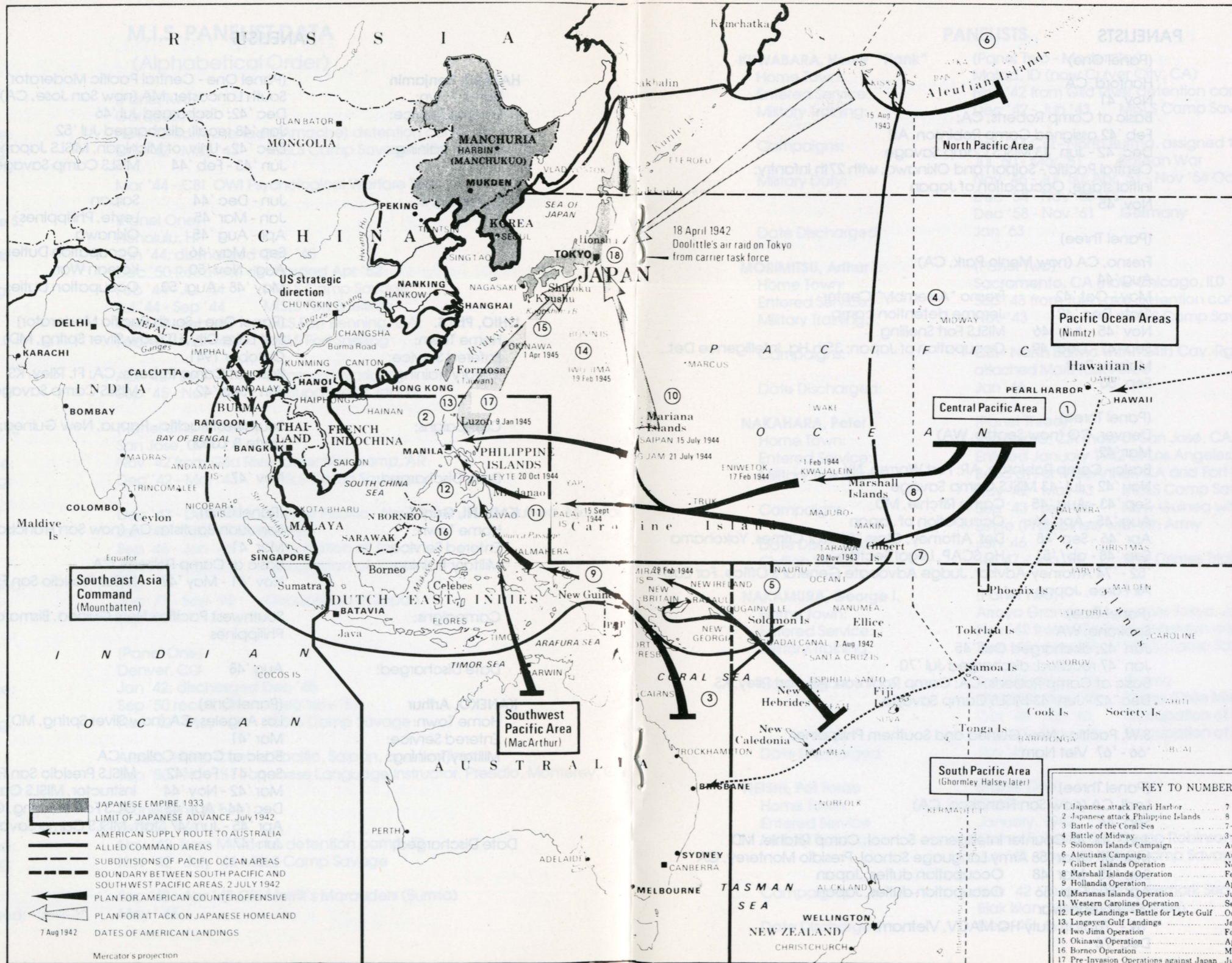
## PANELISTS

**HAZARD, Benjamin** (Panel One - Central Pacific Moderator)  
Home Town: South Lancaster, MA (now San Jose, CA)  
Entered Service: Dec '42; discharged Jul '46  
Jan '48 recall; discharged Jul '52  
Military Training: Dec '42 - Univ. of Michigan, MISLS Japanese  
Jun '43 - Feb '44 MISLS Camp Savage  
  
Campaigns: Jun - Dec '44 Saipan  
Jan - Mar '45 Leyte, Philippines  
Apr - Aug '45 Okinawa  
Sep - May '46 Occupation Duties - Korea  
Aug - Nov '50 Korean War  
May '48 - Aug '50 Occupation Duties - Japan

**ISHIO, Phil S.** (Panel One - South Pacific Moderator)  
Home Town: Salt Lake City, UT (now Silver Spring, MD)  
Entered Service: October 1941  
Military Training: Basic at Camp Roberts, CA; Ft. Riley, KS  
Jun - Sep '42 MISLS Camp Savage  
  
Campaigns: Southwest Pacific - Papua, New Guinea; Philippines-  
Leyte & Luzon  
  
Date Discharged: Nov '47

**KADANI, Gary T.** (Panel One)  
Home Town: San Juan Bautista, CA (now San Francisco)  
Entered Service: Mar '41  
Military Training: Basic at Camp Roberts, CA  
Nov '41 - May '42 MISLS Presidio San Francisco, CA  
  
Campaigns: Southwest Pacific - New Guinea, Bismarck, Archipelago;  
Philippines  
  
Date Discharged: Aug '48

**KANEKO, Arthur** (Panel One)  
Home Town: Los Angeles, CA (now Silver Spring, MD)  
Entered Service: Mar '41  
Military Training: Basic at Camp Callan, CA  
Sep '41 - Feb '42 MISLS Presidio San Francisco, CA  
Mar '42 - Nov '44 Instructor, MISLS Camp Savage  
Dec '44 - Apr '45 OCS Fort Benning, GA  
Apr '45 - Jun '47 Staff, MISLS Camp Savage  
Jun '47  
  
Date Discharged: Jun '47



**Southeast Asia Command**  
(Mountbatten)

**Southwest Pacific Area**  
(MacArthur)

**South Pacific Area**  
(Horne; Halsey later)

**KEY TO NUMBERS**

1. Japanese attack Pearl Harbor	7 December 1941
2. Japanese attack Philippine Islands	8 December 1941
3. Battle of the Coral Sea	7-8 May 1942
4. Battle of Midway	3-6 June 1942
5. Solomon Islands Campaign	August 1942 - June 1944
6. Aleutians Campaign	August 1942 - August 1943
7. Gilbert Islands Operation	November 1943
8. Marshall Islands Operation	February 1944
9. Hollandia Operation	April 1944
10. Marianas Islands Operation	June - August 1944
11. Western Carolines Operation	September 1944
12. Leyte Landings - Battle for Leyte Gulf	October 1944
13. Lingayen Gulf Landings	January 1945
14. Iwo Jima Operation	February - March 1945
15. Okinawa Operation	April - June 1945
16. Borneo Operation	May - July 1945
17. Pre-Invasion Operations against Japan	July - August 1945
18. Signing of Japanese Surrender	2 September 1945

THE PACIFIC WAR—1942-45 The Allied Offensives

**PANELISTS****KISHIUE, Nobuo Dick**

(Panel One)

Home Town: Hanford, CA  
 Entered Service: Nov '41  
 Military Training: Basic at Camp Roberts, CA;  
 Feb '42 assigned Camp Robinson, AR  
 Dec '42 - Jun '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
 Campaigns: Central Pacific - Saipan and Okinawa, with 27th Infantry;  
 Initial stage, Occupation of Japan  
 Date Discharged: Nov '45

**KONO, Eugene Y.**

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Fresno, CA (now Menlo Park, CA)  
 Entered Service: Aug '44  
 Internment: May - Oct '42 Fresno "Assembly" Center  
 Oct - Dec '42 Jerome detention camp  
 Military Training: Nov '45 - July '46 MISLS Fort Snelling  
 Military Duty: Sep '47 - Dec '49 Occupation of Japan; 35th Hq. Intelligence Det.,  
 Maizuru Port  
 Date Discharged: Sep '50

**KOSHI, George M.**

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Denver, CO (now Seattle, WA)  
 Entered Service: Mar '42  
 Military Training: Basic - Camp Robinson, AR; Fort Warren, NY  
 Nov '42 - Jul '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
 Military Duty: Sep '43 - Aug '45 Camp Ritchie, MD  
 Aug '45 - Apr '46 Occupation of Japan  
 Civilian Status: Apr '46 - Sep '48 Def. Attorney, Class "B" War Crimes, Yokohama  
 Sep '48 - ab/ '51 Hq SCAP, Legal Section  
 '52 - '74 Attorney-Advisor, Judge Advocate General's Office, Far East  
 Air Force, Japan

**KOYAMA, Spady A.**

(Panel One)

Home Town: Spokane, WA  
 Entered Service: Jan '42; discharged Oct '45  
 Jan '47 recalled; discharged Jul '70  
 Military Training: Basic at Camp Roberts, CA; Camp Robinson, AR; Fort Riley, KS  
 Dec '42 - Jun '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
 Campaigns: S.W. Pacific - New Guinea and Southern Philippines  
 '66 - '67 Viet Nam

**KURATA, Joseph Y.**

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Lodi, CA (now San Francisco, CA)  
 Entered Service: Sep '44  
 Military Training: Jun - Jul '45 Counter Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, MD  
 Mar '57 - Mar '58 Army Language School, Presidio Monterey, CA  
 Campaigns: Sep '45 - Mar '48 Occupation duties, Japan  
 Apr '50 - Feb '56 Occupation duties, Japan  
 '51 Korean War  
 '69 - '70 Staff duty HQ MACV, Vietnam  
 Date Retired: Dec '76

**PANELISTS****KUWABARA, Henry "Hank"**

(Panel Two - Moderator)

Home Town: Malad, ID (now Culver City, CA)  
 Entered Service: Nov '42 from Gila River detention camp, AR  
 Military Training: Dec '42 - Jun '43 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Nov '44 CBI - North Burma, assigned to British 36th Division  
 Jul '50 - Mar '51 Korean War  
 Military Duty: Nov '46 - Jul '50; Apr '51 - Nov '54 Occupation of Japan  
 Dec '54 - Nov '58 U.S.  
 Dec '58 - Nov '61 Germany  
 Date Discharged: Jan '63

**MORIMITSU, Arthur T.**

(Panel Two)

Home Town: Sacramento, CA (now Chicago, IL)  
 Entered Service: Sep '43 from Tule Lake detention camp  
 Military Training: Nov '43 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: CBI - North Burma with 124th Cav. Rgt. (Texas)  
 attached Mars Task Force  
 Date Discharged: Jan '46

**NAKAHARA, Peter**

(Panel Three)

Home Town: San Pedro, CA (now of San Jose, CA)  
 Entered Service: Enlisted January 1942 at Los Angeles, CA;  
 Military Training: Basic at Fort MacArthur, CA and Fort Warren, WY  
 Nov '42 - May '43 MISLS Camp Savage  
 Campaigns: Sep '43 - Sep '45 New Guinea with 7th Div. Australian Army;  
 Leyte (Philippines) with 6th Army  
 Date Discharged: Jan '46  
 Civilian Status: Jul '47 - Jan '51 War Crimes Trials

**NAKAMURA, George I.**

(Panel Two)

Home Town: Arroyo Grande, CA (resides Tokyo, Japan)  
 Entered Service: Nov '42 from Gila River detention camp  
 Military Training: Dec '42 - Nov '43 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Jan '44 - May '44 Burma  
 May '44 - Sep '45 China (Dixie Mission)  
 Oct '45 - Jun '46 Occupation of Taiwan  
 Jan '47 - May '49 Occupation of Japan  
 Date Discharged: Jun '49

**NEISHI, Pat Torao**

(Panel One)

Home Town: Oakland, CA  
 Entered Service: January, 1942  
 Military Training: Camp Roberts, CA; Camp Robinson, AR  
 Jun '42 - Sep '42 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Nov '42 - Aug '45 Buna, Bismark Sea, New Guinea, Hollandia,  
 Biak Island, Leyte (Philippines)  
 Date Discharged: Dec '45

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### OGAWA, Howard

(Panel One)

Home Town: Sacramento, CA (now of San Mateo, CA)  
 Entered Service: Jul '41  
 Military Training: May '42 - Sep '42 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Sep '42 - Jun '45 Southwest Pacific  
 Date Discharged: Oct '45

### OJI, Sukeo "Skeets"

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Sacramento, CA (now Walnut Creek, CA)  
 Entered Service: Nov '41  
 Feb '42 Status changed to Inactive Reserve  
 Sep '43 Recalled at Nebraska  
 Military Training: Sep '43 - Sep '44, 442nd CT. Camp Shelby;  
 Sep '44 - Jul '45, MISLS Fort Snelling  
 Jul '45 - Oct '45, OCS Fort Benning  
 Military Duty: Jan '46 - '54, Occupation Duties, Japan  
 Sep '59 - Sep '61 Germany

Campaigns: Aug '50 - Jun '51, Korean War  
 Date Retired: Jul '63

### SAIKI, Barry

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Stockton, CA  
 Entered Service: Nov '44  
 Military Training: Infantry, Camp Wheeler, GA;  
 Sep '45 Grad OCS Fort Benning, GA  
 CIC School, Fort Holabird, MD  
 Military Duty: Mar '46 - Dec '48 Occupation of Japan  
 Date Discharge: Nov '66

### SAKAMOTO, Thomas T.

(Panel Three)

Home Town: San Jose, CA  
 Entered Service: Feb '41  
 Military Training: Basic at Fort Lewis, WA  
 Oct '41 - May '42 MISLS Presidio, San Francisco  
 May '42 - Aug '43 Instructor, MISLS, Camp Savage

Campaigns: Feb '44 - Dec '45 S.W. Pacific - Los Negros (Admiralty Is.)  
 Hollandia, New Guinea  
 '50 3 months Korean War  
 '53 - '56 Security Group, Japan  
 '58 - '61 Aide to High Commissioner of Ryukyu Islands  
 '64 - '69 Tours of duty at Bangkok, Thailand and Saigon, Vietnam  
 Date Retired: Jan '70

## PANELISTS

### SANKEY, George K.

(Panel One)

Home Town: Kauai, HI (now Los Angeles, CA)  
 Entered Service: Enlisted Regular Army, Nov '41  
 Military Training: Basic at Camp Wallace, TX

Campaigns: Midway; New Guinea and Philippines  
 Occupation duties, Okinawa, Japan  
 Date Discharged: Jun '67

### SUMIDA, Marshall M.

(Panel Three)

Home Town: Los Angeles, CA (now San Francisco)  
 Entered Service: Dec '44  
 Internment: Rohwer detention camp, AR  
 Military Training: May - Aug '45 MISLS Fort Snelling  
 Dec '46 - Jul '50 Occupation of Japan  
 Jul '51 - Jul '53 Occupation of Japan

Campaigns: Jul '50 - Jun '51 Korean War with 8th Army CIC  
 (6 campaigns)  
 Date Discharged: Jul '53

### TAKAHASHI, Terry Y.

(Panel One)

Home Town: San Francisco, CA (now Silver Spring, MD)  
 Entered Service: Jul '41  
 Military Training: Basic at Fort Ord, CA  
 May - Dec '42 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Southwest Pacific - Philippines  
 Date Discharged: Feb '64

### TAKAI, Roy

(Panel Two)

Home Town: Sacramento, CA (now Pleasant Hill, CA)  
 Entered Service: Nov '42 from Poston detention camp, Camp 2, AZ  
 Military Training: Dec '42 - Jun '43 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Oct '43 - Jan '46 North, Central & South Burma, CBI;  
 Assigned to British Indian Forces  
 Military Duty: Oct '46 - Mar '66 Occupation of Japan (3Tours of duty)  
 Date Retired: Mar '66

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### TANAKATSUBO, Fred Satsuki "Sats" (Panel One)

Home Town: Sacramento, CA (now Chicago, IL)  
Entered Service: Oct '41  
Military Training: Basic at Camp Roberts, CA  
Apr '42 - Dec '42 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: Alaska, Aleutian Islands; S.W. Pacific, Australia, New Guinea,  
Philippines; Central Pacific, Japan

Date Discharged: Nov '45

### TOKUNO, Shiro (Panel Three)

Home Town: Palermo, CA (now Sacramento, CA)  
Entered Service: May '44 from Tule Lake detention camp  
Military Training: May '44 - Aug '44 MISLS Camp Savage  
Aug '44 - May '45 MISLS Fort Snelling

Military Duty: Oct '45 - May '49 Occupation of Japan  
Civilian Status: May '49 - Jun '61 Occupation of Japan  
Date Discharged: Apr '70

### UYEHATA, Roy T. (Panel One)

Home Town: Gilroy, CA  
Entered Service: Apr '41; discharged Nov '45  
Apr '51 recalled; discharge Apr '54

Military Training: Basic at Fort Ord, CA  
Jun '42 - Nov '42 MISLS Camp Savage

Campaigns: '43 - 45 Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Luzon (Philippines);  
Apr '51 - Jul '52 8th Army MIS, Korea;  
Jul '52 - Apr '54 500th MIS Group, Far East Command

### YAMADA, Yoshikazu (Panel One)

Home Town: Honokaa, HI (now of Irvine, CA)  
Entered Service: Apr '41 at Detroit, MI  
Military Training: Medical Corp at Camp Grant, IL; For Couglas, UT  
5th Army Air Force Group, Medical Det.

Campaigns: Pre-Pearl Harbor - Philippine Defense, Mindanao;  
Post-Pearl Harbor - Philippine Liberation Campaign;

Date Discharged: Jan '46