

CALL TO ORDER

Ladies and Gentlemen, May I call us to ORDER

① CHAIRMAN SAKAMOTO, THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN MATSUI, THE HONORABLE JUDGE THORNTON, CONSUL GENERAL TOKINOYA, NORCAL MIS PRESIDENT FUKUHARA, FORMER PRESIDENT KANEGAI OF MIS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO CALL TO ORDER THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

② REMARKS BY JOE SYKES

WE HAVE A RATHER EXTENSIVE AGENDA THIS EVENING, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO START THE PROGRAM BY ASKING MEMBERS OF POST 9879, THE GOLDEN

③ GATE NISEI MEMORIAL POST, TO LEAD OFF WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS, FOLLOWING WHICH WALLACE NUNOTANI WILL LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

*We are in a rather small room, so the presentation of colors will be somewhat abbreviated*

④ WE NOW ASK THE REVEREND MIKE MORIZONO TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION.

(TABLE)  
④ GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

⑤ AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH ORGANIZED THIS TREMENDOUS REUNION, TOM SAKAMOTO REALIZED EARLY ON THAT HE HAD TAKEN ON A TASK OF MONUMENTAL PROPORTIONS.

AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE PLANNING, WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT RESPONSE WAS HEAVIER THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED, TOM AND HIS COMMITTEE HAD TO BECOME EXPERTS IN SCRAMBLING -- FOR FACILITIES, FOR LOGISTICS, AND JUST FOR GENERAL ALL-AROUND ORGANIZATION. TOM'S ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS GOT A LOT OF EXERCISE IN THIS PROGRAM.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK CHAIRMAN TOM SAKAMOTO TO ADDRESS A FEW REMARKS TO US BEFORE WE COMMENCE DINNER. TOM --

→ Tom remarks

→ Dinner

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- Dec 1 Kuralt

During Dessert

INTRODUCTION OF VIP'S

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WITH US THIS EVENING, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOME OF THEM AT THIS TIME.

AS NAMES AND TITLES OF ALL OUR VIP'S AND HONORED GUESTS ARE ANNOUNCED, WE WOULD ASK THAT THE HONOREE STAND, SO THAT OLD FRIENDS MAY SPOT THEM FOR CONTACT AFTER DINNER. ESPECIALLY IF ANY OF THEM STILL OWE YOU TEN BUCKS FROM THAT POKER GAME IN HOICHI KUBO'S BARRACKS.

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL THE INTRODUCTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THEN RECOGNIZE THE GROUP COLLECTIVELY.

→ FIRST, AT THE HEAD TABLE:

THE HONORABLE ROBERT T. MATSUI, CONGRESSMAN FROM SACRAMENTO, ~~AND HIS WIFE, DORIS.~~

THE HONORABLE ATSUSHI TOKINOYA, CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN, AND HIS WIFE, YOKO.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT Y. THORNTON, SENIOR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, STATE OF OREGON, AND HIS WIFE, DOROTHY

MR. GEORGE Y. KANEGAI, FORMER PRESIDENT OF M.I.S. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ALSO WITH US THIS EVENING ARE:

*Handwritten scribbles*

HATS AIZAWA AND HIS WIFE, AMY, REPRESENTING MAYOR AGNOS OF SAN FRANCISCO. *Comissariat of the Asian Art Comissaria in this city in aizawa is*

NEXT, IWAO NAMEKAWA, PRESIDENT OF NICHU BEI TIMES, AND HIS WIFE, PAT.

AKIRA MATSUO, PRESIDENT OF HOKUBEI MAINICHI, AND HIS WIFE, KAZUYO.

~~LONI DING, PRODUCER OF THE NOW FAMOUS FILM, COLOR OF HONOR.~~

~~PAUL BANNAI, EX-STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.~~

~~HARRY HONDA, FORMER EDITOR OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN.~~

JUNKO NAKAGAWA, OF RADIO MAINICHI  
*Cressy Nakagawa, President of NAC Jap Am Assoc Citizen's League.*

~~DR. CLIFFORD UYEDA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL JAPANESE-AMERICAN~~

~~HISTORICAL SOCIETY,~~ *and the key author of the beautiful HIS commemorative, Booklet created for this museum*

~~MICHAEL ZACHAROF - VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ALEUTIAN/PRIPILOF ISLAND~~

~~ASSOCIATION.~~

~~DIMITRI PHILIEMONOF, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ALEUTIAN/PRIPILOF~~

~~ISLAND ASSOCIATION.~~

AND NOW, OUR APPLAUSE, PLEASE.

*Mr. HATS AIZAWA <sup>SEASIDE ART CAMERAMAN</sup> has a proclamation from the Mayor which he wishes to read*

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INTRODUCTION OF HARRY FUKUHARA

HARRY FUKUHARA, THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENT OF NORCAL M.I.S., HAS DIRECTED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION WITH ENTHUSIASM, VIGOR AND IMAGINATION.

HARRY HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS REUNION, AND IMMINENTLY EFFECTIVE. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HARRY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. <sup>IF I may, I'd also like to ADD. • MIS SOCIAL / Kanegai & Co</sup> WE'D LIKE TO ASK HARRY TO SAY A FEW WORDS AT THIS JUNCTURE. HARRY FUKUHARA.

→ ~~HARRY responds~~ →  
~~Recog. Pres. of MIS, Isotel.~~

INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST AND ONLY  
MIS CLASS FROM THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO

THE FIRST CLASS EVER TO GRADUATE FROM THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL RECEIVED THEIR TRAINING HERE AT THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT SECRECY AND, IN THOSE DAYS, SOME UNDERSTANDABLE TREPIDATION.

THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL -- AND ONLY -- CLASS AT THE PRESIDIO, SO THIS GROUP IS UNIQUE. SOME OF THEIR NUMBER ARE HERE TONIGHT, AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THEM <sup>and their families</sup> TO YOU. AGAIN, PLEASE HOLD THE APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. *will you please stand*

GARY KADANI OF SAN FRANCISCO

ART KANEKO OF WHEATON, MARYLAND, AND HIS WIFE, SOPHIE

JOE MASUDA OF LOS ANGELES, AND HIS WIFE, SOPHIE

TATESHI MIYASAKI OF ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO, AND HIS WIFE, FUMI

TERRY SATO, WIDOW OF THE LATE ICHIRO NISHIDA, OF DENVER, COLORADO

STEVE YAMAMOTO OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

TOM SAKAMOTO OF SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA, AND HIS WIFE, SADIE

GENE URATSU OF SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA, AND HIS WIFE HIROKO

A-NICE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE ORIGINAL STUDENTS, THE OLDEST OF THE OLD-TIMERS

*gentlemen,  
you're  
wait  
a long  
long ways from  
those early days  
of orange and apple  
classes,*

*in the dietary hayar on chairs  
sitting on orange and apple crates. When no one  
quite knew  
whether it  
would  
work.  
We salute you  
the original students,  
the oldest of  
the old times*



I'D LIKE NOW TO CALL ON CHAIRMAN TOM SAKAMOTO TO INTRODUCE THE  
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA M I S ORGANIZATION.  
TOM....

~~Intros Kanegai~~ →  
~~Kanegai Response~~ →  
~~Recognize WACS~~ →  
~~Intro Thornton~~

AND NOW it is my pleasure to recognize the other half of our human population associated w the military effort.  
INTRODUCTION OF WAC'S

THE ~~WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS~~ <sup>WACS</sup> ~~OUR OWN~~ JOSEI-GUN, MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR EFFORT, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM, DURING WORLD WAR II, AND LATER, DURING THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN.

AN ~~ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE~~, <sup>women by</sup> THESE ~~LADY~~ WARRIORS <sup>put aside</sup> SACRIFICED BOTH HOMES AND FAMILIES TO SERVE ALONGSIDE THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE ARMY.

UNLIKE THE UNFORTUNATE LADY WARRIORS OF AIZU WAKAMATSU, WHO PERISHED WITH THE FALL OF WAKAMATSU CASTLE, <sup>we</sup> I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THESE LADY WARRIORS RETURNED HOME WHEN THE JOB WAS COMPLETED, FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL THANKFUL.

SOME OF THESE LADY YANKEE SAMURAI WERE LANGUAGE EXPERTS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, BUT WHATEVER THEIR CONTRIBUTION, THEY GAVE IT EAGERLY AND VERY EFFECTIVELY.

WE HAVE ~~SOME FORMER WAC'S~~ HERE THIS EVENING, ~~SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ROOM~~, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THEM TO STAND NOW, AND RECEIVE A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE. ~~LADIES~~.....

Former member of the Women's Army Corps, please stand.

## INTRODUCTION

### JUDGE ROBERT Y. THORNTON

JUDGE ROBERT Y. THORNTON WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SIXTEEN YEARS. HE IS PRESENTLY A SENIOR JUDGE OF THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

OVER THE YEARS, JUDGE THORNTON HAS MADE ELEVEN TRIPS TO JAPAN. HE TAUGHT AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPEARED AS A GUEST LECTURER AT WASEDA..RIKKYO AND HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITIES...WAIIO COLLEGE...THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE...THE ASIA-FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS...AND THE LEGAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF JAPAN.

JUDGE THORNTON CO-AUTHORED, WITH PROFESSOR KATSUYA ENDO, A LEADING EDUCATOR, A BOOK ENTITLED, "PREVENTING CRIME IN AMERICA AND JAPAN".

HE HAS ALSO CO-AUTHORED AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS LEGAL COMMENTARIES AND ARTICLES ON JAPAN'S JUDGES, AND RIOT CONTROL POLICE.

JUDGE THORNTON WAS DESIGNER OF THE CRIME PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER LAW PASSED BY THE OREGON LEGISLATURE IN 1989, AND WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF OREGON TO THE STATE CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAPANESE-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING, HE RECEIVED THE ORDER OF THE SACRED TREASURE FROM HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN, IN 1976.

JUDGE THORNTON IS A GRADUATE OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY...OF GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (WITH A JURIS DOCTORATE) AND OF THE U. S. ARMY JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

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WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE JUDGE ROBERT Y. THORNTON, OF THE  
FORT SNELLING CLASS E-8 OF 1944, ADDRESS A FEW REMARKS TO US AT  
THIS TIME.

JUDGE THORNTON. Response  
→ Governor  
→ { Shino introduces  
Congressman MATSUI

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT MATSUI

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO CALL UPON SHIRO TOKUNO, WHO WILL INTRODUCE  
OUR PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. SHIRO.....

→ Matsui ←

The Nisei NLS <sup>have been</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>to have</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>some extraordinarily</sup> ~~blessed~~ <sup>good friends.</sup> SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

BRIAN BUHL IS A CLOSE, VALUED, AND HELPFUL FRIEND OF THE NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MR. BUHL HAS ALSO DEMONSTRATED HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE M.I.S.G. BY CONSTRUCTING A REPLICA OF THE OLD HANGAR AT CRISSY FIELD, AT THE PRESIDIO, THE ORIGINAL HOME OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE LANGUAGE SCHOOL. BY HOME, ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> MEAN THAT THE HANGAR WAS OFFICE, CLASSROOMS, BARRACKS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDATION OF THE SCHOOL.

<sup>we</sup> WOULD LIKE TO NOW CALL UPON BRIAN BUHL TO PRESENT THIS REPLICA TO GENE URATSU, FOLLOWING WHICH GENE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO PRESENT TO MR. BUHL IN HONOR OF HIS KINDNESS.

MR. BUHL -- AND GENE.

Exchange of Presentations

BENEDICTION

WELL, IT'S BEEN A LONG EVENING, AND I HOPE IT'S BEEN INTERESTING ENOUGH SO THAT EVERYONE IS STILL WIDE AWAKE.

AS OUR FINAL FORMAL CEREMONIES, I'D LIKE NOW TO ASK THE REVEREND LAVERNE SASAKI TO OFFER A BENEDICTION, FOLLOWING WHICH THE GOLDEN GATE NISEI MEMORIAL POST MEMBERS WILL RETIRE THE COLORS.

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AND NOW, AS OUR FINAL, FINAL PROGRAM ITEM, SHIRO TOKUNO WILL PROVIDE US WITH SOME ENTERTAINMENT. SHIRO TOKUNO.