

INTERVIEW SUBJECTS FOR THE COLOR OF HONOR

JA Soldier

San Francisco Bay Area

- * Tom Sakamoto was a kibeï pre-war draftee whose family was interned. He became an instructor in Japanese language at the Military Intelligence school, and after about five years left that safe job to go into the field in the Pacific, because, as he says, he was "young and restless." He became a high-level interpreter, was one of a handful of nisei on the main deck of the USS Missouri during the surrender ceremonies, and was later Gen. Eisenhower's interpreter. He's retired from a career in the Army, is highly respected by his peers, and is knowledgeable about intelligence work and occupation policy.

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Saratoga, CA 95070

- * Hoichi Kubo was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his work in the Pacific. (Unusual for an intelligence officer to receive the DSC, a combat award.) Kubo, as shown in the film, was very active in saving civilians on Saipan. Originally from Hawaii, he now lives in San Jose.

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San Jose, CA 95118

- * Rudy Tokiwa, originally from Salinas, served in all of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's 7 campaigns in Europe. He is prominently featured in the film; he tells the story about wearing the grain of rice his mother gave him around his neck for luck, and tells about returning to his high school to demand an apology from the school principal. Tokiwa is a retired nurseryman.

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Sunnyvale, CA 94086

- * Henry Gosho was a kibeï from Seattle who volunteered from camp, and went on to serve as a linguist with Merrill's Marauders in Burma. He had a career as a foreign service officer.

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Belmont, CA 94002

- * Harry Fukuhara is central to the film. He volunteered from camp and served as an intelligence linguist in the Pacific. Members of his immediate family lived in Hiroshima at the time of the bombing. Fukuhara spends most of his time in Japan, but sometimes is at his residence in San Jose.

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San Jose, CA 95120

- * Roy Uyehata, although not interviewed for the film, is an MIS veteran, President of the MIS Association, and extremely knowledgeable about the campaigns of the Pacific war.

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Cupertino, CA 95014

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- * Mits Koshiyama is a former resister who lives in the Bay Area; he is not in the film, and is not acquainted with Loni Ding.

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San Jose, CA 95131

Seattle

- * Judge Eugene Wright is a federal judge with the 9th Circuit. He was one of the earliest caucasian officers to lead a nisei linguist team in the Pacific, and reflects with insight and respect about the men who served on his team.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
Seattle, WA 98104

- * Peter Okada served in the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. He is notable for his change of attitude toward the resisters.

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Kirkland, WA 98033

- * Takashi Matsui is knowledgeable about the role of the nisei in the occupation; he was an interpreter at the Yokohama war crimes trials. Was interviewed for the film, but does not appear in it.

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Seattle, WA 98154

- * Jim Akutsa could be contacted re resistance, although he is not in the film, and Loni doesn't know him personally.

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Seattle, WA 98144

Los Angeles

* George Kanegai was stationed w/ATIS in Australia, but was not in combat. He is active in the Southern California MIS Association, and has a good overview of the men in service.

Los Angeles, CA 90025

* Sho Nomura was with the MIS in Yen-an, meeting with Mao and the early Chinese communists.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

*Harry and Ken Akune are brothers who both appear in the film. Harry is the one who was the only nisei linguist on a combat jump onto the island of Corregidor, Philippines. They are originally from the Central Valley of California; Harry served in the Pacific, Ken in China. When they volunteered from camp, Harry signed the underage Ken out of camp so that he could join the Army.

Harry Akune
Gardena, CA 90247

Ken Akune
Gardena, CA 90247

RESISTERS in L.A. Area

* Frank Emi was an organizer of the Fair Play Committee, a draft resistance movement in the internment camp at Heart Mountain. He was sentenced to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, appealed the sentence, and it was overturned, vindicating his resistance.

San Gabriel, CA 91776

*Tim Nomiya and Mas Kataoka were pre-war draftees who refused a routine Army order to protest the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans. They were sent to prison, and won the overturn of their Dishonorable Discharges, after about forty years, in 1983. *Paul Minerich, the son-in-law of Mr. Nomiya, is the lawyer who won their reinstatement.

Tim Nomiya
Westminster, CA 92683

Mas Kataoka
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Paul Minerich
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Hawaii

* Howard Furumoto is a Honolulu veterinarian whose ROTC commander at Kansas State University tore up his Army application in front of him because of his race. He served with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, and tells the story in the film about the team leader who said he was "saving a bullet" for each linguist in order to prevent torture in case of capture.

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Honolulu, HI 96816
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* Ernest Uno was a 442nd RCT veteran who tells the story of "coming home" at the end of the war to his family, still incarcerated.

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Aiea, HI 96701
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* Kazuo Yamane served in high-level work in the Pentagon and elsewhere. He was interviewed for the film, is highly knowledgeable about intelligence work.

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Honolulu, HI 96822
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New York

* Bill Kochiyama was born in New York, but was visiting California at the outbreak of war, and was interned in camp. Volunteered from camp, served in 442nd. In the film, he talks about his own change of heart about the resisters. He has been active in the movement for Japanese American redress.

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New York, NY 10027
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* Manny Goldberg learned Japanese growing up in Japan, became a team leader on Saipan and in the Pacific. He is writing a book, and is articulate and passionate about the role of the nisei in intelligence. Speaks in the film about how the names of the nisei were censored from official records. He also comments on the inequality of commissions awarded to niseis and caucasians.

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Bayside, NY 11360
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* Jacob Herzog is a retired adjutant general of New York, and now a lawyer. He was a high-level intelligence administrator in the Marianas and Saipan and knew Hoichi Kubo well. He speaks in the film about Kubo's rescue of civilians.

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*Min Hara volunteered from Poston camp and served as an interrogator in New Guinea and the Philippines. He interviewed more than a thousand prisoners, and speaks eloquently of differences and commonalities between himself and the prisoners.

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Bronx, NY 10468
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*Chris Ishii was a Disney artist who created a comic strip in camp equivalent to "Peanuts." He also created the beaver mascot for the MIS, and created propaganda flyers for the war in China.

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Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
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