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GOLDEN GATE NISEI MEMORIAL POST 9879

POST 9879 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1993

COMING EVENTS

- Friday, April 9: Post & Auxiliary Meeting; Nomination and Election of Officers
- Friday & Saturday, 23-24: OFFICIAL VISIT by Department Commander & President. *Banquet at New Ramada Inn
- Saturday, April 24: 15th District Meeting; 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, " 25: 26th Annual Cherry Blossom Parade (Post Color Guard: Tanabe, Miyamoto, Masuoka, Iwahashi)
- Saturday, May 1: 15th District LOYALTY DAY PROGRAM, 1:00 p.m. at War Memorial Building, Room 223 (District Chairman, Mike Iwahashi. Guest Speaker, M.I.S. member, Harry Tanabe)
- Sunday, " 2: "Holocaust Oral History Project" Reception (See attached)
- Saturday, " 8: *Post & Auxiliary Installation Dinner at Maiko Restaurant, 1629 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, 3 blocks North of University Avenue
- Saturday, " 15: 15th District Meeting; Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- Monday, : 31: Annual Memorial Day Service at Golden Gate National Cemetery; Section "R" San Bruno, 10:00 a.m.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Prior to the start of the last Post meeting, Ms. Cathryn Bryne, Project Director of "Holocaust Oral History Project" gave a talk. This was in reference to the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion liberation of prisoners at Dachau Concentration Camp, Germany. Reception to be held on May 2nd, Sunday, at Temple Emanu-el, Lake and Arguello (see attached flyer). Please call me for tickets (510) 233-6752.

On February 20th the reception for District Commander Walter Fuller and President Pat Tice was held at the War Memorial Building. Attending from our Post and Auxiliary were the Tanabes and Iwahashis. Then on February 22nd, the Safety meeting was held at the same place. The subjects were: Emergency call 911, First Aid & Survival Guides, Diabetes, Other health care, How to avoid carjacking, etc. It was nice to see the Tanabes there. I was disappointed for not seeing more members from our Post at such events. Sometime I think we still have old Japanese "Shimaguni-Konjo" in our blood???

The first 44th Nisei V.F.W. Reunion Committee meeting was held on March 10th with 14 people attending. As the time goes by, (get closer to D Day) Chairpersons will get busy and will ask non-

committee members for their help. This will be the last time that Post #9879 will host the reunion. So please give your 100+ support for this event. Volunteers would be appreciated. Next Committee meeting will be held on May 18th, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Japantown Denny's.

DEDICATION OF THE PRIVATE 1st CLASS SADAO S. MUNEMORI U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER HALL.

On June 6th, 1993, Sunday at 10:00 a.m. the 3111th COSCOM will dedicate a building to the WW II Medal of Honor Recipient Private 1st Class Sadao S. Munemori of the 442nd "GO FOR BROKE" Combat Team. All Nisei V.F.W. Posts made monetary donation to subsidize purchase of Bronze Plaque which will be placed on the Hall wall. I would like some of our Post members to join in the celebration.

Place: 1250 Federal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025
(at Wilshire & San Vicente near VA Hospital).

WAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN L.A.

During the 43rd Annual Nisei V.F.W. Reunion general meeting, a motion was made and seconded by the supporters of the AJAWMC (see definition below) to asses a \$1.00 fee per member of each Post to support its effort to fight against the 100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation (see below also) monument effort. The money is to help AJAWMC for contacting every 100th/442nd/MIS veterans and providing those veterans with an affidavit to either omit their name or approve the engraving of their names on the memorial monument commingled with KIA'S, MIA's and those who died of wounds. This issue was discussed at our last post meeting. There were pros and cons to this issue. But at the end of the discussion, the Post 9879 will go on record that we will not get involved as a Unit in this battle. If you want to go along with AJAWMC or 100th/442nd/MIS memorial foundation, you may do so individually. For more information please contact me.

*Definitions:

Americans of Japanese Ancestry War Memorial Coalition

Sam Shimoguchi, Chairman.

A combined group of veterans, organizations and individuals, against commingling names of living veterans with KIA's and MIA's on a memorial monument.

100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation

Young O. Kim, President

A group of veterans of the 100th/442nd/MIS in favor of engraving the names of all members of the 100th/442nd/MIS, and recently changed to include other combat veterans of World War II, on a memorial monument honoring Japanese Americans. The Memorial Foundation is omitting the names of the Nikkei KIA's and MIA's of all other wars and conflicts.

Mike Iwahashi, Commander

SERVICE OFFICER Harry Tanabe still attempting to enroll Jiro Nakaso (non post member) into Ft. Miley Hospital and he reported that admissions are re-opened at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville. (See further details on Page 19 of "The Cal Vet", February issue).

COMRADES IN DISTRESS:

Was nice to see Comrade Tay Nobori walking around on the street without any problems.

BLOOD BANK: George Teragawa

Statement dated 2/25/93. Balance brought forward 15 . Current balance 16 .

Our thanks to donor Judy Akiyama for her recent donation on 1/29/93.

MISCELLANEOUS:

*1) Banquet to Honor State Commander and State President

Terrace Ballroom, Ramada Inn - 245 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco
Dinner at: 7:00 p.m.
Choice of: Chicken, Petrale Sole or London Broil
Price: \$18.00 (Contact Mike Iwahashi, (510) 233-6752)

*2) POST & AUXILIARY INSTALLATION & DINNER

Host Cocktail 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
("Kaiseki" dinner without sashimi)
Cost: \$20.00

Make check payable to VFW Post #9879 and mail to QM Harry Tanabe, 15554 Tracy Street, San Lorenzo, 94580, by April 30th.

Installation immediately following dinner. You may stay after the program for "Karaoke" singing.

3) 40th ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOSE NISEI MEMORIAL V.F.W. POST #9970

Date: June 26, 1993
Place: San Jose Hyatt
No Host Cocktail & pupu: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Ceremony, (Guest speaker, Congressman Norman Mineta) 8:00 p.m.
Dancing to follow
Cost for dinner: \$27.00 (chicken or beef)

Cut off date June 1, 1993. Contact Mike Iwahashi for reservation.

4) ANNUAL POST PICNIC

Post Picnic will be held on August 8th, Sunday at San Pablo Dam, Pine Picnic area. More info will follow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I want to apologize for not attending the last meeting on March 9th. I was too sick with influenza and bronchitis. I was glad to take all the antibiotic medicine so now I am coming along slowly. I wish to thank all the ladies for the get well cards. Hope to see all of you at the next auxiliary meeting on April 9th. I understand the members present nominated the same slate of Officers to serve again next year.

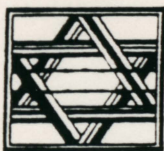
Thank you to everyone for sending in their 1993 Auxiliary dues. We lost some members this year so we were not able to make 100% in our district. Perhaps next year. But your cooperation is deeply appreciated. Especially to our Membership Chairman Kiyono Tominaga and our Treasurer, Emily Kawauchi.

Toki Murakami, President

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

George and Amy Teragawa are proud to announce two additional members to their clan. Brandon Kiyoshi Teragawa was born on January 26th, at 6# 6 oz. to Lloyd and Susan. Misa Sumayah was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, to Emiko and Abdul Latif. She weighed 7# 10 oz. and 20" long. Emiko is a member of our Ladies Auxiliary.

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THEY had families interned back home
THEY received the most honors in WWII
THEY were liberators at Dachau
and
THEY were Japanese American soldiers

Something will take place on May 2 at Temple Emanu-El that will correct an historical wrong. It will be a gesture of respect to the Japanese American soldiers who helped liberate Dachau, but were told by the United States government to say nothing. Members of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion remained quiet about their historic deed. Now, almost fifty years later, these liberators are revealing a saga of duty and humanitarianism.

Liberator and survivors of Dachau will come together in celebration. Invited to attend this belated acknowledgment will be Congresspeople, Senators, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, scholars, distinguished people within the entertainment industry, and Holocaust survivors. This event will provide an opportunity for the survivors of Dachau Concentration Camp to meet and thank their liberators for the first time. Please join us for this prestigious and historic event.

UNLIKELY LIBERATORS: Japanese Americans and the Liberation of Dachau

Sunday, May 2

VIP Reception (with appetizers) from 5:30-6:30

Event from 6:30

A Sushi and Bagel Reception to Follow

Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$45 at door

Student \$20

Check payable to:

Unlikely Liberators

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Temple Emanu-El, Lake @ Arguello

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Cathryn Byrne, Project Director