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## PROFILE OF JOY TERAOKA

Women in Wyoming Facebook Page, May 16, 2019

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In Chapter III, we highlight 4th generation, Japanese American Wyomingite **AURA NEWLIN**, and her connection to the Japanese American Incarceration during WWII. This week, we're partnering with the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, who share stories about life at Heart Mountain, one of ten War Relocation Authority (WRA) facilities where from August 1942 to November 1945, some 14,000 Japanese American immigrants and their families were confined (including Aura's relatives).



The image above is of **JOY TERAOKA**, singer in the **GEORGE IGAWA** Band at Heart Mountain. Joy is pictured on the far left with the George Igawa Orchestra. Joy Takeshita Teraoka was 15-years-old when her family was removed from Los Angeles and sent to Heart Mountain. Though she had not done much formal singing before camp, Joy had always loved to sing. "I had more nerves than brains," she remembers, and "George wanted me to sing, so I did." With the George Igawa Orchestra, young Joy became a touring musician, traveling to gigs across the state during the year that her family was at Heart Mountain.

For Joy, singing with the George Igawa Orchestra was a great thrill--one that she remembers with immense gratitude and fondness. Joy continues singing to this day. At 93-years-old, she participates regularly in a *karaoke* club and performed at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse, singing a few of the songs she sang for

dances at Heart Mountain.

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To learn more, visit <http://www.heartmountain.org/> or <https://womeninwyoming.com/aura-newlin>.

**(Editor's Note:** Joy Teraoka is the widow of 100th Infantry Battalion veteran **DR. DENIS TERAOKA** of Dog Company. She has performed at several of our Anniversary Banquets and still performs with the EbbTides from time to time).

### **BIG ISLAND WWII NISEI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** by **WALLY CAMP**

**OBJECTIVE:** raise money to design, construct and dedicate a memorial to honor ALL WWII Nisei units.

This will include: *The 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, Women's Army Corps*, and the various units who served under the banner of *The 1399th Construction Battalion*. (Possibly additional units)

To this end, a brand new committee has been formed. We (Big Island WWII Nisei Memorial Committee) are seeking volunteers to help with this effort. We need: Graphic/Website Designers, Crowdfunding design, Donations (monetary/in-kind/services), Secretarial help, Treasurer, additional committee members, etc.

We would like to interview any WWII Nisei Veterans and/or their descendants to get their input.

At present, the committee is being spearheaded by **WALLY CAMP**, whose dad, **T/SGT JIM CAMP**, served with the *395th Quartermaster Btn.* (Ft. Ruger) which was one of the units later consolidated under the banner of the *1399th Construction Btn.*

If you would like to join this effort, please contact Wally @ (808) 989-9588 or [hilowally@gmail.com](mailto:hilowally@gmail.com).

Any *kokua* will be greatly appreciated.

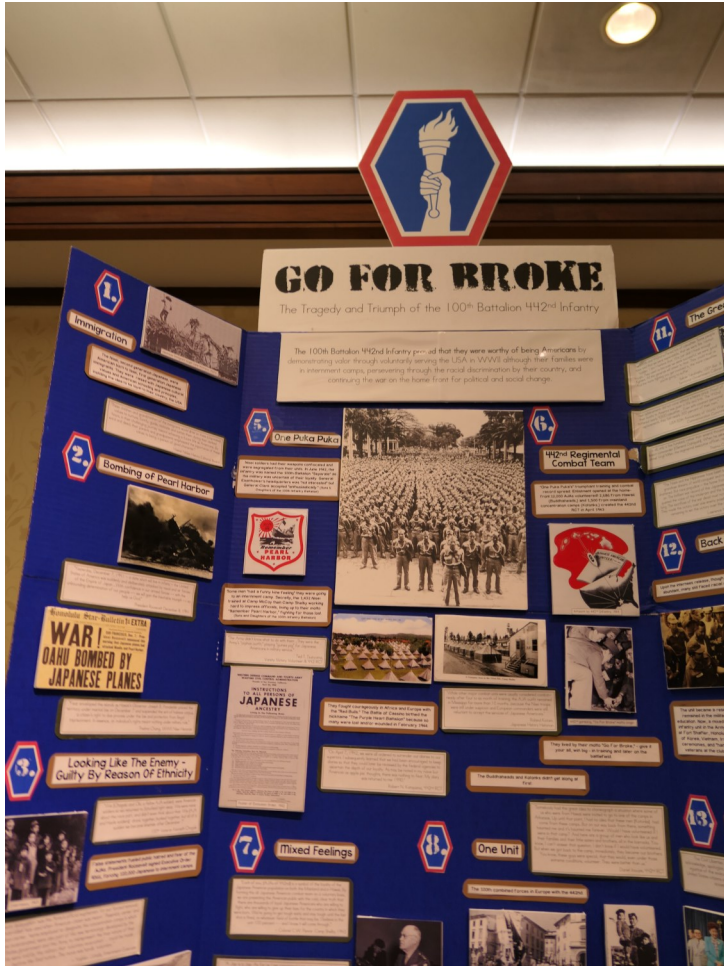
*Submitted by Wally Camp*



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Photo on the left is of President Ann with Principal Michelle DeBusca of Ala Wai Elementary School when Ann and Clyde attended the school's May Day Program.

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