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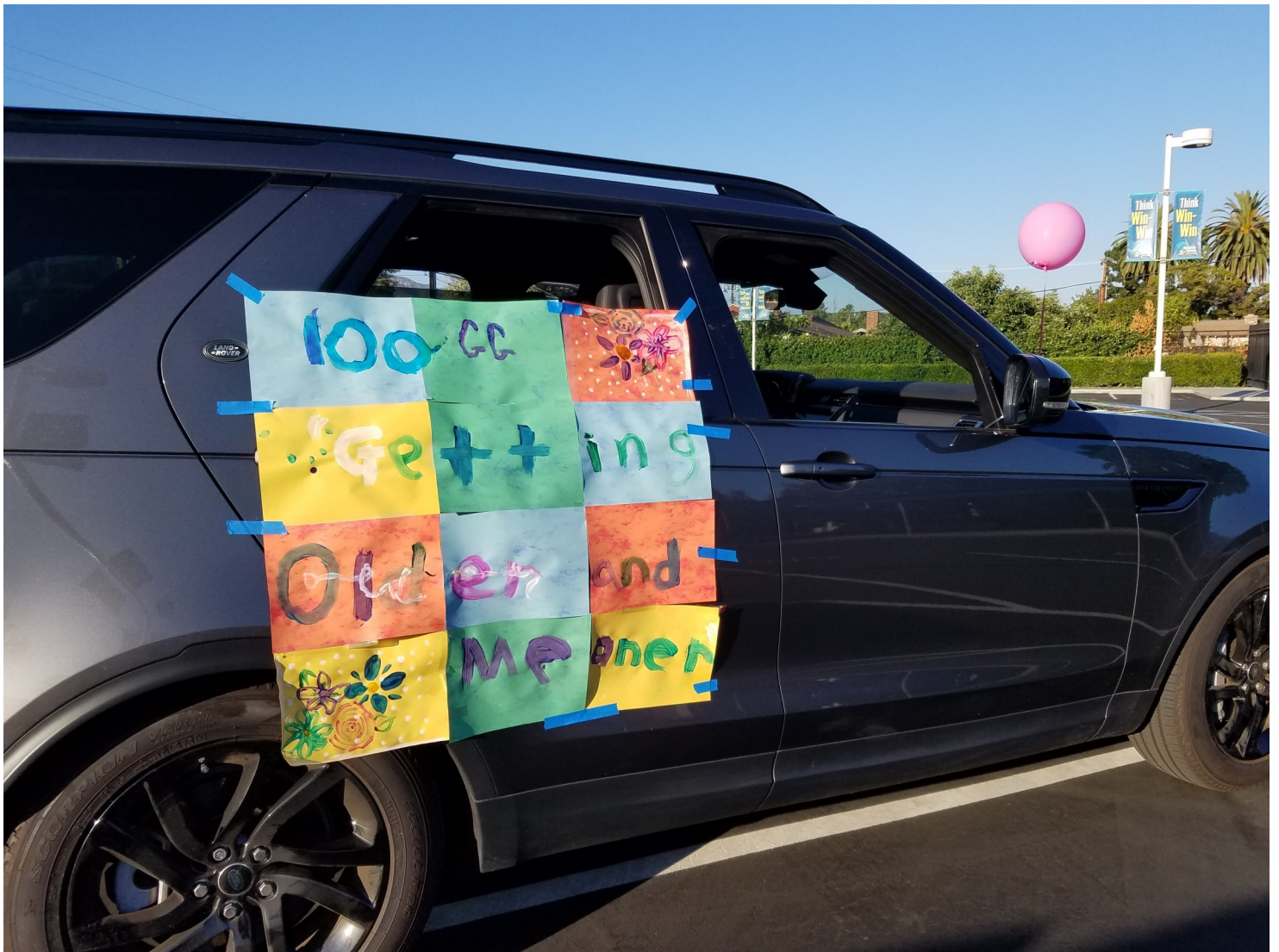
All the stuff that wouldn't fit in the
print version of the PPP.



MORE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ELSIE HAYASHI'S CAR-LEBRATION BIRTHDAY PARTY

Courtesy of the Hayashi Family





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OBITUARY FOR ELLIE OZAWA

November 28, 1933 - June 18, 2020

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?n=eleanor-masae-ozawa&pid=196468101>

ELEANOR "ELLIE" MASAE OZAWA was born in Los Angeles on November 28, 1933 to **GEORGE AND EDITH KAWAHARA**. She was the youngest of four children. She grew up in Los Angeles until her internment in WWII in Gila River, AZ.

Following the war, the family relocated to Reedley, CA before settling down in Gardena, CA. Ellie graduated from Gardena High School and UCLA where she was a member of the Chi Alpha Delta sorority and where she met her future husband, **PAUL OZAWA**. After graduating UCLA, Ellie became a teacher with LAUSD.

She and Paul were married in 1957 and settled in Torrance where they raised their five sons. She was active in Scouting, being a Den Mother to all five and supporting them as all became Eagle Scouts. Ellie went back to teaching, focusing on special education until her retirement.

Ellie was a member of several groups at the Gardena Buddhist Church, including the Hui Aikane, Dana Group and the cookbook group. She was also active with Go For Broke National Education Center with her two brothers having served in the MIS and an uncle and brother-in-law having served in the 442nd RCT.

Ellie lived a full and wonderful life. She enjoyed making chili and soup for the veterans. She continued to meet with her cookbook group even though the cookbook was completed in 1976! Lately, she looked forward to her Monday Zoom meetings with GFBNEC and her Tuesday Social with the church. And, she was rarely without her iPad doing her puzzles.

Ellie is preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and her son, **MARK (LINDA)**. She is survived by her siblings **LINDBERGH (YONE)**, **HERBERT (HELEN deceased)** and **EVELYN (RAY CHIKAHISA)**, her sons, **MICHAEL (NORIKO)**, **MITCHELL (ANN)**, **MARSHALL (PATRICIA BIGLER)** and **MATTHEW (MARI)** and grandchildren **KATE (HUNTER DAVIS)**, **SARA**, **GEORGE**, **ELIZABETH**, **HAYDEN**, **CAMRYN**, **CHASE**, **PEYTON**, **JACKSON** and **SCOUT**.

A private family service was held in accordance with her wishes. In lieu of flowers or *o-koden*, please consider a donation in her memory to Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles.

HAWAII ISLAND AJA VETERANS LEGACY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

<https://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/2020/07/21/community/hawaii-island-aja-veterans-legacy-association-presents-2020-scholarship-award/>

The Hawaii Island AJA Veterans Legacy Association presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Hilo High School senior **LEILANI GUERRERO** for her outstanding academic, co-curricular and extracurricular achievements.

Guerrero was an active member of the Hilo High School Student Council, Oiwi head representative, Aloha Ambassador and KVIKS TV, an organization dedicated to creating digital and broadcast content for the school, and was manager for the Hilo High wrestling, judo and football teams.

She was also a member of the Haili Juniors Volleyball team and a community volunteer with Connect Point Church and the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home.

The scholarship application required an essay describing the significance and role of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II in one of the following: the 100th Infantry Battalion, Military Intelligence Service or the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Guerrero wrote about the 100th Infantry Battalion and how the veterans' brave actions during WWII inspired her with their courage and perseverance, which she thinks is their lasting legacy.

Guerrero is the daughter of **LYNETTE AND CHRIS GUERRERO**. She plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa in the fall to major in Hawaiian studies, Hawaiian language and pre-law. Her career goal is to become a family attorney.

The Hawaii Island AJA Veterans Legacy Association educational scholarships are available to graduating seniors at any Hawaii Island public or private high school.

OPENING REMARKS BY GERALD YAMADA, JAVA PRESIDENT, AT THE DAY OF AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

from the **JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION** website at <https://java.wildapricot.org/>

On July 15, 2020 at 12 noon, the Japanese American Veterans Association commemorated the return of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from the bloody battlefields in Europe to Washington, DC. Seventy-four years earlier, on July 15, 1946, President **HARRY TRUMAN** received the military unit at 12 noon at the Ellipse, the south lawn of the White House, following its march down Constitution Avenue. The President presented the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) with its seventh Presidential Unit Citation.

At 12 noon (East Coast time) on July 15, 2020, JAVA had a wreath-laying at the Price of Freedom Wall, National World War II Memorial, which is on Constitution Avenue, near the Ellipse, to show their appreciation for the legacy created by the Nisei soldiers who served in World War II. **TURNER KOBAYASHI**, son of **KEY KOBAYASHI**, who served in the Military Intelligence Service, and **CATHERINE LUETTE**, daughter of **MAJOR ORVILLE SHIREY**, who served with the 442nd RCT, will served as the wreath bearers.

A video of the livestream of the Ceremony is available at JAVA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/201704733192222/videos/283650256081275/>

The following is a transcript of the opening remarks given by JAVA President **GERALD YAMADA** at the Day of Affirmation Ceremony:

"My name is Gerald Yamada, and I am President of the Japanese American Veterans Association. Let me call us to order so that we may start.

Let me first begin by thanking the National Park Service, Military District of Washington, and Friends of the National World War II Memorial for their support of this event. Also, we thank the National Military Veterans Alliance, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, the Japanese American National Museum, and the Japanese American Citizens League for helping us to get the word out about this event.

On this day – July 15th – 74 years ago in 1946 at 12 noon, President Harry Truman reviewed the returning 442nd Regimental Combat Team on the Ellipse of the White House. He decorated the 442nd with its 7th Presidential Unit Citation. Over its short history, the 442nd created a combat record that is unmatched.

President Truman praised the 442nd by stating:

"You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice – and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win – to make this great Republic stand for just what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people all the time."

This was a historic event because the 442nd was a segregated, all Japanese American combat unit, except for its officers. The 442nd was activated in 1943, while 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were imprisoned, without any administrative due process, in War Relocation Authority confinement camps.

Volunteers from these camps and Japanese Americans from Hawaii answered the call to form the 442nd in 1943. For those Japanese Americans who were:

- forcibly evacuated from their homes,
 - unjustly imprisoned solely because of their ethnicity,
 - branded as “non-aliens” by the Roosevelt Administration, and
 - asked to declare, despite being American citizens, whether they were loyal to the United States,
- Joining the 442nd was their opportunity to fight prejudice at home. The federal government's harsh

treatment and overt prejudice against them would not diminish their belief in the American dream that brought their immigrant parents to this country.

In his salute, President Truman honored the 442nd's valor in fighting America's enemies abroad. More importantly, he congratulated them on winning their fight against prejudice at home.

In doing so,

- President Truman *affirmed* that the soldiers standing before him were loyal Americans, thereby removing the stigma of being treated as "non-aliens,"

- He *affirmed* that their decision -- to put country first -- was the way to win the fight against prejudice, and

- He *affirmed* that they were entitled to share in America's opportunities and to receive equal treatment under the Constitution.

President Truman's salute was the critical turning point for Japanese Americans. It marks the decisive point that Japanese Americans, by keeping their faith in America, started winning the war against prejudice. This is why we call today – July 15th -- the **Day of Affirmation**.

In addition to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Japanese Americans also served in:

- the 100th Infantry Battalion from Hawaii, which was activated in 1942 and fought in Italy for 9 months, creating its own exemplary combat record, before being attached to the 442nd in 1944,

- they served in the Military Intelligence Service which provided linguistic support to American and Allied forces in the Pacific war zone, and

- they served in the 1399th Engineering Construction Battalion, which served in Hawaii to rebuild Pearl Harbor and completed 54 construction projects that were critical to the defense of the Islands against further Japanese invasion.

- Japanese American women also served in the US military.

They all helped to forge the legacy from which Japanese Americans started to benefit and will continue to benefit in the future.

In his 1951 farewell speech, **GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR** said that "old soldiers never die; they just fade away." This may be said of the Japanese Americans who served in World War II, but we must not allow their legacy to just fade away.

On this Day of Affirmation, we call on all Americans to embrace their legacy -- by keeping faith in America's values and its future – especially in the most difficult of times, as did the Nisei soldiers.

We now honor the Japanese Americans who served in World War II and their legacy by laying a wreath at the Price of Freedom Wall.

Each gold star on the Freedom Wall represents 100 United States soldiers killed in action during World War II. Eight of these stars are dedicated to the almost 800 Japanese Americans who were killed in action and the over 30 officers who served in the 442nd and who were killed in action. Their names are inscribed on the granite panels of the "National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in World War II," located in Washington, DC near the Capitol.

LTC BRETT EGUSA (US Army Reserve) is serving as the military escort.

Catherine Lurette, daughter of Maj. Orville Shirey, who served with the 442nd, is one of our wreath bearers.

Turner Kobayashi, son of Key Kobayashi, who served with the Military Intelligence Service, is the other wreath bearer.

In honor of those who served, I ask you to face the Freedom Wall, bow your heads, and observe a moment of silence.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

For all those who served, thank you for your service.

SOUNDING OF TAPS

That concludes our program. Thank you for joining us on this inaugural Day of Affirmation.

AGING WELL: NISEI VETERANS HONORED IN NEW ARMY MUSEUM

by **DIANE AKO**, KITV news, July 4, 2020

<https://www.kitv.com/story/42325902/aging-well-nisei-veterans-honored-in-new-army-museum>

Just 30 minutes south of Washington D.C., the museum will feature contributions made by Japanese American soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service.

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The famed 100th Battalion - 442nd Infantry Regiment will be recognized in The National Museum of the US Army when it opens. The second-generation, Asian-American soldiers gave everything for their country, even when they faced discrimination for being ethnically Japanese.

The US entered World War II in 1941, and 94-year-old Mililani resident **CHARLES MORIYAMA** remembers it like it was yesterday. "I was a freshman at UH when they asked for volunteers. Like many young people, we wanted to do our part," he recalls of the day he signed up.

He served in the US Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS). He says he didn't experience much discrimination, but his brother was sent to two Hawaii internment camps. "He was at Sand Island first, then Honouliuli, but never sent to the mainland. After about a year he was released," Moriyama says of his brother's experience.

And still, Moriyama, like the Japanese-American or Nisei soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, fought for the US, despite racial prejudice on the home front. Here's the group from Hawaii, gathered at Iolani Palace (photo on next page. All photos courtesy of the National Veterans Network).



The National Museum of the US Army will now share their stories. Eleven of the men featured are from the Islands, including the late **US SENATOR DAN INOUE**.

National Veterans Network executive director **CHRISTINE SATO-YAMAZAKI** says, "Half the story comes from Hawaii. You cannot tell the story unless you explain the Hawaii experience."

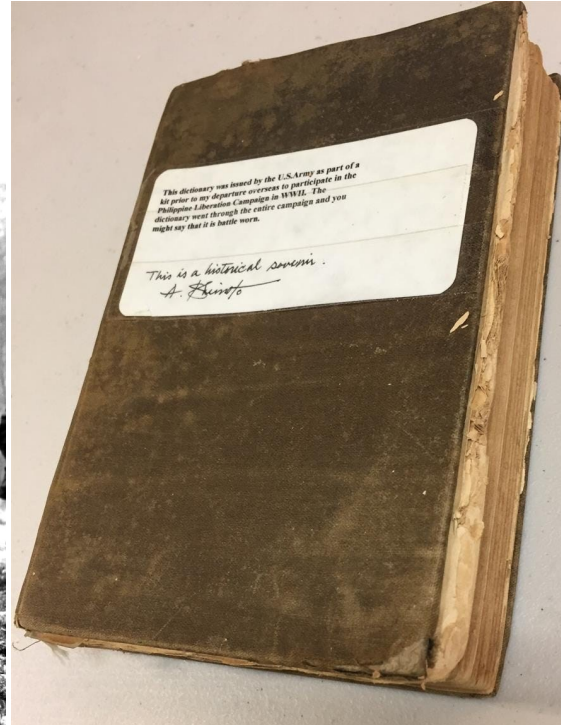
Some of the displays include a timeline of the Nisei experience, 90 soldiers' oral histories and photos, in addition to 26 featured personal objects. They will be presented in the Army & Society Gallery, the Nisei Soldier Experience Exhibit, Soldiers' Stories Gallery, and Medal of Honor Wall.

Moriyama shares, "It would be good to leave a legacy for future generations. My son and grandchildren don't know too much about the 100th, 442, and MIS during World War II."

His wife **HELEN MORIYAMA** adds, "Historically, it should be wonderful for everybody to know about it. I think so little is known about the Nisei experience."

These stories document the soldiers' unprecedented patriotism and valor, to prove their loyalty in the name of freedom.

The museum was originally scheduled to open on June 4, 2020; however, due to COVID-19 delaying some of the finishing work, the Museum will now open to the public when the Museum is ready for daily operations. For admission, free tickets for a specific date and time must be reserved through an online ticketing system. More information on Opening Day is available here: <http://armyhistory.org/opening-day/>.



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