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122nd Thank You Gift to the NVC

By Walter Tanimoto

Colonel Stan Seo, a life member of the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and the Commanding Officer of the 122nd Public Affairs Operations Center (122nd), presented a commemorative plaque to the NVC on behalf of the soldiers of the 122nd in appreciation of our support. One of the notable items in the plaque is the U.S. Flag, which was flown in Kabul, Afghanistan, where COL Seo and some of the 122nd were posted at Forward Operating base HKIA.

Additional gifts were presented to NVC Commander Walt Tanimoto and Past NVC Commander Keith Yamaguchi. Keith and Mary Ann Yamaguchi were the driving force in supporting the 122nd with care packages throughout their deployment. The COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from meeting with the 122nd earlier; however, on December 24, 2021 we were able to have a very small gathering at the NVC Memorial Hall.

Please watch the video presentation by COL Seo to the NVC at this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/IMG-mJzvjUU

When the NVC found out COL Seo, one of our veteran life members, was deploying to Afghanistan with the 122nd, we adopted the unit to show our support for their deployment to the Southwest Asia area of responsibility in 2019. The 122nd redeployed back to the United States in the March

NVC & NVC FOUNDATION CALENDAR

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To get the meeting link and information, email this address: nvcfoundation@hotmail.com

NOTE:

For the safety of our volunteers and all those who use NVC Memorial Hall, the NVC Board has elected to close use of the NVC Memorial Hall until further notice due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic. Please check with us or visit the website for information on when we will reopen the NVC Hall. Until then, all programs and events will be held Virtually online.
Success in Spite of Adversity

We bid farewell to 2020 and welcome 2021, the year of the Ox -- and hopefully the beginning of the end to the pandemic. I want to wish all of you a Happy and wonderful New Year, surrounded by those who mean the most to you.

This has been a difficult year for many of us, especially since March, but I am most confident that with the ever-increasing availability of the vaccines, happy days will indeed be here again sooner than later! We will eventually be moving beyond the COVID restrictions, but for now there is still a need to stay the course with masking, social distancing, and other CDC and State guidelines for what will hopefully be just a bit longer. I never thought the comment, “I wouldn’t touch them with a six-foot pole” would become a national policy - but here we are!

The pandemic, as difficult as it has been, has served to make us look at new or different ways for the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) to meet to honor and carry on the legacy of the Nisei and generations of veterans who continue to serve in and out of the service. Look for more online events in the coming months.

Through the efforts of a handful of volunteers, the NVC has been able to sustain operations at the NVC Memorial Hall: checking mail, paying bills, cleaning and maintaining facilities, processing donations, and undertaking special projects have kept our organization going despite the COVID pandemic and restrictions. Zoom and other video teleconferencing tools have enabled us to continue with our meetings. Our fundraising project resulted in a fundraiser far more successful than anyone thought possible. Video projects and communications using social media, newsletters, emails, and the “Nisei Lunch To Go” have kept our operations in compliance with the Governor’s requirements and still able to serve tremendous meals to 80-100 people.

I am confident we will see improvements in 2021 in both the COVID-19 pandemic and our mission to honor and carry on the legacy of the Nisei Veterans!
President’s Column

By David Fukuhara

Hope everyone had a nice start to the new year.

Japanese culture features a number of fun events around the new year. When I lived in Japan, first we had a big Bonen-kai party to say good-bye to the old year. Then, we would welcome in the new year with another big Shogatsu party and feast a few weeks later.

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I used to enjoy going to the temple or shrine for the Dondo-yaki ceremony, where local people will dispose of their Kadomatsu in a huge mound, to eventually create a dramatic bonfire.

Once the fire dies down, the worshipers are allowed to walk over the hot embers in their bare feet, as it is said that you will feel no pain if you are of pure heart and mind. Needless to say, my feet were burning up and I ran through the ashes as fast as I could!

Ok . . . now about the NVC Foundation. January is when we prepare for our elections of new Officers and Board Members. We are collecting nominations for these positions in January, including nominations from the “floor” during our Membership Meeting on January 29. So, if you are interested in participating, please let us know by the January meeting.

Then, the final slate will be prepared and voted on a month later by our membership, at our February 26th meeting.

Speaking of Officers, I’d like to extend a huge thank you to Steve Shinoda for serving as our Recording Secretary over the past year. He will be stepping down from this position, and we will miss him.

Bev Kashino and Craig Yamane are leading an effort to formalize our roles and responsibilities. This will start in February with training by the 501 Commons organization for all Board Members, on the best practices of governing non-profit organizations.

A big thanks to Kerry Taniguchi and Melvin Inouye for overseeing the installation of our security fencing at the NVC Hall and Memorial Wall. In addition to managing the project, the lunches they organized were fantastic!

We’d also like to thank Ryan Seo, a student and eagle scout candidate, who will work with the NVC Foundation on his Eagle Scout Service Project to build a permanent directory structure for our Memorial Wall. Ryan is the son of Stan Seo, a member of the NVC.

And finally, throughout the year, I have been amazed and humbled by the generosity of our Membership and Community at large. Your donations have really helped to support our Foundation during this year of pandemic which has severely restricted our fundraising activities. To our donors, a huge thank you for remembering your loved ones and our organization.

Wishing everyone a great 2021! Looking forward to good fortune and fresh beginnings for us all in the new year.
Please be advised that the NVC Foundation Officer and Board Member elections will take place on February 26, 2021, at our normally scheduled monthly meeting. We invite you to join in this election process by nominating yourself or another member, to run for an Officer and/or Board of Director position.

- Nominations are now open for all officer and board member positions. Nominations may be sent to nvcfoundation@hotmail.com
- Nominees will meet with a Committee Member prior to the February General Meeting
- We will present the slate of Officers and Board members at the January 29, 2021 meeting.
- We will accept nominations from the floor on January 29, 2021.

Eligibility requirements include:
- Must be a current member
- Commitment to uphold the values of the NVC Foundation
- Attend a minimum of 80% of meetings annually (in-person preferred; conference call options available)
- A clear understanding and willingness to:
  - Participate as a “working board” member; willingness to actively participate in committee work and/or special projects with the objective of assisting us to move the organization forward
  - This is a membership driven 501(c)3 nonprofit

Current Board Members at Large:
- Les Inaba
- Shawn Brinsfield
- Dean Hoshizaki
- Craig Yamane
- Greg Egeler
- Bryan Imanishi
- Alex Higa
- Denise Inaba
- Bev Kashino
- Kerry Taniguchi
- Susan Uyeji
- Dale Watanabe

*Please note:* Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the President and Secretaries.” If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bev Kashino, Nominations Chair at bkashino@msn.com.

“NVCF elections article in the November 2020 edition is retracted as it contained incorrect information. The NVCF will follow the elections process, as outlined in the December newsletter article.”

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New Scholarship Opportunity: Colonel Jimmie Kanaya Scholarship

By Brianna Ishihara

On behalf of Enoch Kanaya, the transitioning NVC Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the first annual Colonel Jimmie Kanaya Scholarship Award.

The COL Jimmie Kanaya Scholarship application will be released in November 2020. This scholarship for $3,000 will be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education at a community college, technical college, or four-year university. Priority will be given to those wishing to apply based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service, and connection to the NVC through legacy or volunteerism.

COL Jimmie Kanaya was born in 1920 in Clackamas, Oregon. Growing up, COL Kanaya was fascinated by the military and enlisted in the Army in April 1941, eight months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Among several awards, COL Kanaya received a battlefield commission while serving with the 442 Regimental Combat Team. This award is granted to enlisted soldiers who are promoted to the rank of commissioned officer for outstanding leadership on the field of battle.

After WWII, COL Kanaya attended Military Intelligence Service Language School and continued to serve his country during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In the evening, he attended night courses and received a Master's Degree in Education.

For more information about the COL Jimmie Kanaya Scholarship, please contact Brianna Ishihara at b.ishihara12@gmail.com

NVC Foundation Scholarship Program: Application Deadline February 1

By Debbie Kashino

The NVC Foundation Scholarship Program is now open to receive applications! The NVC/WAC Scholarship is for $3000. This honors the Nisei Veterans Committee and the Women’s Auxiliary Committee.

In addition, several scholarships for $3000 are awarded to honor Shiro Kashino, a highly decorated member of the 442nd RCT, the 2nd Commander of the NVC and an active community leader. These scholarships are the Shiro Kashino Memorial Scholarship. All scholarships are open to both high school seniors and college students.

Applicants must be a relative of an NVC or NVC Foundation member. Special preference will be given to those students who have helped support the NVC and the NVCF organizations. They will be given an additional 10 points on the judging criteria for their volunteer efforts. Those students who are selected may be called on to volunteer for future NVC or NVCF activities.

To apply, eligible students can download the pdf application form at www.nvcfoundation.org

Deadline: All applications, letters of recommendation and transcripts must be received on or before February 1, 2021. Documents received after this due date will not be considered.
Fences Placed at NVC Memorial Hall and NVC Foundation Memorial Wall

By Walt Tanimoto

Things will look different on your next visit to the NVC Memorial Hall.

The Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and the NVC Foundation agreed on the need to address increased vandalism on our properties related to a sharp rise in homelessness and drug use in the area, and a decision was made to install protective fencing. With fewer police officers to patrol the area because of the reduction in the Seattle Police Department budget and a continuing surge in homelessness related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the problem seems unlikely to go away or get better any time soon.

After several months of research and thought, a decision was made to install fencing at the following locations: the front entrance to the NVC Memorial Hall, the area along the NVC Foundation Memorial Wall, the elevator room, and the dumpster area.

These four areas have been the primary trouble spots where people experiencing homelessness and drug use would camp, rummage through trash, dump out yard waste and recycle bins, cook and inject drugs, leave trash, deposit human waste, discard used needles and drug paraphernalia, and more. Someone even stole our security camera from the front entrance to the Vets Hall.

Temporary fences were installed at the Vets Hall, and for the past month and a half, the temporary fences have helped reduce such activities, as well as the time we spend cleaning up the mess. We will look at repairing or replacing the halyards to both flag poles once the fence installation is complete.

For now, we will use locks to keep the fence gates closed and give us time to evaluate if any trespassers will try to break the locks or fence. If conditions permit, however, we plan to install electric keypads compatible with our current keycard system for entry into the Vets Hall and Memorial Wall areas at a later date.

We want to thank all the volunteers who sat at the Vets Hall during the fence installation to answer questions from the contractor. We also give a big thanks to Kerry Taniguchi and Melvin Inouye for cleaning up the parking lot throughout fence installation.

Lastly, we thank King County and Metropolitan King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, District 2, for a generous $2,500.00 grant that went toward funding the fence project! Thank you for helping the Nisei Veterans Committee!
Bone Marrow Donor Needed – Be the Match!

From Steve & Carole Sugimoto

Sadly, one of our older son’s best friends, Paul Goodman, is battling Leukemia for the second time and is in desperate need of a Bone Marrow Match.

For Paul, who is biracial, the ideal match would be a donor who is 50 percent Japanese and 50 percent Caucasian and between the ages of 18 and 44 (due to immune systems). Please consider registering if you are in the age range and if you haven’t already. You can also help by forwarding this request to your friends, family and coworkers. If you belong to an organization who would host an online drive, please contact us. Your actions could save a life!

It takes 5 minutes to complete the registration form and “swab”. Unlike blood, bone marrow is very hard to find a match. Therefore, it is imperative to get as many people as possible registered via a simple at-home mouth swab test. There is no cost, and all postage is paid for (for those ages 18-44 years).

Please review the material below to understand the bone marrow transplant process. 77% of all transplants are non-surgical and 23% involve an outpatient procedure. Should you be a match, please be willing to help by way of either process.

To register:
1. Text HOPE4PAUL to 61474 or online at JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/
   HOPE4PAUL – A swab kit will be mailed to you.
2. Swab the inside of your cheek and mail it back.
3. PLEASE - Spread the word!

Please send your encouraging words to him on his website: ganbattepaul.com or hope4paul.com. He is unable to receive visitors or cards at this time.

A note from the Goodman Family:
We are so grateful to everyone for the love, support, and encouragement we are receiving daily from family, friends, and the community. Just knowing that everyone is thinking of Paul gives us strength during this challenging time.
-Greg, Bonnie, Paul, and Laurie.

Thank you!

Article on Paul:
https://www.rafu.com/2020/12/ocbc-member-seeks-bone-marrow-match/

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/102233735138141/posts/102236081804573/

To see the impact of a match, watch Chrissy Kobata’s story:
https://youtu.be/7Q-1E5uTT_k

Thank You for a Cup of Joe!

By Keith Yamaguchi

NVC has joined “Cup of Joe for a Joe”, a Green Beans Coffee program that allows you to thank a member of the armed forces for their service with a hot, fresh cup of Green Beans Coffee and a personal message at over three dozen overseas bases where Green Beans Coffee has an outlet.

Here are some of the messages the NVC has received from Troops wanting to thank you for sending them a Cup of Joe!

Thank you for your generosity.
   Service member serving in Al Azraq, Jordan

I wanted to reach out and say thank you from the bottom of my heart for this. This is my first deployment and having coffee has been helping me feel connected to home and gets me started on the right foot. Small gifts like this go a long way. I genuinely appreciate this kind gesture and wish you all the best.
   Service member serving in Al-Dhafra Main, United Arab Emirates

Thank you so much for your donation. I look forward to a nice tasting coffee.
   Service member serving in ATOC (Ops Town) – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

I really appreciate your support and patriotism.
   Service member serving in JTC, Jordan

Happy to do it – hope you have a warm and safe holiday season!
   Service member serving in Al Azraq, Jordan

Thanks! I hope you enjoy NYE!
   Service member serving in Al-Dhafra Main, United Arab Emirates

Thanks for the coffee! It makes all the difference to see these.
   Service member serving in BDSC Main, Iraq

Acknowledgements also received from service members serving in:
Camp Arifjan Zone 1, Kuwait; Camp Buehring (Udair), Kuwait; BPC Mall, Qatar; Al Asad LSA, Tripoli

To see the impact of a match, watch Chrissy Kobata’s story:
https://www.greenbeanscoffee.com/products/cup-of-joe-for-a-joe
Ken Kinichi Shigaya was a junior at Auburn High School when WWII began. As a result of Executive Order 9066, the family was removed to the Pinedale “Assembly Center” and later to the Tule Lake Concentration Camp. In November 1943, the family was transferred to the Minidoka Concentration Camp. Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945 and was sent overseas to Italy with the 442nd RCT.

Ken graduated from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy in 1957. He joined his sister Mary in running Jefferson Pharmacy. In 1969, they renamed the business Black Diamond Pharmacy when they moved to that city. Later they relocated to Maple Valley, WA, but kept the same name.

Ken met and married Mary Hiroko Ikeda in 1959. Two children followed: Steven in 1961 and Gwynn in 1963. Ken worked hard to support his family, and also found time to fill their lives with love. They created memories while camping, fishing, swimming, and mushroom hunting. Ken enjoyed golf, bridge, and sudoku and loved following the Mariners and the Huskies. Ken and Mary traveled extensively after retirement.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife; parents; brothers Tetsuo, Seiro, Seiichiro, Kinsuke, and Harry; and sisters Mary S. and Sylvia (Nomura). He is survived by his son Steven, daughter Gwynn (Martyn) Sugihara, and grandchildren Evan and Cami Shigaya. A family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, the Nisei Veterans Committee, or the charity of one’s choice.
NVC Donations

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Anonymous
Gloria Fujii
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Annual NVC Chow Mein Dinner Donation
Betty Shigihara

From the Last Will and Testament of Robert S. Tomita
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Scholarship Fund

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Community NEWS

Wing Luke Museum – Day of Remembrance: INS Building Tour on Saturday, February 20, at 11 AM. Join a live virtual tour of INScape Arts, the former Immigration and Naturalization Services Building in honor of the Day of Remembrance. Hear the stories, see the spaces, and make connections to today as you remember this history. Check Facebook for updates and event details at www.facebook.com/winglukemuseum or join the newsletter at www.wingluke.org for monthly event announcements.

Tsuru for Solidarity – TFS-Seattle is planning a Day of Remembrance Car Caravan on Sunday, February 21, from 1-3pm, ending in a Close the Camps Honk-In outside the Northwest ICE Processing Center (aka Northwest Detention Center or NWDC) in Tacoma. Exact route details are still in process. Contact Stan at sktaiko1@mac.com for more details or check the Seattle JACL Facebook page under events: https://www.facebook.com/SeattleJACL

Wing Luke Museum – Save the date for the Wing Luke Museum Virtual Auction on Saturday, March 20. The museum’s largest fundraising event is going virtual! Join other attendees for a live online auction experience. For updates and announcements about this year’s program, join the newsletter at www.wingluke.com or contact esullivan@wingluke.org

ACRS – ACRS needs people to Volunteer at the Food Bank! As the weather gets colder, you can help prepare hot meals for seniors, distribute and assemble grocery bags for people experiencing hunger, or lend a hand at our community farm. View volunteer opportunities and sign up at: bit.ly/ACRsvoloPPS

Denso – The new Denso podcast, Campu, tells the story of Japanese American incarceration like you’ve never heard it before. Brother-sister duo Noah and Hana Maruyama weave together the voices of survivors to spin narratives out of the seemingly mundane things that gave shape to the incarceration experience: rocks, fences, food, paper. Follow along as they move far beyond the standard Japanese American incarceration 101 and into more intimate and lesser-known corners of this history. Listen or subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts. Support for Campu comes from the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation. For descriptions and a link to complete transcripts for each episode, visit: https://densho.org/campu/

JCCCW – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the front office will remain closed until further notice. Please email admin@jcccw.org or call (206) 568-7114 to leave a voice message if you have any questions.

• Hosekibako Store: The Hosekibako in-person store will be open by appointment only Thursday through Saturday between 10AM and 3PM! (face mask required). Online purchases can be picked up Thursday through Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM from Hosekibako (in the East Building).

• Donation of Japanese Items: Email hosekibako@jcccw.org for questions and drop-off details. Drop-off donations on Thursday before 3PM the Thursday before via email to admin@jcccw.org or call (206) 568-7114.

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