NVC Memorial Day Service

Washelli Flag Placing

By Dale Kaku

After a one-year COVID 19 postponement, the annual NVC U.S. flag placing at Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home & Cemetery was continued on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Over 350 flags were placed at the grave sites of Nisei Veterans.

In recent years, combinations of Scouts and NVC members walked through the cemetery to place the flags at the Nisei headstones. This year, the flags were placed primarily by the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and their parents, from the Seattle Betsuin Temple Troop/Pack 252. Hopefully it was a meaningful activity for the boys to honor all the Nisei Veterans who served our country. The Betsuin Scouts were directed by Scoutmaster Corey Murata and Cubmaster Rick Kawaguchi.

The placing of flags was completed in about 1 ½ hours, thanks to the excellent gravesite maps produced by Craig Omoto. Craig developed maps of the grave sites about 15 years ago after helping his father-in-law, the late Tosh Okamoto, place flags at Washelli. In those days, the NVC volunteers would roam the cemetery searching for Nisei Veteran headstones or plaques. The flag placing took all morning and then volunteers would retire to a local fast-food restaurant for lunch.

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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.
NVC Commander’s Column  By Mike Yaguchi

Over the past several months, we’ve written and re-written plans to open NVC Memorial Hall. Some of the procedures we’ve developed and tested with a few groups has led to a better set of procedures to open and close the Hall. But … the Delta variant has caused us to take another respite from fully opening the Hall. I know it is frustrating for everyone, but everyone’s safety is paramount.

The feedback I received from a last-minute decision to open the Hall (Aug 12-13) as a cooling center for our most vulnerable members was super positive. We set-up Lefty’s Room with beverages and snacks (it looked like an airline lounge) and relocated the tables to comply with CDC and county public health guidelines. The NVC Board will examine if this should be a standing policy going forward.

Call for Volunteers!!!  By Mike Yaguchi

We can sure use your help with a few projects. Most can be done at home, at NVC Memorial Hall, or just about any other place that has Wi-Fi capability. We’re in need of volunteers who can do some online research, document scans, simple filing, and regular tidying-up (e.g., dusting, restocking, etc.) of various spots in the Hall that merit quarterly, bi-yearly, or yearly maintenance.

One new project involves capturing the biographies of Nisei veterans buried at Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery (EWC). It has become tradition to place US flags at the gravesites of Americans of Japanese ancestry interred at EWC. We would like to hand this time of reflection to know a bit more about what they did in our community after uniformed service. We calculate that this will take a little over a year to complete the initial binder. Then we’ll create a process to keep the “Veteran Memorial Book” up to date.

Finally, I appreciate the Taiko Group and the Nisei Luncheon crew for working with the COVID19-Hall Opening Committee to test our sanitizing and room opening procedures. It made all the difference, and we even procured a few pieces of equipment to make the ‘chore’ easier, more effective, and practical too. Thank you so much. Please stay safe and healthy, be kind, and keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.
NVC Foundation President’s Column
By David Fukuhara

Traditionally, the newsletter staff takes off the month of July. So, I decided for the Foundation leadership to also take a break during July, allowing us to recharge and refocus on the issues that are important to our membership.

During this time off, I thought about all of the Nisei Veterans who I have known over the years through my association with this organization. There were many occasions when we talked first-hand about their wartime experiences that established the basis for the NVC Legacy. However more often, we talked about family and community, while also working together on the traditional NVC events and special projects.

Our relationships with these Nisei Veterans and their families are the reasons why most of us have maintained a commitment to this organization. It was anticipated that the NVC Foundation would not only sustain their fundraising objectives, but also provide an organization inclusive of non-veterans and family members to continue the activities of the NVC.

It was not anticipated that we would have the two organizations, the NVC and the NVC Foundation to be operating separately for decades thereafter. However unexpectedly, younger, honorable, and committed Sansei Veterans stepped into roles of leadership to sustain the NVC. As a result, both organizations have drawn from the strengths of each other, working closely together, to maintain all of these same traditional NVC events and new special projects.

Yet, this dual organizational structure has resulted in a number of dysfunctional practices. For example, due to our common agendas, the Board and Membership meetings of both organizations are held on the same night, with 4 separate but consecutive meetings, each with a time limit of 30 minutes apiece.

The Foundation Board alone consists of 17 Board members, and I have yet to figure out how to conduct a Board meeting with meaningful discussion within a 30-minute time limitation. Then, there are the confusing budgetary issues related to who pays for what or confusion among our donors about what to donate where.

The solution to resolving these issues is through a Consolidation of these separate but interdependent organizations into a single organization.

Under the leadership of Harold Taniguchi as facilitator, the NVC and NVCF Consolidation Committees have spent many hours meeting on a regular basis. It is now time for these Committees to share the results of our discussions and solicit comments from our respective Boards and Membership bodies to move the process forward.

In the tradition of the original Nisei Vets meetings, open and frank discussion will be necessary to work through all of the issues related to Consolidation. However, considering the alternative of another decade operating separately, it’s a process we will need to start to assure that the Legacy of our Nisei Veterans will be honored for generations to come.

NVC Foundation Memorial Wall Bricks Update

We have space remaining for about 100 bricks for those who were incarcerated during World War II.

We are currently out of space for additional Veteran bricks, but we hope to extend the Veteran portion soon.

Process: The cost per brick is $260.00. We process orders upon receipt but install bricks annually.

Please visit our website, www.nvcfoundation.org for an application and/or contact Bev Kashino at 206-488-6678 or bkashino@msn.com

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Partially funded by the 2005 Boeing Grant
Craig, with assistance from his wife Sheila, produced the grave site maps from overhead photos of the cemetery. Craig also notes the passing of the Nisei veterans and updates the location of any new graves at Washelli. He frequently visits the cemetery during the year to confirm grave locations on his maps. He stated that if there are new or missed gravesites, please notify NVC, and we will update the maps.

In addition to the nine Scouts and their parents, NVC volunteers included Craig and Sheila Omoto, Mike Yaguchi, Shiz and Dale Kaku. The day following Memorial Day, Frank Kiuchi, Mike Yaguchi, Sheila Omoto, Shiz and Dale Kaku retrieved the flags and returned them to NVC for next Memorial Day.
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Thank You for a Cup of Joe!

By Keith Yamaguchi

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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 so much for the cup of coffee. Literally, one of the best moments of my day. Thanks again.
— Service Member serving in Djibouti

Thank you so very much for your support.
— Service member serving in Kuwait

Thank you so much for the coffee!
— Service member serving in Djibouti

Thank you for the cup of coffee and for your support. God bless!
— Service member serving in Kuwait

Thank you so much for the generous gift -- it is greatly appreciated. Have a great day.
— Service member serving in Qatar

Hello, thank you very much for sending me a cup of coffee! This taste of freedom is greatly appreciated and warmly received. I’m a long way from home but working hard and having a good experience so far. Stay safe, god bless, and I hope you have a wonderful day. Caffeinate to operate!
— Service member serving in Qatar

Thank you for the support and the cup of coffee!
— Service member serving in United Arab Emirates

Thank you so much for your support!!!
— Service member serving in Iraq

Thank you for your support. I appreciate the support you provide.
— Service member serving in United Arab Emirates

Thank you for my Cup of Joe!
— Service member serving in SPC Camp in Iraq

Thanks so much – I appreciate it!
— Service member Tyler serving in United Arab Emirates

Thank you so much for your support.
— Service member Kim serving in Iraq

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— Service member serving in Kuwait

Acknowledgements also received from service members serving in:
Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates

To send your own Cup of Joe, go to:
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NVC Taps

Mark Makoto Fugami
Mark was born on September 2, 1935, and passed away on June 4, 2021, at the age of 85. He served in the Air Force, graduated from the UW, and was employed by Boeing Co. until retirement. He was preceded in death by parents Harukichi and Shin; siblings: George, Emiko, Roy, and Paul. He leaves behind wife, Terry Terumi and daughter, Sara Mayumi.

Robert Okano
Robert “Bob” Okano was born to Toshiyuki and Haruno Okano in Bellingham, WA on 17 December 1929 and was the youngest of their five American-born children. In the 1930’s, the family relocated to Shelton, WA. When he was twelve, they were incarcerated at Tule Lake War Relocation Center CA and later transferred to Camp Amache CO. Upon their release, the Okanos returned to Shelton and Bob graduated from Irene S. Reed High School in 1947.

Bob attended the University of Washington and lived in the SYNKO house, a co-op for Japanese American men. After graduation, Bob was drafted into the US Army, serving in Germany. Following discharge, he began his forty-year career in public education including thirty-seven years with the Seattle School District. He met his future bride, U of O student Carol, in the dorm dining hall. and were married the next year at University Methodist Temple in Seattle.

Bob was an avid gardener, do-it-yourselfer, and self-described tinkerer. He kept a large vegetable garden, fruit trees and berries. In retirement, four grandchildren arrived, and Bob became an active grandfather. Bob was a life-long learner, and he and Carol supported their joint pursuit with international travel to Europe, South America, Southeast Asia, Africa, Central Asia, China, and Japan.

Bob passed away at home on 23 June 2021. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Carol, daughters Eydie (William) and Marilee, grandchildren Brian (Elise), Laura (Benjamin), Naomi and Maria, great-granddaughters Sophie and Theodosia, and nieces and nephews.
Community NEWS

JCCCW and Northwest Nikkei Museum offer a Speaker Series on the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Join this new, monthly program and learn about Japanese American culture and history with the Northwest Nikkei Museum! On the third Friday of every month, guest speakers will cover a variety of topics and perspectives related to Japanese Americans in the Greater Seattle Area and beyond! Check out our upcoming speakers and register for the next event: https://www.jcccw.org/speaker-series

The Wing Luke Museum hosts Hai! Japantown, featuring a Guided Japanese American Remembrance Trail Tour on Saturday, August 28, at 10 AM PDT. Join an in-person 90-minute educational urban hike through the original Japantown to kick off your Hai! Japantown experience on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 10:00AM! Comfortable walking shoes, sun protection, and water are advised on this tour. Please note that there are 2 routes for this tour for different accessibility levels. Advanced registration is required as spaces for the tours and listening devices to support social distancing is limited. To register and learn more information, go to: https://www.wingluke.org/single-exhibit/?mep_event=2447

JCCCW’s All Things Japanese Sale (ATJS) takes place on Saturday & Sunday, August 28th and 29th, 2021 from 10 AM to 4 PM at 1414 South Weller Street, Seattle, WA 98144. The ATJS is a large-scale rummage sale, packed with a wide variety of Japanese items for purchase including dolls, furniture, fans, clothing, accessories, plush toys, jewelry, books and much more. There is something for everyone with some items priced as low as $0.25! All major credit cards are accepted, as well as cash. Income generated from the event goes toward supporting the mission of the JCCCW to preserve, promote, and share Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage. No appointments necessary, but JCCW will monitor the number of people inside the sale at a time to stay within health and safety guidelines. All visitors will be required to wear masks at all times, covering your nose to your chin, while inside the JCCCW facilities during the sale for the safety of staff, volunteers, and visitors. More information: https://www.jcccw.org/all-things-japanese-sale

Japanese American Pilgrimages (JAMP) hosts TADAIMA! A Community Virtual Pilgrimage from August 29 – September 25 online. JAMP, in partnership with the National Park Service, will co-host this second annual series of online events and programs. This pilgrimage will run continuously for four weeks, with new content provided daily. The pilgrimage is free and open to the public and will be available online. Registration opens on August 15, 2021. More information at: www.jampilgrimages.com

Vashon Heritage Museum sponsors the Vashon Japan Festival on Saturday, September 18, 10 am – 4 pm at Mukai Farm & Garden, 18017 107th Avenue SW, Vashon, WA

Asian Counseling and Referral Service hosts the ACRS Virtual Gala on Saturday, October 2, 2021, 5:30 pm Pre-Show, 6 pm-7 pm Program and Live Auction. Proceeds will benefit vital ACRS services and programs that reach over 30,000 people and families in our region. The event will feature the return of Culinary Journey, where ACRS partners with leading Asian and Pacific Islander chefs to showcase their talents while sharing stories of healing and transformation. Join an evening of inspiration to celebrate community and resilience. The livestream event is free to attend and includes a pre-event show, live and online auctions, and curated meal kits available for purchase. More information about the auction items, meal kits and links to the livestream will be posted in the weeks leading up to the event: https://acrs.org/events/gala/
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