



Staying Connected to You!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of **Ganbari!** This is another way to stay in touch with you and let you know the latest news. This will be emailed to you periodically in addition to the NVL News newsletter you receive from the Nisei Veterans Legacy (NVL) each February and September.

We recognize the pandemic is creating many challenges and you may be busier than ever. **Ganbari!** is designed to be easy to read and easily accessible, even from your mobile phone. Enjoy and please forward this to your family and friends! If they would like to receive future updates from the NVL, please ask them to email their request to NVL President [Lynn Heirakuji](#). Mahalo!

The Show Must Go On!

Nisei Veterans Memorial Service Celebrates its 15th Year (formerly called the Joint Memorial Service)

Not even a deadly pandemic can stop the warrior spirit. With restrictions on public gatherings still in place, instead of the annual in-person memorial service honoring Nisei Soldiers at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, the NVL has produced a 30-minute video packed with moving interviews and segments to honor these heroes during this 15th annual event.

We are carrying on a long-held tradition of holding the event on the last Sunday of September. The 30-minute memorial video will air on 'Ōlelo (Channel 53) and live streamed on the ['Ōlelo website](#) on the following days and times:

- Sunday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 am
- Monday, Sept. 28, at 6 pm
- Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 10 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 12:30 pm

To see the memorial service program line-up, click [here](#).

The program will also be accessible on ['Ōlelo's YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). The program will then be archived for viewing on demand on ['ŌleloNet](#). The video will also be accessible on the [NVL website](#) as of October 1, 2020.

There is a richness to the stories of the Nisei Soldiers that has relevance for today. We can

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treatment for all in Hawai'i today.

Mahalo to [Stuart Yamane](#), who produced the video, and for the generous support of 'Ōlelo!



Click [above](#) for a video interview with **U.S. Army Major General Suzanne Vares-Lum**, who also serves as an NVL Advisor.

[Honoring Hawaii's Heroes with KITV4](#)

Japanese living in Hawaii in the 1940s had a very different life. They were not regarded as equal citizens. Today, many of us take our freedoms for granted, and forget the battle that was waged to overcome prejudice and earn acceptance.

KITV4's special one-hour program called "Legacy of WWII — Honoring Hawaii's Heroes" is a vivid reminder of how far our community has progressed because of the contributions of the Nisei Soldiers and many others during and after the war. The show, created and hosted by KITV4 anchor [Rick Quan](#), commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II that features several segments, including one on the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese Americans.

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If you missed the show that aired twice in late August, click above to view a video of an interview with [Lynn Heirakuji](#), president of the Nisei Veterans Legacy. The six-minute segment will fill you with gratitude for the Nisei Soldiers, make you proud of the decisions and sacrifices they made, and inspire you to carry on their great legacy by following their example of perseverance, humility and service.

Mahalo to KITV4 for allowing the NVL to share the segments of the show with our supporters, family and friends.

More News!

For more information on NVL news, click [here](#) to read the September 2020 issue of the [NVL Newsletter](#).

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