

History of the Memorial Service

The Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service (formerly called the Joint Memorial Service) began in 2006 at Punchbowl Cemetery as a way for the Nisei veterans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, to pay tribute to their fallen comrades.

As the veterans became fewer in number through the years, their descendants wanted to continue the tradition and now host the event to honor all Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA) soldiers who served in WWII. The service is held on the Sunday in September that is closest to the date that the first AJA soldier was killed in combat – Sgt. Joe Takata of the 100th Infantry Battalion who died on September 29, 1943, near Salerno, Italy.

Mahalo!

The Nisei Veterans Legacy would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for volunteering their time to make this year's Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service memorable for our community:

America's military members, past, present and future

Boy Scout Troop 100 and Cub Scout Pack 442

Costco Hawaii Kai and Waipio

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy cadets

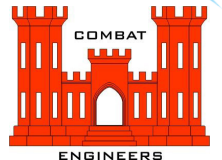
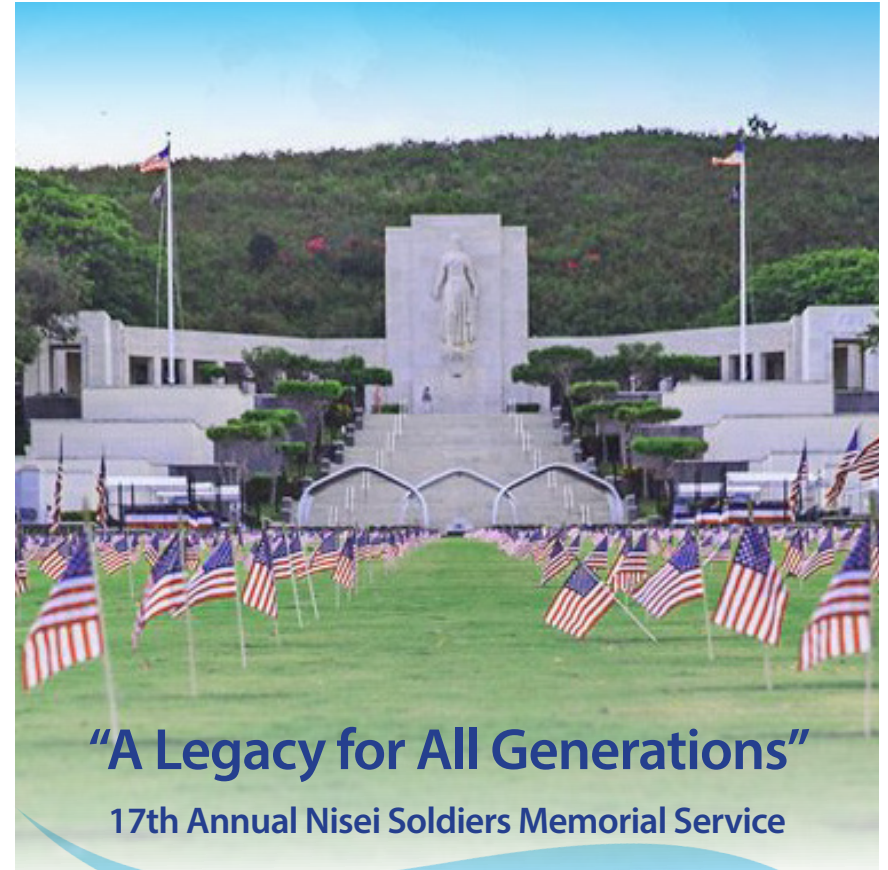
Honolulu Emergency Services Department, City & County of Honolulu

JROTC cadets from Roosevelt, McKinley, Farrington and Punahou schools

Menehune Water Company

Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service Committee

'Ōlelo Community Media



National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific
Sunday, September 25, 2022 • 9:30 am



Presented by the Nisei Veterans Legacy

Keynote Speaker



Brendan Po'ohala Burns is the grandson of the late Governor John A. Burns, who was governor of Hawai'i from 1962 to 1974. He is the principal of Aina Haina Elementary School; in April, 2017, he was recognized as a finalist for the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award. He is also the author of *An Aura of Greatness: A Reflection on Governor John A. Burns*, a leadership, legacy, and historical book about his grandfather. Mr. Burns has given speeches about his book across Hawai'i. After WWII, Governor Burns was named an honorary member of the 442nd RCT because of his support of people of Japanese ancestry in Hawai'i.

Emcee



Kristin Alm Kamakahi was inspired to learn about the Nisei soldier story because her grandfather, Buzzy Tadao Okazaki, was a Staff Sergeant in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT, Headquarters Company. Kristin is the Director of Staffing and Operations at Remedy Intelligent Staffing in Honolulu. She serves on the board of directors of the Nisei Veterans Legacy, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i and the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce and in leadership roles for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Wreath Presenters

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| 1. 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans/ 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization | 9. VA Pacific Islands Health Care System/VA Honolulu Regional Benefits Office |
| 2. 442nd Veterans Club/442nd Legacy Center | 10. Japanese American Veterans' Association (JAVA) |
| 3. MIS Veterans - Hawaii/MIS Veterans VFW Post 110 | 11. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 858 |
| 4. 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion | 12. VFW Hawaii Department and Auxiliary |
| 5. 100TH BN 442D IN REGT | 13. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10154 |
| 6. Consulate General of Japan | 14. Oahu Veterans Council and Center |
| 7. Go For Broke Association | 15. Rotary Club of Honolulu |
| 8. Military Order of the Purple Heart | |

Wreath Announcers:

Cadet Corporal Kylee Hamamoto and Cadet Corporal Cole Whiteman

Program

Prelude

Royal Hawaiian Band

Opening Remarks

Kristin Alm Kamakahi
Board Member
Nisei Veterans Legacy

Welcome

Lynn Heirakuji
President
Nisei Veterans Legacy

Presentation of Colors

100TH BN 442D IN REGT

National and State Anthems

Cadet Lieutenant
Emiko Uohara
Punahou Army JROTC
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel
Marley Chung
Mililani Army JROTC

Posting of Colors

100TH BN 442D IN REGT

Invocation

Pastor Daniel Chinen
Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church

Memorial Address

Brendan Po'ohala Burns

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Yuika Hasebe
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Wreath Presentations

Veterans Organizations

Living the Legacy

Shane Kaneshiro
McKinley High School
L. Kensington Ono
Punahou School
Marisa Fujimoto
Kalani High School

Rifle Salute

100TH BN 442D IN REGT

Taps

100TH BN 442D IN REGT

Musical Rendition

Dan Quinn
Tina Yap
Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii

Benediction

Pastor Daniel Chinen

Retiring of Colors

100TH BN 442D IN REGT

Closing Remarks

Kristin Alm Kamakahi

Postlude

Royal Hawaiian Band

Conclusion of Service

Today's memorial service will be available for viewing on demand after Oct. 23 on 'Ōlelo Community Media at <https://olelo.org/olelonet/> Just search: "nisei"