



HISTORY OF THE NISEI SOLDIERS 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 – both men and women – who served in WWII. The service is held on the Sunday in September that is closest to the date that the first American of Japanese Ancestry 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 resources to make this year's Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service memorable for our community:

- America's military members, past, present and future
- Boy Scouts of America, Troops 49, 164, 201 and Pack 33
- Costco Hawaii Kai and Waipio
- Girl Scouts of Hawai'i
- Honolulu Emergency Services Department, City & County of Honolulu
- JROTC cadets from Roosevelt, McKinley and Farrington High Schools
- Menhune Water Company
- Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service Committee
- 'Ōlelo Community Media
- Students from 'Iolani School and Island Pacific Academy



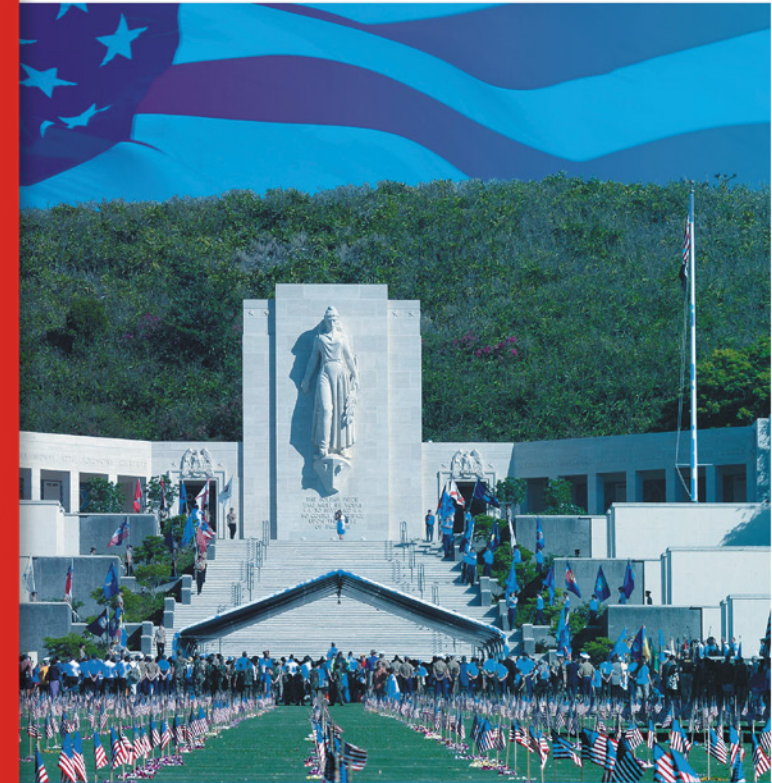
100TH INFANTRY BATTALION

442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

1399 ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

MAY 2015 MEMORIAL SERVICE, U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS LAURIE DEYTER



18th Annual Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

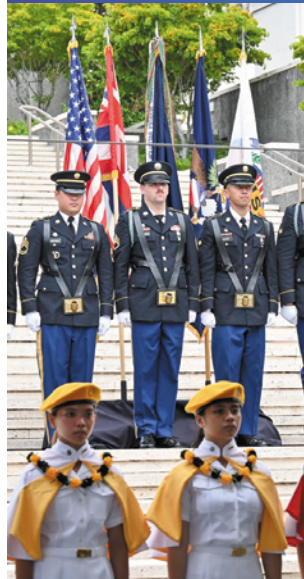


Presented by the Nisei Veterans Legacy
nvlchawaii.org | inquire@nvlchawaii.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Minda Yamaga is currently a Senior Litigator in the Office of the Federal Public Defender, District of Hawai'i. Prior to that, from 2010 to 2015, she worked as a Deputy Public Defender at the State of Hawai'i Office of the Public Defender. From 2009 to 2010, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Richard W. Pollack, State of Hawai'i First Judicial Circuit Judge. Ms. Yamaga received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a Certificate in Women's Studies from the University of Hawai'i and a law degree from the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law. She serves as president of the board for the Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter; president of the board for Mental Health Kokua; board member on the Hawai'i Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; and advisory committee member of the William S. Richardson School of Law Refugee and Immigration Law Clinic.



WREATH PRESENTERS

- 100th Infantry Battalion/
100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization
- 442nd Veterans Club/442nd Legacy Center
- MIS Veterans - Hawaii/MIS Veterans VFW Post 110
- 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion
- 100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment/
9th Mission Support Command
- Consulate General of Japan
- Go For Broke Association
- Go For Broke National Education Center
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Pacific Islands Health Care System/
VA Honolulu Regional Benefits Office
- Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)
- National Japanese American Veterans Council Hawaii
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 858
- VFW Department of Hawaii and VFW Auxiliary
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10276
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10154
- Korean War Veterans Association Hawaii Chapter 1
- Oahu Veterans Council and Center
- Rotary Club of Honolulu

WREATH ANNOUNCERS

- Brooke Ishikawa
- Tobey Yuen

PROGRAM



Prelude	111TH ARMY BAND Hawaii Army National Guard
Opening Remarks	JON TERAIZUMI Senior Vice President, Central Pacific Bank
Welcome.	LYNN HEIRAKUJI Chair, Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service and NVL Past President
Presentation of Colors	100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment
National and State Anthems . . .	ELLIS HONMA 'Iolani School WYATT TAMAMOTO 'Iolani School
Posting of Colors	100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment
Invocation	PASTOR DANIEL CHINEN Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church
Memorial Address	MINDA YAMAGA President of the Board for the Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter
Prayer of Remembrance	REV. YUIKA HASEBE Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
Wreath Presentations	ORGANIZATIONS
Moving the Legacy Forward	OWEN LAI 'Iolani School CY KANESHIRO Roosevelt High School KATELYN NISHITA 'Iolani School
Rifle Salute	100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment
Taps.	111TH ARMY BAND
Musical Rendition	DAN QUINN TINA YAP Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii
Benediction	PASTOR DANIEL CHINEN
Retiring of Colors.	100th Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment
Closing Remarks	JON TERAIZUMI
Postlude	111TH ARMY BAND
Conclusion of Service	

