



DC NEWS NOTES

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CALENDAR

MOCHITSUKI

December 6, 2014
12:00–2:00 p.m.
North Bethesda Middle School
8935 Broadmoor Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

January 31, 2015
Meiwah Restaurant
4457 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

FREEDOM WALK

March 28, 2015

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In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would like to thank all of you for being a part of our JAACL DC Chapter community. Each year we have our traditional events, including Installation of the Board, Memorial Day Celebration, June Picnic, Keiro Kai/Family Day, and Mochitsuki.

It has been satisfying to see you at these various events, coming together to share and pass on our cultural traditions to families and friends, to engage in political activities to champion civil rights for underrepresented groups, to network with one another, and to develop mentoring relationships. We are fortunate that we live in an area where we can find rich resources in one another and experience opportunities that enrich our lives.

As members, you are welcome to be involved in planning and implementing these events. We also want to encourage you to use our quarterly News Notes as a means to communicate with each other. We like to include information about our members in each issue, and the section on Bits and Pieces is a place for everyone to share personal life events. Since we gather the content for News Notes in February, April, July, and October, send us your news the month before. Most of you receive the newsletter electronically, but we have a list of those who have asked for a hard copy. If you are not receiving the hard copies, please let us know.

We continue to look for ways to improve. As a result, we are modernizing our event registration process. For Mochitsuki, you will be able to register and pay online, but, if you prefer, you can still register the way you have done in the past by sending a check to the designated Board member. Details are on the Mochitsuki flier in this newsletter. We look forward to our time together on December 14.



Keiro Kai/Family Day

KEIRO KAI/FAMILY DAY

On Saturday, September 13, the DC Chapter held their annual Keiro Kai and Family Day at the North Bethesda Middle School. In Japanese, “Kei” is honor and respect and “ro” means elderly and “kai” is event. This event is our opportunity to honor and pay respect to our more distinguished members and to thank the entire chapter for their unwavering support throughout the year.

Attendees at this event included Minister Tamaki Tsukada of the Embassy of Japan, JACL National Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida, JACL Legal Counsel Brandon Mita, board members of the Japanese Commerce Association of Washington, and board members of the Washington Japanese Language School.

Entertainment was provided by the hula group, Halau O Na Hali’a who performed a number of traditional dances and graced the crowd with some very warm aloha spirit. The delicious food was once again provided by DC Top Chef David Inoue who made sushi and by Michelle Amano who made the chicken and beef and the side dishes.

Special thanks to Michelle Amano and Ron Mori for coordinating this successful event and to Jim and Gayle McCallum for bringing fresh shiso from their garden.

First place winner of the drawing was Miss Mika Inoue who won a George Takei prize package which included his new book, *Oh Myyy! - There Goes The Internet*. Brandon Mita won the prize pack which included a bottle of plum wine and a bag of rice and Ms. Eri Kamemoto won the JACL DC Chapter prize pack. The raffle prize of \$50 was won by Priscilla Ouchida. Congratulations to all the winners!

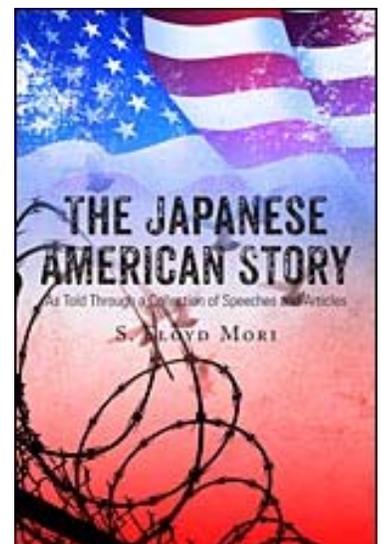


THE JAPANESE AMERICAN STORY AS TOLD THROUGH A COLLECTION OF SPEECHES AND ARTICLES BY S. FLOYD MORI

The Japanese American Story As Told Through a Collection of Speeches and Articles by S. Floyd Mori was recently released. The book *talks* about portions of the Japanese American history including the forced removal from their homes on the West Coast and incarceration into “American concentration camps” during World War II, the Nisei Soldiers, the JACL, and other Asian Americans. It also covers some of the events and happenings which occurred in the JACL and the Japanese American community as well as highlighting subsequent successes among Japanese Americans. This is an attempt to help inform the public of the story which is not well known even after all these years.

The speeches and articles compiled by Irene Mori were written and presented by Floyd Mori primarily while he was representing the JACL as National President and on the staff as the National Executive Director and the Director of Public Policy.

The website for the book is: www.thejapaneseamericanstory.tateauthor.com. It is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, and it will be carried by various book outlets.



PRICE OF FREEDOM: AMERICANS AT WAR AT THE SMITHSONIAN



The National Veterans Network (NVN), in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Center (APAC) and the National Museum of American History (NMAH) and with the financial support from the National Parks Service (NPS), has begun developing a state-of-the-art digital exhibition centered on the outstanding military service of Nisei (second generation Japanese American) during World War II, including those who served in combat, in supporting roles and as part of the Japan Occupation. The exhibition is inspired by the 2011 awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to three Japanese American units: the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and members of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS).

In June of 2014, NPS agreed to provide a grant to the Smithsonian's APAC to help fund the Congressional Gold Medal Nisei Soldier digital exhibition. The Smithsonian engaged the National Veterans Network to conceive and implement the project, while with consulting APAC on the design review and NMAH on the exhibition content. NVN has already held a community convening with veterans, activists, scholars and other interested parties to help create a list of the core themes for the digital exhibition.

In 2013, NVN and the Smithsonian organized a seven-city tour of the Congressional Gold Medal and its accompanying display. In February of 2014, the Congressional Gold Medal was returned to the Smithsonian with plans to display it permanently as part of National Museum of American History's exhibition, **Price of Freedom: Americans at War**. NMAH averages over five million visitors annually.

"We are honored to be partnering with the Smithsonian Institution, America's national museum, on the Congressional Gold Medal digital exhibition project," stated Christine Sato-Yamazaki, executive director of the National Veterans Network. "We are grateful to the National Parks Service for its support as well. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ensure that the Japanese American World War II experience, including the forced removal of families from Hawaii and the mainland, the heroism of our veterans and the postwar civic engagement, will always be included as an integral part of U.S. history at our nation's premier history museum. The National Veterans Network is proud to be working with the Asian Pacific American Center and the National Museum of American history on such an important story."

When United States entered World War II after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, the government subjected people of Japanese ancestry in America to unfair and unlawful treatment, including declaring Japanese Americans "enemy aliens" and forcibly removing thousands of families from their homes and businesses on the West Coast and Hawaii. Ultimately, over 120,000 men, women and children were unconstitutionally incarcerated. Despite widespread prejudice and the false imprisonment of their families by the government, thousands of Japanese Americans from the territory of Hawaii and the mainland entered the U.S. military. While first the 100th Infantry Battalion and then the larger 442nd Regimental Combat Team fought with remarkable valor in Europe, earning a combined seven Presidential Citations, members of the MIS used their language and cultural skills as translators, interrogators and code breakers to shorten the war in the Pacific and then to facilitate the Occupation of Japan.

In the decades since the end of World War II, the stories of the Nisei World War II service in the face of overt prejudice have inspired great change, including the removal of discriminatory laws involving naturalized citizenship, housing and employment for all Americans. Japanese American veterans utilized the GI Bill to further their education to enter occupations once closed to them, while their children and grandchildren steadily increased their civic activism for themselves and other communities, which directly led to the petitioning the government for redress. National and regional organizations were founded to help document the Japanese American experience and to ensure the constitutional lessons from that unique chapter of U.S. history would be passed on to future generations.

The National Veterans Network is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating the nation on the Japanese American World War II experience. NVN led a national campaign in 2009 to award the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, to the 100th, 442nd and MIS, who are the first and only Asian American recipients. NVN then planned the 2011 award



100th, 442nd and MIS veterans pictured in front of the Congressional Gold Medal display at the Oregon History Society exhibit during the Portland, Oregon stop from August 24 - September 29, 2013

DANIEL K. INOUE FELLOW

Craig Shimizu is a fourth-generation Japanese American and member of the San Jose, California Chapter of JACL. After spending his formative years at basketball tournaments, church lock-ins, and Obon festivals throughout the Bay Area, he moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration and was a Vice President in the USC Nikkei Association. During this time, he also interned with the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and the Go For Broke National Education Center. Most recently, Craig served as an Armor Officer in the United States Army and was deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Craig is honored to be selected for the Daniel K. Inouye Fellowship and is excited for the opportunity to serve JACL and the Japanese American community in Washington DC.



THE PRICE OF FREEDOM: AMERICANS AT WAR

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ceremony in Washington, D.C. while working directly with the U.S. Mint on the design of the medal itself. NVN and the Smithsonian sponsored the seven-city tour of the Congressional Gold Medal to help create a greater awareness of this story. The display went to the National WWII Museum (New Orleans), Bishop Museum (Honolulu), Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles), de Young Museum (San Francisco), Oregon History Museum (Portland), Chicago History Museum and Houston Holocaust Museum.

From now until early 2016, NVN will be consulting with the Congressional Gold Medal National Academic Advisory Council, a body organized for this project. NVN will work with the exhibition staff on planning and research for the digital exhibition, including the development of storylines, identifying existing regional resources and reviewing supporting materials. Plans include selection of an exhibit designer for an online and physical exhibition and the creation of video segments to support the major themes. The digital exhibition is scheduled for completion in 2016. For more information on this exhibition, go to: <http://youtu.be/Ni5HheyT07o>

“The Congressional Gold Medal digital exhibition will highlight the positive effects on U.S. history from the Japanese American experience,” Sato-Yamazaki explained. “We also plan to link the online exhibit to existing community resources. Since millions of people visit the Smithsonian digital outreach programs annually, these resources will provide historic context to the Japanese American experience for many students and educators.”

While National Park Service grant provides the bulk of the funding for this project, NVN is still fundraising to ensure the timely completion of the Congressional Gold Medal digital exhibition. To make a donation or for more information, go to www.nationalveteransnetwork.com. For more information on the National Veterans Network, email info@nationalveteransnetwork.com.

MEMORIAL DAY DONATIONS

JACL-DC would like to thank the following members for their donations for flowers at the Memorial Day service at Arlington Cemetery:

Shirley Bertoni	Yoko & George Morita
James & Margaret Brady	Ray Murakami
Janice Faden	Amiko Rorick
Yuka Fujikura	Gary Tanigawa
Paul & Louann Igasaki	John Tobe
Connie Ishio	Craig Uchida
Chosei Kuge	Martha Watanabe
Susan Morita	



BITS & PIECES

Strawberry Mochi Cupcake

Ingredients:

- 1 (1 lb.) box mochiko
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup diced strawberries (or more)
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup oil

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Whisk all the dry ingredients in a medium bowl and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, and oil. Add dry ingredients and stir until incorporated. Add in strawberries and mix lightly. Spoon batter in a muffin pan lined with baking cups for about 30 -35 minutes. Yields 24 cupcakes

NORMAN Y. MINETA FELLOW



JACL National is pleased to welcome into its office **Korinne Sugawara**, who just recently began work with the organization as the 2014-15 Norman Y. Mineta Fellow.

Sugawara originally started her career in education as an undergraduate mentoring UC freshmen from underprivileged backgrounds, encouraging them to connect the dots between their lives and the college theme of social justice. Her applied social and community psychology coursework culminated in interviewing inmates and parolees from the California state prison system, from whom she learned the importance of striving to provide everyone with basic opportunities.

From these experiences, Sugawara went into public education, with the lofty goal of ensuring less children “fell through the cracks.” However, she soon realized a growing desire to address the reoccurring systemic problems experienced by her students and to learn more about the intersection of politics and passion that is public policy.

Sugawara is eager to work with the JACL, which has a long history of civil rights activism and an intersectional approach to many of today’s most pressing issues.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN



Every year the Pacific Citizen asks the local chapters to extend Holiday Greetings in the December edition. If you would like your name included this year with the JACL-Washington DC chapter, the cost is \$30 per individual/family. Please fill out the

attached form and send to Craig Uchida.

Yes, I would like my name included with the JACL-DC chapter for Holiday Greetings in the Pacific Citizen. Make \$30 check payable to JACL DC Chapter and send it to: Craig Uchida, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6188, Silver Spring, MD 20916.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP



Increase your support to the JACL by increasing your membership option:

- Thousand Club: \$200 per year
- Century Club: \$350 per year
- Millennium Club: \$1,000 per year

Please consider supporting JACL-DC with employer matching donations or in-kind donations

Go online at <http://www.jacl.org/member/index.php> to join or renew today.

Join or renew your JACL membership today! Members receive a complimentary subscription to the Pacific Citizen Newspaper, free admission to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, CA (just show your membership card), valuable discounts, access to special events, and eligibility for over \$70,000 in scholarships awarded every year. Most importantly, your membership dues also will support the mission of JACL as the oldest and largest Asian American organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Americans and preserving the Japanese American cultural and historical legacy.

JACL offers discounted memberships for students, youth, couples, and families. Current members are also encouraged to upgrade their membership to the Thousand, Century, and Millennium Club levels.

Right now, JACL members are entitled to special coupon code good for a 20% discount on Tom Graves' book, *Twice Heroes: America's Nisei Veterans of WWII and Korea*. Members can refer to the ad in the Pacific Citizen or give call at the number below for the discount code. JACL members who upgrade to the Millennium Club level by December 31, 2014 will receive a complimentary autographed copy of the book. A writer and photographer, Mr. Graves is a member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter. Visit his website at <http://www.twiceheroes.com/> for more information.

To join or renew your membership online, please [click here!](#) If you'd like to join or renew over the phone, please call 415-921-5225 (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm PST).

Save the Date

2015 JACL-DC Installation Luncheon

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Keynote Speaker: Jason Osuga, Lt. Commander, select

Meiwah Restaurant, Bethesda, MD

CHECK US OUT AT JACL-DC.ORG AND FACEBOOK

The JACL-DC chapter website (www.jacl-dc.org) posts the latest news and resources for our members. On the JACL-DC website, you'll also find a photo gallery of our members at events like Keiro Kai, JACL Picnic, and our Mochitsuki. And you can post comments after every news item – even if it's to say hi or “job well done” to friends in the chapter. Another way to keep up to date is to connect to the chapter on Facebook. Search for “JACLWDC” and friend us! Then you'll get the latest information from us as posts to your wall.



Let's stay in touch in the New Year!

MOCHITSUKI

Sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, Washington, DC Chapter

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

WHERE: North Bethesda Middle School, 8935 Bradmoor Drive Bethesda, MD 20817

WHO: Adults and Children

WHAT: Please join your JAACL friends for:

Mochitsuki / Mochi-Making Demonstrations

Arts and Crafts Sale

Conversation and FUN with old and new friends

COST: \$18 per Bento Box Lunch

Bento Boxes: Includes drinks and dessert. Please choose from one of the following:

Pork Tonkatsu and Ozoni

Chicken Teriyaki and Ozoni

Salmon Teriyaki and Ozoni

Fried Vegetable Gyonza and Ozoni

***There will be a limited number of bentos available on a walk-in basis at the price of \$25. Payment can be made by cash, check, or charge.

Fresh mochi for sale!

Fresh Mochi with filling 1/2 lb. \$8.00

Fresh Holiday Mochi 1/2 lb. \$8.00

Fresh Mochi plain 1/2 lb. \$5.00

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 3. Please preorder and prepay now using Eventbrite at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-mochitsuki-jacl-washington-dc-chapter-tickets-14251242851>

If you still prefer to order by mail and send in a check for your order, please make your check payable to JAACL-DC Chapter and send it c/o:

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ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Founded in 1929, the JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. The JACL monitors and responds to issues that enhance or threaten the civil and human rights of all Americans and implements strategies to effect positive social change, particularly to the Asian Pacific American community.

<http://www.jacl.org/about/about.htm>

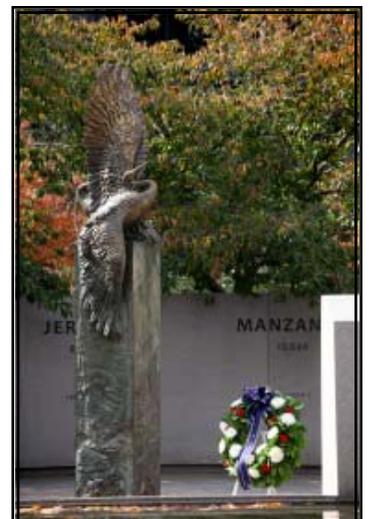


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