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THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE

WEBSITE:
WWW.TWINCITIESJACL.ORG

Ribbon Animal Origami Class

We are very fortunate to have a talented member who is teaching a ribbon fish/bird origami class. If there is time she will also teach the class how to make a multi-sided hanging ornament. There is a class limit of 10 students so sign up now.

Date: October 22, 2011
Day: Saturday
Time: 2:00 PM
Place: TBN



Members: \$5.00
Non-Members \$10.00

R.S.V.P to: Rachel Matsumoto 612-827-5280
ramat001@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:



TC JACL Chrysanthemum Banquet

- Saturday, November 12, 2011
- At the Chateau
- Social Hour at 5, Dinner at 6
- Guest Speaker is Ashwin Madia

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Scholarship Committee holds one seat



Silent Auction Items Wanted

The Twin Cities JACL's 65th anniversary Chrysanthemum Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. There will be a silent auction as a part of it. If you have an item to donate, please contact Gloria Kumagai at 763-377-5602 or at Gloriak377@aol.com to arrange for pick-up by October 29, 2011. Thank you!

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picnic



We enjoyed picnic perfect weather on August 7. Over 80 members and guests feasted on grilled pork chops, roasted corn on the cob and potluck fare. This year the kids team bested the adult team in tug of war; the sansei are getting older and the yonsei are getting stronger...The water balloon toss was---well, wet and the Bingo competition was fierce. Every family received a door prize or two. Thank you to John, Jacqueline and Jake Nakasone for cooking, to Chris and Kylie Noonan for being Bingo masters and to Jan Monson and Cary Yamanaka for prep/clean up help. It was a successful event all around!

submitted by Lisa Shakerin



Jan Monson and the newest Nakasone



Dimpy Takekawa manages five Bingo cards (how did he get five?)

The tug of war picture: Pull! Pull harder! No, not that way!



Mikio Kirihara, Lucy Kirihara, Eiko Sakamoto, Carl Sakamoto and Jenny Sakamoto

Jenny Olsen and Rei Ohno



Grillers Jacqueline, Jake and John Nakasone



Yas Motoyoshi and Lisa Shakerin proudly sport their JACL t-shirts



Bingo callers extraordinaire Chris and Kylie Noonan

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festival of nations - thank you!



2011 Festival of Nations

Our Bazaar Booth at the 2011 Festival of Nations was, once again, a very successful fundraiser for our chapter. We had a double booth that was staffed by many volunteers.

A special acknowledgement to the following for their particular assistance:

** *John Nakasone* for providing storage space at his warehouse for our inventory and allowing us to price our items at his shop before the Festival.

** *Kelvin Lee* for again providing the truck and staff to deliver our inventory from Nakasone's warehouse to the Festival.

** *Lucy Kirihara* for adding Japanese fabric decorations to our money aprons.

** *Jenny Olsen* for folding dozens of intricate origami ornaments and donating them to the bazaar booth. They sold like hotcakes!

An enormous thank you to all our volunteers for giving your time to staff our booth. Some of you did more than one shift, a huge commitment! It takes each of you to make this a successful event each year. Here is our roster - it's a big one:

Tim Thompson	Linda Masek	Lori Carver
Sharon Miyamoto	Kris Michaelson	Kaitlin Ostlie
Jan Monson	Ben Wong	Jarrold Yamanaka
Lucy Kirihara	Gail Wong	Peggy Yamanaka
Sally Sudo	Dan Motoyoshi	Cheryl Dulas
Lisa Tsuchiya	Jennifer Motoyoshi	Marissa Dulas
Sam Hunt	Kim Kiegstad	Renee Shakerin
Lisa Shakerin	Mary Dennison	Maddie Shakerin
Karen Lucas	Russ Dennison	Rebecca Ferderer
Joyce Rank	Matt Farrells	Rachel Matsumoto
Kathy Hara	Connie Tsuchiya	Jenny Olsen
Gloria Kumagai	Todd Tsuchiya	Jim Faber
Mark Honda	Kyle Tsuchiya	Mitch Monson

Hope to see you again in 2012!

Joyce Miyamoto and Cary Yamanaka, Co-chair

Thanks especially to Joyce and Cary for spear heading this entire event: ordering and inventorying merchandise, coordinating setting up and take down and volunteers, attending and networking with the overall Festival of Nations organizers and the performance group and a lot of other things that we are not aware of but take for granted.

Karen Lucas, Board Liaison

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TC JACL Scholarships

2012 High School Scholarships

Scholarship applications for 2012 high school graduates will be available in January 2012. Please contact Pam Ohno Dagoberg (763-557-2946, dagob001@tc.umn.edu) if you are interested in obtaining a scholarship application or would like to recommend someone for a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must be current JACL members. Individual Student or Family membership status is required (Individual membership of a parent does not qualify the student to receive a scholarship). To obtain a membership application, please contact Joanne Kumagai at 763-420-6639.

Applications will be sent to the following students:

Madeline Anderson (Bloomington Jefferson High School)

April Dennison (Rochester Century High School)

Alex Honda (Mounds Park Academy)

Sophie Kasahara (Bloomington Jefferson High School)

Matthew Kitagawa (Bloomington Jefferson High School)

Duncan Mincks (Robinsdale Armstrong High School)

Stephanie Noonan (White Bear Lake Area High School)

Lauren Olson (Bloomington Jefferson High School)

Emily Sakamoto (Moundsvew High School)

Emily Tani-Winegarden (Eden Prairie High School)

Jade Walton (Bloomington Jefferson High School)



In addition to completing the application form and submitting a transcript, students must write a short essay entitled “The Value of Further Education.” Applications are evaluated based on scholastic achievement, extra curricular activities, community service and the essay. Completed applications must be mailed by March 31, 2012.

Many National JACL scholarships are also available. Information about National JACL scholarships can be found on the Youth page at the JACL website (jacl.org).

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In the news

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/20110605_Newly_named_general_is_son_of_Hawaii_native.html

Newly named general is son of Hawaii native **Col. Paul Nakasone's father served as an interpreter with the Army in World War II**



By Gregg K. Kakesako

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Col. Paul Nakasone, center, with his parents Mary and Edwin Nakasone.

The Pentagon's latest announcement of the Army's newest one-star generals includes the son of a World War II nisei Military Intelligence Service soldier. Army Col. Paul M. Nakasone, currently serving as executive assistant to the commander at the U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Md., has been nominated for his first star.

His promotion is subject to U.S. Senate approval.

Nakasone, 47, was born in St. Paul, Minn., and attended St. John's University in Minneapolis and was commissioned through the Army ROTC program in 1986. His father, Edwin Nakasone, was born in Wahiawa and graduated from Leilehua High School in 1945. He was drafted into the Army and sent to Fort Snelling, Minn., for Japanese language training.

The elder Nakasone said he was in the last class at Snelling before it was closed and the training was moved to Monterey, Calif., in 1946. He was stationed with the occupational forces in Japan from 1947 to '48 as a linguist and interpreter with the 168th Language Detachment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Nakasone later attended the University of Hawaii and was commissioned through its ROTC program and served in the Army Reserve until he retired as a colonel in 1987. In his civilian life, Nakasone taught history and political science on the mainland.

Although Nakasone retired in the St. Paul area, he said by email that he and his wife spend every February in the islands "to escape the hageshii (harsh) MN (Minnesota) fuyu (winter)."

Also on the Pentagon's promotion list was the nomination of Col. Michael D. Lundy, deputy commander of the 25th Infantry Division, to brigadier general.

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In the news - “the registry”

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For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/The-Registry/159246460812903>

Asian Media Access awarded \$75,000 for “The Registry,” a documentary film about the Japanese American Military Intelligence Service at Fort Snelling Minnesota is the focus of forgotten Asian American history

Minneapolis MN – Asian Media Access, along with filmmakers Steve Ozone and Bill Kubota have been awarded a grant to produce a documentary about some Japanese Americans who were part of a little known military operation based out of Minnesota’s historic Fort Snelling during World War II.

The Military Intelligence Service Language School operated out of Camp Savage and Fort Snelling between 1942-1946. Japanese Americans from Hawaii and concentration camps located throughout the U.S., came to Minnesota to improve their Japanese language skills before taking assignments with Allied forces in the Pacific. “This was a classified operation,” said Steve Ozone, who has been interviewing veterans who attended the language school. “Historians are familiar with the exploits of the Japanese American 100th Battalion / 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe,” Ozone said, “but far less is known about the MIS because members of the unit were told at the time to keep quiet about it.” With these World War II veterans dying each day, the stories about the exploits of the MIS soldiers are being lost.

The Registry a feature length documentary in production, features Seiki Oshiro of Burnsville and Edwin “Bud” Nakasone of Saint Paul. Both served in the MIS with the American post-war occupation forces in Japan. Oshiro has been working with 92-year-old Grant Ichikawa of Vienna, VA, a former CIA operative who started his government career with the MIS. They’re compiling the first complete list, a *registry* of those who served in the MIS. No complete record had existed until now.

A photograph of a document listing names and identifiers, likely related to the registry mentioned in the text. The document is a table with columns for identifiers, names, and other details. The text is somewhat blurry but legible. The entries are: Snel45-09 A-4, Nakashima, Takai; Snel45-05 C-34, Nakashima, Yoshio; Snel45-09 A-24, Nakashima, Yoshiya; Snel45-07 B-24, Nakashita, Teruo B; Snel45-46, Nakasone, Edwin M (Bud) Colonel; Snel45-46, Nakasone, Minoru; Snel45-07 B-22, Nakasone, Noboru; Snel45-09 A-21, Nakasone, R; Snel45-02 D-23, Nakasone, Sei; Snel45-02 D-23, Nakata, Albert Y; Snel45-02 D-23, Nakata, Charles; Snel45-02 D-23, Nakata, Colbert S.

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“After talking to Seiki and Grant, we realized we had to document their stories,” said *The Registry* director and co-producer Bill Kubota. “The MIS vets we’re profiling want people to know what they’ve been through. They’re still working in their 80’s and 90’s, trying to preserve the legacy of the MIS. This is probably the last thing they’ll do before they die.”

“We’re very pleased to be working on a documentary that will highlight some forgotten Asian American history right here in the Twin Cities,” said Ange Hwang, the Executive Director of Asian Media Access, the recipient of the National Parks Service Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant. “In 1942, Camp Savage and Fort Snelling became a destination for Japanese Americans from the Hawaiian Islands and behind the barbed wire of the relocation camps, training to serve their country in the Pacific Theatre.”

The \$75,000 grant will go toward covering a significant portion of the *The Registry*’s production budget. Additional grants and funding are being sought over the next 18 months to help complete the project.

Congress established the Confinement Sites Grant program in 2006 to preserve and interpret the places where Japanese Americans were sequestered after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The law authorizes up to \$38 million in grants for the life of the program to identify, research, evaluate, interpret, protect, restore, repair, and acquire historic confinement sites. The program aims to teach and inspire present and future generations about the injustice of the World War II confinement and demonstrate the nation’s commitment since then to equal justice under the law.

Congress appropriated \$3 million for grants in the current fiscal year. They were awarded in a competitive process, matching \$2 in federal money for every \$1 in non-federal funds and “in-kind” contributions raised by groups working to preserve the sites and their histories. For more information about the grants program and to see a list of the funded projects, visit the National Park Service website: www.nps.gov/hps/hpg/JACS/index.html.



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Deepest Condolences



Terry T. Kumagai, 90, of Minneapolis, passed away on June 19, 2011. Survived by husband of 64 years, Hisashi (Butch); children, Gloria (Steven Savitt) and Alex; grandchildren, Mariko Savitt (Dan Trimbach), Leilani and Josh Savitt; great-grandson, Justin Ronin Trimbach; sister, Mary; brothers, Bill, Steve and Roy.

Private family service and interment at Fort Snelling. Memorials preferred to Minnesota Nikkei Project, 5621 Heather Ridge Court, Shoreview, MN 55126 and [Susan G. Komen for the Cure](#)

Mary R. Thompson

Mary R. Thompson (nee Steckbauer) passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2011, age 79 years. Beloved wife of the late Marvin F. Thompson. Loving mother of Tim (Lynn), Jeff (Lisa), Ann (Mike) Prudlo and Tony. Proud grandmother of Tiffany (Mike) Henning, Samantha, Nicholas, Noah, Mari, and Elisabeth. Great-grandmother of Chance and Owen. Daughter of the late William and Mary Steckbauer. Sister of Margaret Steckbauer, Rita (Tom) Medland, JoAnn Hammen, Paul (Mary) Steckbauer, Virginia (Ernst) Lisek, James Steckbauer and the late William Steckbauer. Sister-in-law of Donald (Mary) Thompson and Doris Schaefer. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.