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UPCOMING EVENTS!



TC JACL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament will be held on September 18th, 1:30 pm at Gross Golf Course 2201 St Anthony Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55418 Come play a round of golf with your fellow JACLers and win stuff \$40 per member, \$45 per non-member RSVP to Zen Matsuda by calling 763-300-0151 or e-mail info@zenchiropracticinc.com

CRAFT and CULTURE ORIGAMI CLASS

Origami Class by Zen's Mom July 11th, 10 am 12011 Red Oak Court North, Burnsville, MN RSVP: <u>akiramako728@gmail.com</u>





PICNIC!

Sunday, August 7 at Rosland Park in Edina Noon to 4 pm.

Sign up by emailing Lisa Shakerin

(mincks01@aol.com) or 763-537-6829. Sign up begins after July 4. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending and the ages of the children. Bring a potluck item to share.



Attention MIS Veterans--Your Help is Needed for the MIS Awards Database Project

Terry Shima, Metta Tanikawa, and others from the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), are working on a project to document the awards received by the MIS during World War II, develop a national database, and give credit due to MIS soldiers for their work in helping to shorten the Pacific War during World War II.

Here's how you can help:

All MIS veterans (or their family members) are requested to complete the following questions:

- Name of MIS veteran (name used during WWII)
- Award received (see awards list below as a guide)
- Rank
- ASN (if known)
- Source of Award (e.g. general order, if available)
- Assignment, additional information, and/or remarks.

Please send information to Terry Shima (<u>ttshima@comcast.net</u>) or Metta Tanikawa (<u>ms.tanikawa@gmail.com</u>). Thank you!

MIS Awards Project Background

The list of MIS Unit and Individual Awards (below) is based on information from about 800 of the 5,000-6,000 Japanese Americans who served as linguists in the Asia Pacific Theater. War Department officials expected the Nisei to be assigned to Regimental headquarters or higher for their safety and because their loyalty was questioned. Realities of combat, however, put a large number of Nisei in the combat zone. The Nisei soldiers had two goals: to help win the war and to prove their loyalty. They entered caves to persuade Japanese soldiers to surrender, translated documents, interrogated prisoners, monitored communications to pass real time intelligence information to combat commanders. Thirty-three Nisei linguists died in line of duty.

The MIS, as an organization, was not structured to maintain records of awards, as was the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Publicity about the MIS, the US Army's "secret weapon," was not allowed until the 1970s.

The List of MIS Individual awards, although incomplete, 1) illustrates the large number of Nisei who were engaged in front line duties; 2) demonstrates Nisei willingness to fight soldiers of their parent's homeland, the acid test of loyalty to their nation; and 3) reflects Caucasian soldiers' change of attitude from initial to total support of Nisei.

Information for the list so far was drawn from various sources, including Army records, books, publications, veterans organizations, as well as veterans and their families. It is hoped that one day an organization can build on this "MIS Unit and Individual Awards" to achieve maximum accuracy. This MIS Unit and Individual Awards, a work in progress, is a tribute to the men and women who served as Japanese linguists during WWII.

For more information, contact Terry Shima (<u>ttshima@comcast.net</u>) or Metta Tanikawa (<u>ms.tanikawa@gmail.com</u>).

Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Unit and Individual Awards* List of Awards, as of March 31, 2016

Unit Awards (Received by MIS linguists)
Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation
Meritorious Service Unit Plaque
Navy Unit Commendation
Major Individual Awards
Distinguished Service Cross
Distinguished Service Medal
Silver Star
Legion of Merit
Navy Cross
Soldier's Medal
Bronze Star Medal
Letter of Commendation
Army Commendation Medal or Ribbon
Air Medal
Purple Heart Medal
Combat Infantry Badge
Combat Parachutist Badge1
Good Conduct Medal (GCM)
Military Intelligence Service Hall of Fame
Ranger Hall of Fame 3
Awards from Foreign Countries
Japan's Order of the Rising Sun
British Empire Medal
3 White Doves, Republic of China1
Australian Defense Medal
Medal of Japanese Emperor
Medal of Honor of Liberation Star Award of Burma

* This compilation is a work-in-progress as of 31 March 2016 and is based on Seiki Oshiro's list of awards to MIS linguists. Please see accompanying narrative, which discusses these awards.

Legion of Honor Govt of Philippines1

** The GCM number is conservative and is traced to the general orders that have been verified or reported.

Fort Snelling Conversations: WWII and the Japanese American Experience

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Thu, July 21, 2016 5:30 - 7 PM

Engage in the diverse stories of Fort Snelling in this informal lecture series. Share your thoughts and delve deeper into the history and what it means for us today.

Where's the line between civil rights and national security? Can there be a balance? Explore these and other questions

as guest presenter Sally Sudo tells the story of her family, their incarceration during WWII for being of Japanese descent, and the role Fort Snelling played in their lives. Following the talk, lend your voice to a dialogue about the struggle between individual liberties and national security. Light refreshments provided. **Pre-registration required.**

Dialogues are facilitated by Historic Fort Snelling staff members trained by the <u>International Coalition of</u> <u>Sites of Conscience</u>.

Offered in partnership with the <u>Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League</u> Programs are free and open to the public. For more information, go to the website: <u>http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/events-programs/fort-snelling-conversations-wwii-and-japanese-american-experience</u>

Where:

Fireside Room, Kopp Student Center Normandale Community College 9700 France Ave. South Bloomington, MN 55431 T: 952-358-8120

Submitted by Sally Sudo

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Please consider donating to support the "Twin Cities JACL Community Education Programs"

We are fortunate to have a generous and supportive JACL membership base here in the Twin Cities. The energy of our chapter is greater than one might expect from our size. We do a great deal with a very limited budget. Did you know that of your \$65 family membership, \$60 goes to support the National JACL, \$3 goes to support the District JACL and only \$2 is kept to support our local chapter activities? Despite this we produce an annual family picnic, banquet, golf tournament and more.

In 2017, the 75th year anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 and the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans, the Education Committee will be partnering with local institutions to bring several exhibits to commemorate what is euphemistically called "the internment" or "relocation." We will be partnering with major Twin Cities institutions to bring you and our broader community a series of events.

1. An exhibit of prints by renowned Japanese American artist Roger Shimomura, incarcerated at Minidoka, which is planned for late January to late March, 2017 in the Law Warschaw Gallery, Macalester College. The Department of Art and Art History has enthusiastically embraced this project and is planning other educational programming around it. The TCJACL will be providing funds for half of the shipping, the speaker honorarium, outreach to the community and a reception. Shimomura lithographs have been exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and other major art museums and institutions. His art includes the experience of internment and "often combines American popular culture, traditional Asian tropes, and stereotypical racial imagery to provoke thought and debate on the issues of identity and social perception." (Wikipedia)

2. **A Day of Remembrance Ceremony** is scheduled for February 19, 2017 in the Auditorium of the Minnesota History Center. We are working with local theatre director Rick Shiomi to finalize a multi media staged testimonial program and with the Kogen Taiko drum group for a performance dedicated to the legacy of the incarceration. TCJACL will be providing a reception, community outreach which would include the Somali and Muslim communities, program brochure, and involve high school and college youth in the program. The Education Committee has procured a Legacy Grant of \$1,500 that will be applied towards this but does not cover the bulk of our expenses.

3. A photo exhibit, *Gambatte*, by Paul Kitagaki is planned for display at Historic Fort Snelling from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This exhibit tells the before and after story of Nikkei whose pictures were taken during the World War II era by famed photographer Dorothea Lange (many of which have become iconic). Kitagaki juxtaposes current photographs of the same subjects or their survivors as a comparison. Captions on the impact of the unjust and unwarranted incarceration on their lives and where they are now will accompany the updated photos. The TCJACL will hold events related to the exhibit including the photographer, outreach to the community, a reception and informational program brochures.

The Committee welcomes the opportunity to partner with organizations to create programs that are free to the public. The combined budgets are anticipated to exceed \$20,000 but thanks to the generosity of our partners, our obligation is greatly reduced. However, even with Macalester's significant support of the first exhibit, our Chapter's obligation is \$1,850. Because the History Center and Kogen Taiko have waived various fees, our obligation is \$7,890 for the Day of Remembrance. As in the past, Historic Fort Snelling will be sharing costs for Gambatte as well but the cost to TCJACL Educational Programming is \$5,750 for this exhibit.

There are many ways to support your TC JACL including scholarships, memorials or directed Koden. Please consider including the "Twin Cities JACL Community Education Programs" in your gifting to further this specific activity of your local chapter. For more information please contact

Carolyn Nayematsu nayem001@umn.edu or Janet Carlson mnsansei@comcast.net

News from the Go For Broke National Education Center

National Park Service (NPS) Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Award

Congratulations to the Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles, CA, for being awarded a \$378,937 grant from the NPS Japanese American Confinement Sites program to fund its proposal titled, "Communities of Compassion and Courage." This collaborative historical and educational project highlights acts of courage and compassion extended to the Japanese American community by non-Japanese during and following World War II. The Twin Cities JACL was invited to be one of ten community partners for this project, and submitted a letter of support for the project.

Grant funds will be used to develop a traveling exhibit that explores courage and compassion towards Japanese Americans in the aftermath of Executive Order 9066. Traveling to the ten communities that are collaborating on this project, the exhibit will be supplemented with local artifacts, newspaper articles, and possibly oral histories of community members.

Local community partners will also develop lesson plans for middle and high school students to supplement the curricula developed by the Go For Broke National Education Center. The curriculum will be made available to schools, youth groups, and other organizations.

Our chapter is looking forward to this collaboration; the project is slated to get underway in Fall 2016.

Defining Courage Exhibition Opens to the Public

The Go For Broke National Education Center opened a new interpretive exhibition, *The Defining Courage Experience*, to the public in May 2016. Almost two dozen World War II veterans attended the grand opening of the exhibition on May 28, which was preceded by a solemn tribute ceremony at the Go For Broke Monument.

This one-of a-kind, hands-on, participatory learning center in the heart of Los Angeles' Little Tokyo historic district explores the concept of courage through the lives of the young Japanese Americans of World War II, and asks modern visitors to act with similar courage in their own lives. The experience teaches the history of the Japanese American World War II story and its relevance to our lives today.

The permanent exhibit is on display at 355 East First Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA. Visit <u>www.goforbroke.org</u> for information on exhibit hours and admission.

To go on a virtual tour of the exhibition, visit: <u>http://www.goforbroke.org/visit/exhibit/</u> <u>virtual_tour/index.php</u>

The Go For Broke National Education Center was established in 1989, and has a mission to educate and inspire character and equality through the virtue and valor of our World War II American veterans of Japanese ancestry.



2016 Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 53rd Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Zen Matsuda. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Theodore Birkholz performed Japanese folk songs and *America the Beautiful* on the trumpet during the program. Scholarship awards totaled \$11,000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Shigeko Kirihara Memorial Scholarship – Zach Knight Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship – Nathan Mukai Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship – Aaron Tsuchiya Tom and Reiko Ohno Memorial Scholarship – Theodore Birkholz Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship – Emma Hartmann Annie Sakai Girard and Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship – Zach Knight Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship – Theodore Honda Minoru and Mary Yoshida Memorial Scholarship – Graham Mincks

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2016 graduates!

If you know of any 2017 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or scholarship@tcjacl.org. Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2017 high school graduates are: Madelyn Bocek (Wayzata High School), Erik Dagoberg (Wayzata High School), Aria Mitsuko Flomer (Minneapolis), Isaac Kasahara (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Benjamin Kourdan (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Nathan Noma (Bloomington Kennedy High School), Kylie Noonan (White Bear Lake Area High School), Kristin Sako (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Andrew Swartz (Bloomington Jefferson High School).

If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships, please contact <u>scholarship@tcjacl.org</u>. Donations may be sent to TC JACL Scholarship c/o Connie Tsuchiya, 6431 Mere Drive, Eden Prairie, 55346.



Pictured: Emma Hartmann, Theodore Honda, Zen Matsuda (JACL Board), Theodore Birkholz, Aaron Tsuchiya Not pictured: Nathan Mukai, Zach Knight, Graham Mincks

Submitted by Pam Dagoberg

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TC JACL is planning events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the founding of TC JACL and the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066.

More information about the individual events will be announced later.

Chrysanthemum Banquet

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Twin Cities JACL.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington

A bento box lunch will be served, a silent auction will be held; and photographs donated by Bill Doi will be on display.

The banquet speaker will be Professor Erika Lee, author of the acclaimed book *The Making of Asian America: A History*. Professor Lee teaches at the University of Minnesota and serves as Director of the Immigration history Research Center.



A Day of Remembrance

February 19, 2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. TC JACL and the Minnesota Historical Society will remember this day with a special program directed by Rick Shiomi and a musical tribute by Kogen Taiko. A reception will follow.

When: Sunday February, 19, 2017

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: Minnesota History Center Auditorium



Roger Shimomura Exhibit

Noted Asian American artist Roger Shimomura is a retired professor from University of Kansas. He was five years old when his family was incarcerated at Minidoka. His paintings, prints and theatre pieces, many inspired by 56 years of diaries kept by his late grandmother, address socio-political issues of Asian America.

This exhibit is sponsored by Macalester College and co-sponsored by the JACL Education Committee.

Reception: Friday, January 27, 2017

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Where: Macalaster College Wallace Fine Arts Center

Exhibit will be on display February-March, 2017

GAMBATTE! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit

Photographer Paul Kitagaki Jr.'s exhibit juxtaposes historic photographs of Japanese Americans taken at the Tanforan Assembly by famed photographer Dorothea Lange with contemporary photos of the same individuals or descendants. Through this exhibit he takes us on a visual exploration of the Japanese concept of Gambatte or triumph over adversity.

This exhibit will be co-sponsored by Historic Fort Snelling and the TC JACL Education Committee.

Artist reception: To be announced for May 2017

Anticipated Exhibit Dates: Memorial Day weekend 2017-Labor Day weekend 2017

Where: Historic Fort Snelling

Preview of Events was submitted by Carolyn Nayematsu

Obituaries

Our community has suffered the loss of a number of Nissei's and TC JACL family members recently. Deepest condolences to the families of the following, Rest in Peace:

Mary Abe (3/9/16) Warren Kyono (5/12/16) Emi Ohno (3/4/16) Isao East Oshima (5/24/16) MaryLou Schoch (2/29/16) May Tanaka Joe Uemura (3/3/16) George Yanagita (2/22/16)





Office of Governor Mark Dayton & Lt. Governor Tina Smith

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Contact: Sam Fettig 651-201-3408 office 612-214-2886 cell sam.fettig@state.mn.us

Governor Dayton Appoints Douglas C. Bayley and Jamie L. Cork to Fill First Judicial District Vacancies ST. PAUL, MN – Today, Governor Mark Dayton announced the appointments of Douglas C. Bayley and Jamie L. Cork as District Court Judges in Minnesota's First Judicial District. Mr. Bayley is replacing the Honorable Thomas W. Bibus, and will be chambered at Red Wing in Goodhue County. Ms. Cork is replacing the Honorable Patrice K. Sutherland, and will be chambered at Hastings in Dakota County.

"It is my pleasure to appoint Mr. Bayley and Ms. Cork to serve as judges in the First Judicial District. They bring a diverse range of professional experiences and possess extensive records of public service," said Governor Dayton. "I thank both of them for their desire to continue serving the people of Minnesota in these new roles."

About Douglas C. Bayley

Mr. Bayley is an Assistant Public Defender in the First Judicial District Public Defender's Office, where he represents defendants in criminal cases. Previously, he was an attorney at Lundblad, Fossum & Zrimsek, a law clerk to the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office, and a Senior Duty Officer at the White House Situation Room and National Security Council, as a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State. He earned his B.A. from Carleton College, his M.A. from the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Mr. Bayley serves on the Board of Directors for the Anderson Center at Tower View and the Hedin-Hartnagel Memorial Fund.

About Jamie L. Cork

Ms. Cork is an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, where she works in the Child Protection Division. Previously, she was an adjunct professor at Hamline University School of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law, a counselor at Ryan Community, Inc., and a patrol officer in Outagamie County in Wisconsin. She earned her B.A. from Mount Senario College in Wisconsin and her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law.

Ms. Cork is a member and past Vice President of the Japanese American Citizens League and a member of the Minnesota Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, Hennepin County Girls Continuum of Care Committee, and the Indian Child Welfare Act Education Day Committee.

Minnesota's First Judicial District consists of Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley Counties.

More information on the Commission on Judicial Selection, as well as vacancies it is currently considering, can be found at <u>http://mn.gov/governor/appointments/judicial-appointments/</u>.

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Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers at the Festival of Nations

Sincere thanks to all of you who came through for the TC JACL and helped make this year's Festival of Nations merchandise booth a success. The Twin Cities chapter of the JACL would not exist but for your contributions and time. Volunteering at the

booth turns out to be a great way to get to know other members and many people commented on the enjoyable camaraderie and meeting new people. Most of our participants took advantage of their free admission and were able to also savor the entertainment and food at this fun event. A big THANK YOU to our volunteers!!

Gigi Bocek Susan Burke + Kate Mary and Russ Dennison Amy Dickerson Emily Faber-Densley + Alex Jim Faber Matt Farrells Lisa Hintermeister and Hannah & Madalyn Sudie Hofmann Lucy Kirihara Amy Kuniyoshi Gloria Kumagai Karen and Steve Lucas Linda Marek

Judy and George Murakami Carolyn Nayematsu Phil Nomura Zen Matsuda Joyce Miyamoto Emi Sako Lorrie Saito Lisa Shakerin Rene Shakerin Sally Sudo Tim Thompson Gary Ujifusa Lynn Yamanaka Cary Yamanaka



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Thank you - Your TC JACL Board of Directors

Connie and Todd Tsuchiya's son, Kyle, has been drumming to his own beat!

At the time of publication, Connie and Todd will have been well traveled following Kyle as he performs with the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corp. Bluecoats will travel over 13,000 miles and compete in cities across the nation over the course of the 2016 summer tour. We should have known this Taiko tot would turn into an already accomplished musician!

Taken from <u>Bluecoats.com</u>- *Mission: The Bluecoats provide programs for* youth in music and performance training. Leadership, personal, character and social development skills are emphasized through the challenge, excitement, and self-discipline presented by the corps through travel, competition, and pursuit of excellence. The Bluecoats were founded in 1972 as an outgrowth of the Canton Police Boys Club.

I highly recommend Kyle's aw-inspiring performance, "The Vans Lick-Kyle Tsuchiya-Dynasty Drums" at the following link, <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>watch?v=20UWXVgJXHk</u>! Although it's a toss up with his performance titled, "I Love My Mom" at the following link, <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> <u>watch?v=3RGc0NwCAsc</u>. Congratulations to Kyle for following his passion.







Cheryl & Dan Dulas' daughter, Marissa, along with her Edina nordic ski team volunteered to give racers Gatorade, fruit, energy gel and water at the 14th annual City

of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival in February. To view the full video in its entirety, go to the 9 minute mark on the linkhttp://kstp.com/news/10-newscast-saturdayfebruary-6-2016/4040811/



Congratulations to Jack Dagoberg (#10) & his team, the Wayzata Whites, who won the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Bantam B2 Championship in February!





JACL kids news submitted by Jan Kirihara Monson

Blue Water set to take the stage with 'Les Misérables'

Published February 12, 2016

The article can be found in its entirety at the following link: <u>http://sailor.mnsun.com/2016/02/12/blue-water-set-to-take-the-stage-with-les-miserables/</u>



Wayzata High School junior Erik Dagoberg, who will play the role of Jean Valjean in Blue Water Theater Co.'s production of "Les Misérables" Feb. 18-20, runs through a scene during a rehearsal in Wayzata Feb. 6. (Sun Sailor photo by Jason Jenkins)

Pam and Tim Dagoberg's son, Erik, played the lead role in Les Miserables. This was my first show seeing Erik perform and I was so impressed with his acting, singing & poise! In the show's playbill, Erik's bio read in part- "Erik would like to dedicate this show to his two grandmothers, Grandma Rei (Ohno) and Grandma Mur, both of whom he loves very much." This show was Erik's 15th and counting!

Erik will be performing in Blue Water Theatre's production of Oklahoma! July 28-30 at 7:00, Wayzata Central Middle School. Erik will be playing the role of Curly. Tickets will be on sale in July. Ticket information can be found at <u>www.bluewatertheatre.com</u>.

Photo cred: Mom

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