



# THE RICE PAPER

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## The Relevance of JACL from the Perspective of Our Youth

By Teresa Swartz

As part of the Twin Cities JACL Scholarship application process, students composed essays on the Relevance of JACL Today. In preparing these, students researched the history, mission, and activities of the JACL and reflected on what they viewed as important about JACL's current efforts. These high school seniors wrote poignant and passionate essays, revealing the younger generation's commitment to dismantling racism, fostering empathy toward marginalized groups, and advancing social justice. Here are just a few snippets from students who wanted to share their thoughts with the larger Twin Cities JACL community.

The history of Japanese American World War II incarceration and challenges with later resettlement remain central family memories and crucial to their views of why the JACL should remain vigilant and take action against injustice. Several shared stories of learning from their grandparents and parents about their families' experiences in the camps.

Rina Yamamoto writes "My Grandmother (my Bachan), was born in the Gila River Japanese Internment Camp in Arizona in 1942. After she and her mother were released in 1943, their family settled in Paynesville, Minnesota. They worked hard to make a life in their new home and community where they were the only Japanese family. They sadly faced bigotry and pressure to abandon their Japanese culture, language, and customs...My father felt that it was his job to make sure that stories and facts of family history got passed down to me and my siblings."

Sam Sikkink shares his family's story "My grandparents were incarcerated at Heart Mountain and Gila River and learning their story was very powerful. My family took a trip and visited Heart Mountain when I was younger. This trip made it all real in my mind. Seeing the conditions that my grandparents were forced to live in gave me more appreciation for what happened."

Micah Maeda is also inspired by the older generation of Japanese Americans, especially his grandfather who was incarcerated at Minidoka, and who taught him resilience. "We [Japanese Americans] stand as a living example of how tough humans can be. We are proof that no matter how bad life may get, there is always a brighter future ahead."

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The students stressed the importance of the JACL in educating younger generations and the general public about the history and struggles of Japanese Americans. Many of the students remarked that they did not learn about this history in school.

Jack Dagoberg states "The JACL was able to teach me about what happened to the Japanese Americans in the 1940s when school failed to do so."

Sikkink writes "For younger Japanese Americans such as me, it is difficult to remember the atrocities that happened in our country against the Japanese during World War II. We do not recall the mental fortitude and grit it took to get through these difficult times. The JACL has done a great job helping educate today's public and young Japanese Americans about the true nature of these events. One example of this education is the JACL's 'Power of Words' campaign that shows a more accurate side of history and the effects of euphemisms...Another valuable way the JACL educates the public is by teaching what exactly happened at the Japanese American Concentration Camps."

The JACL's Day of Remembrance event at the Minnesota History Center inspired Rina Yamamoto to take this education to her classmates "After I went to Day of Remembrance, I helped organize an event for my history class about the internment camps where my Bachan came to school and gave a presentation on our family's experience there. My teacher and the students learned a lot, and I was happy to help raise awareness about this important part of American history."

Other JACL programming has been impactful for the youth as well. For instance Marissa Dulas says that at "Mitch Maki's program on 'Restoring America's Promise,' I was moved by the valor and patriotism of the World War II Nisei veterans, and by the mobilization of the incarcerated to obtain redress. That program inspires me to look beyond myself and to fight for what is right."

Unfortunately racism and discrimination are still with us. Some of the students reflected on their own personal experiences being teased because of their race. One writes, "There have been hundreds of Asian jokes thrown at me through my school years. From jokes about me being smart, good at math, that I should do someone's homework because 'Asians like that right?' To even jokes about Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and how I should be sent back to the camps. I've even heard comments about my 'yellow skin' and my 'squinty eyes,' and even been called a 'dirty chink' all thrown around in a public school as if it meant nothing." Another recounts "I faced racism as a kid and was ridiculed often for my small eyes. I was even told one day by a young boy to go back to the camps where I belong. These encounters were always difficult and made me yearn to be 'normal'."

Caleb Maeda believes that the JACL is needed to combat this under recognized racism against Asian Americans "The Asian American struggle for equality is a very unknown battle. It is hardly ever touched on in school. I believe that the JACL is crucial in educating students about the struggles of the Asian American community because no one else is doing it. And if no one else educates students on our struggle, then the problem is just going to keep going."

Dagoberg reflects on JACL's mission and role in supporting positive ethnic identity and community as it "works to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community...it not only celebrates Japanese Americans but protects them and ensures a voice for the Japanese American community."

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In their essays, the students expressed respect for JACL's current efforts fostering empathy and taking action to protect vulnerable groups.

Eric Ewoldt writes "Above all these lessons, the most important thing the JACL does through its education is creating empathy. This emotion is important because people will not take the time to understand and protect something for which they have no compassion."

Marissa Dulas states "Through collaboration, awareness, and empathy, we can implement positive change. By fighting for the rights of others through grass roots and governmental action, the JACL continues to create connections and promote wider awareness in communities about past and current injustices."

Danielle Honda conveys her admiration of the JACL's recent actions in challenging unjust policies. She writes "The JACL continues to hold our government accountable for its bigoted actions today. When the United States' president issued the executive order known as the Muslim Ban, the JACL quickly issued statements of condemnation and formed ties with local Muslim Civil Rights organizations." Honda believes that the younger generations have learned from those before them and should carry it forward, "Most importantly, we can enact change in our communities because we have seen the harm in bigotry. Generations growing up hearing the sorrow-filled stories of our ancestors, hated by the nation for their race, has generated a new era of activists. We are the next generation of the JACL to seek justice for all so that no one will have to teach their children how to survive under the government designed to protect us."

Dulas urges the JACL to continue with these efforts, "Although strides have been made over the course of the JACL's history, there is still much work yet to be done. As racism and bigotry still plague the United States, the JACL's place is more important than ever. Instead of putting up walls and fences, we can promote collaboration and awareness to bridge similarities and accept differences to create "security through unity."

## **Japan America Society of Minnesota Survey**

The Japan America Society of Minnesota's Board will be completing a strategic plan to help us fulfill our mission to connect Minnesota and Japan. A strong plan requires input from our constituents--you! Please help us by spending 10 minutes to complete this confidential survey. If you have friends or colleagues who are involved with Japan, please feel free to forward the survey to them—we are trying to get as many points of view as possible. Respondents to the survey will be eligible for a drawing for a package of tickets to the St. Paul Saints. Thank you!

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WP9HC3Z>

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## 2019 High School Graduates Honored by Twin Cities JACL



Pictured (left to right) Front row: Alyssa Romportl, Jack Dagoberg, Sam Sikkink, Danielle Honda, and Miki Rierson.  
Back row: Rina Yamamoto, Micah Maeda, Mari Thompson, Marissa Dulas, and Gigi Bocek.  
Not pictured: Caleb Maeda and Eric Ewoldt.  
[Photo credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas]

The Twin Cities JACL's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington. The following 2019 high school graduates were honored during the program:

**Grace Bocek** (PIMArts High School)  
**Jack Dagoberg** (Wayzata High School)  
**Marissa Dulas** (Edina High School)  
**Erik Ewoldt** (Burnsville High School)  
**Danielle Honda** (Mounds Park Academy)  
**Caleb Maeda** (Rosemount High School)  
**Micah Maeda** (Rosemount High School)  
**Miki Rierson** (The Blake School)  
**Alyssa Romportl** (Osseo High School)  
**Sam Sikkink** (Hopkins High School)  
**Mari Thompson** (Eastview High School)  
**Rina Yamamoto** (White Bear Lake Area High School)

Graduates and guests were greeted by Twin Cities JACL Chapter president, Amy Dickerson. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

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Scholarship awards totaled \$18,800. The following scholarships were awarded:

Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship – **Alyssa Romportl**

Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship – **Mari Thompson**

Annie Sakai Girard Memorial Scholarship – **Miki Rierson**

Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship – **Eric Ewoldt**

Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship – **Sam Sikkink**

Minoru and Mary Yoshida Memorial Scholarship – **Micah Maeda**

Twin Cities JACL Scholarship – **Caleb Maeda**

Bill Doi Memorial Scholarship – **Gigi Bocek**

Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship – **Marissa Dulas**

Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship – **Jack Dagoberg**

Reiko H. Ohno Memorial Scholarship – **Danielle Honda**

Phyllis Takekawa Memorial Scholarship – **Rina Yamamoto**

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2019 graduates!

If you know of any 2020 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org). Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2020 high school graduates are: Jourdan Cole (Jefferson High School), Hannah Hintermeister (Richfield High School), Samantha Kraby, Henry Noma, Samuel Ogata (White Bear Lake Area High School), Christian Restad (Roseville Area High School).

If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships, please contact [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org). Donations may be sent to TC JACL Scholarship c/o Fred Tsuchiya, 5311 Scenic Heights Drive, Minnetonka, MN, 55345.

## **24 years of Scholarship Committee service – Celebrating Connie**

The Twin Cities JACL Scholarship Committee would like to express their gratitude to Connie Tsuchiya for her many years of service. Connie joined the JACL Scholarship Committee in 1995. She assumed the role of the committee financial officer, holding that role until last year when she passed it on to Fred Tsuchiya. Connie's unfaltering organizational skills and passion for encouraging young people to pursue their dreams connected her to more than 250 scholarship awards over the years.

Thank you, Connie! We will miss you!

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Want to recommend a young person for a Twin Cities JACL Scholarship?  
We would like to identify current  
high school, middle school, elementary school, and pre-school students!

Please send the  
name, address, high school graduation year  
of your  
child / niece / nephew / grandchild / friend  
to

[scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org)

Once received, their name will be added to the scholarship database  
and they will receive an application during their senior year.

## Graduate Scholarship Applications Available in September

The Twin Cities JACL is pleased to announce the availability of two graduate level scholarships to be awarded later this year.

Scholarship applications are available to students currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational program and students who are currently enrolled in a graduate level program.

As part of their application, students are required to write an essay describing their program and how their education will be leveraged in the future.

Applications are due 15 October 2019.

For more information, please contact [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org)

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## TC JACL Book Club News

Les and Karen Suzukamo hosted the TC JACL book club meeting and potluck dinner on Saturday the May 18, 2019. The book discussed was *No-No Boy*.



Based on the author's own experiences, this award-winning novel was the first to tell the story of the evacuation, relocation, and dispersal of Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War.

"This quiet novel burns in your hand." -- "Washington Post

Elaine Koyama, Rachel Matsumoto, Linda Marek, Sylvia Farrells, Karen Tanaka Lucas., Gloria Kumagai, Amy Dickerson, Carolyn Nayematsu, Les and Karen Suzukamo participated in the book club discussion. Thanks Karen and Les for hosting the book club meeting!

The next two books the book club will be discussing are: *Obasan* by Joy Kogawa in late August or early September



*Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son, and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance* by Marsha Aizumi on November 9, 2019. Marsha is the TC JACL Chrysanthemum Banquet guest speaker. We are scheduling book club meeting after the banquet.

"Marsha shares her journey from fear and uncertainty to acceptance, support, and unconditional love of Aiden as he reconciled his gender identity...I recommend their co-written memoir *Two Spirits, One Heart*."—George Takei

In the first book of its kind, mother, educator, and LGBT activist Marsha Aizumi shares her compelling story of parenting a young woman who came out as a lesbian, then transitioned to male. *Two Spirits, One Heart*

chronicles Marsha's personal journey from fear, uncertainty, and sadness to eventual unconditional love, acceptance, and support of her child who struggled to reconcile his gender identity. Told with honesty and warmth, this book is a must-read for parents and loved ones of LGBT individuals everywhere.



"A pioneering work on the history of Japanese Americans during WWII—an instant classic."

— **TETSUDEN KASHIMA** AUTHOR OF *JUDGMENT WITHOUT TRIAL*

"*American Sutra* tells the story of how Japanese American Buddhist families like mine survived the wartime incarceration. Their loyalty was questioned, their freedom taken away, but their spirit could never be broken. A must-read for anyone interested in the implacable quest for civil liberties, social and racial justice, religious freedom, and American belonging."

— **GEORGE TAKEI** ACTOR, DIRECTOR, AND ACTIVIST

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## Japanese Cooking Classes

By Gloria Kumagai

In February, the chapter held its second cooking class conducted by Rachel Matsumoto. The first class was held in August 2018 during which Rachel taught us how to make udon suki and different kinds of sushi, such as– rolls and Spam musubi. This time, we learned how to make a somen salad, sushi using brown rice – it's supposed to be healthier – and Chinese roast pork buns using refrigerated buttermilk biscuits! Attendees always have fun trying their hands at sushi rolling and eating what they make.

These classes are free to chapter members. Non-chapter members pay a fee. We have gotten new memberships and renewals from attendees. We plan on offering a cooking class this summer. Our cooking classes are a fun way to connect with other chapter members and enjoy an afternoon of eating homemade Japanese food.





## Tomodachi

# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Senior Luncheon

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

Hibachi Buffet  
111 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN  
612-825-3099  
<http://hibachibuffetmn.com>

Located 1 block west of 35W on the south side of East Lake Street.  
There is a large parking lot specifically for the restaurant.

*This is a good excuse to visit with your long-time friends in a community appreciation event! **You don't have to be a member to attend.***

\*\*\*If you are 75 years of age or older (75 in 2019) you will be our guest free of charge. Nikkei Project, JACL and Twin Cities Buddhist Assn. members, spouses, relatives and friends under 75 years old are welcome to join us. Buffet lunch is **\$12.00** which includes beverage/tax/tip.

**For reservations call or email Connie Tsuchiya: 952-975-0047**  
**Email: [ctsuchiya@comcast.net](mailto:ctsuchiya@comcast.net)**

**This event is co-sponsored once again by the Twin Cities JACL, Nikkei Project and the Twin Cities Buddhist Association**

No individual invitations are being sent. Information is distributed by email, newsletters, flyers and word of mouth.

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### "Honor Before Glory: The Epic WWII Story of the Japanese American Contribution to the Allied Campaigns in Italy and France"

by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

The Twin Cities JACL, in collaboration with the World War II History Round Table (WWII HRT) and Historic Fort Snelling/Minnesota Historical Society (HFS/MNHS), co-sponsored a program on the Japanese American contribution to the European campaigns during World War II on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center.

Retired Col. Don Patton and Steve Anderson of the WWII HRT and Tom Pfannenstiel and Nancy Cass of HFS/MNHS were instrumental in organizing this program with the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee. Funding was provided by the WWII HRT and by the Les and Karen Suzukamo and Miyamoto Family Funds of the Twin Cities JACL.

The invited speaker, Scott McGaugh, began his presentation by setting the stage in the "bigger story" surrounding the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team/100th Infantry Battalion during World War II. In his home state of California, he shared examples that fed the anti-Asian sentiment on the west coast prior to World War II, including the San Francisco school board segregation mandate for students of Japanese descent in the early 1900's, and discriminatory legislation that prevented "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from purchasing and leasing property, since Japanese nationals were not allowed by law to become naturalized citizens.



to Schofield Barracks and downgraded to 4-C status, the designation for enemy aliens ineligible for the draft. In June 1942, the segregated 100th Infantry Battalion was formed, and the soldiers were sent to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin before deploying to the European Theater in August 1943.



In Hawaii, after reinstatement of the draft in October 1940, several thousand young men joined the 298th and 299th Regiments of the Hawaii National Guard. Half of the regiment, or about 1,400 draftees, were Americans of Japanese descent. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the 298th and 299th Regiments were federalized, armed, and sent to defend the Hawaiian Islands against a potential invasion by the Japanese military. Japanese Americans serving in those regiments were later sent

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In February 1943, one year following Executive Order 9066, another order was issued to create the segregated 442nd Regimental Combat Team, over objections by Secretary of War Henry Stimson, who did not believe that American-born

Japanese could be trusted. General George Marshall believed that they would be loyal. Ironically, at that time, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated, "Americanism is not and never was a matter of race or ancestry." Between 4,000 and 5,000 men were needed, but the Pentagon was overwhelmed with the response. Ten thousand young men volunteered from Hawaii, and another 1,500 young men volunteered from the incarceration camps. For basic training, the recruits were sent to a hastily constructed facility at Camp Shelby in Mississippi that was strictly for the 442nd.



The 442nd was composed of two distinct units: the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion. The 100th would eventually become the 1st Battalion of the 442nd in June 1944. The units were commanded by white officers who became fierce advocates for Japanese American soldiers, impressed by their dedication to duty and honor before glory.



The 100th, involved in the 1st Italian Campaign, most notably the Battle of Monte Cassino, arrived in Italy with 1,300 men, but returned with only 600 men. While accomplishing every single mission, taking every hill and every town, it was there that the 100th became known as the "Purple Heart Battalion" for earning over 900 Purple Hearts. Newsreels played in theaters in the U.S. focused on their accomplishments. But it was also there that resentment began to build as to the assignments they were given.

In the Vosges Mountains of eastern France, the gateway to Germany, no army had ever penetrated its rugged terrain against a dug-in army since the days of Julius Caesar. On October 24, 1944, the 1st Battalion of the 141st Texas Regiment traveled 6 miles up a logging road, overextending themselves with only one day's rations, and became surrounded and trapped by German troops on a ridge. A rescue mission for the 275 soldiers by other battalions of the 141st failed the next day, and on October 26, the 442nd/100th was called after serving two weeks of intense combat in the foothills. They were exhausted, undermanned and undersupplied, and given only 24 hours of rest, even though they were promised five days of respite. In addition,

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the battle logs showed that there were other divisions in the area.

What the 442nd/100th did not know at the time was that in the Vosges Mountains, there were 700 German soldiers dug in, with another German 2,000 reinforcements on the way. The Japanese American soldiers had to climb 45 degree slopes and endure one of the coldest winters on record in heavily forested terrain while fighting in the rain and snow without winter gear, and using the only route, a logging road that became muddy and impassable with their tanks.

During the entire week of combat, the 442nd/100th lost one man every 30 minutes, 24-hours a day. Major General John Dahlquist was the commanding officer whom the commanding officers of the 442nd/100th battalions were at odds with, and even refused orders even though they risked insubordination.



On the morning of Oct. 30, Mutt Sakumoto, who was on a scouting expedition with 9 others, followed a communications wire that eventually led to the "Lost Battalion," where 211 men were rescued. The next day, photographs taken of the rescued 141st Battalion commanding officer Lt. Martin Higgins did not include members of the 442nd/100th. Instead, undermanned and undersupplied, they were commanded to continue to fight one more mile to the end of the ridge that was the initial objective of the "Lost Battalion."

In the aftermath of the Vosges Campaign, the 442nd suffered 1,400 casualties and lost 350 men. Every Medal of Honor nomination was downgraded with no explanation. Despite the 442nd/100th becoming the most decorated regiment of its size in World War II, suffering a 300% casualty rate, when the soldiers returned, they came home to a mixed reaction.

It took years for acknowledgment and recognition to be given. In 2000, twenty-one 442nd/100th soldiers had their previous awards upgraded to Medals of Honor, but only seven were alive to receive them. In 2010, the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest award bestowed by the U.S.

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Congress, was awarded to surviving servicemen; only 5,000 of the 33,000 Japanese Americans who served in WWII had survived to receive their long over-due honor.

Following McGaugh's presentation, retired Minnesota Military Museum curator, Doug Bekke, moderated a panel discussion of three Japanese American veterans who shared their experiences during World War II. Panelists were Dr. Paul Shimizu, Ed Yoshikawa and Bud Nakasone.

Dr. Paul Shimizu, aged 98 years, served in the 442nd RCT, H Company, 2nd Battalion, and experienced combat in Italy and France in all of the major campaigns, including in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion," the "Champaign Campaign,"

and the final push against the Gothic Line north of Rome and south of the Po Valley in Italy. Ed Yoshikawa, aged 93 years, served in the 442nd 2nd Battalion H Company as a replacement while his family was incarcerated at Tule Lake and Topaz. Bud Nakasone, aged 91 years, witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor as a young boy from his home on Oahu, trained at Fort Snelling at the Military Intelligence Service Language School in the 1st Cav. Div., and served in Japan after World War II during the Occupation.

U.S. Army Four-Star General Paul Nakasone, son of Bud Nakasone, and recently appointed to serve as commander of the U.S Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service, honored the audience by concluding the program with a few remarks and acknowledgment of the service of our veterans.

The video of the presentation can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/-npRO-gxJhc>. Unfortunately, there were technical difficulties during the recording of the panel. Substituted in the video are segments from past panels in which Japanese American veterans shared their World War II experiences.

Scott McGaugh is a veteran journalist and marketing director of the USS Midway Museum, based in the harbor at San Diego, California. In addition to writing "Honor Before Glory," he is the author of "Battlefield Angels," "Surgeon in Blue," and several books on the USS Midway. The USS Midway is the most-visited naval ship museum in the world.

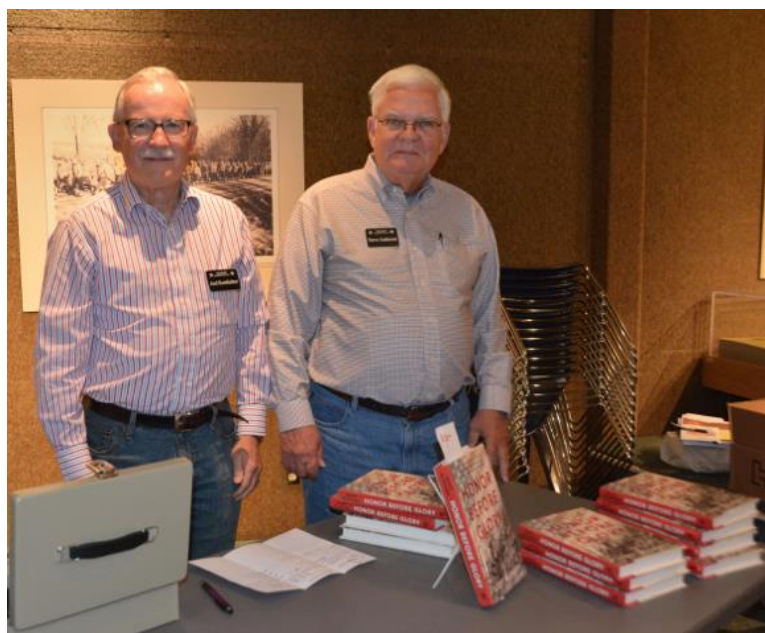


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Note about the book: "Honor Before Glory" is a superbly-written page-turner, containing a day-by-day chronicle of events with excellent maps, photographs, after-action reports, and excerpts of memories taken from video-recorded,



written, and in-person interviews of Japanese American servicemen, American officers, German officers, and others. Although the book recounts the single rescue mission from October 24-30, 1944, it tells the larger story of the remarkable Japanese American soldiers who disregarded racial injustice and discrimination to serve with honor, dignity and distinction. The book also sheds light on the postwar debate of whether the Japanese American soldiers were used as expendable "cannon fodder" or were relied upon for their tenacity and fierce fighting abilities. Author Scott McGaugh compiled his extensive research into an inspiring tribute to the heroism of the 442nd/100th soldiers and their sacrifice for a greater cause.

Another note: A feature article about Ed Yoshikawa's World War II experiences was published in the

October 19, 2018 issue of Sun ThisWeek, titled "Apple Valley man a panelist at event honoring Japanese American veterans" (visit: [https://www.hometownsource.com/sun\\_thisweek/community/apple\\_valley/apple-valley-man-a-panelist-at-event-honoring-japanese-american/article\\_b84cd2b0-d2fb-11e8-b34a-d7731b2438c8.html](https://www.hometownsource.com/sun_thisweek/community/apple_valley/apple-valley-man-a-panelist-at-event-honoring-japanese-american/article_b84cd2b0-d2fb-11e8-b34a-d7731b2438c8.html))

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## Recent Articles

Ret. Col. Don Patton, Executive Director of the World War II History Round Table, shared the articles below from the *Joint Force Quarterly*, issue 92, 1st Quarter 2019.

General Paul M. Nakasone, a four-star general in the U.S. Army, currently serves as the commander of U.S. Cyber Command. In addition, he concurrently serves as the director of the National Security Agency and as chief of the Central Security Service.

1. An Interview with Paul M. Nakasone"

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### An Interview with Paul M. Nakasone

*By William T. Eliason*

Commander of U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) General Paul Nakasone offers his insights in this fascinating interview. Nakasone explains the foundational concepts of cyber warfare and a few of the challenges he faces leading our defense of cyberspace. He outlines the role of the Joint Force and the key partnerships in government and the private sector which enhance our warfighting capabilities. Perhaps his greatest challenge is to constantly upgrade these capabilities by recruiting, training and retaining a world-class force. Superiority in cyberspace is ephemeral, says Nakasone, and the competition for talent never seems to get any easier.



### A Cyber Force for Persistent Operations

*By Paul M. Nakasone*

Persistent engagement and forward defense are two key concepts in this article by General Paul Nakasone, Commander of USCYBERCOM. This means remaining in constant contact with adversaries while operating as close to them as possible. The idea is to support the National Security Strategy and protect the DOD Information Network while denying advantage to adversaries so the Joint Force can conduct secure operations. Although cyberspace represents a new strategic environment, Nakasone says USCYBERCOM is maturing as a combatant command, transitioning from force generation to sustained readiness for persistent engagement with cyber adversaries.



## Rice Paper

Here are links to articles about three Japanese American members of our community who recently passed away.

Albert Yamamoto:

<https://www.twincities.com/2015/08/01/as-an-american-teen-minnesota-man-witnessed-world-war-ii-in-japan/>

### Albert Takeshi Yamamoto

Obituary published in the *Star Tribune* March 3, 2019



Yamamoto, Albert Takeshi Age 91 of Otsego passed away February 27, 2019. He is preceded in death by parents, Kyumatsu and Haruko Yamamoto and Yuriko and Yasuhisa Jyoko. He is survived by wife of 57 years, Harri son, Richard; daughters, Joyce and Karen and 4 grandchildren. Also survived by brother, Martin and

Reiko Sumada:

<http://www.startribune.com/reiko-taguchi-sumada-who-survived-internment-camp-and-made-a-life-in-minnesota-dies-at-92/507565952/>

### Reiko Taguchi 'Rei' Sumada

Obituary published in the *Star Tribune* March 24, 2019



Sumada, Reiko "Rei" Taguchi Reiko died on Mar. She was born in 1926 in Seattle, WA, the youngest children. Her family was interned at the Minidok Relocation Center during the Second World War. moved to Rochester, MN where she completed hi She graduated from the University of Minnesota,

Ed Yoshikawa:

[https://www.hometownsource.com/sun\\_thisweek/community/apple\\_valley/apple-valley-man-a-panelist-at-event-honoring-japanese-american/article\\_b84cd2b0-d2fb-11e8-b34a-d7731b2438c8.html](https://www.hometownsource.com/sun_thisweek/community/apple_valley/apple-valley-man-a-panelist-at-event-honoring-japanese-american/article_b84cd2b0-d2fb-11e8-b34a-d7731b2438c8.html)

### Edward K. Yoshikawa

Obituary published in the *Star Tribune* April 14, 2019



Yoshikawa, Edward K. Age 94, died April 7, 2019 at hon in Apple Valley. Survived by Pearl, his wife of 71 years; 4 sisters; 3 children; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Born in Sacramento CA, he proudly serv in the Japanese American 442 Regiment in WWII while l family was interned at Tule Lake. He worked for

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