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FRIENDS & FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS

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MID-YEAR GREETINGS!

Hoping that 2018 has been a productive and joyful year thus far for all our FFNV supporters. Please enjoy the short notes and photos submitted by our members in this issue.

Along with this abbreviated issue of our newsletter please find the registration materials and information for the Las Vegas Reunion. The deadline seems so far away at September 15, but as you all know, time passes quickly, so be sure to turn in those forms as soon as you can!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On May 19, Armed Forces Day approximately 75 people gathered at Roberts Park in Oakland for the annual FFNV memorial service to honor and pay respect to veterans of all wars. The attendees included three 442nd Regimental Combat Team (442 RCT) veterans, widows, family and friends. While most were returning participants, many others joined in because they were attracted by the reverberating sounds of the upbeat performance by the Band of the West.

Warm camaraderie was enjoyed amidst the majestic redwood trees including one planted by E Company veterans of the 442nd RCT in dedication to fallen fellow soldiers.

Tom Graves served as Master of Ceremonies, Berkeley Scout Troop posted and retired the colors, Rev. Harry Bridges offered prayers and Lawson Sakai (442nd RCT, E Co) delivered the welcome address and message.

Following the service, everyone enjoyed a bountiful potluck picnic.

MITCHELL T. MAKI, PH.D.

Dr. Mitchell T. Maki is the President and CEO of Go For Broke National Education Center, a non-profit organization committed to maintaining and contemporarily applying the legacy of the World War II Nisei veterans. Dr. Maki is nationally recognized as a leader in the Japanese American community. He is the lead author of the award-winning book, *Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Obtained Redress*, a detailed case study of the passage of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act. Dr. Maki has spoken nationally and internationally on numerous occasions to groups interested in the redress movement and is recognized as one of the leading scholars on the Japanese American redress movement.

GRATEFUL CRANE ENSEMBLE

"Performing out of Gratitude"

Established in Los Angeles in 2001, the Grateful Crane Ensemble is a non-profit theater group that pays tribute to the unique hardships and inspiring contributions of Japanese Americans in our country's history and continues the traditions of our Japanese ancestry through educational and entertaining works of music and theater to the Nikkei and broader communities.

Through popular shows such as "The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories," "Nihonmachi: The Place to Be," and "Misora Hibari: A Tribute to a Legend," Grateful Crane educates, enlightens and entertains our community about who we are and where we come from, and honors our elders for paving the way for all of us to follow.

442nd VETERAN ROY FUJIWARA TURNS 100

Tom Graves

FFNV Member Roy Fujiwara, a decorated World War II veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday February 15, 2018, with family and friends in Honolulu. Dinner at Honolulu's historic Natsumoya Tea House (coincidentally founded by another, unrelated Fujiwara) included presentation of numerous tributes



to the new centenarian, including birthday wishes from the FFNV, the US Congress, Hawaii Governor David Ige, NJAHS, Japanese American Veterans Association

(JAVA) and the Mayors of Seattle and Honolulu, his old and new hometowns.

Roy has a history of throwing his own birthday parties (with help from Tod and many friends), at which he displays his own collection of 442nd history, pointing to maps and urging his guests to "get more to eat!"

Sandra Tanamachi, who traveled to Honolulu from Texas, joined with other FFNV members to celebrate Roy's milestone. Margaret and Gaye Miyasaki, Peggy and Mike Mizumoto and Ellen Sawamura helped Tod and Roy prepare the celebration. Becky Saeger and Tom Graves arrived from San Francisco (after their plane lost an engine over the Pacific) in time to

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miss the days of work leading up to the party.

Although he claimed he was worn out by the party, Roy, Tod and a half dozen friends continued the celebration at a brewpub. Roy entertained the crowd, including several young veterans. A WWII museum next door had just closed, but reopened when word reached them about the 442nd veteran. Roy toured the museum with its director, adding his own insight to events seven decades ago. By midnight, Roy was still talking but his considerably younger party guests were fading. After Roy promised to return to the museum for a video interview, the group headed for their cars on the empty street and the museum director turned off the lights.

Roy met and married Sei Kanogawa, who passed away in 2012. In addition to the Congressional Gold Medal, Roy also earned the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Roy's two brothers also served in the US Army, including one in the 442nd.

Roy may not be ready to divulge the secret to his longevity, but the 100-year-old fully embraces a "glass half full" attitude, and those who know Roy always think of him with an impish grin lighting up his face. His broad grin and love of life must also have a lot to do with reaching the 100-year milestone.

Happy Birthday Roy from your FFNV family!



PAPERLESS OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE

If you would prefer to receive your copy of the FFNV Newsletter by email (this would eliminate clutter on your table and save FFNV the cost of the postage as well as printing supplies, not to mention that it could be stored on your computer for you to look at whenever you wish!), please send an email to us at: FFNVnewsletter@gmail.com. You will also receive other future correspondence by email such as the Reunion registration materials.

Your name and address will remain on our mailing list. If you would like to be removed to our mailing list, please email us at the same address: FFNVnewsletter@gmail.com.

Please let us know of any changes to your address or if you know someone who should be added on to our list. Thanks for your help!

THANK YOU, DOMO ARIGATO

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up for paperless correspondence. You are helping FFNV to save between \$0.75 to \$1.00 per issue, per mailing! You are also saving our small cast of volunteers much time spent on stamping, sealing, folding, printing, and preparing these mailings! Thank you!



FOR UP-TO-DATE REUNION INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT **FFNV.ORG** OR FIND THE "FFNV" GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

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Annual Nisei Veterans' Reunion

California Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada

October 14-18, 2018

Reunion Schedule

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Arrive and settle in. Be sure to come by the *FFNV Hospitality Room* and pick up your name tag and visit. There will be free time to spend with veterans and friends, attend 1 or 2 banquets, go shopping, play in the casino, enjoy a slot tournament, try new restaurants, visit the Strip, sightsee, see a show, try your luck at Bingo, relax and have a good time. The 100th Battalion will have a separate Hospitality Room and invites you to come by.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Welcome Banquet is dinner open to everyone and is a casual sit-down dinner in the Ohana and Maile Rooms. The menu is mixed plate that includes a house salad, yuzu miso salmon, island style short ribs, carrots, and potatoes, dessert and coffee/tea or a Vegetarian plate for \$50 per person.

The program will include a presentation on by Mitch Maki, President and CEO of Go for Broke National Education Center. Please see his bio in the newsletter.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

An open day to relax or include as much activity as possible. Enjoy!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Farewell Banquet will be a sit-down luncheon at 11 am in the Ohana and Maile Rooms. The menu is a mixed plate that includes a caesar salad, huli chicken, chinese style spareribs, asparagus, macaroni salad, rice, dessert and coffee/tea or a Vegetarian plate for \$50 per person.

The program will include a performance by the Grateful Crane Ensemble. Please see more information about the theater group in the newsletter.

Reunion Registration & Hotel Information

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REUNION REGISTRATION:

A \$10 registration fee is required for any reunion activity or the Hospitality Room where there will be food and drinks available. Pick up your name tag on arrival at the Hospitality suite which you should wear to all activities. The location of the FFNV Hospitality Room will be posted on a bulletin board next to the elevators for each of the two buildings.

REUNION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: *Please complete and mail your registration so it arrives by **September 15, 2018.***

HOTEL ROOMS:

We have reserved a block of rooms for the reunion at the California Hotel. *Reservations must be made directly by calling the hotel.* You can book any time from now until the deadline.

Hawaii Hotel Package @ the California Hotel, 12 E. Ogden Avenue, Las Vegas, NV

GROUP NAME:	FRIENDS & FAMILY OF NISEI VETS
GROUP CODE:	A8CECOM
TOLL FREE NUMBER:	1-800-634-6255
DEADLINE TO RESERVE:	SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

DATES: For arrival on Sunday, October 14, 2018. No Saturday arrivals.

Hawaiian Package includes room, tax, and meal coupons for number of days booked.

4 nights - \$350/double or \$258/single

3 nights - \$320/double or \$235/single

2 nights - \$280/double or \$205/single

** Additional nights after 4 nights @ \$80 plus 13% room tax

** 48 hour notice required for changes or cancels

DEPOSIT: \$50 deposit on a credit card

SPECIAL REQUESTS: You may make requests for a handicap room, special location, non-smoking, adjoining rooms, etc. Veterans or those who have trouble walking may ask for a room in the West tower near the elevator to be closer to the Hospitality Room.

VOLUNTEERS: The reunion is operated solely by volunteers. We welcome anyone who is willing to help for a few hours to make the reunion a success for our veterans. Please sign up on the registration sheet to be mailed in or in the main Hospitality Room at the reunion

FLASH SALE!!

All logo items will be 20% off on Sunday, October 14. (shirts, caps, apron, totes, coins, pens). Regular prices will return for the remainder of the reunion. Shop early!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS (FFNV) REGISTRATION FORM LAS VEGAS REUNION - OCTOBER 14-18, 2018

Print the first and last name of each person registering so we may make a name tag which is needed for all reunion activities. Please use a second sheet or continue on the back if more space is needed.

NAMES 1 _____
 2 _____
 3 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your Affiliation to 442nd /100th/MIS: Veteran Family Friend Other

In case of emergency, contact _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATION (REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY REUNION ACTIVITY)

\$10 per person x _____ participant = \$ _____

WELCOME BANQUET (OPTIONAL) - Enjoy a casual get together and interesting speakers DINNER ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, @ 6pm in the Ohana & Maile Rooms on the mezzanine floor.

NAMES 1 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____
 2 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____
 3 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____

FAREWELL BANQUET - Our main banquet with speakers, entertainment and a raffle. LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, @ 11 am in the Ohana & Maile Rooms on the mezzanine floor.

NAMES 1 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____
 2 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____
 3 _____ Mixed Plate Vegetarian x \$50 = \$ _____

VOLUNTEERS - Please fill in info if you would like to volunteer to help in the Hospitality Room.

NAMES 1 _____ Day/Time preferred _____ Email _____
 2 _____ Day/Time preferred _____ Email _____

ROSTER - At the reunion, we distribute a roster showing the name, address, phone and e-mail of those attending.

If you prefer your name only be listed but no other information, please sign and date below.

I want only my name shown on the reunion roster. Signed _____ Date _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2018** **TOTAL \$ _____**

You may pay for everything with one check. Total all items and **make your check payable to FFNV** and mail to
FFNV REUNION, c/o JANET ITO, 3015 CLOUDCREST ROAD, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214.

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