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# MIS VETERANS

## Club By-law Amendments Approved

MIS Veterans Club members unanimously approved several amendments to the organization's by-laws, at a special general membership meeting in June.

The meeting was held at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Education Center, made available through Lloyd Kitaoka, center president.

A key change was modifying the categories of membership to maintain the club's status as a tax-exempt war veterans' organization. The new by-laws now identify the club as an "association" rather than a "corporation," a change that will allow more flexibility in State of Hawaii reporting requirements.

The members approved a strategic plan that sets forth goals and programs for the 2014-2019 period.

Both documents are available on the club website ([misveteranshawaii.com](http://misveteranshawaii.com)).

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Bonenkai  
2014

Sunday  
October 26  
Natsunoya  
Tea House

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## President's Message

I would like to thank all MIS veterans and associate members who attended the special membership meeting on June 25, 2014, at the 100th Infantry Battalion Education Center in Honolulu. At this meeting, members endorsed the 2014-2019 MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii Strategic Plan and adopted several amendments to our club's by-laws. Both will allow our club to implement the vision, mission, and goals established in the plan and to reorganize the governance structure under a non-profit, unincorporated association, while maintaining our club's recognition by the Internal Revenue Service as a "war veterans," tax-exempt organization.

I would also like to invite all members to contribute to the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC)/Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) combined fund-raising "Opportunity Drawing" for a 2014 Honda Accord hybrid car. Flyers announcing this drawing on September 27, 2014, in Los Angeles, were recently mailed to all club members to request tickets for this drawing. With your support, this activity will raise much-needed funds for both the NVLC in Hawaii and the GFBNEC in Los Angeles.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lawrence Enomoto



## Veterans Remembered on Memorial Day

MIS Veterans Club members, joined by Boy Scouts of Troop 37, Cub Scouts from Pack 197, and American Heritage Girls Troop 1, placed flowers on the graves of fallen MIS veterans for Memorial Day. The event was organized by George Arine.

Volunteers were (front row, from left): Abigail Calderwood, Noah Yoshimoto, Elijah Calderwood, Noel Yoshimoto, and Noah Calderwood. Back row: Karen Kikukawa, Kenzo Kanemoto, Mark Matsunaga, Emery Inafuku, Noah Youtz, David Youtz, George Arine, Nick Sweet, Joshua Sweet, Caleb Calderwood, and Bob Calderwood. Not pictured: Edgar and Helen Hamasu, Hiroko Arine, Calvin Sumida, and Richard Nishi.

# Search for Lost Blaisdell Memorial

When the Honolulu International Center was dedicated on September 12, 1964, it was dedicated as a memorial to Hawaii's war veterans.

On that day, Governor John A. Burns and Honolulu Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell unveiled a plaque with this inscription: "Honolulu International Center: Dedicated to all the sons and daughters of Hawaii who served their country in time of war and in special tribute to those who gave their lives in order that freedom and justice might prevail throughout the world."

A lot has happened in the half-century since. The HIC is now known as the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. There's a multi-story parking lot, meeting rooms, and a box office.

The landscape has changed. The Caldwell administration recently announced plans for the redevelopment of the NBC grounds.

And the memorial to the war veterans has disappeared. The plaque is gone, forgotten along with memories of the center's designation as a memorial.

Tanya Harrison has embarked on a mission to locate the missing plaque, identify people who remember the occasion, and rededicate the NBC as a war memorial. She has enlisted the support of veterans groups and others to aid in her goals.

If you have information on the memorial, or want to learn more, visit [blaisdellmemorialproject.org](http://blaisdellmemorialproject.org)

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## Awards Information Sought

The Japanese American Veterans Association is seeking the names of MIS award recipients for its national database.

The information being sought includes the name of the recipient, award, and unit presenting the award. If you can provide this information on behalf of a family member or friend, please add your contact information.

Examples of individual awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star or Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation awarded to an assigned unit, a foreign government award, or a letter of commendation.

Provide direct the information to Terry Shima of JAVA, at [ttshima@comcast.net](mailto:ttshima@comcast.net)

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## Scholarship Recipient Announced

Malgorzata Citko, a University of Hawaii graduate student majoring in Japanese, is the scholarship recipient of the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii and Makiki Japanese Language School scholarship for 2013-14.

The scholarships are open to any UH graduate or undergraduate student seeking to perpetuate the Japanese language and culture. Preference is given to students who plan careers teaching the Japanese language.

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## Ishimoto's Building 640 Speech on YouTube

Arthur Ishimoto, retired Air Force major general and MIS veteran, delivered the keynote address at the opening ceremony for the Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center at the Presidio of San Francisco.

His speech can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVZauc-KAAQ>

More commonly known as Building 640, the site served as the first training center for Nisei linguists, who began Japanese language studies weeks before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The building has been preserved and developed as a learning center by the National Japanese American Historical Society.

General Ishimoto spoke of the many contributions of the MIS during World War II. Repeating a theme he raised in a panel discussion last year, he made a point of noting that the MIS were "not just interpreters." After the war, he went on to serve as commander of the Hawaii National Guard and adjutant general of the Hawaii Department of Defense. He achieved the highest rank of all Japanese American veterans of World War II.

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## Club Officers Nominated

Nominations have been made for incoming officers and directors of the MIS Veterans Club. The election will take place at the Bonenkai in October.

Nominees are: president, Lawrence Enomoto; first vice president, George Arine; second vice president, Glen Arakaki; secretary, Karen Kikukawa; treasurer, Gale Wilson; and auditor, Harry Kawaoka.

Directors (2014-2015): James Moy, Gregg Hirata, Mark Matsunaga, and David Sakai. Director (2015): Yoshinobu Oshiro. Director (2015-2016): Sherman Takao. Directors (2014): Ted Tsukiyama, Yoshinobu Oshiro, Tammy Kubo, Glen Arakaki, and Sherman Takao.

In accordance with the club's by-laws, five directors are elected for a term of two years and five directors are elected for a term of one year. At the expiration of the initial term of office of each director, his or her successor is elected to serve a two-year term.

"Forget the Year!"

MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii's

# Bonenkai 2014

Sunday, October 26, 2014

11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Natsunoya Tea House

1935 Makanani Drive (Alewa Heights)

Valet parking from 10:30 a.m.

## Complete & Mail Your RESERVATIONS by Oct 10

Return this form to:

**MIS Veterans Club**  
**P.O. Box 3021**  
**Honolulu, HI 96802**

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**MIS Veterans Club**

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**Friday, October 10**

## MIS Reps Swing Bats for Goodwill

MIS Veterans Club past presidents George Arine and Edgar Hamasu joined a number of World War II veterans from the United States and Japan for goodwill softball games in Japan this past April.

The game began in 2007, the idea of Kazo Watanabe, who is a former World War II pilot and retired Diet member. U.S. veterans hosted the

Japanese in Honolulu for the first game that year. The event has been held several times since. The U.S. veterans represented organizations from across the nation.

The five-day trip included visits to several cities. Among the highlights were visits to Tokyo, Nagasaki, and Hiroshima and a contest with elementary school children in Hiroshima.

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## MIS Club Calendar

### Joint Memorial Service

Sunday, September 28  
8:30 a.m.  
National Memorial Cemetery  
of the Pacific (Punchbowl)

### Bonenkai

Sunday, October 26  
11:30 a.m.  
Natsunoya Tea House

### Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7  
10:00 a.m.  
Masa's Cafeteria

### Shinenkai

Sunday, January 25, 2015  
11:30 a.m.  
Pomaikai Ballrooms (Dole Cannery)

## Notes & Reminders

**Donations Welcome.** The club welcomes donations to help support our activities and efforts to preserve the legacy of service of our MIS veterans. Please send your donations to our mailing address.

**Got E-Mail?** E-mail enables us to notify you of upcoming events and send last-minute reminders about our activities. Please help improve communication by sharing your e-mail address with us. Send it to: <misveteranshawaii@gmail.com>.

**Membership Current?** Don't forget to renew your membership to the MIS Veterans Club. Dues are \$20.00 a calendar year, renewable at the beginning of the year. Send your dues to the club at P.O. Box 3021, Honolulu, Hawaii 96802.

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