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THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Log No: \_\_\_\_\_

For Legislature's Use Only

Type of Grant Request:

GRANT REQUEST - OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST - CAPITAL

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): \_\_\_\_\_

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN): \_\_\_\_\_

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:  
Nisei Veterans Legacy Center  
Dba: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2476  
Honolulu, HI 96804

2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:

Name WESLEY DEGUCHI

Title President

Phone # (808) 971-1060

Fax # (808) 483-3008

E-mail INQUIRE@NVLCHAWAII.ORG

3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- FOR PROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN HAWAII
- LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL
- OTHER

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

THE NISEI VETERANS LEGACY CENTER INTENDS TO UTILIZE REQUESTED FUNDS TO PRESERVE, PERPETUATE AND CONTINUE TO SHARE THE LEGACY OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY (AJA) WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN WORLD WAR II. SPECIFICALLY THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND 1399TH ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BATTALION.

4. FEDERAL TAX ID # \_\_\_\_\_

5. STATE TAX ID # \_\_\_\_\_

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FISCAL YEAR 2018: \$ 100,000.00

8. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)
- EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 FEDERAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTY \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRIVATE/OTHER \$ 50,000.00

TYPE NAME TITLE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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WESLEY DEGUCHI

NAME & TITLE

1/19/17  
DATE SIGNED

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## Application for Grants

*If any item is not applicable to the request, the applicant should enter "not applicable".*

### I. Background and Summary

This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the request in such a way as to provide the State Legislature with a broad understanding of the request.

Please include the following:

1. A brief description of the applicant's background;

Vision statement: A community in which we live by the values of the Nisei veterans.

Mission statement: To preserve, perpetuate and share the legacy of Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) who served in the U.S. armed forces in World War II: the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC), incorporated in 2012, is a non-profit organization as defined under Section 501c3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

It is working in partnership with veterans and descendants of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion.

The NVLC also has the support of the following veteran organizations: 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Foundation.

2. The goals and objectives related to the request;

We are committed to ensuring that future generations learn Hawaii's story of the Nisei soldier legacy as we honor the four World War II units and the men who served in them from throughout our island state.

We are committed to sharing their remarkable life stories, from plantation villages to military service, their driving force behind Statehood and how they re-shaped the social, political and economic fabric of our islands into the vibrant state it is today.

3. The public purpose and need to be served;

It is the belief of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center that the stories of the incredible sacrifices made by the AJA during the course of World War II as well as their significant contributions to our post war society need to be preserved and promoted. It is also our hope that a greater sense of civic responsibility will transpire by promoting community awareness of the values of good citizenship, such as loyalty, gratitude and humility, exemplified by the Nisei veterans.

4. Describe the target population to be served; and

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, through our traveling exhibits and permanent airport exhibits have been primarily targeting Hawaii residents. We have expanded our outreach through a significant investment in a permanent airport exhibit located inside the Interisland Terminal of the Honolulu International Airport. Airport officials estimate that as many as 3 million travelers per year, walk through the area where our exhibit is located and this is one of the main reasons the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, partnered with the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center on this effort. We are also continuing to improve and develop our interactive website to allow even greater access to the tremendous stories of sacrifice of our Nisei Veterans.

5. Describe the geographic coverage.

While the majority of our past efforts have targeted geographic locations primarily within the State of Hawaii, with traveling exhibits on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, we have been increasingly looking at expanding our geographic outreach. The NVLC has been approached by several mainland military museums about possibly sending one of our traveling exhibits to their location and we are currently in the process of scheduling an exhibit to several locations within Japan.

## **II. Service Summary and Outcomes**

The Service Summary shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant's approach to the request. The applicant shall clearly and concisely specify the results, outcomes, and measures of effectiveness from this request. The applicant shall:

1. Describe the scope of work, tasks and responsibilities;
  - a. With private funding and tremendous contributions from volunteers and community service organizations, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has been able to achieve significant milestones in our traveling exhibits. The "Go For Broke Exhibit: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts", were displayed in numerous locations from March 2014 through January of 2015. The specific dates were as follows:
    - i. Hawaii State Capitol, Oahu, Hawaii - March 24-28, 2014
    - ii. University of Hawaii West Oahu - March 31 - April 11, 2014
    - iii. Honolulu Hale, City and County of Honolulu, April 14-25, 2014
    - iv. Maui Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Wailuku, Maui - May 1- June 13, 2014
    - v. 100th Infantry Battalion Clubhouse, Oahu, Hawaii-June 23-July 4, 2014
    - vi. Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center, Oahu, Hawaii - July 14-25, 2014
    - vii. Hawaii Community FCU, Kailua-Kona, HI - August 18 - September 12, 2014
    - viii. Hawaii Japanese Center, Hilo, Hawaii - September 17 - October 10, 2014
    - ix. Central Pacific Bank, Oahu, Hawaii - October 25 - December 6, 2014
    - x. Kauai Veterans Center and Museum, Lihue, Kauai - January 5-30, 2015.

The Go For Broke Exhibit is currently undergoing some repair and updating to add recently acquired items and repair damaged frames.

- b. In the spring of 2015, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center procured the "Unlikely Liberators" exhibit from Mr. Eric Saul. This very moving and emotional exhibit documents the encounters between Nazi concentration camp prisoners and the Nisei soldiers of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion. The NVLC has been able to show this exhibit at the following venues:
  - i. Temple Emanu-El, Oahu, Hawaii - August 20 - September 6, 2015
  - ii. Kahala Mall, Oahu, Hawaii - October 5 - 24, 2015

- iii. Maui Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Wailuku, Maui - November 10, 2015 - January 30, 2016

c. Additionally, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has installed permanent exhibits at:

- i. Central Pacific Bank, Downtown Branch, Honolulu, Hawaii;
- ii. Honolulu International Airport - Concourse to the International Gates;
- iii. Honolulu International Airport - Interisland Terminal - The “Hawaii Nisei Veterans” Exhibit is located at the Honolulu International Airport, Interisland Terminal.

The design and construction of the exhibit was primarily funded by a grant from the Hawaii State Legislature in 2015. A blessing ceremony to open the exhibit was held on October 21, 2016. The permanent wall display has three sections and pays tribute to the Nisei (second generation Japanese Americans) who fought in World War II. The center section showcases a multitude of information. At the top is a world map which illustrates the Nisei’s deployment during WWII. A video monitor adjacent to the map runs a special video, which portrays the story of the Nisei through the eyes of a few veterans and family members.

Information on the four Nisei units, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, is also located in the center section.

Life-like figurines dressed in authentic uniforms, along with military medals and other memorabilia enhance the visual perception of the exhibit.

Large photo murals make up the left and right sections of the exhibit. On the left are black and white images of the Issei or first generation of Japanese American and the Nisei during the war. The photo mural on the right depicts the Nisei’s contributions to Hawaii after the war. It also shows the continuation of their legacy by the Sansei, the next generation.

Connecting all sections is a timeline embedded in the glass display case. Running from left to right, the timeline identifies key dates in the history of Hawaii relevant to the Nisei veterans, beginning

with the first immigration of the Issei from Japan in 1806 to the election of Sansei, Governor Ige in 2014. Photos are attached as Exhibit "A"

- iv. Kahului Airport, Maui, Hawaii - Main Concourse - Planning stage for a permanent exhibit.
- d. The Nisei Veterans Legacy, in conjunction with the Japan America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and Hawaii Tourism Japan (HTJ), is planning to take a photographic exhibit on Japanese Americans in Hawaii to Japan in 2017. The purpose of the exhibit is to improve relations between Japan and Hawaii and foster education and interest in the unique culture of the “Nikkei” (overseas Japanese) in Hawaii. The exhibit venues will focus on those primary prefectures in Japan that most of the original Japanese immigrants (Issei or first generation) immigrated from.

The exhibit will begin its tour in June at the Yokohama Overseas Migration Museum, then move to Fukushima and Tokyo in July. It is tentatively scheduled to appear in Hiroshima in October. Additional locations will be added as funds permit. Showings are being coordinated with visits by the Honolulu-based Kenjin Kai (Prefecture clubs) to spur interest and publicity. In the wake of the recent 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Pearl Harbor attack and the Joint Statement Ceremony with President Obama and Prime Minister Abe, interest in Hawaii and the Japanese American experience is at an all-time high in Japan. The exhibit tour will serve to prime further interest in Hawaii in advance of the 2018 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the initial Japanese immigration to Hawaii.

e. Joint Memorial Service (JMS) - The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is the primary sponsor for the annual Joint Memorial Service, which serves to honor those deceased Americans of Japanese Ancestry who served in World War II. The past year's ceremony was held on September 25, 2016 and was attended by approximately 400 people who represented various military organizations, veterans groups and members of the general public. Following the Joint Memorial Service wreaths are then presented to the Brothers in Valor Monument at Fort DeRussy.

f. The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center's comprehensive website is being continually upgraded as content is prepared. It is our belief that the continued development and upgrading of the website has the potential to have a significant impact on sharing the story of these tremendous Nisei citizens. The primary purpose of the website is to promote a wide ranging awareness of the

Nisei legacy. Stories such as the Nisei's influence and the accomplishments and the profound effect that they had on the United States after the war. In California, more than 500 laws related to civil rights discrimination against Japanese Americans were appealed. In 1954, US citizenship was granted for the Issei (first generation, Japanese immigrants). Executive Order 9066, which singled out Japanese American as "enemy aliens" rescinded by President Gerald Ford in 1976. The military success and war record resulted in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which resulted in reparations payments and a national apology, which was unprecedented in American history.

In Hawaii, the Nisei played an important part in the creation of the Democratic Party and eventual Statehood in 1959. Prominent Nisei leaders like Senator Matsunaga and Senator Inouye helped to shape the social, political and economic fabric of our islands.

It is important that future generations learn about the Nisei story and it is imperative that the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center create and maintain a formidable interactive website so that the story of our veterans can reach a significant audience. Our electronic newsletter is attached as Exhibit "B"

2. Provide a projected annual timeline for accomplishing the results or outcomes of the service;

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is fully operational despite the fact that all of our efforts are created, maintained and supported by volunteers. The following is the timeline that we anticipate will guide us through the remainder of 2017:

- a. January - June 2017 - The "Go For Broke Exhibit: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts", will continue to undergo its repair and maintenance as well as additions will be made to the current exhibit.
- b. March - December 2017 - Permanent Exhibit, Kahului Airport, Main Concourse. Planning, design and construction of a permanent exhibit, similar to the one erected at the Honolulu International Airport, Interisland Terminal will begin.
- c. June 2017 - July 2018 - The Japan Exhibit tour will begin in June at the Yokohama Overseas Migration Museum and continue through various other locations through early 2018. The exhibit is currently being assembled and readied for shipping to Japan.

d. September 2017 - the annual Joint Memorial Service will be held at the National Memorial Cemetery at Punchbowl.

e. September 2017 - Unlikely Liberators Exhibit will travel to Kauai for display.

f. 2017 - The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center website will be continually upgraded during the year with new enhancements and interactive ability.

3. Describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the request. Specify how the applicant plans to monitor, evaluate, and improve their results; and

With extensive utilization of a volunteer driven committee system, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is in a constant state of quality assurance and evaluation. It is our sincere belief that in order to properly honor the legacy of the Nisei Veterans, our exhibits require a great deal of accuracy and sensitivity. We are in constant contact with the procurer of our traveling exhibits, Mr. Eric Saul as well as numerous veterans themselves who are actively engaged in insuring historical accuracy in our numerous exhibits. Additionally the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is constantly being given new information and artifacts from family members of our Nisei Veterans and our active committee structure works to include this new information in our current exhibits as well as our website. For example we currently have a committee actively working on including new historical pieces from the Honouliuli Internment Camp from West Oahu.

4. List the measure(s) of effectiveness that will be reported to the State agency through which grant funds are appropriated (the expending agency). The measure(s) will provide a standard and objective way for the State to assess the program's achievement or accomplishment. Please note that if the level of appropriation differs from the amount included in this application that the measure(s) of effectiveness will need to be updated and transmitted to the expending agency.

While we recognize the difficulty in measuring an objective way to assess our accomplishments, we have nonetheless instituted a survey at our traveling exhibits which will allow us to better monitor how that portion of our activities are progressing. We are also currently exploring ways in which we can more effectively track the number of interactions occurring at our newly opened permanent exhibit at the Honolulu International Airport, Interisland Terminal.



Additionally, any and all website interactions are recorded and our volunteer website coordinators are able to accurately track the number of visits to our website. We believe this data will be extremely helpful in determining what areas in which we should extend outreach efforts.

### III. Financial

#### Budget

1. The applicant shall submit a budget utilizing the enclosed budget forms as applicable, to detail the cost of the request.
2. The applicant shall provide its anticipated quarterly funding requests for the fiscal year 2018.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total Grant
\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00

3. The applicant shall provide a listing of all other sources of funding that they are seeking for fiscal year 2018.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center relies on the support from the community. To date we have received approximately \$155,000 in donations(both cash and in kind). The NVLC is currently an all-volunteer organization. In 2016, our fundraising campaign goal was \$50,000, of which we were able to raise approximately \$35,000.00. Additionally, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center will be having a gala fundraiser on March 2, 2017. It is our intention to have an annual fundraising effort such as this.

4. The applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits it has been granted within the prior three years. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a listing of all state and federal tax credits they have applied for or anticipate applying for pertaining to any capital project, if applicable.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has neither applied for nor does it intend to apply for any tax credits.

5. The applicant shall provide a listing of all federal, state, and county government contracts and grants it has been and will be receiving for program funding.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center applied for a \$250,000 Grant In Aid and was appropriated \$100,000 through Act 119, SLH 2015. We were informed on January 4, 2015, that Governor Ige has released \$90,000.00 through the Department of Defense as the expending agency.

In 2016, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center applied for a \$150,000 Grant in Aid and was appropriated \$150,000.00. We were subsequently informed that this grant will be reduced by 5% and we are in the process of applying for its release.

6. The applicant shall provide the balance of its unrestricted current assets as of December 31, 2016.

The current balance of our unrestricted account is \$7,111.85.

#### **IV. Experience and Capability**

##### **A. Necessary Skills and Experience**

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the request. State your experience and appropriateness for providing the service proposed in this application. The applicant shall also provide a listing of verifiable experience of related projects or contracts for the most recent three years that are pertinent to the request.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is being led by the following individuals:

##### **President - Wesley Deguchi**

- Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT member
- 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Foundation director

##### **Vice President - James Nakatani**

- President, 100<sup>th</sup> Legacy Organization
- 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Club member

##### **Treasurer - Glenn Goya**

- Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT member
- Member of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (Maui)

**Secretary – Juanita Allen**

- Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT member
- 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion Chapter member

**Director – Lynn Heirakuji**

- Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT member
- Retired Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army

**Director – George Arine**

- President, Military Intelligence Service of Honolulu Club
- Volunteer, Battleship USS Missouri

**Director – Phyllis Hironaka**

- Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT member
- President, 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion Chapter

**NVLC ADVISORS**

- **Irene A. Anzai, Esq.** – Attorney and Partner, Rush Moore LLP
- **Warren Haruki** – CEO, Maui Land & Pineapple Co.; CEO, Grove Farm Inc.
- **Irene Hirano Inouye** – President, U.S.-Japan Council
- **Dr. Fujio Matsuda** – President, University of Hawaii (1974-1984); Veteran
- **Gary Y. Okuda, Esq.** – Attorney and Partner, Leu Okuda & Doi AAL
- **Barbara J. Tanabe** – Owner and Partner, Ho’akea Communications LLC
- **Ted Tsukiyama** – Retired Attorney; WWII Veteran

**B. Facilities**

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the request. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities.

As described above, the bulk of the efforts of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has been in program design, development and implementation in the areas of

traveling and permanent exhibits and the development of our interactive website. We are currently renting office space and preparing a long term plan for a permanent facility.

## **V. Personnel: Project Organization and Staffing**

### **A. Proposed Staffing, Staff Qualifications, Supervision and Training**

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern and proposed service capacity appropriate for the viability of the request. The applicant shall provide the qualifications and experience of personnel for the request and shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the request.

As was the case in our previous application, the work of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is being performed strictly with the extensive use of volunteers and community organizations. Even with the procurement of temporary office space, our administrative officer is currently on an unpaid volunteer status.

### **B. Organization Chart**

The applicant shall illustrate the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. If the request is part of a large, multi-purpose organization, include an organization chart that illustrates the placement of this request.

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and its Board of Directors are listed in Section IV-A . We have also been granted 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **C. Compensation**

The applicant shall provide the annual salaries paid by the applicant to the three highest paid officers, directors, or employees of the organization by position..

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has no current salary commitments and if we do hire a staff person, it will be at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year which will be funded exclusively from private donations.

**VI. Other**

**A. Litigation**

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgement. If applicable, please explain.

No pending litigation.

**B. Licensure or Accreditation**

The applicant shall specify any special qualifications, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation that the applicant possesses relevant to this request.

Because the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is a strictly volunteer driven organization, we rely heavily on the previously stated historian Mr. Eric Saul and Mr. Ted Tsukiyama for continued expertise and counsel.

**C. Private Educational Institutions**

The applicant shall specify whether the grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution. Please see Article X, Section 1, of the State Constitution for the relevance of this question.

No portion of this grant will be used to support or benefit a sectarian or non-sectarian private educational institution.

**D. Future Sustainability Plan**

The applicant shall provide a plan for sustaining after fiscal year 2017-18 the activity funded by the grant if the grant of this application is:

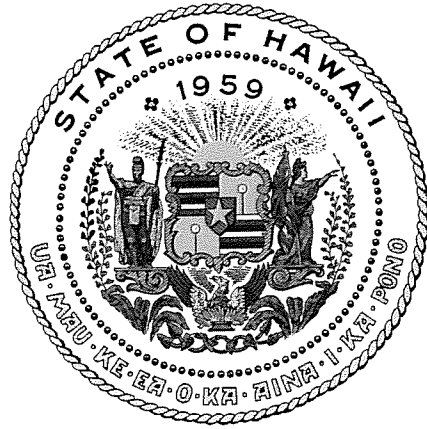
- (1) Received by the applicant for fiscal year 2017-18, but
- (2) Not received by the applicant thereafter.

The NVLC is a member organization. As we expand community awareness of our organization through the implementation of programs and projects, we envision an increase in our membership. Membership dues, both corporate and individual, will help sustain the organization. For example: 1,000 individual members @ \$35 per member will generate \$35,000. Adding 25 corporate memberships @ \$1,000 will equal another \$25,000 for a total of \$60,000 in annual revenues.

In addition, our fundraising drives, such as annual dinners and special guest presentations are expected to raise \$40,000 to \$50,000 each year.

**E. Certificate of Good Standing (If the Applicant is an Organization)**

If the applicant is an organization, the applicant shall submit one (1) copy of a certificate of good standing from the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that is dated no earlier than December 1, 2016.



## Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that

NISEI VETERANS LEGACY CENTER, INC.

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 02/24/2012 ; that it is an existing nonprofit corporation; and that, as far as the records of this Department reveal, has complied with all of the provisions of the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, regulating domestic nonprofit corporations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: January 20, 2017

Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs



## BUDGET REQUEST BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

Period: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

App

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center

BUDGET CATEGORIES	Total State Funds Requested (a)	Total Federal Funds Requested (b)	Total County Funds Requested (c)	Total Private/Other Funds Requested (d)
<b>A PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1 Salaries				10,000
2 Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3 Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				<b>10,000</b>
<b>B OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1 Airfare, Inter-Island				
2 Insurance				800
3 Lease/Rental of Equipment				600
4 Lease/Rental of Space				2,400
5 Staff Training				
6 Supplies				1,000
7 Telecommunication				800
8 Utilities				
9 Traveling Exhibits	20,000			
10 Multimedia Historical Content for Web	30,000			
11 Educational Program	10,000			
12 Japan Exhibit	10,000			50,000
13 Permanent Exhibits	25,000			50,000
14 Joint Memorial Service	5,000			
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<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>100,000</b>			<b>105,400</b>
<b>C EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>E CAPITAL</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>100,000</b>			<b>115,400</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>		Budget Prepared By		
(a) Total State Funds Requested	100,000	Wesley Deguchi (808) 722-4728		
(b) Total Federal Funds Requested		Name (Please type or print) Phone		
(c) Total County Funds Requested		Jan. 19 2017		
(d) Total Private/Other Funds Requested	115,000	Signature of Authorized Official Date		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>215,000</b>	Wesley Deguchi, President		
		Name and Title (Please type or print)		





## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Period: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
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TOTAL:				0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
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TOTAL:				0
JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Period: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2015-2016	FY: 2016-2017	FY:2017-2018	FY:2017-2018	FY:2018-2019	FY:2019-2020
PLANS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND ACQUISITION	0	0	0	0	0	0
DESIGN	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND / OR GRANTS**

App: Nisei Veterans Legacy Center Contracts Total: -

	<b>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY</b> (U.S. / State / Haw / Hon / Kau / Mau)	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
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**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant is awarded;
  - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
  - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
  - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant.
- 2) If the applicant is an organization, the applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
  - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
  - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Nisei Veterans Legacy Center	
(Typed Name of Individual or Organization)	
	January 19, 2017
(Signature)	(Date)
Wesley Deguchi	President
(Typed Name)	(Title)



EXHIBIT A









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### Mission

The mission of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is to preserve, perpetuate, and share the legacy of Americans of Japanese Ancestry who served in the United States armed forces in World War II: the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

We are committed to ensuring that future generations learn Hawaii's story of the Nisei soldier legacy as we honor the four World War II units and the men who served in them from throughout our island state.

We are committed to sharing their remarkable life stories, from plantation villages to military service, their driving force behind statehood, and how they re-shaped the social, political, and economic fabric of our islands into the vibrant state it is today.

### Leadership

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Wesley Deguchi

**Vice President**  
James Nakatani

**Secretary**  
Juanita Allen

**Treasurer**  
Glenn Goya

**Directors**  
Lawrence Enomoto  
Lynn Heirakuji

## Message from the President

Dear Friends:

As an organization dedicated to telling the extraordinary story about the Nisei of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and



1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, we have made significant progress over the past few years. Thanks to our members and volunteers alike, the NVLC has been successful in promoting its mission and creating awareness within the community.

We're presently working on a strategic plan, which will allow us to further define and promote our goals and capabilities. As part of the planning process, we have updated our vision and mission statements. Our new vision statement, "A community, in which we live by the values of the Nisei veterans," emphasizes the importance of the Nisei's wartime accomplishments to society today. Values such as honor, loyalty, gratitude, and humility transcend time and culture. Our mission is to promote these values through the legacy of the veterans.

One of the organization's goals is to create a website designed to serve as a central resource for information related to the four Nisei units, to link other Nisei-related websites, and to promote a comprehensive awareness of the Nisei legacy. We were able to successfully launch our website last November.

Traveling and permanent exhibits are at the heart of what we do. Our current goal is to take the story of the Nisei out to the community and by doing so, get everyone involved. The exhibit program provides a tremendous opportunity for community interaction. Organizations such as the Lions Club, Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired have all participated in our exhibit program.

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## NVLC Launches Website

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has launched its website ([nvlchawaii.org](http://nvlchawaii.org)), a major step in the organization's campaign to promote the legacy of the Nisei of World War II.

The website provides historical information on the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion. As the website expands, it will elaborate on the Nisei influence on the United States and Hawaii after the war and show the impact on current and future generations.

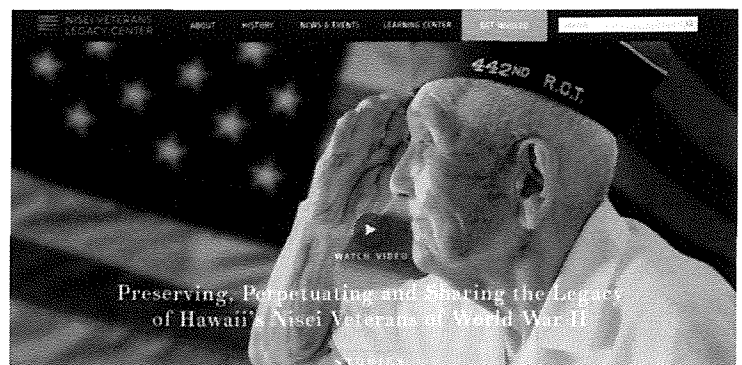
It also suggests ways to support the mission of the organization through membership, donations, volunteerism, and participation in NVLC-sponsored activities.

The NVLC website holds the distinction of being the only website that recognizes all four units, clearly identifying each unit with its own section. It will serve as a central resource for information by linking to other Nisei veteran-related organizations in Hawaii and elsewhere.

The Nisei had a profound effect on the United States after the war. In California, more than 500 laws related to civil rights discrimination against Japanese Americans were repealed. In 1954, American citizenship was granted for the Issei. Executive Order 9066, which singled out Japanese American as "enemy aliens," was rescinded by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

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**The NVLC's website is at [nvlchawaii.org](http://nvlchawaii.org) and features information on the organization and veterans groups.**



## We Need Your Kokua!

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is a great cause and one worthy of your support. You can help in a number of ways:

- Join the NVLC (\$25.00 a year)
- Volunteer for programs or projects
- Donate to the center to support our activities

Visit our website for more information ([nvlchawaii.org](http://nvlchawaii.org)).



## Joint Memorial Service to be Held September 25

The 11th annual Joint Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The yearly observance, which is traditionally held on the last Sunday in September, honors the fallen members of all four segregated U.S. units in World War II made up primarily of Japanese Americans: the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

It has been sponsored and organized by the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center for the past three years.

The service is open to the public. Veterans of the units, spouses, widows, and family members are strongly encouraged to attend.

## Veterans to be Showcased at Airport

The NVLC is producing an exhibit for the Honolulu International Airport's Interisland Terminal highlighting the courage and sacrifices of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

The NVLC's proposal for the exhibit was approved by the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Airports Division.

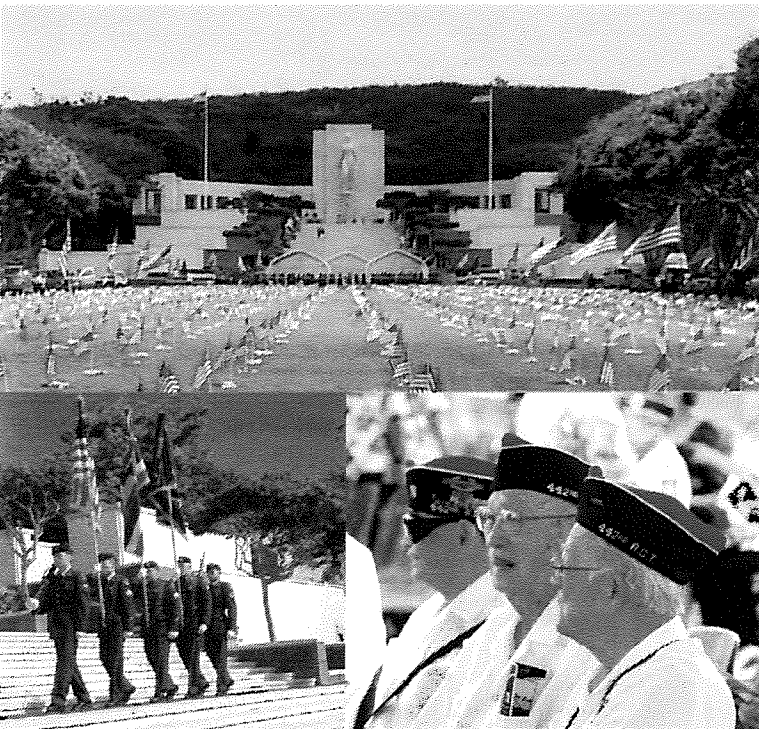
The exhibit, which is in the preliminary design phase, will include photos, text, video, and World War II memorabilia. It will be housed in a koa and glass display case that is 30 feet long and nearly ceiling high. Architects, graphic designers, and other volunteers are contributing their expertise to the project.

The NVLC will provide the \$60,000 to produce the display, using funds appropriated by the Legislature.

The airport now hosts a smaller exhibit, located in the International Terminal of the Ewa Concourse. The four panels provide a brief history of the aforementioned military units, as well as featurettes on several veterans who went on to lead Hawaii.

According to airport officials, three million visitors and residents use the interisland terminal every year, giving the Nisei story the prominence it richly deserves.

**ABOVE: A team of volunteers installed a temporary sign marking the location of the future NVLC exhibit at Honolulu International Airport. They are, from left: Harlan Yuhara, Clay Ito, Jonathan Ego, Glenn Goya, Irvin Yoshino, and chairperson Reid Mizue.**





**LEFT: 522nd Field Artillery Battalion veterans, family, and supporters at the Temple Emanu-El exhibit opening, from left: Masayuki Higa, Wayne Urada, Masaru Nakahira, Lynn Nakahira, Joe Obayashi, Phyllis Hironaka, Ted Tsukiyama (Military Intelligence Service), Gwen Fujie, Chiyoko Shimazu, Harold Ueoka, Mitsuru Kunihiro, and George Tanna.**

## 522nd Exhibit Closes Successful Run

A photo exhibit featuring the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, closed two well-attended runs at Temple Emanu-El in Nuuanu and the Kahala Mall late last year.

The exhibit was sponsored by the NVLC and was entitled "Unlikely Liberators." It was curated by military historian Eric Saul.

In the closing days of World War II, GIs from the 522nd came across prisoners from the sub-camps of Dachau. These prisoners had been forced to march as the Nazis attempted to destroy evidence of the Holocaust. The 522nd soldiers, some of whom had volunteered from U.S. internment camps where their families were imprisoned, assisted the Dachau prisoners.

One of the Holocaust survivors, Solly Ganor, recalled the day he was liberated by the 522nd. He wrote: "One of the men came up and knelt in front of me. He gently touched me on the shoulder and said, 'You are free, boy. You're free now,' he said, and then smiled. That smile

has been with me ever since. It wreathed his whole face and made his eyes nearly disappear. ... 'Who... are you?' I whispered. Now he was surprised. 'Hey,' he called back to the others, 'He speaks English.' 'Who ...' I said again. 'Americans. Americans,' the angel said. 'Nisei. Japanese Americans. My name is Clarence,' he added. 'What's yours?'"

The exhibit included photographs still held by the veterans and their families. In addition, photographs were collected from museums and archives all over the world, including the National Archives, Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C., Yad Vashem Museum in Jerusalem, Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, and KZ Gedenkstätte Dachau (Dachau Memorial Museum) in Germany. The exhibit also included personal photographs from Jewish survivors who were liberated.

The exhibit was created 20 years ago and has been shown all over California and in Israel.

Exhibit curator Saul is the founder and executive director of Visas for Life and Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust, whose mission is to document a comprehensive history of the Holocaust. He has produced a number of exhibits on the contribution of minorities to the U.S. military, including the Japanese American soldiers of the famed Army units.

## President's Message

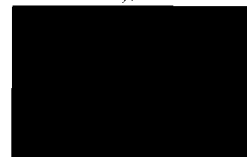
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This year will mark the 11th Annual Joint Memorial Service, which pays tribute to the fallen comrades of the four units. The service is open to the community. We are honored to organize and sponsor this solemn event, which is held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on the last Sunday in September of each year.

The formation of the NVLC in 2011 relied on the financial support from other Nisei veteran organizations. Last year, we began fundraising efforts to support our initiatives and were able to raise approximately \$75,000. In addition, the State Legislature appropriated \$90,000 to be used for our programs this year.

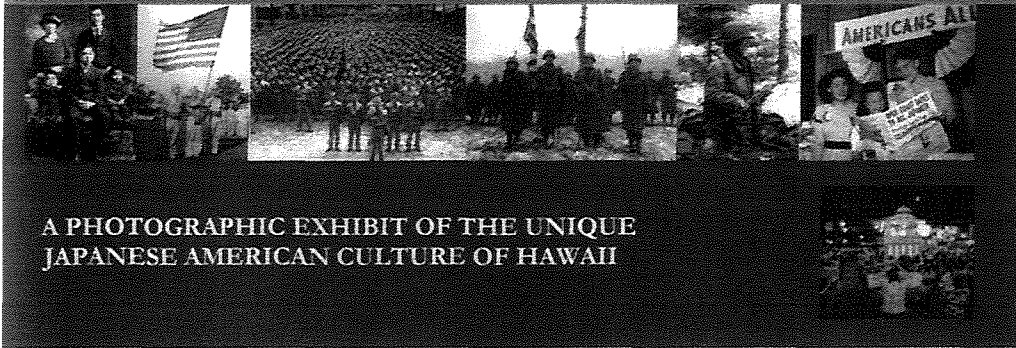
Some consider the Nisei as part of the greatest generation in Hawaii's history. Their accomplishments have shaped our world and impacted our lives. As role models for future generations, we have a responsibility to promote their legacy. The NVLC is an all-volunteer organization, whose success depends on individuals who share in the importance of our mission. I invite you to join us, get involved, and make a difference.

Sincerely,



Wes Deguchi

## GO FOR BROKE: HAWAII NIKKEI STORY



A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT OF THE UNIQUE  
JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURE OF HAWAII

### “Go For Broke” Japan Tour Planned

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center is finalizing a plan to show the “Go For Broke” photo exhibit in several Japanese cities next summer.

The proposed exhibit will include photos and descriptions of Japanese immigration to Hawaii and the United States, the pre-war experience, and the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and subsequent internment of Japanese Americans, before delving into the service of the Japanese American soldiers in World War II. The post-war photos depict soldiers returning home, the redress movement, and the legacy of the soldiers to the progress of Hawaii and the nation.

Exhibit Chair Byrnes Yamashita said, “The goal of taking the ‘Go For Broke’ exhibit on the road to Japan is to expose the Japanese people to the contributions of Japanese Americans to America. There’s a lot of curiosity there in the Nikkei experience, and we hope this tour will stimulate even greater interest in our community and the work of the NVLC.

“It will also promote goodwill between Japan and the United States, while generating awareness of cross-cultural values and the similarities and differences between Japan and Hawaii.”

The project is co-sponsored by the NVLC and Japan America Society of Hawaii. Advisors are Bishop Ryokan Ara, Tendai Educational Foundation and Ryoji Koike, Pacific Aviation Museum. Japan liaisons are Masanori Soma and Michiko Shigeeda. Ms. Shigeeda is the wife of former Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Toyoei Shigeeda.

Potential exhibit locations include Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kagoshima, Ibaraki, Fukushima, Okinawa, and Hokkaido. Funding for the tour will come from the NVLC, donors, and prospective Japanese sponsors.

The “Go For Broke” exhibit was created in 1980-1981 through the efforts of more than a hundred Nisei veterans in California and noted military historian Eric Saul. The exhibit was shown at the Presidio of San Francisco and toured throughout the United States for nearly 10 years. It then formed the basis for Saul-produced exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution and Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York. Most recently, it was featured at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. Saul has documented the Holocaust, the contributions of minorities to the U.S. military, and other history.

Locally, the exhibit has been shown by the NVLC at the State Capitol, University of Hawaii at West Oahu, Honolulu Hale, Central Pacific Bank, Maui Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Japanese Center in Hilo, and Kauai Veterans Memorial Center.

### Website

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The military success and war record led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which resulted in reparations payments and a national apology, which was unprecedented in American history.

In Hawaii, Nisei played an important part in the growth of the Democratic Party and eventual statehood in 1959. Prominent Nisei leaders like U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga helped to shape the social, political, and economic fabric.

NVLC President Wes Deguchi said, “Hawaii is the home of the Nisei soldier story and it’s vital that future generations learn about the Nisei story. It’s a story about overcoming adversity. It’s a lesson in American history that should not be forgotten or repeated. And it’s a story about how one ethnic group’s perseverance helped to make America a better nation.”

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### NVLC Committee Lineup

The NVLC has seven committees directing programs or projects being sponsored by the organization. The committees and chairpersons are:

**Membership** Lawrence Enomoto

**Fundraising** Jennifer Okubo

**Website** Ada Akimoto

**Airport Exhibit** Reid Mizue

**522nd FAB Exhibit** Phyllis Hironaka

**Go For Broke Exhibit** Byrnes Yamashita

**Joint Memorial Service** Lynn Heirakuji,  
Andy Tamori

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**Experience.** Over 40 years of experience as an architect; professional knowledge covering a vast range of projects from conceptual design through construction

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- Executive Director, Agribusiness Development Cooperation
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- Member, 100<sup>th</sup> Sons & Daughters of the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. (a chapter of the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Veterans Club)

**Experience.** A wide range – Chair of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture; cabinet member in the administration of Governor Benjamin Cayetano; State Director for then-U.S. Congressman Ed Case; owner and CEO of Nakatani Farms, Inc.

#### **Secretary – Juanita Allen**

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#### **Professional/memberships**

- Volunteer Docent: 'Iolani Palace; Hawaiian Mission Houses
- Secretary, Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT (a chapter of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club)

**Experience.** Retired Executive Assistant/Editor, McKinsey & Company (Washington DC); over 20 years of membership in several national women's lineage societies holding offices at local, state, and national levels

#### **Treasurer – Glenn Goya**

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#### **Professional/memberships**

- Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley Maui (for last 23 years)
- Member, Sons & Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT (a chapter of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club)
- Member, Nisei Veterans Memorial Center of Maui

**Experience.** Over 23 years of financial business experience with Morgan Stanley, Avco Financial Services of Wahiawa, Dean Witter, and Paine Webber

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