

JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Executive Director's Annual Report –January 1 to December 31, 2013
Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret)

Highlights of 2013

- In a newly instituted “give back” program, the Honor Flight Network (HNF) was presented with a \$17,500 check, collected as the result of a national fund drive. The HNF provides transportation and accommodations free of charge for World War II veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. The underlying basis for this donation initiated by JAVA is to demonstrate the appreciation of Japanese American veterans who have received benefits and recognition from the American public and various institutions. JAVA is grateful to the HNF for its efforts and 100% of the Japanese American donations sent to JAVA were donated to the HNF.
- Nitto Tires USA, Inc., a Japanese corporation, in partnership with JAVA, has circulated, as a public service, to Japanese Americans in America 17,000 DVD entitled *Senator Daniel Inouye, Journey to Washington*; 1,000 and 500 DVDs entitled *442nd: Live with Dignity, Die with Honor* and *MIS: Human Secret Weapon*, respectively.
- The JAVA Speakers Bureau briefed Japanese Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae on the Japanese American experience during World War II. The Ambassador arranged a similar briefing to a ranking political visitor from Japan and also introduced JAVA officials to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida.
- The Speakers Bureau also responded to invitations from a number of prestigious groups in 2013, including the George Washington University History Department as well as University of Maryland History Department, Army Navy Club of Washington, DC, Japan America Society, US Japan Council, Frederick County History Teachers Meeting, and Department of Veterans Affairs.
- The National Archives digitization project, the collection of documents pertaining to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service in a master electronic database, was increased by about 30% over the previous year, resulting in nearly 9,000 more documents available on-line that includes over 30,000 pages of additional material. Four university students are populating the database that enables researchers to more easily retrieve data using key words, dates, etc. Any researcher can access this database electronically from anywhere in the world. This feature will greatly help perpetuate the legacy of the World War II Nisei generation and will open the door more widely to the greater public's knowledge of Japanese American contributions to America.
- Invitations for JAVA participation in Memorial Day and Veterans Day events have increased indicating the public's desire to learn about the Japanese American experience during World War II.
- Ten scholarships, each funded by JAVA family sponsors, were awarded to outstanding high school graduates enrolling in institutions of higher learning.
- Mr. Terry Shima, Chair of JAVA's Education and Out-Reach Committee, received recognitions of achievement from the White House, the Government of Japan, Asian American

Government Executives Network (AAGEN), National Japanese American Memorial Foundation(NJAMF) and the Montgomery County Council, Maryland for his dedicated work to preserve the legacy of the Nisei soldiers who served during World War II. Mr. Shima's personal effort to educate the American public about Japanese American contributions to America through JAVA spans nearly 14 years, the majority of the time spent as the JAVA Executive Director.

- JAVA is assisting a University of Hawaii, Hilo history assistant professor by providing introductions to people to contact for the writing of his book on Senator Daniel Inouye. The book is targeted to high school seniors and college freshmen.
- Forty-six veterans joined JAVA during 2013 bringing total registered membership to about 575.

End Highlights

JAVA Activities

Speakers Bureau. JAVA Speakers Bureau members were invited to speak at 32 venues, 29 in the Washington, DC area, one at Fort Drum, New York and another at San Francisco, where the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) held a grand opening of its learning center in San Francisco. Twelve were at middle and high schools, one each at the History Departments of the University of Maryland and the George Washington University and one at the East Asia Pacific club at Georgetown University. Twenty discussions were at civic organizations, veterans clubs, corporations, government entities. High profile appearances were as follows: a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. James McNaughton, Army historian, at the Army Navy Club of Washington, D C; the US Japan Council conference for future leaders of America and Japan; and the American Legion at Greenbelt, Maryland, Post #136. The speakers were Mary Murakami (internee), Grant Ichikawa (MIS), Kelly Kuwayama, Terry Shima (442nd) and Gerald Yamada (Vietnam War era and former National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism President and Executive Director).

NARA Digitization Project – JAVA's electronic database of National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) documents pertaining to the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT and MIS was increased by about 30% since last year, giving us nearly 9000 documents on-line. The 9,000 figure may well represent as much as 30,000 or more total pages of NARA documentation. And thanks to the efforts of our student volunteers, Katie Inamasu, Kevin Inamasu, Emily Murai, and Emi Hashi, most of these records have had metadata added to improve their discoverability. Researchers may search our data base by using key words, or date ranges, or NARA cataloging information such as box number/row/etc. During the year end period two volunteers, LT Jason Osuga, USN and Metta Tanikawa joined the NARA team to integrate the 442nd Veterans Hawaii data into the JAVA's master database. The Hawaii data, initially collected in hard copies has since been digitized. Osuga and Tanikawa's task is to break up the assortment of documents into individual files, each containing a single document and each given a unique name and metadata identifying that document. The task is tedious and labor intensive but they are making good progress, and we hope they will be able to

accomplish their task sometime in 2014. The NARA Team consists of three persons who do the research and mark documents for scanning and three persons who scan the documents. The scanners until recently were Chosei Kuge, Akira Yoshida and Dwight Gates. Yoshida passed away on April 18, 2012 and Kuge is no longer able to serve due to ill health. Gerald Yamada and Michelle Amano became scanners In December 2013 and January 2014, respectively. The researchers/markers were Fumie Yamamoto and Terry Shima. Yamamoto has stopped serving due to health issues, however, she continues to manage the NARA team from her home. In December 2013 Nancy Yamada, Mieko Kosobayashi, and Richard Amano (when he is in Washington) became researchers/markers. The Headquarters/Database Team consists of LTC Dave Buto (Project Coordinator) and four university students {they are paid} (Katie Inamasu, Kevin Inamasu, Emily Murai and Emi Hashi) to populate metadata to enable researchers to retrieve information using key words, dates, etc. This Team also includes two volunteers, LT Jason Osuga, USN and Metta Tanikawa, to integrate into the master database the 442nd Veterans Hawaii's 24 linear feet of documents from the Yamamoto Team collection. The Honolulu collection had been digitized, however, the system is not compatible with the master database. Three key stalwarts who are no longer living and for whom we dedicate the NARA Project are, Dr. Richard Susumu Yamamoto, Mr. Akira Yoshida of Philadelphia, PA, and Mrs. Maggie Ikeda of Honolulu, HI. Each volunteer has a special motivation to serve in the Project: some are honoring family members or relatives who served in the Army or were killed in combat during WW II; others are committed to the goals of the Project. Written by LTC Buto.

Oral History Project: Project is still in progress. Volunteers are needed . Submitted by Wade Ishimoto.

US Army Museum: JAVA is working to have a permanent exhibit honoring the Nisei soldiers who served during World War II included in the Museum. Wade Ishimoto is the focal point of the project.

National Park Service. National Park Service Education Department has suspended its education activities due to budgetary constraints. When education programs are resumed JAVA will attempt to resume the relationship. Terry Shima is focal point.

National Cherry Blossom Festival. (2 events) On April 6, 2013 the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) and JAVA sponsored the annual Freedom Walk at the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. This event is an opportunity to remind the public, including the Japanese American young men and women, about the harsh treatment meted to persons of Japanese ancestry and what they did to prove their loyalty. . Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae and former secretary Norman Mineta, who is an Honorary Chair of JAVA, have included this event in their schedules each year. One week later, on April 13, 2013, JAVA partnered with the Japan America Society at the *Sakura Matsuri*, an annual event held in conjunction with the National Cherry Blossom Parade. Thanks to the tent provided by the Japan America Society at its prime location on Pennsylvania Avenue, JAVA, as in previous years, used the event to discuss the Japanese American experience during WW II with thousands of visitors who attended the parade earlier in the day. Visitors also bought books published by JAVA or written by JAVA members. This venue offered JAVA

the opportunity to contact segments of the American public not normally reached by JAVA's publications or press releases.

Memorial Day weekend. (3 events) JAVA participated in three major events during the 2013 Memorial Day Weekend to honor the fallen members of America's armed forces, including Japanese Americans and other Asian Pacific Americans.

(A) The 65th Annual Memorial Day Service, sponsored jointly by the Japanese American Citizens League Washington DC (JAACL WDC) Chapter and JAVA, was held on May 26, 2013 at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard. Featuring the principle speaker, LTG James Huggins, USA, a native of Hawaii whose mother is Japanese and who is Army G/3/5/7, the Arlington Cemetery event also included speeches given by Janice Nakano Faden, President of JAACL WDC; Gerald Yamada, President of JAVA; and two 5th grade students from Spark Matsunaga Elementary School, located at Germantown, Maryland, Kendall Griffith and Lauren Penn. Penn said, "When the Matsunaga Elementary students sing at our annual Veteran's Day concert, one song we perform states: *'And I am proud to be an American where at least I know I am free, I won't forget the ones who died to give that right to me!'* These are just song lyrics but when you really listen, the meaning of these words are so true. That is why we are here today -- to celebrate those people who have given their lives for our country!" Following the program, teams were organized to decorate 75 Japanese American gravesites.

(B) JAVA was invited to participate in the early morning program of the Spirit of '45 organization on May 27, 2013, at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. This California group, led by Warren Hegg, also marched in the National Memorial Day parade down Constitution Avenue that afternoon. They carried enlarged photos of Nisei Medal of Honor recipients who were killed in action.

(C) In the late morning, a member of the JAVA Speakers Bureau, Terry Shima, presented the keynote address at the City of Falls Church, Virginia, Memorial Day program.

(D) Around the same time on the morning of May 27, 2013, President Yamada was invited to Arlington National Cemetery to witness President Barack Obama laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. Subsequently, Yamada joined other JAVA members in the Amphitheater where the President, following an earlier appearance at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, addressed the nation.

E) In the afternoon, a JAVA contingent marched in the American Veterans Center parade down Constitution Avenue. This annual march is an especially significant event for JAVA because on July 15, 1946 the 442nd Regimental Combat Team marched down this same path to the Ellipse where it was reviewed by President Harry Truman. There, Truman confirmed to the Japanese American soldiers the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry. Truman's statement, which attempted to defeat prejudice, discrimination and racism against minorities, also helped to set the stage for reforms that would benefit all minorities, not just Japanese Americans. The JAVA contingent was made up of former soldiers of the 442nd and MIS wearing their veterans caps, a 1942 model Jeep, and veterans of conflicts since World War II. The group generated favorable reactions from the estimated 250,000 people who lined up on both sides of the parade route. Many waved enthusiastically, some stood erect rendering the hand salute amidst shouts of "Go For Broke" and "442nd". General Raymond T. Odierno, Army Chief of Staff, was the senior reviewing official. LTC Marty Herbert, USA (Ret) is the chair of this JAVA activity.

Veterans Day (3 events).

(A) On Monday, November 11, 2013 JAVA and NJAMF held their 13th Annual Veterans Day event at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, DC. President Yamada and NJAMF Board Chairman Daniel Matthews, each shared a few thoughts before the keynote address was delivered by The Honorable Gregory H. “Greg” Laughlin, Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve, retired, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1989-1997). Laughlin is the only member of Congress who served on active duty during Operation Desert Storm. Laughlin expressed his appreciation for his friendship with former Congressman Norman Mineta, with whom he served in Congress and who was in the audience. Another feature of the program was JAVA’s donation of \$17,500 to The Honor Flight Network (HFN) through JAVA’s “Giving Back Program,” a new fund raising effort to support a veteran’s charity. A check was presented by JAVA President Yamada to James McLaughlin, Chairman of the Board of HFN . Yamada also presented to HFN a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) that was presented to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) on November 2, 2011. Diane Gresse, Executive Director of HFN, accompanied McLaughlin. In November 2011, HNF assisted 150 World War II Nisei veterans, many in wheel chairs and assisted by oxygen, to come to WDC. In addition to arranging airline transportation, HFN arranged to have each veteran given VIP departure and arrival amenities and to be recognized during the flight by the pilot, who singled out the veteran by name and described the Nisei role in WW II. Nisei veterans were deeply touched by this unexpected recognition.

(B) Earlier in the morning, Calvin Ninomiya joined other members of the Veterans Day National Committee for a White House Veterans Day Breakfast. After breakfast, they met with President and Mrs. Barack Obama.

(C) The midday program at Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by DVA, was a major event for the nation as well as JAVA. Commanders of Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), including JAVA President Yamada, witnessed President Obama lay the national wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. Following that, VSO commanders moved to the Amphitheater, where (!) each commander was recognized by name over the public address system, (2) they viewed the parade of colors, including JAVA color guards LTC Allen Goshi, USA, (Ret) and LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret) and (3) President Obama addressed the nation and Americans. Vice President Biden and Secretary Shinseki were present.

(D) JAVA sent it’s representative, Terry Shima, to San Francisco to participate in the grand opening ceremonies of the National Japanese Historical Society’s MIS Learning Center at Building 640, located at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco. JAVA is committed to publicizing the heroism of the Nisei who served in the MIS.

(E) On October 13, 2013, President Yamada was invited to address the Falls Church Veterans Council as part of its Veterans Day celebration. Yamada’s speech “Why Serve?” described the dilemma faced by young Japanese Americans asked to volunteer for a segregated combat unit that became known as the 442nd RCT.

Scholarships. The six male winners, identified alphabetically by name, residence, the school to which admitted, and the person in whose memory the prize was given, are: Keone Carrigan. Fresno, CA --

University of California, Davis [Douglas Ishio Scholarship]; Luke Hatanaka, Arcadia, CA -- Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA [Dr. Warren Tsuneishi Scholarship]; Harrison Jung, San Marino, CA -- University of Southern California, Los Angeles [Ranger Grant Hirabayashi Scholarship]; Wes Okuhara, Sacramento, CA -- University of California, San Diego [Betty Shima Scholarship]; David Satoda, Carlsbad, CA -- University of California, Berkeley [Mike and Etsu Masaoka Scholarship]; and Jonathan Uesato, Saratoga, CA – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA [Victor and Teru Matsui Scholarship]. The four female winners are: Kayla Hensley, Milford, OH -- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH [Phil Ishio Scholarship]; Lindsay Kageyama, Fremont, CA -- California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo, CA [Joseph Ichijui Scholarship]; Cassidee Kido, Paradise Valley, AZ -- Duke University, Durham, NC [Orville Shirey Scholarship]; and Madison Yamane, Worden, WA -- University of Washington, Seattle [Kyoko Tsuboi Taubkin Scholarship].

Quarterly Lunches

January 19, 2013. Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, keynote speaker, updated JAVA members on developments at VA. Secor also officiated the swearing in of officers who will serve a two year term.

March 23, 2013 – Keynote speaker Stephen Menick, after showing his 17 minute film, Honorable Journey, described his role in directing the production of this film. Menick acknowledged JAVA's role as a consultant.

June 15, 2013 – Keynote speaker Major General Susan Mashiko, USAF, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in Chantilly, VA, discussed the role played by the NRO in the Washington intelligence community. She was nominated in 1976 for the United States Air Force Academy by then Congressman Norman Mineta, who attended the luncheon. She graduated from the Academy in 1980 and made history as she was in the first class of women to graduate from the U.S. Service Academies.

October 12, 2013 – A key player in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Grant Ujifusa, keynote speaker, described the key roles played by Congressman Robert Matsui, Secretary Mineta, Senator Daniel Inouye, Mike Masaoka, Senator Spark Matsunaga and 442nd KIA Kaz Masuda in getting the Bill passed by Congress and signed by the President. Nothing was a given, everyone worked very hard. Ujifusa also acknowledged Yamada's role in building the National Japanese American Memorial.

Media

Press Releases. 25 press releases were issued. They were distributed to Japanese American newspapers on the mainland USA and Hawaii, selectively to national dailies, and to veterans organizations. Feedback from newspaper editors and voluntary monitors appear to justify continuation.

Press interviews. Grant Ichikawa was interviewed by Asahi Television for a feature story that was aired in Japan. Terry Shima was interviewed by Washington Post (James Arkin) and also video interviewed by Hideharu Watanabe, for a full length film for Nitto Tires USA Inc.

Films

(A) Producer Stephen Menick's 17 minute educational DVD that features JAVA veterans, was shown on Maryland State TV. Menick produced this film for AARP.

(B) Director Junichi Suzuki said his 100 minute film, *MIS: Human Secret Weapon* (Japanese title: *Futatsu No Sokoku De*) played in theaters in Japan, however, the audience response was not as enthusiastic as his 442nd film, *Live with Honor, Die with Dignity*.

(C) Nitto Tires USA, Inc distributed to Japanese American organizations nationally 17,000 DVDs on Senator Daniel Inouye's, *Journey to Washington* , and 1,000 and 500 DVDs on Suzuki's 442 and MIS films, described above, respectively.

(D) JAVA facilitated the contact of Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Hawaii, Hilo with selected persons in connection with the writing of his book on Senator Daniel Inouye. The book is intended especially for high school seniors and college freshmen.

JAVA was/is a partner in the four endeavors described above.

Contact with membership

Advocate. This quarterly newsletter, printed in color, has, since the Fall edition, been edited by Erika Moritsugu. Like her predecessors, LTC Kay Wakatake, USA, and LCDR Janelle Kuroda, USNR (summer edition), Moritsugu is an attorney with high standards of perfection. Produced in color and high quality printing, the Advocate is highly popular and respected, according to readers' responses. JAVA appreciates the substantial quarterly donation made by immediate past JAVA president Bob Nakamoto in underwriting the cost of each color printing .

Facebook - JAVA continued to grow its reach through its Facebook page, a social media outlet used to connect with individuals. In the past year, JAVA's fan base grew by 56%. This increase is largely due to photo albums of JAVA events posted by Executive Director Bruce Hollywood, links to JAVA press releases by webmaster Jim Tani, and the display of JAVA's Facebook link in the Round Robin by Brett Egusa, which increases awareness among current members. JAVA's fan base on Facebook includes individuals from around the world, including Japan, France, and Italy. Written by LCDR Janelle Kuroda, USNR, JAVA Facebook Founder/manager.

Weekly Electronic News Bulletin (Round Robin – RR). Brett Egusa succeeded Grant Ichikawa, founder-editor of the Round Robin. A former officer of the US Army Judge Advocate General Corps, Egusa is a Lieutenant Colonel in the reserves and is legal counsel at the Department of Homeland Security. Written by Brett Egusa.

Website. James Tani has assumed responsibility of all JAVA Website content updates with the exception of the NARA digitization updates that continue to be managed by Dave Buto. Tani has

installed a web content application named Wordpress, and used this application to present articles since early 2013. He will transfer older website content into this application as his availability and time permits. As content is added to the application, Tani can accelerate the process of revamping the design of the JAVA website. The site design updates are intended to present the content in more accessible formats (e.g. font selection, size, color; website navigation methods; layouts more conducive to mobile phones and tablets, etc.). Tani will still rely on JAVA members for original content such as press releases, stories, pictures, though. As noted earlier, Dave Buto continues to digitize relevant NARA documents on the 100th, 442nd and the MIS. Written by Jim Tani.

Awards Presented

On October 12, 2013, Robert Nakamoto, immediate past president of JAVA, was awarded the Terry Shima Leadership Award for 2013 for his leadership and diplomacy in further establishing JAVA as a premier nationwide Asian Pacific American veterans organization. Nakamoto was also recognized for “his sustained service” and “unselfish contribution of his energy, vision, expertise and resources” to JAVA. The presentation was made at the JAVA quarterly luncheon attended by 70 JAVA members and friends at the Harvest Moon Restaurant. Nakamoto is a long time supporter of various Asian American organizations, including JAVA.

[Did we award JAVA Service Pins in January 2013?]

Honors Received

Terry Shima, Chair of JAVA’s Education and Out-Reach Committee, received the following awards for his tireless work to preserve the legacy of the Nisei soldiers who served during World War II:

(A) On February 15, 2013, President Barack Obama presented the *Presidential Citizens Medal* for committing “himself to preserving the stories of service members who fought and bled overseas even while many of their families were relocated to internment camps at home. For strengthening the sacred trust between America and its veterans . . .” This is the Nation’s second highest civilian honor.

(B) On April 29, 2013, Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae presented the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette for “outstanding contributions to the building of strong relationships between the government and people of Japan and the Japanese American population.

(C) On June 6, 2013, the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) presented its “Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award” .

(D) On November 2, 2013, The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation presented the Special Recognition Legacy Award for contributions to the nation’s peace, security, and welfare“

(E) On April 9, 2013, the County Council of Montgomery County Maryland issued a Proclamation to recognize Shima’s award of the Presidential Citizens Medal -- this nation’s second highest civilian honor – which was awarded to “citizens of the USA who have performed exemplary deeds of service for their country and their fellow citizens” and as Executive Director of JAVA, a nonprofit organization that publicizes and assists Japanese American military veterans and their families“

Partners. JAVA partnered with various organizations to pursue its objectives, for example:

February 23, 2013. Smithsonian for the “Day of Remembrance” program.

April 6, 2013. National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) for the Freedom Walk.

April 13, 2013. Japan America Society for *Sakura Matsuri* , on the day of the National Cherry Blossom Festival and Parade.

May 26, 2013. Japanese American Citizens League, Washington, DC Chapter for the Memorial Day Program at Arlington Cemetery to honor Japanese Americans interred there.

May 27 2013. American Veterans Center for its Memorial Day Parade down Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC.

2013. Nitto Tires USA, Inc. See above

Lunches for Visitors and VIPs

April 11, 2013. Lunch for David Iwata and Roger Natsuhara at China Garden, Rosslyn.

May 14, 2013. Lunch for Glen Fukushima at China Garden, Rosslyn.

May 17, 2013, Lunch for COL Charles Moriyama at China Garden, Rosslyn.

Administrative

Promotions

GEN John Campbell, USA

ADM Harry Harris, Jr. USN

LTG James Huggins, USA

LCDR Janelle Kuroda, USNR

Taps

George Aratani

Erwin Blonder

Maggie Ikeda

Mitsugi Kasai

Toshiko Nishida

Respectfully submitted:

**/S/ _____ Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret)
JAVA Executive Director**

Attachment A .

Japanese American Veterans Association

Chronology of Activities during 2013

January 2013

14 – Military History Discussion Group, Alexandria, VA. Speakers Bureau (SB)

19 - JAVA Annual Luncheon meeting

23 – Frederick County History Teachers Meeting, Linganore High School. SB.

30 – Spark Matsunaga Elementary School. April Moon class. SB

February

8 – Bells Mill Elementary School, Potomac, MD. Speakers Bureau (SB)

12 – Rockville High School, MD. SB

14 - Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, MD. SB

15 - Presidential Citizens Award to Terry Shima

22 - Embassy. Willard Hotel reception to meet Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida

23 – Smithsonian. Date of Remembrance.

March

5 – Brief Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae on JA Experience during WW II

7 – Interview of Shima by Washington Post, journalist James Arkin.

9 – JAVA EC meeting.

14 – Embassy reception. Award of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette to Floyd Mori

23 – JAVA Quarterly lunch

30 - PPALM – AAGEN lunch at Fort Myer. SB

April

1 – Keyes School for Advance Education. Asbury Village. SB

2 - Army Navy Club of WDC. Panel Discussion: Kelly Kuwayama, COL Vic Mukai, USA (Ret), Grant Ichikawa, Mary Murakami, Terry Shima. Moderator: Dr. Jim McNaughton. SB

5 – Brunswick Middle School, Frederick County. SB

6 – Freedom Walk. Partner with NJAMF. JA World War II Memorial for Patriotism

8 – Capital City Public Charter School, Washington, DC. SB

9 – Montgomery County City Council. Proclamation on the occasion of Presidential Citizens Medal awarded to Shima.

11 - Lunch at China Garden for David Iwata and Roger Natsuhara

12 - University of Maryland History Department, Dr Jon Sumida.

13 – Sakura Matsuri. Partner Japan America Society of WDC on the occasion of National Cherry Blossom Parade

15 –Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Washington, DC. SB

16 – Brief Senator Hirono on JAVA developments

18 – Mercer Middle School, Aldie, VA. SB

20 – Interview for Aaron Brackett, student at St Stephens-Agnes, Virginia.

22 – Seneca Valley Middle School, Maryland. SB

23 – National Education Association. Brief Matt Finucane and Monica Thammarath and discuss future speaking opportunities.

25 – Kenmore Middle School, Virginia. SB

29 – Washington-Lee high School. Arlington, Virginia. Peter Vogel. SB

30 – Fairfax City Government Center

May

- 2 – Department of Veterans Administration. Speak. Ailyn Smith. SB
- 4 – APIA Heritage. Fairfax City Center. Host: Vietnamese Americans. SB
- 9 – Brunswick Middle School. Docent at NJA Memorial to Patriotism. SB
- 14 – Lunch for Glen Fukushima at China Garden
- 15 – Boeing Asia at Springfield, VA. Tom Reyes. SB
- 17 – Lunch for COL Charles Moriyama
- 21 - Linganore High School, Frederick County. SB
- 21 - Japanese Embassy reception. Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette awarded to Terry Shima
- 23 – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. SB
- 24 - 2013 Fairfax City Government Council 2013 Naturalization ceremony. Bob Nakamoto Keynote speaker and financial donation attributed to JAVA. Cora Foley, Principal.
- 26 – JACL WDC – JAVA 65th Annual Memorial Day program at Arlington Cemetery. LTG Huggins, feature speaker.
- 27 – Spirit of '45, a California organization, program at the NJA Memorial to Patriotism. Warren Negg is head.
- 27 – Arlington Cemetery Defense Department program at Amphitheater
- 27 – American Veterans Center National Memorial Day March down Constitution Ave
- 27 – West Falls Church Veterans. Bob Smith, Chairman. SB
- 29 – Fort Drum, New York. SB

June

- 1 – JAVA EC Meeting
- 2 – Co-sponsor of “dedication of a memorial to honor Japanese American WW II veterans, their families and community” at Bill Santucci Justice Center, Roseville, CA. Bob Nakamoto participated.
- 6 - AAGEN award Ceremony and dinner, Crystal City. Presented to Terry Shima,
- 15 – JAVA Quarterly lunch

July

- 3 – Sesquicentennial celebration at Gettysburg, PA. JAVA invited to join Eric Saul’s program to recite the names of soldiers killed in the Battle of Gettysburg. SB
- 24 – US Japan Council Tomodachi Exchange Program. SB

August

- 6 - US Marines twilight ceremony at Iwo Jima Memorial. Representational.
- 7 – Twilight Tatoo. US Army engineers program. Representational.
- 11 - Spirit of /45 legacy. Honoring Senator Inouye. National WW II Memorial.

September

- 2 - VJ Day program. National WW II Memorial. LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret) and Shima.
- 4 - Reserve Officers Policy Board. Army Navy Club, Arlington. Citizens Patriot Award presented to 100th Battalion, 442nd infantry
- 9 – Briefed Natsuo Yamaguchi, President of New Komeito Party and member of Japan House of Councillors and two other Komeito Diet members, following their visit to JA Memorial to Patriotism. Briefing arranged by Ambassador Sasae at his Residence.
- 21 – JAVA EC meeting

October

- 5 – US Japan Council. Young Leaders seminar. Capital Hilton. SB
- 9 - Georgetown University. Combined East Asia organizations. Lindsay Horikoshi, coordinator. SB
- 12 – JAVA Quarterly lunch
- 10 – Japan America Society of WD C. SB
- 13 – “Why Serve?” speech given to Greater Falls Church Veterans Council Luncheon. Bob Smith Chairman. SB (Gerald Yamada)
- 15 – Hideharu Watanabe, producer, interview for film by Nitto Tire USA, Inc
- 20 – PPALM Annual meeting.
 - Partnered with Nitto Tires USA, Inc to distribute DVDs to Japanese American organizations nationwide: 17,000 DVDs of *Senator Inouye Journey to Washington*, 1,000 442nd: *Live with Dignity, Die with Honor*; and 500 MIS: *Nisei in Military Intelligence Service* (Japanese title: *Futatsu No Sokoku De.*)

November

- 2 – National Japanese American Memorial Foundation Award Dinner. Terry Shima received Special Recognition Legacy Award.
- 6 – Potomac Rotary Club. Normandie Farms, Maryland. SB
- 11 - National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) MIS Learning Center Opening Ceremony, Bldg 640, Presidio of San Francisco. SB
- 11 - White House breakfast for Veterans. Calvin Ninomiya attended.
- 11 – Arlington Cemetery program. President Obama addressed nation. Veterans Service Organizations also honored. JAVA color guards, LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret) and LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret) participated as JAVA color guards.
- 11 – NJAMF – JAVA 13th Annual Veterans Day Program at the JA Memorial to Patriotism. Honor Flight Chairman Jim McLaughlin accepted \$17,000 check from national donations to the “Give Back” Fund Drive.
- 13 – Spark Matsunaga Elementary School Veterans Day Tribute to Veterans. Representational.
- 14 - George Washington University History Department. Dr. Bonnie Morris. SB
- 21 – Oakdale High School. Frederick County, MD. SB
- 24 - MG Mitsuru Nodomi, former Japan Defense Attache, met by Grant Ichikawa, LTC Kay Wakatake, USA, and Terry Shima at Hyatt Hotel near JA Memorial. Nodomi escorted fellow visitors to NJA Memorial.

- 27 – Hideharu Watanabe and cameraman. Video interview for Nitto Tires, USA Inc.
- 30 – Conner Yanagi, high school student, interviews veterans for school project. SB

December

- 5 – Japan America Society of WDC Annual Awards Dinner. Representational. Shima attended.
- 7 – American Legion Post 136, Greenbelt, MD. SB
- 28 – Jason Abahazy, middle school student in New Jersey, interviews JAVA speakers bureau for school project. SB

Attachment B. - 2013

Administrative.

Membership. Total JAVA’s members are as follows:

Total Members (veterans). 575 Friends of JAVA [non dues paying] 117

2. JAVA Elected Officers

- President – Gerald Yamada, Esq.**
- V-President – Wade Ishimoto**
- Treasurer – LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA (Ret)**
- Secretary – LTC Allen Goshi, USA (Ret)**

- Immediate past President - Bob Nakamoto**
- Executive Director – Col Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret)**

Board of Directors (Appointed by the President)

- Calvin Ninomiya, Esq. General Counsel**
- Grant Ichikawa,**
- LTC Kay Wakatake, USA**
- LCDR Janelle Kuroda, USNR**
- Reuben Yoshikawa**
- William (Bill) Houston, Esq,**
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Quarterly Lunches

January 19, 2013. Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, keynote speaker, updated JAVA members on developments at VA. Secor also officiated the swearing in of officers who will serve a two year term.

March 23, 2013 – Keynote speaker Stephen Menick, after showing his 17 minute film, Honorable Journey, described his role in directing the production of this film. Menick acknowledged JAVA's role as a consultant.

June 15, 2013 – Keynote speaker Major General Susan Mashiko, USAF, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in Chantilly, VA, discussed the role played by the NRO in the Washington intelligence community. She was nominated in 1976 for the United States Air Force Academy by then Congressman Norman Mineta, who attended the luncheon. She graduated from the Academy in 1980 and made history as she was in the first class of women to graduate from the U.S. Service Academies.

October 12, 2013 – A key player in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Grant Ujifusa, keynote speaker, described the key roles played by Congressman President Yamada, Secretary

Mineta, Senator Daniel Inouye, Mike Masaoka, Senator Spark Matsunaga and 442nd KIA Kaz Masuda in getting the Bill passed by Congress and signed by the President. Nothing was a given, everyone worked very hard.