



Go For Broke Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year!

On behalf of the membership, I would like to welcome the new leadership of the 100th Battalion Commander LTC Robert Kepa, and

Command Sergeant Major John Keawe

All indications are that both have strong commitments to the association, and our mission of maintaining the Legacy of the famed WWII Unit, the 100th/442d. It has been too long since we have had this kind of commitment and support from the leadership of the 100th. I look forward to a productive relationship between the Board, the general membership, LTC Kepa, CSM Keawe and all the members of the 100th Battalion.

GO FOR BROKE!

I would also like to really thank the Board members for their continued support. Their unselfish commitment to the good of the Association cannot be fully articulated. I hope that each and every one of you who are members of the Association recognize their unselfish devotion to the Go For Broke Association.

I look forward to a successful and meaningful 2024.

2024 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

After a five-year hiatus, the Go For Broke Association's Annual Membership Dinner Meeting returns to the Hale Koa Hotel's Waikiki Ballroom on Saturday May 11, 2024. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. The evening's guest speaker is LTC (Retired) Howard Sugai, the former SSA for the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry.



The hotel's menu has undergone several changes throughout the COVID-19 years and now features the

Ohia Lehua Buffet. It features a mouth-watering roast prime rib with au jus along with three other selections. The Association continues to subsidize the dinner as a benefit to its Life Members. The costs for the dinner are **Members \$30.00; Guest \$40.00.**

Contact your Squad Leader or forward checks to the Association's P.O. Box no later than Friday, April 26, 2024. The Registration Table will not accept payments at the door.



2024 GFBA Golf Tournament



Diane Au and Jimmy Kaaihue assist SFC Fogaa Toleafoa and MAJ Dimatia Leo from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry with registration.

The annual Go For Broke Association's Golf tournament will be held on Thursday September 5, 2024, at the Leilehua Golf Course. A

shotgun-start for the three-person scramble format is set for 12:00 p.m.

The Golf Committee is appreciative of the continued support from Association members, active and retired soldiers, families, business, and community groups. Due to their participation, the GFBA has been able to award scholarships to Soldiers of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment and their immediate family members.

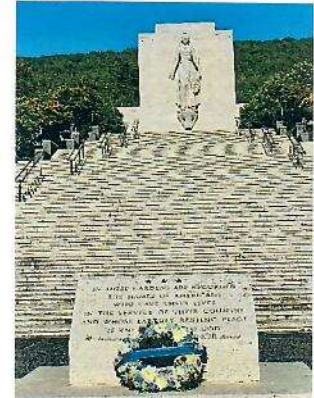
This is the Association's one and only fundraiser. The monies raised support its various programs and subsidize a major portion of the annual membership dinner meeting. The Golf Committee needs new sponsors and donors to approach who would be willing to contribute to this fundraiser. Please submit any recommendations, along with a point of contact to the Association's website. It would be very much appreciated.

Registration begins in June 2024. Notices will be posted on the Association's website, <https://gfbassn.org>, along with an e-blast to all Life Members.



In Memoriam

The fall season brings a time for us to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. Through the various memorial services that occur during this time, it is a time to reflect on their heroics and their accomplishments performed in the line of duty. The Go For Broke Association presents a wreath at each ceremony to say, mahalo for your service, your sacrifice, and Go For Broke!



Flanked by JROTC Cadets, Secretary Calvin Nomiya and President Andy Tamori render honors.

Picture courtesy of Nisei Veterans Legacy

Members of the Board of Directors attend the Nisei Veterans Memorial Service to pay respects to those who served in World War II. The Nisei Veterans Legacy holds a ceremony each year on the last Saturday in September to recognize the first KIA, SGT Shigeo "Joe" Takata from the 100th Infantry Battalion.



MAJ Dimatia Leo, Andy Tamori, Brian Lau, and CSM John Keawe render honors.

Each year, on the second Saturday in December, and on behalf of the Association, the Board of Directors pay their respects to those killed in action

for those World War II Soldiers in the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the nine KIAs during the Vietnam Conflict, and the five KIAs during the two rotations for the Iraq War. There is no accounting of KIAs from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment for the Korean War.

COMING SOON!



National Vietnam War Veterans Day Memorial Service

Date: Friday, March 29, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Place: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (a.k.a., Punchbowl)

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony & Parade



Date: Friday, March 29, 2024
Place: Kuroda Field, Ft. DeRussy
Sequence of Events:
Pre-Ceremony – 4:30 p.m.
Parade Assembly – 5:30 p.m.
Parade – 6:00 p.m.

Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Place: Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa Hotel

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Place: Leilehua Golf Course

BECOME A MEMBER, TODAY!

Eligibility - Every person who performed honorable military service with the 100th Battalion (Separate), 442d Regimental Combat Team, 442d Regiment, 100th Battle Group, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment; or any predecessor unit at any time shall be eligible for Membership in the Corporation by majority vote of the Board.

Life Members. Life Membership is open to any member who pays One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in one lump sum. Life memberships are not transferable. A life member shall not be subject to dues and shall be entitled to vote.



Contact Us

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“The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training – sacrifice.”



General Douglas MacArthur

Attached:
2024 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting



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2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING



WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2024
WHERE: Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa Hotel
TIME: 5:00 p.m., Cocktails
6:30 p.m., Dinner, O' hia Lehua Buffet
COST: Life Member: \$30.00 Guest(s): \$40.00
Children 4 years old and younger are FREE
RSVP: NLT Monday, April 26, 2024

PAYMENT:

- Via the Go For Broke Association's Website, <https://gfbassn.org>
- Submit check and registration form to Association's P.O. Box
- Payments will NOT be accepted at the door.

----- Registration Form -----

Life Member's Name: _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Tel #** _____

Life Member: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

of Guests: _____ X \$40.00 = \$ _____

Total Due: _____ \$ _____

Children <4 Years Old: _____ X \$ 0.00 = \$0.00

"Go For Broke"