



Go For Broke Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Go For Broke!

As a diversified ethnic battalion and its alumni, we share ourselves and the unit as being a role model for our nation in its fight for national identity in regards to our constitution in today's news headlines with systematic racism. Our

Battalion and Regiment's Nisei forefathers face this in World War II while in mainland internment camps, training in/around Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and well abroad in Europe fighting alongside the Allies against Nazi Germany; fighting two wars – racism and the enemy.

Now, we face this as a nation domestically as we move forward as a nation to build a more perfect union. While we do not see racism as much in Hawaii as we do elsewhere in the mainland – being in Hawaii as a diverse multi-racial society that emulates what the rest of the nation, if not the world, should look like as far as our constitution – we (as active and former battalion members) share a responsibility to stand up to racism either overt or systematic.

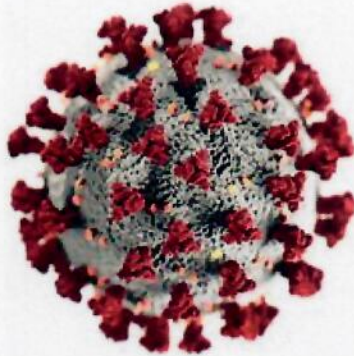
We also need to simultaneously strike a balance with our Hawaii roots of racial tolerance with finding humor in our society while nipping racism at the bud where it applies to policy and equal opportunity professionally.

As we always train to fight our enemy abroad, this is our new domestic challenge that we encourage our members to safeguard our constitution that applies to all Americans, regardless of race, gender, religion, or relationship preference while defeating discrimination. Let's celebrate and share our diversity as strengths in a positive movement to help our nation, improve our battalion and association, as well as our community.

Live and embrace the spirit - Go for Broke!



CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, IMPACTS GFBA EVENTS



The coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic has severely impacted the Go For Broke Association's annual events. In early March, just days before the Hale Koa Hotel shuttered its operations, the Board of Directors (Board) cancel this year's Membership Dinner Meeting.

State, City and County Emergency Orders also forced the Association to scratch its fundraising golf tournament at the Leilehua Golf Course. In spite of the lifting of social distance guidelines governing outdoor activities, the Golf Committee did not have time to restore the golf tournament for the scheduled August date.

Minimizing the number of people that could meet in one room, and social distance guidelines also forced the manner in which the Board met. Since April, the Board have utilized teleconferencing technology to meet, and more recently, limit in-person meetings to no more than 10, coupled with digital technology.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the way we conduct business, the Board continues to plan activities and events for this fiscal year, and will adjust as the State works its way through this situation.

In the meantime, stay safe by washing hands, wearing face masks and maintaining your distance in social settings.

Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American Veterans Fundraiser

The Chinese Americans veterans who served honorably in World War II are being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Like the Nisei veterans and the Filipino veterans of World War II, they are being recognized for their distinguished service to our country.



The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is conducting a fundraiser through the sale of a classy Reyn Spooner aloha shirt to purchase replicas of the Congressional Gold Medal that will be issued to the Chinese American veterans

or their surviving family representative. This commemorative Reyn Spooner aloha shirt also honors the Nisei and Filipino Congressional Gold Medal recipients.

To place your order, please follow these steps: (Order form attached)

1. Complete and e-mail the attached order form to Tina Ge at tge@chinesechamber.com.
2. Tina will contact you when your shirt(s) are ready for pick-up at 8 South King Street, Suite 201.
3. Pay for the shirt(s) upon pick-up.

Your support is very much appreciated.

2021 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

Tentatively, the Go For Broke Association's Annual Membership Dinner Meeting is tentatively scheduled Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Hale Koa Hotel's Waikiki Ballroom.



The Aloha Buffet features a Prime rib carving station.

Currently, the Hotel is not open for any dining or catering service. Should the Hotel open for business to both active and retired service members, updates on next year's Annual Membership Dinner Meeting will be provided no later than the next newsletter on March 1, 2021.

COMING SOON

Go For Broke Association Memorial Service

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

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.

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A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

— Douglas MacArthur —

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