

## "Never Forget" -100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service

### A Commemoration of the San Diego Veterans of Most Decorated Unit in the History of American Warfare

February 19th is recognized in the Japanese American communities as the "Day of Remembrance". It is the day that President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 in 1942 sending 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans into internment camps. Ironically, during internment, the sons of many of these families were fighting with a unit that would become the most decorated unit in the history of American warfare.

At the **February 20 dinner and program** the Silver Strand Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is pleased to present the short film, "**Never Forget**", highlighting the local San Diego Japanese American veterans of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, their families, and the families of those veterans who have passed away.

We are also honored to have the filmmaker Lane Nishikawa present to introduce his film and take Q & A following the 20-minute documentary. We are extremely pleased that a San Diego veteran of the 442d RCT, Mas Tsuida, will be present to be recognized, as well as another local veteran of the 442d RCT, Martin Loyd Ito, and his nephew, Robert Ito.

The film, "Never Forget" is a professionally produced, educational documentary short feature film, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, by honoring the veterans of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT), the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and their families. It highlights the history of the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare, told from viewpoint of **San Diego veterans**, and also from the families, most of whom were in internment camps while the men were fighting. It is a powerful story of human rights, social justice, honor, and bravery, to pass on to future generations, to learn from and keep close in their hearts.

A portion of the film is dedicated to historic photos and photos from the veteran's family albums. The major body of the film is live interviews of the veterans and their families conducted by Television anchor and documentary filmmaker, David Ono.

In all of his pursuits as an actor, writer, and director, Lane Nishikawa has "continually broken ground in examining the human condition of the Asian American experience." The son of an accountant and beauty salon owner, Nishikawa was born in Wahiawa on Oahu and then raised in San Francisco from the time he was three. Nishikawa worked his way through San Francisco State University, and in true artistic form, he ended up creating his own degree—a B.A. in Asian-American Theater—in interdisciplinary studies by combining creative writing, ethnic studies, and theater.

In the years since, Lane Nishikawa's body of work has crossed many different genres. He has written poetry; he has written and performed one-man shows; and he has written, produced, and acted in a number of noteworthy plays. He is an accomplished movie actor and a documentary filmmaker.

Please join the Silver Strand Chapter of MOAA at their joint meeting with the Coronado Council of the Navy League for this important program at the Coronado Yacht Club, 1631 Strand Way. 6pm Social time, no host bar, 6:45 Dinner (\$33 per person in advance, \$35 at the door), 7:30 Program. **Please note the slight increase in cost for this program.**

Please RSVP to Wendy McGuire at [wendy@ganoshgourmet.com](mailto:wendy@ganoshgourmet.com) if you are not a MOAA or Navy League member, or if you are planning to pay at the door. You do not need to be a member to attend but we pay for the reserved spots, so please plan to attend if you RSVP. This event will surely sell out quickly, so there is a **firm RSVP date of February 15.**

