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## A Message from the President

Thank you to all of you that attended our annual Fall Festival. Your generous contribution allows us to continue our youth scholarship program. I want to thank Harvest Meat Company and Pacific Mercantile Company for donating the food for the festival. I also want to thank Suzuho Shimasaki, Ngoc Dinh, and Donna Hansen for their leadership and their hard work in organizing the festival. Last but not least, I want to thank all of the volunteers for helping us with the festival. We could not have done it without all of your help!

We have been working hard to prepare for the 2015 Day of Remembrance ceremony. We are working together with CU Denver and we will be hosting two separate DOR ceremonies. One of the ceremonies will take place at History Colorado on February 15th and the other ceremony will take place at CU Denver on February 23rd. We are still finalizing our list of speakers, but we love to hear your suggestions on who we should invite!

Inside this newsletter, you will find an article about the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre. It is a very dark chapter of our nation's history and very few people actually know about it. I was able to visit the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site a few months ago and it was a very moving experience. The site is located near Amache and I highly encourage all of you to stop by the site the next time you are near Amache.

It is almost the end of the year, which means that we will soon be holding election for Board of Director positions within Mile High JACL. This is your chance to get involved with Mile High JACL and help us plan future activities. Please consider running for a Board of Director position! If you have any questions, please send me an email at [President@MileHighJACL.org](mailto:President@MileHighJACL.org)

Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm. We meet at the office of Japanese American Association of Colorado, located on the second floor of Sakura Square (19th and Lawrence). Our meeting is open to all members, so please feel free to come! We love seeing new faces!

*Harry Budisidarta*  
Mile High JACL Chapter President



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mile High JACL  
Board Meeting  
December 4th  
6:30pm  
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

Denver Buddhist Temple  
Young Buddhist  
Association Mochitsuki  
December 27th

## JACL Kicks off 2015-2016 Scholarship Program

JACL announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2015 academic year. JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students in all majors who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates; and those specializing in law and the creative/performing arts. Additionally, there are two student aid scholarships to address the challenge of rising tuition costs. For more information on the different scholarships and for the scholarship application, please visit <http://jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm>.

### Application Deadlines

The freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to his/her local chapter, postmarked no later than March 1, 2015. Students who require the mailing address for their chapter may contact JACL Membership Assistant Tomiko Ismail at [tismail@jacl.org](mailto:tismail@jacl.org) or by calling (415) 921-5225.

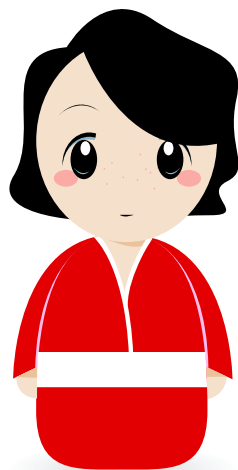
Applications for all other scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to: "National JACL Scholarship Committee," c/o Washington, DC JACL, 5406 Uppingham Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Applications for these categories must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2015 to be considered.

For more information, please contact JACL Scholarship Program Manager Patty Wada at [pwada@jacl.org](mailto:pwada@jacl.org) or National Vice President for Planning & Development Chip Larouche at [clarouche@jacl.org](mailto:clarouche@jacl.org).



## Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Hoshi (*Ho-shi*)  
Translation: Star

Tsuki (*Tsu-ki*)  
Translation: Moon

Sora (*So-ra*)  
Translation: Sky

Hikari (*Hi-ka-ri*)  
Translation: Light

Kuruma (*Ku-ru-ma*)  
Translation: Car

Enpitsu (*E-n-pi-tsu*)  
Translation: Pencil

For more upcoming events  
please visit our website:  
[milehighjacl.org/events/](http://milehighjacl.org/events/)

Do you have an event  
or project that you  
would like to share  
with our community?  
Please help us keep  
our community informed  
by submitting events,  
notices, recognitions and  
articles to include in future  
newsletters. Information  
can be submitted to  
[media@MileHighJACL.org](mailto:media@MileHighJACL.org)

# Mile High JACL 2014 Fall Festival

By Ngoc Dinh

Thank you for everyone who attended the 2014 Mile High JACL Fall Festival. The festival just passed its 3 year mark and we're already excited for next year! If you missed it this year, please visit our website and take a look at the photo album: <http://milehighjacl.org/photo-album>

The Mile High Japanese American Citizens League would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their tremendous donations and generosity!



Harvest Meat Company  
Pacific Mercantile  
Simpson United Methodist Church

Humu Humu  
Wahines and Kanes

Alley Watada  
Andrew Yeh  
Bonnie Clark  
Brett Yamashita  
Cameron Stutzman  
Charles Villalobos Jr.  
Deb Yamashita  
Donna Hansen  
Frank Konishi  
Gary Yamashita  
Gil Asakawa

Ginni Ishimatsu  
Gladys Konishi  
Harry Budisidharta  
Jessica Gebhard  
Justin Valas  
Karen Shimamoto  
Marge Taniwaki  
Mary Ann Amemiya  
Mike Shibata  
Ngoc Dinh  
Paula Ison  
Reina Higashide  
Richard Hamai  
Suzuho Shimasaki  
Tim Higashide  
Yoshimi Watada



## National Veterans Network to Produce Nisei Soldier Gold Medal Digital Exhibit



The National Veterans Network (NVN), in partnership with the Smithsonian and with funding from the National Park Service, has begun developing a state of the art digital exhibition featuring the military service of Japanese American Nisei Soldiers during World War II. The exhibition was inspired by the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in 2011. The exhibit is expected to be completed in 2016. For more information, please [click here](#) for the NVN Press Release.



## 2015-2016 White House Fellows Application



Engagement in the work of the federal government lies at the heart of a White House Fellowship. Work assignments can offer unparalleled experience working with senior administration officials on ever changing issues and challenges. White House Fellows typically spend a year as full-time, paid assistants to senior White House Staff, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Their assignments demand a capacity for quick learning and a willingness to work hard, often on issues outside of their area of expertise. The application for the 2015-2016 Class of White House Fellows is available from November 1, 2014 to January 15, 2015. To read more, please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows/application>.

## White House Internship Opportunities

The White House Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office and prepare them for future public service opportunities. The White House Internship Program's mission is to make the "People's House" accessible to future leaders from around the nation. The application for the summer 2015 White House Internship Program is now open, and is due on Sunday, January 11, 2015. To find out more, please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships>



## Office of Naval Intelligence Summer Internship Program



The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) is expected to open the application period for their 2015 summer internship program soon. College students interested in naval intelligence, science and technology, public administration and business operations, information technology, and law are encouraged to apply. This is a paid internship and is located in suburban Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C. For more information, please click [here](#) for an informational flyer, and click [here](#) for the ONI Summer Intern Program page.

## FBI Cyber Internship Program



Undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students pursuing degrees in the Computer Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering fields are encouraged to apply for the FBI's Cyber Internship Program. This paid internship lasts for at least 10 weeks during the Summer of 2015 in various locations throughout the United States. Interns will receive on the job training and exposure to national and international cyber investigations and will have opportunities within the Cyber Division, Operational Technology Division, Security Division, Informational Technology Branch as well as working in Counterintelligence, Counterterrorism, and Criminal Intrusion matters relating to National Security. The FBI will be accepting applications from Monday, November 17th to Monday, December 8th, 2014. See the full job posting [here](#).

# Sand Creek Massacre

*By Harry Budisidharta*

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre, a very dark chapter in our nation's history. In the summer of 1864, Colorado Territorial Governor John Evans issued a proclamation asking "the friendly Indians of the Plains" to come to Fort Lyon so that they could negotiate a peace treaty between the Plains Indians and the US government. Responding to the proclamation, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes went to Fort Lyon and were told to establish a camp at Sand Creek. They were also told to fly the US flag to indicate their peaceful nature and to wait for the arrival of the peace delegation. The tribes complied with the US government's requests.

Instead of a peace delegation, the Colorado Territory militia arrived at Sand Creek on November 29, 1864. Even though they knew that the tribes were there on a peaceful mission, the soldiers proceeded to slaughter around 200 tribal members, most of whom were women, children, and elderly. Not satisfied with the massacre, Colonel John Chivington, ordered his men to scalp the dead and he later paraded the body parts of the dead Indians through the streets of Denver.

However, two officers, Captain Silas Soule and Lieutenant Joseph Cramer, refused to obey Chivington's order and told their men to hold fire. After the massacre, both of them wrote letters to various elected officials in Colorado asking them to investigate the massacre and prosecute the perpetrators. The letters were circulated in Washington, D.C., and investigations into the massacre were opened by the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the Tribes, and an army commission. All of them came to the same conclusion: Sand Creek was a massacre of the Plains Indians who were under the protection of the US government.

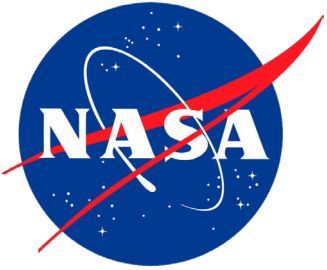
The Joint Committee on the Conduct of War forcefully condemned the massacre and declared that, "[Chivington] deliberately planned and executed a foul and dastardly massacre.....having full knowledge of their friendly character, having himself been instrumental to some extent in placing them in their position of fancied security, he took advantage of their in-apprehension and defenceless position to gratify the worst passions that ever cursed the heart of man." Sadly, no charges were ever brought against Chivington or any of the soldiers that committed the massacre.

The site of the massacre is now preserved by the National Park Service. On November 7, 2000, President Clinton signed Public Law 106-465 creating the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

On November 29, 2014, members of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes will hold a spiritual healing run/walk to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek massacre. The healing run/walk will start at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and end on the west steps of Colorado State Capitol. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can find more information by visiting [www.SandCreekMassacre150.com](http://www.SandCreekMassacre150.com)

Harry received his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School. He has his own law firm and is the current president of the Mile High chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. You can contact him at [harry@denverfirm.com](mailto:harry@denverfirm.com)

## NASA Summer Internship Program



The Office of Education (OE) at NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) is currently recruiting for our 2015 internship, fellowship, and scholarship programs. The Lewis' Educational and Research Collaborative Internship Project (LERCIP) is a Center-unique ten week paid summer college internship experience at the NASA Glenn Research facility. Internships are in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, as well as the non-STEM professional business career majors that provide support to NASA's mission. LERCIP provides opportunities to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students. LERCIP interns are involved in mission-related projects under the guidance of a Glenn Research Center (GRC) mentor and subject matter expert who engages them in exciting work with exposure to state-of-the-art technology. The dates of the two sessions are below.

- Session #1: June 1, 2015 - August 7, 2015
- Session #2: June 15, 2015 - August 21, 2015

Please click [here](#) for more details about these opportunities including how to apply.

## Former Hawaii Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink to be Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom



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Wikipedia.org

Former Hawaii Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink will posthumously be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a White House Ceremony on November 24th. Mink represented Hawaii's Second District in the US House of Representatives from 1965 to 1977, and again from 1990 to 2002 when she died in office. The first woman of color in Congress, Mink is probably best known as a co-author and driving force behind the landmark Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act of 1972 that barred sex discrimination in educational programs or activities receiving federal funding. The act, which opened up higher education and athletic opportunities to women, has since been renamed the "Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act" in her honor. The Presidential Medal of Freedom, along with the comparable Congressional Gold Medal, is the nation's highest civilian honor. For more information, please click [here](#).

## Mini Timmaraju Appointed First NCAPA National Director



The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), of which JAACL is a member organization, has appointed Mini Timmaraju as the first NCAPA National Director. Timmaraju is a public affairs and government relations professional and has most recently served as Chief of Staff for Congressman Ami Bera. In her role as the NCAPA National Director, Timmaraju will play an integral role in developing and implementing policy and communications strategy and ensuring NCAPA's representation on the federal level. Based in Washington, D.C., NCAPA is a 33 member coalition of national AAPI organizations that formed in 1996 to represent the interests of the greater AAPI community and provide a national voice for AAPI issues. For more information, please click [here](#).

## JACL Mission Statement

"What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another."

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

## Become a Member of JACL Today!

Joining the Mile High Chapter JACL is a great way to get involved with the community and to help support our programs that educate our youth, develop leaders and pass on our legacy from generation to generation.

Membership benefits include (subject to change):

**Associate Memberships are available for two years to individuals who are new to the Mile High Chapter JACL and includes:**

- Mile High Chapter JACL Newsletter
- Discounts to local chapter events (when applicable)

**All other memberships include the above in addition to:**

- Pacific Citizen, The JACL Newspaper
- Scholarship Program
- JACL Credit Union Services
- VISA Affinity Card
- Hertz Rental Car Discounts
- Long Distance Calling Discounts
- Major Medical Insurance Program \*
- Long Term Care Insurance \*
- Catastrophic Major Medical Insurance\*
- Medicare Supplement Insurance\*

\* Membership does not guarantee acceptance. The insurers have their own acceptance criteria.

**If you would like to join, please complete the information below:**

Membership Application

(12 months membership from the date of application)

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|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$25)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$65)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (\$110)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Youth (\$30) - PC Excluded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club (\$200)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club (\$350)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club (\$1000) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club Life (\$3,000)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Life (\$5,000)             |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Thousand or Century Club member (\$37) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Millennium Club Member (\$30) |   |   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if applying): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send applications to: Mile High JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201

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## Would you like to place an ad in our newsletter?

Individuals and organizations are invited to place advertisement in the Mile High JACL Newsletter to help us sustain this important publication that informs our community about various activities and issues. Advertisements may include marketing for your company, job postings and/or messages to friends and family. However, the Mile High JACL Board of Directors will use its discretion about printing advertisements that may go against the mission of the organization. The sponsorship categories are as follows for each issue of the newsletter (printing on 8.5" x 11"):

- \$100 - Full page advertisement
- \$50 - Half page advertisement
- \$25 - Quarter page advertisement
- \$10 - Business card size advertisement

Discounts are available for bulk purchases: 5% off for three issues or 10% off for six issues. Members are also eligible for an additional 10% off.

If you are interested in submitting an advertisement, please email your graphic and/or text to [info@milehighjacl.org](mailto:info@milehighjacl.org) and mail payments to: Mile High JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201

Payment and advertisements both need to be received by the 15th of each month in order for your information to be included in that month's issue.

Thank you for your support of the Mile High JACL and its monthly newsletter!