A Museum Visit

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Aloha,

The past months have been filled with lots of excitement and activity at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii. Recent projects include launching our website, a revamp of our current audio tour, and the 38th Annual MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament.

We recently finalized our new Hawaii Army Museum Society website. It’s filled with historical pictures of the museum as well as the Ft. DeRussy grounds. The website continues to showcase many of our flagship exhibits, but also offers visitors the opportunity to request tours, donate artifacts, contribute monetarily as well as shop at our online store. Accordingly, we also thought it prudent to allow Next Gen and Millennials the opportunity to check us out. So not only did we give the website a facelift, we “mobified” it. Simply stated it has been formatted so that you can do anything you want on a smartphone, Ipad, or computer. Give us a try at: Hiarmymuseumsoc.org

We continue to work on the new script for our audio tour. The Museum Staff and members of our board are collaborating on the content for the new tour. We hope to have a final product finished and operational by the end of summer 2019.

In June 2019, Allison Ramsey, our museum curator relocated to Maryland. Like many service families, it was time that her husband’s tour of duty dictated a change. We wish her well with her new position at the Center for Military History as well as in life.

Holding down the fort, is our Curator, Kathleen Frazier, who oversees the 25th Lightening Museum and whose experience and knowledge will assist us in all things marked by the transition.

As you read on, you’ll notice that this issue is dedicated to highlighting the 38th Annual MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament. This event has always been a time honored tradition for HAMS focused on preserving our mission. We’ve spotlighted our sponsors, players and volunteers. All of which make this tournament a continued success! We couldn’t do it without all of your assistance and participation. This is our small way of saying thank you to those who donated, volunteered or sponsored. Your continued support and patronage is invaluable and know that we are deeply grateful. We hope to see you all at next year’s tournament!!

Mahalo nui loa!!

Cyndi
misfits and the dreamers in this world...therefore they became our heroes. Barney Hajiro is no exception.

With only a day-and-a-half of rest, the 442nd was assigned the daunting task to rescue the “Lost Battalion.” On October 29, 1944, Barney led a charge up “Suicide Hill,” aptly named as the Germans were entrenched at the top, easily averting any advances. He said he was in “no man’s land.” At that point you cannot retreat. He did not “think about dying, only offensive” as he got to the top of the ridge and pinned down a machine gun nest with a spray from his Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). He says, “In the front line, you need the BAR...this is not a Hollywood star. Once you pin ‘em down you wipe ‘em out, no mercy....Kill or be killed.” He went to the next machine gun nest and “cut ‘em down.” “I was trying to go for the third one, I side step, but they nailed me, “he said, describing how his BAR and helmet went flying. He was hit in the face and the arm (which is now partially paralyzed). With his heroics and many others in the battalion, the rescue offensive was successful.

After the way, he says he is proud to have received the Medal of Honor. Not for him, but for all those in I company and for the Japanese-American people. “Put their head up,” he says. “We took a beating for our generation, if we fight we get into trouble.” He recollects seeing Japanese-American college graduates working as housemaids right after the war. He is proud that nowadays they can get good jobs. “The younger generation does not know or understand,” he says. “They think the job just like that came from heaven...Jobs have to be earned the hard way.” He talks about how mainland “Katonks” were dying in the battlefield as he starts to choke up. He hates to talk about the war, remembering men who died for their country. He is proud that Japanese Americans can now enjoy their freedoms just like any other Americans and that it’s good to share these stories with the public. As a kid, Barney dreamed about being an Olympic champion runner (he was an 800-meter champ on Maui). Today, the next generations can all have good jobs, be proud as Americans, and dream about anything because of men like Barney Hajiro...a true “Hollywood star.”

Barney Hajiro
Born: September 16, 1916, Pu‘unene, Maui, Hawaii
I Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, US Army

“When the country calls for you...do your job.”

Barney Hajiro earned the Medal of Honor, the highest honor a soldier can receive. He is an animated speaker, proud and very brave. He feels it’s important to tell his story even though he gets choked up talking about war. His life helped shape the world we live in today, and it’s easy to forget with cell phones, internet, and video games. Barney had fought for his country at the same age most of us begin worrying about getting a job, our social posts, or getting into that new restaurant. He is not proud that he got two court-martials while in the Army for fighting. But it’s never the quiet man that makes a difference. All of our famous movie heroes broke the rules-Dirty Harry, James Bond, Captain Kirk, the list goes on. They were the...
An update from our Museum Curator, Kathleen Frazier

The museum staff has recently installed two new exhibit displays in the "Hawaii on Offense" Gallery featuring artifacts from the museum’s collection. One of these displays, entitled “Trench Art,” talks about soldier made souvenirs showcasing artifacts that were constructed with materials found on the battlefield. The artifacts on display were souvenirs from soldiers who fought in WWI and WWII and were made from materials such as expended shell casings and personal items. Frequently, soldiers exhibited artistic skill by making elaborately carved designs into the shell casings; however, trench art wasn’t limited to decoration. One soldier fashioned a Japanese mortar round and helmet into a functioning table lamp. Some soldiers sold or gave away trench art they had made to other soldiers as souvenirs to remember a poignant, yet unforgettable time.

The second display highlights a Katana sword and scabbard that honors the end of the United States of America’s occupation of Japan. Mr. Hokkesaburo Nobufusa, the Japanese-swordsmith who made the Katana sword, now on display, said the sword signifies “the restart of Japanese-sword making with the consummation of the Peace Treaty for Japan.” The sword was presented at the swordsmith’s forge on 29 June 1952 to Brigadier General Wilbur E. Dunkelberg the commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division. The Peace Treaty was signed in San Francisco, California on 8 September 1952 by representatives of 49 nations.

Come down to the museum to learn more about these and other artifacts now on display.
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