Army Chief Shinseki Says Goodbye After 38-year Career

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
FORT MYER, Va.—"And so I say one last time, my name is Shinseki and I am a soldier — proud of it."

With that trademark expression from an Army chief of staff who defined himself as a simple soldier, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki officially retired from his position as Chief of Staff of the Army June 11. The JACL national board, at a meeting June 10, congratulated him on his retirement and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the Army and the Asian Pacific American community.

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MORI MEMO Increasing Membership

By FLOYD MORI
JACL Nat’l President

JACL has affected the lives of each of us. That is why we are members. We have seen the value of an organization like JACL for Japanese Americans and we have chosen to be a part of it. JACL is an influential organization and we have joined with other Asian American associations to

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Coble Agrees to Meet With JACL, Decision Follows Calif. Legislature’s Vote Urging Him to Resign Post

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C, who has been widely criticized for his comments endorsing the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, has finally agreed to meet with representatives of the JACL.

At the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) congressional dinner June 12, Kristine Minami, JACL director for public affairs, spoke with Coble and requested a meeting to discuss his comments.

"Representative Coble conveyed that he believed that his remarks had been misinterpreted, to which I responded any misunderstanding only underscored the need for a face-to-face meeting," said Minami. "Reps. Coble agreed and assured me that he would speak to his chief of staff about scheduling such a meeting."

"I’m pleased that Rep. Coble has agreed to meet with us," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "It’s long past time to resolve this issue, which has been festering in the civil rights community for months. I hope that we can walk away from this meeting with a resolution that’s satisfactory to us and our colleagues in the civil rights community."

On June 2 the California Senate joined the state Assembly in urging Coble to resign as chairman of a congressional subcommittee because of his comments rationalizing the WWII internment.

Coble, who heads the House Judiciary sub-committee on homeland security, said during a Feb. 4 radio show that the internment was for the JACL’s own protection.

“We were at war,” Coble said. “For many of these Japanese Americans, it wasn’t safe for them to be on the street.”

He also said that some JAs "probably were going to try to do harm to us, just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us."

The California Assembly voted 70-0 last month to condemn the comments as "insulting, inflammatory (and) inaccurate." Assemblyman George Nakano, who was interned at age 6, said Coble’s comments amount to rewriting history.

"I still remember guards’ rifles pointing inward to the camp — not to protect us but to keep us in," said Nakano, D-District 22 at the time.

The Senate approved the same resolution June 2 by a 31-0 vote.

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JLAS Take Their Case to the International Stage, File Petition With the Organization of American States

The fight for justice for Japanese Latin Americans kidnap­ped and forcibly interned in American camps during World War II has taken an international turn as three former JLA internees filed a petition with the Organization of American States’ (OAS) Inter-American Commis­sion on Human Rights June 10.

The Shibayama brothers — Art, Kenichi and Takeshi — filed the petition along with the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project (JPOHP) seeking acknowledgment and equitable redress from the U.S. government for war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated against them during WWII.

After several failed attempts to have their case heard in U.S. courts, the JLA plaintiffs decided to change their strategy and go before the OAS commission, one of the world’s oldest and most prominent human rights organizations.

“We’ve tried the U.S. courts and they didn’t even let us in the door,” said Grace Shimizu, JPOHP director. "So the merits of our case have never been heard."

Now we’re taking it to the interna­tional arena."

The petitioners hope that by bringing their case before the 35-member OAS commission they can initiate investigations into the actions of the U.S. government and have the United States deemed liable for their WWII actions.

The Shibayama brothers also hope that by telling their story they can further educate fellow Americans about the injustices committed against JAs during WWII.

In a little-known chapter of WWII history, the Shibayama brothers along with over 2,200 persons of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries were forcibly brought to American internment camps by the U.S. government to be used in hostage exchanges with Japan.

The Shibayama brothers had owned a thriving business and had led a comfortable life in Lima, Peru. When the family was forcibly moved to the Crystal City, Texas, camp they lost everything including

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KATSUYAMA
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problems still facing Asians and AAs—both as hate incidents and hate crimes, and the existence of discrimi-
nation in access to employment, housing, education and health care.
The P.C. can continue as the sin-
gle best source of information and discussion on these and other issues vital to the interests of Japanese Americans. It promotes dialogue between JAs across the country as well as across generations. With archival issues now preserved at the Japanese American National Museum, the P.C. has become a broad part of our history and her-
itage.

A financial crisis at hand and only essential budget lines left, JACL faces extremely difficult deci-
isions. Giving a declining membership, we cannot conduct business as usual. However, we can implement more effective policies and pro-
cedures together with a broad-based support that will help us avoid these problems in the future.

Let us also remind ourselves that
during times of economic down-
turn, some community organizations continue to thrive as their members and contrib-
utors limit the number of causes that they support but not the extent of participation or level of support
for programs and projects. I believe that the JACL and the P.C. are valuable institutions among JAs,
will continue to support our members as long as its activities continue to sup-
port their organization, there is room for improvement in effectively attracting and utilizing available resources.

National JACL president and National JACL
without $25; inductees in periodicals in
The glass, free-standing plaque from the Chicago Japanese American Community
is simply a recognition of her courage and endurance on behalf of all Japanese Americans.

The event also included a panel discussion, "Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis," moderated by Calvin Marsh. In the discussion focused on civil liberties and the Constitution with three panelists: Kyoko Fujitsu, for-
ter internee; Anna Maustaf, an Arab American civil rights activist; and Fred Tiao, immigration and citi-
enship director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigration and Refugees.

It was important to show our sup-
port for our Arab and Muslim American brothers and sisters so
who happen in 1942 would not happen again.

It was a remarkable program and
it was a real pleasure to meet Mitsuye "Endo" Tsutsurni and her
family and to thank her personally for her actions.

Mitsuye is well and enjoying life
with her family.

Sam Oyachi
Chicago

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(USPS Form 3570)
Sen. Inouye, War Hero and Political Leader, to be Honored at 2003 JACL National Gala Dinner

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APLAC) have announced the formation of a new civil rights project to advocate on behalf of Asian Americans across California. Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality (AACRE) is the first project of its kind to locate in the state capitol.

"AACRE will be an important voice for AAs in the state's capitol focusing on legislation and regulatory and enforcement policies," said Diane Tateishi, JACL executive director. "AACRE builds upon a history of collaborative advocacy between JACL and the state of California," she added. "AACRE will provide information and opportunities for Asian Americans to influence policy decisions on behalf of our collective civil rights," said Stuart Ishimaru, APALC executive director.

Currently staffed by CAA's Larry Jin and APALC's Michael Malhotra, AACRE recently opened its Sacramento office and is focused on a number of issues affecting AAs, including language rights, increasing equal opportunity, voting rights, and education, as well as broader issues of equity, fairness and justice. One of the first projects the AACRE will undertake is to help Asian Americans get a fair hearing in the state capitol. The organization will advocate for the passage of legislation to expand the protections of the California Civil Rights Act to all Asian Americans, regardless of their country of origin.

Sen. Daschle Recommends Ishimaru for EEOC

The JACL applauds Daschle's recommendation of Ishimaru for the vacant EEOC position and urges the White House to promptly move the candidacy forward.

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Marine Reservist Who Died in Hawaii is Buried
CLINTON TOWSHIP, Michigan—Hawaii Marine Reservist Xiong, who was found dead on a beach in Hawaii in the early morning hours of June 20, was buried with military honors.

Sgt. David Xiong, 24, was stationed at the U.S. Army's Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, and was buried after his body was found May 7 on a beach of Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay. The medical examiner's report initially indicated that Xiong had been shot, but it later was determined that the wounds were caused by ocean animals after his death.

Although Xiong's hands were cremated, his remains are not broadly available at his request and his family members believe he was not buried with military honors. They subsequently decided to seek burial.

Law Helping Hmong Veterans Become Citizens Expreses

MINNEAPOLIS--A special law, which will help more than 5,000 Hmong veterans in Minnesota to become U.S. citizens, expired May 20.

The Hmong Veterans Naturalization Act of 2000 gave up to 45,000 Hmong veterans the opportunity to become citizens under less stringent requirements than in English. It also eased civics tests for applicants, though they must still pass typical citizenship requirements.

Nationwide, only 5,331 people received a green card under this law. The initial applications began in November 2001, but Chong Bong Yang, executive director of the Laotian-American community in St. Paul and Muslim veterans lobbed for more time so they could make it out to the Hmong community.

With support from the late Sen. Paul Wellstone and Rep. Betty McCollum, the 18-month extension was given to veterans.

Vivandos of veterans still apply for citizenship under this law starting July 1. But Xiong and others couldn't participate, said they weren't included at the beginning of the 18-month period.

Hate Crimes Against Arabs, Muslims Declined in 2002
FORT WORTH, Texas--Hate crimes against Arabs and Muslims in Texas dropped about 70 percent last year compared to 2001 figures, according to recently released state figures.

The program allows distinguished priori ty and secondary teachers in the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote friendship and understanding between the two nations. The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government's Heirloom Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Asian American citizens to study in Japan. Lee also was called to the White House to support the Federation's efforts.

Hwa-Wei Lee was recently appointed by the Asian American Federation of New York to administer the Federation's new scholarship program.

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APIA Leaders Announce Start of APJA Public Safety Campaign

Leaders representing over 20 Asian Pacific Islander American community organizations announced June 5 the start of the APJA Public Safety Campaign in the city of Los Angeles, a long-term effort to advocate on public safety issues affecting the APJA community.

In a meeting with Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton May 28 the coalition expressed the importance of making public safety issues affecting the APJA community a high priority in the LAPD. The meeting was organized by LAPD Police Commissioner Rose Ochi.

During the two-hour meeting the coalition raised five public safety issues affecting the APJA community: language accessibility of the LAPD, leadership and recruitment of LAPD officers, community-based policing, hate crimes, and the proposed LAPD headquarters and jail facility in Little Tokyo.

Chief Bratton expressed openness to the various suggestions raised by the APJA leaders, noting that he is considering the creation of a special Los Angeles, a long-term effort to advocate on public safety issues affecting the APJA community.

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"I think we all left with a better understanding of our common goal: improved public safety for the Asian Pacific Islander Community," said Ochi.

The APJA community represents 11 percent of the population of the City of Los Angeles.

Led by the APIA Pacific Islander Police Advisory Council, the official APIA advisory council to the Police Commission, the coalition includes: the JACL, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Korean American Legal Center, and the South Asian Bar Association.

A reunion of former Minidokans, families and friends is set for the weekend of Aug. 1-3 in Seattle. Minidoka was located in southern Idaho and most of its 10,000 internees were from Bainbridge Island, Portland and the Seattle area. Nisei Veterans Committee, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, and the South Asian Bar Association.

A plaque was presented to the family of the late Staff Sgt. Kazuo Otani, who died in action in Italy and was recently awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. The presentation was made by 442nd Regimental Combat Team veterans Jimmy Makino of San Gabriel Valley, Calif., and Hiro Takaegawa of Gardena, Calif.

Otani's nephew, Norman Otani of Fresa, Calif., accepted the plaque on behalf of the Otani family. He in turn presented a framed copy of the Medal of Honor citation to the Gila River reunion committee.

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 of the Gila River Indian Community participated in the color guard presentation. Among the color guards were Masaji Inobuchi and Joe Allman, two Arizona JACL officers and Gila River reunion committee members.

Keynote speaker Tsutsumida, who was not yet a teenager when Gila River closed, said her family was one of the last to leave the camp. As they were exiting, Tsutsumida said someone handed her a Yale lock to place on the camp gate in 1945.
South Bay Chapter

The South Bay JACL announced the six recipients of the 2003 Kichi Egashira Memorial Scholarship at a luncheon on May 31 at El Retiro Park in Torrance, Calif.

Lori Hashi, South Torrance High, daughter of Kazuo Suzuki of Gardena, Calif., received the top award of $1,000. She will matriculate at UCLA and major in microbiology.

The Kiichi Egashira Memorial Scholarship of $2,500 was established by his widow to be awarded to a student of Japanese ancestry who had not only high grades, but also showed promise and a good heart — symbolic to the founder in which Joseph Haraoka lived.

Santa Maria Valley Chapter

The Santa Maria Valley chapter held their 7th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 14 at the Central City Broiler Restaurant in Santa Maria.

The three scholarship recipients of $500 each were: Brandon Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Carroll of Santa Maria, Akiko Miyake-Stoner, daughter of Rev. Bob and Dr. Nobuyuki Miyake-Stoner of Lakewood, Colo., and Esther Tanouye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshihiko Tanouye of San Benito, Calif.

Keynote speaker at the luncheon was Tak Oishi, administrator of the Kari Retirement Home in Los Angeles, who spoke on the various services and programs offered for senior citizens.

San Mateo JACL Chapter

The San Mateo JACL Community Center, which has been renamed the San Mateo Japanese American Community Center, held its annual scholarship luncheon recently at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse Restaurant.

Nicholas Whitenack of Rancho Bernardo High received the top award of $1,000. He will matriculate at UCLA and major in biomedical engineering.

Joseph Allen Ramirez, Hino High, Erica Swift, Montgomery High, Rodric Towne, Eastlake; Rebecca Valadez, Mar Vista High; Yui Watanabe, Eastlake High, and Jeffrey Yamashita, Valhalla High.

David Kawamoto, a graduate of the San Diego chapter, who presently serves as JACL national vice president for programs, provided the keynote address in which he informed the guests of JACL’s accomplishments for the year.

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As a result, the members chose to present the property, which includes a meeting hall and the present San Mateo Japanese American Community Center building, to the community center.

The community center will continue to operate at its present location. It has been a gift given to us so that we can continue to serve the Japanese American community as we have in the past,” said Sato.

New Mixed-Race Group

Halvsie, a new, independent, Northwest-based cultural association, is inviting all persons of half-Japanese descent to join the group for discussion, networking, and empowerment. Currently Halvsie is hosting a website at http://www. halvsie.com/ and is planning future events in various locations around the United States and Canada.

Halvsie is a new ad-hoc collection of mixed-race individuals, who are interested in meeting one another, exchanging experiences, interests and ideas in order to further a discussion of their unique place in between Japanese, Nikkei and Western cultural contexts.

Numerous terms are used to describe mixed-race individuals: Japanese, Half-bloods, doubles, half and full, to the group which would like to add “halvsie.” Unique cultural signifiers include the California Roul, Spam musubi, the Hawaiian Islands, the JET program, and Japanglish. Halvsie is inviting all interested parties to contact them at least visit their website.

Famous Halvsies include the TV show’s “Sons of Guns” star, Japanese-American, author and Olimo Apolito, author Ruth Ooki and hockey player Paul Kariya. For a full list of famous Halvsies, please visit the Halvsie website.

For more information contact the organization at halvsie@gmail.com or call 206-222-2324.
OLYMPIC SWIMMING
Two-time U.S. Olympic Gold Swimmer Retraces Roots to Vietnam

TU SON, Vietnam—For years, Olympic swimmer Catherine Mai Lan Fox put a desire to compete ahead of the dream to explore her Vietnamese roots. When she dived gracefully into a weathered concrete pool in this town north of Hanoi, she realized she had combined both ambitions.

Fox, 25, has hungered to visit her mother’s native land since she was a child, but a rigorous training regimen always prevented her—until now.

The two-time U.S. Olympic gold medalist is spending three weeks traveling Vietnam from north to south with her father and cousin. She will end up in southern Can Tho province to visit relatives she’s never met and the place where her parents married more than 30 years ago.

“This trip has been on my mind for the past 15 years,” she said. “It’s something I’ve been looking forward to for a long time.”

But Fox didn’t leave her swimming cap at home in San Francisco. Instead, she’s sharing techniques with young Vietnamese swimmers and instilling in them a confidence that they also can be champions.

A line of dripping youngsters walked beside Fox as she glided swiftly through the water in the pool at the University of Sports and Physical Culture No. 1 in Tu So. She demonstrated floating drills and coached them on how to get the most speed and distance out of each stroke.

“Mai Lan is not very big and not as tall as other foreign swimmers, but she has proven that she can win anything,” said Vu Thi Men, a former women’s national champion.
Very Truly Yours

Harry K. Honda

Anti-Americanism in Europe? 
Minorities Are a Greater Concern There

UNDERSTANDABLY, anti-Americanism in Europe grabs greater attention in the U.S. media because of our historic background and Caucasian majority. Most of us, except for the Nisei who fought in Europe during World War II, are too far away geographically from Europe to look that way. But a special report in this issue of The Economist (May 10) on Europe's minorities piqued my interest to look there — because of the "minorities" angles present in the Japanese American newspaper press.

While European societies are facing the issue of how to keep out new foreigners, the venerable London Times and The Economist focuses on the need for newcomers to accept French values but with little said about how to achieve it. Authorities have long been eager to isolate the extremists and met with heat supplied by "republican Union" anti-immigration feelings but a new rule won by its most anti-immigrant and popular party bars asylum-seekers from bringing in family members unless they can support themselves.

W orking together, the National JACL, Credit Union has teamed up with national JACL to provide membership with another new benefit. This time the collaboration is to offer JACL members the ability to process credit card payments. Benefits such as cash back, mileage or point earnings, and delayed payments have lured our society into paying with plastic.

In recognition of this shift in culture, the JACL Credit Union has generously offered to pay for the processing of these credit card transactions completed by national JACL. As an effort to spur membership growth, we know that the other 39 percent do not automatically condemn the murder of 3,000 innocents?" The conclusion was: "They're not like us."

But a race relations board has grappled with the question about the Jews since it was formed in 1966 and in most cases the answer was: "Teach the natives (the Brits) to be less prejudiced."

In Britain, they were concentrated in poor east London, spoke foreign tongues, had their own religions and habits and were often disliked by the native Brits. Officials hardly lifted a finger to them in efforts to the efforts of sympathetic, or worried, Jews already in place. Yet, by now Britain's Jews (except the Hasidim) are "assimilated as British, as any descendants of the Angles or Normans. They did it; why not leave other "minorities" alone?"

The Danes are very conscious of their immigrants. Their approach — "When in Rome do as the Romans do" — is spreading fast. They elected a liberal (free market) government in 2001. They have new ministries for immigrants and integration, which began to fiercely shut its doors but also push integration. The emphasis: "We are the key to integration." Welfare benefits for newly arrived were cut for their first seven years, but now they draw them while working part time. To help the process, newcomers must take up compulsory courses in civics and language. "Fail to comply and year

by the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

A JACL (Credit) Union

Membership today, pay later

With credit card processing, national JACL aims to gain membership by allowing greater flexibility in the payment of membership dues. We know that the current trend has people migrating away from checks to credit card payments. Benefits such as cash back, mileage or point earnings, and delayed payments have lured our society into paying with plastic.

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Options

The imagination constitutes the only limitation on what we can use our credit card processing for. Not only memberships, but also things such as: donations, material purchases (e.g., books, CDs, tapes, guides, CD-ROMs), and admission to events. More options make it that much easier for people to pay.

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Guilelm, Frances Fusako, of Monterey Park, passed away in E nd Olka, May 6, survived by husband Philippe; sister Alice Ogawa of Santa Monica.

Aiko, Alice Kazuko, 86, Stockton, June 9, 2003; born stockton; survived by sons Marvin Hiroshi; Lawrence Seto (June) Valentine; daughter Marie Hisahisa (Mary Ann Takahashi); Alice Kazuko, (Mike) King; 7 g., 2 g.

Fukuda, James Y., 1966, Monterey Park, May 31, 2003, survived by sons Bob (Ant); Ted; Tetu (Alden); daughters Kumiko McGee, Mikey (Tak); 7 g., 2 g.


Kamoto, Fukiko, 81, West Los Angeles, March 23, 2003, survived by brother Gary; daughter Barbara (Jim) Masumura; 5 g.; sisters Yukie Gotanda, Hiroe (Don) Kay, Ie Terasawa, Sumiko Terawasa.

Kogo, Alfred M., May 27, 2003, survived by siblings Sumi of California, Kaniko, Yuriko, Michio, Emiko, Takedo, Mitsuko Ichikawa, Akiko Kobayashi; of Japan; wife Issei; predeceased by his wife, Mary H.


Mirai, Kiyoko, 81, Pearl City, Hawaii, May 8, 1922, in Waikiki, June 24, 2003; survived by sons Allen; daughter Carol (Joe) Nakamura, Lillian (Glenn) Ogawa, June 22, 2003; predeceased by brother Joan (Joe) Kii; sister Hideo Kikuchi; son-in-law Glenn; predeceased by husband Joe.

Murayama, Mary Hisako, 87, San Carlos, May 2, 1922, in Mountain View, May 31, 2003; survived by sons Don; daughter Linda Beke, Carol Murayama, Ruth Murayama; 3 g.; predeceased by husband, Max Murayama.


Sugita, Tadao "Ted", 90, Carson, May 31, 1923; predeceased by wife Yumi; sons James (Rae), Richard (Sharon); children Yuki; predeceased by wife Yumi.

Taira, Yori, 81, Fillmore, June 21, 1922, in Fillmore; brothers Joe Suski of Cerritos, Elmer (Alice) Suski of Hawaiian Bread Maker Robert Taira Dies at 79

OBITUARY

BLOOMING HAMilton, N.J. -A 79-year-old Robert Taira, a former Hamiltonian who developed a Korean sweet bread, which is now sold throughout the United States, has died. He was 70.

He died May 29 at Torrance Memorial Hospital in Torrance and developed his idea after World War II, when the Japanese would have a greater demand for Western-style products. He spent time in Japan soon after, and went to schools in Hilo, Hawaii, and Chicago to learn how to bake. Taira also set up a storefront bakery in Hilo featur-

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Shinseki spent 11 months recuperating in a hospital in Hawaii, and it would be another decade before he returned to the field. In the intervening years he earned a master’s degree in English at Duke University, taught English for two years at West Point, attended the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was a staff officer in the Pentagon.

He went on to hold a variety of commands, with Army units in Germany during the 1980s, and in 1994 he became commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1997 he took command of U.S. Army Europe and headed the NATO peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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