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World War II Veterans with Japanese Surnames

In 1948, Santa Cruz High School published a yearbook called the *Service Cardinal.* It attempted to list all of the Santa Cruz High School students who served in World War II. The editors tried to obtain a photograph and a service record for each person. The foreword in the yearbook cautions us that the information may not be complete: "Many were indifferent, some refused to give their records, others their photographs, and a few did not want to have anything to do with our project."

The library has used the yearbook to compile a list of those individuals we believe to be of Japanese ancestry. We assumed a person was of Japanese ancestry because of his/her surname or because of his service unit. If there are errors or omissions, please contact the library.

U.S. Army

- Henry Y. Arao +*
- Nagatoshi Fujita *
- George Hashimoto
- Mark Hashimoto *
- Tamaki (Tom) Iwanaga *
- Nobuyuki Iwanaga
- Yoshimi Kawaguchi *
- Mitsugi Kawaguchi *
- George I. Kikuchi
- Art Kitahara *
- Burt Kitahara
- Franklin Kitahara
- Tom Masamori
- Kiyoshi Miyamura
- Fred Okino
- Wataru Okino *
- George Otsuki *
- Issie Otsuki *
- Thomas Otsuki
- Kuichi Takei
- George Tani

+Distinguished Service Cross *100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team

U.S. Army Air Corps

Yosh Ogawa (442nd)

U.S. Women's Army Corps

Iris A. Watanabe

U.S. Army Intelligence Service

Tugio Iwanaga
Suama Iwanaga
Masato Kajioka
George I. Nakamura (killed in action; Silver Star)
Mark Watanabe

Source

World War II: Service Cardinal, 1948. Santa Cruz High School. Santa Cruz, CA: Santa Cruz High School, 1948.

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