

Nisei Veterans to Honor Admiral Harris

The Military Intelligence Service Veterans Club is joining nisei veterans and Japanese community organizations to honor Admiral Harry B. Harris Jr., head of the Pacific Command, on his retirement from the military. Harris has been endorsed by the Administration for the position of U.S. Ambassador to Australia.

Admiral Harris's wife, Bruni Bradley, will also be honored. Ms. Bradley is a retired Navy officer and a member of the board of directors of the Military Child Education Coalition.

The luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Hale Koa Hotel's DeRussy Hall. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person.

Because the planning committee needs a "guaranteed" head count from each organization by March 2, please email <misveteranshawaii.com> with your number as soon as possible.

RSVP deadline for sending your registration form and payment to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans is March 28.

Lawrence Enomoto, incoming club president and co-chairman of the event, said, "Admiral Harris has been a stalwart supporter of the nisei veterans organizations throughout his time in Hawaii. He has always credited the AJA veterans for his success, noting he 'stands on the shoulders' of the men who battled racism and served so valiantly in World War II. We want to show our appreciation for his service and support, as well as wish him well in his new endeavors."

The idea to recognize Harris and thank him for his support originated with MIS veteran Shinye Gima, who proposed an award to recognize persons who are perpetuating the ideals and legacy of the AJA veterans through their achievements. Admiral Harris would be the first recipient of this award.

In addition to the MIS Veterans Club, organizations planning the event include the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Go For Broke National Education Foundation.

Admiral Harris was born in Japan, the son of a U.S. Navy sailor and a Japanese woman, and reared in Tennessee and Florida. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1978 and has also attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, Oxford, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



He became a naval flight officer in 1979 and has been a tactical action officer, operations officer, director of operations for the 5th Fleet, and director of operations for the Southern Command.

His staff assignments included aide to the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan; speechwriter for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; three tours on the Navy staff, including deputy chief of naval operations for communication networks; and assistant to the Joint Chiefs where he was the chairman's direct representative to the secretary of state and the U.S. roadmap monitor for the Mid-East Peace Process.

In October 2013, Harris was promoted to admiral and assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He took over the U.S. Pacific Command in May 2015, commanding all U.S. military forces in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

He has earned numerous honors and awards during his career, including the Navy League's Stephen Decatur Award, CIA's Agency Seal Medal, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Lifetime Achievement Award, Who's Who in Asian American Communities Alliance Foundation Community Spirit Award, and Asian American Government Executives Network Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

He has made many appearances at nisei veterans gatherings and has been called on to deliver the keynote speech at many events, including the Military Intelligence Service Veterans reunion in March 2015 and the Pearl Harbor 75th anniversary commemoration in December 2016.

RSVP: March 2

Payment deadline: March 28

Mail to:

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96826

Aloha Luncheon in Honor of Admiral Harry B. Harris Jr. and Ms. Bruni Bradley

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Saturday, April 21
Hale Koa Hotel
DeRussy Hall, 2nd Floor

Aloha attire

\$50 per person

Checks payable to:

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