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sentenced to “three years in federal penitentiary” until pardoned by President Truman. Alluding to how the story of the FPC had been “swept under the rug” for many years, he said, “Today, we look around and say, ‘The same thing now is happening.’”

Kyoko Oda, 80, who was incarcerated with her family at Tule Lake, said, “Across the country today, our history is in danger of being erased at places like the national monument at Tule Lake and Manzanar. Our government describes it as ‘content correction.’ ... We must preserve and protect our national parks’ historical integrity, or there will be no democracy for tomorrow.”

The event was not all fire and brimstone. Heatherton introduced Jeanette Fujita Konishi and said, “Today is her 80th birthday. There are lots of places she could be today. And she said she needed to be here.” More than 500 voices joined to sing “Happy Birthday” for her. The voices would soon join again as some of the speakers led protest chants.

Speaking next was Nikkei Progressives member Abigail Chun. “The histories of our communities must continue to be preserved and shared, not only for ourselves, but for everyone,” she said. “Our past teaches us the importance of fighting against our erasure, as well as the erasure of others.”

Representing CLUE Justice was Rev. Yoshua “Yoshi” Kuramoto, a pastor at San Pedro United Methodist Church, who told the crowd: “We stand side by side, people of all colors and all religions, across identity lines, firmly against the threats of fascism.”

Vlad Carrasco, director of climate justice for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles, said, “We’re gathered here today in the heart of Little Tokyo because here is where, in 1942, families were kidnapped, separated and sent to internment camps. The struggles of the Japanese Americans in 1942 is clearly connected to the struggles for justice today.”

— *Ryan Kozu contributed to the Seattle portion of this article.*

## News Briefs

### Judge Rules Trump's Use of National Guard Violated Posse Comitatus Act

Weeks after President Trump — without the consent of California Gov. Gavin Newsom — ordered to downtown Los Angeles 4,000 California National Guard troops by invoking § 12406 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code ([tinyurl.com/3zny4ynm](https://tinyurl.com/3zny4ynm)) and later, an additional 700 Marines, to protect federal property and personnel, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer on Sept. 2 ruled that the president had “violated the Posse Comitatus Act.” The 1878 federal statute proscribes the president from ordering the military to serve in a domestic police role unless authorized by Congress. Breyer’s ruling arose from the federal lawsuit filed by California that asserted Trump “unlawfully bypassed” Newsom and violated California’s sovereignty by putting the National Guard under federal control. Following the anti-Immigration and Customs Enforcement protests that began June 6 near the downtown Federal Building, police herded crowds through Little Tokyo. Overall damage estimates to property caused by protesters and subsequent cleanup in downtown Los Angeles was pegged at about \$1.4 million, according to an L.A. city controller report. No specific figures just for Little Tokyo were reported. The total estimated costs caused by the protests, including additional police officers, the Los Angeles Fire Department, overtime and other city services was estimated at more than \$32 million. (*Related stories: [tinyurl.com/mvwfr4ak](https://tinyurl.com/mvwfr4ak) and [tinyurl.com/3neae7ca](https://tinyurl.com/3neae7ca)*) After Breyer’s ruling, the White House said it will appeal.

### Japan's Ministry of Defense FY '26 Budget Request Is Highest Ever

Citing security threats from China, North Korea and Russia, Japan’s Ministry of Defense on Aug. 29 revealed a military budget request of \$60.2 billion for FY 2026. Part of a five-year-long buildup, the 2026 request would see spending of \$874.8 million for SHIELD, aka Synchronized, Hybrid, Integrated and Enhanced Littoral Defense program, which includes unmanned aircraft, surface and underwater vessels and \$207.3 million for hypersonic weaponry. Also for FY 2026, the Japan Air Self-Defense Force will become the Japan Air and Space Self-Defense Force. ¶ In related news, the Army announced it will deploy its Typhon midrange missile system to Japan for Resolute Dragon 25, a Marine Corps-led bilateral military training exercise scheduled for Sept. 11-25 across Japan, including Okinawa. Some 12,000 Japan Self-Defense Forces personnel and nearly 1,900 U.S. personnel, mostly Marines, will participate in the exercise. ¶ The *Stars and Stripes* newspaper reported that Japan’s Ministry of Defense said the Marine Corps will keep its MQ-9A Reaper drones on Okinawa indefinitely beyond their original yearlong deployment. ¶ Also on Okinawa’s Kadena Air Base, authorities announced the arrest of Chinese national Dai Long for entering the base via Gate 2 on suspicion of violating the Special Criminal Act for trespassing on a U.S. military facility.

### PRC Criticizes Late August Taiwan Visit by American Sens. Wicker, Fischer

The two-day visit that began Aug. 29 by Sen. Roger Wicker (D-Miss.), the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, and Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) to meet with senior Taiwan leaders to discuss U.S.-Taiwan relations, including regional security and trade, was slammed by the People’s Republic of China. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said it undermined “China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, and sends a gravely wrong signal to the separatist Taiwan independence forces.”

### Linsanity No More: Ex-NBA Star Jeremy Lin Announces Pro Ball Retirement

The Harvard hoopster who set off the short-lived “Linsanity” craze announced his retirement as a pro basketball player on Aug. 30.

— *P.C. Staff*

## MEMORIAM

**Asato, Herbert Mitsuo, 95,** Kailua, HI, Feb. 16. **Oyama, Helen Mitsue, 88,** Spanaway, WA, June 24.

**Matsumoto, Yoshitaka 'Yoshi,' 93,** Monterey Park, CA, July 1. **Taone, Richard Masao, 78,** Chicago, IL, Aug. 3. ■

### TRIBUTE

#### HUBERT YOSHIDA



Hubert Masayoshi Yoshida passed away in Placerville, Calif., on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the age of 86. He was a former resident of Morgan Hill, Calif., for 49 years before moving to Placerville, Calif.

Hubert is survived by his wife of 61 years, Laura Okamoto Yoshida, their two children, Elizabeth and Michael, and two grandsons, Joshua and William.

He leaves behind his sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and John Runde, sisters-in-law June Yoshida, Mary Okamoto and

Jean Okamoto and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenzo and Sumie Shikuma Yoshida, and his brother, Victor Yoshida. Hubert was born in Salinas, Calif., and at the age of 3 the family was interned in Poston, Ariz.

They returned to Watsonville, Calif., where he attended school while working on the family farm. Upon his completion of Watsonville High School, he went on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in mathematics.

In 1962 Hubert joined the Marine Corps, a lifelong dream of his. He had hopes of becoming an officer but was rejected due to his eyesight. He then enlisted as a recruit. At the completion of boot camp, Hubert received the American Spirit Honor Medal. It was awarded to the most outstanding recruit of all the armed force enlistees at that time. He was then assigned to El Toro Marine Corp Base where he met his wife, Laura.

In 1963, Hubert reapplied for Officer’s Candidate School and was accepted for the school in Quantico, Va. After graduation, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton in preparation for the beginning of the Vietnam War. Hubert served in Vietnam from 1965-66 as a platoon commander in H Co., Second Battalion, Seventh Regiment, Third Marine Division. During his time in Vietnam, he received two Bronze Stars for gallantry. He left the Marine Corps with the rank of captain.

In 1967, Hubert joined IBM and was employed with them for 28 years. During his employment at IBM, he and his family lived in Connecticut, Japan and England, with their home base being in Morgan Hill. After retiring from IBM, he joined Hitachi Vantara and retired as Chief Technology Officer. The years Hubert spent at Hitachi were significant years for personal growth. He was able to share the experience, knowledge and vision he had gained throughout his life reaching people and businesses worldwide.

After 23 years with Hitachi, Hubert retired. His new goal was to author a book about the war in Vietnam. “Operation Utah: The Die Is Cast” was written. It describes the first, bloodiest battle between the Marine Corps and the regular forces of the North Vietnamese. In writing this book, a network was formed for the Marines and their family members who had served their country during the war in Vietnam. It brought together many veterans allowing them to reconnect, piece together and share their stories of the battle and its true history.

Hubert loved his family, his pets, his country, his God, the Marine Corps, being physically fit and enjoying life to the fullest. His strength and determination was unmatched. With all of his achievements and successes, he remained a simple man.

A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025.

It will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Gilroy Lodge on the Hill, 2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA 95020.

To honor, Hubert’s memory and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wall of Faces at:

[www.memorialcourtalliance.org](http://www.memorialcourtalliance.org)

Or may be sent to:

Veterans Memorial Court Alliance  
244 S. San Pedro St. Suite A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

It was a project that Hubert was deeply interested in. Please address it as: Hubert Yoshida Memorial.

Donations may also be made to Stanford Cancer Research at:

[med.stanford.edu](http://med.stanford.edu)

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