



Daniel Inouye

 Born In Honolulu, Hawaii on **September 7, 1924**, but has a Japanese ancestry. Daniel Inouye is still living today.

 He was born, raised and still remains in Honolulu, Hawaii today.

Daniel Inouye was a U.S Army soldier

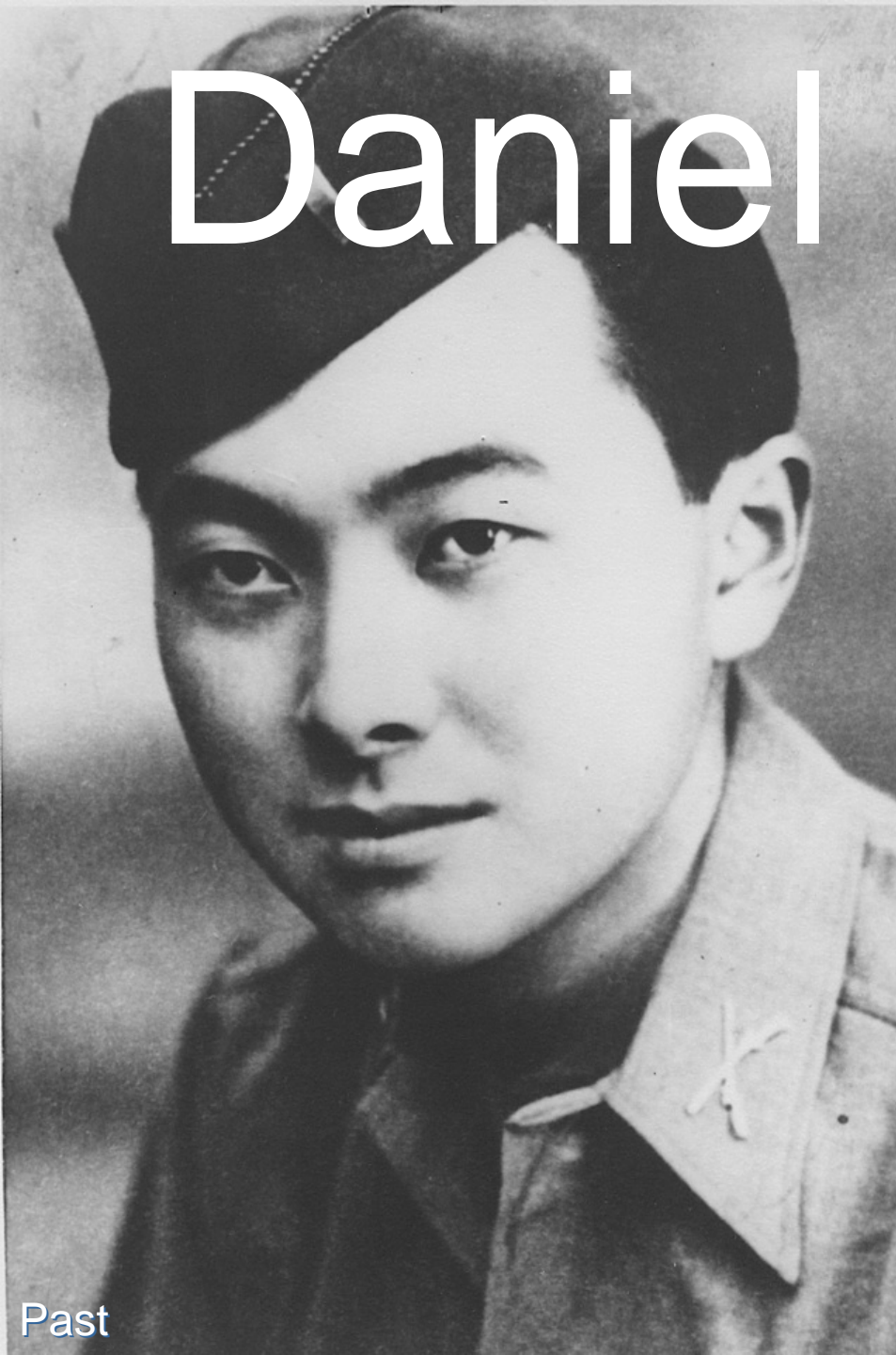


Daniel Inouye was apart of the Northern Italy 442nd/100th RCT as well as the 100th Infantry Battalion and fought in the Battle of Anzio as well as the Battle of Salerno. Originally he was assigned to E company of the 2nd Battalion.

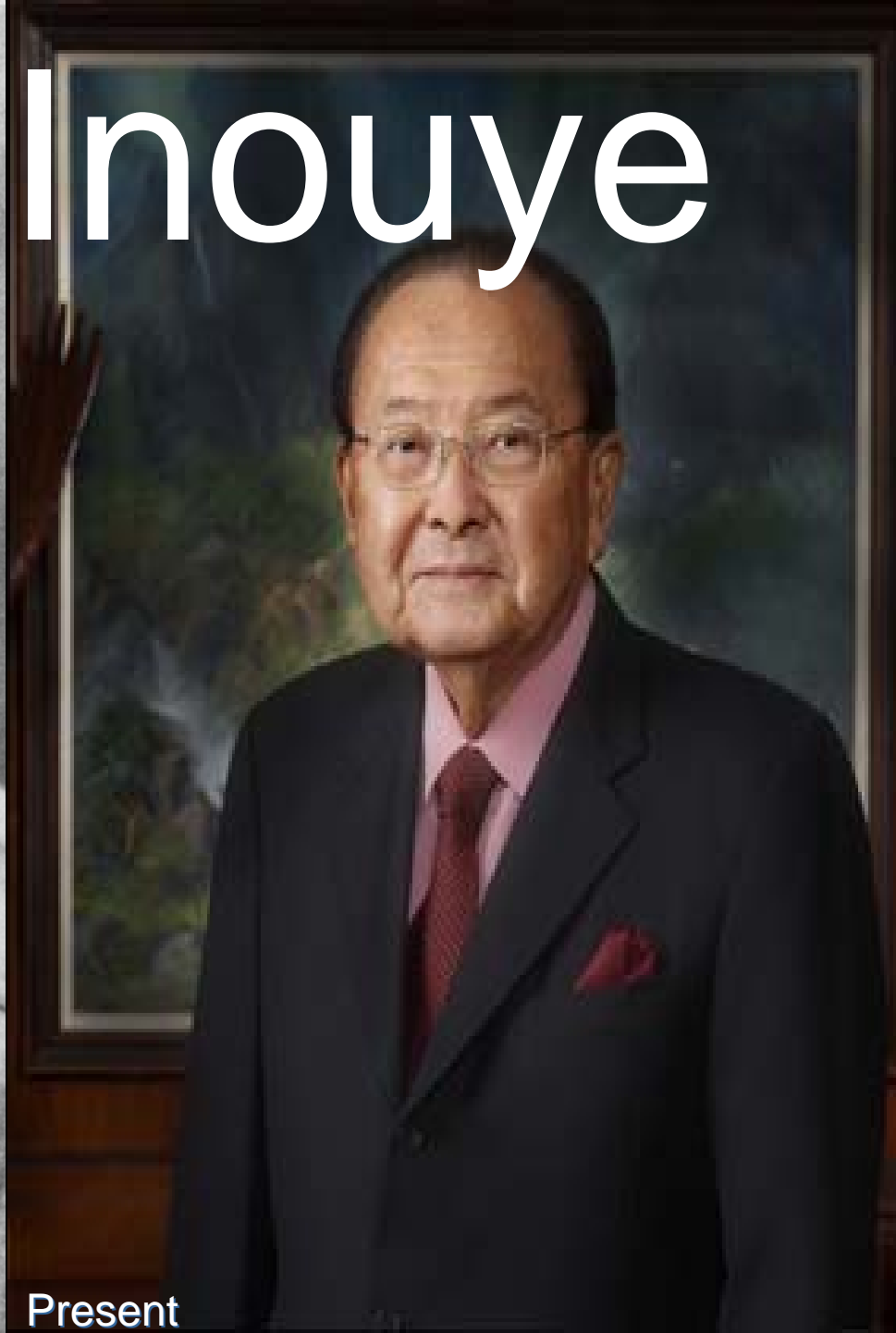


Attack on Pearl Harbor; home of Daniel Inouye.

Daniel Inouye



Past



Present

Essay

Daniel Ken Inouye is an American citizen of Japanese decent. He was the eldest child of his family, born on September 7, 1924 in Honolulu Hawaii. Inouye was a first hand witness of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, he volunteered to care for many citizens that were impacted by the attack, while he was only 17 years old. Besides this honorable act, he has done so much more to help those in need, including fighting for he country in which we call home during World War II.

Inouye had large hopes and dreams for the life he was going to live. After graduating from high school Inouye was accepted into the University of Hawaii and began his classes for pre-medical studies. The United States had just entered the war and this caused Inouye to rearrange his personal life goals. The government had altered its policy on Japanese-Americans participating in the war. Inouye then decided to volunteer to be apart of the Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He left home at the age of nineteen to begin training in Mississippi and soon after became a Sergeant. He and his troop arrived in Italy right before the liberation of Rome. They began their first fight on June 26 and the same day his captain was killed a long with the rest of the squad leaders, except for Daniel Inouye. Many of his won men were dying; his battalion only had 40 of 197 soldiers left so they were shipped to Northern Italy to combine with the 92nd Infantry Division.

Essay

Daniel Inouye was an extremely courageous soldier that always had his troops best interest at heart. One courageous act left him shot and missing his right arm but because of his fearless mindset he walked away with a Medal of Honor. The war in Europe was thought to be soon ending and Inouye was given some last orders to proceed up a mountain and attack Colle Musatello. He noticed several machine gun nests and began to grenade them. When he approached the second, he was hit in his right elbow by a German soldier, after already being shot in the abdomen. What happened when he approached the third nest was unbeknown to him; he was told by his fellow soldiers what he had done. He found the strength to throw a grenade after his right arm had been shattered, and then he opened fire on the German soldiers with his machine gun. Unfortunately he was hit again in the leg which sent him rolling back down the hill. He was taken to the aid center and his right arm was removed. He was later presented with the Medal of Honor for his heroic accomplishment. Today Inouye remains alive and is living in Hawaii as the Senator of Hawaii.

Daniel Inouye was a brilliant soldier, who went through a lot at an early age. He faced the horrors of death and war and even discrimination against his race in his home country. Everything that he has gone through has made him a better and stronger person, and has lead to all the accomplishments he has fulfilled. Not only has he become the recipient of the Medal of Honor but he has also received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Today in 2009 he is serving his eighth term U.S Senator. Daniel Inouye is a very strong and heroic soldier that deserves much acknowledgment.



Video Clips

- http://www.pbs.org/thewar/detail_5384.htm

In the midst of a battle the 442nd RCT was forced to attack a farmhouse. An instinct reaction caused such an everlasting memory in the mind of Inouye that he had to confront the chaplain. When approached the farmhouse there were three Germans already there, two dead and one remained alive. The one remaining German Threw up his hands and continued to chant "Kamerad, kamerad." Inouye didn't understand the German words but understood that he was surrendering to them. The German soldier then quickly stuck his hand in jacket to retrieve an indistinct item. Inouye thought fast and instinctively reacted to what he thought was a gun being drawn and with one swift move Inouye smashed his face in with the butt of his rifle. As the German soldiers' hand released he had a handful of family pictures that he was going to show to Inouye. As a response to this tragic incident Inouye responded simply "That's war." This statement is most likely showing the crazed things war can make you do.

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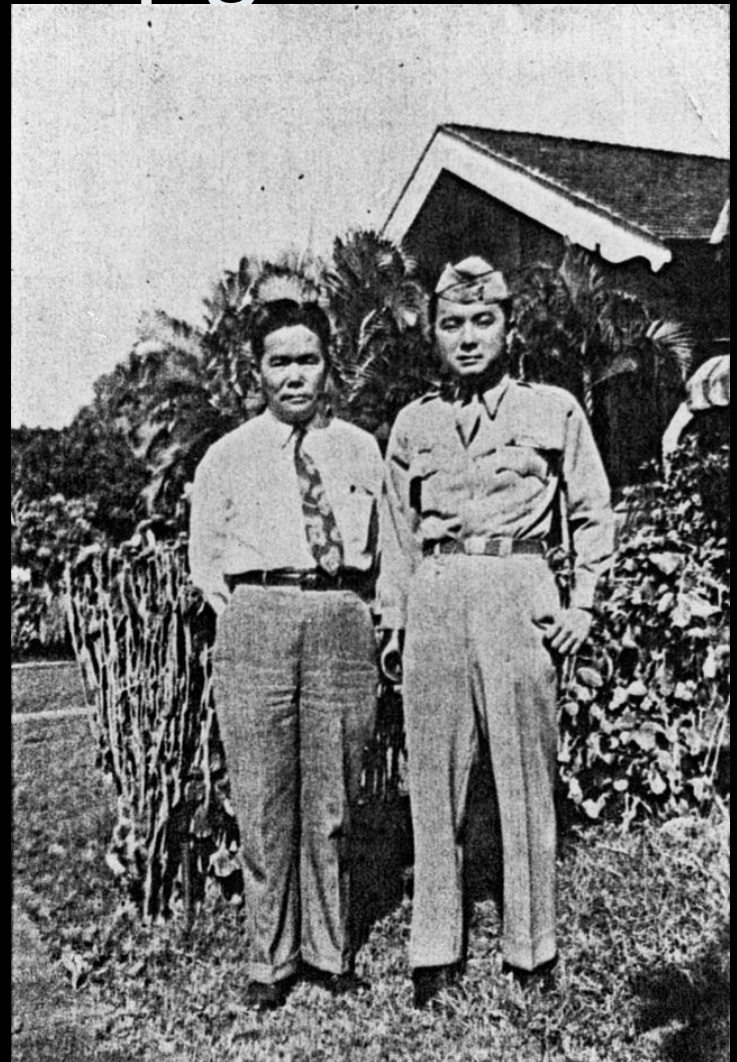
Daniel Inouye starts off by retelling an account that was the cause in him winning a medal of honor. His Commanding officer had just contacted the officers saying that the Germans are surrendering and the war was to be over fairly soon, but they cannot let up on the pressure, because if they do the war will in turn be prolonged. So because he had to keep his troop moving forward they had to go up a nearby mountain and continue to fight. Well upon this mountain were opposing soldiers who weren't surrendering and were attacking Inouye's troop, including himself. As they were progressing up this mountain Inouye remembers feeling as though someone had punched him in his side, not excruciating pain but a tad bothersome. A messenger, walking behind him says "You're bleeding" and to Inouye's surprise he actually is bleeding. He then felt his back and realized he had a bullet that had penetrated right through his abdomen, later finding out that it was a quarter of an inch from his spinal cord. He continued to march his troop up this mountainside when a down pour of machine gun fire erupted. He urged his men to stay low and because he always carried grenades, his weapon of choice, he hurled them at the 1st machine gun nest he saw and they were put to rest. He approached the second and a German soldier emerged and Inouye was hit directly in his elbow. The only thing that he remembers is feeling his grenade fall to the ground he found it, peeled it, and hurled it. He remembered realizing his approach had worked but soon afterwards he blacked out. He was later reminded of the heroic acts he had partaken in. His fellow soldiers told him that for a second he went crazy. They said he picked up his Thompson sub-machine gun and approached the third and final nest and began to fire, with blood splattering out of his arm as well. He then was hit in the leg and that was the end as he repeatedly tumbled back down the hill. When Inouye was told of this he simply responded "No, it can't be." But this courageous act got Daniel Inouye the Medal of Honor.

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Japanese-American Soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion after 16 days of fighting for control of Leghorn, Italy. July 15, 1944.(Daniel Inouye was apart of the 100th Infantry Battalion)

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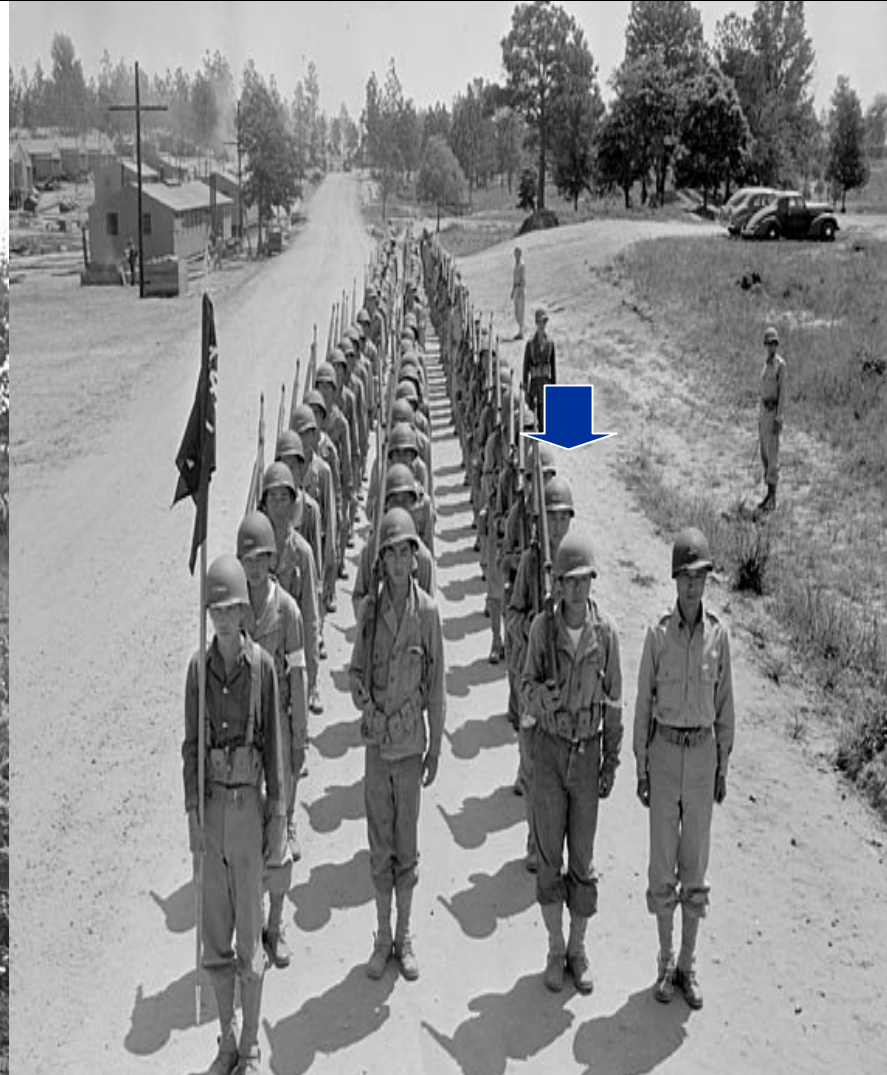


Daniel Inouye and his father
Daniel Inouye, right, and his father at home in Hawaii.

Photographs cont.



Japanese-American soldiers of the 442nd RCT (The RCT Inouye was apart of) march through the Chambois Sector of France, in October of 1944.



Japanese-American soldiers of Co. E, 442nd RCT train at Camp Shelby, MS. May 13, 1943. Daniel Inouye is in the right column, second from the front.

Primary source

Daniel Inouye's War Department ID

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

This is to identify—
DANIEL K. INOUE

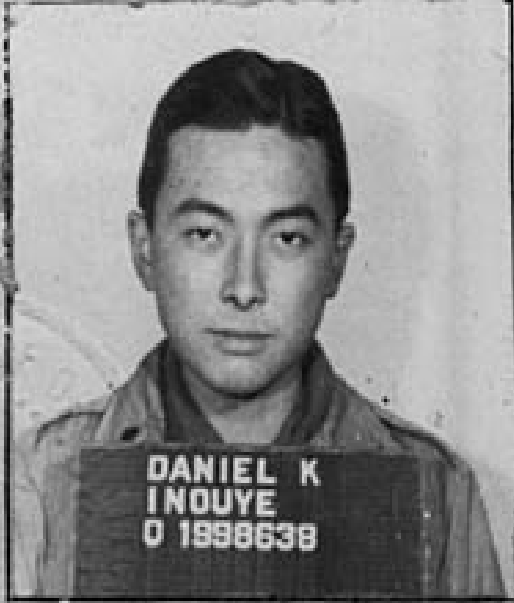
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Army of the United States,
whose signature, photograph, and fingerprints appear hereon.

(Serial No.)
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(Arm or service)
Major General,
The Adjutant General of the Army.

Countersigned: *O. Paulsen*
O. PAULSEN, CHGO,
(Signature of bearer)

USA

Date of birth 7 September 1924
Color eyes Brown Color hair black
Weight 130 lbs. Height 5 ft. 6 ins.


DANIEL K
INOUE
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Date issued 9 November 1944
Loss of this card will be reported to The Adjutant General without delay by the individual named hereon, with the circumstances.

W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 65-4
March 21, 1942 GPO 16-50107-1

FINGERPRINTS—RIGHT HAND

THUMB

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This is Daniel Inouye's War Department ID. This ID includes his name, serial number, physical characteristics, signature, photograph, level of military and fingerprints. This information is used to generally identify a specific soldier.

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