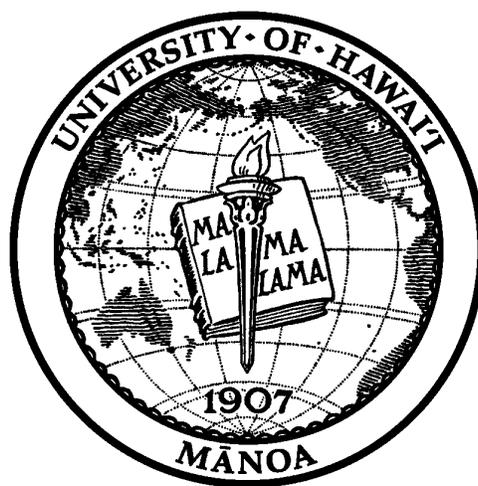


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## Claude Takekawa Papers

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## Introductory Information

**Collection Name:** Claude Takekawa Papers

**Collection Number:** AJA 006

**Inclusive / Bulk Dates:** 1967-2005 (bulk 1992-2002)

**Size of Collection:** 0.5 linear feet

**Creator of Papers (Individual):** Claude Takekawa

### Abstract:

Claude Takekawa (1920-) was a member of the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV), a Japanese American volunteer labor unit that was assigned to the 34<sup>th</sup> Army Engineers at Schofield Barracks to assist in military construction projects from 1942-1943. Takekawa later volunteered for the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and served in the Military Intelligence Service.

The Claude Takekawa Papers contain correspondence, documents, photographs, lists, and event programs documenting the postwar activities of the Varsity Victory Volunteers from 1967-2005. Materials are arranged alphabetically according to subject, including anniversary reunions, commemorative sculptures, Franklin Odo's book *No Sword to Bury*, and the VVV endowed scholarship fund at the University of Hawaii.

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## **Biographical Sketch**

Claude Takekawa (1920-) was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in September 1920. A graduate of Farrington High School, he was a student at the University of Hawaii when America entered World War II in 1941. As an ROTC member, he was inducted into the Hawaii Territorial Guard following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

After all soldiers of Japanese American heritage were dismissed from the Hawaii Territorial Guard on 19 January 1942, Takekawa joined the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV). The VVV was a volunteer labor unit comprised of 169 members, many who were former members of the Hawaii Territorial Guard. The VVV was assigned to the 34<sup>th</sup> Army Engineers at Schofield Barracks to assist in military construction projects. Takekawa was a foreman in a carpenter gang and was an active member of VVV athletic teams.

In 1943, Claude Takekawa volunteered for the newly organized 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, and was then transferred to the Military Intelligence Service, where he served for the remainder of the war.

Following the war, Claude Takekawa completed his education, and taught school before serving in Korea in the early 1950s. He then joined Tongg Publishing Company in Honolulu. He is an active member of the VVV veterans' organization.

## **Scope & Content Note**

The Claude Takekawa Papers contain correspondence, documents, photographs, lists, and event programs documenting the postwar activities of the Varsity Victory Volunteers from 1967-2005. Materials are arranged alphabetically according to subject, including anniversaries, commemorative sculptures, Franklin Odo's book about the VVV, and the VVV endowed scholarship fund at the University of Hawaii.

The material is largely in good condition. Old paper clips, staples, and rubber bands were removed and replaced with archival quality paper clips. Photographs were placed in archival-quality sleeves.

In several instances, select materials concerning Franklin Odo's book and the VVV endowed scholarship fund have been restricted out of concern for privacy.

For additional information on the Varsity Victory Volunteers, please see the Ted Tsukiyama Papers (AJA 002).