

CHAIRMAN DAN INOUE FUND RAISER

June 24, 2004

Monocle Restaurant

I consider it a distinct honor to host a fundraiser for Chairman Dan Inouye and I, as well as Chairman Dan, appreciate the support from this very select, influential group of friends in attendance today.

You see, I get a special individual delight in being here that transcends facts like: Chairman Inouye was the very compassionate Chairman of my fourth (final) confirmation hearing – or even that Chairman Dan and his bi-partisan Senate brother, President pro Tempore Ted Stevens, are destined to be longtime major influences in communications in America starting in 2005 when one will be chairman and the other ranking (or realistically acting co-chairman) of the Senate Commerce Committee. Note the Stevens-Inouye “Bond of Brothers” enlargement on display here from *The Hill* publication.

My foremost primary reason for being, not only impressed, but practically in awe of Chairman Dan is his super heroic WWII service.

I can safely say at my age that I’m the only one in the room who was in Italy when, the soon to become famous Japanese-American 442nd regimental combat team arrived in Italy. I’m almost ashamed to admit I was in 5th Army headquarters at the time, 15 miles behind the front lines.

That temporary cushy assignment ended when a former regimental commander of mine called and said, “What is a good doughboy (infantryman) doing in army headquarters? We need combat battalion commanders in the 45th division.”

Everyone in Army headquarters and the entire Army marveled at the courage and combat effectiveness of the 442nd – it was like having a regiment of super paratroop-rangers in line. It became the most cited unit in the Army! The enlargement here of a recent article in the DAV magazine details how a young lieutenant Dan Inouye earned his purple heart in a heroic, tragic and almost fatal way.

Incidentally, three heroic wounded veterans were in the Battle Creek Michigan veterans hospital at the same time – Bob Dole, Phil Hart and Dan Inouye. All three became distinguished Senators and close friends along with Chairman Ted Stevens, a heroic Flying Tiger during World War II. The hospital building has been deservedly renamed (alphabetically) the Dole, Hart and Inouye Hospital. God bless Phil Hart up there somewhere, who was one of my two principal sponsors for my contentious initial, but eventually successful, FCC appointment in 1974. In fact, Phil introduced me to Senator Inouye in 1974 and I'll always remember his response, "If you are good enough for Phil Hart, you are good enough for me."

I think it would be most appropriate to memorialize in perpetuity the World War II heroic combat veterans who became distinguished U.S. Senate leaders. It could be a very modest senate equivalent of Mount Rushmore. It could be called "Mound Washington" with a modest mound in the World War II Memorial featuring the busts of Dole, Hart, Inouye and Stevens, an impressive, deserving bi-partisan Senate leadership group.

If you like the idea, pass it along to your organization chairman.

Anyway all surviving WW II veterans are considered a vanishing breed of a great generation. We informally form our own close "band of brothers." Statistics indicate WWII vets are dying at a rate of 1200 a day! That dismal statistic can't apply to Chairman Dan Inouye and Chairman Ted Stevens. They have both graciously accepted the invitation to be honored

guests at my 100th birthday party April 21, 2014, at the Army Navy Country Club. Patriotic Dick Wiley has also agreed to stay alive for another 10 years to emcee the event saluting WWII survivors.

You are all invited – jot down the date and please stay healthy.

Now, for a great war hero and a longtime distinguished American Senate leader, Chairman Dan Inouye.

Jim Quello and the Host Committee

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cordially invite you to a Luncheon Honoring

Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)

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**Thursday, June 24, 2004
12:00 – 1:30 pm**

**The Monocle Restaurant
107 D Street NE
Washington DC**

Suggested Contribution \$1000

Please make checks payable to: Daniel K. Inouye in 2004
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