

**2014**  
***Sergeant Major Mayfield's***



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**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE U. S. MILITARY OUTREACH JUDO AND JIU JITSU ORGANIZATION (MOJJJO) AND MAYFIELD'S MARTIAL ARTS (MMA) ACADEMY AS THEY HOST THE "FIRST JUDO JONES OPEN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS" AND THE MILITARY AND POLICE/FIREMEN'S OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED OPEN JDUO CHAMPIONSHIPS. ALSO WE WILL CONDUCT A PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE, TO HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROES AND HEROINES. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SECOND, JOIN RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR AND MRS. MAYFIELD AT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER AT SEVEN A.M. FOR THE TRIBUTE AND AT THE JACKSONVILLE COMMONS RECREATION CENTER AT TEN A.M. AND WITNESS THE WEST POINT AND NAVAL ACADEMY TEAMS GO AT IT. HELP US MAKE THIS HISTORICAL CELEBRATION A SUCCESS BY SHOWING YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE LEGENDARY MONTFORD POINT MARINE, HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT INSTRUCTOR AND WAR-FIGHTER. JOIN DOCTORS JIM AND GINNY WILSON, WILSON FAMILY DENTAL CARE; SCOTT WILLIS, CENTURY TWENTY-ONE AMERICAN PROPERTIES; AND ART FURTNEY, CENTURY TWENTY-ONE CHAMPION REAL ESTATE AS SPONSORS OF THIS HISTORY MAKING EVENT. FOR INFORMAYION CALL 1-910-355-9206 OR GO TO THE WEBSITE: [www.mojjjo.com](http://www.mojjjo.com). THAT IS [www.mojjjo.com](http://www.mojjjo.com) OR CALL 1-910-355-9206. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO OUR "MOJJJO WELL & WOUNDED-WARRIOR FUND" TO ASSIST OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**



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**Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center, 100 Recreation Loop, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28541**

**Sanctioned by:** USA Judo # 2014-12-02

**Tournament Director(s):** Mrs. D. M. Maisha Mayfield

**Operations:** Mr. Kurt Tamai (Shufu)

**Date(s):** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, **February 21, 22, & 23, 2014.** **Tournament date is February 22, 2014**

**Entry Fees:** All Divisions are thirty-five (\$35.00) and fifteen (\$15.00) per each additional division. Junior and Senior athletes who are able to show proof that they are on the **current USA Judo Elite Athlete Roster** will be exempt from entry fees. Uncontested Competitors will receive medals. However, all efforts shall be made to create at least two (2) matches, so long as the directors, coaches, and/or parents agree. Kata entry fees are **forty (\$40.00) dollars, plus ten (\$10.00)** for additional katas. If **uke** becomes the **tori**, this constitutes an additional kata and the **ten (\$10.00)** fee will apply.

**Payment:** Payment may be in cash, check, money order, or certified bank drafts, or credit cards.

**Admission:** Free

**Registration:** Registration for the Referee Clinic may be submitted at the Mayfield's Martial Arts Academy, 208-B Henderson Drive, Jacksonville, NC 28540 on Friday, **February 21, 2014** from **5:00 pm until 6:00 pm**. Competitors may register at the venue on Saturday, **February 22, 2014** from **8:00 am until 10:00 am** for Juniors, and from **8:00 am until 11:30 am** for Masters and

Seniors. Kata and Military Teams must complete registration & weigh-ins by 9:30 am.

**Weigh-In:** Weigh-in will be conducted at the time the competitor registers.

**Requirements:** All competitors are required to be members of either, USA Judo, USJF, or USJA, or possess a "Letter of Authorization to Compete/Participate" (In English) from their Federation . All

Applicants for USA Judo National Referee Certification are required to have **USA Judo memberships**. Applications for each of the above organizations will be available at our MOJJJO Registration Desk.

**Schedule of Events:**

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **REFEREE & COACHES MEETING & RULES CLINIC FOR APPLICANTS** (On the mat!)
- 10:00 am – OPENING CEREMONY, Kata & Military Team Competition begins (Registration for Juniors ceases)

**HOTEL:** Sleep Inn Jacksonville – 910/478-0099. Special \$70.00 "Judo" rate. Call early, rooms will go fast.

**Contest Rules:** ***IJF (International Judo Federation) Rules will govern this competition.*** The Head Table must **immediately** be made aware of withdrawals. Those who perform prohibited acts (regardless of age or experience) are subject to automatic Hansokumake (Disqualification).

**Modification:** Any Junior (**age sixteen (16)** and younger), who elect with his/her parent or coach (with written power of attorney) to participate in Senior Competition (**age seventeen (17)** and above) is subject to the Senior's rules and must sign an additional waiver and release at the match prior to his/her senior competition match. Senior competitors will be **matched by Rank and Weight according to IJF weight categories, or modified to Light, Medium, and Heavy-Weight categories in the case that divisions have too few competitors to populate the division(s)**. In these cases, the Tournament Director(s), in conjunction with the Competitor and/or Coach/Parent Team shall determine the competitive division. **No arm bars or chokes for novice categories (all juniors and below the rank of sankyu).**

**Visually Impaired Category:** Participants in the visually impaired competition must have been classified visually impaired at an IBSA or IPC event in the past 10 years or provide a letter from an optometrist or ophthalmologist verifying visual acuity.

**Class B1:** No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at distance or in any direction.

**Class B2:** From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.

**Class B3:** From visual acuity above 20/600 and up to visual acuity 20/200 and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees and more than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.

**\*Visual groups B1, B2 and B3 will compete together.**

**Notes:**

- There will be an allowable **ten (10) pound** maximum or **ten percent (10%)** weight difference for **juniors** or **fifteen (15) pounds** or **fifteen percent (15%)** difference for **seniors**. The Tournament Director, Competitor, and Coach/Parent Team must agree on all exceptions.
- Elimination or pool systems are subject to change on the day of the tournament depending upon the number of competitors registering for the competition.
- Contestants may compete in as many divisions as they are qualified to compete in, as long as they properly register and remit the appropriate **non-refundable fee(s)**.

- **Competitors, coaches, and parents are very strongly encouraged to be present for the “Referee Meeting & Rules Clinic” on the mat at 9:00 on Saturday, February 22, 2014.**
- All are humbly encouraged to participate in our **“PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE & CEREMONY OF THE ASHES.”** Please submit the name(s) of your “Patriot” along with a **tax-deductible** contribution to help MOJJJO help to continue to assist our Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Well & Wounded Warriors, Families, and American Amateur Athletes.
- Contact Sergeant Major E. L. Beshimentob Mayfield at the above addresses and numbers for more information and assistance.
- **All competitors must have a white judo gi, a white obi (belt), and a blue obi as minimum requirements for competition. In lieu of that, the competitor may have a white gi, blue gi, and a white obi.** A limited amount of new and used gis and obis will be available for sale on a “First come - first served!” basis.
- **CUSTOM IMPRINTED tee shirts will also be available on site.**

**Elimination:** *Double elimination or modified pool system.*

**Match Times:** *Three (3) minutes for Juniors and Masters with one (1) minute for Golden Score and five (5) minutes for Seniors with two (2) minutes for Golden Score.*

**Awards:** There will be medals for First (5 points), Second (3 points) and Third Place (1 point) winners. There will be a Junior and Senior Team Award based upon the above point system.

**Location:** *Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center, 100 Recreation Loop, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28541.*

**Head Referee:** To Be Announced

**Examiners:** To Be Announced

***MOJJJO thanks each of you in advance for coming or at least passing the word. MOJJJO also thanks those of you who serve or served in our military services, or lost loved ones in our Armed Forces, their families, and those who provide the support services to our Fighting Forces. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you always.***

***“May GOD (or your Higher Power) watch over you and those whom you care for and about.”***

Best of luck and, “Gambate Kudasai!”

D. M. Maisha & Sergeant Major E. L. Beshimentob Major Mayfield



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**Entry Form**

**(Please Print Clearly)**

**Junior/Senior/Masters (circle one)**

**USA Judo Sanction # 2014-12-02**

Payment type: Cash/Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ made out to **"MOJJJO, Inc."** Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Male/Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip Code

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Website: www \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ .com

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ .com

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Judo Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Belt Color \_\_\_\_\_

USJA/USJF/USJI (USA JUDO) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Dojo/Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Contact and location Information \_\_\_\_\_

Website: [www. \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ @ \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ .com](#) and Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ .com

**DIVISION(S) YOU WILL COMPETE IN**

**(Senior Weights are in kilograms as per the IJF Rules)**

Junior Boy/Girl: Age \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (Light/Medium/Heavy or Regular Weight Divisions)

Masters Men/Women: Age \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (Light/Medium/Heavy or Regular Weight Divisions)

**Senior Divisions will be contested according to IJF weight categories as follows:**

Senior Female: 44kg 48kg 52kg 57kg 63kg 70kg +78kg Open

Senior Male: 60kg 66kg 73kg 81kg 90kg -100kg +100kg Open

**NOTE:** The Tournament Director reserves the Right to alter or change any division to establish a more equitable competitive division. All changes will be a collaborative with coach (with appropriate written power of attorney) and/or parent, or the actual competitor prior to the actual change.

**No arm bars or chokes for novice categories (all juniors and below the rank of sankyu).**

**WARNING!**  
**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way, including travel to and from, in any Judo tournament, practice, clinic, and related events and activities ("Activity") of the **United States Judo Federation, Inc., USA Judo, United States Judo, Inc., United States Judo Association, Inc., City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation Department, and MOJJJO: (United States Military Outreach Judo & Jiu Jitsu Organization (MOJJJO), Inc., Db, Mayfield's Martial Arts (MMA) Academy, I \_\_\_\_\_** agree:

1. I understand the nature of Judo activities and believe I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I also understand the rules governing the sport of Judo.

2. I further acknowledge that prior to participating, I will inspect the mats, equipment, facilities, competition pools or divisions, and the elimination or scoring system to be used, and if I believe anything is unsafe or beyond my capability, I will immediately advise my coach, supervisor, and/or a tournament official of such conditions and refuse to participate.

3. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in a contact sport that might result in serious injury, illness or disease, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses due not only to my own actions, inactions or negligence, but also to the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of the sport of Judo, or conditions of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, I acknowledge that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

4. Knowing the risks involved in the sport of Judo, I assume all such risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, **TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)**, illness, disease, permanent disability, or death.

5. I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the **United States Judo Federation, Inc., USA Judo, United States Judo, Inc., United States Judo Association, Inc., City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation Department, and MOJJJO: (United States Military Outreach Judo & Jiu Jitsu Organization (MOJJJO), Inc., Db, Mayfield's Martial Arts Academy, aka, THE ACADEMY)**, together with their affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, officers, agents, coaches, and other employees or volunteers of the organization, event officials, medical personnel, other participants, their parents, legal guardians, supervisors and coaches, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, lessors, and lessees of premises used in conducting the event, all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees", from any and all litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or costs on account of injury, **TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)**, illness, disease, including permanent disability and death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I READ THE ABOVE WARNING, WAIVER, AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND KNOWING THIS, SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE KNOWING THE RISKS AND CONDITIONS INVOLVED AND DO SO ENTIRELY OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW. I INTEND THIS TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE  
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/legal guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release, as provided above, of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation including litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or costs which may incur as the result of the minor child's participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from their negligence, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have instructed the minor participant as to the above warnings and conditions and their ramifications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Note: This tournament will be open weight & rank!**

**Tournament Site: Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center**  
**100 Recreation Lane**  
**Jacksonville, NC 28541**

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**Pre-registration is highly recommended!**

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**Eligibility:** You must be a member of USJF, USJI, OR USJA to participate. Senior Competition only! Competitors must present a current, valid membership card at registration. Applications for USJI/USJF/USJA membership are available on site.

**Entry Fee:** \$245 per Team Competition Only  
\$35 per person for Team

**Schedule:** 8:00-9:00 am                      Registration and Weigh-in  
10:00-until                                      Opening Ceremony /Kata & Team Competition Begins

**Contest Rules:** IJF rules will apply. All other matches will be 4 minutes. Team competition will be Modified Double Elimination or Round Robin, depending on the number Teams in the division. The tournament director reserves the right to add, delete and/or modify any division to ensure better competition for the participants.

**Awards:** First Place Team will be **reimbursed up to** \$245.00. Second Place Team **will be reimbursed up to** \$100.00. Third Place Team **will be reimbursed up to** \$75.00. This will be based on 7 Teams competing. Otherwise Medals per member on Team. No Rank restriction.

**Tournament Director:** Mrs. D. M. Maisha Mayfield

**Consultants:** Edwin Y. Takemori, United States Naval Academy and Lieutenant Colonel Hector Morales-Negron, United States Military Academy West Point.

**Team Competition:**

**Team Rules:**

1. Military Teams may be made up of representatives from any Military Academy or Base Club, including Active Duty, Veterans and Retirees. Members are encouraged to be from the same school or club, but do not have to be. Civilian clubs may also compete for an overall award.
2. Clubs or schools may sponsor no more than 2 teams.



3. All weights determined by Official Scale on Day of Tournament.
4. Incomplete teams may compete. However, the team will forfeit the matches of missing team members.
5. Incomplete teams must have a minimum of 4 players at Registration.
6. Pick-up teams may be formed on site.
7. Team size is 7 members; 5 men and 2 woman (1 @ -63kg and 1 @ +70kg).
8. Team competition will be open weight and open rank.
9. Line up for competition will be: female member first, then men lightest to heaviest weight.
10. Once a team line-up is set, only one substitution will be allowed, and for injury only in appropriate spot by weight.
11. Injured players who do not finish a match or are withdrawn may not return to compete in any capacity.
12. Tie breaker matches must be selected from the male competitors on the team.
13. Individual matches that end tied will be declared Hiki Waki (A Draw). **No Golden Score.**

**Note:** In each team match, each team member will compete with the corresponding member from the opposing team. The team that obtains the most wins will advance. In the event of an equal number of wins a point scoring system will be used (Ippon=10pts.; Wazari=7pts.; Yuko=5pts.; .) to determine the winner. If the Teams are still tied a tie breaker match will occur with Team selecting a Male player to determine Team Winner.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USJI/USJF/USJA Number (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Competition: Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is **\$35.00** for participation in the

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**(Footnote: U.S. Military Outreach Judo & Jiu-Jitsu Organization (MOJJJO), Incorporated, Db, Mayfield's Martial Arts (MMA) Academy)**

**No Fax or E-mail registration will be accepted. No Refunds.**

Pre-Registrations should be post marked on or before Friday, February 14, 2014

**Mail registrations to:**

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**Team Roster**

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**You MUST complete an Entry Form for EACH team member**

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

List your team line up Female members first (#'s 1 & 2); then male members lightest first (#3) and increasing in weight to heaviest player last (#7) total players.

	Team Member Name	RANK	AGE	WEIGHT
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
	(Lightest Female Player)			
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
	(Heaviest Female Player)			
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
	(Lightest Male Player)			
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____ lbs.
	(Heaviest Male Player)			

Make Checks of Money Orders payable to: "MOJJJO," Inc."  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Participant’s Signature Date

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(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date



**James H. Takemori**  
**U.S. Army, Retired**



#### **442nd REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM**

The motto of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was “go for broke.” It’s a gambling term that means risking everything on one great effort to win big. The soldiers of the 442nd needed to win big. They were Nisei - American-born sons of Japanese immigrants. They fought two wars: the Germans in Europe and the prejudice in America.

The motto was invented by the high-rolling Nisei soldiers who came from the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaii-born Nisei, also known as “Buddhaheads,” made up about two-thirds of the regiment. The remaining third were Nisei from the mainland. In April 1943, the islanders and mainlanders arrived for training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Immediately, they fought with each other because of different perspectives based on where they grew up.

The Buddhaheads represented the largest ethnic group in a small island community. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Nisei, like everyone else on the island, responded to the emergency. No one rejected them as they pitched in to aid the wounded, give blood and bury the dead. On the day of the bombing and for six weeks after, the Nisei cadets in the University of Hawaii’s ROTC guarded vulnerable areas against enemy attacks.

But on January 19, 1942, the Army discharged all the Japanese Americans in the ROTC - and changed their draft status to 4C - “enemy alien.” The Nisei cadets felt such despair that the very bottom of their existence fell out. But community leaders convinced the demoralized students to turn the other cheek. One hundred and seventy students petitioned the military governor: “Hawaii is our home; the United States our country. We know but one loyalty and that is to the Stars and Stripes. We wish to do our part as loyal Americans in every way possible, and we hereby offer ourselves for whatever service you may see fit to use us.”

The students gave up their books, and their chance for the education that would lift them up from their menial plantation jobs. Instead, the “Varsity Victory Volunteers” picked up shovels and hammers. From January to December 1942, they built barracks, dug ditches, quarried rock and surfaced roads. When

Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy visited the islands, military and community leaders made sure he saw the VVV hard at work breaking rocks.

Apparently that made an impression. The Varsity Victory Volunteers finally got their chance to fight. On January 28, 1943 the War Department announced that it was forming an all-Nisei combat team and called for 1,500 volunteers from Hawaii. Ten thousand men volunteered, including men from the Varsity Victory Volunteers.

Meanwhile, on the mainland, the War Department tried to recruit 3,000 soldiers. But only 1,182 enlisted. Given how America had treated the Nisei, it was very admirable that this many men volunteered. More than 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry (including 60 percent who were American citizens) were forcibly "relocated" from their homes, businesses and farms in the western states. They were incarcerated in crowded, tarpaper barracks, in the desolate wind-swept desert. Even behind the barbed wire of the U.S. concentration camps (President Truman's term), even though their country had failed to protect their rights, these American-born Japanese men wanted to give up their lives to fight for their homeland, America.

Back in Hawaii, the entire Japanese community was not interned (with the exception of about 1,000 suspects that the FBI arrested and incarcerated). So the Buddhaheads couldn't understand the "whipped-dog" complex that the mainlanders had in relation to Caucasians.

The Buddhaheads thought the mainlanders were sullen and snobby, and not confident and friendly. Soon misunderstandings, fueled by alcohol, turned into fistfights. In fact, that was how mainlanders got the name "Katonk." It was the sound their heads made when they hit the floor. The Katonks were fairer skinned, and spoke perfect English. The Buddhaheads were darker skinned and spoke Pidgin - a strange mixture of Hawaiian, Japanese, Portuguese, Chinese and broken English.

Money was another big divider between the groups. The Buddhaheads gambled heavily and spent freely using the cash sent by their generous parents who still worked in Hawaii. They thought the Katonks were cheap. They didn't realize that the Katonks sent most of their meager Army pay to their families imprisoned in the camps. The Katonks didn't talk about their painful incarceration.

The friction between the two groups was so bad that the military high command considered disbanding the 442nd. They thought the men could never fight overseas as a unit.

The Army decided to send a group of Buddhaheads to visit the camps in Arkansas. The men thought Camp Jerome and Camp Rowher were little towns with Japanese families. But when the trucks rolled past the barbed wire fence, past the guard towers armed with machine guns pointed at the camp residents, past the rough barracks where whole families crowded in small compartments with no privacy - suddenly the Buddhaheads understood. Word of the camps spread quickly, and the Buddhaheads gained a whole new respect for the Katonks. Immediately the men in the 442nd became united - like a clenched fist.

From May 1943 through February 1944 the men trained for combat. The men excelled at maneuvers and learned to operate as a team. In March, Chief of Staff General George Marshall inspected the regiment. In April the regiment packed up, and on May 1, 1944 the men boarded ships destined for Europe.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team included the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 232nd Combat Engineer Company, 206th Army Ground Force Band, Antitank Company, Cannon Company, Service Company, medical detachment, headquarters companies, and two infantry battalions. The 1st Infantry Battalion remained in the States to train new recruits. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions would join the legendary 100th Battalion, which was already fighting in Italy.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service, in the entire history of the U.S. Military. The 4,000 men who initially came in April 1943 had to be replaced nearly 3.5 times. In total, about 14,000 men served, ultimately earning 9,486 Purple Hearts , 21 Medals of Honor and an unprecedented eight Presidential Unit Citations.

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