

## 100<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans

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Dear Ms. Hankins:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 100<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans.

Whenever an opportunity arises to convey the experiences of the Japanese American community in the years prior to and during World War II, it is a worthy endeavor. Mr. Graham Salisbury's book, **Under the Blood Red Sun**, aptly portrays and brings back poignant memories of how difficult life in Hawaii was during those years.

As the generations pass, these stories tend to fade away. Future generations must be told about what our ancestors and families faced, of the racism and harsh discrimination particularly in Hawaii. Equally important is how they overcame these obstacles with patriotism, loyalty, and perseverance – values we can all learn from.

Your efforts to adapt Mr. Graham's book to the screen is commendable and we wish you the very best. It is hoped that this will be another educational resource for our nation to reflect upon and be mindful of.

*For Continuing Service,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd T. Kitaoka".

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