

My Grandpa's Story

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Hanna, how lucky you are to have such a great heritage - your grandpa sounds pretty amazing. He always was proud of his heritage and courageous. In always choosing what was good. Good work!

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I never realized how lucky I am to have a grandfather with such a serving heart and sense of humor. This is my story on how I got to know my grandpa.

My grandpa was born in Pasadena, California on October 22, 1947. He grew up in a military family then when he was two the family moved to Osaka, Japan. It was in Japan that he learned to speak Japanese on the American Military base. Three years later the family moved back to the United States. His parents felt it was important to teach the children the English language again because they didn't want their kids' main language to be Japanese. For a short time the family lived in Monterey, California. My grandpa told me that when he lived there his mom and dad wanted him and his siblings to go to church, so every Sunday the parents dropped off the children at the local church. Then after two hours the parents would pick up the children. Grandpa said at that point he started to love going to church and singing.

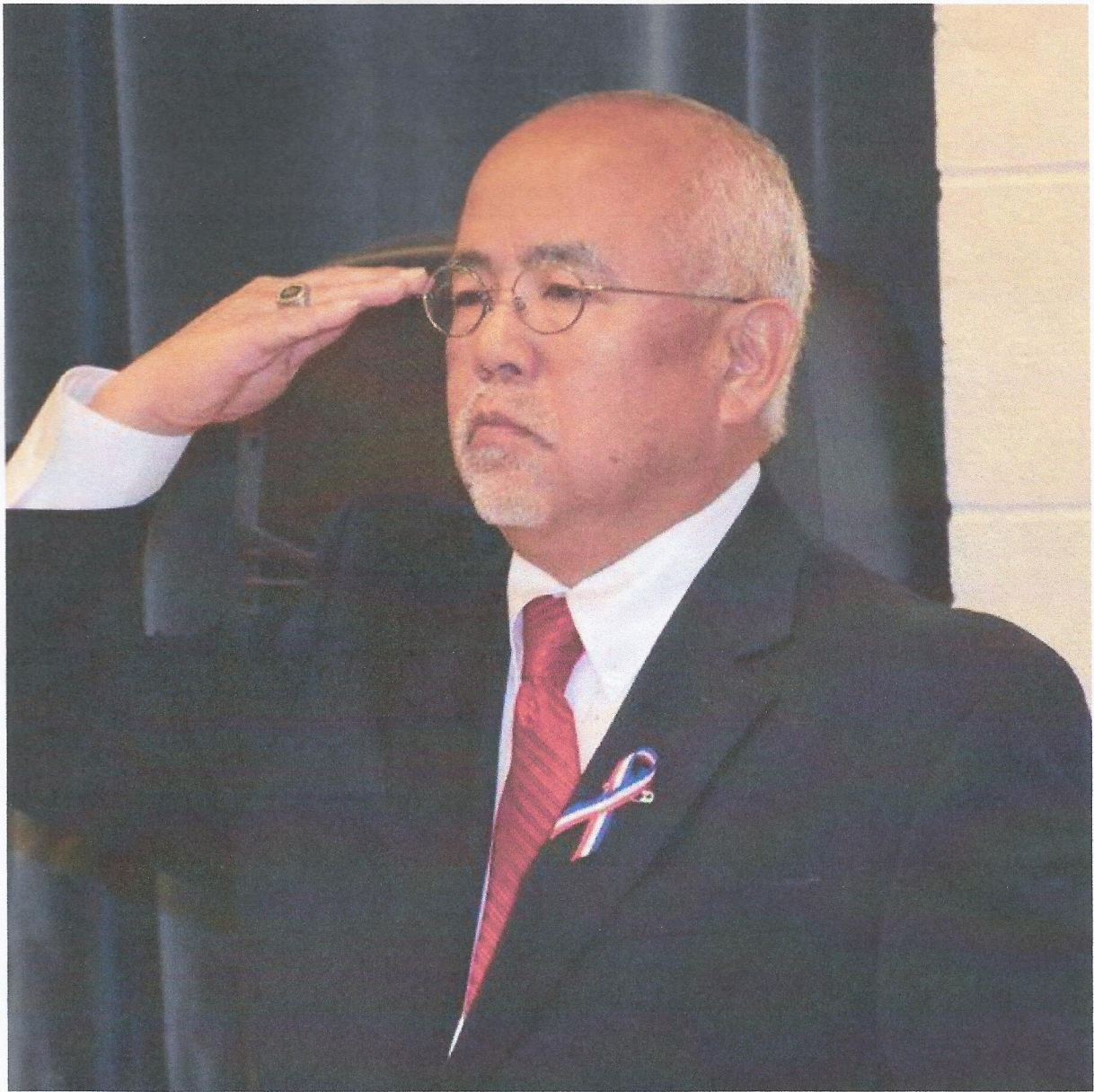
A few years later, they moved down to Southern California. He attended Alhambra High School in Los Angeles. He and his brother were the only Japanese kids attending throughout the three years but that didn't bother my grandpa and his brother. He graduated in 1965 and went on to California State Los Angeles to begin his college years. When he was starting his second year there the Vietnam war started and grandpa was drafted into the United States Army. During his service he also attended Officer Candidate School and became an officer in the Army. He served six years in the military until he decided to resign with an

honorable discharge. Grandpa doesn't talk about the war very much though.

After the war he came home and finished his education. He then settled down and married his first wife and they had one son. Their son Brian graduated from West Point Academy in 2002. He later served in the Army for ten years. Grandpa also met my Grandma in 2002 and sense then they have been married for 19 years.

Grandpa retired from NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California in 2018. And then we all moved to Cedar City.

I love my grandpa so much....





This is my grandpa's father Shizuo Kunihiro

This is my great great grandpa George Kunihiro

This is my great-great grandma FAKIO Kunihiro