

I received a phone call from Sumi Sameshima, letting me know that her husband, Ko Sameshima, Col, USAF (Ret) had passed away in Nov 2012. The information I have is that Ko was buried at:

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA

I was also able to locate the following rather detailed information on Ko, and am forwarding this for your awareness, especially for any of the old-timers who were there when KO was a part of FTD (1961-1974). Ko had a very interesting career history. As Larry Benson passed along to me: "...It is amazing the untold stories out there, the accomplishments and exploits on the part of folks we knew only as day-to-day coworkers. This was especially prevalent among his generation, as we all have learned..."



**Ko Stanley Sameshima**

**Birth date:** 1921-12-6

**Place of birth:** Long Beach CA, U.S.A.

**Inducted:** 1944-12-5, Ft. Leavenworth KS

**Enlistment type:** Draftee

**Service branch:** Other

**Service type:** War

**Unit type:** Support

**Units served:** 12/1944-9/1946: Military Intelligence Service Language School, Ft. Snelling, MN & Presidio of Monterey, CA  
 9/1946-4/1948: Military Intelligence Service, Tokyo, Japan  
 12/1946-5/1947: War Crimes Trials Tribunal, Manila, Philippines  
 7/1950-5/1951: Tactical Control Squadron, 5th Air Force, Korea (Taegu, Pusan, Kimpo, Pyongyang)  
 5/1951-6/1953: Far East Air Force, Tokyo, Japan  
 6/1953-1/1955: 28th Air Defense Division, Hamilton AFB, CA  
 2/1955-8/1956: Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, OH  
 8.1956-8/1959: Wright Air Development Center, WPAFB, OH  
 8/1959-8/1961: University of Michigan  
9/1961-7/1965: Foreign Technology Division (FTD), WPAFB, OH  
9/1965-6/1970: S&T Liaison Office (AFSC, FTD), Tokyo, Japan  
8/1970-6/1974: Foreign Technology Division, WPAFB, OH  
 7/1974-12/1976: Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO), Los Angeles Air Force Station, CA

**Military specialty:** Army: Military Intelligence Service  
 Air Force: Research & Development, S&T Intelligence

**Stationed:** Army: U.S.A., Philippines, Japan  
 Air Force: Korea, Japan, USA

**Separated:** Los Angeles CA

**Unit responsibility:** Army: Military Intelligence  
 Air Force: Intelligence

**Personal responsibility:** 12/1944 - Inducted into US Army  
 12/1944-9/1946 - Enlisted status, US Army. Student, then instructor in Japanese language. Highest grade - Master Sergeant  
 9/1946-4/1948 - Military Intelligence service, Tokyo, Japan 2nd & 1st Lt. Intelligence Officer  
 12/1946-5/1947 - War Crimes Trials Tribunal, Manila, Philippines. 2nd Lt. Official court interpreter (Japanese to English, vice versa)  
 4/1948 - Separated from service  
 7/1950 - Recalled to active duty in US Air Force for Korean War. 1st Lt.  
 7/1950-5/1951 - Service in Korea with Tactical Control Squadron, 5th Air Force. 1st Lt. & Captain. Intelligence and Historical Officer  
 5/1951-6/1953 - Far East Air Force, Tokyo, Japan. Captain. Air Technical and Staff Intelligence Officer  
 2/1955-8/1956 - Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, OH. Captain. Student, graduate aeronautical engineering  
 8/1956-8/1959 - Wright Air Development Center. Captain. Aircraft/aerospace preliminary design engineer; project engineer

8/1959-8/1961 - University of Michigan. Captain/Major. Student, graduate astronautics, Ph D program

9/1961-7/1965 - Foreign Technology Division. Major. Space exploratory systems engineer, project engineer, group (Division) chief

9/1965-6/1970 - S&T Liaison Office. Major/Lt. Col. S&T Liaison Officer. Lt. Col/Colonel. Chief of Tokyo office

8/1970-6/1974 - Foreign Technology Division. Colonel. Director, Intelligence Data Services

7/1974-12/1976 - Space and Missile Systems Organization. Colonel. Director of Intelligence

**Major battles  
(if served in a war  
zone)**

Korea: 8/1950 to 4/1951 - Pusan Perimeter Defense; UN Offensive: UN Retreat: Front Stabilization

**Awards, medals,  
citations  
(individual or  
unit)**

Army Commendation Medal: Language Instructor, MISLS

Bronze Star Medal: Intelligence and Historical Officer, 6147th Tactical Control Squadron during Korean War

Commendation Medal: Air Force Special Projects Officer, HQ, Far East Air Force, Tokyo

Bronze Star Medal w/1st Oak Leaf Cluster: Special Projects Officer, HQ, FEAF, Tokyo

Air Force Commendation Medal: Aircraft Design Engineer, WADC, OH  
AFCM w/1st Oak Leaf Cluster: Aerospace Systems Engineer, HQ, FTD, OH

Legion of Merit: Director Data Services, HQ, FTD, OH

Legion of Merit w/1st Oak Leaf Cluster: Director of Foreign Technology, SAMSO, Los Angeles, CA

Letter of Commendation: From Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2, GHQ, Far East Command, Tokyo for service as US Army civilian Operations Officer, Civil Censorship Detachment

Letter of Appreciation and Plaque: From Chief of Staff, Japan Air Self Defense Force for service as Chief, Science Liaison Officer, AF Systems Command, Tokyo