Kosei Nakamura was born on December 15, 1923, in Hakalau, Hawaii. He was the son of Jiro and Kame (Tokishi) Nakamura. He was educated at Honokowai School; Kamehameha III School; and Lahainaluna Technical High School, Maui. Before entering the service, he was employed as a milker at the Dairy, Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd., Maui.

Kosei Nakamura was inducted into the Army on March 25, 1943, Lahaina, Maui (Serial number, 30105919). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 442nd Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company C, in the continental United States and Italy. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pvt Kosei Nakamura was killed in action near Lanuvio, Italy, on June 2, 1944, during the Salerno to Cassino Campaign. He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

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