Hideo Shimabukuro was born in Honolulu, Oahu, on November 21, 1916. He was the son of Sanra and Masai (Tengan) Shimabukuro. He was educated at Kaliihiwaena School, Iolani School in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a laborer.

Shimabukuro (SN 30102494) was inducted into the Army at Schofield barracks, Oahu on November 29, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu with the 298th Infantry Regiment. He was later assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion for advance combat training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Upon completion of combat training in the continental United States, he was dispatched overseas to Algeria, Africa and subsequently participated in the landing at Salerno, Italy and the Italian Campaign.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Hideo Shimabukuro was killed in action near Cassino, Italy during the Cassino to Anzio campaign on July 9, 1944.

He is interred in Okinawa.

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