

January 7, 1998

Dear *Billy*

The enclosed group, Americans of Japanese Ancestry WW II Memorial Alliance are asking Veterans like you who may or may not support their concept regarding a memorial.

The Alliance are in <sup>the</sup> organizing stage and are trying to get organizations such as the JACL or any other group <sup>that</sup> may want to support their concept.

This Memorial honoring those who made the supreme sacrifice in WW II will be in J Town Los Angeles Japanese Community Cultural Center with the Korean War & Vietnam War Memorial.

If you are interested you can join this group as an individual with Lifetime Dues of \$ 100.00. Membership includes copy of THE JAPANESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS (CD-Rom)

LIFETIME Dues will be used in Part to fund the perpetual endowment Care of the WWII Wall Memorial. Balance of any donation will be used for the design, construction and related expenses.

Look over the enclosed, and if you could support such a Memorial you could contact the Alliance. Kind of a shame that the other Memorial in LA couldn't incorporate the KIA in their design <sup>that</sup> ~~and~~ everybody could live with it.

Happy New Year and Good Health.

*Mits Kojima*

Send to:

AJA WWII Memorial Alliance  
c/o Richard Shinto, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 1945  
Montebello, CA 90640

# Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance

244 South San Pedro Street, Rm. 506 ~ Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Question:** *Who made the greatest sacrifice for the betterment of the Japanese Americans everywhere?*

**Answer:** *We would all agree it was the brave young men who gave their lives to assure, that we the living, will live in a better tomorrow. Now that tomorrow is here. Let's all pitch in and do the right thing to make the Japanese American community proud of their Sacrifice.*

We are writing to ask for your organization and personal support in this long overdue endeavor. May we count on your support? Please complete this form with your response and any additional comments on reverse side and return it at your earliest convenience.

Our meetings are open to all persons interested in supporting our important endeavor. We urge you to assign a minimum of two representatives to our organization to assure us of success in honoring those who made the Supreme Sacrifice and to perpetuate the story of the Japanese Americans in WWII. Our meetings are scheduled bi-weekly on Saturdays at 10:00am in the JACCC building 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

## Organization/Individual Response Form

(check one)

Individual  Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Org. Rep. # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

or Individual Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Org. Rep. # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

or Individual Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to join the ALLIANCE and its projects. I will attend your meeting and serve on a committee. Reps #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (mark X where it applies)

Yes, I would like to support your organization and your project, but I cannot attend your meeting or serve on a committee. Reps #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

\*  Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ @ 100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for LIFETIME Dues #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership includes copy of "The Japanese American Soldiers" CD-Rom).

We enclose a single donation in full of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for reps #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL THIS FORM AND ANY CHECKS TO: AJA WWII MEMORIAL ALLIANCE

P.O. BOX 1945

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In cooperation with the Japanese American Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans who recently put up Memorials honoring those who made the supreme sacrifice in their wars, the **Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance**, is also planning to honor all those who died while serving during World War II.

This project is long overdue and have been delayed due to controversy over the differences in concept. The Foundation chooses to list KIAs co-mingled with all those who served in WWII, where as the Alliance will be focusing on those who died. While AJA WWII Memorial Alliance and 100/442/MIS Memorial Foundation includes many veterans of the 100/442/MIS units, neither group is an entity of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Association

This information is provided to clarify the basic difference between AJA WWII Alliance's Memorial and the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation.

AJA World War II Memorial Alliance

100/442/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation

COST

Current projected cost  
**\$850,000**

1989 estimated cost  
**\$2,500,000**

PURPOSE

To honor those who made the Supreme sacrifice during WWII

As Publicly stated, their "Monument is not to honor the dead"

OTHER OBJECTIVES

The WWII Memorial Alliance will be associated with Japanese American oriented Organizations, Museums, Historical Societies and others with extensive experience and resources to pursue Civil Liberties issues. The preservation of the involvement of the Americans of Ancestry in all of America's Wars.

Focus on Civil Liberties by receiving \$500,000 grant from California State Educational fund & \$50,000 from Civil Liberties Public Fund.

OTHER WARS

WWII Memorial Alliance is joining with The Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans Memorials

Continuos refusal since the initial conception of the WWII Monument to join with the Korean War & Vietnam Veterans in honoring those who died.

HISTORICAL VALUE

The complete story of the Sacrifice and heroics of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS in WWII, as well as Nisei in other units, will be preserved through the CD-ROM technology. Their participation while many of their families were incarcerated will be of primary importance.

The history of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS and other units of WWII will be featured, including the story of the bravery of the Nisei soldiers while many of their families were incarcerated

MEMORIAL

**ONLY THOSE WHO DIED SHALL BE HONORED ON THE AJA WWII MEMORIAL WALL**

To be honored by having their names engraved on the Memorial Monument will be members of The 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS, other Nisei heroes in other Units and the Major donors. Those who died will be co-mingled and identified with a Gold star.

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