



## AN AMERICAN STORY

RISING TO THE DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY,  
BY THE THOUSANDS THEY CAME — THESE YOUNG JAPANESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
FROM HAWAII, THE STATES, THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS —  
TO FIGHT IN EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II.  
LOOKED UPON WITH SUSPICION,  
SET APART AND DEPRIVED OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,  
THEY NEVERTHELESS REMAINED STEADFAST AND SERVED  
WITH INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AND UNCOMMON VALOR,  
FOR THEIRS WAS A FIGHT TO PROVE LOYALTY.

THIS LEGACY WILL SERVE AS A SOBERING REMINDER THAT NEVER AGAIN  
SHALL ANY GROUP BE DENIED LIBERTY AND THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP.



The Monument will serve as a reminder to all Americans that never again should any group be deprived of liberty or the privileges of citizenship because of race or ancestry in America.

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# The Japanese American World War II Veterans Monument



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# "WE MUST NEVER FORGET"



CAMP WITH GUARD

● *If any race living in America should have lost faith in America, it should have been the Japanese Americans.*  
CONGRESSMAN K.W. STIMSON

● *It is my sincerest hope that America shall not burden any other ethnic group with the terrible dilemma forced on many Japanese Americans a scant four decades ago: whether to remain with their loved ones or leave them to an uncertain fate to help defend the nation responsible for their incarceration. So many paid with their blood to demonstrate their loyalty, yet died with the uncertainty that their children might be considered less American than other citizens.*  
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE



MERRILL'S MARAUDERS

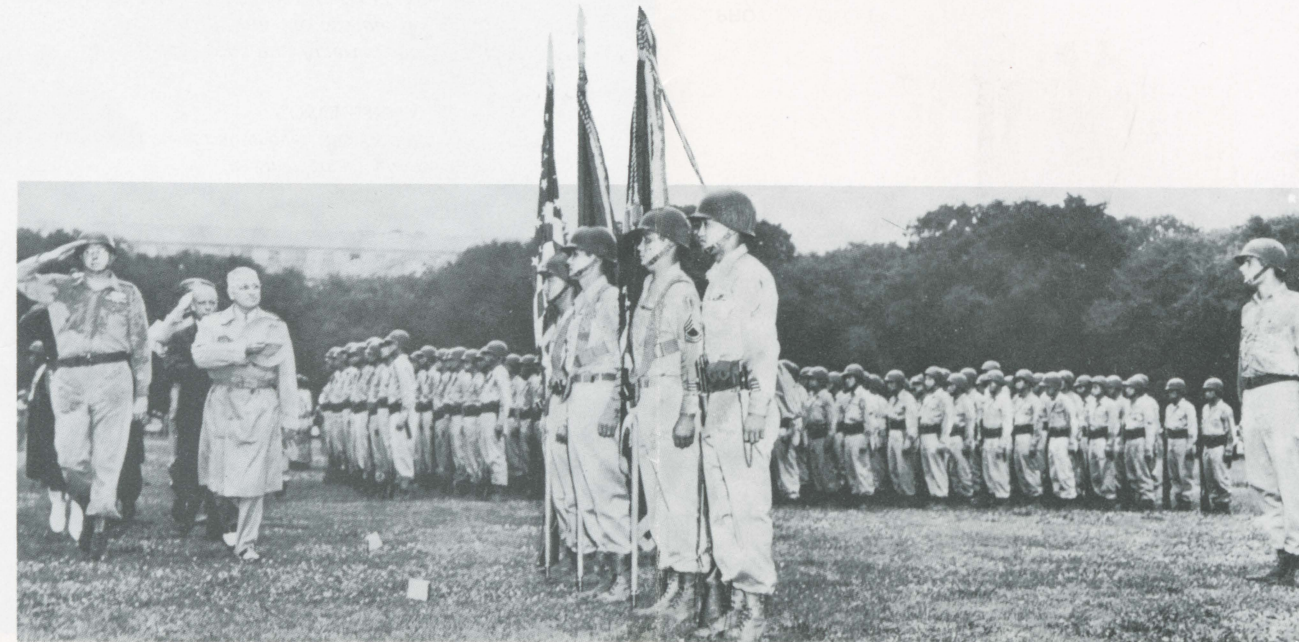
● *The Nisei in the Pacific saved over 1 million lives and shortened the war by 2 years.*  
MAJOR GENERAL WILLOUGHBY



MIS WITH CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

● *Never in military history did an army know as much about the enemy prior to actual engagement...*

GENERAL DOUGLAS McARTHUR  
REFERRING TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE



WELCOME HOME BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN

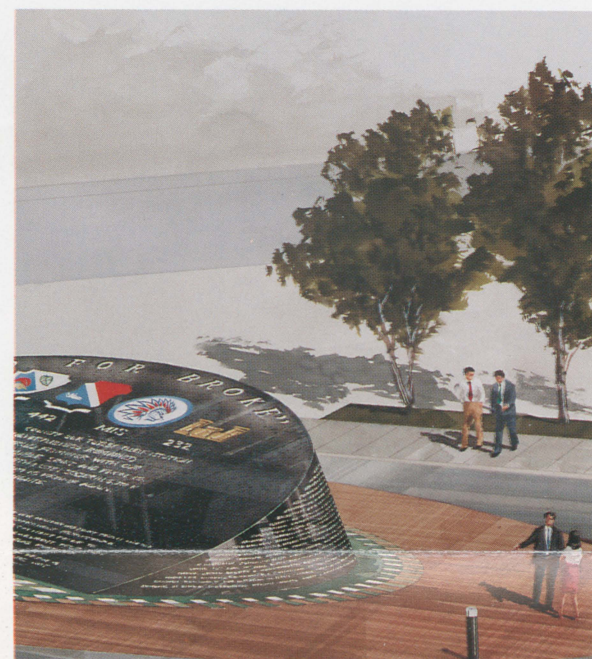
The World War II Japanese American Veterans Monument will preserve the legacy of those who fought to prove their loyalty to America while 120,000 of their families, friends and community were, without due process, confined to concentration camps during World War II.



PROVING LOYALTY

● *It is an opportunity to demonstrate the loyalty that we have long professed. We must do this not only for ourselves, but for the sake of those who follow us.*

CALL TO VOLUNTEER



● *Your heroic sacrifice is not lost, but will mold and inspire the characters of generations yet unborn.*

INGRAM M. STAINBACK  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

● *We will always remember the 100/442 guys... the sacrifices they made for this country, fighting for us and for future generations.*

RUSSELL NAKAISHI  
SONS AND DAUGHTERS CLUB

● *Your gift of this legacy, this comfortable sense of security and belief that we will have the rights, privileges and responsibilities of any American... is immeasurable in value.*

ANN ISHIDA-HO  
SONS AND DAUGHTERS CLUB

● *There is one supreme, final test of loyalty for one's native land—readiness and willingness to fight for, and if need be, to die for one's country. These Americans pass that test with colors flying. They proved their loyalty and devotion beyond all question.*

*They volunteered for Army combat service and they made a record second to none. In Europe, theirs was the Combat Team most feared by the enemy. In the Pacific, they placed themselves in double jeopardy chancing the bullets of friend as well as foe. Everywhere they were the soldiers most decorated for valor, most devoted to duty.*

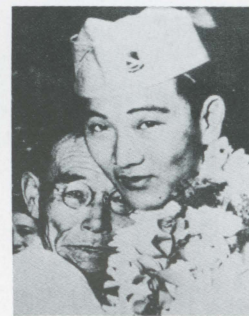
● *Their only absences without leave were from hospitals which they quit before recovering from their wounds, in order to get back into the fight for what they knew to be right.*

*These men... more than earned the right to be called just Americans, not Japanese Americans. Their Americanism may be described only by degree, and that the highest.*

MAJ GEN JACOB L. DEVERS  
CHIEF OF THE ARMY FIELD FORCES

● *Their records in battle have been marked by one outstanding achievement after another. They have written a brilliant chapter in the history of American fighting men.*

LT GEN MARK W. CLARK  
COMMANDING OFFICER, 5TH ARMY



● *My fellow Americans, we gather here today to right a grave wrong... now let me sign HR442 so fittingly named in honor of the 442nd RCT.*

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT OF 1988



100th IN BATTLE

● *If we the living, the beneficiaries of their sacrifices are truly intent upon showing our gratitude, we must do more than gather together for speechmaking and perfunctory ceremonies. We must undertake to carry on the unfinished work which they so nobly advanced. The fight against prejudice is not confined to the battlefield, alone. It is still here and with us now. So long as a single member of our citizenry is denied the use of public facilities and denied the right to earn a decent living because, and solely because of the color of his skin, we who 'fought against prejudice and won' ought not sit idly by and tolerate the perpetuation of injustices...*

SENATOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

**JOIN US**  
IN BUILDING THE  
JAPANESE AMERICAN  
WORLD WAR II VETERANS  
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*"You fought not only the enemy... you fought prejudice and won."*

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN