

National Nisei Veterans Committee

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The Japanese American Creed

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no other individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter and lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

Mike Masaoka, *Congressional Record* May 9, 1941.
by Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah

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Salutes

The Bicentennial of the Constitution and

The Bill of Rights

September 30 - October 3, 1987
Washington, D.C.



100th Battalion



442nd Regimental Combat Team



Military Intelligence Service

Veterans of the War in Korea

Veterans of the War in Vietnam

Let Us Forget

Remember, in the unreasoning hate and hysteria of World War II, our own Government questioned our personal and collective loyalty solely on account of our ancestry and arbitrarily incarcerated us in wilderness concentration camps. In spite of the unprecedented suffering and sacrifice, we were forced to endure because of racial prejudice and discrimination, and greed wrapped in the colors of patriotism, most of us volunteered and proudly served in the Go For Broke spirit in both the European and Pacific Theaters. We proved with our blood that our Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry.

Today, 45 years after earning the right to the presumption of loyalty on the bloody battlefields of that global conflict, we are met here in the Nation's Capital to redeem on behalf of our fallen comrades and our posterity the final redress of our wartime grievances and to celebrate and commemorate the "More Perfect Union" that our Constitution and our Bill of Rights still seeks for all Americans.

Special Wreath Laying Ceremony

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

1:45 P.M., Wednesday, Sept 30

Introductory Remarks..... COL Harry Ota, USA
Opening Prayer..... Jack Nagano
Chaplain, VFW Post 9938, Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post
Personal Tribute..... COL Glenn K Matsumoto, USA, (Ret.)
For Pfc Skylar Lance Hasuike..... Mrs. Mary Hasuike
Gold Star Mother
For Cpl Terry T. Kawamura, Medal of Honor..... COL Harry Ota, USA
For Sfc Rodney J.T. Yano, Medal of Honor..... Dave Monji

Sponsored by **National Nisei Veterans Committee**

Banquet for Nisei Veterans

Sheraton National Hotel

Commonwealth Ballroom

Saturday, October 3, 1987

(Cocktails, Cash Bar 7:00 p.m., Dinner 8:00 p.m.)

Master of Ceremonies..... Kaz Oshiki
Presentation of Colors..... 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR
Invocation..... Israel Yost, Chaplain, 442nd RCT
Introduction of Honored Guests..... Kaz Oshiki
Greetings from Bruyeres..... Moulin Pierre, 442nd CT Assn.,
Bruyeres, France
Remembering the 100th..... LTC Mitsu Fukuda, USA (Ret.)
Last CO of 100th BN
Going for Broke..... Chester Tanaka
Author, pictorial history *Go For Broke*
With The Yankee Samurais..... LTG Jeffrey Smith, USA (Ret.)
CBI and Pacific Theater
Citations for Medal of Honor
Hershey Miyamura
Pfc Sadao Munemori
Cpl Terry Tero Kawamura
Sfc Rodney J.T. Yano
Comments..... Hershey Miyamura
Music..... U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters
Guest Speaker..... LTG Allen K. Ono, USA
Deputy Chief of Staff - Personnel
Concluding Remarks..... Mike M. Masaoka
Concluding Comments, Announcements..... Jun Yamamoto
Retire Colors..... 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR
Informal Dancing

In Honor of Those Who Served Their Country

Arlington National Cemetery, Amphitheatre

Music Carillon

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Master of Ceremonies Frank Sato

Presentation of Colors 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR
and Joint Armed Forces Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance Led by MAJ Howard Sugai
100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR

Invocation COL David Kennedy, USA

Tribute to Japanese American Veterans U.S. Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga
(for the U.S. Senate Vietnam Affairs Committee)

Musical Selections Carillon

Memorial Address U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

Announcements Frank Sato

Benediction Israel Yost, Chaplain, 442nd RCT

Retire Colors 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR

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National Japanese American Historical Society

The Japanese American Hymn

Words by Marion Tajiri and music by Marcel Tyrrell, 1952

There was a dream my father dreamed for me

A land in which all men are free —

Then the desert camp with watchtowers high

Where life stood still, mid sand and brooding sky.

Out of the war in which my brothers died —

Their muted voices with mine cried

This is our dream that all men shall be free —

This is our creed, we'll live in loyalty.

God help us rid the land of bigotry —

That we may walk in peace and dignity.

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Welcoming Remarks Key K. Kobayashi
(of the Washington Committee)

Greetings LTC Raymond Gandy, Jr.
CO, 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR

Special Greetings Serge Carlesso
442nd CT Assn., Bruyeres, France

Remarks U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

Remarks U.S. Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga

Remarks U.S. Rep. Norman Y. Mineta

Remarks U.S. Rep. Daniel K. Akaka

Remarks U.S. Rep. Robert T. Matsui

Remarks U.S. Rep. Patricia F. Saiki

Closing Remarks, Announcements Jun Yamamoto
(of the National Committee)

Retire Colors 100th BN, 442nd INF, USAR

(Following the dinner program, music for dancing will be provided by The Lath.
This also will be an opportunity for an informal reunion of Nisei Vets with
Members of Congress.)