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Go For Broke Soldiers Stamp Honors Nisei Soldiers



More than 15 years ago, three Nisei women from California who were incarcerated during World War II had a dream. They wanted to have a U.S. postage stamp that honored the Go for Broke Soldiers to perpetuate their legacy and keep the memory of their sacrifice and dedication alive for generations to come.

Their Stamp Our Story campaign garnered widespread support and their dedication ultimately yielded powerful results. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) issued the Go For Broke Soldiers Commemorative Forever Stamp on June 3, 2021, the first stamp in USPS history to feature an Asian American Soldier. In Hawaii, the stamp was unveiled at a special ceremony held at the 100th Infantry Battalion Clubhouse in Honolulu on June 4, 2021.

Those present at the historic event included: **Gov. David Ige** and **First Lady Dawn Ige**; **Eileen Veach**, USPS Hawaii District Manager; **Major General Suzanne Vares-Lum**, U.S. Army (Ret), former Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; **Shinye Gima**, Nisei Veteran, Military Intelligence Service; and **Rachel Radona**, granddaughter of a Nisei

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Veteran. Each shared the importance of the Nisei Soldiers and their personal connection to them.

“Despite facing racial discrimination, the Nisei Soldiers demonstrated bravery that has left a lasting impression on the world,” said **Lynn Heirakuji**, NVL President and Co-Chair of the Hawai‘i Stamp Organizing Committee, who served as emcee of the stamp unveiling event. “The little stamp serves as a big reminder to continue to do what the Nisei Soldiers started generations ago.”

The Go for Broke: Japanese Americans Soldiers of World War II stamps are being issued as Forever stamps, which will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce price.

[View the stamp unveiling ceremony](#)

Save the Date!
Hawai‘i’s Nisei Soldiers: Their Legacy Continues
Saturday, July 24, 2021 – 5 pm

Join us for a thought-provoking virtual educational event, presented by the Nisei Veterans Legacy and produced with support from ABC Stores on Saturday, July 24, at 5 pm. You can watch the live stream event by visiting the Nisei Veterans Legacy website at nvlchawaii.org.

The Japanese attack on O‘ahu in 1941 and the subsequent Presidential Executive Order 9066 forever changed the lives of Japanese Americans in Hawai‘i and on the mainland.

Once considered upstanding members of the community, Japanese Americans were suddenly suspected of being enemies and spies, but they were determined to prove their loyalty by bravely entering the military during World War II. Now, about 80 years later, racial prejudice and inequity still haunt us. The rise in anti-Asian violence across America makes this program relevant and timely.

The show will feature interviews with leaders in business, law, and education who will share their perspectives on the Nisei Veterans and lessons for today. This program also serves as a fundraiser for the Nisei Veterans Legacy to help it perpetuate the legacy of the Nisei Soldiers through exhibits and other educational and outreach initiatives in the community.

[View the event](#)



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Saturday, July 24, 2021 • 5 pm (Hawai'i)

Saturday, July 24, 2021 • 8 pm (West Coast)

Sunday, July 25, 2021 • 12 noon (Japan)

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Leaders from business, law, education and other fields will present their views and insights that will inspire you. Please join us for this event that also serves as our fundraiser!

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