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### **Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance Awards Japanese American Living Legacy \$10,000 Project Funding**

Los Angeles, CA - On September 8, 2007, Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance (Alliance) awarded Japanese American Living Legacy (JA Living Legacy) \$10,000 to perpetuate the educational programs regarding the soldiers who were Killed-In-Action (KIA) during World War II; the fund will also be used to develop and maintain the Alliance's website, [www.ajawarvets.org](http://www.ajawarvets.org), which features a searchable database of Japanese American World War II veterans.

This past year, the Alliance formed a joint partnership with JA Living Legacy. The partnership was formed at the behest of then Alliance president, Dr. Roy Machida, who has recently passed away. Dr. Machida encouraged the Alliance to fund JA Living Legacy projects that preserve the memories and experiences of Japanese American soldiers during World War II.

The funds were officially given to JA Living Legacy during Dr. Machida's memorial service. "It is our desire to work together and fund JA Living Legacy projects that involve soldiers who never returned home; their legacy is an important part of our history," says Jim Yamashita, project manager for the Alliance's Echoes of Silence project.

"The Alliance trusts us with their legacy. There is no greater honor than earning the trust of our community," says Natalia Yamashiro, President of JA Living Legacy. The funding for JA Living Legacy solidifies the relationship between the two organizations.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a nonprofit organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at [www.jalivinglegacy.org](http://www.jalivinglegacy.org) or call them at (714) 278-4483. For more information on Echoes of Silence, please contact Jim Yamashita at [jimy442@verizon.net](mailto:jimy442@verizon.net).

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