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### Celebrating Veterans Day 2007



Los Angeles, California, JACCC Memorial Court, November 10, 2007

*“We come, not to mourn our dead soldiers, but to praise them.” - Francis A. Walker*

Every year in November, Veterans Day marks the day all Americans elect to remember those soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, in remembrance of Veterans Day, Nobo and Rose Ikuta donated \$2,000 to the Memorial Alliance and \$2,000 to JA Living Legacy to be allocated for projects involving World War II KIA soldiers. “It is easy to get caught up in our daily lives and forget the freedoms we now enjoy thanks to the soldiers who sacrificed everything. By helping to fund our community projects, Rose and Nobo Ikuta remind us that none of our fallen heroes will ever be forgotten,” says Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy. Nobo Ikuta is a member of the legendary 442<sup>nd</sup> I Company and one of the founding members of

the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance (Memorial Alliance) who's mission it is to honor their fallen comrades. Architect, Isami "Mike" Tsuji explained that, "This wall is not just about the names -- it's about **not forgetting** the names."

The Memorial Alliance hosted a small ceremony at the JACCC Memorial Court followed by a lunch in Little Tokyo. Representing the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) were Rosalyn Tonai accompanied by her board of directors, Dr. Howard Kline, Gaye Miyasaki, Dr. Ellen Sawamura, Sandra Tanamachi and others. In attendance representing Memorial Alliance and JA Living Legacy were Robert Hayamizu, Richard and Sets Shinto, Rose and Nobo Ikuta, Fumy Machida and her two daughters – Linda and Debbie, Sam Shimoguchi, Shuji and Chiye Taketomo, Isami Mike Tsuji, Susan and Ray Uyemura, Natalia Yamashiro and Jim and Marian Yamashita.

Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance is a non profit organization. For more information on Memorial Alliance please contact Jim Yamashita at [jimy442@verizon.net](mailto:jimy442@verizon.net).

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.

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