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Celebration of Life's Heroes: Past, Present and Future

In the heart of Little Tokyo at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center remains a courtyard. It's off to the side and easily missed if you're in a hurry but the next time you are in the plaza, take a moment to look around. Four walls honor the names of all the Americans of Japanese Ancestry who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community and country.

Japanese American Living Legacy will host a commemoration honoring the organizers of the Japanese American Veterans War Memorial Court at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 13, 2010. The program will include acknowledgment of all of the court's pioneers, with special recognition to KIA soldiers and their extended families. A brief program will be followed by name-rubbings in the court, light refreshments to follow. This event is free and open to the public.

The Japanese American Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee built and installed the Vietnam Veterans Killed-in-Action Memorial in 1995 and dedicated their monument in a ceremony on Veterans Day that same year. The Vietnam monument inscribes 119 names. Two years later, the Japanese American Korean War Veterans erected their monument of 256 fallen comrades. Subsequently, the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance built their monument in 2000, adding an honor roll of over 800 names. Even more recently, the names of Japanese American soldiers killed-in-action in wars since Vietnam have been added to the court.

JA Living Legacy will host this event as a token of the community's appreciation to the court's founding organizers. "We recognize the commitment and dedication realized in the creation of this Memorial Court. This court symbolizes the lives of those who never made it home from war. It provides future generations with an opportunity to understand our community's role in this country's history. It remains a unifying reminder of our community's commitment and sacrifices through military service," said Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy.

A tent will be provided on the day of the event in case of inclement weather conditions. Ushers will be available to assist those with any special physical requirements.

For more information please contact us at info@jalivinglegacy.org or you may leave a message at (657) 278-4483. Thank you and we hope to see you on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California Nonprofit 501c.3 organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (657) 278-4483.

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