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"Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce"



ASIAN/PACIFIC CELEBRATION

Asian/Pacific American History

Thursday

27 May 2010

11:30 —13:00

Community Activity Center (CAC)

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Bldg 521

Keynote Speaker

The "Asian/Pacific American" designation encompasses over 50 ethnic or language groups including native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. There are now more Asian and Pacific Islander groups



than in the past - with 28 Asian and 19 Pacific Island subgroups representing a vast array of

languages and cultures. These groups include Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Japanese Americans, Korean Americans, Vietnamese Americans, Asian Indian Americans, Laotian Americans, Cambodian Americans, Hmong Americans, Thai Americans, Pakistani, Samoan, Guamanian and many other language groups.

"Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who

indicated their race or races as "Native Hawaiian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Samoan," or "Other Pacific Islander," or wrote in entries such as Tahitian, Mariana Islander, or Chuukese. "Some other race" was included in Census 2000 for respondents who were unable to identify with the five Office of Management and Budget race categories. Many Asians and Pacific Islanders have ancestry in a number of different cultures.

For more information, go to www.army.mil/asianpacificsoldiers



Maggie Gee
WWII Pilot

Sampling of Food

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MEDAL OF HONOR ASIAN/AMERICAN RECIPIENT



Private Jose B. Nisperos became the first Asian/Pacific American to be

awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on September 24, 1911, while engaged in

combat at Lapurap, Basilan, Philippine Islands. He served in the 34th Company, Philippine Scouts. In 1913, he having been badly wounded (his left arm was broken and lacerated and he had received several spear wounds in the body so that he could not stand), Private Nisperos continued to fire his rifle with one hand until the enemy

was repulsed, thereby aiding materially in preventing the annihilation of his party.

For more information, go to [U.S. Army Asian/Pacific Recipients of the Medal of Honor](http://www.army.mil/asianpacificrecipients)



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THE UNITED STATE ARMY MEDAL OF HONOR

THE NATIONS HIGHEST MEDAL FOR VALOR

VIETNAM WAR



KAWAMURA, TERRY TERUO

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Cpl. Kawamura distinguished himself by heroic action while serving as a member of the 173d Engineer Company. Date of Casualty: Thursday, March 20, 1969 Age at time of loss: 19 Casualty type: (A1) Hostile, died. President Richard M. Nixon presented the Medal of Honor to the Kawamura family.

RESOURCES:

[Medal of Honor Website](#)
[Federal Asian Pacific American Council](#)

[The Warrior Ethos](#)

[Center for Military History](#)

[Go For Broke Foundation](#)

[Harry S. Truman Presidential Library Resources on the War Relocation Authority](#)

[Nisei Veterans Memorial Center](#)

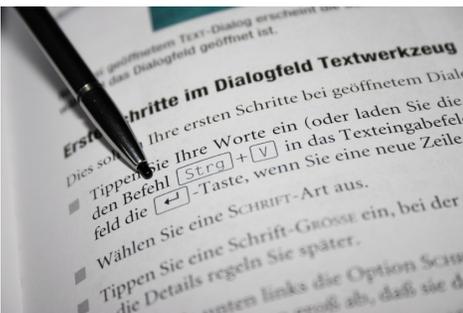
[PBS Ancestors in America Series](#)

[Smithsonian Special Japanese Americans & The U.S. Constitution](#)

[Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II](#)

[2008 White House Press Release](#)

Test Your Knowledge



1. Which treaty between the United States and China granted citizens of both countries the right of free immigration, residence, and travel?

- [a. The Treaty of Paris.](#)
- [b. The Immigration Act of 1924](#)
- [c. The Burlingame-Seward Treaty](#)

2. Who was the first Asian Pacific American to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States?

- [a. Greg Louganis](#)
- [b. Sammy Lee](#)
- [c. Kristi Yamaguchi](#)

3. Who was the first Asian Pacific American elected to the U.S. Senate?

- [a. Daniel K. Inouye](#)
- [b. Fred Korematsu](#)
- [c. Patsy Mink](#)

4. How many Asian Pacific Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor?

- [a. four](#)
- [b. thirteen](#)
- [c. thirty-two](#)

5. Which historical site was nicknamed the "Ellis Island of the West"?

- [a. Manzanar](#)
- [b. Angel Island](#)
- [c. Manila Village](#)