



# Asian Pacific American Month May 2010

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## Camp Parks

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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)

Camp Parks

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](http://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



### Elmelindo R. Smith

Platoon Sergeant (then S/Sgt.) Elmelindo R. Smith served in the 1st Platoon, Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on February 16, 1967.

## 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](#)

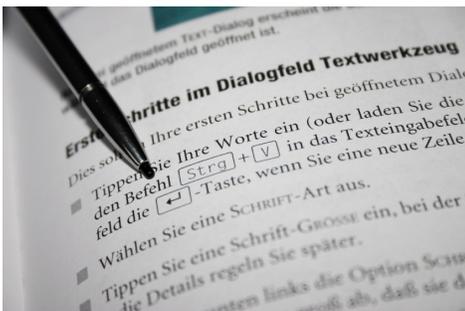
[PBS Ancestors in America Series](#)

[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. Who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Civil Rights memorial in Montgomery, Alabama?

- [Maya Lin](#)
- [Vivian Wong](#)
- [Helen M Lee](#)

2. Who was the mission specialist on STS 51-L which launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at 11:38 EST on January 28, 1986?

- [Phillip J. Brutus](#)
- [Yuan T. Lee](#)
- [Ellison Onizuka](#)

3. The Asian/Pacific American who was one of three named in the 1997 Nobel Prize in Physics.

- [Chen Ning Yang](#)
- [Steven Chu](#)
- [Yoichiro Nambu](#)

4. Which Asian/Pacific American co-created Yahoo which was originally named "Jerry's Guide to the World Wide Web"?

- [Jerry Yang](#)
- [Wataru Misaka](#)
- [Andrea Jung](#)

5. Who was the youngest female golfer to qualify for a **Ladies Professional Golf Association** LPGA tournament?

- [Se Ri Pak](#)
- [Michelle Wie](#)
- [Sammy Yukuan Lee](#)