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**The National Veterans Network Partners with the  
National Museum of the United States Army**

- *Special Exhibit in future Museum to feature Japanese American WWII Soldiers*
- *Currently Seeking Japanese American WWII Soldier Objects and Artifacts for Museum Exhibit and the U.S. Army historical collection.*

**Washington D.C, (June 19, 2017)** – The National Veterans Network (NVN) is honored to announce its collaboration with the National Museum of the United States Army to develop an exhibit featuring the outstanding military service of Nisei soldiers during World War II and to increase the U.S. Army historical collection to preserve the story of the Nisei Soldier.

Scheduled for completion in late 2019, The National Army Museum will bring to life over 240 years of U.S. Army history to honor Soldiers, educate citizens, and inspire a new generation. This special place will tell the story of how the Army has shaped a nation and changed the world.

Included in the Museum’s storyline are the experiences of American World War II soldiers of Japanese ancestry. Their artifacts and history will be told as part of the timeline exhibit, “*reflecting change.*” This exhibit will show the societal changes the army has experienced since its inception including segregation and women in the service.

“The story of the Nisei soldiers’ service to our country during WWII is inspirational,” said Tammy Call, director of the National Museum of the United States Army. “The exhibit will honor the service and dedication of the Japanese American World War II soldiers to the United States.”

Currently, the Army is the only U.S. military service without a national museum. When complete, the Museum will be a technological marvel incorporating the latest advances in museum exhibits while providing advanced educational opportunities that will capture the attention of visitors old and young. As the Army’s national landmark, the Museum will honor United States Soldiers – past, present, and future – and provide an interactive educational experience explaining the Army’s role in creating and defending our nation, as well as the Army’s social initiatives and contributions throughout our nation’s history.

When the museum opens, there will be a special exhibit on the Nisei Soldier that will tell the national story of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service that includes a display of the Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal on loan from the Smithsonian. The exhibit also will include stories and artifacts significant to the service of the Nisei Soldiers.

“The National Veterans Network is honored to work with the National Museum of the United States Army on exhibits featuring the service of the Nisei Soldiers,” shared Christine Sato-Yamazaki, executive director at NVN. “Having an exhibit in the museum means generations to come will be able to learn about the patriotism, sacrifice and courage of the Nisei Soldiers during World War II.”

The National Museum of the United States Army will serve as the capstone of the Army Museum Enterprise and provide the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions. Located on an 84-acre site on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, less than 30 minutes south of our nation’s capital in Washington, D.C., the Museum will be open to the public, free, and anticipates approximately 700,000 visitors annually.

The National Veterans Network is currently traveling nationwide with the National Museum of U.S. Army to introduce the Museum and to ask for personal objects and artifacts of Nisei Soldiers for the exhibit and the U.S. Army historical collection. To learn more, please email both Susan Smullen at [susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@mail.mil](mailto:susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@mail.mil) and Christine Sato-Yamazaki at [info@nationalveteransnetwork.com](mailto:info@nationalveteransnetwork.com).

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**About National Veterans Network (NVN)** NVN is a consortium of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating the nation on the Japanese American WWII soldier experience. The network launched the campaign to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the first Asian American recipients in the 100th, 442nd and MIS units, and worked with the U.S. Mint to design the medal. In 2012, they partnered with the National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service for a seven-city tour to promote recognition of the Japanese American experience. In 2016, along with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, NVN launched a Digital Exhibition to share the story of Japanese American soldiers of WWII. NVN’s mission is to preserve, inform, and advocate how the Nisei Soldiers' Loyalty, Courage, and Patriotism embody American values and shape future decisions about justice and equality in a democracy.

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