

National Museum of the United States Army November 2018 Construction Update

Family Honors Father's Service in Military Intelligence



Kazuo Yamane in Washington, DC.

Kazuo Yamane, a veteran of World War II, was one of many Japanese-Americans who served their nation despite widespread discrimination against Americans of Japanese descent. As a master sergeant in the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), primarily a Japanese-American military unit and later the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), Yamane's story of duty and self-sacrifice embodies what it means to be a Soldier in the United States Army.



"Our father always considered his service during WW II as the most important time of his life, as he and all the Nisei* veterans proved their loyalty to their country," explained Joyce Yamane, daughter of MSG Yamane. Because of this, Ms. Yamane and her husband, Stephen Waite, have recently made a gift to the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) in honor of her father. Ms. Yamane added, "The Kazuo and Mary Yamane Family is honored to support the National Museum of the United States Army with this gift."

MSG Yamane was one of three brothers to serve in the MIS; another brother served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. MSG Yamane was sent to Camp Ritchie, Md. to help establish the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section (PACMIRS). In 1944, while at work sorting through crates of papers captured at Saipan, he discovered a highly classified document that contained inventory of Imperial Japanese Army ordnance, with detailed descriptions of all the armaments in the Japanese inventory and locations of arms, ammunition depots, and manufacturing plants in Japan. Yamane's discovery gave valued targeting information for the Allied aerial campaign against Japan.

MSG Yamane and two other MIS Nisei Soldiers were assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces (SHAEF) in France and given the task of conducting a covert mission into Berlin with a detachment of British commandos to collect documents from the Japanese Embassy. When the mission was cancelled the team members were sent to different parts of Europe. MSG Yamane was in Yugoslavia on V-E Day.

Thankfully he and his brothers all returned safely from the war. Back in Hawaii, Yamane, returning to civilian life, operated a successful family business. In 1997, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of duties which profoundly influenced the successful outcome of the war against Japan." Yamane passed away on April 28, 2010, at the age of 93

In October 2010, Congress awarded Japanese-American World War II veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of their service during the war. "MSG Yamane and his Japanese-American comrades served valiantly throughout WW II despite facing immense obstacles at home. It is important to recognize those groups of people who have made significant sacrifices for their country in the face of adversity," noted General Gordon R. Sullivan (USA-Ret.), Army Historical Foundation's Board Chairman. "We are indebted to MSG Yamane's brave and distinguished service during the war and appreciate the Yamane family's support of this important project to ensure that each Soldier's story is preserved for future generations."

Their gift places Ms. Yamane and Mr. Waite in the Museum Capital Campaign's Three-Star Circle of Distinction.

^{*}Japanese term meaning "second generation" used to specify children born in the United States or Canada to Japanese born immigrants.

Museum and Campaign Facts

Army Historical Foundation Campaign Facts

- Public-Private Partnership with the Army
- Congressionally mandated under 10USC4772 as the Museum's only fundraiser. All funds to construct the Museum must be raised from private sources.
- 160: Major Donors
- 170,000+: Individual Donors

Museum Facts

- 83.7 Acres: Size of Museum Campus
- 185,000 square feet: Main Museum Building Size
- 500,000–750,000: Estimated Annual Visitors
- 150,000+: Honorees In the Soldier's Registry to date
- 58 Army Units: On the Veterans Hall Donor Wall to date
- Museum Campus: Main Museum Building, Army Trail, Memorial Garden, Amphitheater, Parade Field, Vehicle Demonstration Track.

Construction Facts

- Museum Building Completion Percentage: 91%
- The exterior façade is a mixture of stainless steel panels and glass curtain wall. The stainless steel panels weigh about 1,000,000 lbs.
- Approximate quantities of materials to be used:
 - 13,084 cubic yards of concrete
 - 2,059 tons of structural steel
 - 152,500 square feet of metal decking.



Aerial Photo of the National Army Museum Site-October 2018



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Museum Entrance-October 2018



Army Seal in Lobby with Army Theater and Soldiers Stories Gallery in background-October 2018



Finished Museum Entrance Conceptual Rendering



Finished Lobby Conceptual Rendering with Army Seal. Army Theater at left of the Seal.



Donor Wall-October 2018



Soldiers Stories Gallery and Army Theater-October 2018



Finished Donor Wall Rendering—Flanked by Gift Shop (left) and Experiential Learning Center (right)



Finished Soldiers Stories Gallery and Army Theater Conceptual Rendering



Left: AHF Chairman GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, presents Sikorsky's Dana Fiatarone, VP, Army & Air Force Systems, with the company's major donor commemorative plaque at AUSA's 2018 Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Right: AHF Chairman GEN Gordon R. Sullivan talks with Mr. David R. Alexander, President, Aircraft Systems, GA-ASI, following presentation of the company's major donor commemorative plaque at AUSA's 2018 Annual Meeting and



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National Museum of the United States Army conceptual Site Plan.

The Museum Experience...

The National Army Museum will be more than just a building. It will be an experience that will engage visitors of all ages emotionally and intellectually in the Army's history and heritage and allow them to experience what it is like to be a Soldier. Visitors will be able to absorb the history of America's Army in a variety of formats. Exhibits will replicate three-dimensional historical contexts by combining cutting edge technologies, inter-activity, carefully selected and positioned artifacts, special effects, and first-person Soldier stories to recreate a sense of time and place and bring action and adventure to the Museum experience.

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