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### DEDICATION OF THE GO FOR BROKE EXHIBIT SCHEDULED

**New York City** – The dedication of the exhibit, "Go For Broke: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts," will be held at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum on Sunday, August 8, 2010. The public is encouraged to attend the program which begins with an opportunity to view the exhibit at 9:15 am when the first ferry arrives. Patriotic World War II era music will start at 10:30 with the dedication program to begin at 11:00. The Master of Ceremonies will be George Takei of Star Trek fame. The film, "442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity," [80 minutes] will be shown at 2:00 pm.

The exhibit was created by the Japanese American Wartime History Project. The curator of the exhibit is Eric Saul, former director of the Presidio Army Museum, who created the original "Go For Broke" exhibit in 1980. Saul said, "This is a wonderful tribute to the veterans on the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II. Their history is one of the great stories in American history."

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) have worked with Saul and will be involved in the dedication ceremonies with leaders of both organizations speaking on the program. Floyd Mori, National Executive Director of the JACL, will talk about Mike Masaoka, an early JACL leader to whom Saul has dedicated the exhibit because of the instrumental role which Mike and the JACL had in the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which shaped the events of the period and the favorable developments of today.

The exhibit opened to the public on Monday, July 5, 2010, at the Ellis Island National Historic Site museum. The commencement of the museum display coincides with the 125th anniversary celebration of arrival of Japanese settlers in America. This historical presentation chronicles the history of the Japanese American soldier in World War II. It includes the story of the courageous Nisei soldiers of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy, France and Germany and of the Nisei who served in the Military Intelligence Service in the Asia Pacific theater.

Comprising the exhibit are 150 rare photographs collected from a number of prominent government agency archives and private collections from Hawaii and the mainland America. Many of these photographs are being exhibited for the first time. Some of the prominent photographers whose work is featured include Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Clem Albers, Toyo Miyatake, and others. Many private photographs of the Nisei taken during the war are also featured, and the exhibit will feature the history of early Japanese immigration in postwar photographs and documents.

The exhibit will be open seven days a week throughout the summer. Commemorative ceremonies and educational programs with prominent Japanese Americans and veterans are planned for August. The exhibit is being scheduled to travel to numerous locations after its showing at Ellis Island is completed.

For information or to schedule a visit, call the National Park Service at 212 363-3200 or visit their website at [http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis\\_island\\_visiting.asp](http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis_island_visiting.asp). The Ellis Island museum is accessible by ferry from both New York and New Jersey. For ferry tickets, call 877.523.9849 or book online at <http://www.statuecruises.com/>. For viewing the exhibit only, disembark from the ferry from New York at the second stop. Boats leave from Battery Park in New York City every 20 minutes beginning at 8:30 am; boats leave from Liberty Park in New Jersey every 40 minutes beginning at 8:30 am.

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