

Final Presentation

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442nd Infantry Regiment

- ◆ Most decorated unit in the history of American warfare
- ◆ Roughly 14,000 soldiers served during World War 2
- ◆ Comprised of mostly Nisei Japanese Americans



Enlisting

- ◇ 100th Infantry Battalion formed June 1942
- ◇ Those in internment camps had to answer loyalty questionnaire
- ◇ Initially 10,000 from Hawaii and 1,300 from the mainland volunteered
- ◇ The military accepted 3,000 from Hawaii and 800 from the mainland

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25. To the best of your knowledge, was your birth ever registered with any Japanese governmental agency for the purpose of establishing a claim to Japanese citizenship?

(a) If so registered, have you applied for cancellation of such registration? (Yes or no)

When? Where?

26. Have you ever applied for repatriation to Japan?

27. Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered?

28. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power, or organization?

..... (Date) (Signature)

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Combat Highlights

- ◇ Lost Battalion
 - ◇ 36th Infantry Division caught behind enemy lines
 - ◇ Rescued 211 soldiers at the cost of 800
- ◇ Gothic Line
 - ◇ The 5th army was in a stalemate for 5 months
 - ◇ 442nd launched a sneak attack the morning of April 4th 1945

Commendations

- ◆ The 442nd in total earned 18,143 awards
 - ◆ 9,486 Purple Hearts
 - ◆ 4,000 Bronze Stars
 - ◆ 560 Silver Stars
 - ◆ 52 Distinguished Service Cross
 - ◆ 22 Legion of Merit Medals
 - ◆ 15 Soldier's Medals
 - ◆ 1 Distinguished Service Medal
 - ◆ 21 Medals of Honor



After World War 2

- ◇ The service of the Japanese Americans helped change the minds of some Anti-Japanese critics
- ◇ Many Americans still resented those with Japanese ancestry
- ◇ The 442nd was inactivated in 1946 and reactivated in 1947 into the U.S. reserve
- ◇ Mobilized in 1968 during the Vietnam War
- ◇ Mobilized again in 2004 for duty in Iraq
- ◇ The 442nd infantry and 100th battalion are the only ground combat unit of the Army Reserve

Original Fight Song

- ◇ Go For Broke
- ◇ Four Forty-Second Infantry
We are the boys of Hawaii Nei
We will fight for you
And the red white and blue
And will go the front
And back to Honolulu-lu-lu
Fighting for dear old Uncle Sam
Go for broke we don't give a damn
We will round up the Huns
At the point of a gun
And victory will be ours
Go for broke! Four Four Two!
Go for broke! Four Four Two!
And victory will be ours.

All hail our company.