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“I Am An American” Traveling Exhibit Call for Artifacts

Below is a list of items that the Exhibit Team is seeking specifically for the introductory “I Am An American” portion of the traveling exhibit. ** Please note that we are not limited to the below list but welcome all ideas/submissions.*

- An original “I Am An American” sign that was displayed during World War II
- Items featuring Issei or Nisei expressing their American identity
- Family and Wartime photographs
- Letters or V-Mail (Victory Mail letters sent during World War II)
- Diary entries
- Identification cards
- Signs or Pins
- Drawings or Paintings

Below is a list of items that the Exhibit Team is seeking specifically for the new audio/visual kiosk dedicated to the Soldiers from the War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps. ** Please note that we are not limited to the below list but welcome all ideas/submissions.*

- Photo of Soldiers, families, and friends while in the camp
- Blue star or red star flag hung in a camp
- Letters written between Soldiers and families/friends while in the camp
- Pencil/pens used to write letters home and/or to the camp
- Drawings, paintings, diary entries, posters, flags, etc.
- Handmade items made by the Soldier or family member while in the camp
- Camp identification cards or associated documents

Below is a list of items that the Exhibit Team is seeking specifically for the concluding “Legacy” portion of the traveling exhibit. ** Please note that we are not limited to the below list but welcome all ideas/submissions.*

- Items featuring veterans and/or family members and/or the Japanese American community showcasing their continual efforts to keep the Nisei Soldier story alive
- Family photographs
- Letters
- Student essays or projects
- Reunion items
- Hand-made items
- Memorandums or official documents, such as redress or statehood efforts
- Veteran community items, such as membership cards
- Veteran pins created after the war

The Exhibits Team is actively searching for the below items, which are representative of a Nisei Soldier's military service:

- Photographs of identified Soldiers alone, with their comrades, or with their unit
- Soldier's dog tag, military identification card, etc.
- Objects that Soldier's carried or wore during the war (camera, watch, medic kit, ID tag, etc.)
- U.S. Army documents, manuals, books, or notes used or written by MIS linguists while in language schools or on field assignments
- Soldier-produced, eyewitness artwork in any medium
- Drawings, maps, or diary entries written by Soldiers that describe their military experience, what they saw or felt, battles/campaigns in Europe and in the Pacific
- Colors or flags of the 100th Infantry Battalion or 442d RCT

The Museum is currently NOT seeking the below items:

- Live munitions
- Commercially available commemorative items
- Coins or trophies
- Models
- Duplicative foreign or American small arms
- Banners and political party flags
- Undocumented souvenir-type items
- Unit plaques and trophies
- Reproduction medals
- Military-themed prints
- Reproductions of original artifacts, documents, or paintings
- Gifts from foreign countries

Thank you for your consideration and support for the "I Am An American: the Nisei Soldier Experience" traveling exhibit. All questions can be sent to the NVN at info@nvnvets.org.