



**JAPANESE AMERICAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM**

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Dear Friend and Veteran:

The Japanese American National Museum invites you to become part of our national database on Japanese Americans who have served in America's military. This is a unique and ambitious project based on the personal input of people like you who have served or are currently serving in the military.

We encourage you to please answer the accompanying questionnaire. Your information is vital in helping the National Museum create this educational resource. Your participation also provides a way to document your life experience along with the thousands of other Japanese Americans who served in the military during peacetime or war.

Please answer the questionnaire to the best of your ability – there are no right or wrong answers. We would simply like to document, through your own words, your experiences during this key portion of your life. Your answers may be as long or brief as you wish. The more information you can provide, the richer your military biography will be.

If you feel comfortable doing so, we ask that you also loan us a photograph of yourself during the time you served in the military. We will return your photograph after scanning it. If you do not have a photo of yourself in uniform, a photo of yourself around the time you were in military service will be fine.

Your survey data will be processed within the Hirasaki National Resource Center by Museum personnel. Your mailing address and phone number are kept confidential and only the survey data will be available to the public. We ask that the enclosed "Deed of Gift" release form be completed to allow public disclosure of your survey. Your completed questionnaire, photograph and "Deed of Gift" form should be returned to:

Japanese American National Museum
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Attn. Hirasaki National Resource Center

Once your survey has been added to our database, a printed copy of your information will be mailed to you along with any photographs you may have sent us. Thank you in advance for your valued participation; it is an important contribution to the National Museum and its mission. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 213-830-5680.

Sincerely,
Hirasaki National Resource Center



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**LIFE HISTORY/QUESTIONNAIRE
DEED OF GIFT**

I, _____, residing at _____
_____ in the City of _____
County of _____, State of _____, hereby

consent to the use of the life history/questionnaire and/or photographs that I have submitted to the Japanese American National Museum, (the "Museum"). It is my intention to make my written/typed responses and photographs gifts to the Museum. I understand that the Museum will use my written/typed responses and photographs for historical, scholarly, and Museum exhibition and promotional purposes as they see fit.

I hereby give consent to the Japanese American National Museum to use these gifts in the manner described herein.

Donor - Print Name

Donor - Signature

Date

I, _____, as the duly appointed representative of the Japanese American National Museum, accept the written/typed responses and/or photographs from _____ for inclusion in the Japanese American National Museum collection.

Museum Representative – Print Name

Museum Representative – Signature

Dated _____

JAPANESE AMERICAN MILITARY SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Japanese American National Museum is creating a database on the Japanese Americans who have served in America's military. The information you provide is vital in helping the Museum create educational materials which can be shared with its visitors. Your participation also provides a way to document this portion of your life experience with the thousands of other Japanese Americans who served in the military during peacetime or at war.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE ALL RESPONSES NEATLY to minimize the possibility of errors in transcription. Please print names, places and other items that are unusual or might easily be misread. If you need additional space to answer any question, use the back of the page or use additional page(s). Indicate the number of the question on these additions. We also would greatly appreciate it if you could include a photograph of yourself during the time you served in the military. If you do not have a photo of yourself in uniform, any photo of yourself around the time you were in service will be fine.

COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES together with, if possible, your photograph to be returned to:

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Background Information

1. Name _____
(Last First Middle) (Nickname)
2. _____ Male _____ Female
3. Date of birth _____ Birthplace _____
4. Place and date of induction: _____
5. Check: _____ Army _____ Navy _____ Marine _____ Coast Guard _____ Air Force
 _____ Other, please specify: _____
6. Rank, highest achieved _____
7. Military Occupation Specialty _____

8. Unit(s) served in: _____

9. Date and place of separation: _____
10. (Check each appropriate item)
 _____ Peacetime _____ War
 _____ Volunteer _____ Draftee
 _____ Combat _____ Support

Your Military Experience

11. Countries you were stationed in, including stateside sites _____

12. My unit's responsibility was _____

13. My personal responsibility was _____

14. If you served in a war zone, what major battles did you participate in?

15. Awards, medals, citations, etc. you or your unit were awarded (list and give a brief description for what you or your unit did to win that particular award.) Use the back of this page if necessary.

16. Describe your living conditions – Where did you sleep? How did you bathe? What were meals like? What did you do for entertainment?

17. What is the most vivid memory (humorous, serious or whatever else significant) of your military experience?

18. What did you miss the most while you were in the military?

19. What do you feel has been the most important thing to you personally to come out of your military experience? What would you like your family and those close to you to know and understand?

20. Please include any other information about yourself that you feel is pertinent. If you need more space, use the back of this page or include additional pages.
