

# The Nisei Soldier Legacy: Why it Matters Today

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Please join the **Florida JET Alumni Association**, in conjunction with **Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA** and **USJETAA** for this webinar discussing the legacy of the Japanese American “Nisei” soldiers who served in WWII, featuring keynote speaker **Dr. Lynn Heirakuji**, President and Board Member of the Nisei Veterans Legacy, whose father was a member of the 442nd RCT. The 442nd RCT overcame poverty and prejudice to become the most decorated outfit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service. The Nisei veterans later played a decisive role in building a better Hawaii and U.S., post-war and post-plantation, for all. Dr. Heirakuji will provide remarks on the Nisei legacy and its significance to present-day social justice movements, particularly with regard to the rise in Anti-Asian sentiment in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Commentary will be provided by **Diane Hirabayashi Carter**, Collections Assistant at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, and **Dr. Mitzi Uehara Carter**, Assistant Teaching Professor of Anthropology, East Asian Studies, and the African and Africa Diaspora Program at Florida International University. All three speakers will explore questions about multicultural and multiracial identities, with particular focus on how the Nisei challenged preconceptions about what it truly means to be an American.