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### Go For Broke: World War II Forever Stamp Reverence for Japanese American Veterans

**WHAT:** The U.S. Postal Service will honor Japanese American veterans with the Go For Broke: Japanese Americans Soldiers of World War II commemorative stamp. Second-generation Japanese Americans, also known as nisei, formed one of the most distinguished American fighting units of World War II: the all-Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, whose motto was “Go for Broke.”

The stamp was designed by Antonio Alcalá and is based on a photograph of a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The photograph was taken in 1944 at a railroad station in France.

News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag **#GoForBroke** and **#GoForBrokeStamp**

**WHO:** The Honorable Lee Moak, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors

Gen. David A. Bramlett, U.S. Army (retired)

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 11 a.m. EDT/8 a.m. PDT

**WHERE:** A virtual dedication ceremony will be posted on the Postal Service's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Please visit [usps.com/goforbrokestamp](https://usps.com/goforbrokestamp) for details.

A pictorial postmark of the designated first-day-of-issue city, Los Angeles, CA, will be available at [usps.com/shopstamps](https://usps.com/shopstamps).

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Postal Service recognizes the contributions that Japanese American soldiers made while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

For a time after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, second-generation Japanese Americans were subjected to increased scrutiny and prejudice because of their heritage.

Known as nisei, these second-generation Japanese Americans were eventually able to join the war effort. The Army turned to nisei to serve as translators, interpreters and interrogators in the Pacific theater for the Military Intelligence Service. Nearly a thousand nisei men served in the 1399th Engineering Construction Battalion and more than 100 nisei women joined the Women's Army Corp. Altogether, some 33,000 Japanese Americans served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

The Go For Broke: Japanese Americans Soldiers of World War II stamps are being issued as Forever stamps, which will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the [Postal Store](#) at [usps.com/shopstamps](https://usps.com/shopstamps), by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through [USA Philatelic](#), or at Post Office locations nationwide.

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