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CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL EVENTS IN NATION'S CAPITAL:
JAVA website offers comprehensive coverage of all CGM related events.

Japanese American Veterans Association

Washington, DC. Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) announces its website, www.javadc.org, offers a comprehensive compilation of the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) ceremony and associated events in Washington, DC, from November 1 to 3, 2011. There, website visitors will be able to view the collage of photographs, video coverage, press coverage, and speeches that marked the historic occurrence.

“We have tried to provide the visitors to our website a sense of actually being there at the CGM celebration. We understand many wanted to join in the celebration, but couldn't – our website will bring the significant events into your homes,” Gerald Yamada, President of JAVA said.

On the JAVA homepage view the KABC-TV Los Angeles documentary by David Ono, “*Witness: American Heroes.*” From the homepage, you can go to the CGM page that features the compilation of numerous news articles as well as the three-day chronology of events, videos, and speeches.



Or bypass the home page and go directly to the CGM page via this URL:
<http://www.javadc.org/Congressional%20Gold%20Medal%202011.htm>

EVENTS	
Tuesday, Nov 1	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	WWII Nisei Veterans Program, Washington Hilton, Columbia Hall Program Christine Saito-Yamasaki, Speech George Yamashita, Speech George Saitoh, Speech Video of Ceremony
2:15 p.m.	Laying of the Wreaths at the Freedom Wall of the National World War II Memorial, The Mall Photos Speech
Wednesday, Nov 2	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Award of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, and MIS, Empowerment Hall, US

Among the coverage, you will find:

- The Story behind the design of the CGM.
- JAVA Press Release
- How to get the replicas of the CGM
- Events of the three day program were:

November 1:

10:30 - 12:00 Noon

WW II Nisei Veterans Program, including Bronze Star Medal presentation, Washington Hilton Hotel, Columbia Hall. Video from the US Army will be uploaded when it is received.

2:15 PM

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National WW II Memorial Freedom Wall. Video provided by Matthew Moul.

November 2:

11:00-12:00 Noon

Presentation of Congressional Gold Medal, Emancipation Hall, US Congress, Speaker Boehner presiding.

4:00-5:00 PM

Presentation of Congressional Gold Medal Replica to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Washington Hilton Hotel Columbia Hall. Video provided by Matthew Moul.

6:00 PM

Gala Dinner. Washington Hilton Hotel International Hall . JAVA is attempting to obtain a video from National Veterans Network.

November 3:

10:00-11:00 AM

Memorial Service for Next of Kin of KIA at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. If anyone has a video of this Program, please contact Dave Buto (admin@javadc.org)

- On the right side of the page, there are press articles on the Washington, DC events.

The three-day program of Congressional Gold Medal presentation and associated events in Washington, DC was arranged by the National Veterans Network, a coalition of some 25 Japanese American veterans and civic organizations of which Christine Sato-Yamazaki is the chairperson. JAVA is a member of the Network.

JAVA invites researchers, students, media, veterans and their families to review this website that has recorded a most important event in Japanese American history

If anyone has any new articles from print or broadcast news organizations and new and interesting photos of the events, please send them to our webmaster, Dave Buto at admin@javadc.org and cc Terry Shima at ttshima@comcast.net.

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