Here at Go For Broke National Education Center, we remember, educate, and inspire.

EDUCATION
We promote educational initiatives on the Japanese American World War II veteran experience through the permanent Defining Courage exhibition, traveling exhibitions, public programs, oral history and archival collections, lesson plans, and school tours. In addition, GFBNEC’s website offers timelines, extensive history, and veteran stories, providing background for students and researchers.

School tours of the Defining Courage exhibition are offered to grades 5-12, paired with a workshop on oral histories using clips from our Hanashi collection. Additional programming in collaboration with Little Tokyo organizations is also available on a seasonal basis.

DEFINING COURAGE EXHIBITION
The Go For Broke National Education Center’s Defining Courage exhibition is a hands-on and participatory learning environment in the heart of Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo historic district. The interactive exhibition explores the concept of courage through the lives of the young Japanese Americans of World War II, asking modern visitors to act with similar courage in their own lives.

HANASHI ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
The mission of the Hanashi (“to talk”) Oral History Program is to gather and preserve the life stories of Japanese American war veterans. Since 1998, the program has collected more than 1,200 interviews of Nisei veterans, as well as their contemporaries, of World War II. These oral histories provide valuable insight into the war experience that cannot be conveyed by official records alone. They capture the feelings and textures of experiences that are as varied as the individuals who lived through them.

The Hanashi Oral History Program gives voice to those who until now may have had little opportunity, motivation, or desire to share their stories. It also allows the Nisei generation to connect with younger generations.

Their testimonies reveal as much about historical events as issues that continue to face our nation today, such as the importance of civil liberties and racial acceptance. It is through this vital collection that the contributions of Japanese American World War II veterans live on into the future.

Be a part of the Go For Broke family. Become a member today!
our mission:
to educate and inspire character and equality through the virtue and valor of our World War II American veterans of Japanese ancestry.

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“Go For Broke” was the motto of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an Army unit comprised of Japanese Americans from Hawai’i and the mainland United States. For high-rolling gamblers in Hawai’i in the 1940s, it was slang for “shooting the works,” or risking everything for the big win. For the Nisei soldiers, “go for broke” meant that they would put everything on the line to win the war against the Germans in Europe and the war against racial prejudice at home.