

An original "I Am An American" sign that was displayed during WWII. The sign will serve as the centerpiece and focal point for the traveling exhibition.

EXHIBIT OVERVIEW

Partners in Preserving Nisei Soldier Stories

The National Museum of the United States Army shares their latest collaboration effort with the National Veterans Network (NVN) and The Army Historical Foundation in support of a Nisei Soldier traveling exhibition scheduled to begin in 2026.

The theme of this new future traveling exhibition "I Am An American" is based on the historical photo taken on December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor, when Tatsuro Masuda installed an "I Am An American" sign on his storefront in Oakland, CA.



This national traveling exhibition will educate the public about the extraordinary heroism of Japanese American World War II Nisei Soldiers. The National Army Museum is working in collaboration with NVN to create the traveling exhibit from the Nisei Soldier Experience, currently on display at the National Army Museum, just south of Washington, D.C. This special exhibition will increase from the current 800 square feet to 1,200 square feet and expand to approximately 35 significant historical objects, 50-75 images and three audio-visual kiosks for visitors to access nine individual soldier stories and an interactive map of the European and Pacific Campaign, comprised of 16 campaign videos.

This new traveling exhibit will embark on a five-year journey to 11 cities across the United States starting in 2026. The traveling exhibit is scheduled to be hosted in the following states: California (Los Angeles and San Francisco), Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Texas, and Wyoming.

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NISEI SOLDIER EXPERIENCE TRAVELING EXHIBIT

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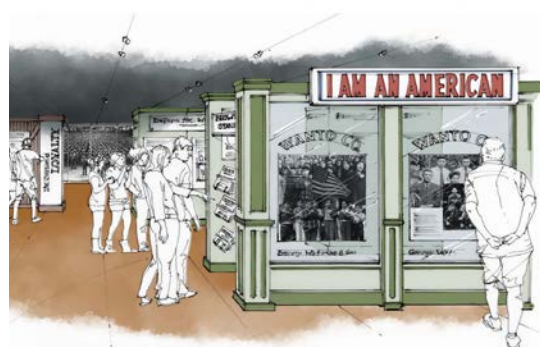


The traveling exhibition will highlight the service from the perspective of the men and women who fought for democracy overseas, while they simultaneously fought a war against prejudice at home.

Sgt. Gary Kazuo Uchida's personalized travel bag is a featured artifact that represents a unique personal record of his experiences throughout his service.



A view of the current Nisei Experience exhibit is shown above, currently on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Army.



A conceptual rendering of the future traveling exhibit design.

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Please contact The Army Historical Foundation or the National Veterans Network to learn how to get involved and become a supporting sponsor to this new exhibition.

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