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Honoring our Community “2008 Day of Observance”

### **2008 Day of Observance – Remembering Our KIA**

Japanese American Living Legacy will host a “Day of Observance” on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 10:30am at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center’s Memorial Court found on the west side of the JACCC facing South San Pedro Street. This is a casual event without guest speakers and a formal program. This event is geared to increase public awareness of the Memorial Court while also recognizing the significance of the individual sacrifices made by those who are memorialized there. JA Living Legacy invites the public to meet some of the pioneers of the Memorial Court at this event.

The court is currently comprised of four monuments representing Americans of Japanese ancestry who were killed-in-action (KIA) during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and all wars thereafter. The first of these monuments, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was erected in 1995. The Japanese American Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, Japanese American Korean War Veterans, and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance will be represented at this event. This is the first event of its kind for our community’s Memorial Court and JA Living Legacy hopes to make this an annual event.

This event is free and open to the public. Free name rubbings will be provided to the public that morning between 10:30 and 11:30. JA Living Legacy has also produced a DVD in remembrance of the Memorial Court’s creation and these will also be distributed without charge while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information regarding this event February 23, 2008 please contact JA Living Legacy at [info@jalivinglegacy.org](mailto:info@jalivinglegacy.org) or call (714) 278-4483.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a nonprofit (501c3) organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at [www.jalivinglegacy.org](http://www.jalivinglegacy.org) or call them at (714) 278-4483.

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