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### **Go For Broke! Me and the War**

Nikkei Writers Guild, a division of Japanese American Living Legacy, recently published their sixth book, Go For Broke! Me and the War by Isami “Mike” Tsuji of H Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The foreword was written by Vincent H. Okamoto, Vietnam Combat Veteran and Ranger Hall of Fame.

Tsuji’s Go For Broke! Me and the War presents an unabashed and refreshing perspective of World War II as experienced by an ordinary guy thrust into extraordinary circumstances. Tsuji’s detailed accounts transport readers to a period in his life that nurtured his humanity. The stories of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team are legend, heralding feats of courage and perseverance. This latest story will endear readers by introducing them to an often untold side of that war that reveals the many battles our community’s soldiers faced within themselves.

The community might recognize Mike Tsuji more recently as the architect that designed the World War II monument in Little Tokyo that commemorates those Nikkei soldiers who were killed-in-action (KIA). The monument currently stands adjacent to the Japanese American Community Cultural Center. Tsuji has been recognized by the Los Angeles City Council for his community work.

Mike Tsuji had actually finished his manuscript well over a decade ago. When Nikkei Writers Guild learned of his manuscript and encouraged Tsuji to publish his book, he was elated and surprised. It has taken well over a year to get the manuscript ready for publication. Nevertheless, at the age of 87, Isami “Mike” Tsuji will join the ranks of published authors.

This book will be offered at an introductory price of \$14 (includes tax) beginning October 1, 2011. Pre-sale orders can be made on the Nikkei Writers Guild link on the JA Living Legacy website at [www.jalivinglegacy.org](http://www.jalivinglegacy.org). Delivery will occur after October 1, 2011.

All proceeds from current publications go to help fund future publications. Currently, Nikkei Writers Guild is in the process of editing and designing other publications. Please check the website for regular updates on future publications.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California nonprofit (501.c.3) organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. Nikkei Writers Guild is the publishing division of JA Living Legacy. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers.

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