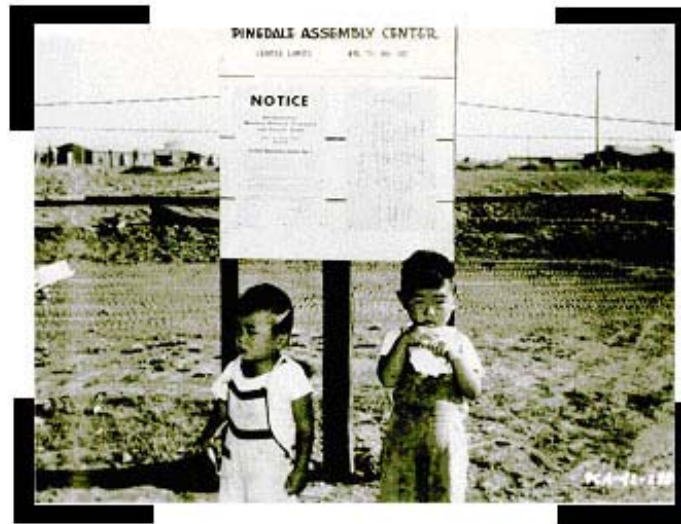


PINEDALE ASSEMBLY CENTER MEMORIAL PROJECT COMMITTEE

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Dedication

Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial

“Remembrance Plaza”

Palm Bluffs Circle

625 W. Alluvial Avenue

Fresno, California

(2/3 mile North of Herndon, 1/4 mile East of Palm)

Monday, February 16, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Speaker: **Norman Mineta** Former Member of U.S. House of Representatives
Former Secretary of Commerce under President William Clinton
Former Secretary of Transportation under President George W. Bush

JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSEMBLY CENTERS

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942 which authorized General DeWitt to exclude the Japanese from the West Coast, two-thirds of whom were native born Americans.

Ten permanent internment camps were built in desolate areas away from the west coast. While these camps were being built, Japanese Americans were sent to temporary assembly centers. Two of the assembly centers were located in Fresno, one being the Fresno Assembly Center and the other was Pinedale Assembly Center in Pinedale.

The Fresno Assembly Center was located at the Fresno Fairgrounds. Over 5,100 Japanese Americans from Central California were interned at the Fresno Assembly Center from May to October 1942, before being moved to Jerome Internment Camp in Arkansas and Gila River and Poston Internment Camps in Arizona. A monument was dedicated at the site on February 19, 1992, the fiftieth anniversary of Executive Order 9066.

The Pinedale Assembly Center was built at the former site of the Sugar Pine Lumber Mill. In May 1942, Japanese Americans from Amador and Sacramento Counties and Oregon and Washington began arriving by train. In July 1942, the internees were sent to permanent camps in Tule Lake, California, and Poston, Arizona.

Japanese Americans were held for over three years without charges or trial. In Hawaii, where 37% of the residents were of Japanese Ancestry, there was no similar internment. Throughout the war, not one Japanese American in the U.S. or Hawaii was ever charged or convicted of espionage or sabotage.

In spite of the incarceration, Japanese Americans distinguished themselves as soldiers in the European and the Pacific Theaters during World War II while their families were held in American Concentration Camps.

On Sunday, February 15, 2009, there will be a dinner at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building, remembering Executive Order 9066, in hopes that this will never happen to any group of people, again. The public is invited to attend. Please call Bobbi Hanada at 559-434-1662 or bhanada@aol.com for information.

On the following day, The following day, the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial will be dedicated.



**PINEDALE ASSEMBLY
CENTER
MEMORIAL PROJECT**
(PINEDALE REMEMBRANCE PLAZA)

*Internment and
Redress
Remembered*



DOR Dinner
Sunday, February 15, 2009
Clovis Veterans Memorial District
453 Hughes Ave.
Clovis 93612

*Distinguished American
Awards*

Spirit of Public Service

Senator Daniel K. Inouye
accepted by Secretary Norman Y.
Mineta, 2008 Recipient

Spirit of Justice Award

Coram Nobis Legal Team:
Prof. Peter Irons, Dale Minami, Don
Tamaki, Hon. Dennis Hayashi and
Prof. Lorraine Bannai, et al.

Spirit of Education

Dr. Peter G. Mehas

Spirit of Pinedale

Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez

Spirit of Redress

John Tateishi

Special Guest:

Consul General Yasumasa Nagamine
of Japan

*Also honoring all the veterans, especially
the Japanese American soldiers of World
War II*

Seeking former Pinedale Internees

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Day of Remembrance Dinner

Sunday, February 15, 2009

5:00- 6:00PM Social

6:00PM Dinner & Program

Levels of Sponsorship:

Former Pinedale Internees, 100th/442nd RCT
and MIS (No Charge):

Attendee(s) _____

Other Veterans/students/young adults (to age
25) \$25

Attendee(s) _____

General: \$50

Attendee(s): _____

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Attendee(s): _____

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Attendee(s): _____

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