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CIVIL LIBERTIES & THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

with Mrs. Mary Murakami & Mr. Terry Shima

Thursday, October 10, 2013
4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Japan-America Society of Washington DC
1819 L Street, NW, B2
Washington, DC 20036

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Japan-America Society would like to bring awareness to the contributions the Japanese Americans made during World War II. We will have two speakers who experienced different paths as Japanese Americans during the most volatile time in US-Japan relations. **Mrs. Mary Murakami** was incarcerated in the Topaz, Utah Internment Camp, and **Mr. Terry Shima** was drafted into the US Army on October 12, 1944 and joined the 442nd RCT. They will both talk about their experiences.

Mary Tamaki Murakami was born in Los Angeles, California, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. She has a lifetime public health laboratory certification and had a medical technologist license in California. She served as senior microbiologist for the Los Angeles County and Medical Technologist at Stanford Palo Alto Hospital before coming to the Washington, DC area where she worked for the Arlington County Public Health Lab in 1957. She was the Office Manager of the dental office of Dr. Raymond S. Murakami, her husband, in Washington, DC from 1974-2004.

Terry Shima was born in Hawaii. As a member of the 422nd RCT he arrived in Italy on VE Day, 1945. When the 442nd returned as a unit to the USA in June 1946, Mr. Shima handled public relations in New York City, Washington, DC, and Honolulu. New York City gave the 442nd RCT an unprecedented huge welcome, and in Washington, DC the 442nd marched down Constitution Avenue and was reviewed by President Harry Truman. In Honolulu, they received another huge welcome for the deactivation of colors. Mr. Shima graduated *cum laude* from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and later attended Georgetown University's Graduate School of Foreign Service. After a long career in the US Foreign Service, he received the W. Coleman Nevils Gold Medal for the highest achievement. On February 15, 2013 President Barack Obama awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal to Mr. Shima, and on May 21, 2013 he was awarded the Emperor's Order of the Rising Sun with Gold Rays and Rosette (*kyokujitsu sho*). He served as the Executive Director of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), and now is their Chair of the Outreach and Education Committee.

The program is free, but seating is limited.

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