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MERCED COLLEGE HOSTS SCREENING OF WWII FILM "ONLY THE BRAVE"

One of the most inspirational, combat stories to come out of World War II is the exploits of the all Japanese-American fighting units, the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Their story has been portrayed in the film "Only the Brave," which will be screened at the Merced College Theater on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The feature film was directed by Lane Nishikawa, who will be in attendance and will participate in a question and answer session following the film. Nishikawa will sign autographs and will have DVD copies of the film available to the public.

The 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team include the most decorated soldiers in U.S. history. Their heroism, in which they rescued the 141st Regiment of Texas from sure annihilation, is the stuff of legends. The 141st Regiment is known as the "Lost Battalion." The all-Nisei soldiers rescued 300 men and a cost of 700 dead and wounded American soldiers.

The screening is sponsored by the Livingston/Merced Japanese-American Citizens' League, the Cortez JACL, Merced College Social Science Division, Japanese Americans of Merced County, Southeast Asian-American Professional Association, Filipino American National Historical Society, Merced County NAACP, Merced Assembly Center Commemorative Committee, and the Livingston VFW.

Admission is \$5 for the general public. All veterans of the United States military service, including those who fought alongside their American counterparts, will be admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call (209) 394-2456, or email pkishi@cal.berkeley.edu.

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