



Puyallup Assembly Center



Imprisoned without a crime

Did you know the Puyallup Fairgrounds was used as a temporary American Concentration Camp in 1942?



The Facts

During World War II, the United States forcibly relocated and incarcerated over 125,000 people of Japanese descent in ten concentration camps operated by the War Relocation Authority (WRA), mostly in the western interior of the country. **About two-thirds were U.S. citizens.**

These actions were initiated by Executive Order 9066, issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, following Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

In its 1944 decision *Korematsu v. United States*, **the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the removals.**

It Can Happen Again

In simple terms, **forcible relocation can still happen** with simple innuendo, raw prejudice, racial hate and made up stories and reasoning.

Help us stop the hate

The Puyallup Valley Chapter of the JACL built the Remembrance Gallery to honor the lives that were forever transformed through mass incarceration at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and to ensure that this portion of history is remembered.

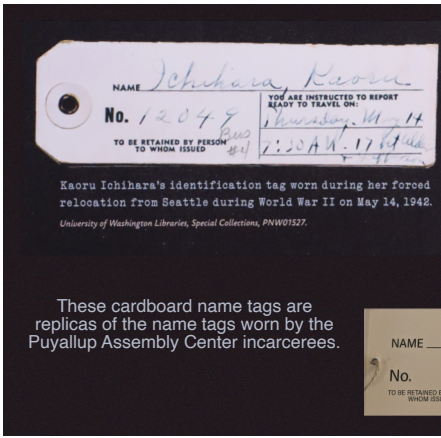


The Remembrance Gallery brings awareness to the history of the “Puyallup Assembly Center” (PAC), as the largest temporary American concentration camp in Washington State.

The gallery educates visitors on historical and contemporary examples of civil and human rights violations and shines a light on social justice as practiced during today as well as during World War II.

Unjust imprisonment at the site was a result of wartime hysteria, prejudice, xenophobia, and greed. The Gallery raises awareness of civil rights violations and emphasizes how this chapter in American history is still relevant today, as the denial of civil and human rights based on heritage remains ongoing.





Day of Remembrance

We have an annual Day of Remembrance to honor those who were incarcerated during World War 2 and continue to educate everyone who visits about the hysteria and prejudice that fueled this event and continues through to the present.

The Puyallup Valley chapter of the JACL is primarily focused on educating the general public about what actually happened during this egregious violation of civil rights since history books rarely describe or explain what happened. And history continues to be rewritten to remove the less glamorous or downright shameful passages in our history



REMEMBRANCE GALLERY

Join Us

We need your support to continue to educate and fight for social justice. Use the QR code to join through the National JACL website.



Or email us at **PuyallupValleyJACL@gmail.com** to ask about an associate membership to our local chapter.

Or Volunteer

We welcome volunteers to help us as docents when the Remembrance Gallery is open to the public.



Use the QR code to learn how you can volunteer at the Remembrance Gallery.

Other Benefits of Membership

Scholarships

The JACL has been helping students achieve their educational dreams with the National Scholarship and Awards Program since 1946. The program currently offers over 30 awards, with an annual total of over \$70,000 in scholarships to qualified students nationwide.

Kakehashi Program

Each year, several participants are selected to attend the JACL Kakehashi Program, where elected participants will attend an 8-day trip to Japan where they will visit many historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities, and participate in lectures and workshops. Each trip will visit Tokyo and one or two other cities.

Youth Student Council

The National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) is a body of student and young professional leaders representing their peers on the district and national levels of the JACL. Together we develop young leaders that support one another, engage in advocacy on a national level, and are empowered to make the change they want to

see in their schools, workplaces, and communities.

Build Connection

Learn - Stay informed by reading The Pacific Citizen, the national newspaper of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Meet - Connect with others who share your opinions and ideas. Discuss ideas and opinions while hanging around, playing board games or on a Discord server.

Act - Choose what makes sense for your tastes: educating the public or collaborate with our sister chapters to participate in activism for the things you believe in.



Membership includes the Pacific Citizen newspaper as well as other benefits