

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

HELP HONOR OUR NATION'S WWII POWs

Become an Original Cosponsor of the
World War II Pacific War Heroes Congressional Gold Medal Act

Dear Colleague:

Next year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. In honor of the men and women who sacrificed so much for freedom, we ask that you join us as a cosponsor of legislation to recognize those who were held in Imperial Japan as Prisoners of War.

During the Second World War, approximately 27,000 United States POWs were held by Imperial Japan. The average period of captivity was more than three years under extremely difficult and harsh conditions. Too many of these POWs never returned home to their families.

The Congressional Gold Medal is awarded to recognize historic events and outstanding achievements by individuals, institutions, or groups of individuals. Our legislation instructs the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate to award this prestigious honor to the men and women of the United States military and Merchant Marine, along with the civilians who fought with the U.S. military and were surrendered, captured, or abandoned to become Prisoners of War of Imperial Japan, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

Let's ensure our men and women who sacrificed so much for our nation are recognized with this high honor. If you have any questions or would like to be an original cosponsor of the *World War II Pacific War Heroes Congressional Gold Medal Act*, please contact Noah Barger (Noah.Barger@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Bost or Andrew Bower (Andrew.Bower@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Lowenthal.

Sincerely,

Mike Bost
Member of Congress

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress