

MAY  
2018

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT *Salutes*  
**NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

HONORING ASIAN AMERICANS IN TIMES OF WAR

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

HISD JROTC Campus Instructor



★ **Kenneth Zapanta** ★

Major (Retired)

Lamar High School

Operation Iraqi Freedom II-Iraq 2004-2005

Operation Iraqi Freedom VIII-Iraq 2008-2009

Operation New Dawn-Iraq 2011

Operation Inherent Resolve-Kuwait 2014-2015

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★ **Gilbert Gozalo** ★

Major

Westside High School

Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan

2009-2010

HISD JROTC Campus Instructor



★ **Hai Dang** ★

Command Sergeant Major (Retired)

Lamar High School

Kosovo Forces (KFOR) 2002

Operation Iraqi Freedom VII 2007-2008

Operation Iraqi Freedom IX 2009-2010

**T**he Houston Independent School District's JROTC program was established in 1926. Houston ISD has 20 Army, four Navy JROTC, and one Air Force JROTC programs for the school year 2017-2018.

Asian Pacific Americans have made lasting contributions to America's wartime efforts, from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Many soldiers put their lives on the line for their country while their families were confined to internment camps back in the States. Today, there are more than 300,000 living Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander American veterans.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush designated the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 as well as the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The first transcontinental railroad was completed significant contributions from Chinese pioneers.

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★ **Moments in History** ★

**Japanese Americans and World War II**

Executive Order 9066, two months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, resulted in the imprisonment of 75,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and 45,000 Japanese nationals in prison camps across the country.

**Chinese Exclusion Act 1882**

The Chinese Exclusion Act provided an absolute 10-year moratorium on Chinese labor immigration. The Chinese Exclusion Act was the first law in U.S. immigration history to define immigration as a criminal offense.

**Joint Resolution to Provide Annexing the Hawaiian Island to the US 1898**

In the 1890s, the efforts of the Hawaiian people to preserve their national sovereignty and native heritage ran headlong into the unstoppable force of American expansionism. When Queen Liliuokalani assumed the throne in 1891 and tried to reassert the power of the throne and the will of Native Hawaiians, she was deposed by a small group of American businessmen, with the support of the American diplomats and the U.S. Navy.

