

Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition

MISSION

To preserve the stories of the Japanese, Germans, Italians, and Japanese taken from Peru and others at Tuna Canyon Detention Station which was operated by the U.S. Department of Justice during World War II.

To create a welcoming gathering place for people of all ages and origins, especially student groups, that explores the entire history of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station site.

To present educational programming that connects the site's history with contemporary life, serves as a somber reminder of the fragility of our democracy, and ensures its relevance for future generation.

To connect the families of Tuna Canyon detainees with the appropriate documents stored in the National Archives.

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Coalition is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit. Tax deductible donations may be made out to:

TCDS

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American Community Center
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Tuna Canyon Detention Station Traveling Exhibit

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**“Constant vigilance is required to ensure
that civil liberties are never denied.”**

– Russell Endo, June 9, 2013

During the decade before World War II, the U.S. government compiled lists of people they saw as potential risks to national security. When the war began, Presidential Proclamations 2525, 2526, and 2527 authorized the FBI and other agencies to arrest such individuals, mostly Japanese, German, and Italian immigrant community and business leaders. The government also imprisoned Japanese and others forcibly removed from Latin America. The Tuna Canyon Detention Station (TCDS) was one of many confinement sites that held these individuals.

The TCDS Traveling Exhibit will give you a sense of the place and people through photographs by Officer-in-Charge Merrill Scott, government documents, and diaries and memoirs by detainees like Sasabune Sasaki.

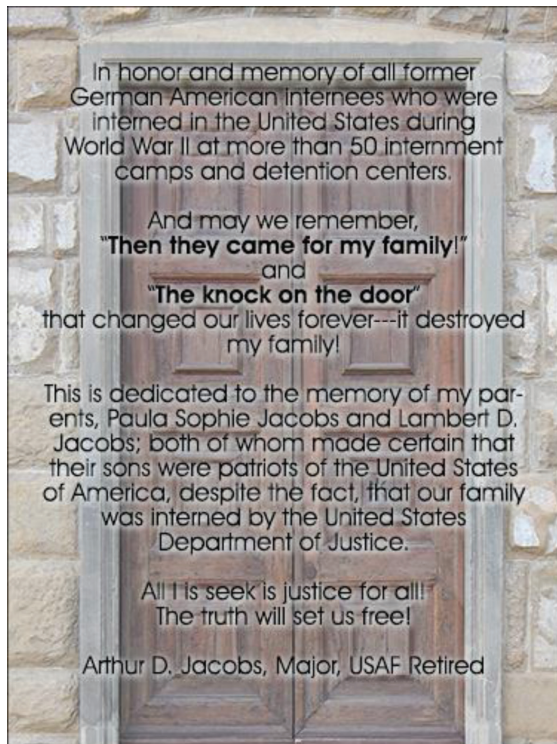
Poems, letters, and interviews with TCDS detainee descendants will bring this wartime site to life through an engaging multimedia presentation. Our collection of such materials continues to grow as others learn about the TCDS experiences of their own family members.

An honor wall with more than 2000 names will tell the world about this little known episode in American history. You will be able to see a diorama where prisoners were held and processed. Most were sent to other Department of Justice or Army internment camps.

Please help us in our quest to preserve Tuna Canyon's history on behalf of our nation. Our work is not done until a permanent memorial is built on this site under a grove of mature sycamore and oak trees where we can reflect on the choices we make today.



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Haru Kuromiyo testified at the Historical Cultural Commission, Planning and Land Use Committee, and to the City Council.



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