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This Historic Designation will bring healing and increased awareness of history back to the Hood River Region. Brave American Soldiers left their families, homes, farmland in the area to fight for America. Their dedication is memorialized in a commemorative US Postal Service stamp just introduced in 2021.

Military dedications are present in other areas of Oregon, but this has a healing and recognition symbolic meaning , to recognize many who sacrificed their lives during the time some of their loved ones served our country. Our cultural identity in Oregon is enhanced by many families of japanese descent who have invested in the community.

Thanks for recognizing this in a simple gesture whose time has come, so we can be move forward in the light that this shines on those who deserve recognition.

- Dr David R. Peter

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