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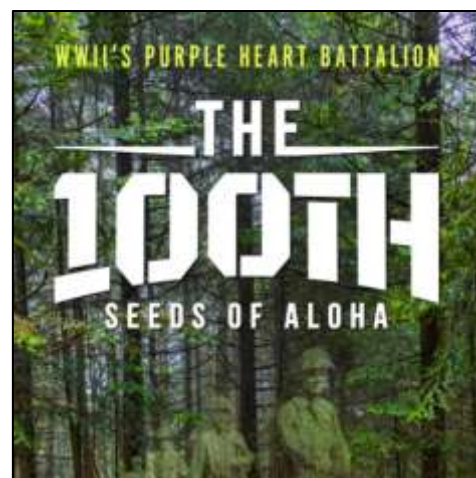
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The story of the 100th Battalion to be told in film this summer

The *100th Seeds of Aloha* documentary film about the American 100th Infantry Battalion's role in the Second World War is to be released on 4 July this year, Freedom for Italy has been told. It is the second instalment of the three-part Shaka Project film series about Hawaii.

Also known as The Purple Heart Battalion, the 100th was formed in Hawaii and proved so capable that their performance led to the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a larger unit of Americans of Japanese ancestry. The combined 100th/442nd RCT became one of the most highly decorated units in US military history, serving in Salerno, Monte Cassino, Anzio, the liberation of Rome, the campaign in northern Italy and the liberation of France.



"I was asked to help with the European side of the film due to my work as tour guide for Nisei veterans," Nora de Bievre of Nisei Legacy Tours told Freedom for Italy. "The documentary will bring more clarity and tell the story from a different perspective."

Shaka A Story of Aloha, the first part of the trilogy, has been released and the third part, *Ono Fruits of Aloha*, is due to go into production. Producer of the series is Steve Sue, Chairperson of ID8 which is a Honolulu-based 501(C)(3) nonprofit organisation. *The 100th Seeds of Aloha* was inspired by Kathi Hayashi whose father Tokuchi was in the National Guard and the 100th in the war.

You can see more about the film here: <https://100thfilm.com>. Nisei Legacy Tours can be contacted here: <https://nisei-legacy-tours.com/>

Faenza premiere for documentary about Italian paratroopers



Italian Victory 1944-45, a new documentary about the battle for the Senio River line in the spring of 1945, is to be premiered at the Casa Spadoni restaurant in Faenza at 730pm on Friday 20 February. It tells the story of Allied paratroopers in the liberation of the region including the Italian soldiers in the "Nembo" Regiment and the "Folgore" Combat Group.

The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with the film's production team. The special guest will be Giulio Morigi, born in 1927. He is a veteran of the

resistance in Romagna and son of General Giorgio Morigi, who led the "Folgore" Combat Group. Reservations are required and should be made preferably by calling +39 338 3420757.

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Freedom for Italy Conference

Circolo Ufficiali delle Forze Armate d'Italia

Rome

17 April

Details of the conference can be found here:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-freedom-for-italy-conference-tickets-1981586760343