PVT MASATO "CURLY" NAKAE
FREEDOM SQUARE

Medal of Honor recipient, *PVT Masato "Curly" Nakae*
100th Infantry Battalion, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism on 19 August 1944 near Pisa, Italy. PVT Nakae was seriously wounded by shrapnel during an enemy mortar barrage. Despite his injuries and damage to his machine gun, PVT Nakae refused to surrender his position. He quickly picked up a wounded comrade's M-1 rifle and continued firing the rifle and throwing grenades at the steadily advancing enemy forces. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, breaking up the attack and causing their withdrawal.

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