



Allyssa Madriaga (SFSU 2020)

**SADAO S. MUNEMORI (1922-45)**  
**US Army, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion**  
**Private First Class**

**Place of Birth:** Los Angeles, California

**Military Honor:** Medal of Honor

**Service:** A teenager Sadao was banned from a public swimming pool because of his Japanese ethnicity. At age twenty, his family was interned in Manzanar because they were Japanese. Sadao died fighting for America in Italy; he dived on top of a grenade to save the lives of his fellow American soldiers. His mother's blood-stained photo was found among his personal belongings.