

Kenia Najarro (SFSU 2020)

## KAZUO OTANI (1918-44) US Army, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Staff Sergeant

Place of Birth: Visalia, California

Military Honors: Bronze Star; Distinguished Service Cross; Purple

Heart; Medal of Honor

**Service:** Kazuo's parents immigrated from Japan and the family was interned at the Gila River War Relocation Center in Arizona. He received his Medal of Honor posthumously for heroism in Italy where he was killed in action trying to save a fellow American soldier.