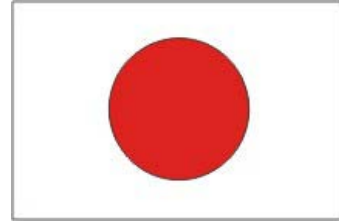


Senator Daniel K. Inouye
U.S. Senator – Hawaii



- Senator Daniel K. Inouye was the first American of Japanese descent elected to the United States Congress. When Hawaii attained statehood in 1959, Inouye won election to the U.S. House of Representative as the new state's first Congressman. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, Inouye is currently serving his seventh consecutive term in the Senate.
- Senator Inouye was born on September 7, 1924 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a 17-year-old high school student and Red Cross volunteer when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He provided first aid to civilian casualties.
- In 1943 he enlisted in the military and became a member of the U.S. Army's famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. After losing his right arm in combat, Dan Inouye spent 20 months in Army hospitals. When he was discharged in 1947, Inouye returned home with a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and 12 other medals and citations.
- Inouye is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and the George Washington University Law School. He returned to Hawaii after law school and served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor for the city of Honolulu. He broke into politics in 1954 with his election to the Territorial House of Representatives. He later won election to the Territorial Senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and then to the U.S. Senate.
- Inouye currently serves as the fourth most senior member of the Senate.



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