



Important Dates:

Jun 14— Flag Day
 Jun 14—Monthly Meeting
 Jun 15—**Father's Day**
 Jun 19-22— AL Dept. of CA State Convention in Santa Clara
 Jun 21—CA Convention Color Guard Competition

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CATHAY DISPATCH

Veterans - Sounding Off Since 1931

Congratulations to the Post's New Officers By Galin Luk

The May 10, 2014 Cathay Post No. 384 election results were historic for many reasons. For the first time that any member could remember, approximately 25% of the positions were contested. The election also saw the elevation of a new commander and three new vice-commanders [two of whom had served as lower ranking vice-commander] and the Post's first female 3rd vice-commander [the Post previously had a female commander. Of the 13 elected positions, 9 will be occupied by veterans who had not previously served in that position; 5 members had previously not served in any capacity. The results are below [the positions of 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Sergeant-At-Arms, Service Officer were contested positions; multiple votes for other positions indicate write-in votes]. Congratulations to the winners.

Here are the results:

Commander: Jay Pon: 42 votes; David Y. Wong: 1; Nelson Lum: 1

1st Vice Commander: Nelson Lum: 43 votes

2nd Vice Commander: Galin Luk: 26 votes; David Y. Wong: 19 votes

3rd Vice Commander: Laura Renner: 41 votes; Ed Wong: 1

Adjutant: Ben Yang: 43 votes; Gary Chew: 1

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96th American Legion CA State Convention By Clara Pon



Come attend this year's 96th American Legion Department of California Convention

Where: Santa Clara Convention Center

When: Fri-Sun, June 19-22, 2014

Website: <http://www.calc2014.org/>

With the 2014 State Convention so close in Santa Clara, don't miss being part of and seeing the installation of the new 2014-2016 Department Commander and officers, the color guard competition, presentation of awards & citations, and just maybe, keep your fingers crossed, the Cathay Dispatch bringing home a couple of ribbons awarded by the California American Legion Press Association.

New Officers, Continued

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Secretary: John Li: 43 votes; Sean Scharf: 1

Finance Officer: Ed Wong: 45 votes

Historian: Roger Dong: 44 votes

Sergeant at Arms: David Adams: 23 votes; Morris Ng: 21 votes

Chaplain: Richard Ow: 40 votes; 1 invalid

Service Officer: Rogelio Manaos: 34 votes; John Goetzow: 8 votes

Judge Advocate: Travis Groft: 24 votes; Ryan Qiu: 19 votes

Quarter Master: (These were write-ins) Gary Chew: 11 votes; Morris Ng: 1; Gary Gee: 1

How I Saw the Election By Susan Curtis

This was the most highly contested election in recent history for Cathay Post No. 384. This past year, the Post continued to grow and diversify, making way for a new slate of candidates for elected office.

On election day, candidates for contested positions had the opportunity to present a 3 minute speech prior to the membership vote. **The Post's elder** presented some challenging and thought provoking questions; the younger candidates responded well, respecting their wisdom.

Commander David Y. Wong, running for 2nd Vice-Commander, began the candidate speeches and told the membership that his peers had asked him to stay in office for another term. Galin Luk, al-

so a candidate for 2nd Vice Commander, presented his contributions to the Post and his commitment to continue making Post decisions based upon careful examination of issues instead of adhering to past policies that **were not in the Post's** best interest.

The Sergeant-at-Arms candidates were David Adams and Morris Ng. Both talked about how their community outreach could benefit the Post. David talked about his interests with SFPD, City College of San Francisco campus security and his active role as a local Certified NERT (National Emergency Response Team). Morris talked about his current active role in corporate security and his professionalism.

The candidates for

Judge Advocate were Travis Groft and Ryan Qiu. They talked about their affiliations and active involvement with the local university and other non-profits.

Funeral Services for Post member Steven Lee, a community leader in San Francisco's Chinatown, were held on the same day as **Cathay's Post election**. To accommodate members who attended the services, the Post members agreed to extend election hours until 6:00 p.m.

The dedicated election committee team of Clara Pon and Joel Yu, stayed onsite, counted, tallied, and confirmed the votes. Others present for most of the afternoon included veteran members Helen

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COMMANDER JAY PON

Memorial Day was established to remember all those who have come before us, from our founding fathers to our recently passed away comrade, Steven Lee. We would not be here without their sacrifices. Our forefathers founded Cathay Post during a time of discrimination, then purchased our current headquarters building and maintained and revitalized our Post so that we can continue to build on the foundation that they laid. As members of our Post, please take a moment to reflect on those who have shaped your military experience, from the recruiter who sold you down this road, your drill sergeant who beat you down, just to build you back up, other family members who served, and your battle buddy who got you in more trouble than you can legally tell us. A moment of silence please.

Now that the elections are over, THANK YOU for allowing me to be your Post Commander. It will be my humble

honor to move this Post forward - for you, the members of our Post.

Commander's Mission Statement:

Post No. 384 is here to support fellow veterans, youth programs, and the local community. We are part of a **national veteran's non-profit** established by Congress after World War I. Chartered in 1931, we serve San Francisco and the areas around it. My focus will be: (1) preserving the rights of veterans and patriotic organizations in the War Memorial Veterans Building; (2) increasing external Post events for members; (3) preserving our Post history, culture, and traditions; (4) supporting youth and educational programs (SFUSD JROTC, USF ROTC, SFSU, Boys State, Girls State); and (5) increasing the use of our club house to the community (Hepatitis-B, dance, law-enforcement, and patriotic events).

Commander's Intent: To build esprit

de corps within Post No. 384 by having events that support our mission statement where members can have pride and enjoyment in participating. Some events will be rigorous and other events will challenge the mind. If you want to take charge, let me know and the Post can find a task or passion for you. If you want to be mentored or help out, please let us know which mission you would like to support. For those not ready to lead or follow, sit back and observe what is going on at the Post, then choose your passion or suggest a new one.

And finally, it's house cleaning time, I have heard too many times **"this is the way we have done it before."** I am NOT throwing our tradition or heritage away, but our bad habits that have gone unchecked. Items will be brought before the E-board, voted on, and eliminated, if deemed inappropriate. I look forward to serving you for the upcoming year.



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Branch: Navy, Army

Final Rank: Major

"I am NOT throwing our tradition or heritage away, but our bad habits that have gone unchecked."





Nelson Lum

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Cathay Post Member
since: 2005

Branch: Army

Final Rank: SPC

“As we carry on our responsibility to move our Post forward, we must never forget the “old” members who labored to keep our Post afloat for all these years.”



1st VICE COMMANDER NELSON LUM

Our Post just closed out our 2013-2014 elected officer term and installed our new officers for the next term, making it a great time to reflect on what our Post has accomplished in the past 12 months. We don't do this for self-promotion, but to take a hard look at what we have done and how we can improve in the future.

The 2013-2014 term began with our 82nd Anniversary Banquet at Far East Restaurant in May 2013. By all accounts, the event was a success. We showcased to our community the various projects we do to promote the Four Pillars of the American Legion. We just hosted our 83rd Anniversary Banquet at New Asia Restaurant where we again showcased the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

For our first event as newly elected 2013 officers, we participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the SF

National Cemetery at the Presidio. As usual, it was a very dignified ceremony. Our presence at these types of events is very important and we should continue to encourage our members to attend.

The next event on June 1, was a first for the Post. We hosted a wheelchair basketball game between the Golden State Road Warriors and the San Francisco Police Department at City College of San Francisco. The game was fun filled and every player had a great time. While the attendance was not as good as we had hoped, the event was a success due to the large number of financial sponsors we were able to obtain. This year, the wheelchair basketball game will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Along with getting financial sponsors, we must work harder to increase attendance. Tickets are now available and every member

of our Post must pitch in to sell tickets. (See ad on page 11).

We also continued our annual participation in the Italian Heritage (Columbus Day) Parade on October 13. Our Color Detail, three convertibles, along with representatives from the Miss Asian Pageant, made us look good. It was another fun event for all the participants and our participation in this North Beach district event showcased our **Post's talents and dedication** and reminded the general public of the need to remember our veterans. This **year's Italian Heritage Day Parade** will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014; it will be special because of the anticipated return of the Blue Angels to celebrate Fleet Week, the Commissioning of the USS America, and hopefully the unveiling celebration of the Veterans Monument at the War Memorial Veterans Building. We

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2nd VICE COMMANDER GALIN LUK

Three years ago, Cathay Post's executive committee asked me to help put together Cathay Post's 80th Anniversary Yearbook. At the time, I was a new member and my most significant contribution to the Post was serving you as the editor of our Post's monthly newsletter. I was honored to be asked; and even more honored to accept the task and responsibility of retelling the Post's 80 year history.

From the very beginning, I knew the task would be daunting. I had less than a year to assemble a team, develop a plan, and execute it. How does one tell the 80 year story of the proudest Post in the world's greatest city? One that saw this Post born in a very different era, when separate was considered equal, when laws barred Chinese immigration, and created the perfect storm for 16 trailblazing World War I Chinese and Chinese American Veterans to band together

to form Cathay Post No. 384.

I don't know how, but we managed to "pull it off." We got members, new and old, near and far, by email and snail mail, to deliver their pictures and their story. We searched through every nook, corner and cranny of the Post, and told the story about our Post's proud 80 year history.

A lot has changed in the 83 years since the founding of our Post; a lot has changed in the few short years since the 80th anniversary. The racist laws, including the anti-immigration and separate but equal laws have been abolished. We have worked hard to recruit new members; they are young and a little bit older; they are diverse in gender, ethnicity, and opinions. They are excited to be part of this great Post and more excited about where our great Post is headed.

Some of the most sig-

nificant changes occurred during Cathay Post's May 2014 election and will impact our Post for many, many years to come. The election was historic for many reasons.

For the first time in recent memory [and possibly for the first time ever], approximately a quarter of the elected candidate positions were contested. The competition was great for the Post and our members. We have a better and stronger Post when members have choices. The competition also showcased the dedication and motivation of the many candidates who want to serve our Post.

For the first time, a female veteran, Laura Renner [USAF] will be serving as 3rd Vice-Commander. I feel confident that Laura will bring invaluable perspective to our Executive Committee.

For the first time ever,

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Cathay Post Member since: 2009

Branch: Marine Corps

Final Rank: Captain

"The competition also showcased the dedication and motivation of the many candidates who want to serve our Post."





Laura Renner

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Cathay Post Member
since: 2013

Branch: Air Force

Final Rank: Captain

“...one of my goals as the 3rd Vice Commander will be to increase outreach to and support for women veterans.”



3rd VICE COMMANDER LAURA RENNER

I am honored you have elected me as the 3rd Vice Commander for Cathay Post No. 384. Thank you for your support!

Thank you very much for the warm welcome as your incoming 3rd Vice Commander. As we get our sea legs (I like to use that phrase **even though I’m an Airman**), I welcome any ideas, thoughts, or concerns you like to share going forward.

There have been some questions as to whether **I am our Post’s first** female 3rd Vice Commander. While that is good to know for historical purposes, it does not really matter going forward. As the proportion of women in our military has grown, so has the proportion of women veterans. As a result, one of my goals as the 3rd Vice Commander will be to increase outreach to and support for women veterans. This will not be an easy task as the biggest obstacle is that many women

don’t identify themselves as veterans.

My thoughts have also focused on reaching out to veterans who may not be aware of American Legion, Cathay Post No. 384. When I was first approached to join, I **didn’t even know what** American Legion was. It would have been so helpful to know about the American Legion when I first left the Air Force.

There are so many vehicles out there to support our veterans that it can be overwhelming. When there are too many choices, **many don’t make a** choice at all. So I encourage you: invite your veteran friends to Cathay Post meetings. In fact, anytime you meet a new veteran, invite them to a Cathay Post meeting or event. Let them come see what type of support we offer. Once they do, the choices are no longer overwhelming. There is only one choice: join Cathay

Post! Once someone is a member of Cathay Post, they get the support and learn about available resources in a **way that isn’t overwhelming**.

Finally, I hope to help us partner with other veterans organizations in the Bay Area to increase our ability to get things done. As an Air Force Academy grad, I can specifically work with those affinity groups to do so. And, if you know someone interested in attending the Academy, be sure to let me know!

I am excited to **continue with Cathay Post’s** mission. Cathay Post has a long and valued history. Its impact on the city of San Francisco and its veterans has been tremendous. I intend to support our efforts on this path.

I am excited for what we can accomplish in the next year and look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

Nelson Lum, Continued

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will again be honored to host our annual Fleet Week luncheon for the sailors and Marines serving aboard the USS America.

On October 26, we hosted a fashion show **“Preserving Elegance Part 2.” Comrade W.T.**

Jeanpierre devoted many hours of his precious time to put on the show. The show itself was wonderful but once again, we did not receive as many attendees as we had hoped. We will have to reevaluate if we should host this event again.

For the first time that I can recall, on November 10, Cathay Post No. 384 participated in the **Veteran’s Day Parade**. Our Color Detail took third place; we will be a participant again this **Veteran’s Day**. A note of interest, the parade route will be changed. Instead of marching on Market Street where few, if any onlookers were present, it will be routed along Fisher-**man’s Wharf** where

there will be many more spectators.

The above listed events were followed by two very special luncheons in the months of November and December. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with our members at our Post.

January 2014 was devoted to the preparation of Major Kurt **Lee’s visit to San Francisco**. In February, we escorted him in the Chinese Lunar New Year Parade where he was the Honorary Parade Marshal. Our Post then hosted a great luncheon the following day to celebrate and honor this legendary hero. We also began work to upgrade his Navy Cross to the Congressional Medal of Honor. His sudden passing two weeks later was a total shock to those of us who had gotten to know him.

Our Post then hosted the first Texas Hold **‘Em Poker Tournament** on April 12, and it was a total success.

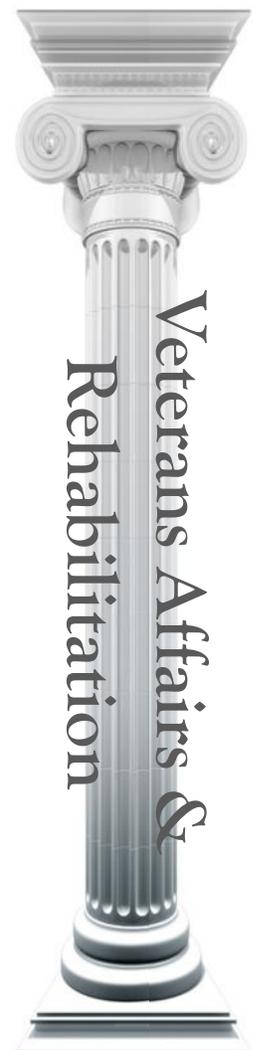
There is no doubt that we will host this event again next year. Once again, we will need more help from our members to sell tickets.

May saw the unfortunate passing of our Comrade Steven Lee. He was a member of our Board of Directors for more than 10 years and had contributed significantly to our Post.

During the May general meeting, our Post held its election. Congratulations to the newly elected officers who will manage the affairs of our Post for the next year. This was the first time that I can recall where there were so many contested positions. Competition is always healthy but now that the election is over, it is time to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the efforts and dedica-

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Nelson Lum, Continued

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tion that our Past Commander, David Y. Wong contributed to our Post. He took over when it was under a dark cloud. Unseen by many, he devoted hundreds of hours to the administration of our Post. For that, I salute you and will always accord you the respect that you have earned.

Our past Adjutant Tony Zhang should also be thanked for the many hours he dedicated to the Post. Tony was the person who always showed up when he got called to

assist with repairs or whatever tasks the Post needed. Be it a **leak in our buildings'** roof during a rain storm or a broken oven, he was always available to assist. Most of what he did was not known to the majority of our members and he made no effort to inform them or to seek any personal adulation.

The issue of merging the "old" and "young" members of our Post as a cohesive unit falls on the shoulders of all the elected officers. As we carry on our responsibility to move

Galin Luk, Continued

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veterans from VETS@SFSU [the student veteran support organization at San Francisco State University] will be serving as officers on either the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

I'd wager good money that the average age of our Executive Committee officer is probably

the youngest it has been for many, many decades.

Our Post continues to grow, our Post continues to diversify. I truly believe we are the strongest and best American Legion Post in San Francisco, in California, and in our **Country. That doesn't mean we can't improve;** it means we must continue to im-

prove. our Post forward, we must never forget the "old" members who labored to keep our Post afloat for all these years. The "old" members were the ones who had the foresight to purchase our building which continues to provide us with the funding necessary to support the many programs that benefit our community.

I look forward to an exciting year of working with each and every one of you. I was very honored to have seen many of you at our anniversary banquet on May 30, 2014.

prove. Congratulations to the **Post's officers who will** be serving our Post for the 2014-2015 term.

Thank you to the outgoing elected officers. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and working for you, our members, during the 2014-2015 term. Semper Fi.

Time for Transition By David Y. Wong

A message from outgoing Commander David Y. Wong 2012-2014.



Any person privileged to lead a non-profit, veterans' service organization works towards bestowing his successor an organization that has become more robust, valuable and vibrant than he found it. The past two years as Commander has been rewarding, challenging, exciting, invigorating and also at times, frustrating. I learned through experience that the Commander's most crucial role is the ability to multi-task and handle a diversity of opinions.

Most of you know about our monthly general membership

meetings, but are unaware of the less transparent tasks and duties such as: promoting the Post's purposes and insuring its financial health; being the chief spokesperson, fundraiser and ambassador, and overseeing its educational and hospitality enterprises. The Commander must also articulate **the institution's value** to its guests, donors, volunteers, and host community.

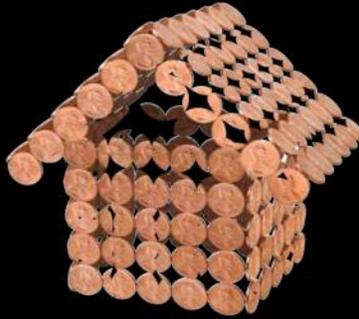
During my tenure, I worked jointly with the VFW Chinatown Post No. 4618 on several programs rather than duplicating or competing with other veteran organizations. Consequently, a number of their members have joined Cathay Post No. 384. My predecessors had also worked closely with the Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post No. 1291 in New York City and Seattle's Cathay Post No. 186. Currently we have included two ad-

ditional Posts: Boston's American Legion Post No. 328 and Los Angeles' Post No. 628. We look forward to expanding joint services in the near future. As a result, our membership is at its highest since the reopening of the Post in 2002; there is a near 25% increase over a two year period.

The late Commander Bok Pon was my mentor. He was skilled in strategic and organizational leadership, gifted with possessing a creative and inspirational vision. His son, Jay Pon will be taking over as Commander. In times of change, there is a constant, and that is mindfulness of our Post's enduring mission. We need to cherish and build on every advancement we make. I encourage you to support our new Commander as you supported me. My enthusiasm for Cathay Post No. 384 remains positive.



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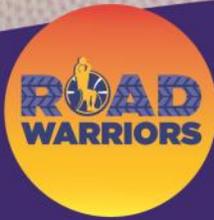
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And We're Off - State & National Press Competition By Galin Luk

Several years ago, Post Historian and Board Member Roger Dong had the vision and dedication [and time] to singlehandedly assemble a monthly newsletter for Cathay Post. He reasoned there was no better way to communicate with our members and “no better PR for our Post.” The newsletter, he said, is “our history book.”

Roger was a one man show; he begged and cajoled the commanders and vice commanders for submissions; he scoured the net and the many Post events for materials, he was the photographer, reporter, editor, and cheerleader. He was the bookend, and everything in between.

Today, our newspaper

owes so much to Roger's vision and dedication. While he recently transitioned out of the day to day editorial responsibilities, he continues on as the Post's Chief Reporter and its number one fan and cheerleader.

Our Cathay Dispatch is now where Roger imagined and dreamt it would be. An award winning quality monthly newspaper put together by a very dedicated and talented all volunteer staff, including Roger, reporters Thanh Huynh and John Li, and with regular contributions from our commander and all three vice-commanders.

Roger's dreams, however, may not have been realized if not for the Dispatch's Manag-

ing Editor, Post support member Clara Pon. She took over as Managing Editor less than a year ago. Within a month of assuming responsibility, she transformed what the newspaper staff thought was a great product to what we KNOW is a great product. In less than a month's time, she executed her vision for the newspaper's new look, layout, and purpose. Because of her vision and her ability to execute, the newspaper staff was allowed to focus on what it does best, report.

Cathay Dispatch recently submitted its monthly newspaper to the California American Legion Press Association and National American Legion Press Association annual media contest. Setting all modesty aside, we expect to be “competitive.” We'll report back shortly.

Thank you to all our readers who have supported us and for sharing your comments and ideas with us.



September 2013 Issue



October 2013 Issue

Cathay Post No. 384 Celebrates Its 83rd Birthday By Galin Luk



It was an evening of community building, honoring, reflection, and festivities as Cathay Post No. 384 celebrated its 83rd birthday at New Asia Restaurant in San Francisco. The dinner also marked a significant transition period for the Post. It came on the heels of the May general election, the election of a new commander and three new vice-commanders [two of whom had served in the previous term as a less senior ranking vice-commander], and the election of four additional new officers.



MCs Erica Kato & Da Lin (Center)

Da Lin and Erica Kato, serving as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, guided approximately 400, friends **and family through the evening's** program. The evening started with a beautifully deep rendition of the **National Anthem** sung by the Post's Service Officer Rogelio Manaois.

Outgoing Commander David Y. Wong spoke about his accomplishments and his hopes for the Post and incoming commander Jay Pon. **"The outlook, he said "is positive."**

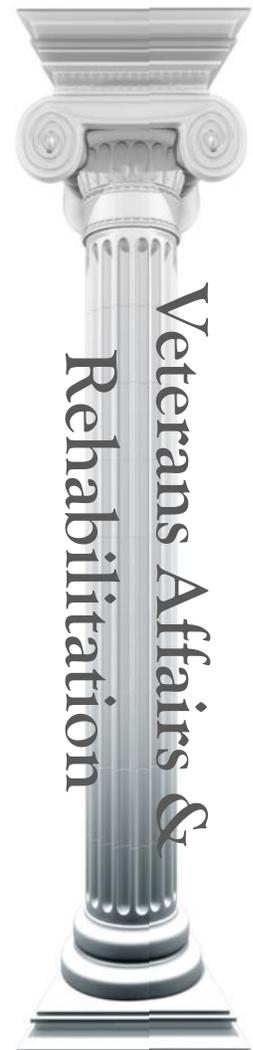
The evening, of course, was about recognizing the local heroes and future heroes. Shortly after the installation of the new board, Cathay Post No. 384 did just that. The Post awarded its annual \$1,000 scholarships to JROTC Washington High School Cadet Carmen Luk [(no relation to the author) joined by her parents Wilson Luk and Eva Chu] for Academic Excellence and Lowell High School Cadet Arthur Wong [(no relation to the outgoing commander) joined by his Marine Brother William Wong and JROTC Cadet Alexander Wong] for Athletic Excellence.



Cadet Arthur Wong, Lt. Col. Doug Bullard (Center), and Cadet Carmen Luk

The Post also awarded University of San Francisco (USF) ROTC Cadet John Sonza a \$1000 scholarship. Due to his recent deployment, USF Battalion Commander Cadet LTC Karan Dhingra accepted the scholarship on his behalf.

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Anniversary Dinner, Continued

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Officer Scott Korte



Officer James Cunningham

The Post awarded its 11th Annual Police Hero awards to Officers Scott Korte and James Cunningham and its Firefighter Hero Awards to Lieutenant Tyson Yee and Firefighter Chad Law, each awardee received \$500.



Lieutenant Tyson Yee



Firefighter Chad Law



Community Hero—Rose Chung

The Post also recognized Community Hero Rose Chung for her many years of service at SF General Hospital, Cathay Post fund raising efforts, and to the local community. The Post also recognized support member Clara Pon as Post Volunteer Hero. In her short time with the Post, she dedicated hours on strategic and operational issues, **revamping the Post's newsletter**, fundraising, and serving as a liaison.

There were many VIPs in attendance, including San Francisco's President of the Board of Supervisor David Chiu, Supervisor Eric Mar [both of whom talked about the Post's great charitable work], Judge Julie Tang, former BART Chief of Police Gary Gee, District 17 Commander Wayne Yee and past Department of California Commander and current Department Chaplain Hugh E. Crooks Jr.



JROTC Cadet Focus—Carmen Luk By Galin Luk



UCLA bound JROTC Cadet Carmen Luk [no relation to author] admitted to being surprised when she was called into the office by her Commanding Officer at Washington High School. The first thought to run through her mind? She was in trouble. After all, what **teenager** wouldn't think that? But the squared away cadet was indeed in for a pleasant surprise. Lieutenant Colonel Nascimiento advised

her that she had been selected for Cathay Post's **Academic Excellence** award. The second surprise was served up on May 3, during the awards ceremony of the 68th Annual Spring and Review Drill Competition. Shortly after rendering a smart salute that every veteran would have been proud of, Cadet Luk learned that the award was actually a \$1,000 scholarship from Cathay Post No. 384.

The award is well deserved, Cadet Luk, has a cumulative GPA of 4.20. It will also come in handy, she will be attending UCLA and

hopes to double major in Communications and Film Production. Cadet Luk is a four year JROTC cadet. She joined JROTC on the encouragement of her older brother, who was a cadet. Cadet Luk made quite the impression with her leadership skills and her bearing, rising to Company Commander and Drum Corps Executive Officer by her senior year.

Cadet Luk stated it felt **“great to be recognized”** by Cathay Post. She promised to **“continue to maintain [her] grades.”** **“Thanks for the educational support!”**



2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum and Cadet Carmen Luk with her Academic Excellence award

Post Elections, Continued

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Wong, Ed Wong, and I, were observers and served as an unofficial oversight committee. Post members Nelson Lum, Roger Dong, John Li, and Laura Renner [candidates in uncontested positions] kept the election committee company and helped keep the Post doors

open for voting.

To keep the mood light until the close of election, some of the election volunteers enjoyed some rounds of Texas **Hold 'Em Poker.**

After the close of the election, the tedious process of counting and tallying each vote began. Clara and Joel

had to ensure all ballots were sealed and initialed before proceeding. One ballot was sealed without an initial and was not counted.

After completing their independent counts and tallies, Clara and Joel validated their work by comparing their results. There

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3rd Vice Commander Galin Luk and Cadet Arthur Wong with his Athletic Excellence award

JROTC Cadet Focus—Arthur Wong By Galin Luk



Lowell JROTC Cadet Arthur Wong wants to be a Marine Officer. He's well on his way to achieving his goal. His older brother, William is a Marine corporal, so the pedigree is there [Cadet Wong's younger brother Alexander is a JROTC cadet at Washington High School]. He has the talent, skills and motivation in spades. Cadet Wong is a student at Lowell High School, recognized as one of

the best academic high school in the country. He also is the recipient of Cathay Post No. 384's Athletic Excellence Award.

Cadet Wong is a 4 year JROTC cadet. He joined the Lowell JROTC Battalion as a freshman, after his brother and friend talked about their experiences with the JROTC program. Though nervous when he made the decision, he calls joining JROTC the best decision he's made.

This past year, Cadet Wong served as the Battalion Executive

Officer and Drum Corps Executive Officer. Cadet Wong will be attending San Francisco State University in the fall and enrolling in USF's ROTC program. He plans on applying to the U.S. Naval Academy for the 2015 academic year. His ultimate goal: to serve in the Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer or Infantry Officer.

Cadet Wong plans on using Cathay Post's scholarship to help pay for school. He is "honored and grateful for receiving the Cathay Post scholarship." Semper Fi!

Post Elections, Continued

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were a few discrepancies which were reconciled with a recount. After the final tally of votes, I was handed the final count and read the election results at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I had such a full day of experiencing the Post's culture, respect, and acceptance, despite my

own hesitations. Ending the day with a nice authentic Chinese dinner, generously paid by Roger Dong, I felt right at home sharing my own family heritage.

The whole day was filled with such honor and integrity. When I was asked to be part of the election process, I fully understood the dynamics and im-

portance involved. I felt a great amount of respect to be chosen to read the final election results. This perhaps, was the most rewarding evening I've experienced in the 2½ years I've been in San Francisco. Being a part of this historic day in Cathay Post history will be etched in my memories and spirit forever.



Alameda Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Festival By Roger Dong

“Back” in 2013, Alameda City's Asian Cultural Festival brought a lot of excitement to the city. The festival recognized the contributions of many of our Asian/Chinese military veterans including Associate Justice Ming Chin, Army Brigadier General Garrett Yee, Captain Moon Chin, Air Force Colonel Richard F. Hum, Army 1st Sergeant Eustaquio Velerio, and Navy Master Chief Felix R. Marquez, Jr.



ABC's David Louie (Center) was the Festival MC pictured here with some of the Festival sponsors, Mayor Gilmore, and the awardees.



Corporal Eddie Fung

This year, the festival honored World War II prisoner of war and Army Corporal Eddie Fung, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Helen L. Wong, California National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Mimi Y. McEwing, U.S. Coast Guard Commander Vivianne Louie, Tech Specialist 5 Chris Bush, and Tech Specialist 4 Kay Kang Young Kye. Certificates of Honor were presented to all the honorees from the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Alameda Mayor Marie Gilmore and the Chinese American Heroes organization. The awards were presented by CAH President Gary Gee, Alameda Mayor Marie Gilmore and Ms. Dara Wong for Coca Cola, the major sponsor.



Lt. Col. Helen Wong (Ret.)



Lt. Col. Mimi McEwing

Notably, five of the honorees were female veterans, which make up 20% of our active military force. The contributions of females in the military have always been significant, even though



Cmdr. Vivianne Louie



Tech Specialist 5 Chris Bush



Tech Specialist 4 Kay Kye

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the ratio of male to female has always been skewed. Today, females are not just medical and logistics specialists, some are serving in combat, and a significant number have suffered fatalities.

On stage were a dozen Asian American martial arts demonstrators, singers, and dancers who entertained so well that the audience remained in their seats until 5 p.m. when the program ended.

Chinese American Heroes again served as a fiscal sponsor for the Festival. Cathay Post No. 384 was one of more than a dozen donors.

This very successful 2014 festival was chaired by Glen Wong and his committee members, including Alameda Councilman Steward Chen, Raymond Tang, Karen Fong, Julie Yim, Michael Wong, Rahn Sibley, Beverley Yee, and me. Planning for next year's festival is already in progress. We are all looking forward to another great event.

Coast Guard Crushes the Competition By Galin Luk



L-R: Cmdr. Peter Brady, Capt. Jim Spotts, Susan Curtis, Chef Raymond Tang, and Galin Luk

It was billed as Alameda's first "noodle slurping contest." Held during Alameda's 4th annual "Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Festival" on May 18, 2014, it will be remembered as a TNKO ["Total Noodle Knockout"]. The Coast Guard easily crushed the underdogs from Cathay Post No. 384. Not even Board member Roger Dong, one of the Festival organizers could put a positive spin on it. Next year "we need to get [the

Coast Guard] some **real competition.**"

The United States Coast Guard sent Intelligence Division Chief Jim Spotts [USCG Ret.] and Coast Guard Island Executive Officer Commander Peter Brady to "outslurp the competition." For the record, the Post sacrificed me, Galin Luk 2nd Vice Commander elect, and its newest member Susan Curtis.

The rules were simple. Each team was served five (5) pounds of delicious noodles topped with a meat sauce. Each team sat one member

in front of the plate who then stuffed and swallowed [chewing not required] as much as he or she could shovel down the gullet [using hands only]. When enough was enough, that team member then tagged his or her teammate and the cycle repeated until the first side finished the plate of noodles. Oh, and to prove the noodle committee thought of everything, the winning team had to hold in the noodles for 30 seconds to ensure no "vomiting" before being declared the winner.

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Coast Guard, Continued

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The role of the Noodle Slurping Competition Judges [which included Alameda Firefighter Mike Dewit, Post No. 384 member Helen Wong, Alameda Vice Mayor Marilyn Ashcraft, and Lena Tam]. How tough is it to figure out that the Coasties had NOTHING left on their plate while the Post still had about four (4) pounds of noodles?

The Coasties had a strategy and executed it to perfection. To ensure they would be hungry, they last ate the evening prior, and went on their weekly workout that morning.

Our Post Needs You! By Nelson Lum

It was May 18, 2014, approximately 2:00 p.m. It was time for the Alameda Asian and Pacific Islander Cultural Festival's first Noodle Slurping Contest. The object of the contest: to be the first team to finish devouring five (5) pounds of tasty noodles without regurgitating any amount for 30 seconds after completing the

Using a voracious and deadly combination of grabbing as much noodles as humanly possible, dipping it in water **and then "ramming it down" the gullet, the Coasties** taught the overconfident Post team something about competitive noodle slurping.

Susan and I didn't walk in with much of a strategy. We enjoyed a nice dim sum lunch shortly before the competition and paid the price for this overconfidence.

In the end, the world's two most famous competitive eaters, **"Kobayashi" and Joey Chestnut** wouldn't

devouring.

Representing Cathay Post No. 384 was our **own "Energizer Bunny,"** 3rd Vice Commander Galin Luk and newly recruited member the **"Gamer," Susan Curtis.** Their formidable foes were two senior Coast Guard officers, retired Commander Jim Spotts and Commander Peter

have changed the outcome. Those were some hungry, determined and talented Coasties.

For coming in first place, the Coast Guard officers won \$500 which they donated to Operation Care and Comfort, a non-profit that provides support and care packages to veterans serving in conflict regions. For finishing in second place, Cathay Post No. **384's team won \$300,** which they donated to the Veterans Success Center, a San Francisco non-profit dedicated to providing job retraining and placement for veterans.

Brady. Being overly confident and not understanding the actual rules of engagement, our dynamic duo of noodle slurpers decided to warm up their palates by joining the Cathay Post festival attendees for a dim sum lunch about an hour before the contest.

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I am sure you can all guess what the results were when our Energizer Bunny and Gamer went against those Coasties who had not eaten for three days. They were slaughtered, defeated, and totally humiliated on center stage.

We will never allow this to happen again. We will train and prepare our team for victory next year by starving them for five days before the contest. We will be looking for a few hungry, competitive volunteers to take on this very important contest next year. Any takers?

CG Honors Asian American Heritage Month By Roger Dong



On May 22, 2014 Coast Guard Island was the place to be, as the Coast Guard celebrated Asian American Heritage Month with Asian food, and colorful and energetic dancers and singers, and other cultural events.

The keynote speaker was Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, the current Commander, Pacific Area/Commander Defense Force West for the U.S. Coast Guard. **Admiral Ray's area of responsibility** includes the Rocky Mountains westward to the East Coast of Africa. Yes, half the globe, so the

Admiral is a very busy man. Nevertheless, I spoke directly to the Admiral and invited him to come to our Post to brief us on his mission. The Admiral welcomed the opportunity and I will be contacting his secretary to plan a date for the event.

The Coast Guard invited Cathay Post to join in the celebration. So, as the Post reporter and representative, I bought my favorite fresh cream strawberry cake. Everyone enjoyed the tasty treat. Cathay Post donated \$250 which supplemented the food budget. Everyone who attended enjoyed great Korean bolgogi [a tasty Korean BBQ beef dish].

I spoke to a number of

Coast Guard members about our Post, and also the Veterans Success Center which can also provide job leads not just to veterans, but also spouses of veterans and active duty military. I also reminded the Coast Guard members that the American Legion was responsible for lobbying Congress to pass the GI Bill which provides education funding to eligible returning veterans. Great food, meeting great service members, and establishing **American Legion's and Cathay Post's presence**; it was yet another successful event.



VETS@SFSU 3rd Annual Graduation Ceremony By Galin Luk



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, on the northwest quad at San Francisco State University, 24 veteran graduates and undergraduates of the 2014 graduating class, and over 250 family members, friends and supporters, attended the **“3rd Annual Veterans’ Graduation Reception.”**

SFSU is generally recognized as one of the best universities for returning veterans. President Les Wong, whose son is currently serving in the military, has spoken many times about his support for veterans. The university gives veterans preference on class scheduling and offers what is probably one of the best and most well respected veterans support group at any university, VETS@SFSU. Additionally, there arguably is no one to better serve and mentor the

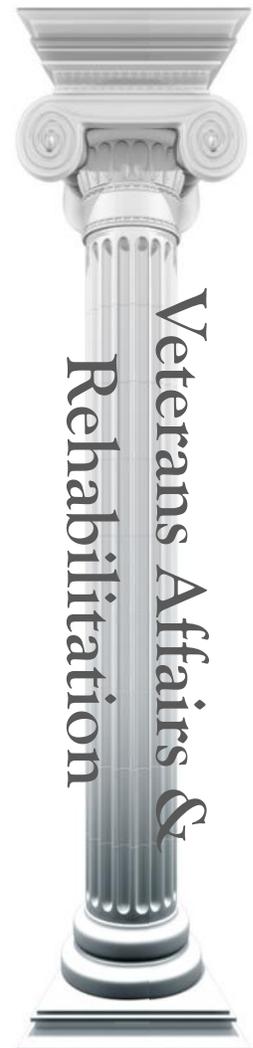
University’s veteran community than the Veterans’ Service Coordinator Rogelio Manaois, whom President Les Wong called “vice-president or president material.”

There were many Cathay Post members in attendance, including 1st Vice Commander elect Nelson Lum, 2nd Vice Commander elect Galin Luk, 3rd Vice Commander elect Laura Renner, Chief Reporter Roger Dong, Li Huang, support member Clara Pon, and VETS@SFSU students, including graduate and Post Adjutant elect Ben Yang, graduate and Post Judge Advocate elect Travis Groft, graduate Kadie Ann Williams, and VETS@SFSU incoming Vice President Ryan Beasley, Connie Tseng, Post Service Officer elect Rogelio Manaois, and support member Michelle Huynh.

Representing the wealth of educational opportunities available at SFSU and the talent and dedication of its graduates, the graduates earned degrees in business, Spanish, the **“hard” sciences and engineering**. Over 25% of the class graduated with honors, many have started or will be starting graduate school, some have started work, and some have started their own business. Many in the graduating class were also the first university or college level graduate in their family.

The graduation speakers included alumni Cathay Post 2nd Vice Commander elect Galin Luk, undergraduate speaker Ricardo Martinez, graduate class speaker Brian Bankston, and VETS@SFSU President and Post Adjutant elect Benjamin Yang.

VETS@SFSU recognized the contributions of many of their community supporters, including Cathay Post No. 384, the VA Center, and VA Vocational Counselor Helen Fung.



Memorial Day Ceremony At SF National Cemetery By Galin Luk

The 2014 Memorial Day Ceremony started with a short parade of politicians, veterans and family who marched from the Presidio parade grounds to the San Francisco National Cemetery. The parade route was lined with many other veterans and citizens who clapped and expressed their gratitude as the parade marched by.

Butchart [VFW #4618], and Helen Wong [AMVETS].

Ceremony Coordinator and veteran Wallace Levin noted that this Ceremony in particular was special for several reasons. The Ceremony commemorated the 50th Anniversary of American troops in Vietnam and paid special tribute to the more than 58,000 Americans killed and the approximately three million who served in Vietnam. Wallace also noted that this Ceremony had the highest number of youth participants, including students from the Oakland Military Institute and cadets from San Francisco's JROTC programs.



Photo Right: Cathay Post members and family along with Mark Farrell and Daniel Flores

The crowd, estimated to be over 700, included VIPs Mayor Ed Lee, State Senator Mark Leno, Police Chief Greg Suhr, Supervisors Mark Farrell, Eric Mar, Assessor Carmen Chu, and Fiona Ma. Cathay Post No. 384's parade contingent included 3rd Vice Commander elect Laura Renner, 2nd Vice Commander elect Galin Luk [and his children Mackenzie and Quinn], 1st Vice Commander elect Nelson Lum, Historian elect Roger Dong, Chaplain Richard Ow, Chee Yee and Morris

The two hour Ceremony was a time for reflection for everyone in attendance. Vietnam Veteran Phillip Gioia talked about the many horrors of war that he and his fellow veterans observed. The Ceremony also included a double flyover by the United States Coast Guard, a 4-Gun Salute for the fallen heroes of the Vietnam War and a 21-Gun Salute for all who served and died in service. Uncharacteristically warm weather and sunny skies visited the Ceremony. The wind, however picked up as the U.S. Army Color Guard retired the colors and while the 191st Army Band led the Post-lude.



The Luk children helping Chaplain Richard Ow hand out Buddy Poppies.



Clara Pon and Post 456 Cmdr. Mike Edmond
Photo courtesy of Mike Edmond





KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

By Gerry Parker

For several years now, Man J. Kim, Korean War Memorial Foundation Vice President and owner of Golden Gate Grill, has sponsored an annual Korean War Veterans' Appreciation Dinner to recognize all those who served during the so-called "Forgotten War." **This year's dinner will be held on a very special day.** San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee presented KWMF with a proclamation declaring June 25, 2014 to be "Korean

War Memorial Day in San Francisco." All Korean War Veterans are invited to a free dinner at 6 p.m. on June 25, 2014 at the Golden Gate Grill located at 449 Powell St., 3rd floor. The evening promises to include live musical performers, the chance to renew old friendships, and build new ones. For more info or to RSVP, contact Gerry Parker at (415) 750-3862 or email at: gvparker@kwmf.org by Friday, June 6, 2014.

A Return to Normandy *By John Li*

World War II veterans of the Normandy Invasion attended a D-Day Anniversary event near La Fiere Bridge in France, the site of one of the bloodiest small-arms battle in U.S. military history. Men, women, and children of all nationalities wore vintage American uniforms, helmets, and boots as they strolled past U.S. flags, took in battle-scene reenactments and wreath-laying ceremonies,

traversed the legendary beaches and stood before the graves of heroes.

Each year, tens of thousands of visitors pour into Normandy to meet D-Day veterans and to pay respect to those who did not survive the invasion. Most surviving veterans are in their 90s.

Amis des Vétérans Américains (Friends of American Veterans) helped organized these events in

Normandy, France. To commemorate the 70th anniversary this year, the AVA invited American Legion National Commander Dan Dellinger and American Legion Auxiliary President Nancy Brown -Park.

To read more about this story, go to: www.legion.org/magazine/221048/amis-des-v%C3%A9t%C3%A9rans-am%C3%A9ricains

Europe Remembers American Soldiers *By John Li*

How do you take care of those who took care of your grandparents during the great wars? Europeans remembered the American warriors who fought for them by caring for the gravesites of the World War I and II warriors who died in battle and never made it home. There are more than 100,000 American Soldiers buried in cemeteries across

Western Europe. At the American Memorial and Cemetery in Margarten, Netherlands, where each of the 8,301 gravesites have been adopted by a Dutch family, approximately 600,000 visitors [40% are students] pay their respect annually. To read more, go to: www.legion.org/landingzone/222358/promise-kept



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June 4, 2014, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus designated **October 11, 2014** as the commissioning date for **USS America** (LHA 6) in San Francisco."

Full article link below

We invite you to be part of something special. USS AMERICA (LHA 6) will be commissioned in San Francisco on October 11, 2014 during Fleet Week.

The Navy is asking you to sponsor commissioning of this new amphibious assault ship. Visit the website at <http://commissioningamerica.org/> or click on the links below for recent news & updates.

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Chinese American Veteran Hero of the Month**LIM POON LEE****Name in English:** Lim Poon Lee**Birth Year:** 1911-2002**Name in Chinese:** 李泮霖**Birth Place:** Hong Kong**Name in Pinyin:** Lǐ Pàn lín**Profession:** Postmaster.**Education:** B.A, College of the Pacific; J.D., Lincoln University Law School.**Award:** In 2009, Representative Nancy Pelosi introduced legislation that would rename San Francisco's Chinatown post office as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office" in honor of his life as a dedicated public servant and postal employee.**Contribution:** Lim Poon Lee was the first Chinese American Postmaster in the United States. He was appointed postmaster by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966. At the time, it was the highest federal appointive post given to a Chinese American.

During his 14 years as Postmaster, Lee revolutionized the postal service by increasing the number of women, minorities, and disabled postal employees.

Lee's family moved from Hong Kong to the United States when he was eight (8) months old. Throughout his life, he had served his country and community and devoted much of his life to social work. During World War II, Lee served as a US Army Counterintelligence Specialist. He later worked as a juvenile probation officer.

He was a strong supporter of local politics, working as a campaign organizer for California Democrats including California Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, and State Representative Philip Burton. He also served as Commander, American Legion, Cathay Post No. 384 [San Francisco]. Lee was also a contributor to Chinese Digest, a monthly Chinatown news magazine, as well as Asian Week.

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Greetings from BG Garrett S. Yee

A Message to Chief Report, Roger Dong from Brigadier General Garrett S. Yee

May 16, 2014

Dear Roger,

By the way, did I tell you I was deploying to the Middle East...again? Very soon, I will fly to Fort Bliss, Texas, and then a few days later I will be in Kuwait for a year-long deployment. Since September 11th, this deployment marks my fourth call to active duty and my third deployment overseas. Here is a run-down.

In 2003, I got called to active duty to serve at Camp Parks as a Plans Officer with the 91st Division. I returned to work in 2004. In 2005, I got called to active duty to serve at Fort Bliss, Texas, as the commander of a Logistics Support Battalion. A year later in 2006, instead of returning home, I deployed to Iraq. I returned to work in 2007. In 2011, I got called to active duty to serve in Afghanistan as the Deputy Commander of the 335th Signal Command (Forward). I returned home in October 2012.

It's a good thing Maria has a sense of humor. Or, at least she says that life is never boring. Joking aside, for those that know us, you probably know that Maria and I live our lives at times very intensely. Since our wedding over 28 years ago, life has given us many challenges and with each challenge we have grown stronger. Despite what life has given us, I don't think we'd have it any other way. We feel blessed to have each other.

Deployments create a significant amount of stress on the family. In the Army we say that when a Soldier serves, the family serves. With each deployment Gilbert, Michael and Alissa have each had to make major adjustments. As their father, I remain proud of how each has weathered the deployments. At the same time, I am equally blessed to have the great support of my parents, Gilbert and Michiko, as well as the rest of my family and Maria's family.

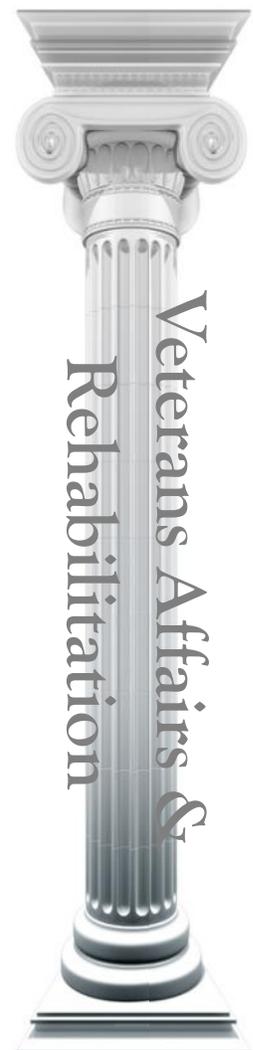
Friends used to ask me, "Why don't you get out?" Well, in 2001, I was actually thinking of getting out. And then 9-11 happened. And then in 2003 I got called to serve our Nation-the reason I joined the military in the first place.

For this deployment, I will serve as the Commanding General of the 335th Signal Command (Forward) in Kuwait. I will have the responsibility of the Army's communications infrastructure in Southwest Asia (Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries in the region). As with all my assignments, I undertake this assignment with the utmost sense of duty and honor.

Sincerely,
Garrett Yee



Back row L-R: Maria, Miguel (father in law), Baltazar (brother in law), me, Alissa (daughter)
Front row L-R: Lupe (mother in law), Daniel (nephew), Michi (mother), Wheel Chair: Gilbert (father)



An Opportunity For Veterans By Roger Dong

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The World Health Organization has stated that air pollution is the greatest global threat to humans. It was reported that in 2012 seven million deaths were caused by air pollution. Thousands of cities around the world have air particulate matter consistently above safety limits.

Technology may have a solution that could reduce pollutants in the air, especially for pollutants within buildings. Within limits, this technology may even reduce pollution in open spaces. The technology has been tested to oxidize organic matter including methane, particulates, viruses and bacteria and leaving only water and carbon dioxide as the end products. This technology may truly be considered a green technology. The science of this technology is called "photocatalysis." The technology may be used to dramatically reduce air and water pollution.

Companies around the world are scrambling to offer different solutions using this technology to impact air and water pollution. Hospitals, office buildings, manufacturing plants, schools, homes and any enclosed space can benefit from this technology.

There is one company in the Bay Area that is offering this solution. This is an opportunity for any veteran who is seeking employment and/or management position with great potential to save lives, improve quality of life for humans, and have a successful career. The company is seeking veterans as partners to expand this business and is offering free training to qualified candidates. The training will be approximately six (6) months.

Ideal qualifications include an M.B.A, knowledge of industrial processes, a network in business or government, hard work ethic and the desire to succeed.

This revolutionary technology is real and has been tested and proven effective. When you can be at the head of the line when new technology that has world wide application is introduced, you have the opportunity to get very wealthy. Think about the first 50 employees of Google or Facebook. Check this out so that you don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime.

Please contact me if you have an interest at: rsdong@sbcglobal.net

Roger S. Dong, Executive Director,
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