



# From the Commander's Desk

It has been another busy month. The Post participated in the Columbus Day Parade, Fleet Week celebrations and hosted a luncheon for almost 300 active duty men and women aboard the USS Makin Island.

In addition, during the luncheon, Bart President James Fang handed out free Bart Passes to our service members.

I want to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who made our luncheon and parade a success. I continue to be overwhelmed by all of your volunteer efforts.

Our support unit member, Minh Tran, organized a photo shoot at Cathay Post on October 16, 2010 with many famous lines of fashion and models. Wow! It



Cathay Post No. 384 at the October 16 fashion shoot organized by Minh Tran.

was truly a great experience watching the shoot. I hope to sell the designer calendars for 2011 from this shoot to each of you, your friends, families and colleagues.

**I am also making a plea to each of you to help sell (and buy tickets) for the concert benefiting American Legion District 8 in which the very talented Rebecca Boyko will**

**be performing. Please see page 12 for more details.**

I am inviting Post members and friends to our next meeting on November 13, 2010. We will be serving turkey for this Thanksgiving luncheon.

I know it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here and the holiday season is just around the corner.

**Ron Lee  
Commander**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 @ 1100** hours. All Cathay Post members and supporting friends are welcome. Lunch will be served immediately after the Board meeting.

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## From the 1st Vice Commander

By the time you read this article, Commander Ron Lee and I will have each returned well-rested from our respective “fun” vacation. The below article was prepared prior to my leaving for the trip, due to publication submission deadlines.

Vice Commander Nelson Lum is currently on an overseas vacation. All three of us were away during the last week of October. Vice Commander Jigg Pon took over the helm of running the operations at the Post, just like his dad, Commander Bok Pon, did for many years. All of the Commanders, the Treasurer, the Executive Board, and several key Support members have actively taken over the duties and responsibilities at the Post.

To be quite frank, Commander Pon accomplished nearly all of those same duties and tasks by himself. He left a good foundation for others to continue the legacy of this highly respected veterans organization. Sometimes I ask myself how Commander Pon was able to handle the heavy workload of running the Post. It goes to show that this one truly dedicated individual performed an extraordinary service for the Post.

Room 206 at the Veterans Memorial is now ready for occupancy. Thanks to Vice Commander Nelson Lum for coordinating the move-in project. This large room will serve as the field headquarters office for Cathay Post No. 384 and will carry the distinguished name of “Commander Bok Pon Memorial Hall.” Grand opening and re-

ception festivities will be announced shortly.

The Fleet Week luncheon at the Post on October 11<sup>th</sup> was a smashing success. Our members, Marines and Navy personnel came for a good meal. Many thanks to the Post members who volunteered to help this great event.

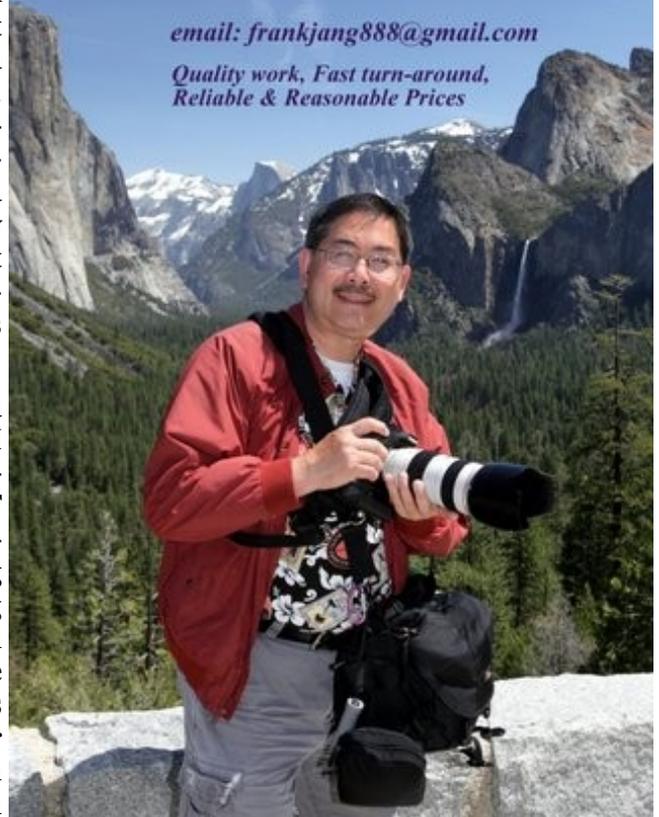
While this is not a Cathay Post event, I would like to mention that the VET Center of San Francisco will be hosting a casual hike along the Pacific Ocean with other service veterans. The date is Sunday, November 21 at Mori Point, in Pacifica [part of San Mateo County]. Participants will enjoy an easy three mile hike along a trail on the Pacific Coast. Hikes are non-denominational and open to all Vets. There is no fee and lunch will be provided. The meet-up location is at the Vet Center SF. Cathay Post member Li Huang is the lead person organizing this hike. Li was an Infantryman for three years and currently serves with the Army Reserves as a Civil Affairs Specialist. He served 12 months in Iraq from 2004-2005. For additional information, please contact Li directly. His email address is Li.Huang@va.gov.

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If you have time on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – come out to Ft. Miley and support Cathay Post as we will be serving food to the wounded/disabled soldiers stationed at the VA Hospital. This project is headed up by member Roger Dong. More details will be provided at the regular meeting on November 13.

See you all at the meeting on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1100.

**David Y. Wong**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

## From the 2nd Vice Commander

Did you notice that the flags in our board room have changed? Before the United States, California and American Legion flags were different sizes and style; now they are all dress right dress - uniform in size, shape, and style.

We have also added five more flags to our building: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Boy will we look sharp in parades. But who will hold the Coast Guard flag? Any volunteers?

On pages 8 and 9 of this month's Chronicle, I provide you with some flag etiquette so you know how to display Old Glory and company. Sorry to all you Marines. The Army flag comes first but luckily, the Navy is right BEHIND you.

Many thanks to all who volunteered for the 7 separate events that were held last month. What a month!

From Road 2 Recovery, Columbus Day Parade, lunches, dinners and Fleet Week, I'm proud



**House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and California Delegates, including Nelson Lum (far left) at the National Convention.**

to see how all your efforts have made Cathay Post a positive community force. And, of course a special thanks to Sandy and Amy, who attend almost every event. I wish I could keep up with you ladies.

Looking forward, the holiday season is here. It is a time when

we should reflect on just how much we care about each other, our family and friends. We encourage all of you to invite family and friends to our Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. I hear Ron Lee will be one of the cooks. Way to go Commander!

Finally, please remember that your Post is a very active place during the week! Drop by the Post to dance, sing, "Kung Fu" someone or just play MJ. Bring a friend or just yourself. All these "afterschool" programs are designed to keep you off the streets and out of trouble. What are you waiting for?

From the Pon Family - May joy and happiness follow all of you and your family.

**2nd Vice Commander  
Jay Pon**

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## Cathay Post to visit Senior and Wounded Vets at Fort Miley

On Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 1000, Cathay Post veterans, our ladies and support group volunteers, will visit the senior and wounded veterans at Fort Miley.

For obvious reasons, Cathay Post and the American Legion consider these visits to be some of our most important service projects.

While gifts will be distributed, what is most important is meeting and talking to our senior and wounded veterans now at Fort Miley Veterans Hospital. More information and a map will be provided at our next Post meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

I hope to see everyone there.

**Roger S. Dong, Project Leader**

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## From the 3rd Vice Commander

By the time you folks read this article, I will be in the midst of my vacation in China. There is no doubt that Vice Commander Jigg Pon will handle things at the Post with flair and professionalism.

During the last monthly meeting, the American Legion War Memorial Commission members voted to re-elect Chairman Roger Dong to a second term.

Congratulations to Roger are in order. The vote confirmed that the majority of the Posts have confidence in the direction that Roger is leading the Commission. Chairman Dong's first action after his reelection was to reappoint the same slate of current officers. That means yours truly will continue to serve as the Vice Chair for another year.

The issue of bringing the Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) into the War Memorial Veterans Building continues to be a topic of utmost concern and we are gaining ground toward the establishment of the first installment. However, there are those within the Commission who simply do not want to wait for the process to work its way through. They are impatient and they forced through a vote by the Commission to address a toxically demanding letter to the Trustees at the last meeting. The letter was counterproductive and leaves no room for compromise. In the Chair's and my opinion, it will lead to litigation that the Commission cannot afford. After the vote, the Chair and I found many factual errors in that letter and thus, the letter



must be rewritten and another vote will be required at the next Commission meeting.

There are many projects that need our attention. One item in need of attention is the pathetic showing at the Veterans Day Parade in years past. The main reason for the lack of attendees is the current route parading down Market Street and ending at City Hall on a Sunday morning. Most, if not all, of the businesses are closed and there are no residences along the route. I am working to change the route for future parades. It will not be easy, since I will be going against "established" individuals and those who don't want to relinquish their hold on "power."

Room 206 at the War Memorial Veterans Building is finally ready for Cathay Post. During our last monthly meeting, our

members approved naming the room "Commander Bok Pon Memorial Hall." It was Commander Pon's forward-looking vision that initiated our quest to secure a room at the War Memorial Veterans Building more than three years ago. With the establishment of the field office, Cathay Post will assert itself as one of the rightful occupants of the building and not as an entity that sits on the sideline. Now that the mission is accomplished, it is only appropriate that we name this room in our late Commander Bok Pon's honor. I hope to see you all at the official dedication of the room.

### **Nelson Lum** **3rd Vice Commander**

Vice Chairman, American Legion War Memorial Commission.

## War Memorial Building: Room 206

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I have great news to report. As you have read from my Vice Commanders' reports, Room 206 is finally ready for Cathay Post's move-in. Just take a look at the pictures of Room 206 above! The room smells of fresh paint and looks awesome! We owe a big thank you to Roger Dong and Nelson Lum for all their hard work in securing Room 206. This will be called the Bok Pon Memorial Room at the War Memorial Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Ave, Room 206. Getting a room at the War Memorial Veterans Building was always Commander Bok Pon's dream and that dream has finally been realized.

On a personal note, I am thankful and happy that everyone has been working so hard to make so many positive and great contributions to Cathay Post. Thanks to everyone for their support. We are one large happy family. I hope to have a grand opening ceremony sometime in November.

**Ron Lee**  
**Commander**

# Cathay Post at the Columbus Day Parade



# Displaying the Flag

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**1.** When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



**2.** The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right (viewer's left), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



**3.** The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaffs in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.



**4.** When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States (the viewer's left). When the flag is half-masted, both flags are half-masted, with the US flag at the mid-point and the other flag below.



**5.** When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



**6.** When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.



**7.** When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



**8.** When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.



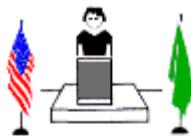
**9.** That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



**10.** The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.



**11.** When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. The order of precedence for flags generally is National flags (US first, then others in alphabetical order in English), State (host state first, then others in the order of admission) and territories (Washington DC, Puerto Rico, etc.), Military (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard), then other.



**12.** When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker (to the right of the audience). Please note that the old guidelines differed from this updated and simplified one.



**13.** When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.



**14.** When hung in a window, place the blue union in the upper left, as viewed from the street.

# Cathay Post No. 384 aboard the USS Makin Island

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# Cathay Post No. 384 Luncheon for Active Duty Members



# BENEFIT CONCERT

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**Thursday, November 10, 2010**

## **BENEFIT CONCERT**



### **Rebecca Boyko**

Ms. Rebecca Boyko returns to the stage to perform a benefit concert to support American Legion District 8 and its service projects, including Boys State. Talented Rebecca sings and plays multiple instruments, and has been gradually returning to music after a near fatal truck accident. She has been in physical rehabilitation for many years and is now returning to perform for the public with several professional musicians.

She will be singing and playing the bass fiddle along with her friends to honor all our Veterans in a night of smooth Brazilian jazz and patriotic tunes and her own composition, "The Heroes of 911." Rebecca's Dad was a World War II veteran and she has always wanted to honor her dad and perform for our veterans.

Her performance will begin at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, November 10, 2010 in the Green Room, Veterans Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, SF, CA 94102.

Tickets may be picked up between 1 pm and 5 pm, Monday - Friday in the same Veterans Memorial Building in Room 101.

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Thanks to all our Post Commanders for contributing to this edition of our Cathay Chronicle.

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