



American Legion Cathay Post 384



The Cathay Bulletin

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Welcome to our third Cathay Bulletin, which is intended to provide important and useful information for our veterans between our bi-monthly national award-winning Cathay Dispatch (CD), edited by Ms. Clara Pon. This Bulletin is not intended to replace the CD but supplements it between our special CD publications. All Cathay Post members are encouraged to submit reports for future Bulletins, of interest to our veterans. Your input submissions, feedback, and comments are requested, needed and always welcome.

Important Imminent Dates to Note:

Saturday, May 12 - 1100 hours, our May post meeting (and elections of officers) at 1524 Powell St.

**May 27 - USS San Francisco Memorial, Ft. Miley @ 11:30—1:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Square WWI & WWII Memorial @ 3 p.m.**

**May 28 - Memorial Day—San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio
Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony @ 11 a.m.**

Friday, June 1 - The BIG Event of the Year...and what is that?

It's our annual Cathay Post Officers Installation and First Responders Banquet at New Asia Restaurant located at 772 Pacific Avenue beginning at 1830 hours. Please see flyer on page 3.

Saturday, June 9 - Our June Post meeting. BE THERE!

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From the desk of Post Commander Nelson Lum:

The year has flown by and we are looking at convention time already. This year has been extraordinary as our organization witnessed the unexpected resignation of our Past Commander Art Castro due to health issues and the special election where Commander Bob Heinisch was chosen as the replacement. On a sad note, Past Department of California Commander Art Castro passed away peacefully on April 28, surrounded by members of his family. May he rest in peace at Post Everlasting. The resiliency of the Legion to adapt to such drastic change speaks highly of the organization.

Locally, I am saddened to report to you that one of our members, Vince Neeson, his 35 years old son died suddenly caused by what appeared to be a heart attack. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Neeson family.

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During the most recent meeting of Area 2, the subject of membership, and most importantly, younger membership was deemed to be the most pressing issue confronting the Legion. We must mentor our younger generation of veterans for they will be our leaders of the future.

The helmet campaign needs everyone's support in order to mitigate the shortage of funding for VA&R. The program has been operating in financial deficit for the past three years and we must find ways to deal with these financial shortfalls. In addition to the helmets, we are embarking on another fundraising effort by selling Department of California authorized centennial challenge coins. These are very nicely designed challenge coins that will make you proud and want to possess or use as gifts. Please support these efforts to provide the needed funds for our veteran service officer program.

On the eve of the 101st anniversary of the United States' entry into World War 1, the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission announced that the San Francisco's "War Memorial Veterans Building and Opera House," structures built to honor those who fought in WWI, has been chosen as one of 100 cities/100 memorials designated for the commemoration of the centennial remembrance of World War One with support from The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and many other supporting organizations.

More than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during World War I. There were 116,516 U.S. soldiers that died in the war and another 200,000 were wounded. These memorials represent an important part of remembering our past and preserving our culture. As a nation, we honor those who served and the history of the communities where they lived.

The American Legion, founded in 1919 after the end of World War One, is our nation's largest wartime veterans' organization. It was formed on the four pillars of service: Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security and Foreign Relations, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Next year will also mark the centennial formation of The American Legion.

Beginning sometime in May, (please check ALWMC.ORG for announcement of exact dates or sign up at EventsALWMC@Gmail.com to receive Veterans Building notifications) there will be displays at the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans Building with banners and posters depicting factual events of what led up to the war, the factors that caused United States to enter the war in 1917, the significant contributions of American women toward the war efforts, the great campaign to promote the funding of the war, the bravery and sacrifice of African American troops even though they were segregated due to the climate of discrimination, the signing of the Armistice that ended the war and declared a great victory for the Allies, and the construction of the War Memorial Veterans Building to honor the veterans. These banners along with video presentations will be displayed in the lobby of the building and some weaponry from WWI will be on display as well in the Veterans Gallery. Various lecture and film series will be presented continuously up until the big commemoration on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day on November 11, 2018.

You are all invited to come to the veterans building to see these presentations and artifacts. Please share this event with your family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and co-workers and see the historical depictions of our country's history.

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As summer approaches, we will see an uptick in the amount of activities involving our post. I will need you to assist with many of these activities. Our next monthly meeting is very important since it will be time for the election of post officers for the coming year. Our regular meeting will be held at 1524 Powell Street at 11:00 A.M. I look forward to seeing all of you.

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**87th Annual Installation &
First Responders Awards Banquet**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018
DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.**

**NEW ASIA RESTAURANT
772 PACIFIC AVE, SAN FRANCISCO**

**\$550 Per Table of 10 or \$60 per Person
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For tickets, contact: Nelson Lum (415) 205-0120
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From the desk of our First Vice Commander, Helen Wong

Programs matter! 2nd Vice Commander Aaron Low wrote about Legion membership recruitment and retention and how to access resource information. I believe without members, we would have a hard time doing programs, and without programs, we would not be able to retain members. Members need something to look forward to that is interesting or helpful to others. Case in point: Historian and past Vice Commander Roger Dong founded the Veterans Success Center (formerly known as the Veterans Resource Center) in 2011. It is a free service offered at the War Memorial Veterans Building in San Francisco to veterans and it is staffed Monday through Friday by mainly Legion members.

When veterans come in to use the services to find jobs, get help with resumes, or to get referrals to housing resources, or claim applications, they see The American Legion in action helping veterans. We have been able to sign up five veterans in the past year because of visibility. Seeing Legionnaires working and being able to talk about what we do and answering questions is the best way to attract new members. Involving members in the activities of the post also helps retain them. Many times, it goes beyond providing lunch as any other veteran service organization can provide food at their meetings too, but if there is nothing else for them, they will not stay.

Chinese American Heroes (www.chineseamericanheroes.org) is another brain child of Roger with co-founder and post member, Joe Chan. Roger organized and made the recent Chinese American Veteran Heroes photo exhibit held at the post. He gave excellent talks and had an educational power point presentation enjoyed by the many who attended. There is so much history that would be forgotten or unknown if not for Roger's efforts to document all who have made extraordinary contributions throughout the years. Kudos to Roger for caring, and to the post members who attended the highly informative program.



Photo: Roger Dong

Support of the JROTC program in San Francisco has been one of the programs the post has been involved in for many years and has provided scholarships for two (2) top cadets. At the April 28 drill competition and awards ceremony held at Lincoln High School, Comrade Chuck Paskerian stood in for Commander Lum to present 14 American Legion achievement medals. Other post members were in attendance representing VFW (Nestor Tom) and AMVETS (Helen Wong). On May 4th at USF, Jr. Past Commander Jay Pon presented the Cathay Post Chinese American Soldiers of the Potomac award to Cadet Matthew Senser from University of San Francisco. Cadet Senser earned an overall GPA of 3.92 in scholastic achievement and earned a score of 327 points

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in the extended Army Physical Fitness Test. He also had been selected #2 on the Order of Merit list by the staff of the ROTC program to exemplify excellence.

Americanism programs such as ROTC and JROTC are very important being one of the four (4) pillars of The American Legion.



Veterans representing various VSO groups.



Vice Commander Wong & Chuck Paskerian



Paskerian presents JROTC award



1st Place Lincoln High School JROTC & Drill Team

Another pillar of the Legion which needs attention is VA & R (Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation). There is a need for a volunteer at the San Francisco VA to be the representative on the VAVS (VA Voluntary Services) Committee. American Legion Post 505 Eddie Ramirez has been the representative and wants to step down due to his multiple commitments and is willing to be the deputy rep. It involves attending quarterly meetings at the VA and being registered as a volunteer with the hospital. If you are interested, please contact me.

REMINDER: POST ELECTIONS will be held at our next meeting on Saturday, May 12th.

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA 100th
ANNUAL CONVENTION, June 21-24, 2018**

McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Ave., McClellan Park, CA 95652

Convention hotel: Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast

For convention hotel housing - Contact Wendy O'Brien, 915-971-1805, johnsjammers@att.net

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From the office of our 2nd Vice Commander Aaron Low

Thank you to those of you that asked me about the shooting events that occurred at our home in March. The detective sheriffs have finished their report and it has been sent to the district attorney (DA) for a determination of next steps. In the interests of protecting ourselves and the

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community from further violence, we plan to follow up with the DA to request that some action is taken, and that, despite the perpetrator's age, there are appropriate consequences.

With yet another high-profile shooting at the Waffle House this past week, it seems that we would all benefit from remaining vigilant and aware, and reporting any action that doesn't seem right.

On a separate note, I recently had the privilege of attending an American Legion training that was presented by individuals at the national, state, and district level. Commander Lum and Sergeant-at-Arms Stanton also attended.

Since the focus was on membership recruitment and retention, two pertinent questions were raised:

1. Does The American Legion have a standard elevator pitch that is succinct and persuasive to attract new members?
2. Why is there gap service years to join The American Legion?

Attracting New Members

In terms of a unified messaging for the American Legion, I was told that there is a media division that oversees the messaging and communication.

(https://www.legion.org/publications#media_&_communications).

Although many resources are listed, there is no single "pitch" we can use as an opening statement.

That begs the question...what should we say to a potential member who wants to learn more? Here are a few resources that may be helpful.

Who are we? (<https://www.legion.org/publications/160995/message-points-membership>)

- The American Legion is comprised of 55 state-level "departments" in each of the 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, France, Mexico, Philippines and Puerto Rico. There are almost 13,000 local "posts" throughout the state level.
- The 2017 current national membership is roughly 2 million.
- In 2017, our online renewal process was again well received by the membership and produced better than expected results. Over 245,000 members used this option.
- The American Legion extended its service in communities across the country through the development and revitalization of close to 2,500 posts in 2016.
- One of the fastest growing activities in The American Legion is the Legion Riders. They raised more than 1.2 million dollars for the 2017 Legacy Run, from Indianapolis to Reno in support of The American Legion Legacy Fund—a fund which provide scholarships to the children of active duty troops who died while serving in the military since September 11, 2001.

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- The American Legion attracts younger veterans. Active-duty members are eligible to join - and they are joining. In fact, The American Legion has over 500,000 members who joined under the War on Terrorism, Persian Gulf, Lebanon/Grenada and Panama War periods of eligibility. Today's active duty service members continue to join.
- The American Legion is "Still Serving America." This is only a part of what The American Legion posts did "for God and Country" in program year 2016-2017.

What is our Mission? (<https://www.legion.org/mission>)

- The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.
- The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill.
- The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

Our Work and Accomplishments:

- Donated more than 4 million hours of service to communities.
- Post Service Officers handled 162,417 cases of veterans seeking benefits and just compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Devoted 785,000 hours of volunteer service to Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals.
- Donated 78,767 pints of blood to collection centers nationwide, making The American Legion the nation's single largest blood donor.
- Annually, contributed nearly \$40 million on programs benefiting children and youth.
- Awarded more than 9,300 medals to Junior ROTC Students.
- Sponsored almost 19,000 American Legion Boys State delegates.
- Sponsored more than 2,000 Scouting units serving more than 46,816 youngsters.
- Sponsored more than 1,900 American Legion Baseball teams and an additional 1,424 youth baseball squads.
- Awarded more than \$4.4 million in college scholarships to deserving students.

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Gaps in Service Years (https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/legion_charter.pdf)

In terms of the gap in services years, I was informed that this is based on how The American Legion was initially chartered. To change it, we would have to go back to congress to request an update to the eligibility requirement to include any honorably discharged service member ill regardless to service during the periods listed before.

When I originally joined USAA, only officers could be members. As many of you know, they opened the membership to enlisted personnel to address the shrinking of the pool of potential members as the military size was reduced.

As the membership of The American Legion declines, shouldn't we start the process to open up to as many veterans that served? Here are the current membership requirements:

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual -- (1) has served in the Armed Forces of:

(A) the United States at any time during any period from:

- (i) April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918;
- (ii) December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;
- (iii) June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955;
- (iv) February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975;
- (v) August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984;
- (vi) December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990; or
- (vii) August 2, 1990, through the date of cessation of hostilities, as decided by the United States Government; or

(B) a government associated with the United States during a period referred to in sub-clause (A) of this clause and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and

(2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably during or after that period

Source:

https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS752US752&q=Dictionary#dobs=elevator%20pitch?

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In this issue, all the following articles of possible interest to our veterans were written, or selected, by our CB Editor/Post Historian, Roger S. Dong. If you have any gripes, you can email me (rsdong@sbcglobal.net). I have a very large round file. For now, let's roll with our first article.

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The new SHINGLES shot - the SHINGRIX vaccination.

Roger S. Dong, American Legion Cathay Post Historian

Warning: Images in this article are graphic and disturbing. This report is rated “R.”

If you've ever had the chickenpox -- and almost all adults have -- there's a good chance the virus is still roams in your body and may afflict you anytime with Shingles when your resistance is low. This varicella zoster virus, which causes Shingles, can lie dormant for decades without causing any symptoms. For many people, the virus wakes up and travels along nerve fibers to the skin. The result is a distinctive, painful, fluid filled and blistering rash called shingles. It can affect many parts of your body. About 1,000,000 Americans suffer from Shingles every year. Here some nasty and ugly views of shingles effects on human beings to get your attention.



<https://www.cdc.gov/shingles/about/photos.html>

Therefore, you need **SHINGRIX!** And the new **SHINGRIX** vaccination needs you, because we don't want anyone to get painful and ugly Shingles. It's OK, if you just don't want to be ugly.

Some unpleasant news. Even if you never had chickenpox, there is still a chance you can still get Shingles. So, to be safe from the painful symptoms of Shingles, get this new vaccination.

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Getting Shingles is no fun. If you get Shingles, you may suffer for many weeks before you recover from the symptoms, which usually is a painful and blisters your skin. A few people suffer from the Shingles ailment for many years! No one who has ever been got Shingles, wants to get Shingles again. So, here's your chance to avoid getting Shingles. If you don't believe me, ask anyone who has had Shingles. Even anyone who has Shingles before, need the new shot, because you can get Shingles more than once!

The new, much more effective vaccination is called the **SHINGRIX** shot. It is reported and confirmed by the C.D.C. and FDA that this new vaccination is more powerful and is effective longer than the previous vaccination (**ZOSTAVAX**).

The older Shingles shot, called the **ZOSTAVAX** is still available, and if you have already been vaccinated, it was with **ZOSTAVAX** vaccine. This older vaccine formula is only 50% effective. This new **SHINGRIX** vaccine will give you 90% protection. It has not available been too long, so no one knows for sure how long you will be protected. But it has been medically tested to be much more powerful and effective.

This protection is not cheap! The treatment requires two separate vaccinations and each shot costs \$140. (\$280 total). With recent C.D.C. Director's approval, if you have **Medicare part D**, your shot should be covered by **Medicare part D** benefit. Both the **ZOSTAVAX** and the **SHINGRIX** vaccinations comprise of two sequential shots separated by a two-week interval. Note that even though, you have been previously inoculated (that means you received the **ZOSTAVAX** shot), if you want to be more certain you are being protected from Shingles, you must get the new **SHINGRIX** shot.

Sources and related sources:

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New Shingles Vaccine: What You Need To Know – WebMD www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/...

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Our Intelligence Section

Today, let's talk about intelligence, but not just the mundane topic of everyday intelligence, but "Artificial Intelligence (AI)," and we don't mean Fake Intelligence. We hear about AI every day, but what is it? AI is a very complex topic, and so we will talk more about what it means then try to define its over-all meaning. In the most basic definition, according to Wikipedia:

Artificial intelligence, is also called machine intelligence) is intelligence displayed by machines, in contrast with the natural intelligence (NI) displayed by humans and other animals. In computer science AI research is defined as the study of "intelligent agents": any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of success at some goal. Colloquially, the term "artificial intelligence" is applied when a machine mimics "cognitive"

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functions that humans associate with other human minds, such as "learning" and "problem solving".

AI, today, is actually alive and well, and tomorrow it may be even more alive and well. McKinsey Associates, an international think tank says that Artificial intelligence is poised to **become one of the most transformational technologies of the digital age**—touching all facets of business, including leadership, value creation, and innovation.

In controlling machines, **AI** are the software programs that control machines we see today including everything from ATMs to the many mini-computers that control many applications in recently built automobiles. The other major area concerns the REALLY big applications that manage quadrillions of bits of data stored in the "**Cloud**". In our automobiles, all those screens telling you where you are, and where you are going - mapping applications are all **AI** driven.

Actually, there are already thousands, maybe millions, of Clouds that store all kinds of information collected every time someone hits the "enter" on any computer device. The **Cloud** refers to large farms, or warehouses, of thousands/millions of mini-computer disks that store tons of data. These storage locations can be anywhere, but many are in states where land is cheap and there is lots of space. The states of Montana and North Dakota are known to be major **Cloud** (disk storage) locations.

Regarding commerce and civilian applications, on the Internet, every sale, bank transaction, or comment in social media made on a computer is stored in a **Cloud** somewhere, to be read by a third party for various reasons, some good, and some not so good. If you pay any bills on your computer, the credit bureaus can retrieve that information from a **Cloud** somewhere. Banks, credit card companies now know who you pay, when you pay, how much you pay, and how often you pay in real time. Our financial privacy no longer exists.

AI technology allows hackers to try and manipulate voters in democratic elections. It was reported that hackers attempted to manipulate voting records, changing critical data in records, such as home addresses, or birthdates, or driver's license data that can cause a legitimate voter to be rejected from voting because personal identifying data is altered.

The militaries of the world hunger for data, and more data. Reading satellite maps to locate friendly and unfriendly forces, military installations, and also guiding aircraft, ships and missiles all depend on **AI** applications.

Major **AI** applications that will enhance human lives in the future include personal robots to take care of us, clean our homes, and cook for us. For the handicapped, **AI** robots can make their lives much easier. Driverless autos, perhaps 10 years from now, will change our lives in many ways.

With **AI** access to medical intelligence and data everywhere, doctors will have much more data to consider in diagnosing illness and global intelligence available to evaluate patients and prescribe best solutions for their patients.

Millions of jobs will be eliminated by more automation - even software programmers, doctor and lawyer professions will be in jeopardy. There are people suggesting guaranteed incomes to compensate for lost jobs. For the lazy and those who feel entitled, guaranteed income will make

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them even less productive. Obesity will be a greater problem for those inclined to adverse to work.

Who can deny that **AI** and its many new applications are and will transform human life dramatically. Make sure you and your family are ready.

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AI and our Marine Corps

News Flash. The Marine Corps wants a 'mega drone' that can take off and land vertically and will be fully armed for all contingencies.

We have previously reported on automation in our Army, our Air Force and our Navy, not to be left out of automation and AI technology, our Marines have been plotting and planning for a “Super Drone” or “Mega Drone” to support their mission and improve their combat efficacy. And here it is. Take a gander at this:



Concept art of a Bell V-247 "Vigilant" escorting two Bell V-280 Valors. Bell Helicopter

OO- RAH! But what will it do? Here are the MIL SPECS:

The new airborne platform must be able to take off and land vertically from ships, carry a combined internal and external payload of 9,500 pounds, and fly at least 700 nautical miles (805 land miles) fully loaded. The Marines also want a cruising speed of 230 to 340 mph.

The planned types of missions for the aircraft include escort, early warning, communications relay, and picket line guard missions of Marine amphibious ready groups. The platform would also be used for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

The AI platform will be configured for systems that can destroy land and air targets. The ground attach weapons are planned to include the AGM-114 Hellfire, the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System laser-guided rocket, the AGM-88E Anti-radiation missile, and small-diameter bombs.

Air defense systems will include the AIM-9X Sidewinder and the AIM-120 AMRAAM. The Marines also want the system to be capable of releasing a smaller, expendable drone for electronic warfare and/or reconnaissance operations.

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To meet all these capabilities, the drone will have to be large — roughly the size of our Air Force's MQ-9 Reaper.



USAF MQ-9 Reaper – Wikipedia

When the Vigilant is completed and ready for combat, the Marines will have an awesome combat support platform. RDT&E for Vigilant will take time.

Source:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/marine-corps-mega-drone-well-armed-2018-3>

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Did you hear about our changed relations with Taiwan?

Based on the initiative of Senator Marco Rubio, which began some time in 2016, early in 2018 both the Senate and Congress unanimously passed the Taiwan Travel Act (the House passed the Act in January, and the Senate followed in February) which upgrades the foreign relations with the United States and Taiwan with the following provisions:

Allow officials at all levels of the U.S. government to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts;

Allow high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United States under respectful conditions and to meet with U.S. officials; and

Encourage the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office and any other instrumentality established by Taiwan to conduct business in the United States.

This is, of course, still short of full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan, but does upgrade our relationship with Taiwan and may commit the US to protect Taiwan if China gets aggressive.

Additionally, while not reported in the American media, the internationally renowned Jane's Defense Weekly, reported that the Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) has revealed that the US government has awarded a marketing license to support of Taiwan's efforts to develop and construct diesel-electric submarines.

The approval enables US defense industries to transfer submarine-related expertise to Taiwan, which a year ago launched a program to design and build an indigenous fleet of between six and eight boats. (Ed Note: Even with this support, it will take a very long time (likely more than a decade) before Taiwan's China Shipbuilding Company could acquire all the technology and conduct adequate RDT & E to build a fleet of modern submarines. The last time an American company built a conventional submarine was in the 1960s.

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MND disclosed in a statement on 7 April 18 that approval for the marketing license was given by the US Department of State.

Whether anyone agrees with these new developments, China is upset, and along with the U.S. threat to impose significant trade tariffs on Chinese assembled or manufactured goods imported to the United States, tensions between the U.S. and China are rising. These types of threats and action do not promote positive and constructive relations between the two most powerful nations in today's world. Many have warned that this type of tension is inevitable whenever the dominate power is challenged by a rising power. (The so-called Thucydides Trap, described by Dr. Graham Allison in "Destined for War, Can America and China Escape the Thucydides Trap?") Allison researched the past 500 years of known history and discovered that in 16 separate instances, the competition resulted in war (that would be a 75% batting average). The translated book has been read by hundreds of Chinese officials and was mandatory reading directed by the then Presidential National Security Advisor, General James McMaster.

In the opinion of Chinese American historians and many members of Chinese American social organizations, if tensions between America and China continue to grow, the negative stereotypes and negative attitudes that have questioned the loyalty of Chinese Americans and our homeland, America will predictably re-surface. Even our loyal and brave Chinese American veterans who have faithfully served our Nation, will have their loyalty questioned. In a worse-case scenario, if war breaks, life for Americans of Chinese descent will change dramatically and negatively. It may not result in collective living and housing in camps, but whatever is happens will not be good.

These historians note that when US and China relations seriously deteriorate, the negative stereotypes of Chinese Americans are very likely to re-appear again.

Author Iris Chang in her research and 2003 book, "The Chinese in America", pp 395-396, wrote that there were several incidents that revealed hidden attitudes about Chinese Americans. After a PLA Air Force jet fighter collided flying too close to our Navy P-3 surveillance aircraft and the P-3 was forced to land on a Chinese military air base, our Navy aircrew was held for 11 days. Ms Theresa Ma, a Chinese American chemist, living in Lincoln, Nebraska, was asked, "Why don't you go back to China to bring our men home?"

In Springfield, Illinois, radio DJs urged a boycott of Chinese restaurants, and suggested that all Chinese Americans be shipped out of the country. Most disturbingly, a national talk show host demanded that Chinese Americans be interned by the federal government, like the Japanese Americans were in WWII. With the hundreds of competent Chinese American doctors, nurses and hospital staff in America, these potential MIA medical personnel will mean many Americans will not get medical attention. There already is a shortage of qualified doctors and medical staffing in America.

To add further discomfort, a survey commissioned by the Committee of 100 and the Anti-Defamation League, questioned 1,216 randomly selected Americans, and almost 50% opined that Chinese Americans were passing secrets to the Chinese government. Those surveyed are likely still alive today. Most Chinese Americans do not have security clearances, so most of us might be safe! We all need "Get Out of Jail, Free" cards.

Bottom line. Chinese American historians and national leaders warn that if tensions continue to increase between our Country and China, we better find some great civil rights lawyers. These

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individuals remember the Chinese Exclusion Act that denied all Chinese immigrants the right to American citizenship. No one is accusing that all Americans are racists - most Americans are not, but we cannot ignore that there are racists in America (there are racists in all countries, including in China), and the racists will want blood - if relations get more tense, and, god forbid, these racists may want a lot of blood -if we hear about nuclear threats and counter-threats.

How long might it take to build special housing for 9.5 million select American citizens? It will take longer than building a wall on our southern border.

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Eddie Fung transfers to Post Everlasting

We lost 95-year-old **Eddie** 25, 2018. According to his UC Santa Cruz Professor peacefully in his sleep, a very who was a POW who knew World War II. He was a living under extremely harsh dictated by the Japanese



Fung on Sunday, March beloved wife, Judy Yung, Emeritus, Eddie died peaceful passing for a man no peace during much of POW for 3 and half years and cruel conditions Imperial Army.

Eddie spoke to us at our Post his incredible story of boy who at 16 years of age, be cowboy. He had a great life as a cowboy, until... Pearl Harbor. A great patriot, Eddie had already joined the Army National Guard before the War, and he and his entire Army battalion were shipped to JAVA where they were captured and became POWs. He and his unit were subjected to daily hard labor and sweltering jungle heat for more than 3 years. Most of his unit did not survive. Eddie had basic cooking skills and kept himself, many of his colleagues alive, preparing life-saving meals from anything edible found in the Southeast Asian jungles - oh those lizard's gizzards, great with a little soy sauce.

a few years ago and told us himself, a San Francisco left town to go to Texas, to

Eddie Fung, you had endured so much during the War, now you can at last, rest in peace.

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For Interested Parties...

After lunch, Post Historian and China Specialist Roger S. Dong, will present a briefing on Chinese President Xi Jinping and his long-term plans to make China great. Your after-lunch bonus!

Until our next issue, see you at our next post meeting this coming **Saturday, May 12, 2018**. Same Bat time (1100 hours), Same Bat place (1524 Powell Street).

Maybe we may have some roast duck, at last. See you there to enjoy the food and comradeship.