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- Dec. 7—Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 14—Monthly Meeting
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day
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CATHAY POST—A LOOK BACK AT 2013

By Roger Dong, Galin Luk, John Li and Ed Wong



Cathay Post Color Guard, along with support members and family carrying the banner and W.T. Jeanpierre's friend and grandchildren at the rear during the Veterans Day Parade.

Wow, what a year! The Post has done so much, to help so many veterans and good causes, in such a short period of time.

Before we talk about some of our activities in 2013, we need to talk about 2012 [we invite you to review this past year's Cathay Chronicle to see the depth and breadth of our many activities]. Last year ended on a very high note. As part of the Post's Fleet Week celebration, the Post hosted approximately 80 sailors and Marines [and some spouses] of the USS Makin Island with a fantastic lunch and great company at Post headquarters.

In 2012, Cathay Post and another non-profit charity, Chinese American Heroes [Editor's note: Chief Reporter Roger Dong is the founder and executive director of Chinese American Heroes], honored member Colonel Richard F. Hum, who passed away in early 2012. In lieu of flowers, friends, family and Cathay Post donated \$3,000 for scholarships. On behalf of our Post and Chinese American Heroes, Roger Dong distributed six \$500 scholarships to college ROTC cadets in the Bay Area.

A flurry of activities kicked off Jan-

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uary 2013. The Post's first community service project was the annual visit to senior veterans at Fort Miley. Commander David Wong, Richard Ow, Ryan Qui, Ed Wong, Chee Yee, Ralph Wong, Roger Dong, Christy Dong, and several other Post members distributed gift packs to 100 veterans.



The Post then joined forces with the “Hep B Free” campaign and sponsored a community event that provided free Hepatitis B testing and screening to our members and the general public.

Showing that “rookies” can get the job done, one of the Post’s newest member, W. T. Jeanpierre, helped bring in Google’s then Human Resources Director, Mr. Sean Washington [a Marine veteran], to the Veterans Success Center. Mr. Washington, a dynamic speaker, gave a seminar at our American Legion War Memorial Veterans Building about maximizing job opportunities for our local veterans. The

event was a success; Mr. Washington provided group and individual career advice and guidance to the attendees [some of whom were airmen from Travis Air Force Base].

Chinese American Heroes and our Post again teamed up, this time to recognize and honor newly elected Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, a female US Army combat helicopter pilot who lost both legs and part of one arm after an RPG explosion caused her helicopter to crash. The Post told her story in the March 2013 edition of the Cathay Chronicle.



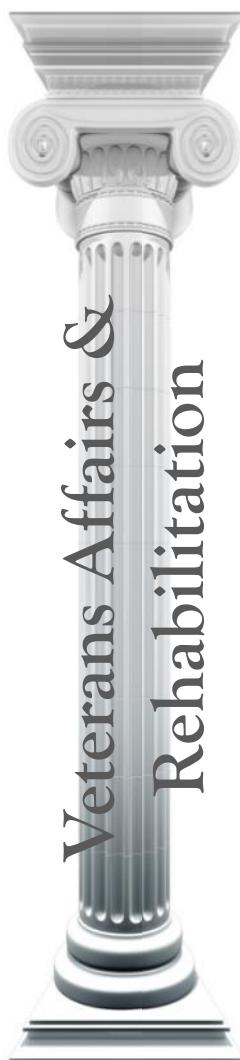
Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth.

In April, we honored our dear old friend Captain Moon Chin who celebrated his 100th birthday. Captain Chin was a very special civilian logistics pilot who, among his many accomplishments, in 1942 rescued then Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle after he had just completed his retaliatory bombing mission



Moon Chin.

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on Tokyo. Doolittle subsequently was awarded the Medal of Honor and became a four star general.



Cathay Post officers swearing in.

In May, our Post held its annual Gala Dinner, during which it swore in its newly elected officers and board members, recognized [with cash awards] the heroics of two San Francisco police officers, two San Francisco firefighters, a community hero, and recognized the Post's three ROTC and JROTC scholarship winners.



To honor those who died serving our Country, the Post marched in the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio.



In June, Cathay Post sponsored four local high school students to participate in the American Legion Boys State program, a unique experience in participatory government simulation. [Editor's note: Roger Dong was a Boys State delegate in 1961. He described it as a life changing experience and as one of the primary reasons he later became a Legionnaire].

That same month, 1st Vice Commander Jay Pon gave a short speech during a press conference condemning the mayor of Osaka, Japan for derogatory, dismissive, and insulting comments he made about the rape and murder by members of the Japanese Imperial Army of thousands of women from China and the Pacific Rim during Japan's occupation of Asia during World War II.

Our Post didn't take a summer break. During the summer, our Post granted a lifetime honorary

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Left bottom: Honored police officers.

Top right: SF National Cemetery.



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Cathay Post membership to our friend Major Kurt Lee, a Korean War hero who visited our Post in 2011.



From the school room to the basketball court, 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum and the Post put together the first wheelchair basketball tournament between the Golden State Road Warriors and the San Francisco Police Department. What a game and what a level of sportsmanship shown by all. We won't get lost in the details of the score; we'll just simply report that the Golden State Road Warriors crushed the San Francisco Police Department.



Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

On July 4, the Post participated in the flag raising ceremony at the Chinese Benevolent Association.



In August, Post Commander David Y. Wong, 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum, Secretary John Li, Adjutant Tony Zhang (and his wife Suzanne) and Roger Dong attended the 95th American Legion National Convention in Houston, Texas.



Bok Pon.

Our September issue honored the late Post Commander Bok Pon, the one man who resurrected our Post in the early 1990s when our Post unfortunately “transitioned” to “inactive” status. Like so many veterans organizations, Cathay Post was in its glory years after World War II. Bok Pon singlehandedly recruited dozens of veterans, raised thousands of dollars, and led Cathay Post as it became one of the most active and effective Posts in

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San Francisco and California. The Post is forever indebted to Bok.

That same month, 3rd Vice Commander and newsletter Editor-in-chief Galin Luk began assembling a team to work on the redesign of our Post's monthly newsletter. Things started falling into shape when support member Clara Pon, joined the news staff as the Technical and Layout Editor and implemented many of the design changes you now see.



Jay Pon donating toys.

While kids were looking forward to trick or treating, the Post remained busy in October. 1st Vice Commander Jay Pon initiated our Post's campaign to provide toys for needy children in San Francisco in conjunction with San

Francisco Firefighters Toy Program.

We also celebrated the 93rd birthday of our Post's oldest active member, Dr. Dale King with a surprise birthday party during our October membership meeting.

To support our "active" brothers

and sisters in arms, several Post members attended the October San Francisco Asian Peace Officer's Association's Annual Scholarship Dinner.

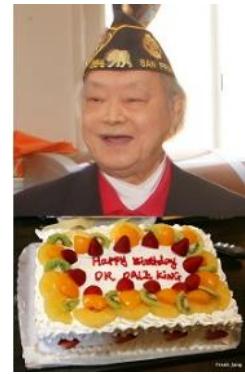


VETS@SFSU & SFSU Alum at Cathay Post.

That same month, Vice Commanders Nelson Lum and Galin Luk and Chief Reporter Roger Dong outreached to VETS@SFSU, a San Francisco State University student veteran organization. We invited the veterans to visit our Post and offered the services of the Veterans Success Center for job seekers. This was a very positive outreach effort and resulted in several young veterans joining our Post. This outreach effort has achieved more than any other effort by our Post to connect with our young veterans.

During the October meeting, the Post was briefed on the status and development of our American Legion Veterans Success Center, a special project initiated by members of our Post [Editor's note: these "members" are 2nd Vice Com-

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Dr. Dale King



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mander Nelson Lum and Roger Dong], and whose mission is to help all veterans obtain quality employment. In total our Post and its members have donated approximately \$20,000 to the Center since its inception in August 2011.



VSC Fashion Show Ad.

Post member extraordinaire W. T. Jeanpierre also put together a fashion show fundraiser for the Veteran's Success Center at the Financial District U.S. Bank on a beautiful Saturday evening [this was in fact W.T. Jeanpierre's second fashion show fundraiser for the Veteran's Success Center]. The event was a success and again confirmed the dedication and talent of our Post members.



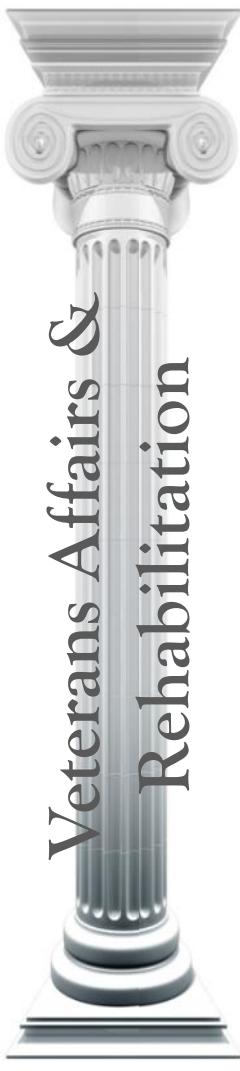
Perhaps, fueled by the thought of the Post's annual Thanksgiving lunch, November was a busy month. 3rd Vice Commander Galin Luk, members W.T. Jeanpierre, David Adams, Thanh Huynh, and Roger Dong were back at San Francisco State University helping to celebrate the VETS@SFSU's third anniversary. During the celebration, one of our Post's newest member, VETS@SFSU's president Benjamin Yang, was awarded the Nancy Pelosi scholarship for his service and dedication to the university.

Then, there was more honoring and some excellent company and great eats. Supporting our fellow Legionnaires, several Post members attended the Police-Fire Post 456 Police Officer of the Year Dinner honoring four San Francisco Police Officers. Our Post then put on its annual Thanksgiving lunch celebration, serving ham, turkey, and all the fixings.

Thanks to the efforts of many, including 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum, Adjutant Tony Zhang, members Roger Dong, and Major General Myatt, USMC (Retired), Major Kurt Lee will be the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2014 San Francisco Lunar New Year Parade.

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to be just as busy. The Post will be hosting its annual Christmas lunch following its monthly meeting. Several members of the Post will also be attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars 91st Christmas Holiday Dinner.

These activities are just the tip of the iceberg. The Post's members and volunteers participated in so many other activities, including attending a ceremony held at St. Mary's Square to honor World War I and II veterans and our Color Guard proudly and smartly marched in the Italian Heritage Parade and the Veterans Day Parade.



The Post is also in the planning stages for many more activities. The Post has already begun to organize an event to honor those on active duty. The Post invited up to 100 Coast Guard members and family from the 11th Coast Guard District to attend a special party at our Post on January 4, 2014 in their honor. The Post will serve

great food, strawberry shortcake, and provide raffle prizes.

One of our newest Post members, Laura Renner is working on setting up Girls State, a unique experience in participatory government simulation for young girls. Thanks to support member Clara Pon, the Post is already in the planning stages for a poker night fundraiser.

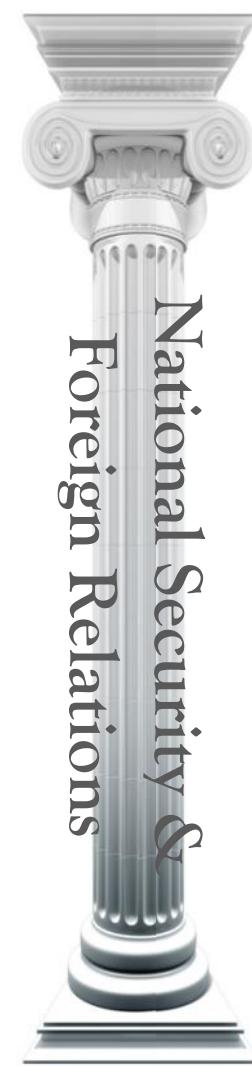
In addition to supporting the many non-profit gala events, Cathay Post also made the following direct monetary donations:

- ◆ \$100 to the San family [the family involved in an auto accident that killed the 16 year old son and seriously injured the mother and daughter]; support member Daniel Soo Hoo personally donated \$100;
- ◆ \$200 to the USO;
- ◆ \$200 to Chinese American Heroes in support of Alameda Honors Asian American;
- ◆ \$240 to the SF Asian Peace Officers Association;
- ◆ \$384 to VETS@SFSU to help underwrite their veterans retreat;
- ◆ \$400 to the Chinese Newcomer Services Center;
- ◆ \$500 to APA Support Services;
- ◆ \$500 to the Chinese Hospital Building Fund;

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Left: Cathay Post in Italian Heritage Parade.



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- ◆ \$1,000 total (\$500 cash award each) to 2 heroic San Francisco firefighters;
- ◆ \$1,000 total (\$500 cash award each) to 2 heroic San Francisco police officers;
- ◆ \$1,000 to Asian Week Foundation for Hepatitis B awareness;
- ◆ \$1,000 cash scholarship award each to 2 JROTC cadets;
- ◆ \$1,000 cash scholarship awards to a ROTC cadet;
- ◆ \$1,100 to Golden State 76er Foundation;
- ◆ \$1,200 to the Veterans Success

Center; and,

- ◆ \$1,440 to Boys State.

The Post has accomplished so much this year. Our collective success is due to our members' generosity in time, effort, dedication, and money. While many other Posts are suffering membership declines, our Post continues to grow and has exceeded American Legion membership goals. Numbers, of course, mean nothing if a Post isn't active. It's clear our Post's numbers mean something.

We wish the best to our veteran and support members, and to the success of our Post, and all American Legion Posts.

A Big THANK YOU from the Chronicle Staff

By all measures, it's been a great year for our Chronicle [and we still have about 3 weeks left]. Our newsletter and our Post wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our veterans, support members, and our many supporters who purchased advertising space in our newsletter and Police Officers Association, San Francisco Police Credit Union, Asian Week Foundation, Bristol Meyer Squib, Chinese American Heroes, Jed Miner & Associates Insurance Services, Inc., Provident Credit Union, and Chase. Our deepest and most sincere apologies if we forgot anyone. Here is to an even better 2014!



COMMANDER DAVID Y. WONG

What a great turn out we had for the November general meeting and Thanksgiving lunch. It was nice to see so many veterans and support members including past commander and past post adjutant, John Nelson. I also want to thank the many volunteers who were working in the kitchen, preparing a fantastic Thanksgiving meal.

It was good to see so many veterans and support members who participated as Cathay Post's Color Guard during the annual Veterans Day parade on November 10. I want to give a big thank you to Post chaplain Richard Ow, who was part of the Color Guard and marched the entire route. All of our parade participants gave

our Post even greater visibility in the eyes of the general public. This was Cathay Post's first appearance in the Veterans Day parade; we hope to make it an annual tradition.

I am pleased to announce that Cathay Post No. 384 became the first post to reach membership goals set by the 8th District Council (the greater San Francisco area). Indeed, we exceeded the goal at this early stage of the 2014 campaign which began on July 1.

I invite all members to review the bulletin board right outside of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Community Hall where we display the many awards given to the Post [for years 2009 to 2013]. Soon, we will be

receiving the 2014 early bird award for 100% goal attainment. With 19 different American Legion posts in the San Francisco area alone, I want to thank you for selecting Cathay Post. We are not only an active post but one of the most active in California, and I believe one of the premier posts in the entire country.

I hope to see all of you at the December meeting. Please remember to bring along an unwrapped toy for the San Francisco Firefighters' Toys Program. On behalf of the board of directors, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season along with the very best for the new year -- with happiness and good health.



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“...wish you and your family a joyous holiday season along with the very best for the new year -- with happiness and good health.”



VA Pilot Program: Dental Insurance By David Wong

During the November meeting, I talked about the new Veteran's Administration dental insurance pilot program. It is a three year trial program that will commence on January 1, 2014. The program is

available to veterans enrolled in the VA health care program, certain survivors, and dependents of veterans. The dental insurance, which will be provided through two private insurers, Delta Dental

and MetLife, offer several different levels of coverage. For more information about this pilot program, visit the following website: www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip/.



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"This month we should remember family, friends, and those less fortunate. Our family shaped us into who we are today. Our friends keep us out of trouble most of the times."



1st VICE COMMANDER JAY PON

First, I want to thank everyone who attended November's general membership meeting and Thanksgiving lunch. The turnout was tremendous and seeing new faces as well as those I have not seen in a while keeps me coming back to Cathay Post with a smile.

This month we should remember family, friends, and those less fortunate. Our family shaped us into who we are today. Our friends keep us out of trouble *most of the time*. The members of Post 384 fit into both categories. Some of you I have known most of my life, many for over 12 years of Post membership. Others in the Post I have not yet spent enough time with, but I consider you my friend. I hope through time, we will consider each other family.

During this holiday season practice charity and give someone a reason to smile. Keep in mind those less fortunate; they are part of our community. Please remember December's general meeting is the last chance to bring in a toy for our toy drive. The red bucket is over-

flowing with all your generous donations; keep it coming. All toys will be distributed through the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program to those children who could use a helping hand and a smile.

Last month, we reviewed the 21st to 25th amendment to our country's constitution. This leads us to the last two amendments to the US Constitution:

The **26th Amendment** lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. It began with students in the 1960's chanting "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote." Millions of 18, 19, and 20 year olds turned out to vote in the 1972 elections. This amendment was the quickest to be ratified. It was proposed on March 23, 1971, and adopted on July 1, 1971.

The **27th Amendment** prevents laws affecting Congressional salary from taking effect until after the next election of the representative. What is amazing about this last amendment is that it was first proposed in 1789, as one of our first amend-

ments, when there were only 13 states. Yet it took over 200 years until May 7, 1992 when the 38th state finally ratified it.

Is that it? Only 27 amendments? No, there were two other amendments approved by Congress that were not ratified and four other amendments approved by Congress that still await ratification.

The two amendments that were not ratified are the Equal Right Amendment (ratified by 35 states-3 states shy) making government discrimination based on a citizen's sex illegal and the DC Voting Rights Amendment (ratified by 16 states) which would have given the residents of our nation's capital full representation in both houses of Congress and full participation in the Electoral College. Both of these amendments were allowed to expire by Congress.

Next month we will go over the four amendments awaiting ratification to make this Union even more perfect! Thank you to all who have served our country.

2nd VICE COMMANDER NELSON LUM

December! The last month of the year. I want to reflect on some of our Post's accomplishments. The Post hosted our annual gala dinner. And what an event it was: we recognized the Post's JROTC and ROTC scholarship recipients and honored police officers, firefighters, and a community hero. To support the worthwhile endeavors of our local non-profits, we continued to attend many local non-profit dinners and celebrations. Our Post also attended the American Legion National Convention. Sounds like the usual, "business as usual" stuff. There was much more.

To begin, the Post hosted the first wheelchair basketball game at City College of San Francisco between the San Francisco Police Department and the Golden State Road

Warriors. The event's proceeds benefitted the Post's scholarship program. The event helped generate recognition of Cathay Post No. 384 outside of the Chinatown community and educated the public about the Posts many programs that enhance the educational goals of our youth.

The complete overhaul of the Post's newsletter is also worth mentioning. Under the leadership of our 3rd Vice Commander Galin Luk, the newsletter team, with the addition of our support member Clara Pon, has been publishing the most professional newsletter that I have seen. The newsletter enhances the Post's reputation throughout the state and has helped the Post gain recognition at the national level.

Cathay Post No. 384

has also shown its continuing support of the Veterans Success Center. The Center, skillfully managed by Post Board member [and Chronicle Chief Reporter] Roger Dong has helped many veterans find employment.

After having served as the Chairperson of the American Legion War Memorial Commission for the last two years, I was just recently re-elected again for one more term. The issues dealing with space allocation of the War Memorial Veterans Building after the renovations are at a critical stage and I hope to complete the negotiations prior to the end of my new term.

With that said, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be sure to come to our next monthly meeting.



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3rd Vice Commander Galin Luk

Sobering statistics: there are approximately 1,250 Legionnaires in the 19 American Legion Posts in San Francisco's Eighth District Council. Unfortunately, nine of the Posts have 10 or fewer members, and seven of those posts have three or fewer members. More than half of the San Francisco Legionnaires belong to one of three Post; Post 456, Post 448, and Cathay Post 384. Of those three, Cathay Post is the only one [as of the date of this publication] to have exceeded the American Legion's membership goals.

Why is Cathay Post No. 384 succeeding while other posts, including some in San Francisco are struggling? The answer is certainly very complex. Whatever the reasons, our Post would be failing you, if we didn't give you reasons to remain a Cathay Post Legionnaire or support

member. So many times, I have heard my fellow commanders mention how inspired they are to see so many new members and so many of our regular members attending our meeting. I agree; there's a certain "electricity" in our meetings, and with our membership, that had been missing [or in short and not obvious supply] for some time.

Now, I have a challenge for each and every member. Take a look at our Year End Summary and you'll see how much our Post has accomplished this past year. We cannot, however, rest on our laurels. Our board and support members are already in the planning stages for several events. This includes a poker night fundraiser that will require your help. The Post is putting together a celebration for our local Coast Guard. What else can you think of? What

else can you do to help our Post grow? We need to do more for you, our members, our veterans, and our community.

We need you to think about what activities our Post can develop and undertake to better serve you and our community. How can we strengthen the relationship amongst our members? A picnic? A barbecue? Bowling? A trip to Tahoe? Who will plan the event? I encourage each of you to email me at galinluk@hotmail.com with your ideas or suggestions or talk to me or any of the commanders.

If you have an idea, I would encourage you to take ownership of it, develop a plan and see it through. Our future success is dependent on our many dedicated veteran and support members who participate in so many of our Post's activities.

Lunar New Year Parade To Honor Major Kurt Lee By Nelson Lum

Major General Ray Davis has described Major Kurt Lee as the “bravest Marine he ever knew.” His heroics during the Korean War have only been recently recognized, including in the Smithsonian documentary “Uncommon Valor: Breakout at Chosin.” San Francisco native [and current Washington D.C. resident], Ma-

jor Kurt Lee has been named the San Francisco 2014 Lunar New Year Parade’s Honorary Grand Marshal. I recently wrote about the efforts of Post members Roger Dong, Major General Mike Myatt, USMC (Retired), and former Congressman Pete McCloskey to get Honorary Cathay Post member Major Kurt Lee installed as the

Honorary Grand Marshal. Major Lee will be flown here Business Class and will be lodging in a suite at the Marines’ Memorial Club courtesy of Major General Myatt. Cathay Post will have a welcome celebration for Major Lee and will notify its membership of the details once they are finalized.

Corporal Josh Hargis—“The Most Beautiful Salute”

By Clara Pon



US Army Ranger Josh Hargis salutes his Commander. Photo shared by Mrs. Hargis.

Here’s an inspirational story about a true hero. The website “Guardian of Valor” wrote about U.S. Army Ranger Corporal Josh Hargis, who according to his wife, Taylor Hargis, gave “the most beautiful salute any person in that room had ever seen.”

Corporal Hargis, a 24 year old native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was severely injured by shrapnel during a mission to capture a high value target in Kandahar

in early October. A suicide bomber detonated her vest and 13 other improvised explosive devices that killed four members of Hargis’ 3rd Ranger Battalion and wounded a dozen others.

After undergoing hours of surgery, Corporal Hargis’ Regimental Commander pinned a Purple Heart on his blanket. The over 50 friends, family, and fellow warriors who were present in the room during the ceremony thought Corporal Hargis was unconscious. He wasn’t. As he was lying on his hospital bed,

Hargis began raising his right hand to salute his commander. Despite being hindered by pain, his injuries, tubes, and the nurse who tried to hold his arm back [initially unaware he was trying to salute], Corporal Hargis was able to render “the most beautiful salute” seen by anyone in that hospital room.

To read more about Hargis’s patriotic and heroic story, go to <http://guardianofvalor.com/salute-seen-around-world-wounded-ranger-salutes-commander-despite-injuries/>





Veterans Affairs &
Rehabilitation

January 4, 2014 US Coast Guard Lunch

By Roger Dong

There's only a few weeks left and Cathay Post No. 384 is looking for a few good volunteers! Because the Federal sequestration deprived the Marines and sailors the opportunity for liberty to enjoy the Post's annual Fleet Week lunch celebration, the Post is planning another celebration, this

time for this closer to our home." Cathay Post will be hosting the 11th Coast Guard District on January 4, 2014 at 1200.

I am still in the process of finalizing the details of the Coast Guard event. I will also be publicizing the luncheon and recruiting vol-

unteers to help. I promise a delicious lunch, great conversation, and if I can find a bakery that will make it in January, strawberry shortcake. If you are interested in helping, please email me at rstdong@sbcglobal.net or talk to any of the Post commanders.

New Date—January 25, 2014 Visit To Ft. Miley

By David Wong

A new date has been set for our Post's annual trip to Ft. Miley Hospital. On Saturday, January 25, 2014, Cathay Post will be visiting the veterans at Ft. Miley to deliver cheers and goody bags. Post member [and Chief Reporter] Roger Dong, who is organizing the event, described it as one of the best trips any mem-

ber can make. "The veterans light up when they see us there; our members really do a great job of interacting with our Ft. Miley veterans." Roger encourages every veteran and support member to provide assistance with this effort by helping put together the "goody bags" that will be distributed to the veterans

and most importantly, *to make this very important trip*. If you are interested, please contact Roger Dong at rstdong@sbcglobal.net or any of the commanders. Additional information will be provided during the upcoming meetings and reported in the Cathay Chronicle.

CONTEST: Final Chance New Name

By Galin Luk

You've now had the chance to read a couple of issues with the new look and feel. So what do you think? Does it need a new name or does the Cathay Chronicle name speak for itself? We want to know your thoughts. The au-

thor of the winning entry will get a \$20 Starbucks gift card.

We've received many great entries and this is the last opportunity for you to submit your creative ideas! Please email your entries to

galinluk@hotmail.com.

We will need your submission by December 15 [CC newsletter staff is not eligible to win.] Best of luck and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cathay Post Hosts Thanksgiving Lunch By Galin Luk

Here's a question. Why does Cathay Post hold its regular meeting on the second Saturday of every month? The most logical answer? So Cathay Post members and friends get to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas early. Following tradition, Cathay Post hosted its annual Thanksgiving lunch on November 9. Why so early? That's because Cathay Post hosts its member lunch following each membership meeting. For November and December, the Post turns out something a bit more special for the upcoming holi-

day. Mr. Fong, Tina Mak, Clara Pon, Daniel Soo Hoo, Joe Yip, and Tony Zhang put on quite the feast for over 70 hungry members and guests who were treated to roast turkey, pineapple and red currant glazed ham, cilantro garlic bread, sweet

sticky rice, sweet potatoes, corn, cabbage, pumpkin, and apple pie. And you can't have all that without two kinds of gravy and fresh cranberry sauce. Many members were seen helping themselves to seconds and thirds, attesting to the quality of the food and their hunger. Stuffing themselves made sense: many of Cathay Post's members planned on marching in the Veterans' Day Parade the next morning. Let's see what the Post can deliver for their Christmas lunch. Make room!



SF Fire Fighters Toy Drive By Galin Luk



It will be quite the Christmas for many local kids. Cathay Post's toy drive for the San Francisco Firefighter's Toy program has been a rousing success. By the

end of the November meeting, the Post's toy bucket was not only filled, it was overflowing with new toys. The toy drive isn't over yet. All members and guests are encouraged to participate until the December 14 monthly meeting. The toy drive, which has been a San Francisco Fire Department annual tradition since 1949 is the City's largest and the nation's oldest program of its kind, and is run by Lo-

cal 798, the San Francisco Firefighters. At the end of the December general meeting, 1st Vice Commander Jay Pon, along with some members, will deliver the toys to the firefighters at 1340 Powell St. The firefighters will then deliver the toys to the many needy children in our City. This event results in many happy faces. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the December 14 meeting.



National Security & Foreign Relations

Inside the War Memorial Building Renovations

By Nelson Lum

After donning hard hat, goggles, and a reflective vest (I had flashbacks to my patrol days), I entered the old building at 401 Van Ness Avenue for the first time since I left it back in May. It was Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at approximately 10:30 AM. One by one we arrived as the War Memorial Commission's representatives for a walk through of the War Memorial Veterans Building: Commander Eddie Ramirez, Vice Chair Paul Cox, Finance Officer Roger Dong, and I (Chair of the War Memorial Commission). Major General Myatt, USMC (Retired), Trustee Tom Horn, and Executive Director Beth Murray also attended.

The tour gave us an opportunity to see the progress of the War Memorial building renovations. I was immediately struck by the amount of plywood panels that covered most of the marble surfaces throughout the building. Heavy construction noises could be heard from every floor. We entered room 207 and found that it has been sectioned into many temporary offices that house the staff of Pankow Construction Company. We were given a quick safety briefing then escorted into the Herbst Theatre. All the seats and lighting fixtures in the auditorium were removed. Our escort explained how the side walls behind the stage will be demolished in or-

der to widen the back of the stage.



He answered a couple of questions before moving onto the fourth floor, where, for the first time, with those obtrusive bookshelves removed, I saw the beauty of the space under the center of the dome. This area will be used for performance or rehearsals. The space is big enough to facilitate about 300 people. Even though the fourth floor will be leased to the Opera Company, this magnificent space will be made available to veterans approximately six months out of the year. The rest of the tour was informational and we saw how carefully the staff preserves every item of historical value.

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Top photo: Herbst Theatre.
Bottom photo: 4th Floor.

War Memorial Building Renovations, Continued

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The last stop of our tour was the Trophy Room. I noted the items that were too big to move and left behind, e.g., old cannons etc. were protected with heavy duty wooden crates. I was satisfied that Pankow Construction Company has exercised meticulous care as it restores

this old building to its glory days.

We have only witnessed the beginning of the demolition and toxic material removal phase of the project. The project manager assured us that the project is proceeding on time and invited us to come back in a few months to witness the progress.

Nelson Lum Re-elected Chairman of the American Legion War Memorial Commission By Clara Pon

Congratulations to Cathay Post No. 384 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum who was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the American Legion War Memorial Commission. The term for this volunteer position begins November 1, 2013 and ends October 31, 2014. The election

is a testament to Commander Lum's abilities, selfless volunteerism, leadership, dedication to veterans, Cathay Post No. 384, and the American Legion War Memorial Commission. As Chairman, Commander Lum supervises the daily operations of the Commission and the usage

of space by various posts at its temporary location at 13th Street in San Francisco. He is also currently engaged in negotiations with the Trustees over the issue of space allocation to the American Legion when the \$190 million retrofit project of the WMVB is completed.

Retailer Discounts for Members By Clara Pon

It's the Holiday shopping season and there can never be enough sales. Check out this link for money saving offers for American Legion or Sons of the American Legion members: www.legion.org/benefits

The great thing about

this link? It's not just for holiday shopping; you can save money year round. You can save while shopping at retailers such as 1-800 Flowers.com, Apple, Dell, Direct TV, Dish Network, CVS / Caremark, Sears Home Services, Alamo, Avis,

Hertz, Budget, Wyndham Group hotels, USAA, wireless phones, and many others.

With all these great deals, you could easily save enough to pay for your annual American Legion membership dues.



Police-Fire Post 456 Recognizes our City's Heroic Police Officers

By Galin Luk

On November 7, Police-Fire Post 456 honored four of San Francisco's finest at its Officer of the Year awards dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center. Three officers were recognized for valor and the fourth for community service. Nine Cathay Post veterans and support members, including vice-commanders Galin Luk and Nelson Lum, a retired SFPD sergeant and former Academy trainer, were among the 200 who attended the annual event.



L-R: Eduardo Ramirez—8th District Commander, Sgt. Patrick Griffin, Mike Edmond—Post 456 Commander, and Officer Michael Tursi.

Sergeant Patrick Griffin, Officer Michael Simmons, and Officer Michael Tursi received awards for Officer of the Year for Valor. Sergeant Griffin and Officer Tursi, responding to an informant's tip, staked out the hideout of an armed and dangerous drug dealer. Before back-up officers were in position, the suspect confronted Griffin and Tursi with a handgun and assault rifle and shots were fired. The two officers fatally shot the suspect without

innocent bystanders being injured.



L-R: Mike Edmond—Post 456 Commander, Officer Michael Simmons, and Gary Gee—Post 456 1st Vice Commander & retired BART Police Chief.

Officer Simmons entered a bank when a robber was nervously waving a gun at a teller. Concerned about getting into a shoot-out or hostage situation, Simmons, in a split-second decision, tackled the robbery suspect from behind, gained control of the suspect's weapon, and restrained him without further incident. The gun turned out to be a replica, but only the suspect knew that until Simmons had him in custody.



L-R: Mike Edmond—Post 456 Commander, Tony Riberia, USF Director of Criminal Justice & retired SFPD Chief, Officer Robert Fung, and Eduardo Ramirez—8th District Commander.

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All photos for this article
by Al Casciato, Retired
SFPD.



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Officer Robert Fung received the award for Officer of the Year for Community Service. He was recognized for volunteering as George Washington High School's baseball coach for the past 19 years, during which time his teams have won

eight city championships. Fung, a former GWHS baseball star, donates his coach's salary back to the school. He was recognized for having a positive impact and mentoring his student athletes, many of whom not only attended college, but pursued careers in law enforcement.

Rear Admiral Brown Asks Cathay Post to Help Celebrate Commissioning

By Nelson Lum

Cathay Post's name is getting around. And that's a good thing. Rear Admiral Tom Brown, USN (Ret), a long time American Legion member and a senior advisor to the War Memorial Commission, was recently chosen as the Chair of the USS America Commissioning Committee. The ship, a 45,000-ton new aviation-centric amphibious assault ship, is schedule to arrive in San Francisco in early September 2014 where she will be commissioned before sailing off to join the Navy fleet. The USS America will carry a crew of 65 officers and 994 enlisted personnel

and plans to call San Diego her home port. Rear Admiral Brown is aware of Cathay Post's generosity in welcoming the sailors and Marines during Fleet Week and has invited Cathay Post to be one of the hosting organizations during the ship's visit. Our Post is very honored to be representatives of the Legion and be asked to participate in the commissioning ceremony. The Navy does not have funding for the ceremonial activities surrounding the commissioning of the ship and depends on the various patriotic organizations from San

Francisco to raise funds.

Individuals may support this effort by making a donation to the Commissioning Committee. Please take a few moments to make your donation by clicking the 'Donate' button on the Commissioning USS America website

<http://commissioningamerica.org/support-uss-a-m-e-r-i-c-a-s-commissioning/>

and make a donation to this worthwhile project. The Committee is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your donation is tax deductible.



Cathay Post Color Guard: Part 2; Better Than Ever

By Galin Luk



Daniel Soo Hoo—support member leading the banner team and the Color Guard marching behind.

It's been said that part two is never as good as the original. Cathay Post's Color Guard certainly proved that to be false. After doing such a great job marching in the Italian Heritage Parade, the Color Guard out did itself with an even better performance marching in the San Francisco Veterans' Day Parade. Motivated by 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum's promise of a leftover turkey lunch, powered by plenty of dim sum, and "scared" straight by David Adams, Morris Ng, and Nelson Lum who called out cadence, Cathay Post's Color Guard marched the 1.4 mile parade route down Market Street to City Hall. The route was not without its perils; the Color Guard had to expertly maneuver around Market Street's street car tracks [and had to slow down their cadence several times to avoid running over the Girl Scouts] [Editor's note: Chief Reporter Roger Dong, who ran up and down the parade route, taking many photographs was not considered a hazard].

"Part two" was not only a family affair, but it was a bigger and better version of the original which debuted during the Italian Heritage Parade. The Post's Color Guard detail included Gary Chew, David Adams, Galin Luk, W.T. Jeanpierre, Morris Ng, Jake Goetzow, Thanh Huynh, Mario

Gomez, Richard Ow, Ralph Wong, Nelson Lum, and John Li. The Post's banner team was led by Daniel Soo Hoo, and Mario Gomez's wife, Roberta, and daughter Brittany, and support members Linda Peng and Shelley Lee. W.T. Jeanpierre's friend, Josefina Cervantes, and his grandchildren Tameyah, 13, and twins Jaydah and Jazmyne, 8, also marched the route, adding a lot of adorableness to the Post's "hard core" reputation. The Post's "parade convertible", driven by Chee Yee, carried Post Commander David Wong and member Ryan Qui, both of whom waved American flags and pushed the relatively light crowds on the parade route hard to cheer on the veterans. There will be a "part three" soon. And although they say things couldn't possibly get better, Cathay Post will prove them wrong.



W.T. Jeanpierre: My Thoughts On Public Support For Veterans

While marching in the San Francisco Veterans Day Parade, I noticed that the crowd along the parade route was small. Much smaller than parades for the 49ers, Giants, Gay Pride, and Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. It really frustrates me that the public shows very little support for the Military; the brave men and women who protect the public's rear ends. I want to thank everyone for serving.

Veterans Day Parade: Where's Our Veteran Support?

Greetings John:

Thanks for the photos! Where were all the patriotic cheering throngs and were there other veteran contingents in the parade? Regardless, kudos to all the brave Cathay Post members who participated!

Semper Fidelis,
Kurt Lee

Cuts to VA Medical Care By David Wong

I mentioned during a recent monthly meeting that veterans who do not have a service-connected disability should sign up for a VA health identification card at no cost. Now, I have learned that the Congressional

Budget Office (CBO) recently released a report with several recommendations that could impact veterans. One recommendation is to curtail the enrollment of VA medical care for veterans in Priority Group 7 and

8, veterans with no service-connected disability. If you have not enrolled in the VA health care system, I suggest that you do so before budget cuts make enrollment too difficult.

How Many A's in David Adams? By Galin Luk



The next time you see David Adams, tell him "AAAA." Then throw in a few more for good measure. You'll probably get one of David's infectious smiles and trademark laughs in response. You see, those are the excellent

grades the "young Army vet" managed to earn as a student at City College of San Francisco where he is studying Criminal Justice and is on track to graduate in 2014. Those grades were good enough to earn him a very nice grant [wetting down anyone?]. David is one of the Post's newest and active members; his

goal is to patrol our City's streets as a police officer. When asked to share some words of wisdom, David quickly replied "Believe in yourself. Establish 'can do' goals." Proving life isn't all about hard work. David closed with "Have some fun before you forget what it means."



LT. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291—50 Years and Going Strong by Clara Pon



While Cathay Post No. 384 was marching to light crowds during the 2013 Veterans' Day Parade, their friends and fellow Legionnaires at Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 [Lower Manhattan, New York] carried on their 50 year strong tradition of marching on Veterans Day. Led by Post 1291's Color Guard, the Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion, and Auxiliary members marched through several blocks of Chinatown which was crowded with applauding locals and tourists waving flags. At the parade route's end at Kimlau Memorial Square, Lt. B.R. Kimlau Post held a special ceremony laying two wreaths at the base of the memorial arch, followed by a 21-gun salute, and the playing of "Taps" that honored the services and sacrifices of the many veterans.

Wow! What a tradition. We at Cathay Post salute Post 1291 for a job well done! Cathay Post certainly hopes to begin its own Veterans Day tradition. We believe this was the first year that Cathay Post marched in the Veterans Day pa-

rade; and while it was in front of light crowds, we encourage everyone to line the streets for future parades and show your support for the men and woman who bravely and courageously fight to keep us safe and maintain our freedom. We hope that a change of the parade route, off Market Street and through the more populated and popular North Beach area, will make the parade more accessible.



I highly encourage you to click on the link and watch the video of many Veteran's being interviewed at the New York Veterans' Day parade. www.legion.org/veteransday/217827/new-york-city-parade-salutes-veterans.

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As American Legion Past National Commander and 1291 Post member Fang Wong said, "Veterans Day is a day where we stop and think about the sacrifices, the hardships endured by generations of great warriors for their service to our nation to keep us safe, to keep us strong. Everyone says that Veterans Day is a special day, but in essence, why should only this day be special. Past National Commander Jim Koutz said last year that every day should be Veterans Day. We should not stop thinking about the sacrifice put out by the veterans. We shouldn't just take one day and say 'thank you.' It should be 365 days to remember them of their service, of their sacrifice."

To read the full article on LT BR Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291's 50 year tradition, go to: www.legion.org/veteransday/217815/chinatown-post-upholds-50-year-tradition

Our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt recognition to all our military heroes who have or are currently serving, and to those who will one day join the Armed Forces to protect our land, our homes, and our families.



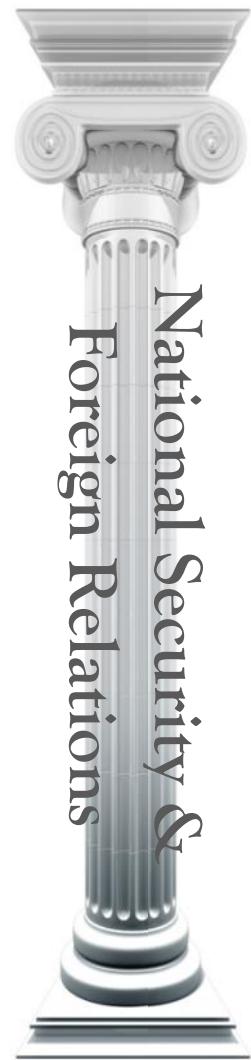
How We Can Truly Honor Veterans By Belinda C. Lum, PhD

[The following is an excerpt of a BLOG post from sociologist Dr. Belinda Lum, daughter of Cathay Post's 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum. The entire blog available at <http://belindalum.wordpress.com/about/>.]

For those of you who know me, you might be surprised that after a year away from blogging, I decided to jump back in with a post about Veterans Day. Politics aside –don't mistake my anti-war beliefs as an anti-veteran stance.

I am the proud daughter of a Vietnam Veteran who continues to advocate for the needs of all veterans through his 'volunteer' work as the Chairman of the American Legion War Memorial Commission and Vice Commander of Cathay Post. He has worked with the Commission to [preserve](#) (click to see video) the San Francisco War Memorial so that it continues to provide services to US veterans of all wars. Just as importantly, his work with Cathay Post advocates for the

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recognition and acknowledgement of the work and sacrifice of Asian and Pacific Islander soldiers in all wars.

As we take the day to acknowledge Veterans, I find myself a bit perplexed. For the past year and a half, I have worked on a number of projects that taught me a lot about

the post-war experiences of veterans --particularly the issues of homelessness and mental health. I look at the statistics and I ask myself –how do we truly honor veterans? Ignoring the needs of military men, women, and their families, who voluntarily sacrifice their lives in support of our country is a violent act –one that each of us should be committed to improving if we truly want to support veterans.

Here are just a few facts and statistics that trouble me:

DEMOGRAPHICS OF HOMELESS VETERANS (usich.gov)

- 68% reside in principal cities (e.g. LA, NY, Washington DC)
- 51% of individual homeless veterans have disabilities
- 50% have serious mental illness
- 70% have substance abuse problems
- 50% are age 51 or older, compared to 19% non-veterans
- The Department of Veteran Affairs reports that 22 veterans commit suicide every day! This is a conservative estimate –the data used excludes California, Texas and Illinois who are the first, second, and fifth largest states with veteran populations.

While I could continue to list off a bunch of statistics I am going to stop here. If we are truly going to honor veterans on Veteran's Day –it's time that we start working to help preserve and improve their quality of life. We pay billions of dollars to profiteering, multi-national corporations who build weapons –but we fail to provide an adequate budget to care for our veterans. While I've focused on mental health and homelessness, I think it is also important to note that we fail to pay our current enlisted soldiers a living wage so that they can support their families. How is this right?

So this Veteran's Day, if you want to honor Veteran's and thank them for service –get educated on the issues. Honor our Veterans by helping educate your fellow citizens on the real sacrifices soldiers make when they choose to defend our country.



Honoring Our Cathay Post Military Veteran By Roger Dong



Sgt. Jessie Lee Yip, Women's Army Corps, WWII

Most of us never met Sergeant Jessie Lee Yip. She is a member of our Post. I recall meeting her briefly in 2006 shortly after I joined our Post. 2nd Vice Commander Nelson Lum also recalls seeing her several times. Commander David Y. Wong told me that he mailed several letters to Jessie; Post Treasurer Edward Wong used to telephone Sgt. Lee. Unfortunately, the mail from the senior home was returned without comment; Sgt. Lee stopped picking up Treasurer Wong's calls.

Jessie is a very special person. She joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II, after graduating from high school. Her friends wanted nothing to do with the military. Jessie was different; she was very brave and patriotic. Times were very different then; Jessie was certainly a real pioneer.

Google isn't much help in telling Sgt. Lee's story. Her story, however, is told by Dr. Judy Yung, Professor Emerita, UC Santa Cruz, in her book "Unbound Feet, A Social History of Chinese Women in San Francisco." Here's an excerpt from the book:

"Jessie Lee Yip was one of the few Chinese women in San Francisco to become a WAC. She remembered first feeling the impact of World War II at her high school graduation.

All I remember is that we were graduating. We were all in a row and you stood up to go get your diploma. I was near the front, and boys and girls wore different color robes. This one now stood up, and it was all girls. And I heard a gasp from the audience because they were so shocked that there were no boys. The reason was, most of the boys had enlisted.

Upon graduation, Jessie got a job at Western Union as a tele-typist. Inspired by a family friend, Lt. Emily Lee Shek, the first Chinese American woman to join the WAC, she considered signing up out of a strong sense of patriotism. However, most Chinatown parents opposed their daughters enlisting. "Like dancing or anything that was different, all the parents were against it," Jessie said. "I asked a couple of friends to join with me, and they said they wouldn't even think about it, because their parents wouldn't let them." Despite the special effects of Madame Chiang Kai-shek and WAC recruiters to lower the height and weight requirements and entice women to form an all Chinese women's air unit, few Chinese women in San Francisco volunteered for military service. "I had wanted to go on a ship and be a steward," said Jessie, "but family friends said, 'Nah, you don't want to do that, because on the ship people get sick and you have to clean it up.' They thought I wouldn't be happy or able to hack it." When Western Union switched her to the graveyard shift, however, she finally decided to quit her job and enlist, with the blessings of her liberal-minded mother. "My mother's more

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modern," Jessie explained. "She was born in America and lived in New York. In fact, I have a hunch she wanted to go [into the service] herself, she's that kind."

The WAVES, known for being discriminatory, turned her down, so she tried the WAC. After she passed all the required tests, "they sent a staff car out for me, and within five minutes I was a WAC." Six weeks of basic training in Fort Des Moines, Iowa followed: It was to get us used to military life. We had no parade. We had taps [bugle calls], shots, KP, calisthenics, and everything but the front line stuff." Jessie was then assigned to the Third Air Force headquarters in Tampa, Florida, as a tele-typist. Local people would stare at a Chinese woman in uniform, but, like Helen Pon Onyett, she did not recall experiencing discrimination while in the service. Jessie became close friends with two other WACs who were white, and because they went everywhere together, they became known as the Three Musketeers. Being one of the few Chinese women in the WAC had advantages. She was "queen bee" to Chinese G.I.s on the base, who all courted her. Her only complaints were having to work the night shift, endure the heat, and do without good Chinese home cooking. Like Helen, Jessie signed up for the Reserves after the war, but she served only a brief period as a recruiter in San Francisco Chinatown before returning to school on the G.I. bill."

And so our Post salutes Sgt. Jessie Lee Yip, wherever she is, for her extraordinary service to our Country.

American Legion's Report on Female Veteran Healthcare

By John Li

The American Legion recently completed a report on the quality of health care for female veterans. They wanted to understand why female veterans were not enrolling in VA health care, determine what challenges women veterans face once they are enrolled, and provide recommendations to improve health care access. The findings paint a picture of a sys-

tem that needs to better address the medical needs of our female veterans.

The report makes it clear that Veteran Affairs' resources are severely lacking. Many VA medical centers lack long-term healthcare plans for female veterans. Additionally, VA facilities often have no inpatient or residential mental health programs for female

veterans. The VA will need to make access to mental-health services for women one of its top priorities.

According to the American Legion, the Veteran Affairs Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel thanked the American Legion for its work and agreed to "evaluate several of the

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recommendations" made in the Report. For details about the findings

and recommendations, please go to : www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/217159/legion-releases-women-veterans-healthcare-report.

VETS @SFSU Celebrates 3 Year Anniversary By Galin Luk



Ben Yang receiving scholarship from a representative of Nancy Pelosi's office.

Imagine VETS@SFSU president Ben Yang's surprise when he was announced as the recipient of the Nancy Pelosi Scholarship during the third anniversary celebration of the student organization VETS@SFSU [Veterans Education Transition and Support] and the first anniversary celebration of Vet Centers.

In attendance were representatives from Nancy Pelosi's and Assemblyman Phil Ting's office, Supervisor Norman Yee, University President Les Wong, University Vice President Robert Nava, many San Francisco

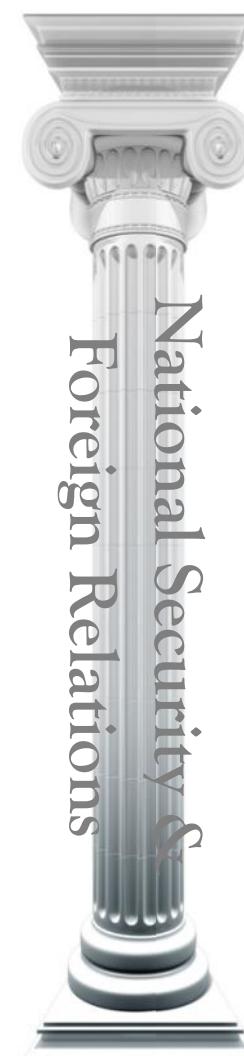
State veteran alum, including World War II veteran Bob Knight, Cathay Post veteran members, and many university students.

During his speech, President Les Wong talked about how proud he was of his son, who is currently serving in the military, and noted how San Francisco State University is considered to be this country's best university for returning veterans. That accolade was earned through a concerted effort from the University to provide support and preferences for veterans, including priority registration.

The University is clearly most proud of VETS@SFSU, a student organization dedicated to helping returning veterans transition from the mili-

tary to the rigors of university life. Led by President Ben Yang and Vice President Kadie Williams, both of whom are Cathay Post No. 384 members, and assisted by another Post member, Veterans Services Coordinator Rogelio Manaoios, VETS@SFSU's impact on the university veteran's community has been far reaching. The organization provides educational seminars, educational and social support, mentoring, and a place to just hang out at the Vets Center.

The group's positive impact on student veterans was recognized by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi who awarded her namesake scholarship to Ben for his outstanding commitment to the veterans.



National Security &
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Hello Roger,

Thanks so much for featuring my dad in the Cathay Chronicle. We're very honored to have him listed among the Chinese American Heroes. Your loyal support of Chinese Americans is both honorable and inspirational.

With gratitude,
Kim Wong [Tyrus Wong's daughter]

[Editor's note: Post member and Chief Reporter Roger Dong wrote a feature on Disney animator Mr. Tyrus Wong in the November 2013 Chronicle.]

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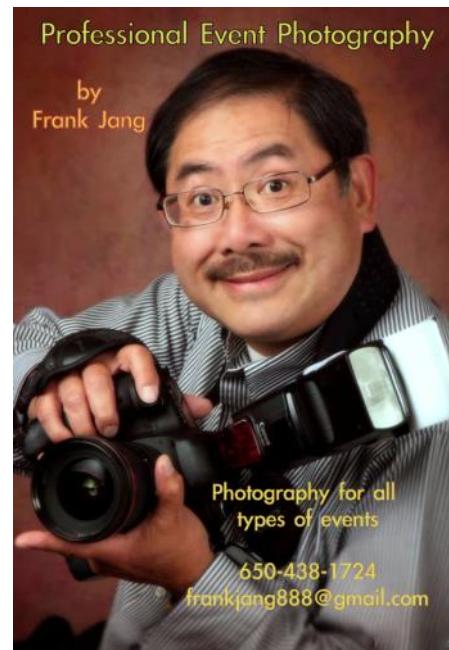
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