



CATHAY DISPATCH

Veterans - Sounding Off Since 1931

GO CALIFORNIA!! 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

By Ken George Post 291 (Color Guard) & Clara Pon (NALPA)

Important Dates:

- Sep 3—Last day of 97th
AL Natl Convention
- Sep 7—Labor Day
- Sep 11—Patriot Day
- Sep 12—Monthly Meet-
ing at 11 a.m.
- Sep 27—Gold Star
Mother's Day
- Oct 3—Area 2 Meeting
@ Post 117 10 a.m.
- Oct 5-12—Fleet Week

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L-R: Marty Auslander, Ken George, Don Putzig, Dept. Commander Larry Van Kuran, Brian Fleming Jr. Color Guard Commander, Carmen Williams, Bob Bright, and Kevin Van Otterloo.

Photo courtesy of Brian Fleming Jr.

Before the opening of the 97th American Legion National Convention in Baltimore, MD, the annual Color Guard contest was held on Friday, August 28, 2015. Newport Harbor Post 291 from Newport Beach represented Department of California in the Open Military Class three (3) previous years placing 2nd to seven (7) time National Champions Houston Post 472. Led by Color Guard Commander Brian Fleming Jr., the team spent many, many weeks and countless hours since January choreographing their new routine, practicing precision throws, and perfecting every last step. As a result of their hard work, Newport Harbor Post 291 defeated Houston Post 472 and four (4) other teams to take first place this year. In addition, Newport Harbor Post 291 has been the Department of California Commander's Color Guard for the past four (4) years.

Congratulations to Newport Harbor Post 291's Color Guard team as the 2015 American Legion National Champions! I was also told that most of the team members celebrated on the plane ride home by sharing the spirit of the win by handing the trophy from one member to another thanks to a super flight attendant! Cheers!! We hope to see them performing again soon.



Post 291 leading California's contingent in the national convention parade on August 30.

Wait. There are more congratulations in order. It may be the first time in many years that Legion Family members in California have won over 25% of the awards that were presented on Monday, August 31 at the annual National American Legion Press Association awards luncheon held during the National Convention. I am happy to report that out of the over 70 submissions, there were 41 winners awarded with 11 of those going to California.

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Convention Winners, Continued

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Congratulations also goes to John P. “Jake” Comer, Past National Commander, President of ANAVICUS, and veterans advocate as this year’s recipient of the *Presidents Merit Award*.

Let’s also give a big warm welcome to the new 2015-16 NALPA president, Priscilla R. Imburgia from New York representing Area 1. Executive Director Pat Rourk will continue his mission to improve the organization and work with Priscilla in rebranding NALPA. We are confident that Priscilla will make great strides and continue the efforts started by past NALPA President Mike Moses in the coming year. Her biography is available at: http://www.nalpa.org/files/Priscilla_R_Bio.pdf.

2015 NALPA Contest Winners from California:

Publication: Department

George W. Hooten Award—2nd Place, Department of California, Dave Eby

Publication: Large Posts

Al Weinburg Publication Award—2nd Place, Palisades Post 283 Newsletter, Sue Pascoe

Publication: Small Posts

Jack R.C. Cann Award—2nd Place, Cathay Dispatch, Clara Pon

Websites:

Mary B. Howard Award—2nd Place, California Press Association, John “Durk” Durkin

3rd Place, SAL—Detachment of California, John “Durk” Durkin

Visual Media Award:

Graphic Design -

2015 CA Convention Commander’s Ball, John “Durk” Durkin

Editorial:

William E. Rominger Award—1st Place, “Four Pillars—National Security,” Nelson Lum



L-R: Mike Moses and Nelson Lum.
Photo by Leisha Fauth.

Social Media: Department level

Robert Morrill Award—1st Place, Detachment of CA SAL Facebook, John “Durk” Durkin

2nd Place, CALPA Facebook, John “Durk” Durkin

Social Media: All other levels

1st Place, District 29 Orange County Facebook, Cindy Widdall

2nd Place, Cathay Post 384 Facebook, John Li



L-R: Nelson Lum (384), Ron Fauth (679), John “Durk” Durkin (291), Jim Higuera (270), Clara Pon, John Bartos (628), and Roger Dong (384).
Photo by Leisha Fauth.



COMMANDER NELSON LUM

News flash. Our Cathay Dispatch was selected as the second place winner in the smaller posts category by the National American Legion Press Association. Our Facebook page also took second place in the social media category. An article written by me about the assassination of the New York police officers took first place in the editorial category. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to our newsletter, especially our Editor-in-Chief Clara Pon and Secretary John Li who manages our Facebook page. Your hard work and skill have placed Cathay Post No. 384 on the national stage and our post is recognized by Legionnaires throughout the country.

It is hard to believe we are looking at September already. As I mentioned in my August message, the month of August required yours truly to commit to an extensive traveling schedule. In addition to the Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting in Bakersfield which took place on August 21 to 23, 2015, I traveled to Baltimore, Maryland from August 28 to September 2, 2015. You can read the reports of those trips inside this issue and in

the October issue.

Working in conjunction with the National Membership Director of The Legion, District 26 sponsored a membership revitalization event at Redwood City Post 105. Members of Cathay Post No. 384, 2nd Vice Commander Helen Wong and support member Clara Pon were there to lend assistance. In addition to transferring over 100 members from Post 1000 to various posts in District 26, over a dozen members were recruited to join our post and Post 1, and over half a dozen to District 13. They both deserve a big 'thank you' from all of us.

On August 15, an event to celebrate the opening of the World War II Pacific War Memorial Hall along with honoring veterans, especially those who served during WWII, took place at Waverly alley in the heart of Chinatown. The Memorial Hall is located at 809 Sacramento St. Members of Cathay Post 384, Commander Gary Gee of Post 456, along with members from Veterans of Foreign Wars were there to join in the ceremony. Our members also participated in the presentation of colors. I would like to express our

appreciation to the Fang family for sponsoring such a tribute.

I would like to take this opportunity to touch upon a very important issue that affects the vitality of our post. Most of you know our post building is not owned by Cathay Post No. 384. The forefathers of our post chose to create an entity under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(2), Chinese American War Veterans Association (CAWVA) to purchase and maintain the building. As a 501(c)(2) organization, CAWVA manages the building with the best interest of Cathay Post No. 384 members. CAWVA has its own Board of Directors and its decision making authority exceeds that of Cathay Post in regards to the building. Cathay Post only has an advisory role when dealing with CAWVA.

Recently, our tenant of the lower floors of our building notified CAWVA of their intent to sublease the lower floors to Chinese Community Development Center (CCDC). Based upon everything that I know about CCDC, it is a very well run and community

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*"...Cathay Post
No. 384 on the
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and our post is
recognized by
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throughout the
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1st VICE COMMANDER ROGER DONG

Our Dry Summer. Summer is almost gone, and what a summer this has been. We had three months of beautiful weather, but this summer was bone dry. The beautiful weather is welcomed, but the lack of rain is distressful. The West Coast needs rain, and the rest of our country is overwhelmed with rain. When is our nation going to build a national water pipe system? Half of our country is underwater from storms and excess rain, and the other half is dry and the forests in the west are engulfed in flames. We need water, which we cannot spare, to put out these fires. The good news is that there is plenty of water, but the bad news is that the water sources are in the wrong places and need to be re-distributed. It is not rocket science to build water pipes. It costs money, but the fact is, it is costing a lot more money when the water is not directed to where it is needed.

California is losing billions of dollars in farm production due to the draught. Even the vineyards are negatively affected. The cost of fruits and vegetables, and wine have gone up and the prices will continue to

rise until there is sufficient rain/snow to replenish our rivers and water reservoirs. If "La Niña" does not appear this winter, we are going to be taking even shorter showers next year. Therefore, we should all contact our political representatives and demand a national water pipeline system. We must have the will to do it!

The Shaker. We were all shaken awake recently. This is a grim reminder that we sit adjacent to the San Andreas Fault, and several subsidiary fault lines. A major earthquake always looms to ruin our day in the Bay area, and therefore, every family needs to be prepared. It is highly recommended that you have at least three (3) days of emergency supplies of food and water stored in a safe location. Do not store all your emergency supplies in the basement. You may wish to have your emergency food and water stored in your backyard away from your home, as structures can collapse.

Your auto should always have at least a half tank of gasoline or your battery charged. Gasoline pumps may not work, if there is a major power failure. You may need to

drive a distance for food and supplies, which will quickly become scarce after an earthquake. Your fridge can retain cool temperatures a day or two, if you are efficient and quick when removing items.

If the earthquake is severe, ATMs may not work, so have sufficient funds, properly stored, so that you will not be caught without cash. The objective is for you and your family be able to function independently without utilities such as electric power and water for at least three (3) days. Your cell phone, if the networks are working, should be used judiciously to conserve power for emergency calls. Hand crank radios and flashlights are also recommended. If you have a functioning solar power system in your home, life may not be as stressful. A good first-aid kit and batteries for typical flashlights are always essential.

Major General Who? Our Chinese American Veteran of the month is someone likely unknown to you, and he was a two star Air Force general. His grandparents were famous because his grandfather and his twin

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2ND VICE COMMANDER HELEN WONG

As summer ends and school starts for many young people, September should be called National Remembrance month for significant events that occurred. First, there is Labor Day. The Central Labor Union held its first Labor Day in 1882 for the workers. It allowed the public to appreciate the work of the trade and labor organizations and became a federal holiday in 1894. In recent years, it signifies the end of summer and store sales and comes before several other important events in September. There are 9/11 commemorations, National Disaster Preparedness Month, National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18, and September is Suicide Prevention Month.

The September 11, 2001 suicide attacks were a series of four terrorist attacks using four (4) passenger planes by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda in the United States targeting symbolic U.S. landmarks: the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Washington, DC. Total lives lost were 2,996 people including the 19 hijackers. New York City Fire Department lost 343 firefighters, NY Police Department lost 23 officers, and Port Authority

Police Department lost 37 officers. The Pentagon lost 70 civilians and 55 military personnel per Wikipedia.

National Disaster Preparedness Month was started by the Legion in 2006 with a signed statement of affiliation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and works with the Department of Homeland Security to promote disaster preparedness and response.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of September marks continued support by the American Legion "to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families." The President signs an annual Proclamation. According to The American Legion, POW/MIA Advocacy web page, Resolution 288 adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings as a physical symbol regarding the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the U.S.

Suicide Prevention Month in September is the opportunity to join millions of Americans who are supporting veterans by raising awareness about the "Veterans Crisis Line--where free, confidential support for Veterans in crisis is just 1 call, 1 chat, or 1 text away." The 2010 VA report shows 22 veterans died each day by suicide. We can choose to do something by reaching out.

In the August 20, 2015 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, there was an article titled "Taking a little time to listen could save a life." An ex-CHP officer who prevented hundreds from leaping off the Golden Gate Bridge says making connection is key. We could all learn something from his example by taking 1 minute to show you care can make a difference. You may not know exactly how to reach out, but simply asking how a person is doing is a start. There are resources available such as the Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1, and the 22 Everyday Task Force has links. If you know someone in crisis, saying something now will save endless moments of regret.



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SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH: ① SMALL ACT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This September, Suicide Prevention Month is your opportunity to join millions of Americans who are supporting Veterans by raising awareness about the **Veterans Crisis Line** — where free, confidential support for Veterans in crisis is just 1 call, 1 chat, or 1 text away.

Take **1 minute** to show you care.
Before the end of August, **sign up for**
#ThePowerOf1 Thunderclap.

By donating one tweet or Facebook post, you'll join thousands of Veterans and their supporters through the Thunderclap platform. Thunderclaps are designed to create an instant impact by automatically sharing the same message, at the same time, with participants' collective social networks of potentially millions of people. **When the posts are released on Sept. 1**, we will show our Nation's Veterans, Service members, and their families a unified message of hope.

Here are other ways you can help.

Spread the word on your social networks:

- Watch and share** the new Suicide Prevention Month video.
- Post** ready-to-use social media content on Facebook and Twitter.
- Create** and share a message of hope for Veterans using the social media graphic generator.
- Show support** by changing your social media profile and cover photos to a Veterans Crisis Line image.

Engage your online community:

- Display** a Veterans Crisis Line banner on your website.
- Share** a pre-crafted blog post with your online community.
- Publish** an article or advertisement in your newsletter or email blasts, or on your website.

Sign up for the Thunderclap and find all materials mentioned above at

VeteransCrisisLine.net/SpreadTheWord

Materials will be available in August.



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Nelson Lum, Continued

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oriented organization that provides a wide range of services to the community. The issue is the fact that the membership of Cathay Post fervently expressed an interest at our July monthly meeting to move the post down to the first floor. The move would greatly facilitate our older members who currently must navigate the steep flight of stairs every time they come to the post. The current lease between CAWVA and the tenants will not expire until 2023. If the

sublease contract is signed, it would mean our members will not be able to move down to the first floor until 2023 at the earliest. It is a dilemma that we are confronted with and there seems to be very few viable options. Should we try to buy the current tenant out of the lease? How much should we offer for the buyout? If we are successful with the buyout, how much will it cost our post to renovate the building in order to meet the existing building codes and be ADA compliant?

I hope I have been successful with my attempt to give you an overview of the current tumultuous situation dealing with the building at Powell Street. There are many more details and issues that I have not touched upon that intertwine CAWVA, the tenant, and the post. To do so will require multiple pages to be added to my message. The purpose of my attempt to elucidate the situation is to keep you posted on issues concerning our post that may affect all of us as members now and in the future.

Roger Dong, Continued

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brother were conjoined twins, the famous Bunker brothers. Chang and Eng Bunker were imported to America for showcasing in a circus sideshow. (Sick!) The permanently joined at the hip Bunker brothers met two Southern Belles who were sisters. They married and had 21 children. Your mind goes a bit crazy wondering how this large family lived and survived. They must have had a large home with many, many beds for a family of at least 23 people.

So who is this very spe-

cial veteran this month? He is Major General Caleb Vance Haynes, a native of Airy, North Carolina who lived from 1895-1966. With a name like Haynes, no one ever questioned his ethnicity, and therefore, he was apparently spared being the target of racism. Haynes played a very historic role in our military history, in the Army Air Corps, and then our Air Force. He was a bomber flying colleague of Air Force four star Generals Curtis Lemay and Robert Olds. It was planned for Vance to also bomb Tokyo with B-17 bombers along with Lt. Colonel Jimmy Doolittle

and his B-25 bombers, but his mission was cancelled. Find out why when you read his story in the Chinese American Veteran Hero section. His bio is truncated, but you will find his complete biography in the Profile section of: www.chineseamericanheroes.org.)

If you haven't heard, Commander Lum will not be in at the upcoming meeting on September 12. He will be missed this month, but our post will continue to march onward. See everyone on Saturday when I thunderously pound the gavel to open our meeting.

Our War: The Post-9/11 Veteran Series By Clara Pon



The September issue of The American Legion magazine is a must read. Legion Editor Jeff Stoffer begins the tribute to post-9/11 generation of veterans with his article on America's 1 percent. This special series with its emotional and life changing stories are a constant reminder for all of us that freedom isn't free, on any day, anywhere.

I am proud to say that two of my friends that I have met this past year were able to share their personal stories on the post-9/11 war. <http://www.legion.org/magazine>.

Michael Hjelmstad, Hollywood Post 43. *United as one* on page 26.

Wilem S. Wong, (Cover) Lt. Kimlau Post 1291. *Lights of Liberty* on page 34.

Commander Van Kuran's First Fall DEC Meeting By Nelson Lum

Department Commander Van Kuran called the DEC meeting to order at precisely 9:00 AM on August 22, 2015. There were many topics discussed, a majority of the issues concern what position the California delegates will take at the National Convention during the latter part of August.

The following are the resolutions that were discussed and the decisions that were made:

- Approved the changes requested by the Auxiliary to extend their membership eligibility to great granddaughters and great granddaughters.
- Approved to change the eligibility of membership to The Legion to include those National Guards and Reservists whose unit

were activated and came under the jurisdiction of Federal Command.

- Disapproved the resolution calling for the change of eligibility of membership to The Legion to those who served in the Armed forces since 1917.
- Disapproved the resolution calling for the change of eligibility of membership to The Legion for those military personnel who served in Korea since the armistice was declared and signed.

The goal of these resolutions was to increase Legion membership. The Legion is currently losing approximately 5,000 members a year due mostly to Post Everlasting. The objection of these proposed changes were mainly based upon the fear that any changes may affect our tax status

since the tax status of The Legion was granted by Congress and any change will require another round of congressional approval.

The resignation of Judge Advocate John Bart was announced and the appointment of Assistant Judge Advocate Autry James as the new Judge Advocate was made.

There was no financial report of expenditures on the move to Sanger thus far. Four newly hired employees were introduced to the members and they have been diving into the pile of backlogged correspondences in the hope of clearing them out as soon as possible. Please be patient when calling the staff for assistance.

Aside from the 102 to 105 degree heat down at Bakersfield, the DEC was well run and a lot was accomplished.





CALPA Promotes at Fall DEC By Dr. John Ellis, Ed.D., C.A.L.P.A. President



L-R: Department Commander Larry Van Kuran, Jim Higuera, and John Ellis in front of the new C.A.L.P.A. membership banner.

California American Legion Press Association (C.A.L.P.A.) Area 4 Vice President Jim Higuera and I attended the Department Executive Committee (D.E.C.) meeting last month at Bakersfield American Legion Post 26 (*deserving of kudos for their fabulous hospitality*). All 30 Districts were represented and out of those attendees, we're pleased to welcome 50 new members, including Department Commander Larry Van Kuran and Adjutant Bill Siler III. Thanks to those that also renewed your C.A.L.P.A. membership.

In the past, membership in C.A.L.P.A. had been predominantly open to Legionnaires with a media background. However, because the Internet and new technology have changed communication dynamics, C.A.L.P.A. has opened its door to include take charge leaders from the Department level to talented individuals with a go-get-'em attitude in each post.

C.A.L.P.A., after all, is dedicated to achieving greater visibility across all areas. When we successfully get the word out through the effective use of

media in promoting Legion programs, a trickle-down effect results: membership increases, retention increases, fund raising is elevated, and greater community recognition occurs.

A prime example of this occurred right after the D.E.C. when [C.A.L.P.A.](#) was contacted by two separate posts... one asking help in creating a polished flyer promoting *Thursday Night Football* and the other asking for help with a press release promoting an upcoming *Casino Night*. We were able to successfully respond to both requests within 24 hours!

C.A.L.P.A. continues to be an invaluable resource, linking individual posts with media providers who can offer gratis as well as affordable solutions. Plus, we're exploring ways to build a single resource database for press release distribution in every community where there's a Legion post and we possibly provide some technical assistance as well.

C.A.L.P.A. is definitely on the move! We're now regularly featured in *The California Legionnaire* and www.calpaonline.com has a link on the Department of California website. Plus, C.A.L.P.A. now offers member's hat pins as well as lanyards for their Press Card with a clothing line in the works!

Membership is only \$10 per year. You can join by simply logging onto www.calpaonline.com... or you can drop a check in the mail to: C.A.L.P.A. Treasurer, 5200 Heil Ave., #16, Huntington Beach, CA 92649-3642. Questions, and more information: calpapresident@gmail.com or [\(760\) 534-0124](tel:(760)534-0124).



The Veterans Success Center

We're here to help Veterans find jobs, skills assessment, resumes, mock interviews, other various services.

We have windows laptops, internet connectivity, Microsoft Office suite of applications, printing, scanning & copying.

Our managers have specialized experience in resume writing & assisting transitional veterans.

Our Two Locations

Mon/Wed Harbor House

Salvation Army Campus
407 9th St., San Francisco
• 9th St. between Harrison & Bryant
• A clean & sober campus
• Megan's Law check will be conducted
• No pets



Tue/Thur/Fri Employment Development Dept.

801 Turk St., San Francisco
• Between Franklin & Gough
• In the Mission Dolores Room



Success Center Hours: 1-5pm
wmb.sf.vrc@gmail.com www.sf-vsc.org

VSC Able To Help More Veterans Get Hired By Roger Dong

Our 8th District Council's **Veterans Success Center** (VSC) continues to serve our country's veterans by identifying job opportunities for them and their spouses. According to our very busy VSC Deputy Executive Director, who is also our 2nd Vice Commander, Helen Y. Wong, we were able to help four (4) veterans get jobs the past month.

With the six (6) veterans who got jobs the month before, this is extremely commendable for a small organization with two staff managers and a budget of \$2,500 a month. Getting four veterans jobs in July cost the VSC just \$625 per veteran client. This is truly cost efficient and a model for the hundreds of similar organizations nationwide. The VSC is but one of many, many service organizations involved with helping veterans transition to civilian life after their voluntary service to our country. The VSC is also very unique as we help all veterans, and their spouses, get job interviews, not just the recent returning veterans. Unfortunately, many of our clients are homeless veterans.

Some of the older and homeless veterans who do not have extensive or current job skills require much more personal attention than a young veteran with IT skills. At the VSC we provide that extra effort needed to help all veterans who visit our facility. The VSC "**Thanks**" Mr. Craig Newmark again for his recent generous donation to keep our VSC adequately funded and to continue servicing our veterans along with their spouses. Without Mr. Newmark's dedicated support to the VSC and other veterans service organization, our ability to serve our veterans would be severely limited. **Thanks Craig** from the many veterans who have found jobs using the VSC the past four years.

In the past year, Cathay Post has loaned \$7,000 to fund the VSC. Other generous donations have been made by post members which deserve our sincere appreciation.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Town Hall for Veterans

*September 15, 2015, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Community College of San Francisco,
Room 140 of the Multi-Use Building
50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112*

The town hall, led by Congresswoman Speier, is in collaboration with City College of San Francisco and features Julianna Boor, Director of the Oakland VA Benefits Office; Bonnie Graham, Director, San Francisco VA Health Care System; Susan Lamb, Chancellor of CCSF, Mark Leach, a veteran and Business Manager of Electrical Workers Local Union 617; Patti Pace, Regional Director of NPower San Francisco Bay Area; and Aiyana Vargas, president of the Veterans Alliance.

This FREE event is...

Open to all veterans and is intended to:

Address claim issues (compensation, health and education);

Provide insights on employment opportunities in Bay Area.

CCSF location is near BART and bus lines.

Important: Pre-registration is requested to guarantee a seat (223 person capacity). There will be an overflow area. Please register at www.speier.house.gov, or call the district office at [650-342-0300](tel:650-342-0300). If you have a claim pending with the VA, please tell Congresswoman Speier's staff at time of registration. The VA will have staff available to review claims in a private room adjacent to Room 140.

For more information from Congresswoman Speier, please call [650-342-0300](tel:650-342-0300), or email Mark.Nagales@mail.house.gov; or Richard.Steffen@mail.house.gov

Press Release - For Immediate Release

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**Bataan Legacy Historical Society, Memorare Manila 1945, the Philippine
Consulate General of San Francisco & the San Francisco Public Library**



Present

WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Legacy of Two Nations

An Exhibition and Conference

August 31, 2015 – In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Bataan Legacy Historical Society, Memorare Manila 1945, the San Francisco Public Library and the Philippine Consulate General present **World War II in the Philippines – The Legacy of Two Nations**, an exhibition and a conference.

The four-month exhibition will open on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 10:30AM at the San Francisco Main Public Library (Third Floor) located at 100 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA. The Conference will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 10AM at the Koret Auditorium of the San Francisco Main Public Library. Both events are open to the public. Admission is Free but Registration through Eventbrite (Bataan Legacy) is recommended for the Conference.

The Exhibition from September 12, 2015 to January 9, 2016 will depict the story of World War II in the Philippines, a seminal piece of history that has been mostly forgotten. The exhibition will present a compelling story of the sacrifices of Filipino, American and Allied soldiers and civilians. One million civilians perished in the Philippines during WWII and its capital Manila became the second most devastated city in the world after Warsaw. It will depict the Bataan Death March, one of the most horrific events during WWII. Keynote speaker will be Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, U.S. Coast Guard Commander of the Pacific Area and Defense Force West.

The Conference on October 24 will feature speakers from different perspectives of the war. WWII veterans Chief Johnny Johnson of the USS San Francisco, the most decorated carrier during WWII and Maj. General Richard Keith of the 511th Parachute Infantry will be among the speakers. Veterans and survivors of the war will also act as panelists. State Superintendent Tom Torlakson of the California Department of Education will give the opening keynote speech while Congressman Mike Honda will give recognition to the WWII veterans.

For further information, please visit our website at www.bataanlegacy.org.

Bataan Legacy Historical Society, Memorare Manila 1945, the Philippine
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WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Legacy of Two Nations

Exhibition

Opens September 12, 2015 at 10:30am

Ends January 9, 2016

Conference

Saturday, October 24, 2015

10AM to 4PM

Koret Auditorium

San Francisco Main Public Library

Free Admission

www.bataanlegacy.org

Register for the Conference at Eventbrite

Ft. Miley Annual Visit By Roger Dong



Drs. Dale and Eva King visiting veteran residents.

On Saturday, July 25, 2015, Cathay Post No. 384 conducted our annual and occasionally semi-annual visit to senior veterans residing at the Community Living Center (CLC) at Fort Miley. In past visits that I coordinated, we had 15-20 post and support members participate and provided gift packs with fruit cups, packaged nuts and other goodies to brighten up the lives of the veterans. Today, smaller groups are desired, and for the protection of the health of the senior veterans, gifts of food are no longer authorized.

Over the years, visitors and groups have been bringing sweets and tasty goodies that have been

harmful to the delicate and controlled diets of many of the seniors. Some seniors have had health setbacks after the visits from well intentioned, but naive friends and visitors. Accordingly, we did not bring any food products on our visit.

Sans edibles, this year we brought 100 colorful American Legion reusable tote bags stuffed with writing pads and pens with Cathay Post logo, coin purses, facial tissues, and socks. Our friends from the VFW via Nestor Tom donated the handy coin purses. Many of the senior veterans were very pleased to receive our useful gift packs. The purple Legion tote bags which were from a the Department convention were popular and omni-



Left: Dr. Dale King and Roger Dong visit with a veteran during lunch and handing out gift bags.

present when we concluded our visit. A big "Thanks" for our thoughtful support member, Clara Pon, who planned and acquired the tote bags to be donated and then distributed on this visit.

Thanks to Commander Nelson Lum, Finance Officer Vic Lum, Past 384 Commander Dr. Dale and wife Eva King, Chaplain Richard Ow, Comrade Collyn Fong, and Comrade Nestor Tom, for taking the time on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to spend quality time with our veterans at Fort Miley. Afterwards, the team enjoyed an economical lunch at Empero Taste restaurant near Ft. Miley.

We will visit Ft. Miley again soon.



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San Francisco Fleet Week 2015
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Veterans Summit

6 October 2015

Overview: The Veteran Employment Summit is an opportunity for veterans, agency officials, company executives, hiring managers, and potential employers to come together and discuss the best practices for recruiting transitioning and retiring members of the military as well as military veterans. The conversation will focus on what attracts veterans to companies, the challenges faced when communicating military culture and skill sets, why these are attractive to companies, and what incentivizes veterans to stay with an organization.

Events: Two simultaneous events will occur on Tuesday, 6 October. The Veteran Career Workshop/Expo; and the Employer Summit. Ideally both of these events would be co-located to allow for maximum opportunities for engagement between veterans and employers.

- The Workshop/Expo begins the morning session with a classroom style setup; approximately three such set-ups would be ideal. The purpose is to hold tutorial sessions for veterans and transitioning services members on resume writing, the job application process, interview skills, and a session on entrepreneurship. The American Legion will take the lead on this area from the office of Veteran Employment in Washington, DC.
- The Workshop/Expo will begin the afternoon session with a Career Expo. This will require a job fair-type setup with tables for employers and room for signage, etc.
- The Employer Summit will be a full day event geared towards bridging communication between senior executives, hiring managers, and the military. This Senior Leader Seminar style-event, seeks to continue the dialogue with corporate executives about best practices for hiring Veterans and transitioning military. This will require a theater-style set-up with a front table set up for panel-style discussion, and a podium.
- Both the Workshop/Expo and the Employer Summit would participate in a buffet style lunch, with table seating to create an opportunity for networking and dialogue.
- There will be an invited speaker for the lunchtime event.
- The day will conclude with a hosted reception involving participants from both events.



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SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO HONORS U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

Military veterans and up to three guests invited to enjoy complimentary admission during tribute program

SAN DIEGO (July 15, 2015) — SeaWorld® San Diego is honoring the men and women who have previously served as members of the U.S. armed services with a special admissions program. Starting July 16 through Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), the park is offering complimentary admission to military veterans and up to three additional guests.

Veterans must register online at www.WavesofHonor.com in advance, and verify their proof of service through the ID.me qualification process. SeaWorld is working with ID.me to provide an online verification of former military personnel in a secure and privacy-enhancing manner. Once veterans and their guests have registered online, they can bring their e-tickets directly to the park's entrance turnstiles. Tickets must be obtained and redeemed by Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), 2015.

"We greatly appreciate the service and sacrifice of our veterans and retirees, and have recognized them prior to the start of our killer whale show every day for the past several years," said John Reilly, SeaWorld's park president. "This year we'd like to extend our appreciation further by offering them free admission through Veterans Day. Our hope is they will share an enjoyable visit to the park with families and friends."

SeaWorld has paid tribute to active duty service members through a complimentary ticket programs for the military since 2003 with more than two million members of the U.S. and allied armed forces and their families having visited the park for free. SeaWorld has also offered a number of complimentary admission programs to teachers and emergency first responders in the last 12 years. Last year, the park provided a limited-time discounted offer for veterans that was very well received.

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The Biggest Bust Submitted by Roger Dong

Forty-five years ago, a young Air Force Narc (AFOSI Special Agent RS Dong) working with several Air Force Security Policemen, busted a drug user who possessed 0.2 oz. of heroine, street value \$20. He was quite proud of that big drug bust. This past month, the US Coast Guard did a little better.

Coast Guard offloads over \$1 billion of cocaine, curbs violence in Western Hemisphere

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SAN DIEGO – The U.S. Coast Guard will announce record drug seizure rates in San Diego Monday at 8:30 a.m. as the crew of the Cutter Stratton offloads more than 66,000 pounds of cocaine worth \$1.01 billion wholesale seized in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Adm. Paul Zukunft, will announce Coast Guard and partner agencies have seized more cocaine in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in the last 10 months than in fiscal years 2012 through 2014 combined. U.S. and allied forces operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean near Central and South America have seized more than 119,000 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$1.8 billion and apprehended more than 215 suspected smugglers. Fiscal year 2015, which runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, is already the most successful year in U.S. counter drug operations in the Eastern Pacific since 2009.

“This is about more than just trying to keep drugs off U.S. streets,” said Zukunft. “The cultivation, trafficking and distribution of narcotics fuels violence and instability throughout the Western Hemisphere, leaving a path of destruction directly to the door step of the U.S. We must continue to make progress in our effort to combat transnational organized crime networks to ensure safety and security in our hemisphere.”

Transnational organized crime groups are vying for control of illicit trafficking routes and power in numerous Latin American countries, resulting in increased violence and instability. This has led to record high homicide rates in Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean; 8 of the 10 countries with the highest homicide rates in the world are in this region. More than half of the unaccompanied children that crossed the U.S. southern border last year suffered or faced harm from organized crime groups, qualifying for international protection.

The more than 66,000 pounds of cocaine is equal to about 33 million lines of cocaine or 336 million hits of crack, according to DEA estimates. Illicit drugs remain a serious threat to the health, safety, security and financial well-being of Americans, costing the U.S. \$193 billion annually.

To read the news release in its entirety, go to: <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2577210/Coast-Guard-offloads-over-1-billion-of-cocaine-curbs-violence-in-Western-Hemisphere-> and: [http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2575910/.](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2575910/)



Bill Passes Senate—Allow Vets To Use GI Bill For Business

Jul 30, 2015 | by Richard Sisk (richard.sisk@military.com)

A bill to allow post-9/11 vets to use their [G.I. Bill benefits](#) as collateral for business startups passed an important milestone in the Senate Wednesday with growing bipartisan support in Congress and the backing of major veteran organizations.

The Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Act sponsored by Sens. Jerry Moran, R-Kans., and Jon Tester, D-Mont., won unanimous approval from the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. Staff for Moran and Tester said they both would be working during the August Congressional recess to rally support for passage by the full Senate.

"After serving our nation, many veterans want to continue their service by giving back to their communities as small business owners and entrepreneurs," Moran said in a statement. "It's common sense to give them more flexibility and choice in their benefits to achieve their goals."

"Our commitment to the brave men and women who serve our nation doesn't end when they return from war," Tester said. "This bill will help veterans transition from the armed services to the private sector so they can succeed on Main Street."

On the House side Wednesday, Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, introduced companion legislation on the Vet Act.

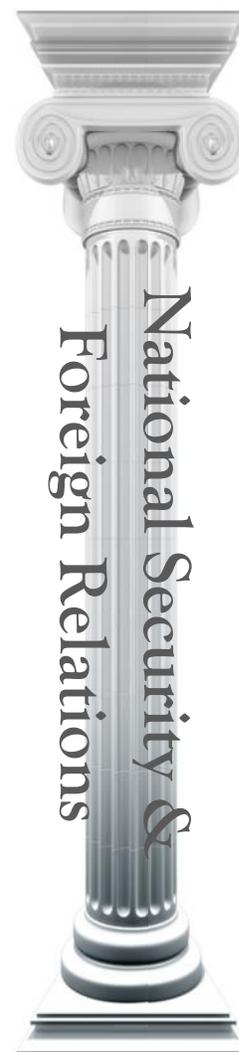
"I'm so proud to introduce this bill to help our [veterans](#)," Fortenberry said. "With this legislation, qualified veterans will be able to use the skills acquired in the military to start a business to support themselves and their families as well as our communities and economy," Fortenberry said.

In a joint statement, Sens. Moran and Tester said that nearly 550 service members transition from military to civilian life daily, and they estimated that 1 million service members will go through the transition in the next 3-5 years.

Currently, only about half of post-9/11 vets take advantage of the G.I. bill benefits for higher education or a specialized training program or apprenticeship, Moran and Tester said.

The Senate and House versions of the Vet Act would set up a three-year pilot program overseen by the Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enable up to 250 G.I. Bill-eligible vets to start a new business or buy into an existing one, using the education benefits they would have received as collateral for loans.

To read the full article and comments from National Commander Mike Helm, click on the link: <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2015/07/30/bill-let-vets-use-gi-bill-start-a-business-passes-senate-hurdle.html>



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CHINESE AMERICAN VETERAN HERO CALEB VANCE HAYNES



Name in English: Caleb Vance Haynes

Name in Chinese: 海恩斯

Name in Pinyin:

Birth Year: 1895-1966

Birth Place: Mount Airy, North Carolina

Profession: Air Force Officer

Education: Bachelor of Law, Wake Forest College, 1917

Awards: 1939, Distinguished Flying Cross (two oak leaf clusters), United States Army; 1939, Order of Merit, Government of Chile; 1939, Mackey Trophy, United States National Aeronautic Association; 1942, Silver Star (with oak leaf cluster), United States Army; 1945, Commendation Ribbon, United States Army; Distinguished Service Medal, United States Army; Air Medal (with oak leaf cluster), United States Army

Contribution: Caleb Vance Haynes, the first United States Air Force general of Chinese descent, was born at Mount Airy, North Carolina, in 1895. He was the grandson of Chang Bunker. Eng and Chang Bunker were the world famous conjoined twins who gave their stage name to the medical condition as the "Siamese Twins." Born in 1811 to ethnic Chinese parents in Siam (now Thailand) they were brought to the United States as an exhibition, eventually becoming American citizens. They fascinated and thrilled audiences across the United States and then Europe and later famously joined the exhibition of P.T. Barnum. The brothers earned enough money to buy a plantation in Mount Airy, North Carolina and became locally respected slave owners. They married two white sisters (much to the horror of their family) and proceeded to have 21 children. The eldest sons of each brother served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Haynes' mother was Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bunker, who married Caleb Hill Haynes Jr., the local registrar of voters, in 1889. He later held the post of sheriff for twenty years (1908-1928) and later became a Democratic Party representative in the North Carolina State Assembly in 1931. Caleb Vance Haynes was the second son and the fourth of five children in the family. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1917 with a bachelor of laws degree, and a few months later entered the United States Army as a flying cadet. The United States entered World War I in April 1917.

In May 1918, he was commissioned a temporary second lieutenant in the United States Air Service, and sent to Tours as a test pilot. In July, he became an instructor at the Second Aviation Instructor Center at Issoudun, and the following September was transferred to Orly as a test pilot. After the Armistice in November, he served as an aide to President Woodrow Wilson during the Versailles Peace Conference.



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In July 1920, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Service of the Regular Army and in September became a test officer at the Fairfield, Ohio, Air Intermediate Depot. In March 1937, the 2nd Bombardment Group, of which the 49th was a part, took delivery of the YB-17, an experimental heavy bomber that became known as the B-17 "Flying Fortress" when it was later accepted into Army Air Corps service. Once enough bombers were assembled of various makes, a picked group of fliers were assigned to an exercise to try to settle an argument. Haynes was the co-pilot of the lead bomber and flew with the group commander and lead pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Olds. First Lieutenant Curtis LeMay acted as their navigator. All three men would later become generals during World War II.

Since the end of World War I different schools of thought competed about how airpower should develop. Most of the Army saw airpower's sole function as direct support of army operations, providing reconnaissance and close-range precision bombing support to ground troops. In the midst of the Great Depression and in their perpetual rivalry with the Navy over budgets, these soldiers didn't see any need to spend money on long-ranged heavy bombers or in having an independent air service. The Navy held that wars would continue to be won at sea as they had always been won, with a line of battleships fighting it out with their guns. Airpower might be useful in finding enemy ships but airplanes weren't powerful enough to threaten battleships. The other school of thought fought for an independent air force and envisioned a future in which fleets of heavy bombers would win wars at sea and on land solely through bombing. The most prominent proponent in the United States of this view was Brigadier General William "Billy" Mitchell. In 1921 he proved the serious threat that aircraft represented to the Navy in a exercise by sinking a captured German battleship and several obsolete US Navy ships. He became so publicly vehement in his views, and so disdainful of the leadership of both the Army and Navy that was resisting him, that he was demoted and then court-martialed in 1925. His example though forced the United States Navy to sit up and take notice and begin to develop aircraft carriers. Other countries took notice of the potential of airpower at sea as well, especially the Japanese Imperial Navy. However, the US Navy still saw no role for the Army Air Service in naval operations, the usefulness of long-range bombers, or a need to halt the production and commissioning of new battleships.

The exercise was a challenge by the US Navy for Army and Navy fliers to find a retired battleship at sea, the USS Utah, standing in for a hypothetical attacking enemy fleet. The Navy had selected an area and time off San Francisco, California that provided the maximum amount of cloud and fog cover for the ship and then given the wrong coordinates to look for the ship, later excusing this as a "clerical error." They also supplied water bombs which the airmen had no experience with. The bombers and scout planes couldn't find the battleship on the first day of the two day exercise but found it the next day. The B-17's managed to drop fifty water balloons at low altitude on the Utah the following day, only four of which hit. The rest of the bombers arrived minutes after the allotted time limit ran out.

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The Navy argued that this showed the ineffectiveness of using aircraft at sea on bombing missions.

Still determined to prove that a ship could be successfully intercepted far out at sea, the Air Corps held a coastal exercise in May 1938 without the cooperation or notice of the Navy and without giving the Army Chief of Staff, General Malin Craig, details of what they planned to do. Major Hanes was lead pilot of a group of three B-17 bombers set to find the Italian cruise liner, Rex, far out at sea in the Atlantic. The Italian crew and their passengers were astonished to see the bombers 620 nautical miles off the American East Coast. Navigator Curtis LeMay had predicted exactly where and when the ship would be discovered precisely at 12:25 P.M.. The captain jokingly invited all the airmen over the radio to join him for lunch but was respectfully declined. The repeated passes over the ship at funnel height were caught by a NBC radio crew broadcasting live from Major Hayne's bomber. Reporters from the New York Times and other print reporters were aboard each of the other two bombers. They provided photos and stories of the feat that appeared across the world. The Army Air Corps wanted to make the biggest public splash imaginable to highlight the capabilities and need for long-range bombers. The Navy was outraged at this intrusion into what they saw as their role in coastal defense as was the Army Chief of Staff, who was blindsided by the publicity. The Army heavy bomber research program was scaled back and further orders for B-17 bombers were rescinded. The Air Corps Chief of Staff, General Frank Andrews, was not selected to continue in the post once his term expired and was demoted back to his permanent rank of colonel. It took until January 1939 for President Franklin Roosevelt to reverse the changes with the backing of the new Army Air Corps Chief, General Henry H. Arnold, and the new Army Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall. Thus it was that the United States had a heavy bomber force prepared and able to grow at the start of World War II. While the bombers themselves didn't, and history has proven, couldn't win wars by themselves, their ability to strike industries and troops far behind enemy lines proved to have a vital strategic and tactical role in winning ultimate victory. The creation of the independent United States Air Force in 1947 was in part a tribute to the efforts of Caleb Vance Haynes and other like-minded officers to prove the value of long ranged airpower.

For the complete story of Major General Caleb Vance Haynes and information sourcing references, visit www.chineseamericanheroes.org. His biography can be found in the PROFILES tab.

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