



CATHAY DISPATCH

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Veterans Day, Coast to Coast

By Legion.org [Nov. 2, 2016]

Important Dates:

Nov 6—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov 8—Election Day

Nov 11—Veterans Day

—Rededication of Vietnam Memorial in the lobby of War Memorial Building @ 4 pm

Nov 12—Post Monthly Meeting @ 11 am Powell St.

Nov 13—Veterans Day parade 11 am along Fisherman's Wharf



LT. B.R. Kimlau Post 1291 members Mimi Wang and John Yee 2015. Photo by Amy C. Elliott.

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Legionnaires in the nation's two biggest cities will have the opportunity to take part in either the nation's largest Veterans Day parade or a similar parade making its debut this year.

The 97th annual "America's Parade: New York City" will take place Nov. 11 in Manhattan. More than 20,000 participants are expected to join the parade, which features more than 300 marching units, dozens of floats and more than 200 military vehicles in 2015.

Immediately following the conclusion of the New York City parade, the first-ever "America's Parade: LA" will get under way. The American Legion;

Team Red, White and Blue; Vet Hunters Project; The Mission Continues; U.S. Vets and several others veterans organizations will participate in the parade.

The New York City parade gets under way at 11:15 a.m. and will travel up Fifth Avenue between 26th and 52nd streets. It will commemorate the 15th anniversary of 9/11, with special recognition of Afghanistan, Iraq and other post-9/11 veterans, as well as first responders. It will also mark the 25th anniversary of Desert Storm.

The United States Coast Guard is this year's featured military branch. And this year the parade will have three

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Veterans Day, Coast to Coast, Continued

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grand marshals who are post-9/11 veterans and 9/11 first responders: U.S. Army veteran Joe Dugga, U.S. Army veteran Stephanie Dawson and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Nelson Vergara.

In Los Angeles, the parade will start just after 11 a.m. PT on the West L.A. VA campus parking lot 38. The 1-mile route will travel across the campus on Bonsall Avenue, passing a grandstand for attendees just beyond Wilshire Boulevard. At the end of parade in parking lot 6 and 7 there will be entertainment, food and vendors, as well as a [veterans resource fair](#).

manager Tommy Lasorda, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II and missed the 1946 and 1947 seasons of his professional baseball career because of his service, will be the grand marshal. The parade will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

To participate in the New York City parade, email 9-11 Memorial Post 200 in New York City at Parade@AmericanLegion.com. More information about Legion participation in the parade will be found [here](#).

To participate in the Los Angeles parade, click [here](#) or email sstone@mva.lacounty.gov.

Longtime Los Angeles Dodgers

<http://www.legion.org/veteransday/234722/veterans-day-coast-coast>

Note: Any Legion post wishing to march in the parade, please contact: Wayne Yee (628-17) at: w.yee@att.net, (818) 371-9909 or Hugh Crooks (309-17) at: mrhec@msn.com, (323) 821-8787.



Mark your calendars. National Commander Charlie Schmidt is scheduled to be in California for his tour from December 9 through December 18. Dates, times, and post visits are still being firmed up. As always, let's give him and his aide our best California welcome and hospitality.

Commander Schmidt to continue awareness walks. The American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt will be marching alongside Department of Alabama Legion family members in the National Veterans Day Parade in downtown Birmingham on November 11.

The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. at 18th St. and 8th Ave., and nearly 4,000 participants are expected. Schmidt will also attend the World Peace Luncheon prior to the start of the parade, and speak at the National Veterans Award Dinner on Nov. 10.

<http://www.legion.org/commander/234727/commander-march-alabamas-veterans-day-parade>, November 2, 2016.

COMMANDER NELSON LUM

November is upon us and that tasty turkey dinner with our families is just a few weeks away. While most of you are busy tending to the falling leaves in your garden, our post has been very active on several fronts. Before I delve into what has taken place at our post, please let me take this opportunity to wish every one of you and your loved ones a happy Thanksgiving. May we all be mindful of the sacrifice rendered by our service members for us to be free.

The renovation project on the first floor of our headquarters building is at full speed. Estimate of its completion is about another month away. As in all major projects in a building as old as ours, the discovery of other hidden repairs that require immediate remedy is unavoidable. We are doing our best to keep the cost increases to a minimum, but the cost of the project has increased nevertheless. The electrical portion of the project has yet to begin due to approval delay by PG&E. We are at its mercy and must exercise patience when dealing with entities not within our purview.

On a warm and sunny

Sunday, October 9, the annual Italian Heritage Day parade was held in the Fisherman's Wharf and North Beach areas. Cathay Post 384 was a proud entrant in the parade. In addition to our color detail and the Miss Asian Global contestants, we were blessed to have Comrade Carl Payne's immaculately kept 1947 silver Rolls Royce as a part of our contingent. What a crowd pleaser that was. I like to express my appreciation to all the members and support members who participated in the parade.

A meeting was held on October 11 between representatives of the National Park Service and Cathay Post 384. The discussion centered around issues pertaining to historical facts involving our military's presence and activities during WWII and the Korean conflict in the Bay Area's coastal land which is now under the control of the National Park Service. Additionally, the National Park Service is in the process of updating its educational projects and wants to include untold stories of heroic acts by soldiers of minority origin. The story of Major Kurt Lee immediately came to

mind and we agreed to combine our efforts toward achieving this lofty goal.

We have several important events upcoming and your participation will be needed.

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11 at 4:00 PM, a ceremony to rededicate the Vietnam Memorial will take place at the War Memorial Veterans Building lobby. The original memorial plaque which contained names of San Franciscans who perished as the result of our conflict in Vietnam was mounted at the foot of Market Street near the Embarcadero has taken its toll of abuse due to the location and lack of maintenance. Plans were made to relocate the memorial and to update the names since five (5) more people who died in that conflict were discovered after the casting of the original plaque. A new memorial plaque has been casted to include the names of the recent discoveries. The new plaque will be mounted inside the lobby of the veterans building, a much more appropriate and dignified place for it to be. Members and friends are encouraged to attend

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Cathay Post Member
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Final Rank: SPC

"...wish every one of you and your loved ones a happy Thanksgiving. May we all be mindful of the sacrifice rendered by our service members for us to be free."



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Branch: Army

Final Rank: Lt. Col.

“Without members, we wouldn’t be able to participate in as many activities and events that are possible in the community.”

1st VICE COMMANDER HELEN WONG

Members matter! We have just finished having a wonderful month of October with beautiful weather, inspirational Fleet Week activities such as feeding the sailors and Marines on the USS San Diego, a great Italian Heritage Day parade with our lovely young ladies from the Miss Asian Global pageant gracing our “fleet” of Cathay Post automobiles, a yummy late lunch after the parade for the participants sponsored by our Commander Nelson Lum, so it’s natural to be in a good mood.

Meeting new people in the community like other military people including a 3 star Marine General is something that doesn’t happen very often. For that matter, riding in a classic Rolls Royce doesn’t happen at all for most of us but luckily for our post, member Carl Payne was very generous with driving one of his cars in the Italian Heritage Day parade. We also had member Chee Yee and support member Joel Yu drive their convertibles was especially appreciated as they never hesitate to volunteer their time and vehicles.

Thank you to our members who participated in

the color guard marching all the way through North Beach and then back to headquarters. Without members, we wouldn’t be able to participate in as many activities and events that are possible in the community. Without members, we wouldn’t have programs in which to support the 4 pillars of The American Legion. Without programs, we wouldn’t be able to attract new members who join for patriotism, camaraderie, and to have fun.

Having said that, an incident was brought to my attention which could have resulted in losing a member because of a lack of communication. We take for granted that members know to check email to find out what is going on either by reading the Cathay Dispatch or by getting an email message telling them where the post is meeting for the month or what volunteers are needed. But we forget that not all members know each other to be able to call for information or feel comfortable with a computer to check for messages.

Sometimes situations change so fast that not everyone is notified such

as what happened with the meal that our post was to serve to the sailors and the Marines from the USS San Diego. That didn’t happen when at the last minute transportation for the service members fell through, the time for the meal changed, and there wasn’t time to notify everyone who had committed to come in to help serve especially since the interim Secretary was gone. It was disappointing to say the least.

The post meeting site was also changed from the normal headquarters to the War Memorial Veterans Building in anticipation of having lunch in the building. We knew after roll call that we didn’t have as many in attendance as the previous months but we found there were members who did not receive notification or a phone call and were waiting at the headquarters building. Understandably they were upset that they missed out. These incidents could have resulted in a member not wanting to renew his membership or not wanting to volunteer for the next event because of the perceived lack of consideration and lack of communication.

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COMMANDER LUM, Continued

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this ceremony. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Our November monthly meeting on Saturday, November 12 will again be followed by our Thanksgiving luncheon. Turkey and all the traditional trimmings along with some special food additions will be served. Please plan to be there and be certain to RSVP to ensure there is enough food.

On Sunday, November 13, the Veterans Day parade will be held for the second year along Fisherman's Wharf. Numerous favorable comments were received regarding the relocation after last year's parade. For our members and friends who would like to participate, please be at the post no later than 9:00 AM. We will arrive at the staging area around 10:00 AM and the parade will start promptly at 11:00 AM.

Cathay Post members are to wear the long sleeve red shirt, dark trousers, dark dress shoes, and your official Legion uniform, the Legion cap. We will be joined by veteran members of the San Francisco Fire Department and two antique firetrucks.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be held at our headquarters building at 1524 Powell Street.

Vice COMMANDER Wong, Continued

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It really is up to us to make others feel like they are wanted, that they matter to the rest of us so they will come back, to continue to be a member and to feel that they can contribute to the post.

So as we head toward the Holiday season, and we all get busier and busier, don't forget to be kind to each other.

Members matter and communications matter!

Department of California-Membership

61.13%
55,014

10-28-2016
NEXT TARGET DATE
NOVEMBER 14 = 65%

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

MEMBERSHIP!
FULL SPEED
AHEAD!

SERVING VETERANS,
SERVING AMERICA
THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The next membership target date is only around the corner on November 14 of 65%. Keep submitting those transmittals and going out there to remind your fellow Legionnaire to renew their membership now. Send in your payment or renew online. Ask your post 1st vice commander or your adjutant today.



VETERANS AT THE OPERA



Madame Butterfly

Music: Giacomo Puccini

Libretto: Luigi Illica & Giuseppe Giacosa

Sung in Italian with English supertitles

Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 pm

Opera House: 301 Van Ness Ave., SF
(415) 864-3330

MADAME BUTTERFLY

Cultures clash when a trusting young woman marries an American naval officer stationed in Nagasaki. Puccini's gut-wrenching music takes the audience on an emotionally charged journey through innocence, betrayal and sacrifice towards a heartbreaking finale. Great for first-time opera goers.

Pre-Opera Talks: in the Orchestra section, 55 minutes prior to curtain.

Plan your visit: — Directions/Parking, Where to Eat (includes local restaurants)
<http://sfopera.com/plan-your-visit/>

Veterans & Active Service Members

The San Francisco Opera has generously donated tickets to the American Legion War Memorial Commission to Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 pm performance of Madame Butterfly.

Tickets Limit initial request to 2 tickets, but if you're interested in more tickets include the total in your request. We will confirm your request by email. We will first honor requests from American Legion members then other veterans and active military.

- ◇ American Legion Post members include the number of your post.
- ◇ Other veterans/active military include your branch of service and dates served.

Send your request to: EventsALWMC@gmail.com by Sunday, November 6. We process requests within a day or two.

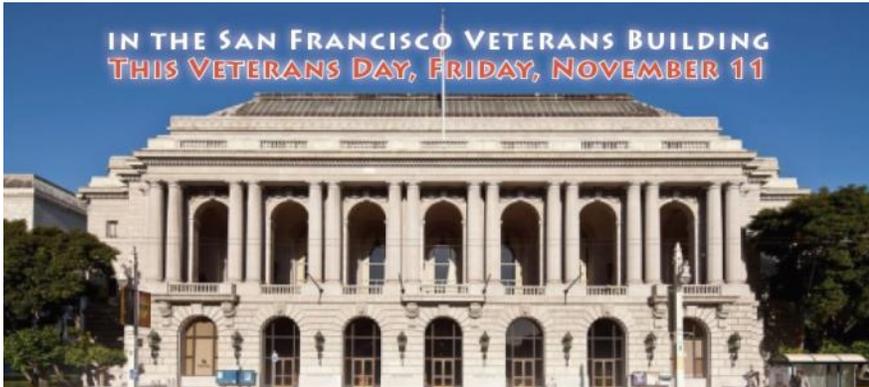
Pick up tickets from Room 101, American Legion War Memorial Commission offices in the San Francisco Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. Mondays-Fridays, 1-5pm. Unclaimed tickets will be returned on Monday, November 7, 2016. We always try to notify you first.

Problems? email us at: EventsALWMC@gmail.com. Like what we're doing? Consider joining the American Legion.

Love the Opera? Please write the Opera a Thank You note: SF Opera

VETERANS AT THE OPERA

**IN THE SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS BUILDING
THIS VETERANS DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**



**VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
REDEDICATION 4PM LOBBY** **RECEPTION & VETERANS PHOTO
EXHIBIT 5-6:30PM ROOM 210**

RSVP REDEDICATION/RECEPTION: EVENTSALWMC@GMAIL.COM ★ 415 861-4920
 ALSO VISIT: ★ WWII IN THE PHILIPPINES EXHIBIT 1-4PM, ROOM 102
 ★ NOT ALONE: EXPLORING BONDS BETWEEN AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
 FORCES, 3-6PM, SFAC GALLERY, ROOM 126

SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS BUILDING, 401 VAN NESS AVENUE ★ AMERICAN LEGION WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION, 5TE, 101

November Events

Friday, November 11 at 4:00 PM, a rededication of the Vietnam Memorial Plaque will take place at the War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue lobby. The rededication ceremony will take about 30 to 40 minutes followed by a reception in room 210. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. Members should wear their Legion cover.

Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 AM will be the 5th Annual Bike-4-Vets bike registration and distribution to veterans who have already taken the bicycle safety course. Additional bike safety course will be offered on Friday, November 11 at 3 PM at the War Memorial Veterans Building.

**FISHERMAN'S WHARF
VETERAN'S DAY
PARADE**



Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016

Parade 11:00 a.m.
 Jefferson Street
 North Point St. to Leavenworth St.



**Saturday
November 12
ATWATER TAVERN
295 Terry A Francois Blvd, SF**

**Registration and
Bike Distribution
10:30 AM**

**The 5th Annual
BIKES-4-VETS**

A Bicycle Giveaway for Local Veterans

We're happy to announce we're giving away refurbished and safety inspected bicycles to up to 80 qualified and deserving veterans.

This project is made possible with generosity and hard work provided by the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, S.F. Rotary Clubs of Bayview and SOMA, San Francisco Police Department, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 15, Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. and Bauer's Intelligent Transportation



BIKES-4-VETS 401 Van Ness Ave., #213C, San Francisco, CA 94103

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFETY
CLASS PRIOR TO NOV. 12**

**Final Safety Class
Friday, November 11
3:00pm
War Memorial Veterans Bldg,
401 Van Ness Ave., Rm 221
San Francisco**

To attend the mandatory
Safety Class contact:
**Lion Helen Wong
bikes4vets-sf@gmail.com**

Sunday, November 13, the Veterans Day parade will take place along Fisherman's Wharf. Members, family members, and friends are welcome to participate and march along. The parade will begin at 11:00 AM. We will be joined by veteran members of the San Francisco Fire Department and their family members. They will have with them two antique fire trucks that will be included in our group.



Cathay Post 384 Descendant Scholarship Program By Jay Pon

Descendent Scholarship Program is awarded bi-annually to eligible candidates to the children and grandchildren of Cathay Post No. 384 members in good standing. The scholarship's goal is to provide tuition assistance to accredited educational institution for veteran descendants. Applicants must be sponsored by an active member of Cathay Post No. 384 and support the beliefs of The American Legion.

Next Deadline for submittal: December 2, 2016.

Applicant must be a child or grandchild of an active Cathay Post 384 member.

Download the application on the post's website.

<http://www.cathaypost384.org/communityprograms.htm>

Bataan Legacy Historical Society Exhibition By Nelson Lum

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM, the long-awaited opening of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society Exhibition was finally a reality. The exhibit was displayed at the War Memorial Veterans Building's Trophy Room. In addition to the Bataan Legacy Historical Society, the exhibit was cosponsored by The American Legion Eighth District Council, The American Legion War Memorial Commission, and many other veterans and civic organizations.

The purpose of this exhibit is to educate the public of the tremendous sacrifice made by American and Filipino soldiers as they attempted to repel the invaders. Many were captured and endured hardships that were beyond believe while many perished. When the Allied forces pulled out of the Philippines, the people of the

Philippines struggled under the occupation by the soldiers of Imperial Japan, their only hope was the promise made by General Douglas McArthur that he shall return to liberate their country.

The Bataan Legacy Historical Society has gained approval by the Department of Education of California to include the story of this struggle in the curriculums to be taught in the high school history classes. More work needs and will be done to achieve the goal of having this curriculum adopted by all 50 states. It is vitally important that our youths are educated of the struggles and sacrifices that were made during that tumultuous era.

Cathay Post 384 was well represented at this event. I spoke on behalf of the sponsors of this exhibit

and the featured speaker was Lt. Col. John Stevens, also a member of our post. There were many distinguished guests at the event and the ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted by Lt. Col. John Stevens, Master Sergeant Proculo Bualat, PFC David Tejada, Corporal Alfredo Lamata, Chief Johnny Jongordon. The exhibit will be open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 1 to 4 PM until December 16, 2016.



Nelson Lum & John Stevens.



**BATAAN LEGACY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMORARE MANILA 1945
PRESENT**

**WWII IN THE
PHILIPPINES
EXHIBITION
OCTOBER 15 TO
DECEMBER 16, 2016**

SPONSORED BY
AMERICAN LEGION WAR
MEMORIAL COMMISSION
AND THE AMERICAN
LEGION EIGHTH
DISTRICT COUNCIL
(OPENING ON OCT.
15 AT 11AM)
TROPHY ROOM
SAN FRANCISCO WAR
MEMORIAL
VETERANS BLDG.
401 VAN NESS AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA



**WWII IN THE
PHILIPPINES
CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 29, 2016**

**10AM TO 5PM
KORET AUDITORIUM
SPONSORED BY
SAN FRANCISCO MAIN
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100 LARKIN ST.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
REGISTER (FREE) AT
EVENTBRITE**

**DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING
*UNSURRENDERED 2 &
RESCUE IN THE PHILIPPINES*
OCTOBER 30, 2016 AT 3PM**

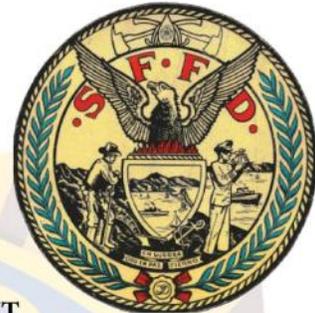
SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION WAR COMMISSION &
AMERICAN LEGION 8TH DIST. COUNCIL
SAN FRANCISCO WAR
MEMORIAL VETERANS BLDG. ROOM 210
401 VAN NESS AVE., SAN FRANCISCO, CA

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**SAN FRANCISCO POLICE-FIRE POST NO. 456
ANNUAL OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
AWARDS DINNER**



HONORING



OFFICER JARED HARRIS
SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERGEANT TRACY McCRAY
SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

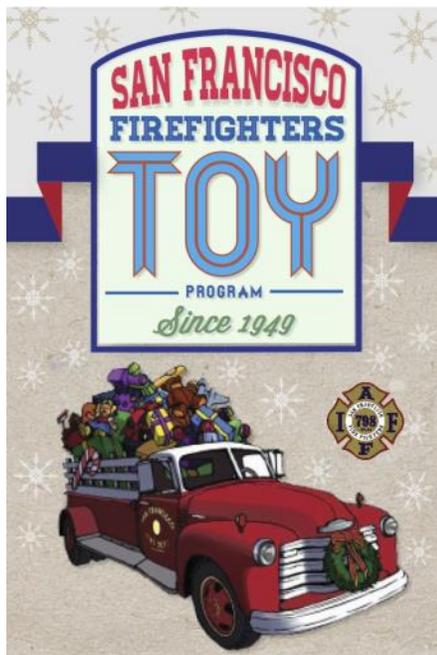
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
United Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Avenue (off Sloat Boulevard)

No-Host Cocktails 6 PM / Dinner 7 PM
\$60 Per Person

Entrée Choices:
Cross Rib of Beef or Chicken Pomodoro
(Vegetarian Option Available)

*Make checks payable to Greg Corrales and include entrée choice(s).
Send checks to Sergeant Patricia Brown (CIS-Records) or
US Mail to Greg Corrales, 2634-18th Avenue, SF 94116*

4th Annual Cathay Post Participation in the San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program



The San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program is the City's largest and the nation's oldest program of its kind. Since 1949, it has evolved from a few firefighters repairing broken toys and bikes for 15 families to, in 2015, 300 firefighters and friends volunteering their time to distribute over 200,000 toys to more than 40,000 disadvantaged children. Besides helping individual families in need, the Toy Program serves many community organizations, including shelters for abused women and children, inner-city schools, children's cancer wards, and pediatric AIDS units. They also respond on a year round basis to displaced children who become victims of fires, floods and other such disasters.

The San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program believes that no

child should be without a toy during the holiday season. In time of loss due to fire, our firefighters are the ones who see first-hand, the devastation when a child is left without a favorite toy. The program is run strictly on donations to ensure that proceeds go to the children at Christmas time.

Toys must be unwrapped, the SF Firefighters serve ages infant through 12. Their biggest need is girls, ages 8 through 12. Some ideas are sports equipment, ball, art and crafts, games. Multiple donations is encouraged.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please make checks out to San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program. Monetary and toy donations are tax deductible. The SF Firefighters Toy Program is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization (EIN 94-2598851).

Cathay Post will be delivering donated new and unwrapped toys from the toy drive to the SF Fire Department at the conclusion of the December monthly meeting. Please bring a new toy or two to the meeting on Saturday, November 12 if you can.

The photo to the right was last years toy donations. Let's make this year's just as plentiful for all the you boys and girls who need some cheering up this holiday season.



A Parade to Remember by Nelson Lum



Cathay Post 384 rolling in style this year in the annual Italian Heritage Day parade in San Francisco's North Beach graced by several Miss Asian Global pageant ladies.

Photo by Penny Wong Belleza.

On Sunday, October 9, San Francisco was blessed with a magnificently clear and sunny morning. Members of American Legion Cathay Post 384 joined by contestants of the Miss Asian Global Pageant made all the necessary preparations to participate in the ever popular Italian Heritage Day parade. The members of the color detail divided up their assignments while the rest of us decorated the vehicles. Dim sum was served prior to departing to the staging area. The streets were already crowded as we navigated our way to our assigned spot adjacent to the Wharf. Our color detail managed to practice a few marching maneuvers while waiting

for the start of the parade. Other participants of the parade surrounded the pageant contestants and numerous group pictures were taken.

At precisely 12:30 PM, the parade began and it did not take long before we were moving along Jefferson Street where we were greeted by a large crowd of appreciative onlookers. Comrade Carl Payne enhanced our stature greatly with his immaculate 1947 silver Rolls Royce. There was something magical about a classic Rolls being adorned with the emblems of The American Legion as its ornaments that attracted everyone's attention, not to mention one of the

beautiful pageant girls. The Rolls led our contingent of three vehicles behind our color detail. Each vehicle, the Rolls and the convertibles, carried a member of the contestants from the pageant. They smiled, waved, and greeted the happy crowd. Along the route, thunderous applause, veterans stood at attention or saluted as the color detail marched pass, and hundreds of photos were taken as the Rolls and the convertibles drove by. When we passed by the reviewing stand, American Legion Cathay Post 384 was loudly announced and recognized. It was another great parade and our post was represented well.

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Italian Heritage Parade, Continued

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Our members enjoyed a hearty lunch together at Yuet Lee restaurant afterward. I want to express my appreciation

to the following members who joined me in representing our post at this event: 1st Vice Commander Helen Wong, Chaplain Richard Ow, Quartermaster Ed Wong,

Directors Ernie Stanton, Aaron Low, WT Jeanpierre, Comrades David Adams, Chee Yee, Carl Payne, Randle Toy, and support member Joel Yu. You guys are the greatest.



Cathay Post 384 contingent and Miss Asian Global Pageant winners at Fisherman's Wharf. All Photos by Penny Wong Belleza.



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Promo Code: REF/CHK

Annual Fleet Week Lunch—Aboard USS San Diego By Nelson Lum



Cathay Post volunteers in front of USS San Diego.
Photo courtesy of Helen Wong.

On October 8, members and friends of American Legion Cathay Post 384 prepared and catered a delicious lunch for the sailors and Marines from the landing ship USS San Diego. Due to some unexpected logistical issues involving transportation, three cars loaded with food were transported to Pier 30-32 where the ship was docked. It was quite an experience to carry trays of food onto the ship and into her mess hall where the information of our arrival with food was already wide spread

amongst the sailors and Marines.

Our post contingent consisted of 1st Vice Commander Helen Wong, Jr. Past Commander Jay Pon and his daughter Kestrel, Finance Officer George Tsang, Sergeant-at-Arms Vic Lum and his companion Lisa Roellig, comrades Nestor Tom and Ivan Seredni, support members Emily Onglatco, Joel Yu, and myself. We were welcomed onboard the ship and given a private tour of the ship while the food was being devoured by the sailors. It was a long day for our members and friends, but we all felt gratified in being able to bring some joy to the men and women who are serving our country and defending our freedom.

I would like to salute those members and friends that helped for their great job that was above and beyond. We look forward to next year when the event can be held at our post headquarters.

CalVet Naturalization Workshop

Did you know there are over 170,000 immigrant U.S. Military Veterans in California, of which, 30,000 are non-citizen?

The California Department of Veterans Affairs' Minority Veterans Affairs Division launched a new initiative to outreach to the estimated 30,000 non-citizen Veterans in California about their state and federal benefits they earned based on their military service, including expedited citizenship naturalization services.

On November 4, CalVet will hold a day-long workshop for Veterans interested in learning more about expedited citizenship as well as the wide array of federal and state benefits available to Veterans.

November 4, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
CalVet Medal of Honor Hall
1227 O Street, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

RSVP is strongly encouraged. If you have questions or to RSVP, please contact CalVet's Minority Veterans Affairs Division at (916) 653-1402 or MinorityVeterans@calvet.ca.gov.





Post Chartered July 27, 1912

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
91st Div/Chinatown Post No. 4618, San Francisco**

91st Div/Chinatown VFW Post No. 4618 cordially invites you to join us at our annual Holiday/Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The dinner will be a Chinese banquet (family style) with seating at 10 per table. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Reserved seating available for groups of ten.

Attire: Appropriate dinner attire

Location: Lai Hong Lounge
1416 Powell Street (Broadway & Vallejo St.) in San Francisco Chinatown

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM Social Hour. No host cocktails 5:30 PM. Opening ceremony with dinner following. We are looking forward to have you join us.

Raymond Wong, Post Commander
Michael O'Keefe Senior Vice Commander
David Wong, Junior Vice Commander
Nestor Tom, Quartermaster

Robert Butchart, Chaplain
Albert Tom, Trustee
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Dinner Reservations: Make checks payable to **VFW Post No. 4618** by the Nov. 25th deadline and return along with the completed dinner reservation form to Nestor Tom. For group seating, ten per table, please include post number or group/organization name and the names of the persons attending along with the total payment in one envelope. Public parking is available at Vallejo Street Garage.

Mail dinner reservations to:

Dinner Committee Quartermaster Nestor Tom
351 22nd Avenue, #3, San Francisco, CA 94121-2109
E-mail: nestortom@gmail.com, Phone: 415-386-2916

.....detach.....

VFW Dinner Reservation Form Dec 3, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending _____ X \$40.00 = _____

Partying with the National Parks Service By Roger Dong



Last month, Commander Lum and moi (ngoi in Cantonese) had a meeting with Ms. Kay Wang, Park Ranger, National Park Service (NPS). This educational program is part of the San Francisco National Parks Science and Learning activities. Ranger Kay Wang invited our Cathay Post veterans and families to visit our Bay Area National Parks including, but not limited to, our beautiful Muir Woods and the San Francisco Presidio (new historical museum where the Officers' Club once existed) and other local National Parks. NPS will provide bus transportation without charge, and with planning and when available, a docent Park Ranger to provide a guided tour. When space is available, we can invite veterans from other local American Legion posts.

BYODS. Only one catch - NPS does not provide food service, so these events are categorized as BYODS (Bring Your Own Dim Sum). Sandwiches, homemade or otherwise, are

also acceptable. We will not eat in the NPS buses. Rangers do a lot of dirty work, but we don't want them to have to clean buses picking up pieces of uneaten shrimp or bread crumbs. Ranger Wang recommended that we plan our group picnics at least month in advance so that we have a good chance to get desired dates we want. She also highly recommended visits from Tuesday - Saturday for best availability of docent Park Rangers.

American Legion Cathay Post #384 thanks Ranger Kay Wang and the National Park Service for offering these great opportunities for our members and families to enjoy our great National Parks with this type of healthy outdoor activities. Visits to our National Parks with much American history associate with our parks is both fun and educational.

I always wanted to be a park ranger, but now I am too senior.

Other San Francisco Bay Area Parks network include (www.sfnp.org):

[Alcatraz](#)

[Golden Gate National Recreation Area](#)

[John Muir National Historic Site](#)

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District 26 November & December Events By Romie Bassetto

As the District 26 Commander from Redwood City Post 105, I'd like to share with our friends up in District 8, a few of our events that we would like to invite you to and to share with your members who may live down in the peninsula. I look forward to meeting with all of you in the near future. (650) 207-0426

Sunday, November 6, District 26 will have the Car Show at Menlo Park VA Hospital. If you would like to help, we would like people to be on the grounds by 9:30 am.

Friday, November 11, there will be a Veterans Day celebration at Downtown Redwood City Court House Square. We will be serving coffee and donuts in the morning and another group will be serving lunch after the event is over.

Wednesday, December 7, we will be at the Redwood City Court house once again. The San Mateo County History Museum will be staging a special reception and exhibit opening at 5:00 p.m.

We are most hopeful that as a veteran of World War II, you can be with us. The displays within this new exhibition, *Peninsula at War! San Mateo County's World War II Legacy* will focus on what happened on the San Francisco Peninsula during that devastating conflict exactly 75 years ago. Members of the "Greatest Generation" who participated in the war effort, either in the armed services or as civilians, are being invited to this special opening event as guests of honor (at no expense of their own, of course).

The evening will include local leaders saluting veterans, live music of the 1940s (played by the Ron Borelli Orchestra) and special presentations to each veteran. If you plan to go to this event, it is necessary to let us know if you are coming. Call 650-299-0104 to RSVP. At that time, you will be asked what branch of the service you were in, when and where you served. With this information, our History Museum will create a specific keepsake for you as a message of appreciation for your contribution to the safeguarding of our freedoms.

If you have not visited us before, the San Mateo County History Museum is located at 2200 Broadway within the 106-year-old "Old Courthouse" in Redwood City. It features exhibits related to the use of natural resources, suburban development, ethnic experience and entrepreneurial achievement on the Peninsula from the time of the Costanoan Indian through today. The museum is open every day except Monday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AREA 2 MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATION—COMING SOON

A combined District 8 and District 26, Area 2 Membership Revitalization is scheduled for the beginning of 2017 on January 26-28 at San Mateo Post 82 130 South Blvd., San Mateo. More information to follow.

Point of contacts are:

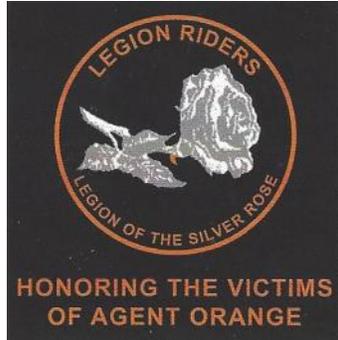
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LEGION OF THE SILVER ROSE

By Clara Pon



The mission of the Legion of the Silver Rose is to recognize the courage, heroism and contributions of American Service personnel found to have been exposed to Agent Orange in a combat zone, whose exposure resulted in internal, invisible wounds which are revealed only by passage of time. The Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes over 40 cancers and sicknesses, including Diabetes, as Agent Orange related and "service connected." The Legion of the Silver Rose hopes to see every veteran exposed to Agent Orange given the honors and recognition they deserve. And, until the day arrives that our own government decides to honor these victims, the Legion of the Silver Rose will continue to offer their Silver Rose Award to all eligible veterans or their surviving loved ones.

On Saturday, October 15 Ken George, District 29 Commander and I attended our first Legion of the Silver Rose induction ceremony at American Legion Post 716 in Los Alamitos, hosted by American Legion Riders Chapter 716. Post 716 also happens to be the mother chapter for the Legion of the Silver Rose. They were one of the first posts to donate money to this worthy cause.

Prior to the induction ceremony, the honorees were transported to Joint Forces Training Center with a Legion

riders escort to pay tribute at the Veterans Memorial Park. Being part of the riders escort was truly an honor and a privilege. One of the riders was past District 29 Commander and 2015 Silver Rose Award honoree Bill Cook from Saddleback Valley Post 862. As one of the guest speakers for this years honorees, he spoke passionately and reverently about his fellow Vietnam Veterans and those that are suffering the effects of Agent Orange.

Big Rick Guerrero of Post 262 is also *(Continued on page 20)*



K. George (L), B. Cook (L) with Legion of the Silver Rose honorees or loved ones that accepted on their behalf and Big Rick Guerrero (R).

Photo courtesy of Ken George..

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the Director of the Legion of the Silver Rose. He brought the Legion of the Silver Rose from Arizona in 2013.

The 2016 Legion of the Silver Rose honorees were:

William H. Adair, E-4 USMC
 Dennis W. Alcorn, E-5 USA
 Martin F. Daly, E-4 USA
 Kenneth W. Derr, E-4 USA
 Jack P. Kuebler, E-4 USA
 Charles E. Landreth II, E-5 USMC
 David P. Legat, E-4 USN
 Ray Lisa E-7, USA
 Richard Lucio, E-4 USN
 Antonio Maldonado, E-4 USA
 Michael D. Murphy SR, E-4 USMC
 Patrick M. O'Brien, E-5 USA
 David A. Pflaster, E-4 USAF
 Michael F. Rossler, E-4 USAF
 Frankie L. Rowland, E-4 USAF
 Edward St. Onge, E-5 USA
 Craig B. Stern, E-5 USA

If you would like to learn more about the Legion of the Silver Rose or would like to submit a Vietnam Veteran to receive the Silver Rose Award, contact Big Rick Guerrero at (909) 440-0670, or at: richardguerrero3928@msn.com.

Their upcoming events are:

Information booth on November 6, ALR 716 will have a Veteran Honor Ride.

Information booth at Legion Post 434 during the Area 5 Rider Director's meeting on January 21, 2017.

Induction ceremony on April 8, 2017 will be held at Fontana Post 262.

More information on the Legion of the Silver Rose can be found at their website along with an application form and photos from previous induction ceremonies.

<http://www.legionofthesilverrose.com/>



Legion Rider escort for 2015 Silver Rose honorees.
 Photo courtesy of Ken George.



Bill Cook guest speaker & 2015 honoree.
 Photo courtesy of Ken George.





INTRODUCING—The American Legion Cathay Post 384 has established a 501 (c)(3) foundation called American Legion Post 384 Foundation to enable and enhance our ability to raise funds to support the various charitable projects we currently are engaged in and to expand our ability to fund future endeavors. We have recently connected with the Amazon Corporation to assist with our fundraising efforts. It is a very simple process and it will benefit our charitable causes greatly.

When shopping on Amazon, please click on the Amazon Smile logo and select American Legion Post 384 Foundation as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all purchased amount to our American Legion Post 384 Foundation. You, the customer will get the same Amazon low prices, but you will be helping The American Legion Cathay Post 384 with its charities.

Happy holiday shopping. You can use your existing Amazon account, but you'll have to login in at the following page instead and set your charity at:
<https://smile.amazon.com/>.

FREE FOOD. FREE DRINK. FREE PIE.

Veterans get discounts at many retailers and business establishments. However, during Veterans Day, many businesses do something extra special like free pie, complimentary entrée, free drinks, and much more. Be sure to check out the list of retailers, restaurants, and other businesses that are offering discounts to veterans this Veterans Day. Some of the most popular include McCormick and Schmicks, California Pizza Kitchen, Applebee's, Texas Roadhouse, Boston Market, Coco's, and many more. Please note that not all franchise locations participate in the Veterans Day program. Be sure to call first and check if reservations are needed.

<http://www.legion.org/veteransday/234712/2016-veterans-day-discounts> (October 31, 2016)
or <http://www.military.com/discounts>.



Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. It was on this premise that The American Legion's "Get Out the Vote" program was initiated shortly after the organization's inception. Today it is as important as it was in elections past.

All Legionnaires are encouraged to renew their commitment for continued service to this country by being politically active as individuals. By working together as an organization we can make a difference by promoting an informed populace, participation in our government, and involvement in its electoral process. We cannot forget that in this country, our government is "of the people, by the people and for the people." It cannot survive as a democratic republic unless the people participate. That is our task.

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CHINESE AMERICAN VETERAN HERO FRANK FONG



Name in English: Frank Fong

Name in Chinese: 方启绪 [方啟緒]

Name in Pinyin: : Fāng Qǐxù

Year of Birth: 1919-2007

Place of Birth: Augusta, GA

Profession (s): Military Officer and Pilot. US Army Air Forces P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang Fighter Pilot, and US Air Force Air Intelligence Officer. Commercial artist and designer.

Education: High school honor graduate.

Awards: Two Distinguished Flying Crosses (highest military flight honor); Eight Air Medals; Purple Heart; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with six stars, American Campaign Medal; Korean Service Medal; United States Air Force Senior Pilot Badge.

Contribution(s): Frank Fong, a natural born American citizen, volunteered in World War II to join the Army and was denied the right to join because of his race. He was unsuccessful getting local help to join up, and wrote a letter to Army General Henry "Hap" Arnold, then Chief of the Army Air Forces for assistance. After reviewing Fong's application, General Arnold stated that he did not approve racism in the U.S. Army and ordered that Fong be a candidate for pilot school.

[For our historians, not related to Fong, in 1942, General Arnold was responsible for establishing the 10th Air Force in India. The 10th AF conducted air transport operations over the Himalayas (the Hump) and successfully provided supplies to the Chinese military defending China from the Japanese Imperial Army. The engagement of American military against the Japanese military was secretly ordered by then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.]

Lieutenant Frank Fong graduated at the top of his pilot training class, and became the first Chinese American fighter pilot in the United State Army Air Forces. He skillfully disposed of two German Luftwaffe fighters, but his own fighter was damage in a crash landing. Lt. Fong sustained spinal and eye injuries that removed him from combat fighter status.

Due to a pilot shortage, Frank Fong was assigned to non-combat flying status and flew reconnaissance missions in support of the D-Day Normandy invasion. In a follow-up flying assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Fong commanded the Fifth Emergency Rescue Squadron which rescued many US and Allied aircrews

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downed in the North Sea. He was recalled to active duty and served during the Korean War and also the Vietnam War.

In 2001 the British military honored Colonel Fong and his squadron for their heroic rescue missions during WW II.

For more details including photos of Colonel Fong's career, see links below.

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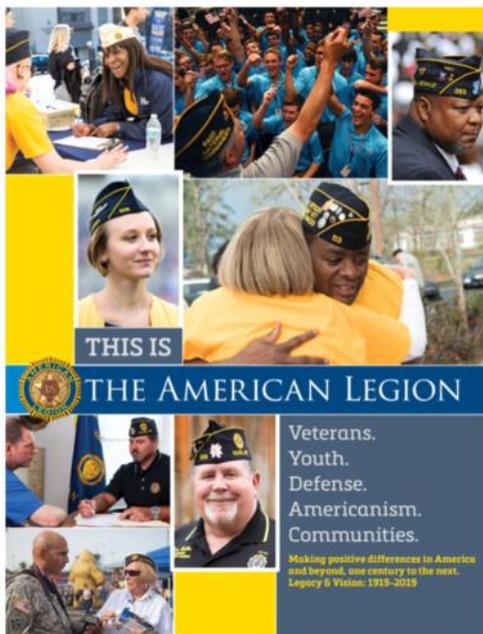
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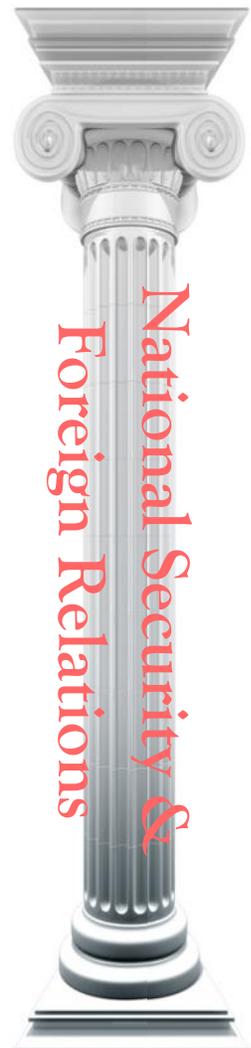
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National Commander Charles E. Schmidt will appear on 17 radio shows across the nation on Monday, Nov. 7, to discuss Veterans Day, the need for the U.S. government to provide a strong veterans health-care system, and other concerns of The American Legion. The total drive-time listening audience will be nearly 20 million. KEST-AM San Francisco – Airs on Mondays 9:30 a.m. ET



November 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 ALWMC Meeting, 6:00 pm	2	3 Bingo help @ Post 105 RWC	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10 Dist. 8 Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Veterans Day	12 Post Meeting 11 am
13 Veterans Day parade	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Bingo help @ Post 105 RWC	2	3
4	5	6 ALWMC Meeting, 6:00 pm	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 Dist. 8 Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10 Post Meeting 11 am
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Lebanon War/Operation Urgent
Fury
8/24/1982 – 7/31/1984

Vietnam War
2/28/1961 – 5/7/1975

Korean War
6/25/1950 – 1/31/1955

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