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CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE

GREATER NEW YORK

CHINESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS
RECOGNITION PROJECT



BRONZE STAR MEDAL
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
CEREMONY

DECEMBER 18, 2021

The Project

The Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project's mission is to recognize, honor and celebrate the military service of Chinese Americans who fought in the Second World War through advocacy, education and preservation. Our work is to ensure that the achievements and contributions of the 'greatest generation' will never be forgotten.

Today's Honors

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest ranking award a service member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States can receive for heroic or meritorious achievement or service performed in armed ground combat against an enemy of the United States or, while serving with U.S. allies, against an opposing force for which the U.S. is not a belligerent party. Established in World War II, the Bronze Star Medal recognizes the recipients' sacrifice, bravery and honor while serving their country. In our CAWW2 Veterans Recognition Project review process to verify eligibility for the Congressional Gold Medal, we reviewed records and recommended to the Army Chinese American veterans who did not gain deserved recognition for their valorous and heroic combat action during World War II. We salute today's recipients of the Bronze Star Medal: *Harry Chin, CIB, PH; Ying Chin, CIB, PH; Ng Y. Jung, CIB, PH; Sidney J. Tom, CIB; Wing D. Wong, CIB, PH; and Koon Y. Yee, CIB.*

The Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' most prestigious civilian award, commemorates all the Chinese American men and women who enlisted in all branches of the United States armed forces during World War II. In a period when many Chinese Americans were not citizens and faced many restrictions, they served our country honorably in great numbers. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance began this project in 2016 to recognize our CAWW2 veterans, working with legislators and advocating for the passage of S1050 and HR2358, the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act, which Congress passed in late 2018 and was signed nearly exactly three years ago by President Trump on December 20, 2018. We continued our efforts in the design of the Medal, the organizing and raising of private contributions for the medals and the ceremonies for our vets, and to increase awareness of our CAWW2 vets. Today, we thank all our CAWW2 veterans for their service to our country.

Our Distinguished Presenters

Major General William Chen, U.S. Army (Retired), served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 32 years primarily in missile, air & missile defense systems acquisition. He served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Missile Command and Program Executive Officer for Missile Defense, leading the development of the Army's national and theater missile defense programs. Maj. Gen. Chen was the first Chinese American to reach the rank of Major General in the US Army, a rank that has not been exceeded by any Chinese American. After retirement he served as a defense industry successively as VP & program director, VP engineering & product development, and VP & General Manager of a defense company.

Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, U.S. Air Force (retired), has been a leader in the U.S. military and Hawaii state government. From 2011 to 2015, he served as the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, overseeing 5,500 soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard. He was Director of State Civil Defense and served as Homeland Security Advisor in Hawaii. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, and the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Association's Military Officer of the Year Award. Wong serves on numerous boards, including the Maryknoll School Board, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Advisory Council, and the board of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Major General Garrett S. Yee, U.S. Army, is the Assistant to the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), helping to lead a global organization of 8,000 military and civilian personnel who plan, develop, deliver, and operate joint, interoperable, command and control capabilities and a global enterprise infrastructure, in direct support of the President, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, Department of Defense components, and other mission partners across the full spectrum of operations. Prior to this assignment, MG Yee served as the Military Deputy to the Army CIO/G-6 and Senior Information Security Officer in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G6, Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon.

Today's venue is named after the first President of the Republic of China.

**Great thanks and
Congratulations to
our
Chinese American
World War II
Veterans**



**Congratulations and Great Appreciation
to our
Chinese American WWII Veterans
for
their Service**

Soo Kim



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PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 1291 COLOR GUARD
ANTHEM AND PLEDGE LED BY KATHERINE LAKE & OTHER STUDENTS OF NEW YORK CITY
INVOCATION BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 1291 CHAPLAIN PHILIP ENG
WELCOME BY PRESIDENT PHIL WONG, CACAGNY
INTRODUCTIONS BY PAST PRESIDENT WAI WAH CHIN, CACAGNY, GNY CAWW2 DIRECTOR
REMARKS BY PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT ED GOR, C.A.C.A., CAWW2 NATIONAL DIRECTOR
GREETINGS BY CONGRESSMAN LEE ZELDIN, NY-1, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S.A.R.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM CHEN (RET)
GREETINGS BY MAJOR GENERALS DARRYLL WONG (RET) AND GARRETT YEE
PRESENTATION OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS
BY MAJOR GENERALS WILLIAM CHEN, DARRYLL WONG (SESSIONS 1, 3)
AND GARRETT YEE (SESSION 2)
GIFTING OF LT. B.R. KIMLAU'S MEDAL TO AMERICAN LEGION LT. B. R. KIMLAU
CHINESE MEMORIAL POST 1291 BY ED GOR AND WAI WAH CHIN (SESSION 1)
PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS
BY MAJOR GENERALS WILLIAM CHEN, DARRYLL WONG AND GARRETT YEE

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AARP congratulates our esteemed Chinese American Veterans on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

We salute the veterans for invaluable service and defending and preserving democracy and freedom for the United States and all its citizens. We are forever grateful to the veterans and their families for their sacrifice.

