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Veterans and Next-of-kin are encouraged to go to its website CaWw2.org, where donations are also accepted, to register Chinese American WWII Vets and to check that applications for registration have been approved. Questions regarding applications can also be answered there.



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# Major General William S. Chen, USA, Ret.

on the

## Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal





Saturday, June 21, 2019 11:00 am Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 191-193 Canal Street 2nd floor auditorium, New York, NY 10013

#### Welcome

Gabe Mui, Post 1291 Adjutant Tony Chu, Post 1291 Commander

#### Remarks

Wai Wah Chin, President, CACAGNY Ed Gor, Past National President, C.A.C.A., National Director CAWW2 Project

#### **Keynote**

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**Recognitions to Student Volunteers and General Chen** 

#### **Presentation**

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Chinese Americans in the American Volunteer Group (AVG), Chinat Air Task Force (CATF), and the 14th Air Force

#### WILLIAM S. CHEN





William S. Chen, better known as Bill Chen, is a third-generation Chinese-American. Bill served as a career U.S. Army officer for over 32 years and retired as a Major General -- the first Chinese-American to achieve 2-star rank in the U.S. Army. He then worked as a defense industry executive for almost 18 years in various domestic and international business assignments. His father, Moon Chen, was a captain and U.S. Army Air Forces pilot assigned to the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force under Gen. Claire Chennault in the China Burma India theater during World War II.

As a Major General, Bill commanded the U.S. Army Missile Command during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Army's largest deployment and subsequent combat use of Army missiles in history. Later, he served as the Army's first Program Executive Officer for Missile Defense – directing all the Army's theater and national missile defense programs. As a Brigadier General, he was the Deputy Director of Weapons Systems and Assistant Deputy for Systems Management at the Department of Army — responsible for program/budget development and systems management oversight for the R&D and procurement of the Army's weapons systems. He served as the program manager of two major air defense programs and has commanded a battalion. He had combat tours in Vietnam and Laos and other overseas assignments in Korea and Thailand.

Bill's defense industry experience includes successive assignments in United Defense, Inc. as VP & program director, VP for army programs, and VP for engineering & product development; and in BAE Systems, Inc. as VP & general manager. Included are six years of international business experience in Turkey as the U.S. VP & general manager for a joint venture U.S.—Turkish company that developed and manufactured combat vehicles for international customers.

Bill graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.S.E. in engineering mathematics and an M.S.E. in aeronautical & astronautical engineering. He has an MBA from Auburn University. In addition to numerous Army awards, which include two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, he is a distinguished aerospace engineering alumnus of the University of Michigan, and member of Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honor Society.