

Press Invitation: December 18 Bronze Star and Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) and the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project (CAWW2) will hold the Greater NY Area Chinese World War II Vets Bronze Star Medal and Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony on:

Date: Saturday December 18, 2021

Time: Informal Remarks to Press at 12:00 – 12:30 PM, followed by 3 award sessions beginning at 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, and 4:30 PM

Place: Sun Yat-sen Middle School, 100 Hester Street, New York, NY 10002

Covid Precautions: Attendance is limited to recipients and one guest each at their registered session, plus press. All will be checked for vaccination status, and temperature.

Among the three hundred recipients will be three living World War II vets and six Bronze Star Medals recipients.

The Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project, started by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) in 2016, honors and celebrates the military service of Chinese Americans who fought in the Second World War. Many Chinese Americans were not citizens and were denied many civil rights then, yet they served our country honorably in great numbers, and in some cases, unrecognized valor. C.A.C.A. led this Recognition Project to recognize our veterans with a Congressional Gold Medal, working with legislators and advocating for S1050 and HR2358, the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act. The Act was passed by Congress in late 2018, and was signed into law nearly exactly three years ago by President Trump on December 20, 2018.

C.A.C.A. Past President Ed Gor, CACAGNY current President Phil Wong and Charter President Wai Wah Chin, and Congressman and Lt. Colonel Lee Zeldin, U.S.A.R., will join in honoring the service of our veterans. Major General William Chen, U.S. Army (Retired), Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, U.S. Air Force (retired), and Major General Garrett S. Yee, U.S. Army, will present Bronze Star and Congressional Gold medals. Ed Gor will give Kimlau American Legion Post 1291 the medal presented to Lt. BR Kimlau, for whom the post was named.

The Bronze Star Medal is the rarely-given fourth-highest ranking U.S. award for heroism or valor achieved in armed ground combat. The Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' most prestigious civilian award, commemorates all the Chinese American men and women who served in the United States armed forces during World War II.

We thank all our Chinese American World War II veterans for their service to our great country.

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