

## Chinese American WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Presentation

Saturday May 22, 2021

2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Livestreamed on:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MunsonLung1>

CACAGNY and CAWW2 will honor Greater New York area Living Chinese American WWII Veterans at the virtual ceremony, with keynote remarks and presentations by Major General William S. Chen, USA (ret), the first 2-star US Army General of Chinese descent.

About a quarter of the Chinese American population in the United States served in the armed services during World War II. That's an amazing percentage, especially since the discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was still in effect when the war started, so about half of the Chinese Americans who served our nation so bravely and patriotically at its hour of need were not even citizens

Launched under the leadership of former President Ed Gor, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance's project to recognize Chinese American World War II Veterans was finally realized on December 15, 2018, when the 115th Congress passed the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act. Five days later, President Donald Trump signed it into law at the White House.

We at CACAGNY are proud and humbled to have supported this successful national project, the work of many tireless volunteers, Chinese Americans as well as others, all around the country. We salute those receiving the medal on Saturday.

A prior Greater New York area ceremony was held in February, when about half of the remaining living Chinese American WWII vets in the area were recognized. The current ceremony recognizes living vets unable to attend then, and will be the last virtual ceremony; an in-person ceremony will follow when conditions allow.

Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project (CAWW2.org)  
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