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CGM Update: Moving Forward with Plans for Award Ceremonies Nationwide

Los Angeles, January 17, 2020 — The Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project continues its mission to register our Chinese American WWII Veterans for the honor of receiving the Congressional Gold Medal. Authorized by 115th Congress of the United States and signed into law as PL 115-337 by President Donald Trump in 2018, this concerted effort by not only members of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.), but also by dedicated volunteers from American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts, and historical societies has resulted in just over 2,355 confirmed to receive the Medal in ceremonies in 2020. And we anticipate additional veteran registrants in the coming months.

What's New

- Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project Planning Committee consists of Ed Gor, Melanie Chan, Helen Ying and Dorothy Chow. Please address any questions or concerns to the Project Planning Committee (note: email contact information for each committee member can be found at the end of the page).
- Information regarding the event dates, medal design and the actual events will be released **ONLY** by the Project Planning Committee.
- The Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) Ceremony and Gala in Washington, D.C. will be held in Spring 2020. The exact date is pending final confirmation. Once Congress sets the date in coordination with our Project Planning Committee, we'll be able to advise all confirmed veterans and/or their next-of-kin family members of specific travel details, including the hotel accommodations, optional transportation to/from designated events in D.C. (for veterans and those with limited mobility), other venues, costs, etc.
- At least 10 Regional Congressional Gold Medal Ceremonies will be conducted at locations across the country after the D.C. Ceremony. The Washington, D.C. and Regional ceremonies are opportunities for the families of the Chinese American veterans to reunite and for everyone to understand the role and sacrifices of our forebearers and to honor their military service. They also are once in a lifetime opportunities for the Chinese American WWII veterans to be recognized and honored by their country and celebrated by their families and communities.



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What's Next

- C.A.C.A. National President Melanie Chan will be organizing a conference call with local lodge presidents and regional ceremony leads to get the planning process rolling in the next few weeks.

How Can You Help?

- Local lodges are encouraged to redouble their efforts to contact local veterans' groups, churches, senior congregate centers for assistance in locating and registering eligible veterans and families. The website, caww2.org, has many resources including a helpful FAQ page at www.caww2.org/preservation.
- Share widely – through social media and network as well as event about the significance of the project – ensuring that the achievements and contributions of the “greatest generation” will never be forgotten.
- Donate and ask other to donate to the project. – caww2.org/donate
- Refer people who have questions to the [caww2](http://caww2.org) website as the primary resource, it includes a helpful FAQ page. For additional help, refer all questions to the Project Team Leadership – Ed Gor and Melanie Chan.
- Be sure to sign up for updates via the [caww2](http://caww2.org) website (www.caww2.org) if you have not done so already

We are excited to be making great progress in this project. Together, we will accomplish the mission: to recognize, honor and celebrate the military service of Chinese Americans who fought in the Second World War through advocacy, education and preservation.

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Ms. California dedicated to the Chinese American experience and history in this region. For more information on the Historymakers Awards Gala, visit camla.org/annual-historymakers-awards-gala/



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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Sacramento (CA), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.