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The Real Meaning of Memorial Day



San Francisco, May 28, 2018 — Memorial Day for most Americans marks the unofficial start of the summer vacation season, but its true purpose has much more meaning as a time to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States military. Throughout the long and storied history of the United States in fighting tyranny abroad and oppression at home, these countless, selfless heroes made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard democracy and protect the rights those of us in the U.S. all enjoy today.

In recognition of our Chinese and Chinese Americans who fought in World War II, C.A.C.A. continues our advocacy efforts for Congress to pass both bills (S. 1050 and H.R. 2358), the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act. This year, as an act of remembrance of our departed Chinese American WWII Veterans as well as recognition of those who valiantly remain, C.A.C.A. sincerely asks you to remember and honor their service by contacting your members of Congress to co-sponsor these bills. Your act to help pass the bills recognizes their act of service to our country.

C.A.C.A. expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the individuals and families whose sacrifices, past and present, have made our freedoms possible. And we thank as well the many members of our family who have served, and continue to serve, in the United States Armed Forces.

– Davace Chin, *national president*
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To learn more about C.A.C.A.'s Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American Veterans of WWII Project, visit caww2.org

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