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## In Solemn Observance of Memorial Day 2017



***For Many, This Day of Remembrance Losing Its Meaning***

San Francisco, CA—May 29, 2017. Memorial Day commemorates all Americans who have died in military service for the United States. It's the day we, as a nation, have chosen to honor the more than 1.1 million servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation—for us.

Yet, with each passing year, the numbers who truly use the day to honor, respect and support the fallen and family members of the fallen dwindle. Some cite that since moving to an all-volunteer armed forces, fewer have a direct connection or understanding of the life and commitment made by individuals and families who serve and defend our country and our way of life. As a nation of citizens, permanent residents and new immigrants, the sense of shared sacrifice wanes as we neglect our personal responsibilities as grateful citizens living in the greatest country on earth. The unwavering spirit of this day has not changed – it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy. We must embrace the greatness of our nation as one built upon shared commitment, shared responsibilities and shared sacrifices for our common good.

Remember who served and died. Honor their service; celebrate their life. I ask that we reflect on this National Day of Remembrance to think about those who gave their all so we might have opportunities to be our all as Americans and



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wherever we are on Memorial Day, I ask that every member participate in the National Moment of Remembrance by pausing for one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

—by Ed Gor, National President

*Note: Earlier this month, Chinese American Citizens Alliance members from local lodges across the country walked the halls of Congress to support the Chinese American WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act (H.R. 2358 and S.1050) calling for the Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to our valiant servicemen and women of our own communities. Many have since passed from our midst and a few remain, but all served with honor and valor. They and their families ask for your full support to facilitate the passage of these bills.*

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