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## **Chinese American Citizens Alliance Salutes African American Military Personnel During 2018 Black History Month**

San Francisco, February 1, 2018, Black History Month — The nation's oldest continuous Asian American civil rights and advocacy organization, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) honors African-American men and women who fought with valor and conviction in defense of American Democracy, often in the face of racism and discrimination.

This year the founders of Black History Month, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), recognizes “African Americans in Times of War,” commemorating the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and examining the implications of the first global conflict of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century on African Americans. Throughout the month, ASALH will explore black advancement and repression of opportunities during wartime, struggles to integrate the military, and experiences during segregation/apartheid and successful integration.

The celebration of African-American history and achievement was the inspiration of Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), credited with establishing Negro History Week in 1925. ASNLH would later become the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

Established in 1895, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance remembers all soldiers of color who answered the call to serve for the United States. C.A.C.A. is leading the Chinese American World War II Veterans Recognition Project, which seeks this year the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, for the estimated 20,000 uniformed Chinese-Americans of the U.S. Armed Forces who joined or were drafted to serve in the fight against the Axis Powers. In 2006, Congress honored the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II collectively with a single Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

National C.A.C.A. is spearheading support for passage of the Chinese American World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act—introduced as H.R. 2358 and S.1050—during the 115<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress. The effort faces a critical juncture as Congress considers changing the procedures or criteria for awarding congressional gold medals in the future. National C.A.C.A. leadership is encouraging Lodges/Chapters to contact their State's Congressional Representatives for support of the bills, emphasizing the importance of recognizing the service and memory of Chinese Americans. To learn more about the project and how you can donate toward its objectives, please visit [caww2.org](http://caww2.org).

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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), 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.