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C.A.C.A. Remembers World War II Army Veteran Dr. William “JB” Chin

Seattle, August 25, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) mourns the passing of decorated WWII combat veteran William “JB” Chin on July 1, 2020, at the age of 95. A Seattle native, Dr. Chin began his military service in the United States Army as an 18-year-old inductee on August 9, 1943.

In March 1944, Private First Class (PFC) Chin responded to the call for volunteers for overseas duty and was reassigned to the 8th Infantry Division, HQ Co. 121st Regiment. PFC Chin William landed at Utah Beach-Normandy on July 4, 1944; battled his way through Northern France, the Rhineland, and into the fierce fighting of the Hürtgen Forest region, where, while on patrol with his platoon, was captured by German forces on November 30, 1944. He was held a German Prisoner of War from November until May 1945. After receiving a field promotion to corporal, Dr. Chin returned to the U.S. June 12 and honorably discharged on November 30, 1945.

His many awards and medals include Combat Infantryman Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of Cathay Post No.186. Dr. Chin is certified to receive the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American World War II Veterans and will be presented a bronze replica of the medal posthumously.

In 1945, Dr. Chin married his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy. They would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary this month. He enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Washington, January 1946. He was accepted by the UW School of Dentistry, Class of 1953, graduating with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. Dr. Chin was one of the first two Chinese Americans to graduate from the then young dental school. After more than 35 years at the same location in Seattle, he retired his practice in 1989.

On December 2, 2019, Dr. Chin was one of six Chinese American WWII veterans honored during the two-minute warning of the first half of the Monday Night Football game featuring the Seattle Seahawks and the Minnesota Vikings at CenturyLink Field.



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William Chin is survived by his wife Dorothy; sons Gary, John, and Roger; daughter Karen; and grandchildren Kirsten, Erin, Lauren, and Michael.

More information about the life of William “JB” Chin can be found at
www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=william-jb-chin&pid=196513299

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