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C.A.C.A. Mourns the Passing of Tom Lee, DC Lodge Leader and Civilian War Hero

Washington, D.C., July 18, 2021 — It is with a great deal of sadness to report the passing of brother Thomas (“Tom”) Lee on July 5, 2021, at his home in Bowie, Maryland. Born on April 3, 1935, in Baltimore, Tom served as past President and National Representative for the Washington, D.C. Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) for many years. His presence and counsel at local and national levels will be missed. Personal memories of Tom can be unexpectedly touching. National Vice President for Communications Rick Eng recalls esoteric military conversations with Tom during conferences and Alliance events such as the draughts of pre-dreadnoughts affecting shell velocity at the Battle of Tsushima during the Russo-Japanese War where the Imperial Russian fleet was completely slaughtered by the Japanese battleships. Tom said it was the top-heaviness of French warship design that made the Russian ships unstable when firing. The discussions went on about many historic naval battles... These fond memories highlighted Tom’s expertise gained from more than 30 years as a civilian working for the U.S. Department of Navy retiring as the Deputy Director of Naval Surface Warfare at Naval Sea Systems Command.

It reminds us also at a time when we are rightfully celebrating the military service of soldiers, sailors and airmen during World War II that we should also remember the service of men and women like Tom who served in civilian capacities. Their work in industries and operations supporting our troops and in community organizations during and after WWII were just as valuable and should be honored. “Tom was kind and generous, and always played gracious host for C.A.C.A. members who visited Washington, D.C. A true gentleman,” says National C.A.C.A. Historian Suellen Cheng.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, sister Alice L. Imlay, and beloved wife of 50 years years Louise Wong Lee. He is survived by his five children, Alice Lillie Jacobs (George), Thomas Lee II (MaryBeth), Wesley Y.S. Lee (Leilani), Alexander E. Lee (Mary Kathleen), and Ruth K. O'Rourke (Patrick), and sisters, Kathleen L. Fitzpatrick, Phyllis Lee, and Trudie Lee. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, August 6, at Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, visitation from 9:00am to 10:00am on Saturday, August 7, and memorial service at 10:00am to 11:00am at Robert



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E. Evans Funeral Home in Bowie, Maryland. Interment at Lorraine Park Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Online Condolences may be made at www.robtevevansfuneralhome.com

— Ted Gong

President, C.A.C.A. Washington, D.C.

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