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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Salutes Military Personnel and Veterans on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

San Francisco, December 7, 2017—Today, the nation’s flags fly at half-mast in honor of the more than 2,400 Americans sailors, soldiers, and civilians who died and another 1,000 wounded during the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. Japanese naval and air forces struck the U.S. Naval base on the Island of Oahu early Sunday morning at 7:55am Hawaiian time. The initial air assault was followed by five additional attacks throughout the day, until 9:00pm. The attacks destroyed nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight battleships. More than 300 airplanes also were lost.

From an official statement today, the President of the United States Donald Trump proclaimed “December 7, 2017, as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. I encourage all Americans to observe this solemn day of remembrance and to honor our military, past and present, with appropriate ceremonies and activities... in honor of those American patriots who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor.” Last month, President Trump stopped in Hawaii to lay a wreath at the *USS Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor on his inaugural visit to Asia.

The attack pulled the United States into World War II, a devastating global conflict that ended in an Allied victory over Germany and Japan in 1945. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) is leading the Chinese American World War II Veterans’ Recognition Project, which seeks 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. To learn more about the project and how you can donate toward its objectives, please visit caww2.org.

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