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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Recognizes Chinese American WWII Servicemen and Women on Veterans Day

San Francisco, November 10, 2017—on Veterans Day, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) joins millions of fellow citizens to commemorate and honor all veterans who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11 and Federal Government offices are closed. This year, Veterans Day falls on Saturday; therefore, Federal Government offices are closed today.

“While the American people dedicate one day to officially honor all our veterans, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance takes each day as a step in our efforts toward the long-awaited official recognition of those Chinese American men and women who served valiantly in defense of our nation during World War II,” says C.A.C.A. National President Davace Chin.

C.A.C.A. is pursuing a Congressional Group Gold Medal for the Chinese American veterans who served during World War II and whose contribution has not been recognized. Begun in December 2016, the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project seeks the medal for the estimated 20,000 servicemen and women who volunteered or were drafted and served without reservation even though the discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act was still in place (repealed in 1943). The project involves C.A.C.A. membership actively soliciting their congressional representatives to support passage of the Congressional Gold Medal Act for Chinese American WWII Veterans; educating the public about their efforts and accomplishments in service to the country; and preserving their legacy for future generations. Many of these veterans are and were members of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

For more information on Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project, visit <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.