

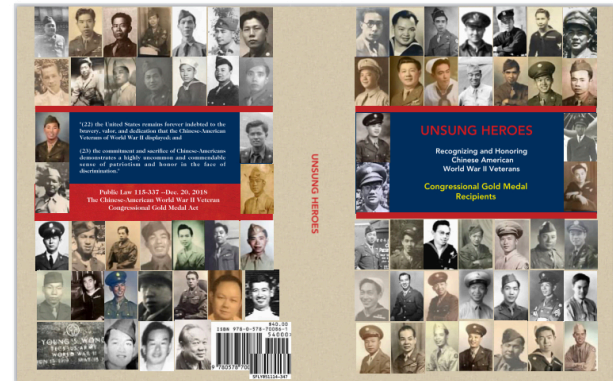
BOOK PREVIEW

UNSUNG HEROES

Recognizing and Honoring
Chinese American World War II Veterans
Congressional Gold Medal Recipients

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Dedicated to the Chinese American veterans who served in World War II, this book brings to light the involvement, accomplishments and sacrifices these veterans made to secure the Allied victory. Many of these heroic deeds have been largely ignored and forgotten in the pages of history. It is our hope that the narratives contained in this book will bring an awareness to the veterans' follow-on generations and the general public of the unwavering patriotism and dedication these veterans demonstrated in the defense of freedom and democracy. Their stories are ever more poignant today given the social environment they lived in, fraught with racial prejudices and biases, but in spite of these adversities they still served with a strong sense of duty and honor.

The articles compiled in the book are largely written by sons and daughters of the veterans, but also include memorable anecdotes from authors knowledgeable about notable veterans and their heroic acts. The book also highlights the plight of Chinese Americans before the advent of the war. The book's coverage spans a period extending from the pre-war era, operations during World War II, and the post-war era culminating in the Congressional Gold Medal Award.

This remembrance book gives long-overdue recognition and honor to Chinese American World War II Veterans. Not only do the articles highlight the deeds and accomplishments of Chinese American veterans in World War II, but they also provide a fresh new perspective from the eyes of their families on how World War II profoundly impacted the veterans' post-war lives. This seldom discussed aspect of their lives provides important insight to the phenomenal social advancement of Chinese Americans in the post-war era. The hard work and sacrifices of these veterans during this post-war period paved the way for new opportunities, heretofore unattainable, that enabled follow-on generations to live the American Dream and be a part of Mainstream America.

The book also specifically pays tribute and honors the Chinese American veterans of the New England States and veterans whose next-of-kin reside in the New England States with bios of registered Congressional Gold Medal recipients and a photo journey that documents the richness and diversity of these veterans and their families.

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