

## APHAFIC Outreach Program with North County Chinese School (NCCS)

The APHAFIC Outreach Committee, in cooperation with the NCCS, hosted a half day lecture program on October 15, 2009 to the NCCS High School Credit students from 9-12th grade at the Taiwanese American Community Center of San Diego. The topic was 'Flying Tigers and World War II in China'. Ms. Lily Yu, Advanced Placement (AP) and credit class coordinator, introduced Mr. Jack Meng, the APHAFIC vice-president, who started the program by showing a 45 minute WWII documentary film about the original Flying Tigers pilots and their strategies to fight against the Japanese Air Force bombing in China before he gave a lecture on "History of Flying Tigers", also known as the Aviation Volunteer Group (AVG) led by General Claire Lee Chennault, as an adviser of Chinese Air Force at the invitation of Madam Chiang Kai-Shek in April, 1937. The involvement of the first lady of the Republic of China to initiate such a trip for General Chennault was narrated by Dr. David Hu. Chennault's mission was to evaluate and make a report on the status of Chinese Air Force within two months in 1937.

Captain John Vroman, currently a resident of Escondido and a former 14th Air Force (post Flying Tiger) officer, shared his experience during his service in Kunming, Yunnan, China in 1944. Jack Meng concluded the series of seminars by giving a brief history of WWII in China from 1931-1945.

In addition to about 70 students, present were NCCS principal, Ms. Tina Yang (楊嘉秀), AP and credit class coordinator Lily Yu (朱曼玲), Teachers Lee-Mei Chen (陳麗美), Ai-Lien Nielsen (周愛蓮), Juifen Chow (周瑞芬) and Nancy Cronin (龐成), APHAFIC President Dr. Nancy Lo, Outreach Group members: Mary Yan-Lee, Michael Lee and Yeqing Chen. Ms. Lily Yu presented a certificate of appreciation to APHAFIC for providing WWII history to NCCS students. On behalf of APHAFIC, Nancy Lo donated four books on WWII history in Asia to NCCS: *Rape of Nanking* by Iris Chang, *My Hitch in Hell* by Lester Tenney, *An American Goddess at the Rape of Nanking, the courage of Mini Vautrin* by Hu-Ling Hu, and *Iris Chang and the forgotten holocaust, the best essays from Irish Chang Memorial essay contest, 2006*. For more information about APHAFIC Outreach Program, please contact Jack Meng at [jackhmeng@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackhmeng@sbcglobal.net).

Note, for history of Flying Tigers, please see **The Flying Tigers , American Volunteer Group - Chinese Air Force: A BRIEF HISTORY WITH RECOLLECTIONS AND COMMENTS BY GENERAL CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT** (<http://www.flyingtigersavg.com/tiger1.htm>)



APHAFIC Outreach Committee members with NCCS teachers from Left to right: Jack Meng (APHAFIC), Leemei Chen (陳麗美) Lily Yu (朱曼玲), Nancy Lo(APHAFIC), David Hu (APHAFIC), John Vroman(VA), Ai-Lien Nielsen (周愛蓮), Juifen Chow (周瑞芬), and Nancy Cronin (龐誠)



AP students watching the documentary film on Flying Tigers pilots



AP students with John Vroman.