

## The American and Chinese World War II Memorial in Monterey Park, CA

A dedication of the American and Chinese World War II Memorial was held at Monterey Park on July 6. This day is one day before the July 7<sup>th</sup> Marco Polo Bridge Resistance 77 years ago. Dr. J. S. Lee attended this dedication ceremony as a representative of APHAFIC. The Memorial was built on the front lawn of the City Hall of Monterey Park with this description: Dedicated to the American and Chinese military and people who gave up their lives during the Second World War to defend freedom and justice of mankind against aggression. In Chinese, the dedication is “本碑為紀念第二次世界大戰反抗侵略戰爭中為保衛自由與正義而犧牲之中美軍民以誌不忘而立”。 It is the first memorial being built in USA for all people in the world to honor the sacrifice made by American and Chinese against Japanese aggression.

The names of all five members of Monterey Park City Council are carved onto the memorial. During the ceremony, pledge of Allegiance was made. The National Anthem of USA, God Bless America and the National Anthem of the Republics of China were sang. Ambassador and Direct General of TECO, Congress Members Ed Royce and Judy Chu made the Award Presentations to three generals of ROC and three military officers of USA. The Commemorative Address was made by Betty Tom Chu, who was our APHAFIC seminar speaker in June.

Two days later, the building of a WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall was launched in the Bay Area. It is expected to open September 2015. It will become the first overseas anti-Japanese memorial hall.



The Memorial, Honor Guards and Masters of Ceremony Sam Lo and Karen Chen.