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**ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVING HISTORICAL
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Winter meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:30 am-12:30 pm

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library (858-552-1657)

7555 Draper Ave, La Jolla, CA

Guest speaker: Murray K. Lee (李國光)¹ on

**" Chinese-American Veterans of the Yangtze River Patrol and
Asiatic Fleet ".**

Apparently a number of Chinese Americans can trace their origins to the employment of Chinese on many of the U.S. Navy's ships of the Yangtze River Patrol and the Asiatic Fleet in China prior to the Japanese invasion of China in the late 1930s. Three of these men have the records of their fathers that were recruited and served as stewards with the Navy during this period. One was on the Panay just prior to its bombing by the Japanese and later was on the Luzon which was sent to defend Corregidor in Manila Bay. He ended up on the Bataan Death March. Another recruit was with his senior officer on the surrender of the Japanese on the USS Missouri. Their interesting stories are of a unique period in the history of the US Navy.

Refreshments will be served. Cost: Free. Public are welcome

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¹ Murray K. Lee is the curator of Chinese American History at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. He has done extensive research and writing on Chinese American history. He has given papers at national conferences and is the coordinator for a Chinese American oral history program. For five years he wrote a monthly column on local history for the *Asian Reader*. He did his undergraduate and graduate work in geography at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*. Besides conducting tours of old Chinatown he has given many presentations to schools and organization throughout the area. In 2011 he published a book titled: *In Search of Gold Mountain, A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*. Murray is a World War-II veteran of the US Merchant Marine