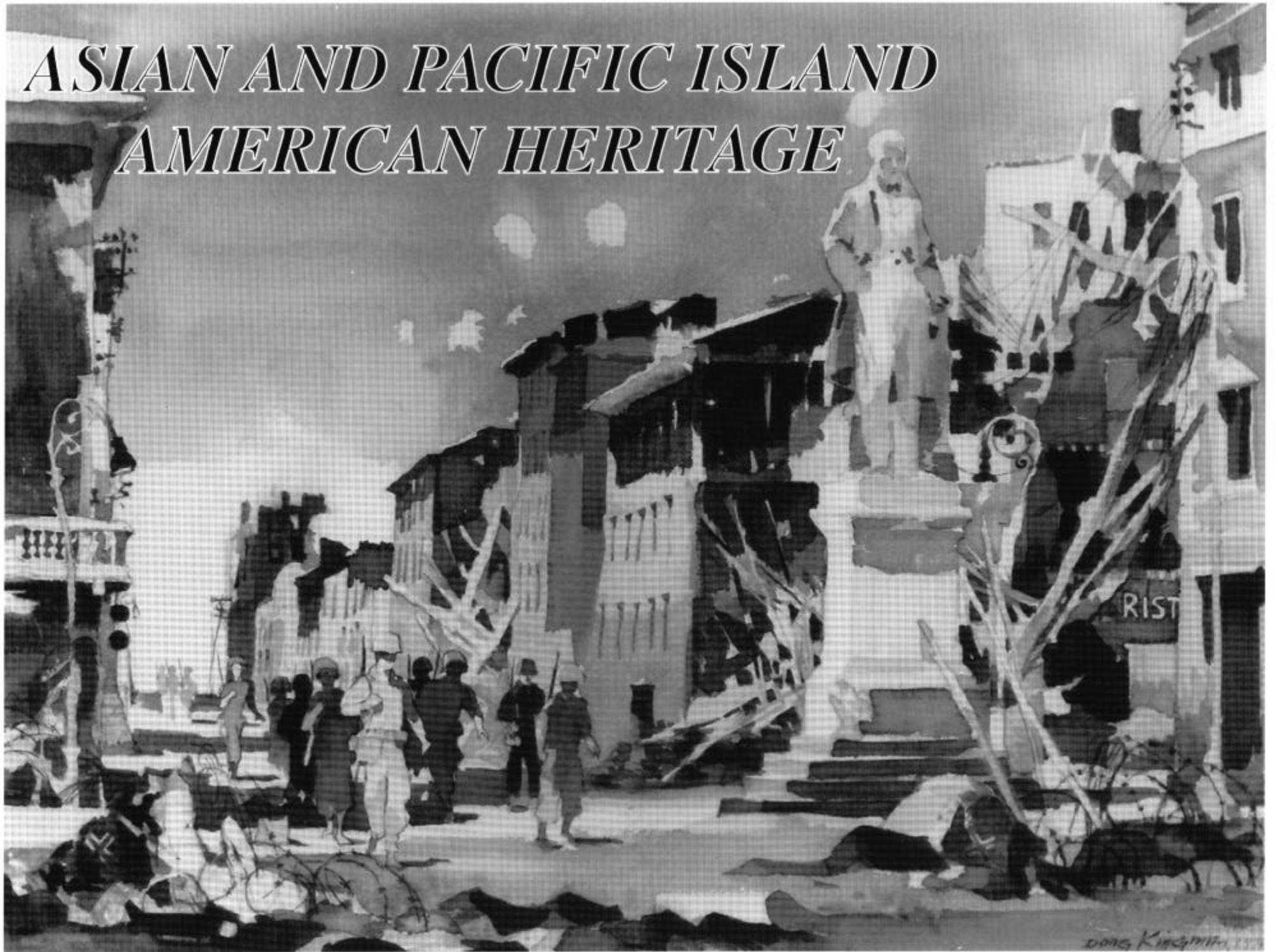


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Ellison Shoji Onizuka

was born in Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii, on June 24, 1946. He was the first Japanese American astronaut, selected by NASA in January, 1978. Onizuka served as a mission specialist on the first secret Department of Defense space shuttle mission, on the Space Shuttle *Discovery*, in January 1984. He died on January 28, 1986 in the tragic explosion of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. At the time of the *Challenger* mission, he was a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force.

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On the cover: "442 Combat Team at Leghorn" by Doug Kingman.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>1969: Staff Sgt Rodney James Tadashi Yano earns Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam action.</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1936: California State Polytechnic Univ at Pomona President Bob Suzuki born. 1966: Actress Tia Carrere born.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1943: California philanthropist George Ow, Jr. born. 1985: Ben Garrido Blaz starts 8 years as Guam delegate to US House of Representatives.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>1913: Yonosuke Enouye, Japanese graduate of US Naval Academy Class of 1891, dies. 1996: 16-year-old violinist Sarah Chang conducts New York Philharmonic Orchestra</p> <p>Independence Day (Burma)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1951: Phillip Jaisohn, first Korean to become US citizen, dies at age 86. 1963: Chinese Historical Society of America founded in San Francisco. 1966: "Sailor Moon" voice actress Yuri Amano born.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1916: LTC Herbert Choy, US Army (ret.), first Asian American named to a Federal court (US Ninth Circuit Court, 1971), born.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1931: Narendra N. Gunaji, US Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, born. 1932: Jhoon Rhee, father of American Tae Kwan Do, born. 1945: <i>Rolling Stone</i> founding editor Ben Fong-Torres born.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1926: Fashion designer Hanae Mori born.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1901: First recorded Korean immigrant, Peter Ryu, arrives in Hawaii. 1922: Har Gobind Khorana, winner of 1968 Nobel Prize in medicine born.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1945: Commodity Futures Trading Commission member (1988-93) Wendy Lee Gramm born.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>1922: US Ninth Circuit Court Judge Thomas Tang born. 1949: Cornerstone for first major mosque in US laid in Washington, DC.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1949: Movie director Wayne Wang born.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1903: First large group of Koreans arrive in Hawaii to work on sugar plantations.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1967: Movie director Garrett Linn born.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1872: 53 Japanese students arrive in US. 1905: <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> praises prizefighter Ah Wing. 1950: Academy Award nominee (1989) film producer A. Kitman Ho born.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1942: Sgt José Calugas earns Medal of Honor for heroism in Philippines action.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1955: "Fairy Princess Monkey Mono" voice actress Koyama Mami born. 1987: Five Southeast Asian American children killed, 30 others wounded in Stockton, CA massacre.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1944: Edward Bing Kan becomes first Chinese to be naturalized after repeal of Chinese Exclusion Acts.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1969: San Diego Charger linebacker Tiaina "Junior" Seau born. 1977: President Ford grants full pardon to Iva "Tokyo Rose" Toguri.</p> <p>Martin Luther King's Birthday (Observed)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1962: Actress Sakiko Tamagawa born.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1915: Fireman 2d Class Telesforo de la Cruz Trinidad earns Medal of Honor in boiler explosion on <i>USS San Diego</i>. 1922: <i>Fifth Chinese Daughter</i> author Jade Snow Wong born.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1968: Olympic swimming record holder (1912, 1920) and actor Duke P. Kahana-moku dies. 1985: Hawaii's Kelly Hu wins Miss Teenage USA title.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1950: Award-winning mechanical engineer and educator Joseph K. Ting born.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1848: Discovery of gold brings tens of thousands of Chinese miners to California. 1985: Lt. Col. Ellison Shoji Onizuka, USAF, serves on first Department of Defense space shuttle mission.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>1935: Research scientist and Georgetown University Medical School professor Thazapadath Sreevalsan born.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1960: Olympic diving gold medalist (1984, 1988) Greg Louganis born.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1934: <i>The Frontiers of Love</i> author Diana Chang born 1936: Nobel Prize (1976) for physics winner Samuel C.C. Ting born.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1943: New York City artist Li-Ian born. 1986: Astronaut Ellison Shoji Onizuka dies in Space Shuttle <i>Challenger</i> explosion.</p> <p>Lunar New Year (Tet), Year of the Tiger</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1961: USAF Academy distinguished graduate (1982) Joginder Singh Dhillon born.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1948: Mahatma Gandhi, advocate of nonviolence and inspiration to US civil rights leaders, assassinated in New Delhi.</p> <p>Australia Day (Australia)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1959: Tennis professional and educator Ross Rikio Higa born.</p>

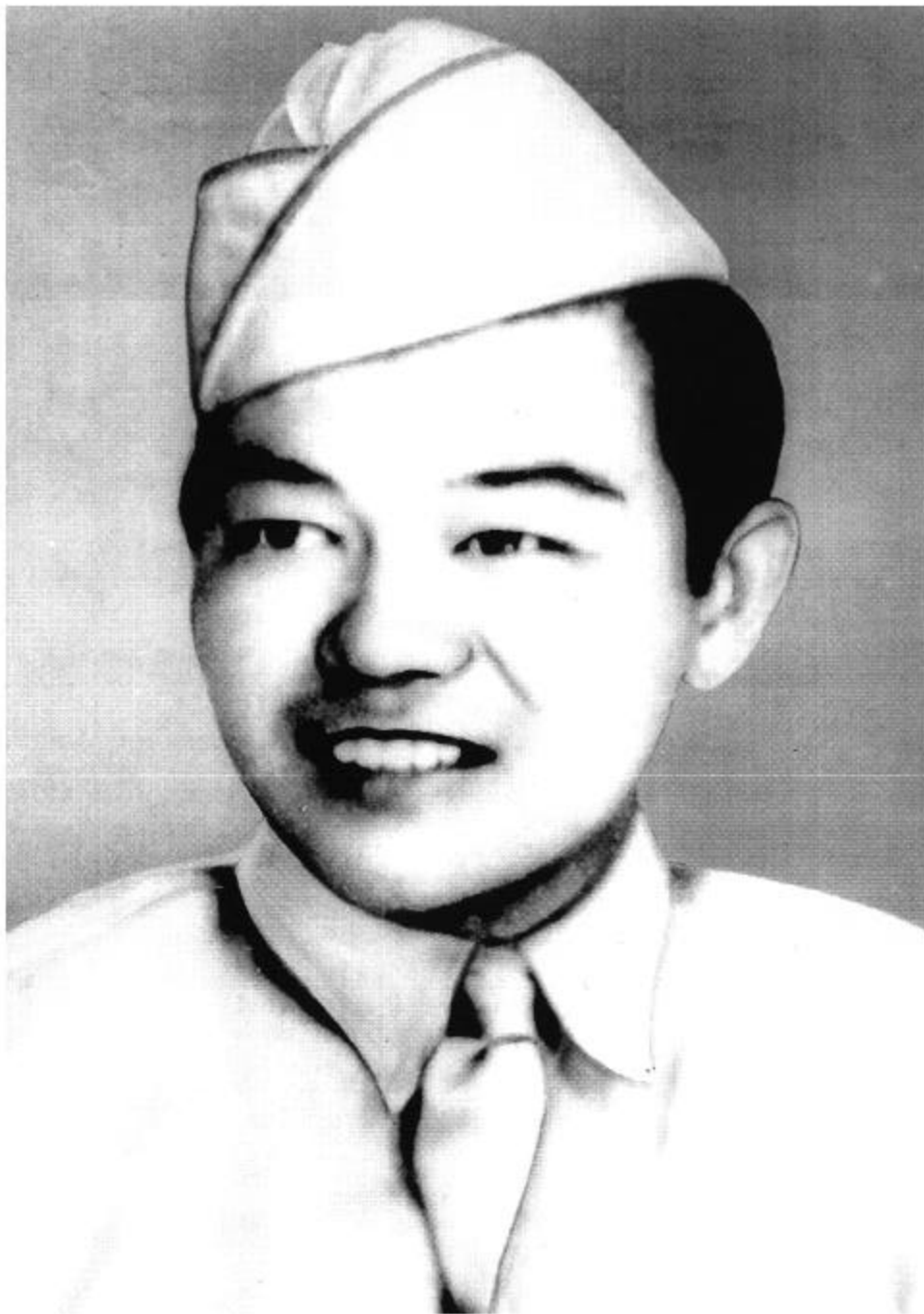


Silent movie star **Anna May Wong** counted *The Thief of Baghdad* with Douglas Fairbanks in 1924 as one of her early credits. Born as Liu Tsong in Los Angeles Chinatown on January 3, 1907, Ms. Wong made her first appearance in 1922 in *The Chinese Parrot* and was type cast in “yellow peril” roles in numerous other films in the United States and Europe in the 1920s and 1930s, often reinforcing unfortunate racial stereotypes. She played several leading parts and in 1932 was nominated for an Academy Award for her part in *Shanghai Express*. Wong also appeared later in her career in variety theaters in the United States and England. She died in Santa Monica, California, on February 2, 1961.

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February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>1933: David M. Valderama, first Filipino American probate judge in US, born. 1933: Jazz saxophonist Sadao Watanabe born. 1993: Anna Sui awarded Perry Ellis Award for New Fashion Talent.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1848: Ship <i>Eagle</i> arrives in San Francisco with 2 Chinese men, 1 Chinese woman. 1959: Arati Prabhakar, Director of US National Institute of Standards and Technology (appointed 1993), born.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1959: "Pizzicato 5" rock musician Yasuharu Konishi born. 1961: Silent film star Anna May Wong dies.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1941: Elwood Liu, first Chinese American appellate court judge, born. 1953: New Age musician Kitaro born. 1997: Movie producer Stephen Chao featured at Miami Showbiz Summit.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1917: New Federal law excludes immigration to US from South and Southeast Asia. 1939: Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, first Asian American president of American Medical Women's Association, born.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1987: New York World Trade Center architect Minoru Yamasaki dies.</p> <p>New Zealand Day (New Zealand)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1920: An Wang, inventor of computer magnetic core memory, born.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>1885: 944 official migrant laborers from Japan arrive in Hawaii. 1886: 1 Chinese American killed in anti-Chinese riots in Seattle. 1892: Japan's Koroku Katsu, graduate of US Naval Academy Class of 1877, dies.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1931: Steven Ilsang Yoon, curator of Founders' Library, Howard University, born.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1905: Korean Episcopal Church founded in Honolulu. 1931: Japanese American community leader Karl Yoneda arrested in Los Angeles anti-hunger march.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1870: State legislature welcomes Chinese immigrants to Colorado. 1957: <i>Tropical Classical</i> author Pico Iyer born.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1864: Edward Day Cohota (Shanghai-area native) enlists in U.S. Army, serves under General U.S. Grant. 1874: David Kalakaua, first reigning monarch to visit US, elected as king of Hawaii.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1908: Kokichi Mikimoto receives patent for spherical pearl. 1954: Pulitzer Prize (1992) winning photojournalist Paul Kuroda born.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1971: Pop singer Noriko Sakai born. 1989: <i>Born on the Fourth of July</i> co-producer A. Kitman Ho, nominated for Academy Award.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1898: 7 Japanese and 1 Chinese die in sinking of USS <i>Maine</i>. 1988: Motion picture <i>Salaam Bombay!</i> nominated for Academy Award.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1969: George B. Chan nominated for Academy Award as art director in <i>Gaily, Gaily</i>.</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1952: Pan American Games table tennis gold medalist (1983, 1987) Insook Bhushan born. 1992: Ruth Praver Jhabvala's screen play <i>Howard's End</i>, nominated (later wins) Academy Award.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1925: Luke Wing, first Asian American elected to Seattle City Council (1962), born (dies in plane crash, May 17, 1963). 1933: Musician Yoko Ono born.</p> <p>Democracy Day (Nepal)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1942: US War Department authorizes 1st Filipino Infantry Battalion from among Filipino Americans. 1942: President Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066 providing for internment of Japanese Americans.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1920: Willows, CA rice farmer Kim Chong-nim donates 3 airplanes for new School of Aviation. 1943: 1,200 Filipinos serving in US Armed Forces granted citizenship.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1927: US Supreme Court rules Hawaii's anti-Japanese education laws unconstitutional. 1941: Business executive Lilia C. Clemente born. 1994: Community activist Yuri Kochiyama dies.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1910: Sculptor George Tsutakawa born. 1963: Minor league catcher Don Wakamatsu born. 1971: Actress Lea Salonga born. 1972: Tennis star Michael Chang born.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1942: Japanese Americans join non-combat engineers auxiliary in Hawaii. 1990: Classical pianist Mitsuko Uchida debuts at Carnegie Hall.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1943: Major General John R. D'Araujo, Jr., Director of Army National Guard Bureau, born. Grace Ma wins Miss Chinatown USA crown, 1996.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1940: <i>Aliieee!</i> Author Frank Chin born.</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1930: Los Angeles Superior Court ruling invalidates more than 100 Filipino American marriages performed since 1921. 1942: Author, women's activist, and university professor Elaine H. Kim born.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1960: <i>Eat a Bowl of Tea</i> author Louis Chu dies.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1923: Gyo Obata, architect of National Air and Space Museum, born. 1940: Fashion designer Kenzo born. 1962: Actress Rae Dawn Chong born. 1978: <i>The Good Earth</i> actor Philip Ahn dies at age 77.</p>



Private First Class **Sado S. Munemori**, Company A, 442d Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, 5th US Army, was a Japanese American native of Los Angeles, CA, born on August 17, 1922. He gave his life in an April 5, 1945 battle near Seravezza, Italy. His unit was pinned down by strong enemy fire. Munemori single-handedly made frontal assaults through raging enemy fire and destroyed two machine gun emplacements. While withdrawing under heavy fire, Munemori saved the lives of two comrades when he smothered a grenade blast with his body. For his "swift, supremely heroic action," PFC Munemori was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on March 13, 1946.

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March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>1920: US exclusionists win concession from Japanese to no longer issue passports to photo brides. 1979: Association for Asian American Studies established.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1908: John Yehall Chin, first Chinese American elected public official and member of first US Civil Rights Commission, born. 1942: Julia Chang Bloch, first Asian American appointed as an ambassador (Nepal, 1989), born.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1972: First Japanese company in California, Kyocera America, starts semiconductor manufacturing operations in San Diego.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1951: <i>Dictee</i> author Theresa Hak Kyung Cha born.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1945: Assistant Surgeon General Kenneth P. Moritsugu born. 1994: Japanese American Internment Memorial dedicated at Federal Building in San Jose, CA.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1944: Opera singer and actress Kiri Te Kanawa born.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1952: Swami Paramahansa Yogananda, founder of Church of All the Worlds in the US, dies. 1967: WNBA Los Angeles Sparks center Zheng Haixia born.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>1951: World Culinary Olympic gold medal winner (1984, 1988) Keijiro Miyata born</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1950: Giants baseball manager and coach Wendall Kealohapauloe Kim born.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1880: Chinese laborers, laying more than 1 mile of Southern Pacific track a day, reach Tucson, AZ. 1961: San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Jesse Sapolu born.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1912: US Supreme Court rules against admission to US of US-born Tang Tun. 1996: <i>Native Speaker</i> author Chang-rae Lee wins 1995 Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Award.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1926: George Ryoichi Ariyoshi, third governor of Hawaii (1974–86), born. "Pizzicato 5" rock singer Maki Nomiya born (year a secret).</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1937: Fofu Iosefa Fiti Sunia, first delegate of American Samoa in US House of Representatives (1981–88), born. 1947: <i>Anna and the King of Siam</i> wins Academy Award.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1907: President Roosevelt signs executive order stopping import of Japanese laborers from Hawaii and Mexico. 1961: Pro race driver Hiro Matsushita born. 1968: <i>A Magazine</i> publisher Jeff Yang born.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1919: Korean Americans hold rally to support Korean independence.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1906: Earthquake destroys San Francisco Chinatown. 1906: Hawaiian sugarcane companies begin recruiting workers from Philippines.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1894: US-China treaty allows Chinese Americans with valid US residency certifi-cates to return to US. 1980: US Congress passes Refugee Act, facilitates immigration to US of evacuees from Southeast Asia.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1938: Actor Shashi Kapoor born.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1989: <i>New York Times</i> review praises Amy Tan's first book, <i>The Joy Luck Club</i>, which begins 7 months on best seller list.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1910: <i>Yokohama, California</i> author Toshio Mori born. 1969: Corporal Terry Teruo Kawamura earns Medal of Honor saving lives of others in Vietnam.</p> <p>New Years (Afghanistan)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1940: Japan American Citizens League pledges loyalty to US 1960: Noted neurosurgeon and National Science Foundation Fellow Edward Anthony Lachica born.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1911: Novelist and short-story writer Bienvenido N. Santos born.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1928: Economist Kang Chao born.</p> <p>Pakistan Day (Pakistan)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1934: Tydings-McDuffie Act restricts Filipino immigration to US to 50 persons a year. 1997: Jessica Yu wins Academy Award for best achievement in documentary short subject.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1985: Haing S. Ngor wins Academy Award for role in <i>The Killing Fields</i>. 1991: <i>Christian Science Monitor</i> review praises <i>Typical American</i> author Gish Jen (b. 1955).</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1871: Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, delegate of Territory of Hawaii in US Congress (1903-22), born. 1976: Lin Yutang, author of popular US books about China, dies.</p> <p>Independence Day (Bangladesh)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1912: Cherry trees, gift of the Japanese government, planted at Washington, DC Tidal Basin. 1945: <i>Tampopo</i> actress Nokubo Miyamoto born. 1957: Special Counsel, US Department of Justice William Ho-González born.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1835: Chinese laborers reported working in Hawaiian sugar mill.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>1922: March Fong Eu, US Ambassador to Micronesia, born. 1992: Academy Award winners include Eiko Ishioka (costume design) and Doug Chiang (visual effects).</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1853: California places special taxes on Chinese and other foreign miners. 1932: Reginald C.S. Ho, first Hawaiian to head American Cancer Society, born.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1911: Award-winning watercolor artist Dong Moy Shu Kingman born. 1997: Frank Cho's "Liberty Meadows" comic strip debuts nationally.</p>				



On April 30, 1945, Sergeant **José Calugas**, Battery B, 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, 23d Division, US Army, received the Medal of Honor for bravery during the Battle of Bataan, Philippines, on January 16, 1942. Sgt. Calugas, a native of the Philippines born on December 29, 1907, ran 1,000 yards under heavy enemy fire to a partially destroyed gun position. He organized a volunteer squad to put the artillery back in firing order and commenced firing on the invaders before being taken prisoner.

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			1 1920: Award-winning actor Toshiro Mifune born.	2 1954: Anthony A. Dao, Executive Secretary, US Department of Commerce, born. 1977: East Coast Asian Student Union established at Yale University.	3 1929: <i>Girl Named Tamika</i> actress Miyoshi Umeki born. 1971: Richard Chew wins Academy Award as <i>Star Wars</i> film editor.	4 1906: Report shows 6,908 Koreans living in Hawaii. Ching Ming Festival (China)
5 1941: Actress and director Tisa Chang born. 1945: PFC Sadao S. Munemori, 442d Regimental Combat Team, earns Medal of Honor while saving lives of others in Italy.	6 1943: Psychologist and author Stephen S. Fugita born.	7 1920: Sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar born. 1954: Actor Jackie Chan born. 1967: Pittsburgh Penguins defensive player Jim Paek born.	8 1990: Spark Masayuki Matsunaga, US Representative and Senator from Hawaii (1963–1990), dies.	9 1929: Nationally recognized pain management specialist Ki Ho Kim born. 1972: LTC Gero Iwai, US Army (ret.) earliest and most senior Japanese American to serve in military intelligence, dies.	10 1941: Illinois chemical industry executive Manuel Emulson Belbis born. Passover begins Good Friday	11 1987: Ryuichi Sakamoto and Cong Su share Academy Award for music in <i>The Last Emperor</i> . 1991: Fashion designer Anna Sui puts on first New York runway show.
12 1847: Yung Wing, naturalized US citizen (1852) and first Chinese graduate of Yale University (1854), arrives in New York. 1939: Asian American studies scholar Ronald Takaki born. Easter	13 1979: Monica Ivey, Miss Hawaii Teen USA 1996, born. New Years (Song Kram—Thailand; Boun Pimai—Laos; Baisakh—India)	14 1919: Three-day Korean Liberty Congress opens in Philadelphia. 1945: Computer software developer K.V. Kumar born.	15 1980: In Villa Park, CA, Carol Kawanami elected first Japanese American mayor of US city. New Years (Bangladesh)	16 1975: Attack on Phnom Penh by rebel forces starts mass migration of Cambodians to US and other countries.	17 1900: US flag raised over Samoa for the first time. 1952: California Supreme Court finds Alien Land Law of 1913, which forbade people ineligible for citizenship to own land, unconstitutional.	18 1925: First Chinese-run hospital in US opens in San Francisco.
19 1989: <i>Chicago Tribune</i> reports cartoonist, novelist, and playwright Lynda Barry (b. 1956) wrote most of <i>The Good Times Are Killing Me</i> in one week	20 1940: "Star Trek" actor George Takei born.	21 1935: Chuan-tau Edward Lan, cited by NASA for outstanding achievements in aerospace engineering, born.	22 1854: <i>Golden Hill News</i> , first commercial Chinese-language newspaper in California, begins publication. 1940: First all-Chinese radio program broadcast, San Francisco. 1942: 1st Filipino Infantry Battalion activated.	23 1944: Educator and treasurer of Japanese American National Library Ben Kobashigawa born. 1960: International award-winning architect Edwin T. Chan born.	24 1953: Legal activist Hoyt Zia born. 1997: Karen Ishizuka, curator of Japanese American National Museum named to National Film Preservation Board.	25 1951: Corporal Hiroshi H. Miyamura earns Medal of Honor in Korea action. 1961: Writer, political analyst, and Reagan Administration appointee Dinesh D'Souza born.
26 1858: State law prevents Chinese and Mongolian immigration to California. 1917: Architect I.M. Pei born. 1961: Actress Joan Chen born.	27 1921: Short-story writer Hisaye Yamamoto born. 1970: WNBA Phoenix Mercury guard Mikiko Hagiwara born. 1995: <i>Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision</i> wins Academy Award for best documentary feature.	28 1860: First Japanese envoy to US received by President Buchanan. 1869: Chinese laborers lay 10 miles of Central Pacific Railroad track in one day. Muharram begins	29 1902: Chinese Exclusion Act extended for 10 more years. 1933: Anagarika Dharmapala, key founder of Buddhism in US, dies. 1936: Orchestra conductor Zubin Mehta born.	30 1893: Columbian exhibition opens in Chicago, Japan's "Phoenix Villa" attracts special attention among American architects. 1900: Territorial government of Hawaii established.		



The only Asian American US Navy veteran to win the Medal of Honor was Fireman Second Class **Telesforo Trinidad**, born in New Washington, Capig, Philippines, on November 26, 1890 and died in the Cavite Navy Yard on May 8, 1968. The story of his heroism is told in this cartoon-style vignette by Mario DeMarco for the September 8, 1956 *Navy Times*. General Orders conferring the Medal of Honor for his "extraordinary heroism in line of his profession" were issued on April 1, 1915, and he received the Medal of Honor in August 1915.

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					1 1898: Japanese Americans serve on US warships in Battle of Manila Bay. 1997: Tamagocchi "virtual pets" enter US market-place. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month begins (since 1990)	2 1964: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" voice actor (Leonardo) Brian Tochi born. Constitution Day (Japan)
3 1993: President Clinton praises contributions of Asian Americans in US Government at Asian Pacific Islander American Month ceremony at White House.	4 1978: President Carter proclaims first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.	5 1892: Chinese Exclusion Act extended for 10 years. 1940: Electrical engineer and inventor Tatsuo Itoh born. Children's Day (Japan and Korea)	6 1882: First Chinese Exclusion Act passed by US Congress. 1944: Giants' pitcher Masanori Murakami born. Bataan Day (Philippines)	7 1843: Nakahama Manjiro (aka John Mung) rescued by US ship, later arrives as first Japanese in US. 1973: Huynh Cong Ut wins Pulitzer Prize for photography.	8 1970: Marion Lacadia Obara appointed first Filipino American appellate judge in Los Angeles. Buddha's Birthday	9 1947: Fashion designer Josie Cruz Natori born.
10 1868: Transcontinental railroad, with western leg built by 10,000 Chinese American laborers, completed. 1949: Author and humanitarian Le Ly Hayslip born.	11 1994: <i>The Crow</i> , starring the late Brandon Lee, opens in New York and Los Angeles.	12 1949: Shrimati Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, first woman accredited as an ambassador to US	13 1946: Community activist and Honolulu City Council member (1983-84) Leigh-wai Doo born.	14 1905: Asiatic Exclusion League established in San Francisco.	15 1957: Entertainment executive Teddy Zee born. 1978: Olympic silver medal (1996) gymnast Amy Chow born. 1997: Renee Tajima-Peña's <i>My America... or Honk if You Love Buddha</i> premieres in Los Angeles.	16 1908: Paramahansa Muktananda, popularizer of Siddhe Yoga in US, born. 1997: Miss USA, Brook Mehealani Lee of Hawaii, wins Miss Universe title. Armed Forces Day
17 1945: Shigatsu Sasaki, founder of Zen Institute of America (1928), dies.	18 1942: Joy Cherian, US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission member (1987-93), born.	19 1939: <i>The World of Suzie Wong</i> actress Nancy Kwan born. 1946: John D. Waihee, first Hawaiian-ancestry governor of Hawaii, born. 1952: Yoshio Shirai wins world flyweight boxing title.	20 1953: US Coast Guard Academy graduate and USCG Commander Clyde Kazuto Watanabe born.	21 1986: Asian garment workers rally in Boston for training benefits.	22 1882: US-Korean treaty allows Koreans to immigrate to US. 1917: Mikasa dinnerware founder George Aratani born.	23 1908: Korean Women's Association established in San Francisco. 1975: US Congress expands legal definition of "refugee" to include persons from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.
24 1975: US Congress passes Indochina Migration & Refugee Assistance Act.	25 1925: US Supreme Court rules Toyota Hidemitsu ineligible for citizenship despite USCG service. 1935: General Motors vice president Shirley Young born. Memorial Day (observed)	26 1924: President Coolidge signs National Origins Act banning immigration of Asian laborers (except Filipinos). 1958: Investment banker Vincent Perez, Jr., born.	27 1869: First Japanese immigrants to US arrive in California. 1996: 18,000-square-foot Hindu-Jain temple opens in Getzville, NY	28 1930: Patricia Fukura Saiki, first Republican Party member to represent Hawaii in US House of Representatives (1987-91), born.	29 1926: Jai Hyon Lee, award-winning educator and journalist born.	30 1951: <i>The River of Heaven</i> author and <i>The Open Boat</i> editor Garrett Kaoru Hongo born.
31 1987: Hoang Nhu Tran valedictorian of US Air Force Academy.						



Corporal **Hiroshi H. Miyamura**, Company H, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, US Army, won the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry against the enemy near Taejon-ni, Korea, on April 24 and 25, 1951. The Gallup, NM, native was serving as a squad leader when he killed ten enemy soldiers who were overrunning his position, using his bayonet and hand-to-hand combat. After rendering first aid to his wounded squad members and directing their evacuation, Miyamura again had to fend off an enemy attack, firing his machine gun until he ran out of ammunition. After ordering his squad to retreat he disabled one machine gun and then continued firing another, killing more than 50 of the enemy. Severely wounded, he continued to fight until he was captured.

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June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1942: US Military Intelligence Service Language School adds more Japanese American instructors. 1993: Connie Chung first Asian American anchor on major network evening news. National Day (Western Samoa)	2 1991: Lea Salonga wins Tony Award as Best Actress in musical "Miss Saigon." 1997: Peter Young appointed Chief of Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress.	3 1925: Florida horticulturist Lue Gim Gong, for whom the Lue Gim Gong orange is named and who was the subject of Ruth-anne Lum McCunn's novel <i>Wooden Fish Songs</i> , dies.	4 1883: Anandibai Joshee, first Indian woman to earn MD from US graduates from medical school. Dragon Boat Festival (Hong Kong and Taiwan) National Day (Tonga)	5 1832: Hawaiian feminist Kaahumanu dies. 1952: Jo Ann Sakato, noted career FBI recruiter, born.	6 1955: America Tang, fencing company executive and Los Angeles Top 100 Women-Owned Business awardee, born. 1956: Asian American women's activist June Chan born.
7 1904: Kiro Kunitomo, Japanese graduate of US Naval Academy Class of 1877, dies. 1981: Willa Kim wins Tony Award for Best Costume Design.	8 1954: New York Yankees infielder Lenn Sakata born. 1989: Michael Chang, at age 17, youngest player ever to reach finals of French Open tennis tournament.	9 1880: US Circuit Court in California rules in favor of fisherman Ah Chong who, as non-voter, had been denied access to his occupation.	10 1893: Japanese American children forced to attend segregated Chinese schools in San Francisco. 1936: Chinese Women's Association incorporated in New York City.	11 1909: Wen Ying-hsing and Chen Ting-chia graduate as foreign students from US Military Academy. 1962: Actor Toshihiko Seki born.	12 1898: Philippines declares independence from Spain. 1953: <i>Meatless Days</i> author Sara Suleri born.	13 1870: First large group of Chinese laborers arrives in North Adams, MA to work in shoe factories.
14 1900: Contractor-labor system abolished in Hawaii leading to strikes among Japanese workers. 1948: Children's literature author Laurence M. Yep born. 1949: New England Patriots tackle Eugene Y. Chung born.	15 1899: American Pomological Society places Bing Cherry (named for Oregon horticulturalist Ah Bing in 1875) as approved new variety of fruit in its <i>Catalogue of Fruits</i> published by the US Department of Agriculture.	16 1940: Space shuttle payload specialist and microgravity scientist Taylor G. Wang born. 1953: Washington, DC radio producer Theo-Dric Feng born.	17 1981: Hmong refugees hold conference in St. Paul, MN on resettlement issue.	18 1923: Filipino boxer Francisco Gulleido becomes world flyweight champion.	19 1868: First Japanese contract laborers arrive in Hawaii. 1941: Writer Connie Young Yu born.	20 1952: <i>A Suitable Boy</i> author Vikram Seth born. 1959: Actor Chester Gan dies.
21 1861: Chinese American John Tomney joins New York Infantry, later dies of wounds at Battle of Gettysburg (1863). 1943: US Supreme Court rules curfew law imposed on Japanese Americans is constitutional.	22 1959: Federal Communications Commission chairperson Rachelle B. Chong born. 1982: Detroit resident Vincent Chin beaten to death by unemployed assailants who assumed he was Japanese.	23 1965: <i>3 Ninjas Kick Back</i> actor Katsumi Honda born.	24 1905: Political exile Kang Youwei visits President Roosevelt in White House in effort to ease enforcement of the Chinese Exclusion Laws.	25 1896: First Hawaiian sumo tournament held. 1938: K. Elizabeth Ohi, first Japanese woman to obtain JD degree from US university, graduates. 1946: Displaced Persons Act adjusts legal status of 15,000 Chinese in	26 1944: All-Japanese American 442d Regimental Combat Team begins first of five major campaigns in Europe. 1949: San Francisco police chief of inspectors Fred H. Lau born.	27 1930: Olympic gold medal (1952) weight lifter Tomia "Tommy" T. Kono born.
28 1933: <i>Karate Kid</i> actor Noriyuki "Pat" Morita born.	29 1863: Hong Neok Woo joins Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, serves in Civil War. 1946: US Congress passes G.I. Fiancées Act, enabling women or men engaged to US service personnel to immigrate to US.	30 1858: Joseph Heco first Japanese granted US citizenship, in Baltimore. 1973: Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Chan Ho Park born. 1974: Miss Virginia (1996) Michelle Kang born.				



Sergeant **Daniel Ken Inouye** was assigned to the 442d Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, an all-Japanese American (Nisei) unit that was part of the US Fifth Army during World War II. Inouye's unit fought for three months in the bloody Rome Arno Campaign. During that time he distinguished himself as a patrol leader. His unit was then transferred to France and spent two harrowing weeks rescuing the "Lost Battalion"-part of the 141st Regiment, 36th Division, which was surrounded by German forces-an action considered one of the most significant military battles in the twentieth century. He became a platoon leader, won the Bronze Star, and received a battlefield commission to second lieutenant. After his return to Italy, he led an attack against a German position despite having suffered an abdominal wound. He led his platoon and then advanced alone against a machine gun that had his troops pinned down. He tossed two grenades "with devastating effect" before his right arm was shattered by a German rifle grenade at close range. He then threw his last grenade with his left hand and commenced firing a submachine gun. He was wounded again in the leg. With the loss of his right arm, he endured 20 months of hospitalization. He returned home as a captain with a Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and twelve other medals and citations. Following law school and legal work in his native Honolulu, he was elected as a Democrat to the Hawaiian House of Representatives in 1954 and to the US House of Representatives in 1959. In 1962 he was elected to the US Senate, an office he still holds.

Photo: Courtesy Office of Senator Daniel Inouye

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1904: In the 18 months after this date, 13,803 Asian contract laborers emigrate from Hawaii to US mainland.	2 1946: President Truman signs law allowing immigration from India. 1948: also signs Japanese Evacuation Claims Act. 1956: Award-winning novelist and short-story writer Cynthia Lynn Kadohata born.	3 1915: White House photographer Yoichi R. Okamoto born. 1943: 1st Filipino Infantry Battalion sent to Pacific Theater.	4 1902: Swami Vivekananda, founder of Vedanta Society in US, dies. 1946: Philippines gains independence from US. Philippines-America Friendship Day; Independence Day (USA)
5 1882: Hazrat Inayat Khan, introducer of Sufism in US, born. 1884: US Congress passes law placing new restrictions on Chinese immigration and Chinese residents in US. 1923: Poet Mitsuye Yamada born.	6 1890: Award-winning children's fiction writer Dhan Goyal Mukerji born. 1957: Hmong community activist Christopher Teng Thao born. Birthdays of Prophet Mohammed & Dalai Lama	7 1940: <i>Tiger's Daughter</i> author Bharati Mukherjee born. 1953: Judy Chu, city council member and former mayor of Monterey Park, CA, born. 1980: Michelle Kwan, 1994 Goodwill Games silver medalist, born.	8 1947: DuPont senior research chemist and patent holder John Haetak Choi born.	9 1960: <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> deputy city editor Michael Yamamoto Toru born.	10 1847: <i>New York Herald</i> reports arrival of 35 Chinese. 1961: Cantopop star Jacky Cheung Hok Yau born. 1997: Hideki Irabu debuts as New York Yankees pitcher.	11 1920: Taidje Kahn (aka Yul Brynner) born. National Day (Mongolia)
12 1946: New Federal law allows Filipinos to become US citizens. 1971: Olympic gold medal (1992) figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi born. 1976: Academy Award (1955) cinematographer James Wong Howe dies.	13 1948: Robert Anacietus Underwood, delegate from Guam to US House of Representatives (1993-present), born. 1956: Producer and film maker Janet Yang born.	14 1984: Hee Baek wins women's singles final of US Tennis Association's national amateur championship.	15 1904: First Buddhist (Shinshu Sect) temple in US established in Los Angeles. 1946: 442d Regimental Combat Team awarded Presidential Distinguished Unit citation in Washington, DC.	16 1928: Isauro Gabaldon resigns as Resident Commissioner to US Congress after nomination to Philippines House of Representatives.	17 1960: <i>Mortal Kombat</i> star Robin Shou born. 1968: NCAA fencing champion (1991) Mark Oshima born. 1989: Writer and artist Dayal Kaur Khalsa dies.	18 1906: US Senator (1976-82) Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa born. 1940: ABC broadcast journalist Ken Kashiwahara born.
19 1921: Armed mob drives Japanese American farm workers out of Turlock, CA. 1993: World War II hero Sgt Roy H. Matsumoto inducted into US Army Ranger Hall of Fame. Independence Day (Laos)	20 1973: Kungfu actor Bruce Lee dies.	21 1953: US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration geophysicist Ngar-Chueng Lau born.	22 1850: Chinese American groups march in President Zachary Taylor's "grand funeral pageant" in New York City and San Francisco.	23 1863: William Ah Hang enlists in US Navy during Civil War. 1996: Amy Chow wins Olympic gold medal for team performance and silver medal for uneven parallel bars, Atlanta.	24 1935: University of California at Berkeley Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien born.	25 1878: First Chinese ambassador to US, Chen Lanbin arrives in San Francisco. 1951: Spokane banker Phyllis Takisaki Campbell born.
26 1961: Jazz composer and musician Keiko Matsui born. 1966: Honolulu photographer-writer Jenni Meili Lau born.	27 1863: Chinese American Antonio Dardelle completes 9-month enlistment with Connecticut Volunteer Infantry during Civil War. 1940: Bharati Mukherjee, author of <i>The Middleman and Other Stories</i> , born.	28 1940: Fashion designer Tamotsu born. 1959: Daniel Ken Inouye elected as first Japanese American in US House of Representatives (1959-63), later becomes US Senator.	29 1870: San Francisco's Cubic Air Ordinance makes numerous Chinatown dwellings illegal. 1953: Performance artist Brenda Wong Aoki born.	30 1975: <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> actress Irene Sze Ng born. Independence Day (Vanuatu)	31 1868: Burlingame-Seward Treaty allows free immigration between China and US.	

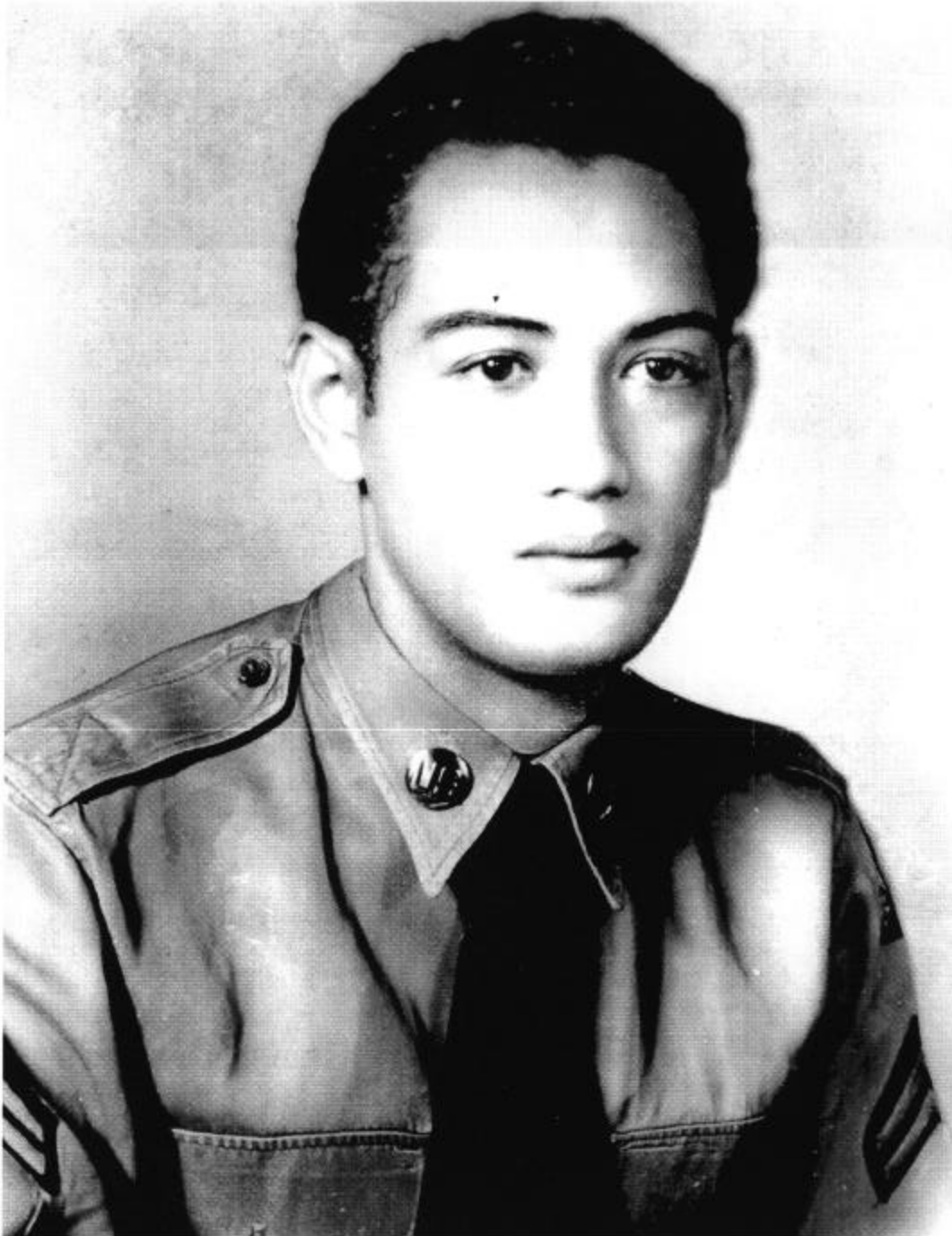


The first Asian Pacific Island American elected to the United States Senate and the first American of Chinese descent to be elected to the United States Congress was **Hiram Leong Fong**. Born on October 15, 1906 in Honolulu, Hawaii, he is a graduate of Harvard University Law School (1935) and was a Republican Party member of the Hawaiian House of Representatives (1938-53). After a short retirement from politics, he was elected one of Hawaii's first two senators when the islands were admitted to statehood in 1959. He served three terms between 1959 and 1977. His committee assignments included Appropriations, Interior and Insular Affairs, Judiciary, Post Office and Civil Service, and Public Works. Senator Fong is shown here in March 1976, shortly before his retirement from the US Senate.

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August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1920: Olympic gold medal (1948, 1952) high board diver Sammy Lee born. 1938: <i>American Brat</i> author Bapsi Sidha born.
2 1916: Artist Alfonso Ossorio born. 1950: Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito born.	3 1977: San Francisco citizens rally to protest eviction of elderly Filipino residents of International Hotel.	4 1933: Frank F.C. Tung, Deputy Director, US Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, born. 1956: <i>Angel Cop</i> actress Mika Doi born.	5 1940: Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles quarter-back Roman Gabriel born.	6 1942: US Army senior medical laboratory technician George Akio Miura born.	7 1977: "Kids Incorporated" actress Connie Kwan Lew born.	8 1946: <i>China Boy</i> author Gus Lee born.
9 1785: Ship <i>Pallas</i> arrives in Baltimore with 32 East Indians and 3 Chinese, first recorded instance of Chinese in US. 1932: <i>New Yorker</i> cartoonist, illustrator, and author José Aruego born. National Day (Singapore)	10 1988: President Reagan signs new Japanese American internment compensation law.	11 1898: US annexes Hawaii. 1941: <i>M. Butterfly</i> author David Henry Hwang born. 1943: All-Japanese American 442d Regimental Combat Team departs for Europe.	12 1941: Brigadier General David Earl Kaleokaika Cooper, US Army, born. 1955: Gish Jen, author of <i>Typical American</i> , born.	13 1937: S.B. Woo, elected Lieutenant Governor of Delaware (1984)—first Asian American to be elected to this level of state government, born	14 1952: Medal of Honor for Sgt LeRoy A. Mendoca posthumously presented in recognition of his "conspicuous gallantry" in repulsing the enemy at cost of his life on July 4, 1951 in Chichon, Korea.	15 1943: Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, American Samoan delegate to US House of Representatives since 1989, born. 1966: Chargers offensive lineman Leo Goeas born. Independence Day (India & Pakistan)
16 1829: Siamese twins Chang and Eng arrive in Boston. 1975: US Olympic fencing team alternate Felicia Zimmerman born.	17 1968: San Francisco Chinatown protesters cite 80% poverty rate and highest suicide and TB rates in US. Independence Day (Indonesia)	18 1941: Congressman John Dingell suggests incarcerating 10,000 Japanese Americans to encourage "good behavior" on part of Japan.	19 1944: Computer software developer Charles B. Wang born. 1960: Mets and A's pitcher Ron Darling born. 1945: Major General Eugene S. Imai, Deputy Commander, Army Pacific National Guard Bureau, born.	20 1904: Sociologist Rose Hum Lee born. 1946: Television journalist Connie Chung born.	21 1959: Hawaii becomes 50th state. 1974: Kirpal Singh, founder of Ruhani Satsang Church in US (1955), dies.	22 1933: Internationally recognized geologist and educator Manik Talwani born.
23 1921: Writer Hisaye Yamamoto born. 1962: Fashion designer Han Feng born.	24 1959: Hiram Fong sworn in as first Asian American in US Senate.	25 1939: Movie producer Sumi Sevilla Haru born. 1960: Rap artist and radio show host Scott Seiya Shimamoto born.	26 1992: Former Peace Corps Director (1991-92) Elaine L. Chao named president of United Way of America.	27 1928: Aerospace scientist Sajjad Haidar Durrani born.	28 1937: <i>Grandfather's Journey</i> author Allen Say born. 1960: Space Shuttle mission specialist Leroy Chiao born. 1993: Japanese "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" series launched on US television.	29 1941: Korean flag raised over Los Angeles City Hall in honor of Korean American "Tiger Brigade" unit of California National Guard. 1957: Dennis A. Yao, US Federal Trade Commission member (appointed 1991), born.
30 1909: Japan announces gift of 2,000 cherry trees for Wash., D.C.	31 1968: Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo born. Independence Day (Malaysia)					



Private First Class **Herbert K. Pililau**, Company C, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, US Army, was born in Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii, on October 10, 1928. During heavy combat near Pia-ri, Korea, on September 17, 1951, his platoon successfully repelled repeated enemy attacks on his position on "Heartbreak Ridge." When his platoon was ordered to withdraw, Pililau volunteered to cover his comrades. Using automatic weapon fire and grenades and then hand-to-hand combat, he killed 40 enemy soldiers before dying from his wounds. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his "gallant self-sacrifice" on March 26, 1952.

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1920: Bantam weight pro boxer George Lee hailed by <i>Sacramento Bee</i> . 1935: Seiji Ozawa, first Asian to conduct major US symphony orchestra, born. 1966: USMC artillery Captain Daniel Craig Wong born.	2 1885: Mob kills 28 Chinese and drives rest out of Rock Springs, WY. 1899: Buddhist Churches of America established. 1915: Hawaiian Chinese composer Dai-Keong Lee born. Independence Day (Vietnam)	3 1926: Actor Arun "Uttam Kumar" Chatterjee born.	4 1781: Antonio "Chino" Rodriguez among founders of Los Angeles. 1943: 442d Regimental Combat Team lands at Salerno, Italy, more than 1,000 Purple Hearts eventually earned.	5 1926: Linda Tsao Yang, first minority and first woman to serve as commissioner of California Savings and Loan, born. 1956: Army Special Forces and military physician Paul Steven Chang born.
6 1939: Winner of 1987 Nobel Prize for physiology Susumu Tonegawa born. 1995: <i>A. Magazine</i> co-founder Phoebe Eng attends 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing.	7 1924: Daniel Ken Inouye, first Japanese American elected to US Senate, born. Labor Day	8 1955: Asian American community activist and member of President's Advisory Board on Race Relations Angela Eunjin Oh born.	9 1924: 16 sugar plantation workers killed in attack on union headquarters in Hanaoao, HI.	10 1994: New version of "Sukiyaki," later No. 1 on Billboard charts, debuts. 1997: Kumar Barve, member of Maryland House of Dele-gates and senior elected Indian American, selected to represent US at Mother Teresa's	11 1956: <i>Power of the People</i> author Carlos Bulosan dies. 1995: Japan's "Sailor Moon" series premieres on American television.	12 1934: Major General John Liu Fugh, first Chinese American to obtain general officer rank in US Army, born. 1957: Metropolitan Opera singer Haijing Fu born.
13 1888: US Congress passes law prohibiting immigration of Chinese laborers for 20 years. 1948: <i>Battle of Midway</i> actor Clyde Kusatsu born.	14 1948: National Women's Political Caucus chair Irene Natividad born. 1950: Space Shuttle astronaut Eugene Huu-Chau Trinh born.	15 1948: New York City artist Bing Lee born.	16 1911: Indian independence activist Khirshnalal Shridhoranu born. 1927: Abe Lee, Golden Gloves and National AAU champion boxer, and later US Navy veteran, born. Independence Day (Papua-New Guinea)	17 1941: US Congressman Robert Takeo Matsui (CA, since 1979) born. 1942: Chicago World Trade Center President Ross Masao Harano born. 1954: Academy Award nominee (1988) producer Christine Choy born.	18 1995: <i>American Knees</i> author Shawn Wong reads highly praised novel at Elliott Bay Book Company. 1997: Design concept for National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, DC unveiled.	19 1923: US Supreme Court declares Asian Indians ineligible for US citizenship. 1941: US District Court (CA) Judge Ronald S.W. Lew born.
20 1899: Dalip Singh Saund, first Asian American to serve in US Congress (in House of Representatives, 1957-63), born. 1993: <i>Variety</i> praises John Lone's acting in <i>M. Butterfly</i> . Rosh Hashanah begins	21 1908: Children's book illustrator Jun Atsushi Iwamatsu born. 1909: Fung Joe Guey makes 20-minute, half-mile flight in airplane of own construction in Oakland, CA; first such flight on west coast.	22 1922: Winner of 1957 Nobel Prize for physics Chen Ning Yang born. 1923: US Congress passes Cable Act revoking US citizenship of women married to aliens ineligible for naturalization.	23 1883: Korea's Prince Min Yong-ik arrives in San Francisco, later stays to study in US. 1994: Aimee E. Liu's book <i>Face</i> published.	24 1911: Private José B. Nisperos earns Medal of Honor for heroism in Philippines.	25 1944: Doris O. Matsui, White House Deputy Director of Public Liaison, born. 1971: Japanese American Citizens League wins fight to repeal Emergency Detention Act of 1950.	26 1934: <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston born.
27 1922: Benjamin Menor, first Filipino to serve in US legislature (Hawaiian State Senate, 1962-66) born. 1942: Dith Pran, subject of 1984 movie <i>The Killing Fields</i> , born. 1968: World championship fencer Marty Yu born.	28 1972: National Organization of Filipino American Citizens established in Seattle. Yom Kippur begins	29 1814: Bunjiro Kawate, founder of Konkoyo Buddhism, introduced in US in 1919, born.	30 1975: Hirohito becomes first Japanese emperor to visit US.			



The niece of King Kalakaua (1836-91, reigned 1874-91), **Princess Kaiulani** was born in Hawaii on October 16, 1875. She was educated in England and was well known for her athletic endeavors (swimming and horseback riding) and was an accomplished musician. Upon the death of her uncle and the accession to the throne of her aunt Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917; reigned 1891-93), Princess Kaiulani was named heir apparent to the Hawaiian throne. When the Republic of Hawaii replaced the monarchy in 1893, Kaiulani traveled to the United States to seek assistance for the royal cause. Unsuccessful, she later dropped her title and died prematurely from illness on March 6, 1899, the year after Hawaii was formally annexed by the United States.

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October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>1888: US Congress passes law prohibiting reentry of Chinese laborers who return to China for visit. 1988: Japanese American Exhibit opens at Smithsonian Institution.</p> <p>National Day (China)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1946: Artist Ping Chong born.</p> <p>Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday (1869)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1930: Broadway set designer Ming Cho Lee born. 1965: President Johnson signs new immigration law enabling large numbers of Asians to come to US. 1967: Olympic (1984) 4th place figure skater Tiffany Chin born.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>1936: Tony Lam, first Vietnamese American to be elected to public office (Westminster, CA City Council, 1992), born.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1948: Retired Microsoft Vice President Scott D. Oki born. 1959: Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Ying Lin born.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1943: Col. Stephen Susumu Fugita, USAR, nationally recognized psychologist and award winning author, born. 1996: Asian American-content oriented Channel A debuts on Internet.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1947: Mazda automotive designer Tom Matano born. 1948: Civil rights activist Irene Yasutake Hirano born. 1951: Michael Woo, first Asian American on Los Angeles City Council (1985) born. 1955: Cellist Yo-yo Ma born.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1870: Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki, major popularizer of Buddhism in US, born. 1958: Attorney-activist Urvashi Vaid born.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1938: "Benihaha" restaurant founder (1964) Hiroaki "Rocky" Aoki born. 1942: Computer software industry executive Pauline Lo Alker born. 1955: Humorist Emil Guillermo born.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1874: Early Florida land developer Jo Kamosu Sakai born. 1928: Medal of Honor winner PFC Herbert K. Pillilaau born, made "gallant self-sacrifice" in Korean War (1951). National Day (Taiwan and Fiji)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>1906: San Francisco Board of Education establishes segregated schools for Asian American children. 1994: Frederick Pang sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1949: Washington, D.C. Journalist K.K. Kawakami dies. 1962: Phillies pitcher Sid Fernandez born.</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1946: Asian American Bar Association founder Dale Minami born. 1948: "Gaw-wall" singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan born (died 1997).</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1914: Takao Ozawa files application for US citizenship, later denied by US Supreme Court.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1906: Hiram Fong, first Asian American elected to US Senate (1959-77), born. 1946: Actor Victor Banerjee born. 1997: Stanford University professor Steven Chu wins Nobel Prize for physics.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1875: Hawaiian Princess Kaiulani born. 1987: Asian American Democrats hold first National Convention.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1936: Cal Tech seismologist and California Scientist of the Year (1993) Hiroo Kanammori born.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1852: First Chinese theatrical performance in US opens in San Francisco. 1945: <i>Dog Soldier</i> actor Norio Wakamoto born.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1973: First "Pachinko Palace" in US opens in San Francisco. 1983: Astrophysicist Subrahmanyan Chandra Sekhar wins Nobel Prize for physics.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1990: 25th anniversary festival of Hawaiian Foundation on Culture and the Arts.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1947: Prize-winning narrative poet Ai (Florence Anthony) born.</p> <p>Independence Day (Marshall Islands)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1939: New York Medical College award-winning neurologist Brij Mohan Singh Ahlu Wallia born. 1949: San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Julie Mong-see Tang born.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1871: Anti-Chinese riots in Los Angeles lead to murder of 18 Chinese residents. 1952: Lt Ruben Villaruel Alota, USN, born. 1954: <i>Eat Drink Man Woman</i> filmmaker Ang Lee born.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1948: Chitta Venkata Ram, named by <i>D. Magazine</i> in 1996 as one of best physicists in US, born. 1962: <i>M. Butterfly</i> actor B.D. Wong born.</p> <p>United Nations Day</p>
<p>25</p> <p>1971: Violinist Midori born. 1995: Hawaii Lt Governor Mazie Hirono joins Korean American community in welcoming president of South Korea.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1965: Pop star Aaron Kwok Fu Shing born.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1815: China-born Ah Nam, later cook for Mexican governor of California, baptized in Monterey. 1940: <i>Woman Warrior</i> author Maxine Hong Kingston born. 1978: Violinist Vanessa-Mae Vanakorn Nicholson born.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1977: US Congress passes law allowing Southeast Asian refugees to become US permanent residents on request.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1956: <i>Shall We Dance</i> director Masayuki Suo born.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1956: Hollywood executive Christopher Lee born.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1937: Ohio Department of Health Director Pitambar "Peter" Somani born. 1957: Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee win Nobel Prize for physics.</p>

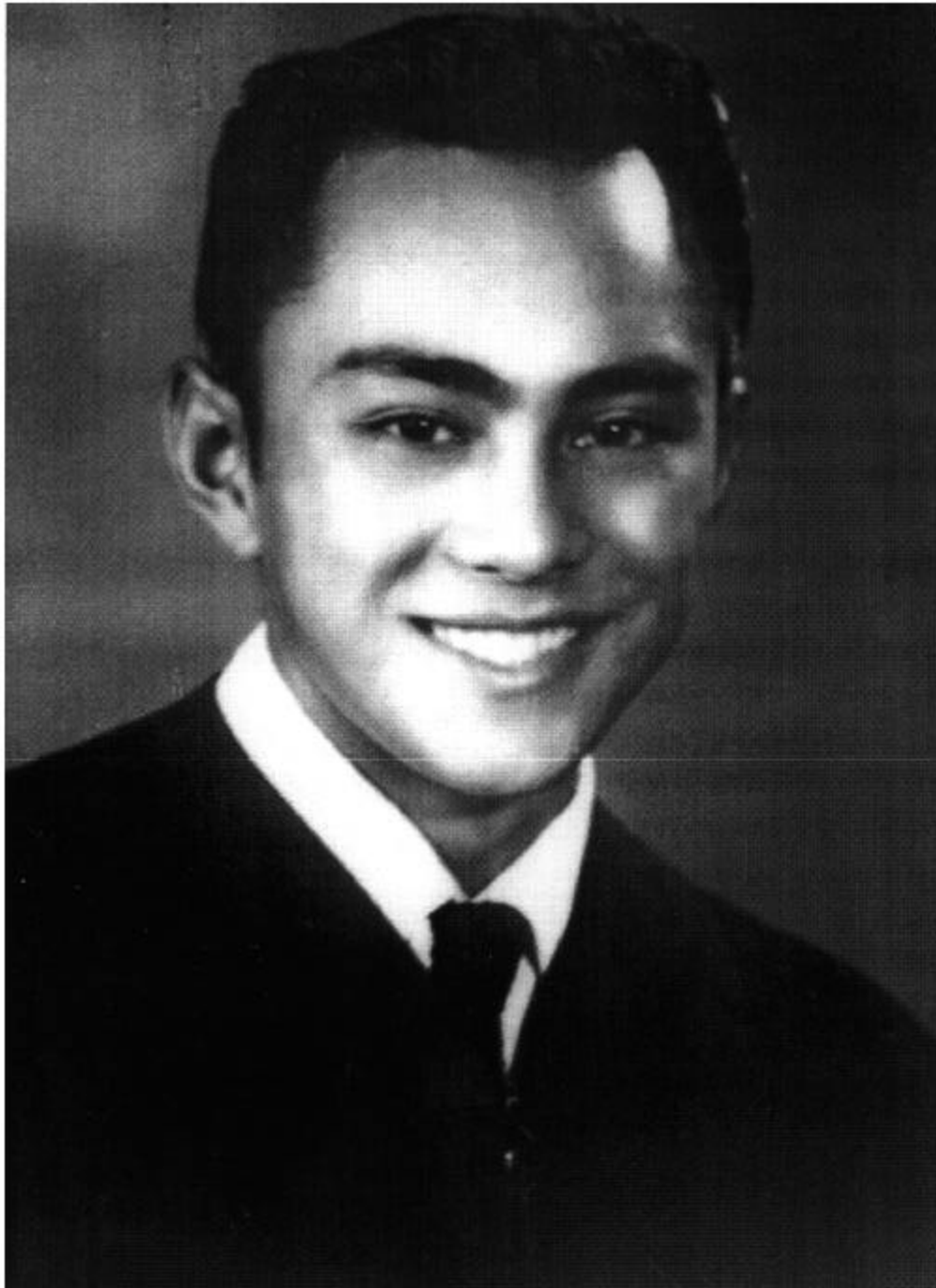


Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian American and first American of Asian Indian ancestry to be elected to the United States Congress. He was born on September 20, 1899 in Amritsar, India, and died in Hollywood, CA, on August 23, 1973. A PhD graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Saund was a farmer, author, founder of the Indian Association of America, head of the Saund Fertilizers Co., of Westmoreland, CA, and had been elected judge of the Westmoreland Judicial District at the time he ran for a seat in the US Congress in 1956. He was a member of the Democratic Party and served three terms representing the 29th District of California in the US House of Representatives from 1957 to 1963. Shown here in November 1958, Congressman Saund served on the Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs committees.

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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>1933: Orlando, FL , Moon Creations President Byung-moon Lee born. 1941: Japanese Americans start teaching at Army intelligence school. 1968: Eric P. Liu, Director, Legislative Affairs of National Security Council, born.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1911: Writer and poet Carlos Bulosan born. 1962: Actress Beulah Quo appears in Elvis Presley's <i>Girls, Girls, Girls</i>.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1908: Children's book illustrator Gyo Fuji-kawa born. 1938: <i>Spring Moon</i> author Bette Bao Lord born. 1976: Daniel Kahikina Akaka elected to US House of Rep. from Hawaii, later elected to Senate. Election Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1972: Jay C. Kim (California) elected first Korean American in US Congress (House of Representatives, 1993–present).</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1982: <i>Dictee</i> author Theresa Hak Kyung Cha dies.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1956: Dalip Singh Saund becomes first Asian American elected to US Congress. 1996: Gary Locke (Washington) elected first Chinese American governor in US.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1974: George R. Ariyoshi (Hawaii) elected first Japanese American governor in US.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>1944: Japanese American 442d Regimental Combat Team completes assignment to rescue "Lost Battalion" in France, 200 killed, 600 wounded in fierce fighting.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1980: "Charlie Chan" actor Victor Sen Yung dies. Independence Day (Cambodia)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1942: San Francisco Asian community activist-attorney Edward C.Y. Lau born.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1939: William Shao Chang Chen, first Chinese American to be appointed major general in US Army , born. 1977: Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii dies. Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1931: Norman Yoshio Mineta, US House of Representatives from CA (1975–95) born. 1938: Pearl Buck wins Nobel Prize for Literature for novels, including <i>The Good Earth</i>, about China and America.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1922: US Supreme Court ruling prohibits Japanese from becoming US citizens, 1933: US Air Force Major General and surgeon Vernon Chong born.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1939: Highest-elected Filipino American (Lt. Gov. of Hawaii, 1986, Gov., 1994), Benjamin J. Cayetano, born. 1941: Clinton Administration Presidential Advisor Maria Luisa Mabilangam Haley born.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1934: Korean history educator Yurbak Lee born.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1836: David Kalakaua, later elected king of Hawaii (in 1874), born.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1880: US and China signed treaty asserting US right to limit immigration of Chinese laborers. 1904: Award-winning sculptor Isamu Noguchi born.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1942: General strike breaks out among Japanese Americans at Poston, AZ War Relocation Camp.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1920: Career military officer and decorated undercover agent Richard Sakakida born. 1951: Joffrey Ballet dancer Maniya Berredor born. 1997: Kalpana Chawla becomes first Indian woman in space with launch of Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i>.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1939: Charles Pei Wang, member of US Civil Rights Commission, born. 1983: <i>Man with the Golden Gun</i> actor Richard Loo dies at age 80.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1928: Educator and community activist Florence Makita Hongo born.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1926: Costume designer and writer Michiko Nishiura Weglyn born. 1951: Orchestra conductor Kent Nagano born. 1996: Fashion designer Vera Wang honored for community service.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1909: Manuel Luis Quezon elected Resident Commissioner of Philippines to US House of Representatives.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1921: <i>The Invisible Thread</i> author Yoshiko Uchida born. 1950: William Hoo Ng, Clerk of DC Court of Appeals, born.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1959: <i>Cleopatra Wong</i> actress Marrie Lee born. 1997: Doi Takao becomes Japan's first man to walk in space during mission of Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i>.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1973: Prompted by Filipino American pharmacists, state law signed allowing foreign-trained pharmacists to practice in California. Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1940: Kungfu actor Bruce Lee born.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1911: Sarah Choi, first of 951 Korean picture brides, arrives in Hawaii.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>1936: Nobel Prize for chemistry winner for 1986, Yuan T. Lee, born.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1885: US Congress passes law prohibiting contract labor. 1933: Filipino Labor Union established, with branches in central California.</p>					



Sergeant First Class **Rodney James Tadashi Yano**, Air Cavalry Troops, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, US Army, made the supreme sacrifice of his life during a firefight near Bien Hao, South Vietnam, on January 1, 1969. Despite being exposed to withering small arms and antiaircraft fire on his helicopter, Crew Chief Yano (a native of Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii, born on December 13, 1943) returned the fire and marked enemy positions with smoke and white phosphorous grenades. One of the grenades exploded prematurely, covering him with burning phosphorous and leaving him mortally wounded. Other ammunition supplies in the helicopter caught fire and began to explode. Despite having the use of only one arm, partially blinded, and suffering from additional wounds, Yano began throwing the blazing ammunition from the helicopter until the danger passed. His "conspicuous gallantry at the cost of his life" saved the lives of and averted further injury to his crew members. His family received his posthumously awarded Medal of Honor from President Richard Nixon at the White House on April 7, 1970.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1912: Architect Minoru Yamasaki born. 1958: All Asian American cast musical <i>Flower Drum Song</i> stages first of 600 performances.	2 1971: Nationally syndicated cartoonist Frank Cho born. 1975: Mass migration of Lao refugees to US begins with establishment of Lao People's Democratic Republic.	3 1908: Antonio Borja Won Pat, first delegate of Guam to US Congress (1973-85), born. 1956: Asian American community activist Philip Tajitsu Hashimoto born.	4 1943: Military Order No. 45 exempts Korean Americans from enemy alien status.	5 1968: Comedienne Margaret Cho born. "Sailor Moon" series character Kino Makoto/Lita/ Sailor Jupiter born (no year).
6 1927: Patsy Mink, first Japanese American woman to serve in US Congress (US House of Representatives, 1965-77 and 1990-pres-ent), born. 1954: Composer Bright Sheng born.	7 1941: Japanese American community leaders arrested in Hawaii and elsewhere in US. 1944: Nevada Secretary of State Cheryl Lau born.	8 1869: First Japanese midshipman at US Naval Academy, Junzo Matsumuna (Class of 1873), admitted.	9 1943: US Senate passes resolution granting Philippines independence as soon as conditions return to normal after World War II. 1957: Battered-women's advocate Beckie Masaki born.	10 1849: Meeting of 300 Chinese residents reported in San Francisco. 1898: Philippines ceded by Spain to US, 1932: Actor and director Mako born. 1980: Violin virtuoso Sarah Chang born.	11 1972: Younghill Kang, author of award-winning <i>The Grass Roof</i> (1931), dies at age 69.	12 1948: Management consultant executive Rajat Gupta born.
13 1940: Caroline J. Chang, Boston regional manager of US Office of Civil Rights, born. Hanukkah begins	14 1973: <i>The Crow: City of Angels</i> actress Thuy Trang born.	15 1943: First Chinese American officer in US Marine Corps, Wilbur Carl Sze, commission as 2d Lt.	16 1927: Sci-fi actor Akihiko Hirata born.	17 1943: President Roosevelt signs repeal of Chinese Exclusion Acts; soon thereafter 14,000 Chinese Americans drafted into Armed Forces. 1951: Playwright Philip Kan Gotanda born.	18 1929: Band leader, arranger, jazz pianist, and composer Toshiko Akiyoshi born. 1944: US Supreme Court decides unanimously in Mitsuye Endo case that it is illegal to detain loyal Japanese Americans.	19 1977: Wing F. Ong, first Asian American elected to state legislature (AZ, 1946), dies.
20 1941: US Congress resolution allows almost unlimited enlistment and employment of Filipino Americans in war effort. 1963: Sean Nguyen, winner of 1993 US SBA's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, born.	21 1935: Quintin Paredes appointed Resident Commissioner of Philippines to US Congress.	22 1987: President Reagan signs American Homecoming Act allowing immigration to US of Vietnamese children with American parentage.	23 1852: First Chinese theater in US opens in San Francisco. 1917: <i>Flower Drum Song</i> author Ching-Yang Lee born.	24 1924: TV and movie actor Raj Kapoor born. 1952: McCarran-Walter Act allows immigration quotas for Japan and other Asian countries.	25 1904: United Farm Workers of America co-founder Philip Villamin Vera Cruz born. 1936: Film producer Ismail Merchant born.	26 1945: Ying-shin Christine Peng, University of California at Davis educator and 1989 winner of California State Beekeepers Association Distinguished Service Award, born.
27 1944: US War Department ends interment of Japanese Americans. 1995: Leslie Okada Birkland named US Foreign Language Teacher of the Year.	28 1974: Pop singer Jocelyn Enriquez born.	29 1941: As of this date, 50 Korean Americans had registered for California National Guard duty. 1989: <i>Floating World</i> author Cynthia Kadohata praised in London <i>Times</i> review	30 1952: Author, composer, and conductor Somtow Sucharitkul born. 1996: California Tech AIDS researcher David Ho named as <i>Time</i> "Man of the Year." Jose Rizal Day (Philippines)	31 1924: Olympic (1948) gold medal diver Victoria Manolo Draves born. 1933: Lt. Gen. Allen K. Ono, US Army, born. 1963: World-class sumo champion Salevaa "Konishiki" Atisanoe born. 1965: Actress Gong Li born.		

This calendar celebrates and commemorates the achievements and activities of Asian and Pacific Island Americans between 1781 and 1997. It lists the achievements and activities of representatives of many nationalities from most parts of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Specialists in the field of ethnic studies note that the terms *Asian American* or *Pacific Island American* are self-selecting and inclusive of broad categories of people. They are also unifying terms. Whereas persons of Asian or Pacific Island origin have long called themselves Chinese American, Japanese American, Indian American (or American of Indian descent), Laotian American, Samoan American, and many other bi-national or bi-ethnic combinations, they are also quite likely to identify themselves as Asian or Pacific Island Americans as a broader category giving them a larger place in American society.

The 1990 Census of the United States reported that 3 percent (7,273,662) of the population had identified themselves as Asian or Pacific Island Americans. Of this total, the largest groups were identified as Chinese (23 percent), Filipino (19 percent), Japanese (12 percent), Asian Indian (11 percent), Korean (11 percent), and Vietnamese (8 percent). In descending order—all less than 2 percent—were Hawaiians, Laotians, Cambodians, Thai, Hmong, Guamanians, Samoans, and “other” Asian and Pacific Island Americans. Between 1900 (204,472 individuals) and 1960 (877,934 individuals), there had been only modest growth in the Asian and Pacific Island American population. By 1970, however, the population had grown to 1.4 million; it increased to more than 3.5 million by 1980, and reached nearly 7.3 million by 1990. The highest percentage (58.5 percent) of Asian and Pacific Island residents in 1990 lived in the Western states, and the vast majority (94 percent) lived in urban areas (each with 200,000 or more Asian and Pacific Island residents), with the largest concentrations in the Los Angeles, New York, Honolulu, San Francisco, San Jose, Anaheim, Chicago, and Washington, DC metropolitan areas.

Notable Americans of Asian and Pacific Island birth and descent are noted throughout the calendar, which aims to show the diversity, breadth, and depth of the Asian and Pacific Islander experience in the United States. The notable achievements of Asians and Pacific Islanders in many walks of life in America are reported, typically in relation to the person’s date of birth or date of his or her particular achievement. Sports figures, philanthropists, politicians, government officials, architects, artists, photographers, writers, poets, astronauts, military personnel, community activists, religious leaders, business entrepreneurs, farmers, educators, librarians, lawyers, judges, law enforcement professionals, actors and actresses, musicians, rap artists, martial arts specialists, scientists, fashion models, beauty pageant winners, and others are listed. In developing the calendar, a special emphasis was placed on finding Asian and Pacific Islanders who had served in the United States Armed Forces. The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard are represented in the calendar. Nine of the military personnel listed earned the nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, some of them at the cost of their lives. According to the Defense Manpower Data Center, as of September 30, 1997, there were 46,534 Asian and Pacific Island Americans on active duty between E-1 and O-9. This number represented 3.2 percent of all Armed Forces personnel. In the 1990s, there usually have been more Filipinos (68.7 percent) than any other group serving on active duty. Koreans (6.1 percent), Japanese (5.4 percent), Chinese (3.5 percent), Vietnamese (3 percent), and “others” (13.4 percent) comprise the balance of the Asian and Pacific Island Americans in the Armed Forces.

Not everything mentioned in the listing of day-by-day events represents something positive. Individuals of Asian and Pacific Island origins have encountered difficulties in living in American society.

Certain of these occurrences, some of which brought hardship, injury, and even death, are listed in the calendar. The calendar also includes Federal and other holidays.

Most people listed in the calendar are Asian and Pacific Island Americans—persons who immigrated to the United States or were born here. A few persons mentioned in the calendar are of Asian or Pacific Island birth and, while they did not become American by residence or citizenship, they have had a lasting influence on Asian and Pacific Island heritage in the United States and, sometimes, on American society and culture in general. Similarly, certain Asian and Pacific Island innovations and forms of entertainment that have been adopted into American popular culture and daily life have been included. Thus, the users of the calendar will find mention of “Sailor Moon,” “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,” pachinko, Tamagocchi “virtual pets,” Cantopop, and other phenomena. Those who want to learn more about these developments should consult the bibliography and the supplementary readings at the end of the calendar. World Wide Web sources are listed. Calendar users who want to become more familiar with Asian and Pacific Island American literature or films featuring Asian and Pacific Island Americans can scan the calendar for book and film titles and other information associated with authors or artists. Searches of on-line catalogs will bring forth the rest of the desired bibliographic or cinegraphic information.

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COVER ART for the calendar was reproduced from a watercolor painting commissioned for the 1976 American Bicentennial to commemorate the role of Asian Americans in United States history. Entitled “442 Combat Team at Leghorn,” the painting captures a defining moment in Asian American and Japanese American history—participation in World War II, in which more than 33,000 Japanese Americans served in the US Armed Forces. Many members of the all-Japanese American 442d Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, 5th US Army, had been released from wartime relocation camps to join the war effort. The members of the 442d demonstrated their patriotism and courage during their service in Italy and France by winning 1 Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars plus 28 Oak Leaf Clusters, 22 Legions of Merit, 15 Soldier’s Medals, 4,000 Bronze Stars with 1,200 Oak Leaf Clusters, 9,486 Purple Hearts, and 18,143 individual decorations for personal valor. The 442d thus became the most decorated unit in American military history. The original art work was painted by Dong Moy Shu Kingman (Tsang King-man), a Chinese American born in Oakland, California, on April 11, 1911. Kingman is an acclaimed international artist whose works are represented in major art museums throughout the United States. He has also illustrated several books and produced artwork for several films. Courtesy U.S. Army Center of Military History, Catalog Number W.11.176.

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Other Reading:

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