



**American Legion Lt. B. R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291
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紐約華裔美國退伍軍人會會務簡訊

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Dear Legionnaires 親愛的會友：

We sincerely hope the Holiday Season brought everyone good health and happiness. The Lunar New Year is right around the corner and we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year, the year of the Rooster.

The Post has been busy the last few months with many activities. In October, post members participated in the Republic of China Double Ten Parade in Chinatown. In November, the Post hosted the annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 8th instead of the traditional November 11th to accommodate members who wished to participate in "America's Parade" hosted by the United War Veterans on Fifth Avenue. The Thanksgiving Party was held on November 20th in the Chairman Peter Woo Auditorium where 230 Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion members, family and friends attended and enjoyed the holiday meal. For the fourth year, the Post hosted a visitation of 40 Midshipmen from the Naval Academy on November 12th. They are members of the Academy's Chinese Cultural Club.

The most controversial and what many consider the most negative presidential campaign and election of the nation's history have concluded. It is now time for all of us to unite and support our new President no matter whom you have voted for. To those who attended the National Convention in Cincinnati, both presidential candidates in their addresses to the convention delegates, promised to increase funding and create a better working environment for the Department of Veterans Affairs. The veterans, who have served our nation with distinction and honor, have been neglected for way too long. Their sacrifices and devotion to answer our nation's call to defend our freedoms must not be taken for granted. The leaders of this nation must keep their promise to the service members and veterans for the benefits they have earned by providing better care to those in need of medical, housing, education and job opportunities.

The Department Membership Chairman Gary Schacher has expressed his concerns over the 56 percent membership renewal by Lt. Kimlau Post. In the past, the Post would have well surpassed the Department and National goal of achieving 75 percent membership renewal. The higher renewal rates in the past were largely due to the policy that was put in place many years ago to help members with transportation reimbursement. This policy was to be ratified by membership each year based on the financial health of the Post and other factors. The transportation reimbursement was purposely set at the same rate as the membership dues, to encourage member participation at Post functions and increase meeting attendance. Members qualified to receive the transportation reimbursement when they achieved five or more continuous membership years with our Post. We also encouraged members to substitute the transportation reimbursement for membership dues to reduce the extra steps of the back and forth mailing. At the first membership meeting of this year, the transportation reimbursement policy was modified so that qualifying members must achieve 30 continuous years instead of 5 continuous years. One of the contributing factors for the change was to allow the Post an opportunity to find out how many of these members still want to be members of this Post or are even alive. Some people remain members of this Post mainly because they are enjoying free membership. There is no way for the Post to know about the status of a member when we receive no responses to inquiries or are not informed by the member themselves or by their families. With the new policy in place, we hope to eliminate this type of "ghost member" and not continue to waste our valuable resources. We also hope there will not be too many "ghost members" exiting. We would like to remind our members once again to remit your membership dues to the Post in a timely manner.

The Lt. Kimlau Post color guard unit has a long and proud history of serving our community. They not only an essential part of our annual Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day Parade, they also

participated in numerous community functions. They have received much praise and are widely recognized as the best color guard unit in New York County. But many in the color guard unit are of advanced age and we desperately need our younger members to step up and carry on this proud tradition. The Post realizes the cost of the color guard uniform is substantial; a reimbursement program to offset the cost has been instituted for many years. If you are interested in joining this proud and patriotic unit, please contact Post Headquarters for more information.

We sincerely thank the family of John H. Wong for making a \$5,000 donation to create a scholarship in memory of our long time member. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage members and member's progeny for higher education. The "John H. Wong Memorial Scholarship" of \$1,000 will be given to a student once a year for five years starting this year. Katherine Chew, granddaughter of Jue Wing Chew was selected by the Scholarship Committee to receive the inaugural scholarship award. Katherine is a straight "A" student, majoring in Chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

We were pleased to hand out Post Scholarship awards to ten well deserving recipients during the recent Post annual Christmas party, with each winner receiving \$500. We would like to congratulate them on their outstanding achievement and wish them continued success in their future endeavors. We also handed out five Robert S. Wong Chinese Study Scholarship Awards. All award recipients completed a certified course in Chinese Study. Please note that the post has revised the scholarship application period to allow students to submit their scholarship applications from January 1st to August 31st.

首先恭祝大家“新年快樂！”農曆新年將至，祝大家心想事成，身體健康，家庭和睦，生活愉快，雞年行好運。新的一年帶來了新的希望，亦帶來了興奮的心情來迎接今年忙碌的挑戰。

本會在過去的幾個月中為會員提供及舉辦了各項活動。在本年十月，本會參加在紐約華埠舉行的雙十節遊行。在十一月，本會每年在十一月十一日舉辦的軍人節遊行改在十一月八日舉行以便會員參加在十一月十一日曼哈頓五大道由紐約退伍軍人同盟會主辦的美國軍人節遊行。每年一度的感恩節午餐聚會在十一月二十日本會二樓伍覺長董事長禮堂及三樓舉行，有近二百三十會員及親朋參加。海軍軍官學校的中文文化交流學會繼以往三年來再一次派四十會員在十一月十二日拜訪本會並受到本會熱烈歡迎。

被眾認是美國有史以來爭論最激烈及最貶義的總統競選已經結束，無論你在選舉前支持你理想中那一位總統候選人，現在我們應該團結一致去擁護及全力支持被選出的新總統。兩位總統候選人於今年八月在辛辛那提舉辦的退伍軍人會第九十八屆年會致詞承諾將會對美國退伍軍人事務部增加資源，為退伍軍人事務部創造更好工作環境去為退伍軍人服務。我們國家領袖不能忽略退伍軍人們對國家的貢獻，他們為捍衛我們的自由而作出的犧牲是不容忽視的，政府領導人必須履行他們對現役軍人及退伍軍人的承諾，對他們應享有的醫療服務，房屋分配，高等教育及就業機會提供更好的服務。

紐約州退伍軍人會會員管核主任格理錫加對本會今年會員繳交會費速度表示非常關注，至目前為止，本會近一半會員尚未繳交今年的會費，與往年超過四分之三已經繳交會費程度有點反常。往年會員繳交會費之所以能達到快速進行最重要的原因是本會在多年來通過領取車馬費議案，本會為鼓勵會員參與本會一切活動及關心會務，多年來增設車馬費，為了節省將車馬費郵寄給合格領取車馬費的會員及會員將每年會費寄到本會的郵費及手續，特別將車馬費定於二十五元與會費配合，並呼籲及鼓勵會員以車馬費替代會費。在本年六月會員大會通過更改車馬費議案，將由以往入會五年合格領取車馬費改為三十年才合格。更改車馬費領取條件部分重要原因是本會利用這個機會探索有多少長年本會代繳交會費的會員是否仍然想繼續為本會會員，甚或已先逝，因為他們享有形同免費會員，他們從不與本會聯絡，基本上是無法得知他們的存在，希望只有很少這些會員。我們想再次提醒大家，請及時將會費寄到本會。

擁有悠久歷史及向來是本會引以為榮的儀仗隊不但是每年本會舉辦的國殤日遊行及軍人節遊行的重要份子，而且這一隊威風凜凜及步履整齊的儀仗隊更是紐約區公認的帥哥隊伍，他們對於服務

社區更是不遺餘力。只可惜近年已現青黃不接的狀況，隊員們多已年及花甲，極需年青一輩會員補充，繼續為本會儀仗隊發揚光大。本會為減輕新隊員購買昂貴的儀仗隊制服，早已設定補助措施。如你有意參加為儀仗隊成員，請向本會辦公室詢問詳情。

本會非常感謝黃雄源家人捐贈五千元設立「黃雄源紀念獎學金」，這為期五年的獎學金是每年頒發一千元給一位學業成績優秀的學生。獎學金委員會選出就讀於麻省理工學院主修化學系的 Kathline Chew 為首屆獎學金得獎者。

本會在今年聖誕聚餐時頒發十名獎學金，每位領取獎學金五百元以表揚這一班年青得獎者勤奮向學，希望他們繼續努力，力求上進。本會並頒發五名司徒旺中國文化獎學金，他們成功地讀畢中文有關的課程。並請注意本會獎學金申請期間現改為由一月一日開始至八月三十一日截止。

1. **Post Activities** 會務

The following motion was approved during the September 25, 2016 General Meeting:

一六年九月二十五日第二次會員大會通過下列議案：

- a. Approved the participation of the annual community Double-Ten Parade.
通過參加本年度雙十節遊行。
- b. Approved the appointments of Jimmy Quan to chair this year's Marine Toy for Tots Holiday toys distribution.
通過由執行委員關志文負責本年度美國海軍陸戰隊的捐贈小孩玩具。

2. **News/Announcement/Gossip** 其他消息

Please note the Lunar New Year banquet ticket for Legion members this year is \$10

- a. The Post lunar year 4714 New Year's Eve celebration will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 6 pm at the Joy Luck Palace Restaurant (98 Mott Street) and 28 Delight Restaurant (28 Pell Street). Anyone who wishes to attend must register with the Chinese Secretary from Monday December 26, 2016 to Sunday January 8, 2017 between 2 – 4 pm daily. Eligibility and cost for the dinner are as follow –
 - 1.) Members with 2017 membership card – one \$10 ticket each.
 - 2.) Companion ticket \$15.00 each – limited to one per member, no exceptions.
 - 3.) Members of the Lt. Kimlau American Auxiliary Unit or the Lt. Kimlau Sons of American Legion Squadron are invited to join this celebration if they are not qualified based on the above requirement. Cost is \$15.00 and maximum 2 tickets each. Must show your 2017 Auxiliary or SAL membership card when register.

請注意：本會會員本年度團年餐券每張十元

本會農曆年除夕聚餐定於二零一七年一月十五日星期日下午六時假座華埠彩福及喜運來兩大酒樓舉行，歡迎本會會員及眷屬踴躍參加，請於下列時間（二零一六年十二月二十六日（星期一）至二零一七年一月八日（星期日），每日下午二時至四時）向本會書記處報名，領取農曆年聚餐餐券，先到先得，賣完即止。報名辦法如下：

- 一) 凡本會會員憑二零一七年會員證報名者，餐券十元一張。
 - 二) 凡本會會員憑二零一七年會員證報名者，可另購買十五元伴侶券一張。
 - 三) 凡已經參加本會婦女會及軍人子弟部者，如欲參加本會農曆年聚餐，但又不適合上述二項報名辦法者亦可購買餐券，每張十五元，每人以兩張為限。請憑二零一七年會員證報名。
- b. The 2016 Lt. B. R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 Scholarship Award winners are (本會獎學金得獎人名單如下): Andrew Chin (grandson of William T. Chin 陳國添孫兒), Darren Chin (grandson of William T. Chin 陳國添孫兒), Natalie Chew (granddaughter of Wing Chew 趙占孫女), Kathleen Eng (daughter of Hon. Judge Randall Eng 伍元天法官女兒), Clarissa Lee-Ngai (granddaughter of Ark Lee 李金德孫女), Matthew Louis (grandson of Jack Y. F. Ng 伍福源孫子),

Natalie Louie (granddaughter of Thomas Louie 雷照星孫女) Samantha Louis (granddaughter of Jack Y. F. Ng 伍福源孫女), Jennifer Ng (granddaughter of Jack Y. F. Ng 伍福源孫女), Bo Xiao 蕭博 (Legion member 會員). The 2016 John H. Wong Memorial Scholarship Award winner is (黃雄源獎學金): Kathleen Chew (granddaughter of Wing Chew 趙占孫女). The 2016 Robert S. Wong Chinese Study Scholarship Award winners are (司徒旺中國文化獎學金得獎人名單如下): Raymond Chen (son of Weijing Chen 陳威勁兒子), Alexy Eng (granddaughter of Jack Chu 趙積孫女), Nicholas Gee (son of Benny Gee 兒子), Madeline Murnin (granddaughter of Richard Shin 單志然孫女) and Rebecca Murnin (granddaughter of Richard Shin 單志然孫女). Congratulations to all the winners 在此恭祝各得獎者百尺竿頭，更進一步。

- c. Members who joined from January 18, 2004 to January 17, 2012 are eligible to apply for CAVMBC membership. Please stop by our Post Headquarter between the hours of 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to obtain the application form.

會員在二零零四年一月十八日至二零一二年一月十七日加入本會者可申請成為華裔美國退伍軍人實業公司成員，請親臨本會索取申請表格（辦公時間，每日下午二時至四時）。

- d. We are currently at 56% renewal in membership which is lack behind the Department goal of 75% at this time. Please renew as soon as possible so we can achieve 100% membership. Members can remit the \$25.00 membership dues by mail or in person.

現尚有近半的會員尚未繳交二零一六年至二零一七年會員費，請該等會員儘快將二十五元會費以郵寄方式或親臨本會繳交（辦公時間，每日下午二時至四時）。

3. **Taps** 仙逝會員

We are sad to report the following legionnaire has passed on to the Commander of us all post everlasting.

May Our Comrades Rest In Peace!

Gim Gee 姜平 (Sep 16)

Wing G. Chan 陳自寧 (Sep 16)

Roy Eng 伍和來 (Oct 16)

Harry Chan 陳葵 (Oct 15)

William Chin 陳瑞富 (Dec 15)

4. **New/Transfer Members** 新入會會員

There were nine new member approved by the last General meeting
一六年第二次會員大會通過接納下列五位新入會會員：

Ping Jiang 趙振汶 (Gulf – Army)

Wei An 安尉 (Gulf – Navy)

Xiyu Steven Zou 鄒希友 (Gulf – Army)

Wan Tin Li 李婉婷 (Gulf – Navy)

Jian Y. Pan 潘建夷 (Gulf – Marine)

Please join us to welcome the above new member. Hope to see all of you in future functions.
我們歡迎上述新會友加入我們的行列，更希望他們多參加本會各項活動。

We hope the above information will be of interest to you and we hope to hear from you soon. Let us know what we can do for you. Until we meet again, stay well!

我們希望這份簡訊，對你有所幫助，更希望在不久的將來，能得到你參予本會各種活動的回應。假如我們有任何可以為你服務之處，務請隨時提出意見。

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