

ACA participates in the 2016 Memorial Day parade in Madison Heights

On the steamy hot morning of Saturday, May 28th, ACA participate in the annual Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade to commemorate the sacrifice of American veterans. There were 17 parade participants representing ACA: ACA members and volunteers **Joseph Hui, Wei Yang Wu, Olivia Chung, Leonard Przekaza, Sandra Marquez, Rose Guo, Zhuo Huai Zhang, Siadon Juwong, Pak Kwong Lee**; ACA Executive Director **Joyce Li** and her family; ACA President **Roland Hwang**; ACA Board Directors **John Siak, Jay Zhang, and Sue Sung**. The ACA team marched in honor of **Chinese American AMVET Post 85** members, many of whom served during WWII in the Pacific region and who are now in their 90's and limited in their mobility. We joined other civic groups to participate in the parade procession. Due to the hot weather, many friends could not join with us. However, our youngest team member who was only 5 years old completed the entire one mile journey. We also had our newest Board Director Jay Zhang hold the flag donated to ACA by AMVET Post 85 for the entire journey. This flag represents the glory of the Chinese American AMVET members and **Detroit Flying Tigers** whose service is recognized on the Veterans Commemorative Plaque and interactive display at ACA's **Chinese Community Center** in Madison Heights. The national flag was held proudly and flew freely in the wind as it was saluted by uniformed soldiers and policeman. The ACA parade team also gave out candies to the cheering children along the sidewalks and waved to the bystanders. After a mile journey, the parade ended at the plaza in front of the Madison Heights City Hall. The memorial service began with **Mayor Hartwell's** speech to honor those soldiers who fought and gave their lives to preserve our freedom. One heroic soldier who was a Madison Heights resident is remembered each year with wreaths and flowers. "Without their sacrifices, we would not have what we have today." Echoing this sentiment was the statement, "For soldiers, the most terrible thing is not to die for your country, but to be forgotten."



U.S. Representative Sander Levin (center) with ACA parade team



Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner (third from left) with ACA Parade team



ACA Board member Jay Zhang led the ACA parade team holding the U.S flag donated by the Chinese American AMVET 85



The back view of ACA parade team



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