

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder PTSD

Among Chinese(Asian)-American Veteran

*When we, Chinese-American,
answered the Call of Duties
to our adopted land of future.*

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The picture of Joseph
Pierce in Union uniform.

Joseph Pierce from
Canton, China

fought for the North with
the 14th Connecticut
Infantry which played a
major role in repulsing
Pickett's Charge at the
[Battle of Gettysburg.](#)

Picture shown above. The picture of Joseph Pierce in Union uniform. Courtesy of the owner of the picture, Michael J. McAfee, Senior Editor of the Military Images magazine and Curator of the Museum of United States Military Academy, and courtesy of Philip Katcher, Senior Book Review Editor of the Military Images magazine. Photo credit also goes to Irving Moy.

Corporal John Tommy was another Union soldier. He'd made the news headlines in both North and South early in the war when he was captured by amazed Confederate troops and was asked by a general if he would join them.

He told them only if they made him a brigadier general.

He was sent to the notoriously harsh Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. After his release he fought again for the Union and died of his wounds from Gettysburg.



Chinese American soldier training at [Fort Knox](#)



Photo # NH 106881 Lieutenant Junior Grade Susan Anne Cuddy, USN, with siblings, WWII



Perhaps the most notable Chinese-American veteran is Captain Francis Wai, who served as a company commander in the Pacific Theatre.

For bravery in combat, he was posthumously cited for the Distinguished Service Cross, a decoration that was upgraded in 2000 to the Medal of Honor.



1944- Lt. Wau Kau Kong, the only Chinese fighter pilot in the European Theater of Operations, standing by his P51 Mustang.

Kong downed Nazi plane on his 12th mission.



1942- Chinese-American soldiers stationed at the Army Air Forces Combat Crew School, Tarrant Field, Texas, shown in a special English class conducted three night a week.



Maggie Gee At 18, she learned to fly and then served as a Women's Air Force Service Pilot (WASP) during World War II towing targets for anti-aircraft gunnery practice and flying training planes. She was one of only two Chinese American WASPs. After the war, she earned degrees in physics and math at UC Berkeley and worked for 30 years as a research physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In 2009, she was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal for her wartime service to the country.



Hazel Ying Lee, pioneer aviator and the first Chinese-American woman to fly for the United States military.



Asian American service members at the Department of Defense [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon in Arlington, VA](#)



We, the soldiers,
have seen scenes and experienced events that a non-
uniformed American would never dream of in his/her
wildest nightmare.



GREAT TO HAVE YOU HOME, BRO!
AND NOT A SCRATCH ON YOU...



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PTSD - Rates

A study of *Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Chamorro*, and Asian-mixed race Vietnam veterans found that 37% suffered from PTSD.

However, The rate of PTSD among

- Native Hawaiian Vietnam veterans was 12%, and
- the rate among Japanese Americans was 2%
- Compared to 14% for Whites .

PTSD – Lifetime Prevalence

Lifetime prevalence rates for PTSD in Vietnam veterans were **higher among all ethnic minority veteran** samples (except for Japanese Americans) than among Whites.

- Between 45% and 57% of the American Indian Vietnam veterans had PTSD for lifetime events,
- 43% of the African Americans suffered from PTSD associated with lifetime events, and
- 39% of the Hispanic Vietnam veterans suffered from lifetime PTSD,
- compared to 24% of the Whites and
- 9% of the Japanese Americans.

The experience of the Japanese Americans does not appear to be the experience of other Asian American Pacific Islander Vietnam veterans.



WHAT DOES PTSD FEEL LIKE?

CHINESE-AMERICAN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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