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PROGRAM

5:00-6:00PM	Community Pre-Reception: Visit local Veteran organizations, Enjoy Capitol Theatre Concessions & Beer and Wine Provided by The Savoy
6:00-6:50PM	Introduction by Gary Ford
Buffalo Polls	Color Guard: Rome Free Academy Air Force Junior ROTC
	The Buffalo Dolls perform their Authentic US 0 Show!
6:50-7:10PM	Intermission
7:15-8:35PM	Beyond Glory:
	Live Theatrical Performance by Stephen Lang
8:35-8:50PM	Audience Q&A—Please remain in seats for Q&A
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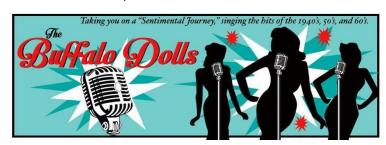


Gary R. Ford is a retired history teacher from Rome Free Academy who has earned numerous awards including Teacher of the Year twice and Most Influential Teacher three times. He helped created and implement a Veterans Oral History Project in collaboration with the New York State Military Museum and the Library of Congress. Ford was the Town of Marshall Councilman from 2005-2013, the founding member and first chairman of the Southern Oneida County Council of Governments and was awarded the Medal of the Order of 1777 by the Rome Historical Society. Currently, Ford is a trustee of the Genesis Group of the Greater Mohawk Valley, is the program facilitator for Legacy Now leadership program and is the owner and operator of Whimsical Woodworks.

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IN HONOR OF DR. GEORGE LIM

Dr. George Lim (1925-2011) was one of only a few Chinese-American ensigns actively serving in the armed forces before the millennium. After the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Chinese Exclusion Act blocked Asian immigration from 1882-1943 creating a minority Chinese population in the USA. Born in the back of a Chinese laundry in Brooklyn, NY, George Lim was eager to serve for America in WWII. So, he enlisted as soon as he was 18 by enrolling in the Navy V-12 program in 1944. He was proud to serve as a naval officer in the areas of naval aviation and legal affairs in the US Navy Engineering and Medical Corps. After the war ended he served in the Naval intelligence on mainland China. He was discharged from those duties in 1947 but continued to serve in the Naval Reserve. In 1950 during the Korean War, he was recalled for service but was told to stay in medical school. Later he served as a medical officer in the 331st US Army Reserve, then as a medical officer in the National Guard before retiring as a Colonel in 1991. Altogether George Lim served 30 years in the military across three branches of US forces.



August 5, 2019

Subject: Review of Congressional Gold Medal Applicant

Dear Beverly Lim:

We are pleased to inform you that the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project—Congressional Gold Medal Review Committee has reviewed the records of George Lim. We have unanimously concluded that pursuant to Public Law 115-337, a Congressional Gold Medal shall be awarded to George Lim in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States awarded by Congress. The United States remains forever indebted to the bravery, valor, patriotism and dedication that the Chinese American Veterans of World War II displayed in defending and protecting democracy, at home and overseas.

The Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project is actively working with the U.S. Mint to design the Medal. Once the Medal is designed and the ceremony is scheduled by Speaker Pelosi, we will send an invitation to the Veteran and/or surviving family members to attend. We anticipate this will occur in Fall 2019. Understanding that many Veterans may be willing, but are not able to travel to Washington DC, there are plans to conduct Regional Ceremonies in cities where records indicate there are large numbers of Chinese American Veterans and/or their surviving family members.

If you have questions please contact us at CGMCommittee@caww2.org.

Thank You,

Ed Gor, Chair, CAWWII Veterans Recognition Project

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George Lim received his BS and MS from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his MD from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. He trained in internal medicine, general surgery, and orthopedic surgery before moving to Rome, NY in 1959 where he practiced orthopedic surgery until 1992. He married Beverly Lee of Brooklyn and they had five children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. For a wonderful narrative of his service, we suggest reading "The Star in the Window" by Louis C. Langone which brings together stories of local World War II veterans.

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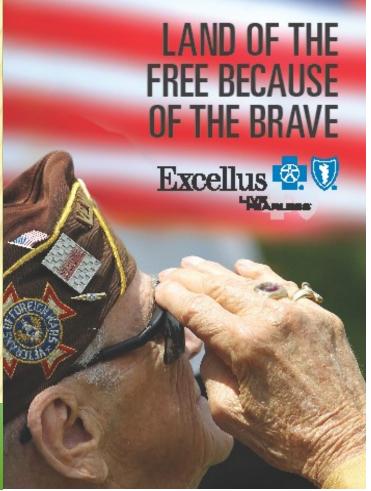
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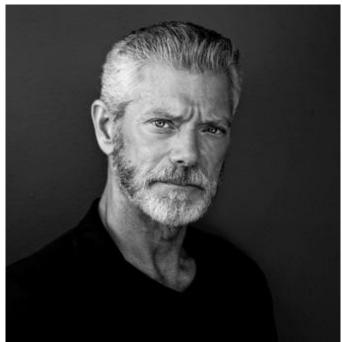




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STEPHEN LANG



Stephen Lang is an actor renowned for his performance on stage, screen and television. On film, Lang is perhaps best known for his role as 'Colonel Miles Quaritch' in James Cameron's seminal 2009 film Avatar. Lang is reprising that role in Cameron's several sequels, which began filming in 2017. In 2016, he starred to critical acclaim as 'The Blind Man' in writer-director Fede Alvarez's hit thriller **Don't Breathe**. He stars in director Joe Bego's action-horror film VFW, to be released by RLJE Films next year.

Recent film roles include **Braven**, opposite Jason Momoa, and director Scott Cooper's **Hostiles**, opposite Christian Bale. Lang's extensive film

credits include Band of Robbers, Last Exit to Brooklyn, Tombstone, Gettysburg, Gods and Generals, Public Enemies, White Irish Drinkers, Christina, A Good Marriage, Manhunter, Band of the Hand, and Conan the Barbarian.

Stephen Lang is also an award-winning playwright. He received the "Special Jury Prize for Acting" at the 2016 Phoenix Film Festival for his performance documentary **Beyond Glory**, which tracks the ten year odyssey behind his acclaimed solo performance piece about eight Medal of Honor recipients. The documentary was executive produced and presented by Lightstorm Entertainment principals, James Cameron and Jon Landau, and was acquired for distribution by Gravitas Ventures. **Beyond Glory**, the play itself, has received the NEA Chairman's Medal for Distinguished Service, and the Bob Hope Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which honors Lang's accurate portrayal of the American fighting man.

On television Lang portrayed fan-favorite 'Waldo' in the first two seasons of AMC's genre-bending martial arts series, **Into the Badlands**. His television credits include regular roles on Steven Spielberg's **Terra Nova**, and Michael Mann's classic **Crime Story**, as well as celebrated portrayals of Babe Ruth in NBC's biopic, **Babe Ruth**, and 'Happy' in **Death of a Salesman**, with Dustin Hoffman.



STEPHEN LANG

His extensive work on the New York stage includes A Few Good Men, The Speed of Darkness, Defiance, Death of a Salesman, The Guys, Hamlet, and 101 performances at The Roundabout Theater of his solo play, Beyond Glory, which he has also toured and continues to tour around the country. Theatre awards and nominations include The Tony, Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, Joseph Jefferson, Helen Hayes, and Outer Critics Circle Awards.

Stephen Lang is actively involved in the organization originally founded by his father in 1963, the **Eugene M. Lang Foundation**. Major giving by the Foundation is directed to programs, projects and organizations that honor the Founder's values. Accordingly, the Foundation prioritizes giving to programs and organizations that are demonstrably creative in concept and excellent in substance; that elevate people's spirits, goals and capacities above the level of basic needs, primarily through opportunities for meaningful education, participation in the arts and civic activity, and enhanced health education and social services; and that promote inventiveness and entrepreneurship. Foundation grant-making is also informed by the needs and conditions of local and global communities and the effectiveness of the organizations and programs chosen for support. Their support currently includes funding to a number of community colleges for their DACA students to access legal representation, and a partnership with Immigrant Justice Corps.

ICJ has developed an amazing model that is ripe for replication nationwide as a way to provide immigrants with top-notch representation, in which the organization trains new lawyers to provide specialized and high quality legal assistance, and pairs the lawyers with community based organizations in (to date) New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Texas. Since 2015 ICJ has been sending lawyers to the Texas border to provide assistance to detained Central American mothers and children, and has lawyers on the ground there now trying to keep families together. A longtime member of The Actors Studio, Lang holds Honorary Doctorates from Swarthmore College and Jacksonville University.



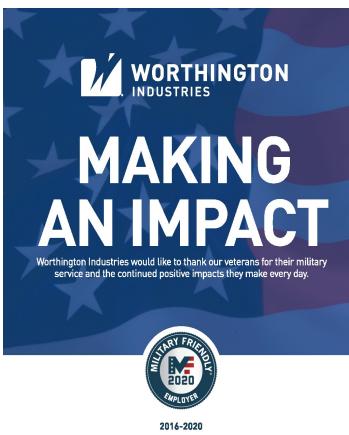
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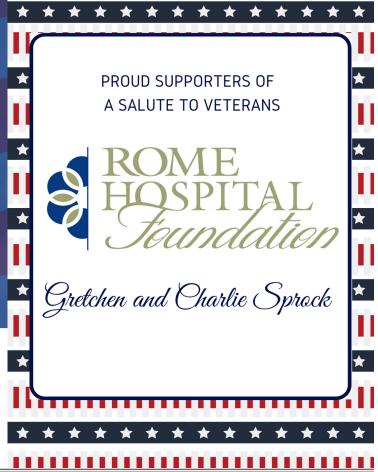


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BEYOND GLORY

Beyond Glory presents the stories of eight veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, rendering first hand accounts of valor which resulted in the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor. As a tribute to fallen soldiers, Lang performed the show on military bases, and gave a command performance on the floor of Congress with Medal of Honor recipient Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii in attendance.

The oral histories of these eight men are brought to life through Lang's commanding performance, with a backdrop of video screens which occasionally evoke the turmoil of combat. Lang subtly moves through each man's story with a slight alteration of posture and vocal coloring to suggest a new personality. This illusory magic suggests the magnitude of this performer, the brilliance of his talent that will light up your stage with one of the most memorable presentations you will ever have the honor of presenting.

"Mr. Lang's one-man play is no simple-minded piece of flag-waving. It is an unsparingly direct portrait of men at war, pushed into narrow corners and faced with hard choices. It is also one of the richest, most complex pieces of acting I've seen in my theatergoing life."

-Terry Teachout, Wall Street Journal

"Adapted by Mr. Lang from a book by the journalist Larry Smith containing the oral histories of veterans of several wars, Beyond Glory allows the voices of servicemen to be heard without the filter of the conventions of drama or the prerogatives of deadline-driven journalism. Its sobriety, simplicity and lack of histrionics are the show's signal strengths."

-Charles Isherwood, The New York Times





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