

APHAFIC Outreach Program with North County Chinese School (NCCS)

The APHAFIC outreach committee, in cooperation with the NCCS, hosted the second activity this year on March 11, 2007 at the Carmel Valley Public Library. NCCS High School Credit students from 9-12th grade, watched a documentary video tape on “The Japanese Devil”, about 14 former Japanese Imperial Army soldiers’ confession of their cruel treatments to Chinese civilians and military personnel , and listened to talks about World War II experiences by former POW Colonel Frank Mason and former Flying Tiger pilot, Captain John Vroman.

Led by Michael Lee, students were asked about their prior knowledge of WWII historical facts, general feelings of the documentary presentation and the events described. Mary Yan-Lee raised the significance of this year being the 70th anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre, and introduced the book: “The Good Man of Nanking – The Diaries of John Rabe”. Jack Meng distributed reading material from the works of Iris Chang, words of Bishop Desmond Tutu, and a list of books and publications for the students. A follow-up meeting on March 24, 2007 will be held at NCCS, when they will be quizzed about historical facts as part of their assignment of the High School Credit class. Awards funded by APHAFIC will be presented to the front runners.

In addition to 25 students, present were NCCS principal Lily Yu, Credit Class leader Tracy Chang, Teachers Lee-Mei Chen and Pang Cheng, Board director Mike Yang, APHAFIC President Dr. Nancy Lo, Outreach Group Leader Jack Meng, Mary Yan-Lee, and Michael Lee. Ms. Lily Yu presented a certificate of appreciation to APHAFIC for providing WWII history to NCCS students.



Captain John Vroman, former Flying Tiger pilot, talked about his experience during WWII in China



Jack Meng, Tracy Chang, Mrs and Col. Frank Mason, Capt. John Vroman, Nancy Lo, Mary Yan-Lee and Lily Yu