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Passing of a Legend - Abe Goldfarb



Abraham "Abe" Goldfarb, born June 20, 1927, passed away peacefully February 24, 2021. He married Barbara Sue Parker June 9, 1959 - Four children, Marc Goldfarb and wife, Julie Anne of Dallas, TX - Gail Goldfarb Ahl of Dallas, TX - June Penciu and husband, Cristian of Key Biscayne, FL and the late Julie Stoeger and husband Mike of Houston, TX. Seven grandchildren - Greg Walling, Ginny Ahl, Andre Penciu, Alex Penciu, Sam Penciu, Sophie Stoeger and Zachary Stoeger - two nephews - Ben Goldfarb of Dallas, TX - Burton Rothberg of New York, NY - one niece - Ann Katz of Austin, TX.

Abe was active with National Banner Company Inc. and other enterprises over 50 years - was on board of trustees of Johnson & Wales University for 20 years and was a legacy trustee and recipient of Honorary

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Doctorates Degree - also held positions on board of directors on the Hall-Voyer Foundation - the United States Business and Industrial Council and it's Educational Foundation - Dallas Casa - and was active as a former member and director of other businesses, charitable and cultural groups.

Abe was a strong supporter of the Second Amendment - a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Dallas Gun Club for over 50 years. Abe served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II and also served during the Korean War - he was a member of the S.S. Stephen Hopkins Branch of the American Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II and was a long time member of the China Post 1 American Legion and was on its executive committee.

Donations in Abe's memory may be made to American Legion China Post 1 13359 North Highway 183, Suite 406-566, Austin, TX 78750, or to the charity of your choice. Family will have a private burial.

Commander's Corner

By **龙老板** *Scott Riebel, Commander*

Comrades,

I want to thank the membership of China Post 1 for placing your trust in me as your Post Commander. Second, I promise to keep this short.

The future of China Post 1 is strong as we move forward fulfilling the promises of our predecessors. We have already accomplished so much, but there is still much to do. Everything that we accomplish is only possible through your support.

A Dragon Fund donation goes directly into Post Operations. When access to PPE in the United States was limited to non-existent, we were able to use our contact in China to secure much needed KN95 masks, face shields, nitrile gloves, and gowns.

The Northern Virginia Memorial Division (NoVA) raised more than \$9,000 for the effort. With that and other contributions, we were able to provide nearly \$100,000 worth of PPE to first responders around the country, when none was available in the US. Quite the accomplishment. Thank you.

Let's take a quick look at what we've done so far:

1. Thanks to Joe Gentile, the restoration of the Ward Monument in Ningbo, China is nearly complete. Working through his contacts in China, he was able to hire a crew to clear the jungle, widen the footpath, establish a stone patio and install reflecting benches at the site. The restoration was so successful, that the PRC designated the site a National Historic Site and are currently offering tours from the city of Cixi.
2. We made initial contacts with the government officials in charge of our old post home. The success of the restoration of the Ward monument opened the door to discussions with government officials making our return to the old post home a real possibility.

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3. We established solid alliances and support with the US Consul General in Shanghai. With the restoration of the Ward Monument, the US Consul General is working on re-establishing the annual Memorial Day pilgrimage to the site. Established in 1921, the last one being in 1948, the fact that the CG in Shanghai wants to re-establish this event speaks to the success of China Post 1 efforts in the area.
4. Sr. Vice Commander Travis Weedman has done a masterful job integrating an online store for the CP1 website.
5. Sr. Vice Commander Rey Quijano has increased the available CP1 merchandise 20 – 30-fold. Just Brilliant.
6. We asked Jackie Gentile, a graphic designer, and Rowena Dionisio-Connelly, digital designer, to develop an interactive online catalog that by all accounts has been a huge success. In a joint effort, they professionally staged and cataloged most of our CP1 merchandise and provided us with a template that will allow us to easily update. Thank you, Jackie and Rowena! Oh, you want to know who Jackie and Rowena are? Joe Gentile's daughter and Rey Quijano's niece.
7. We have digitized and re-bound all seven volumes of the records that Frank D. Mortimer concealed from the Japanese during his imprisonment during WW II. We have just ensured the Post's historical records will continue to survive long into the future.
8. We've reproduced the large scrapbook from Shanghai, and are currently selling it at the Emblem Sales Store. This is a fascinating look back into the history of CP1 prior to 1949.
9. The initial mailing of the metal "China Post 1 Life Membership" cards have shipped, and frankly they have exceeded my expectations in both quality and detail. But then again, you deserve nothing less.
10. A seven-foot stone monolith detailing General Chennault's leadership of China Post 1 and our ties to this great man, is in production and will be proudly displayed at the Chennault Museum in Monroe, LA.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of the men and women who love this Post and want to see it succeed well into the future. The Post relies on you to keep the Post vibrant and alive. I am grateful to those who have already stepped up and are working on new projects, and I am excited about the list of candidates seeking leadership opportunities in the Post. They all have one quality in common, **they want to see this Post flourish.**

Accordingly, I have moved John Ladik, from Ft. Walton Beach, FL into the 2VC position, and Larry Atkins the current Commander of the Houston Memorial Division, into the 3VC position. Both gentlemen have taken on new and challenging responsibilities to ensure the success of the post.

If you have what it takes and are interested in getting involved with the work of the Post, please contact the Adjutant.

Now for the goals I want to accomplish this year:

1. We are going to develop a membership management software solution to help address the membership issues that keep emerging year after year.
 - a. Between July and February 80% of my day is consumed with membership related issues. And these have been going on for years. **ENOUGH!** I'm going to fix this problem.

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- b. Once again, I will be putting out feelers for those of you who might be interested. **DON'T SEND YOUR RESUME JUST YET.** I will be requesting that later in the year.
2. I am ready, with the consent of the executive committee, to select a site within CONUS, for the China Post 1 Building/Museum. **LONG PROMISED AND NOW WITHIN REACH.** I am excited about making an announcement later this year.
 - a. In addition, this will allow us to establish an unofficial post home without running the risk of losing our Operating in Exile designation.
 - b. We have already done some preliminary work and have identified a location that would offer the greatest opportunity, most significant tax advantage and provide vacation opportunities for our members. More to come.

If you have a membership issue, please address that issue to the Adjutant. His email is Adjutant@chinapost1.org.

I tried to keep it short.... Sorry



From the Adjutant

By Joe Gentile, China Post 1 Adjutant

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We have resolved the PUFL Dues Calculation and encourage all members who started the process to pick up where you had left off: <https://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

Check your Bill Pay and any Blue Cards for our Mailing Address: Request new Blue Cards from our website.

Please Update your Billing, Pay, and Mailing Address for the Post. The Adjutant's office will not receive your dues or correspondence if your letter or Dues are sent to Henderson NV, or Fate TX.

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From Rey Q. Quartermaster:

I still have a limited quantity of Standard and Numbered Anniversary Plaques. I will not be producing any more after these are sold. [Click here](#) to view and purchase from the latest CP1 Catalog!

[Click Here to Download your Catalog](#)

Just as “The unique quality of China Post #1 is reflected in the character of its membership,” each item in this catalog was individually selected to reflect the unique character of our members. Each of you has probably already experienced the curiosity, respect, and reverence exhibited by fellow Legionaries when they learned of your association with CP1.

Now you have the opportunity to proudly display your fraternal loyalty with any number of unique gift ideas. All the proceeds from Emblem Sales go toward supporting the Post’s programs.

Welcome the Year of the Ox by doing your part to bring in a new member. Remember, only Members of CP1 can Sponsor a future member of CP1.

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Name: _____

Educational (Include Year Completed): _____ Where: _____

Military or Government Specialty: _____ Civilian Specialty: _____

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Foreign Areas Worked (Detail in): _____ Number of Years: _____

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China Post 1 Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadron

By Leroy Cockrell, Squadron Commander



A wintry Hello to all our China Post 1 SAL members and their families. And, of course, to the rest of the Post membership within the Legion, Auxiliary, 40&8 and our own Dragon Riders! As Sons of the American Legion, we owe considerable gratitude to the entire Post and all the wonderful people involved in its operation. They are why we are here! Many of us step up to become members of more than one of the five parts of China Post, which strengthens the entire Post and enhances our ability to serve.

Speaking of serving SAL members, the Sons have generally thrown their support behind the *American Legion Child Welfare Foundation*. This is usually done by our sending a \$500 (or more) donation to that very worthy fund within the American Legion. The SAL National Commander has added another fund within the AL that we should also consider for Donations; that being *The American Legion Veterans & Children's Fund*. More detailed descriptions of both can be found at this link: <https://www.legion.org/donate/>

I would like to propose a vote on where our Donation should go this year. The choices are:

1. *American Legion Child Welfare Foundation*
2. *The American Legion Veterans & Children's Fund*
3. *50/50 Split of both 1. & 2.*

Please email me at: salcmdr@chinapost1.org with either a 1, 2 or 3 and I will tabulate the majority. Please do so in the next few days so I can arrange for the donation to be sent.

I want to thank all who have already paid the 2021 dues, and encourage all who have not paid yet to do so as soon as possible. If you received either an email or posted letter from this office in the last week regarding your overdue membership dues, please respond today. If there are difficulties that are preventing your response, let this office know and arrangements can be made.

New Members to our Squadron this month are transferees Lewis “Socko” Reader and Michael Doherty both from Post 256 in Wichita, Kansas. Socko is now a dual member in China Post 1. Also, we want to welcome Kenneth Cunningham, a new SAL member from Mission Viejo, California. Perhaps you will get a chance to shake their hands at the CP1 Reunion this September in Seward, Alaska! The Reunion promises to be an interesting and enlightening event! Preliminary information about the Reunion can be found on the CP1 website.

Additionally, remember that any pictures or information about veteran-related activities that you might have taken part in are welcomed for future Poop Sheet SAL articles. Just send me what you have, and I will edit at your direction, if needed.

And, thanks to all our **SAL Members** for being a member of this very worthwhile Veterans Organization Family!

TAPS: None reported during the Fall Quarter.

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China Post 1 Auxiliary

By Linda Cockrell, Auxiliary President



Did you know that your auxiliary membership brings valuable benefits to you? Your membership gives you access to a wide array of discounts, products, and services:

Insurance: Accident and Long-Term Care Plans; Healthcare: Telehealth Services, Hearing, Dental, Vision, and Prescription Discounts; Travel: Hotel & Resort Discounts All Around the World; Home and Moving Services; Discounted Digital Subscription to Military News and More!

To learn more, visit the Member Portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org and start saving today!

If you have not paid your Auxiliary dues, please do so today! In this time of the pandemic, adaptation and change is required, and our membership dues matter even more. They keep our auxiliary going strong as we support our veterans, military, and their families. We cannot take a break because of Covid-19. We need to be even more focused on our mission and those we serve.

Renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership at www.ALAforVeterans.org or call ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570.

In the past year, many of us have been touched by the pandemic in a very personal way. We lost loved ones, jobs, and friends. Our faith has been tried and we work hard to keep our spirits up. However, practicing gratitude will increase happiness in our lives. Gratitude allows us to be thankful, which intensifies positive emotions while blocking negative emotions. The more we look for the good in situations, the more joy, love, peace, and optimism we add to our lives. Adding gratitude to our daily lives will benefit our mental and physical health. It may even make us easier to live with! Keeping a “Gratitude Journal” will help us realize how much we must be thankful for every day. (Some of these thoughts come from the *Auxiliary* magazine, February 2021 issue.)

Your thoughts and comments are always welcome. If you have an article and/or photo that you want to share in the Poop Sheet, send them to me and we’ll get them in the next issue.

Everyone stay well and be thankful!

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40 & 8 Voiture 1496

By Janie Miller, Chef de Gare, Grande du France



Bonjour from the Grande du France!!!!

J'espère que vous êtes tous en bonne santé! ... and didn't catch The Crud or – if you did – recuperated from it!

I have the feeling that we have been, (and still are), beating the “Please Pay **Your Dues**”-thing to death, with little result. So, I guess this is the time to again thank those who are PUFLs because we don't have to worry about them and those who have paid their dues for the 2019-20 year.

Those who have not paid have not received their **2020-21 cards** – you know who you are!!!! Please send money!

Just like China Post, I have created special cards for those who are **PUFLs** (Paid Up For Life), and by the time you receive this Winter 2021 Poop Sheet, you should also have received the card. They don't weigh as much, but are colored 😊 It shows the French Military Academy as seen through the Eiffel Tower. I hope you like them! See below.

Gary has paid for mailing nice little reminder cards to those who had not paid by Christmas. Some cards came back with deceased notations, and some came back with that “moved” notice, and some as just plain “undeliverable”. We were able to get some **corrected addresses** with the help of the CP1 roster but not all. So, that's where we are on membership.

If you feel like you really don't want to be a member, then remember that you signed up and some China Post member used his good name to vouch for you, believing that you would be an asset to the organization. In “France” being in asset means helping us to finance the **Nursing Scholarship**. Since we are all combat veterans, we are all aware of the importance on having a sufficient number of nurses, but college is expensive, and many students choose to go a faster route towards money. So please do donate to the cause if you choose not to be a member. This also seems to be a good time to thank CP1 for their contribution to that particular line item. Bill Woodier is working hard on getting applications from deserving/qualified students!

Finally: As always, these musings are also a recurring invitation to Come to France. If you want information before we see each other (hopefully) in Alaska, please send me an email to voiture1496@yahoo.com and I will send you everything that you want to know, and probably more.

Prenez bien soin de vous! Take care and stay well!



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Update from Shadow

Greetings to all,

I'm in Tennessee getting an airplane ready to go to Munich, and now I have another one to go down to Australia. So, I've been a little busy.

I hope everyone has remembered to send in their dues so that we can continue to offer our nursing scholarships to the very deserving recipients.

I hope the pandemic has not affected anyone directly or indirectly. So far in my family, no one has been affected.

Wishing everyone a great Spring.

PS: Weather is bad, and by the time you read this, I got redirected back to CA!

There were 30 members present, and it was well received. I also pitched CP1 and the 40&8. They will place a tile with my service on their memorial wall in Frisco, Tx. I am honored to have been able to do this presentation.

The 40& 8 Nursing Program

By William H. (Bill) Woodier, Director of Nurses Training, Grande du France

Last year I got a rather late start in the quest for two worthy nursing students for our scholarships, but sent out information packets to leaders/decisionmakers for 10 nursing school training programs. Sadly, I received no replies or applications as a result. Luckily, two of our members, Allan “Hooker” Johnson and Doc LaMar, provided the names of two deserving nursing students, and they both submitted applications. After review, each was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship, and we have received thank-you notes and pictures from both which we share with all on FB. My deepest gratitude is extended to both Allan and Doc for their invaluable assistance in helping to locate deserving student nurses.

So far this year, I have contacted administrators for four nurse training programs, and will soon be sending information/ introduction letters to several more schools. Of the information e-mails and letters sent out, I have received a reply from one local Northern Virginia school. The administrator of this program replied to me, thanking us for our generosity and advised she was forwarding my e-mail it to one of her assistants who would best handle this matter. To date, I have received no feedback or applicants from that school. I suspect the worldwide pandemic and at least partial virtual schooling may be a factor, but I continue working diligently to find candidates for this year’s scholarships.

Had it not been for the two members who each encouraged a nursing student they knew to apply for the scholarships, there would have been no scholarships awarded by Voiture 1496 last year. The fact that to this point, we have had no applicants for our nursing training scholarships yet this year, highlights the importance of our members to get involved in the process. I am asking every member to be on the lookout for worthy nursing

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students in your area, and, if you know of any, please either encourage them to visit our website “fourtyandeight.org” for more information and the application, or ask them to contact me-modelhawk@aol.com

Quarterly Feature

An American Cemetery, A Chinese Ancestral Temple

On September 21, 1862, the autumn rains continued, and the fighting outside Cixi County (now Cixi City, Ningbo) was fierce. The "Brave" gunboat anchored on the Zhedong Canal violently bombarded the city wall to cover the attack of the victorious army. In the Yangtze River basin and the Jiangnan water network area, ships (all paddle steamers at the time) were used to quickly transport troops and provide fire support by the way. This tactic doubled the combat effectiveness of the Hunan, Huai and mercenaries.



The leader, Frederick Townsend Ward (Frederick Townsend Ward) wields a cane and takes the lead in the charge. This is his command style. Ward was born in Salem, an American port city in 1831. He had been familiar with sailing since he was a child. In 1847, he dropped out of middle school and became a seaman. He entered the American Military Academy of Arts and Sciences in Vermont in 1849 and received military education but dropped out of school the following year and returned to the sea. His entire career in the 1850s was rich and varied. In addition to controlling merchant ships, he also ventured into the Mexican military, and entered the French army to participate in the Crimean War.

In the spring of 1860, Ward formed the Yang Gun Team in Shanghai, the predecessor of the Victory Army. With a high salary, it absorbed many deserters, seafarers, and adventurers, and purchased the most advanced weapons from the Shanghai Navy fire dealers. Ward's military efforts only yielded sad results at first, because

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the Yang Gun Team was too small and poorly trained and could only rely on weapon superiority and surprise operations mode.

After learning from experience, Ward rebuilt the Yang Gun Team, a mixed unit composed of Chinese under the command of foreigners, which was much larger than before. The army was headquartered in Songjiang, and Ward became a Chinese national, married the daughter of a wealthy businessman Yang Fang, and obtained the rank of vice general in the Qing court. The Yang Gun Team was renamed the Changsheng Army by the Qing court. The first large-scale battle that the New Army entered was in January and February 1862, when it repelled the Taiping Army that surrounded Songjiang.

In the Battle of Cixi, the Victory Army had the same firepower advantage as usual, and their own artillery shells whizzed past their heads, smashing the fortifications to pieces; there was no suspense about the outcome of the battle. However, a rifle bullet hit the supreme commander in the abdomen, and he was seriously injured. The ever-victorious army successfully occupied Cixi, and Ward was sent to Ningbo by the "Brave" by the canal to find the British Mission Hospital. Although the warhead was removed by surgery, he died of his injuries in the middle of the night, before dawn on September 22.

A Grand Funeral That Combines Chinese And Western Culture

Ward's will is all about calculating the money: "Shanghai Daotai owes me 110,000 taels, and Taiji owes me 30 taels, totaling 140,000 taels. Zhang Mei, my beloved wife gets 50,000 taels, and my brother and sister share the rest equally. Admiral He Bo and Minister Pu Anchen, I invite them to be my executors." The mercenary leader thought clearly that debt collection is the most difficult thing in the world, and there will be big problems with property. Sure enough, this property dispute was finally resolved in 1902, and it was still paid from the Boxer indemnity.

The gunboat "Confucius" of the Qing court rushed from Ningbo to Shanghai, with the remains of Ward on board. An episode occurred on the way. The captain of the ship "United States" was a supporter of the Confederacy, and Ward was a supporter of the Confederation. The two politically disagreed, but the Captain of the "United States" could not stand the pressure of Ward's Deputy before agreeing to this mission. The ship deliberately went to sea without adding coal, ran out of coal and lost power on the way. Ward's Deputy imprisoned the Captain in a rage and took over the ship himself. He ordered the removal of the timber on the deck, plus the 50 barrels of pork in the warehouse, and put them into the stove together, and the ship finally reached its destination.

Ward's body finally came to Songjiang Mansion, where the base is located, and the city's shops closed as a sign of condolences. The funeral was purely Western, the coffin was placed on a gun wagon, the band wailed, and the army mourned. An American victorious military officer recorded the funeral scene: "When we arrived at the Confucian Temple, the coffin floating house was on the left side of the temple entrance. Before a better cemetery was selected, this was the most respected status that the Qing government could provide. Here, the pastor on the British flagship recited the ritual of the British Church, and then the artillery infantry fired cannons to pay mourning."

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The commemorative activities in the barracks are full of Chinese customs. The victorious army all wore mourning clothes for three months, and the Chinese soldiers wore leucorrhoea on their whips. After the Chinese chose the cemetery and the date of burial, the tomb was built on an open space next to the Confucian Temple. There was a simple tombstone, which collapsed a few years later.

The Huai Army not only fought side by side with the Victory Army, but also learned a lot from the Victory Army. The leader of the Huai Army, Li Hongzhang, said a lot of good things for Ward, suggesting the establishment of special temples in Ningbo and Songjiang. The imperial court agreed, without any actual action. Songjiang ancestral hall was built 14 years after Ward's death, and Ningbo ancestral hall became a fantasy. The ancestral hall construction plan is so procrastinated. The responsibility lies not with the Qing court, but with Samuel Wells Williams, the Chargé d'affaires of the US Embassy in China (Beijing), who was a pastor. Wei Sanwei believed that the ancestral hall was a memorial way for pagans, and Ward was a Christian.

"This Minister reported to Your Excellency the death of Vice Admiral Ward with a sad heart. Ward is an American, and with his talent and bravery, he was promoted to the position of Vice Admiral in the military of the Qing Empire. He led his men to attack Cixi City near Ningbo. When I was on the front lines to observe the enemy's situation, I was shot and seriously injured." American Minister Anson Burlingame wrote to President Lincoln on October 27, 1862, "He organized and trained the army on behalf of the Qing government, and he has experienced many battles. Every battle must be won. Indeed, he taught the Qing imperial authorities how to turn weak to strong and laid the foundation for the only army their government can hope to defeat the rebels."

Lincoln did not reply to the letter from Beijing. Secretary of State William Henry Seward replied: "You can tell Prince Gong that the President is very satisfied with the edict of the Qing emperor praising our outstanding citizen, Ward. He is far away in a dangerous place in a foreign land to win glory for the country. And because of the death, the American people deeply mourn his early withering."

Pu Anchen also sent a copy of the edict praised by Emperor Tongzhi to Ward, but Ward's story was not favored by politics and the press. Currently, the Americans were as busy fighting the civil war as the Chinese, with the Civil War on one side and the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom war on the other, and the Union army under Lincoln was in the shadow of military disadvantage.

After 14 years of wind and rain, the earth tombs were no longer present. In September 1876, Feng Junguang of Shanghai Daotai wrote to the American Consul General in Shanghai to inform China of his intention to build the ancestral hall. The US agreed, and Wei Sanwei happened to leave next month.

Former British naval officer Augustus Frederick Lindley, after leaving the navy, went to the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom to do business, and became a foreign instructor under Li Xiucheng's command. Standing on the opposite side, he commented on Ward in his memoir "The Personal Experience of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom Revolution": "Leave aside the fault of Vice-General Ward. He is still a brave and determined person. He is just too loyal to his Manchu Qing employers. He finally lost his life and ended his adventurous and honest life. His death was enough to conceal all his sins. It is lamentable that he did not sacrifice his life for a more valuable purpose."

"Overseas Strange Man" And Qing Court "Same Enemy"

On Saturday, May 10, 1877, Feng Junguang of Shanghai Daotai gave Ward to the ancestral hall through a ceremony of combining Chinese and Western. The customs patrol ship "Guoxing" sent the Chinese and foreign dignitaries who participated in the ceremony to the South Bridge. Instead, two small-draft motorboats pulled a few boats to move on. A group of people came ashore at Songjiang City Corner, and the guards of the roadway cleared the road in front. Firecrackers sounded, asking people to sit on the sedan chair, crowded with people watching the excitement.

The appearance of the ancestral hall is not very distinctive. It is just a normal ancestral hall. There is a low wall around it. After entering the gate, there is a patio. Opposite the patio is the ancestral hall. After passing through the ancestral hall, there is a patio where graves are placed and planted with greenery. In the ancestral hall there is a memorial tablet of the god of Ward, with gold inscriptions on a blue background. There is a wooden framed couplet on each side, the upper couplet "Overseas strange man, the name of Wanli honor is left in blue blood", the lower couplet "the blessed land between the clouds, the Qianqiu temple looks like a heart pill", and the horizontal plaque "the same enemy hates". Such a Chinese expression seems quite happy.

The prefects and counties of Songjiang Prefecture gathered at the entrance of the ancestral hall to wait early. Hundreds of Qing troops served as guards of honor. The scene was grand.

The Beihua Post reported: "Although it is daylight, there are twelve bright candles hanging on the roof of the temple, eight of which are arranged in a row and one at each of the four corners. In addition, four large red candles are burning, and cigarettes are swirling around. The ceremony is a sacrificial offering to the souls of the dead, one whole sheep, one big pig, one roast pork, one ham, seven pairs of ducks, several pairs of wild birds, and twenty plates of fruits, preserves and vegetables. These are also pairs."

At the beginning of the sacrifice, a monk played the role of master of ceremonies. Under the command of the monk's chanting, Daotai and the magistrates walked under the shrine and offered a few cups of hot wine in front of the wall tablet. Then, Daotai offered dishes, and the other officials knelt and kowtowed. The ancient music with strong Chinese style began to play in unison, including the seven-string guqin. The end of the song means the end of the sacrifice, and it took 20 minutes before and after. Then, firecrackers and fireworks sounded, shaking gongs and drums. All the tributes were packed and shipped back to Daotai Yamen.

In this way, an American dramatically became a Confucian sage and a Chinese god of war.

On the return boat, Feng Junguang took out his own eulogy to commemorate Ward and read it to foreign guests. He was grateful to Ward for his efforts to turn the tide. At that time, Li Xiucheng's army was in full power, and the people in the Yangtze River Delta believed that the Taiping Army could win the final victory.

In the following eight years, the Ward Ancestral Hall was well-managed and maintained. Until 1885, the Qing court had forgotten this place. The ancestral hall is unguarded, and there are no more annual sacrifices. The house was occupied by beggars and refugees. They slept in a shrine, set up an earthen stove to cook in the patio, and made a mess. Soon someone came to end the dilapidated scene. A Chinese corporal in the Changsheng Army made a fortune and did not forget the old leader. He hired a person to look after the old leader's ancestral hall.

In the Supervisory Council split from the American Methodist Church, a pastor named Baker came to Songjiang in 1887. He volunteered to act as the protector of Ward Shrine for more than half a century. But

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personal ability is limited, and Baker can't do much at first. Soon after the Revolution of 1911, the British William Karler came to Songjiang to travel, and recorded the desolation and ruin of Ward Shrine.

Although there are gatekeepers, the cemetery is overgrown with weeds. The janitor said that he was not paid, but he was obviously collecting fees for renting the venue and lending it to others for private celebrations. Karler and his companions came again after that and saw a group of Taoist priests holding a ceremony, and Ward's tablet was covered by other religious portraits.

The people who care most about the Ward Shrine are the American soldiers and veterans. The US military power is gradually rising, and it is beginning to attach importance to those ancestors who represent the country abroad, even if he is not a member of the US Army or Navy. For example, the adventurer Ward, although he violated the country's policy of neutrality, his military legendary career really gave the United States a face and turned it into a part of the country's military tradition.

On April 20, 1920, the American Association of Veterans of the European War established Ward Branch One. The association came forward and contacted the Chinese government to obtain the identity of the administrator of the Ward Shrine. Once they had legal status, it was much easier to act. The Americans quickly renovated the ancestral hall, and planted trees and shrubs in the patio. The whole looked more decent.

After finishing the venue, there should be an important commemorative event. The last Monday in May every year is the United States' Memorial Day, and the anniversary in 1921 is May 29. It not only symbolizes patriotism in the United States, but also represents the official start of summer. It's a little carnival to celebrate. On this day, more than 100 branch members and their friends came to Songjiang from Shanghai by boat, to hold a memorial ceremony.

When Ward Shrine Encountered Japanese Invaders

From this day on, the Americans in Shanghai continued this practice until it ended in 1938. Because the Battle of Songhu broke out in August 1937, Shanghai became a melting pot of millions of soldiers. Although the war in Shanghai ended at the end of November that year, the Americans in Shanghai lost the mood of visiting Songjiang amidst the chaos.

After the Japanese army occupied Songjiang, Pastor Baker visited the resident commander and asked the Japanese army not to loot or destroy the ancestral hall. The Japanese officer agreed, and accompanied Baker to the ancestral hall, and took off his hat to pay tribute. However, the officer's promise was not fulfilled, and the arrogant soldiers broke into the ancestral hall, ransacked it, and ruined it for fun. In fact, compared to the upcoming "Panay" incident, the undisciplined intrusive behavior of a few soldiers is nothing.

On December 12, 1937, the day before the fall of Nanjing, on the Yangtze River north of Jiangxin Township, Anhui, the "Panay" inland river gunboat carrying American embassy personnel and three Mobil company oil tankers carrying American expats were caught. Japanese navy aircraft attacked. "Panay" was sunk, although it was flying three national flags, it was sunny that day. It was not enough for the plane to blow up and sink the ship. The Japanese Army drove a motorboat to shoot over the people who fell into the water, and the US Navy suffered many casualties.

The Japanese army and navy's contact with porcelain angered the Americans, and the Japanese government hurriedly apologized and paid 2.2 million US dollars in compensation. The US ambassador to Japan is Joseph Grew. He immediately strongly protested the attack on the Ward Shrine and the sinking of the gunboat, and he received a sound and reasonable response. In early 1938, Japan invested in the repair of the Ward Shrine.

The United States and Japan finally ushered in a day of complete turnaround. The Japanese Navy attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the Pacific War broke out. The Americans and their assets left in the occupied areas of China are unlucky, including the Ward Shrine. The Japanese army moved aggressively to the ancestral hall, purely out of vent, ruining the portrait of Ward and removing any wood that could be removed. Afterwards, the Japanese army regretted it again, so why bother to ruin a good house with a cheap hand. After simple repairs, the Japanese army used this area twice as a small barracks.

Pastor Baker, like all American compatriots in Shanghai, entered a Japanese concentration camp, suffered torture, and suffered from malnutrition. He was lucky, because he was old and was sent back to the United States in December 1943. Baker remembers that he was detained in Zhabei at first and was transported to the familiar Songjiang River half a year later, in a small room next to his church. Eleven Chinese people were also imprisoned in the same room. There was no furniture in the room, and they could only sleep on the floor. He wrote in 1947 and recalled that a Chinese gave him a cotton mattress, and he could only eat rice every day, and there were many lice.

After Japan surrendered, the Ward Shrine was forgotten by American society. A Chinese pastor surnamed Du from the Songjiang Supervisory Council made a special trip to visit the Ward Shrine in the first week of October 1946. "Where is the tomb, it seems that it has not been damaged by the war. The stone tablets are still standing on the tomb. Of course, cement needs to be applied to the surfaces on both sides of the tomb. One of the eight brick pillars around the tomb fell to the ground, and the wooden railings were removed. The trees around the tomb were chopped down by the Japanese army. The surrounding walls looked okay, and the stone stele engraved on it was "This wall could be completed in 1931 due to the generous donation of members of the regiment of Hyde" is still embedded in the wall. There are bronze medals on the wall at the front door. It was stolen a year ago, and the photo of Vice Admiral Ward in the ancestral hall is missing. Except for the two doors leading to the cemetery and the four front doors that were taken away by soldiers, the rest of the ancestral hall is still intact. The wooden gate at the door still exists." Pastor Du described a scene of decline in the report.

He also mentioned an episode in which two poor families lived in the ancestral hall during the war. The Japanese were driven out as soon as they arrived, and the Japanese moved in after they left. "During the war, there were two poor families living in the shrine. They were repeatedly forced to move out to allow the Japanese to move in, or they were asked to take down the building materials and build a hut elsewhere. The women of these two families did everything in their power. Make the Japanese soldiers believe that they are poor widows, no place to go, no work to do. In this way, they have lived to this day." Taiwanese film screenwriter and newspaper editor Du Yunzhi described the final image of Ward Shrine: " After the war of resistance and the revival of the army, there was no one to take care of it, and it was gradually scrapped. After victory, he returned to his hometown.

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Note from the Editor: My apologies to Les for my error in not including his name on his contribution to the Poop Sheet. Thank you, Les for your contribution!

ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR

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To welcome the incoming Lunar New Year: the following fortune cookie wisdom is offered for your enjoyment on this auspicious occasion.

When you travel, don't count the mileage, and when you eat, don't count the cost. -- Chinese Proverb.

The Cantonese will eat anything that swims except a submarine, everything that flies except an airplane, and anything with four legs except a table. -- Northern Chinese Proverb

Three meals a day and one sleep at night is what a man must plan for. -- Chinese Proverb

Nothing can prevent the birds of misfortune from flying about your head, but it is up to you whether they nest in your hair. -- Chinese Proverb

A man thinks he knows, but a woman knows better. -- Chinese Proverb

If a pretty girl in a bar smiles at you, look the other way. -- Anonymous Wise Man

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