



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

In Recognition of United States Army Air Force

Staff Sergeant Yuen Hop

Posthumously

WHEREAS, Yuen Hop grew up in Sebastopol with three brothers and four sisters; his parents were Chinese immigrants, who moved from San Francisco to Sebastopol, where they leased orchards and processed some of their own fruit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hop in 1943, upon finishing his senior year at Analy High School, enlisted in the U.S. Army and went off to fight in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hop's plane was shot down over Germany during the historic Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 29, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hop was unaccounted for and not listed on the Prisoner of War list; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, researchers containing information on the missing Sergeant indicating he was captured and killed as part of a War Crimes case by the German SS troops and buried in a local cemetery; and

WHEREAS, his lost remains were recently discovered in June 2024, 80 years after war's end and a formal military honor ceremony service will be held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Stephen Zollman, am honored to hereby recognize Staff Sergeant Yuen Hop Posthumously in honor of his sacrifice to the Nation and recognizing his connection to this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4th day of February 2025.

Stephen Zollman, Mayor