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Current and upcoming events:

- Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Picnic on July 23
- Update your member profile so you will receive the ballot for the upcoming election
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- Selective jobs from agencies and pictures on FAPAC events are posted on www.fapac.org

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FAPAC News

WASHINGTON—While our membership continues to grow under Chair Sharon Pang, reaching 200 on life timers, we have a number of members behind in their dues. Please go on line and keep your status active to take advantage of the full benefits of supporting the organization that speaks for you and care for you. Membership dues supports FAPAC activities.

April 22 saw another successful Career Fair launched with the collaboration of Montgomery College and Universities at Shady Grove drawing capacity crowds and nearly 70 exhibitors. Teams of volunteers led by Selina Lee, Kevin Le and Liqun Wong and additional volunteers from our partners contributed to the success of the event.

On May 5 FAPAC held its first Interagency Heritage Month Happy Hour to mark the observance of the occasion with the support of several partners including SSA, the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Homeland Security and Justice. A great crowd over 100 came to network and renew acquaintances at the Baan Thai in Logan Circle, thanks to the efforts of Jill Yu at HUD, Paul Truong at FAA, Melissa Lin at USCIS, Minh Dang at DEA, Darlene at DHS, Dennis Chong at SSA and others. Juliet Choi, Chief of Staff at US Citizen and Immigrant Services leading a group from DHS started the event of the evening.

FAPAC continues to engage and deepens relationships with federal agencies and other AAPI organization to mutually advance our joint mission of developing future leaders.. Recently FAPAC signed a new MOU with the US Department of Veterans Affairs (see picture on right).



AAPI Heritage Month

During the Heritage Month FAPAC leadership team appeared at many events including the White House, the Joint Force Base and DOE. Other Board Members attended a number of other agencies observances at USDA and DOT. By attending and presenting at these well-attended observances FAPAC extends its visibility and let the world know its work and achievements as well as to engage agencies for support of future FAPAC activities.

FAPAC is in the process of establishing a database of speakers for future AAPI Heritage Bureau. Each year FAPAC receives a great number of requests for speakers for May from both government and private organizations from across the country. It would be a good new initiative for our new chapters, especially those outside Washington D.C..



President Grace Spence posed with hosts at DoD Joint Force Base after her presentation



Presentation of appreciation to President Grace Spence at the White House Heritage Month event



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FAPAC is the only organization representing all AAPI in the federal government no matter what your grade is or whether you are in uniform or a civilian.

Annual Leadership Training Program at Orlando



Appreciation of the many agency and private sector partners that over the years have supported us.

FAPAC held its 31th National Training Program on May 9-13, 2016 at the Doubletree In Orlando, FL with close to 300 in attendance to take advantage of the excellent program that included special courses "Game Changers" and "SES Preparation" given by OPM. Many agencies (FAA, USDA, EPA and HHS) held agency forums for their attendees. HHS provided online connection with forum attendees at the Washington DC Headquarters as part of their AAPI Heritage Month event.

The conference team also pioneer the first use of a mobile app to allow attendees to access program updates and to communicate with fellow attendees through their smart phones.

Many agencies and private sector partners showed up in Orlando to support FAPAC which help to make the event a great success. Attendees displayed their native costumes at the Welcoming Reception on Monday to echo our theme on diversity.

A number of distinguished keynote speakers helped to inspire the attendees on theme of diversity, public service and leadership. These speakers include Dr. Joe Leonard, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights USDA, Robert Cabana, Director of the Kennedy Space Center, Max Finberg, Director of Americorps VISTA, BG Bryan Gamble (ret.) and Ed Avalos, Under Secretary USDA.



Ed Avalos, USDA Under Secretary

Mentoring Program CDHP New Class Year 4

The Mentoring Program CDHP under Aurea Franklin and Selina Lee kicked off for another class. The ceremony was held June 3 at USDA with the support of the chapter at the agency. The mentoring program over the last three years has matched members to executives across government to provide them with professional counsel on how to strategize and take charge of their career to reach their desired goals. It was again oversubscribed this year.

The program is structured to provide mentors interaction as well as classroom instructions on leadership, communication and networking in addition to career tools like resume and interview preparations. The class will graduate at the year of 2016 after completion of 40 hours of the required syllabus. The first classroom training mentees will be on July 14-15 at the USDA.

