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The Malaysian Armed Forces Chinese Veterans Association (MACVA) is an organisation of men and women who have served King and Country for many years. The peace and progress of our beloved country can be attributed to the dedicated service of our members and many others in the Armed Forces. MACVA keeps alive the tradition of national pride and commitment, remembering the many sacrifices we and many others have made in defence of the country's sovereignty.

***“Your knowledge, skills and experience, acquired during and after the military service plus a common resolve to serve our King and Country again will no doubt ensure that MACVA will lead and show the way for a better society, and play a significant role to help unite all Malaysians.”***

*Chief of Army, Gen Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor  
(2016)*

# THE BEGINNING...

*...the pride we had felt to serve...awakened our desire to make our service and contributions more widely recognised.*



Department of Army's 2014 Chinese New Year celebration.

In 2014, the Chief of Army, Gen Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor, invited a small group of Army Chinese veterans to the Department of Army's Chinese New Year Celebration. In 2015 and 2016, more veterans responded positively to the invitation. More than 60 Army Chinese veterans enjoyed the celebrations as we relived our shared experience and memories of serving in the Army.

At this gathering, the Chief of Army was generous in his recognition of the Army Chinese veterans' service, acknowledging our patriotism and contributions to the country. His words reminded us of the pride we had felt to serve, and awakened our desire to make our service and contributions more widely recognised.

We were then inspired to set up a formal Army Chinese veterans' organisation and formed a protem committee to initiate the registration process with Jabatan Hal Ehwal Veteran-ATM (JHEV-ATM) in accordance with the Veteran Act 2012. The First Constitution of the Malaysian Army Chinese Veterans Association (MACVA) was approved on 14 July 2016 and formalised on 31 August 2016.

Subsequently, we naturally evolved into the Malaysian Armed Forces Chinese Veterans Association (MACVA), together with our sister services, the Navy and Air Force, who share a common military tradition, culture, vision and aspiration. The Second Constitution of MACVA was approved on 08 June 2017, incorporating the MACVA Tri-Service and uniting the Navy and Air Force with the Army, to become a more dynamic and forward looking organisation.

In essence, we, the Malaysian Armed Forces Chinese veterans, are determined that our vast experiences, skills and knowledge acquired during and after our service, should not be allowed to fade away.

We have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with our brothers and sisters-in-arms. We must stand together again with our fellow veterans from other communities to be counted in further service to King and Country in whatever way and capacity.



Chief of Army (Current Chief of Defence Force) addressing the guests at the 2016 Chinese New Year celebration.

# OUR JOURNEY...





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##### **Top:**

The Inaugural Meeting at Taman Melawati, 03 March 2016.

##### **Bottom:**

Vision Workshop at Harmony Valley Janda Baik, 24 to 26 March 2016.

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Vision Seminar at Flamingo Hotel, 20 August 2016.

##### **Clockwise from top:**

Opening address by Brig Gen Dr W F Leong (Retired); briefing session by Capt Kung Boon Chin (Retired); briefing session by Maj Godfrey Chang (Retired).





Vision Seminar continued...

***Clockwise from top:***

Briefing session by Lt Col Chua Eng Lye (Retired); Maj Gen Dato' Lai Chung Wah (Retired) - the highest ranking officer present; Participants with the MACVA protem committee.





Vision Seminar Q&A Session

**Top:**

Question by Brig Gen Dato' Hon Mun Loong (Retired).

**Bottom:**

Answered by Brig Gen Dr W F Leong (Retired).





Presentation of Malaysian Army Chinese Veterans Association Registration Certificate at Army Officers' Mess, Sungai Besi Camp, 19 September 2016.

**L to R:**

Brig Gen Dr W F Leong (Retired); Chief of Army, Gen Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi; Deputy Director-General of JHEV-ATM, Tuan Hj Abd Karim Hj Husain.

Inaugural AGM of the Malaysian Army Chinese Veterans Association held at Kelab Rekreasi Angkatan Tentera TUDM, Sg Besi, 19 March 2017. In this AGM, the Malaysian Armed Forces Chinese Veterans Association was mooted and approved.



MACVA Welcoming Lunch hosted by the President, Maj Tan Pau Son (Retired), for the veterans from the Navy and Air Force at Hakka Restaurant, Jalan Kia Peng, Kuala Lumpur, 30 July 2017.

# OUR VISION...

*...to be a CREDIBLE VOICE*

## OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Passion
- Esprit de corps
- Positive attitude
- Commitment

- Foster and strengthen comradeship, solidarity and harmony among all veterans.
- Render assistance and support to all veterans.
- Provide charity to all deserving Malaysians.
- Provide continual support and serve as a resource to the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF).
- Promote nation building.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

## OUR DREAMS

- For a harmonious, united and progressive Malaysia.
- For a better tomorrow, for every son and daughter of this beautiful country.
- For every son and daughter to proudly and lovingly call this land, “our home”.

# OUR PROJECTS...

We aim to focus on three areas:

## A. Veteran Affairs

- Initiate ceremony for veterans to receive the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM).
- Organise training and/or retraining for veterans.
- Organise seminars and networking opportunities for veterans.
- Organise social and sports activities among veteran associations.
- Organise support groups for social and cultural needs.



**Top:**  
MACVA hosted veterans from the New Zealand Malayan Veterans Association (NZMVA) to a high tea at Penang Safira Country Club, 20 August 2017.

**Bottom:**  
MACVA hosted veterans from 107 Battery Royal Australian Artillery (who once served in camp Terendak, Malacca) at the Heritage Club, Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, 15 September 2017.



**Left:**  
HRH Prince Charles' visit to Taiping War Memorial, 07 November 2017.

**Top:**  
MACVA interview by China Press in conjunction with 60th Merdeka Day, 09 August 2017.

**Bottom:**  
MACVA courtesy call on Brig Gen Toh Choon Siang - Commander 11 Brigade at the Sg Buloh Camp, 14 December 2017.



**B. Youth Development** – focusing on schools, colleges, orphanages, and under-privileged children in areas such as:

- Character building.
- Leadership skills.
- Promoting military service as a career option.
- Social skills and community service.
- Creativity and problem solving.



**Top:**  
MACVA President, Maj Tan Pau Son (Retired) (3rd from right) with President of TAR University College, Datuk Tan Chik Heok (4th from right), 24 October 2017.

**Bottom:**  
TAR University College career fair.



Youth Development at SMK Khai Mun, Bentong, Pahang.

The pilot Youth Leadership programme was conducted at SMK Khai Mun, Bentong from 21 – 23 July 2017. A total of 40 participants from various races of the school, attended.

The aim of this programme is to build character while imparting leadership, communication and social skills to the participants. It also includes community service, creativity and problem solving.

The written feedback from the students was very encouraging. Not only did they enjoy the programme, they also gained much from the new knowledge and experience: 95% felt that the programme had a positive impact.

**C. Charity Programmes** – for veterans and others in need:

- Veterans who are seriously or critically ill.
- Veterans who need help in various aspect.
- Worthy or recommended charity programmes.



**Top:**

Visit and cheque presentation by MACVA to CPO Chua Han Seng RMN (Retired) in Kulai, 09 May 2017.

**Bottom:**

Visit and cheque presentation by MACVA to Sgt Lim Cheng Ngan (Retired) in Malacca, 09 July 2017. (Sgt Lim Cheng Ngan passed away on 13 January 2018)



# GALLANTRY AWARD...

Many MACVA members have received awards that honour their service and valour. These include:

## FEDERAL AWARD

### **PINGAT GAGAH BERANI (PGB)**

1. Late Col Maurice Lam Shye Choon (Retired)
2. Maj Lee Ah Pow (Retired)
3. Late Capt Choo Yeok Boo RMAF (Retired)
4. 2Lt David Fu Chee Ming (Retired)
5. Sgt Choo Woh Soon (Retired)
6. Sgt Chong Yong Chin @ Cheng Eng Chin (Retired)

### **PINGAT TENTERA UDARA (PTU)**

1. Lt Col Leong Pook Seong RMAF (Retired)
2. Lt Col Chong Keng Lay RMAF (Retired)
3. Capt Ng Sek Kee RMAF (Retired)
4. Capt Tien Sen An RMAF (Retired)
5. Late Lt Chung Ming Teck RMAF (Retired)
6. Late Sgt Leong Yee Heang RMAF (Retired)

### **JASA PERKASA PERSEKUTUAN (JPP)**

1. Lt Col John Lai Kim Chee (Retired)

## FEDERAL AWARD

### **KEPUJIAN PERUTUSAN KEBERANIAN (KPK)**

1. Col Dato Ir Cheng Wah (Retired)
2. Col Yap Poh Meng (Retired)
3. Lt Col Peter Yuen Kum Pak RMAF (Retired)
4. Maj Patrick Wong Sing Nang (Retired)
5. Late Maj Sam Low Tung Yeow (Retired)
6. Late Maj Michael Chong Boon Tek (Retired)
7. Late Maj Charlie Wong Swee Chong (Retired)
8. Capt Kung Boon Chin (Retired)
9. Capt Sim Kian Peng RMAF (Retired)
10. Lt Au Yong San Sui RMAF (Retired)
11. WO II Patrick Lee Kai Tong RMAF (Retired)
12. WO II Tan Book Soo (Retired)
13. F/Sgt Goh Thoong Chong RMAF (Retired)

## STATE AWARD

### **PINGAT KEBERANIAN (SILVER) SARAWAK (PK)**

1. Lt Col Fabian Wong Boon Soon (Retired)

### **PERWIRA TAMING SARI (HONOUR 3RD CLASS) PERAK (PTS)**

1. Maj Patrick Wong Sing Nang (Retired)



Maj Lee Ah Pow  
(Retired)  
PGB recipient



2Lt David Fu Chee Ming  
(Retired)  
PGB recipient



Sgt Choo Woh Soon  
(Retired)  
PGB recipient



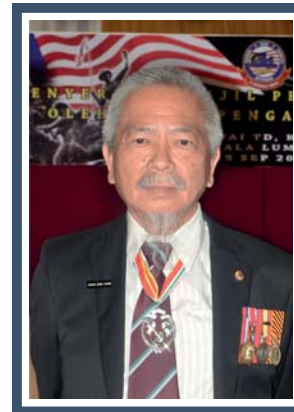
Capt Tien Sen An RMAF  
(Retired)  
PTU recipient



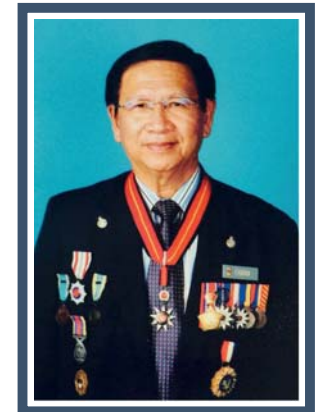
Lt Col John Lai Kim Chee  
(Retired)  
JPP recipient



Capt Kang Boon Chin  
(Retired)  
KPK recipient



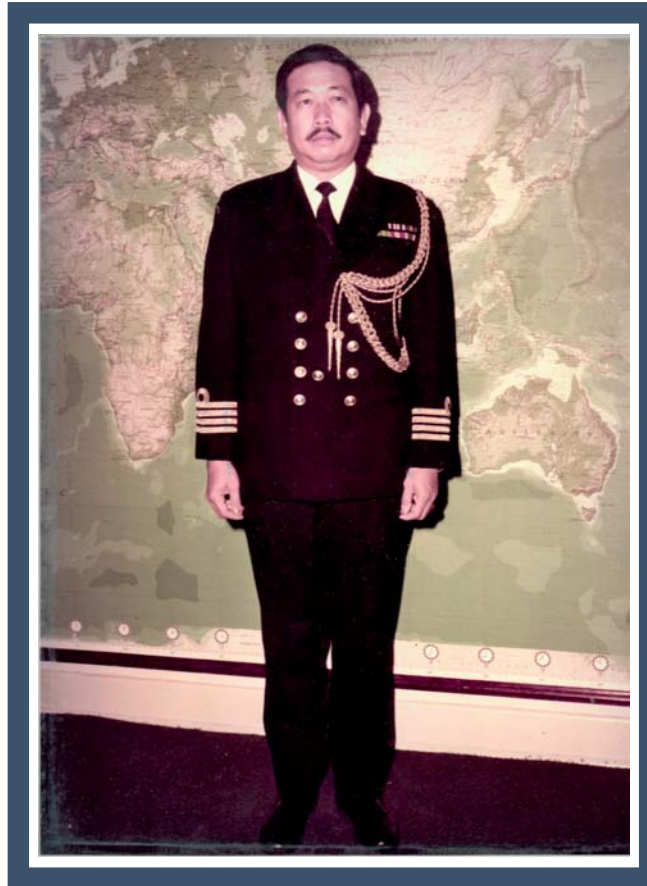
Maj Patrick Wong Sing Nang  
(Retired)  
KPK and PTS Perak recipient



Lt Col Fabian Wong Boon Soon  
(Retired)  
PK Sarawak recipient

# UNSUNG HEROES...

Many servicemen and women have made significant contributions without due recognition. One such unsung hero is Capt Cheah Leong Voon RMN (Retired).



Capt Cheah Leong Voon RMN (Retired) in temperate uniform when he served as the Defence and Armed Forces Attaché to the Embassy of Malaysia in Washington, D.C., USA from March 1977 to November 1980. Concurrently, he was also accredited to Canada over the same period. He was Commander Naval Forces West Malaysia and later East Malaysia (Panglima) prior to the Attaché appointment.

# FALLEN COMRADES...



Funeral of Maj Gen Dato' Lai  
Chung Wah (Retired),  
20 April 2017.

**Top:**  
MACVA members saluting to  
honour Maj Gen Dato' Lai's  
passing.

**Bottom:**  
Presenting the National Flag  
to Datin Lai by Col Dr Kwong  
Fook Wen, the representative  
from the Royal Armoured  
Corps.



**Top:**  
Funeral of Maj Peter Phang Lai Shing (Retired), 04 May 2017.

**Bottom:**  
Funeral of WO II Jason Chan On Sun RMN (Retired), 10 July 2017.

*We continue to honour  
all our brothers and sisters  
who have passed on.*

# GLOSSARY...

## Gallantry Award

### Federal Award



#### ***Seri Pahlawan Gagah Perkasa (SP)***

The highest bravery award and highest in the order of precedence among Federal Awards. Awarded to both Malaysian military and civilians for act of extreme bravery.



#### ***Pingat Gagah Berani (PGB)***

The second highest bravery award. Awarded to members of the Armed Forces and Royal Malaysian Police for extreme courage and gallantry in combat.



#### ***Pingat Tentera Udara (PTU)***

Awarded to members of the Royal Malaysian Air Force of all ranks for act of bravery including rescue operations.



#### ***Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (JPP)***

Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (JPP) is conferred on any person who has demonstrated exceptional bravery and on members of the security forces who have shown utmost bravery in the battlefield.



#### ***Kepujian Perutusan Keberanian (KPK)***

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces and Royal Malaysian Police for showing bravery.

## Federal Award



### ***Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM)***

Given by the King and government of Malaysia in recognising members of the Armed Forces who served during the Malayan Emergency, Second Malayan Emergency and Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation.

## State Award



### ***Pingat Keberanian Sarawak***

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces or Royal Malaysian Police who have performed an exceptional bravery and sacrifice in the state of Sarawak. The three ranks in this medal are *Pingat Perwira Negeri (Emas)*, *Pingat Perwira Negeri (Perak)* and *Pingat Perwira Negeri (Gangsa)*.



### ***Darjah Kebesaran Taming Sari Negeri Perak Yang Amat Perkasa***

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces or Royal Malaysian Police for distinguished service in defending the nation against its enemy. The Order is divided into 6 classes:-

- 1st – Seri Panglima Taming Sari (S.P.T.S.)
- 2nd – Dato' Panglima Taming Sari (D.P.T.S.)
- 3rd – Perwira Taming Sari (P.T.S.)
- 4th – Hulubalang Taming Sari (H.T.S.)
- 5th – Kesatria Taming Sari (K.T.S.)
- 6th – Perajurit (atau Ahli) Taming Sari (A.T.S.)

# Malaysian Armed Forces Rank Structure and Abbreviation

ARMY		NAVY		AIR FORCE	
<b>OFFICER</b>					
Field Marshal	Fd Marshal	Admiral of the Fleet	Adm of the Fleet	Field Marshal -	Fd Marshal
General	Gen	Admiral	Adm	General	Gen
Lieutenant General	Lt Gen	Vice Admiral	VAdm	Lieutenant General	Lt Gen
Major General	Maj Gen	Rear Admiral	RAdm	Major General	Maj Gen
Brigadier General	Brig Gen	First Admiral	FAdm	Brigadier General	Brig Gen
Colonel	Col	Captain	Capt	Colonel	Col
Lieutenant Colonel	Lt Col	Commander	Cdr	Lieutenant Colonel	Lt Col
Major	Maj	Lieutenant Commander	Lt Cdr	Major	Maj
Captain	Capt	Lieutenant	Lt	Captain	Capt
Lieutenant	Lt	Sub Lieutenant	Sub Lt	Lieutenant	Lt
Second Lieutenant	2Lt	Acting Sub Lieutenant	A/Sub Lt	Second Lieutenant	2Lt
<b>OTHER RANKS</b>					
Warrant Officer First Class	WO I	Warrant Officer First Class	WO I	Warrant Officer First Class	WO I
Warrant Officer Second Class	WO II	Warrant Officer Second Class	WO II	Warrant Officer Second Class	WO II
Staff Sergeant	SSgt	Chief Petty Officer	CPO	Flight Sergeant	F/Sgt
Sergeant	Sgt	Petty Officer	PO	Sergeant	Sgt
Corporal	Cpl	Leading Rate	LR	Corporal	Cpl
Lance Corporal	LCpl	Able Rate	AR	Leading Aircraftmen/Aircraftwomen	LAC
Private	Pte	Ordinary Rate	OR	Aircraftmen/Aircraftwomen	AC

# MACVA COMMITTEE

## FIRST PRESIDENT



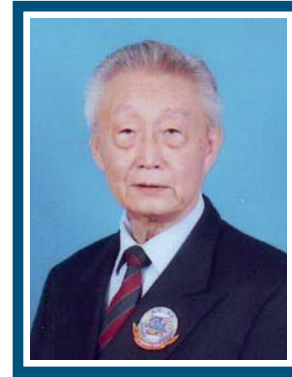
Maj Tan Pau Son  
(Retired)  
19 March 2017 – present

## PROTEM PRESIDENT 1



Lt Col Ir Raymond Goh Boon Pah  
(Retired)  
3 March – 14 July 2016

## PROTEM PRESIDENT 2



Brig Gen Dr Leong Weng Foon  
(Retired)  
14 July 2016 – 19 March 2017

## VICE PRESIDENT

- Army** - Maj Godfrey Chang (Retired)  
**Navy** - FAdm Datuk Kay Hai Thuan RMN (Retired)  
**Air Force** - LAC Joe Pie Chong Seng RMAF (Retired)

## HONORARY SECRETARY

Lt Col Wong Ah Jit (Retired)

## HONORARY TREASURER

Lt Mary Koh RMN (Retired)

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Lt Col Chua Eng Lye (Retired)
2. Lt Col Carol Loo Lee Fum (Retired)
3. Maj Lee Kong Kok (Retired)
4. Maj David Chow Yun Kai (Retired)
5. Maj Anthony Yeap Hock Chai (Retired)
6. WO II Hong Swee Chui (Retired)
7. CPO Chen Ka Kim RMN (Retired)
8. WO I Mike Teoh Chong Kooi RMAF (Retired)

## CO-OPTED MEMBERS

1. Maj Ong You Chai (Retired)
2. Maj Wong Kwai Yinn (Retired)
3. Maj Tan Meng Loon (Retired)
4. Maj Ng Joo Chay (Retired)
5. Capt Lim Cheng Huat (Retired)
6. Capt Ko Kok Pin (Retired)

## ADVISORS

1. Brig Gen Dr Leong Weng Foon (Retired)
2. Lt Col Dato' Martin Kam Yoon Sang (Retired)
3. Lt Col Fabian Wong Boon Soon (Retired)

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