

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION TEAM 2015

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Participating on the Legislative Education Team this past May was challenging, and a rewarding experience. Working with Alliance members from across the country, we met with members of Congress and addressed various issues including comprehensive immigration reform, historical preservation of Asian American sites and programs and obtaining Congressional support to award Major Kurt Lee a Medal of Honor.

Following are just a few highlights of a jammed packed week.

White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

The full day White House Summit on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders was attended by the entire team. It was such a well organized, inspiring summit. The community brown bag luncheons with federal leaders covered a range of issues that matter to AAPI communities. The line of speakers invited was amazing and I was touched by all of them.





Hall of Honor

Visiting the Department of Labor's Hall of Honor was the highlight of this trip for me since the 2014 induction of The Chinese Railroad Workers.



Military Leadership Luncheon

The luncheon is dedicated to promoting leadership diversity and Asian American and Pacific Islander representation in our troops.

Final Remarks

Overall, the four days with my Alliance brothers and sisters and the opportunity to interact with leaders from all over the country, has given me a better perspective about my own leadership style and the individual role I have within my community. It's clear that AAPIs are finding a place at the table on issues and policies that affect our communities and I am proud to make my small contribution to the effort.