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Others [Caucasian veterans] always look back, like the war was the best thing. We always look ahead because we had been through the grind of prejudice. Now there is hope and opportunity that there wasn't before.

—Harry Lim, a veteran of the 407th Air Service Squadron



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