

# **CELEBRATION OF 400 YEARS OF ARMENIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE, 1618-2018**

**Friday, March 16, 2018, 6:00-10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Ararat Home of LA, George Deukmejian Community Center  
15105 Mission Hills Road, Mission Hills, CA



Armenian-American veterans in front of the US Capitol after they submitted a memorandum for the official recognition of the Republic of Armenia, Washington DC, April 14, 1920. Courtesy of the State Archives of Armenia.

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California State University, Northridge, Armenian Studies Program**

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**The Ararat-Eskijian Museum (AEM), the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), Project SAVE Armenian Photograph Archives, the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute (AGMI) in Yerevan, Armenia, and the California State University Northridge Armenian Studies Program, are pleased to announce an upcoming conference dedicated to the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Armenian to America, 'Martin the Armenian' (Virginia, 1618). This conference will focus on the history and legacy of the Armenian-American community and its significant accomplishments from very humble beginning.**

**This landmark anniversary has inspired numerous scholars and cultural figures from diverse backgrounds to share their studies and perspectives on the rich Armenian-American heritage. In conjunction with the conference, a special exhibition prepared for the occasion will be on display featuring Armenian-American heirlooms and historical artifacts from the Ararat-Eskijian Museum and from the private collection of Dr. Hayk Demoyan. Dr. Demoyan, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum Institute (AGMI) in Yerevan, and currently a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Harvard University for 2017-18, has been a key collaborator in organizing the conference and exhibition.**

**The conference begins Friday, March 16, from 6 to 10 PM, with a reception and the opening of the museum's exhibition, along with a musical program, a short documentary film on Armenian-American achievements in politics, and a brief play.**

**The Saturday conference will take place from 9:30 AM to 5 PM, and is divided into four sessions:**

- Early Armenian-American Life and Community Building**
- Identities of the New Armenian-American Community**
- Art, Film, and Literature**
- The Future: New Challenges, Strategies and Perspectives (panel discussion)**