

# BC ALPHA WORK REPORT (JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025)

1. Continue to promote and support programs related to issues of “Comfort Women” Including the followings:

- The Museum of Social Justice ([www.museumofsocialjustice.org](http://www.museumofsocialjustice.org)) in Los Angeles and CARE ([www.comfortwomenaction.org](http://www.comfortwomenaction.org)) co-hosted an educational exhibition titled ***"COMFORT WOMEN" Then and Now: Who They Were and Why We Should Remember Them***. An introductory video by the Museum is available on [Instagram](#). This groundbreaking exhibition provided a comprehensive exploration of the historical context surrounding the “comfort women” issue, highlighting the often-overlooked stories of survivors, their courageous fight for justice, and the lasting impact of their experiences on art and society. Through powerful narratives, historical photographs, and poignant artwork created by both survivors and inspired students, visitors were offered a deeper understanding of this important chapter in history. The exhibition remained open until August 4, 2024.



***"Comfort Women" Then and Now:  
Who They Were and Why We Should  
Remember Them***

**March 2–August 4, 2024**

- The **closing reception** for *"COMFORT WOMEN" Then and Now – Who They Were and Why We Should Remember Them*, which opened on March 2, 2024, was held on August 3, 2024. A key feature of the reception was a panel discussion titled ***"How to Teach Difficult History,"*** featuring Professor Jing Williams (University of South Dakota), community leader Chancee Martorell (Thai CDC), retired judge and activist Lillian Sing (Comfort Women Justice Coalition, San Francisco), and advocate Phyllis Kim (Comfort Women Action for Redress and Education).

- Glendale, CA Celebrates the 13th Annual “Comfort Women” Day.** Glendale is the only city in the United States that has proclaimed July 30th as Korean “Comfort Women” Day every year since 2012. This annual observance commemorates the passage of U.S. House Resolution 121 and honors the friendship between Glendale and its Korean sister cities. The City of Glendale marked its 13th “Comfort Women” Day with a celebration held on July 13, 2024.



- The [2024 CARE Scholarship Showcase](#) was held on December 3, 2024. Thirteen presenters from seven universities in the U.S. and Korea—Vassar College, University of Connecticut, San Francisco State University, California State University Northridge, Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, and Sogang University—shared how they utilized the CARE Scholarship to promote awareness and deepen understanding of the “comfort women” issue.



2. Thekla Lit, President of BC ALPHA, received the **King Charles III Coronation Medal** on December 13, 2025, in recognition of her longstanding community service, particularly her work with BC ALPHA since 1997.



3. BC ALPHA was invited by Social Studies teacher Jenn Girard of **Steveston-London Secondary School** to deliver a presentation on *Japan's Military Sexual Slavery* to a Social Studies 10 class on January 23, 2025. Ishbel Newstead and Thekla Lit were the presenters for a class of 29 energetic and inquisitive students. In addition to a well-developed Prezi presentation on the issue of "comfort women," the story of the 2022 Chinese Chained Woman was included to draw connections between this historical injustice and ongoing human rights concerns today.



4. BC ALPHA has again made a donation of \$500 to the [Archive Quarterly \(AQ\)](#) in April 2025. BC ALPHA's logo appears in the [AQ home page](#).

Spring 2025

Winter 2025

Fall 2024



**Nisga'a Final Agreement:**  
25th Anniversary Retrospective,  
With a survey of events from 1884 to  
1999.



**Sacred Places v. Ski Resorts:**  
The **Treaty of St. Petersburg, 1825**  
The **Petition to the Queen, January 3, 1995**  
**Defence of Moore Island, Was-cha-walth**  
**Christmas Petalook 1921**

**Sacred Places v. Ski Resorts:**  
Skwelkwek'welt, Sutikalh and Qat'muk.  
**The Petition of January 3, 1995,**  
for an independent and impartial



**"Modern day" extinction**  
settlements; the Native Claims Policy  
of 1973 continues; Hunting Aboriginal  
rights, featuring legacy hunting cases;

5. In light of copyright issues related to the news articles on BC ALPHA's [website](#), we have hired a IT person to help address the problem. He has reviewed over 2,200 articles so far, and we are hopeful that this section of the website will be fully operational soon.

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