

Combat photographer Al Chang dead at 85

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HONOLULU -- Combat news photographer Al Chang, who is credited with capturing iconic images of the Korean War, has died in Honolulu at the age of 85. Chang, who covered three wars but is best known for a photograph of a U.S. infantryman crying in the arms of another soldier, died Sept. 30 at a veterans' care center after having recently been diagnosed with leukemia, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday. The photographer had been in ailing health since undergoing a triple-bypass surgery and suffering two strokes in the mid-1990s. His iconic photograph depicts a soldier distraught over learning of another soldier's death while a corpsman in the background of the picture sifting through casualty information without any outward show of emotion. Anne Tucker, curator of photography at Houston's Museum of Fine Arts, said the photograph's resonance is related to the comparison between the two men shown. "You just don't have that many pictures of guys just breaking down," Tucker told the Times. "The guy behind them maybe didn't know the guy who has died. It's not his day to have lost somebody." Chang is survived by his second wife, Jacqueline Tashiro Chang, of Laie, Hawaii; three children from a previous marriage; two children from his second marriage; a brother; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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