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Quarterly Maui Social Honors Veterans

As we say goodbye to 2011 and welcome 2012 (year of the Dragon) has begun. The 442nd Maui Veterans Council was conducting their annual elections to install their new board of directors. The 2012-2013 officers were voted in as follows: Hiroshi Arisumi- President; 1st Vice President - Irvin Yamada, 2nd Vice President - Richard Minatoya, Secretary - Charlie Takahashi (interim treasurer to be named). Also new 44nd Associates Leslie Maeda and Victor Lopez were confirmed.

Over seventy veterans, their wives, widows and a few family members attended this event.

The program began at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning with a greeting by past president Kazuichi Hamasaki. Lunch was served by the associates while the election ballots were tallied. Upon announcement of the new board, bingo resumed until the end of the social. One of the special prizes was donated by Richard Minatoya - a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal which was won by Jane Nakama (widow of I Company).

These socials are conducted quarterly. Each social is implemented by specific 442nd companies. The executive council has assured everyone these socials will continue into the foreseeable future.

Maui I Company associates include (in alphabetical order): Mark Honda, Tiffany Iida, Victor Lopez, Leslie Maeda, Richard Minatoya, Harold Nishida, Raphael "Guffy" Morreira, Fred Ruge, Charlie Takahashi (Chairman), Irvin Yamada, Richard Sword, and Susan Uyemura. Associate member Dan Waki was not able to attend this event, our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

For more information on future socials or donations please contact Charlie Takahashi at 808-877-6072. The next social will be in April, 2012.



Secretary Charlie Takahashi, 2nd Vice President Richard Minatoya, 1st Vice President Irvin Yamada and President Hiroshi Arisumi.

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