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Northern California Nisei VFW Posts Honor Susumu “Sus” Satow



Photo caption: L to R: Susumu Satow (H Company) with Lawson Sakai (E Company) and Isami “Mike” Tsuji (H Company)

Over 20 veterans and their wives gathered together at Mana Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar, representing various organizations and VFW posts from Northern California to honor fellow veteran Mr. Susumu “Sus” Satow. The recognition luncheon, sponsored by the VFW post 8985 based in Sacramento, California, organized by Loren Ishii and Donald Wakida, thanked fellow veteran Sus Satow for his consistent and active role in various VFW post activities in Northern California. Wakida referred to Sus as a mentor who has been invaluable to his post in Fresno.

During the luncheon, Sus was awarded a challenge coin from the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA); Lawson Sakai, President and founder of the Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans and representative of JAVA presented the coin to Sus. Donald Wakida read a proclamation letter that accompanied the coin from JAVA from President, Robert Nakamoto. “It was an honor to be in the presence of Sus Satow, a true legend. His participation and willingness to help others has clearly become a hallmark of the Northern California VFW posts,” said VFW post member Donald Wakida.

Recently Sus participated in Ken Burn's documentary, "The War." Currently, Sus and his wife, Lily, reside in Sacramento, California.

Representing organizations included: VFW post 8985 were Farrington & Helen Blaisdell, Leo Hosoda, Loren Ishii, Walter Matsuoka, Howard & Ruby Matsuhara, Lawson and Mineko Sakai, Roy Sato, Sus Satow, Shig Shimazu, Gary Shiota, VFW post 9879 were George Fujikawa, Henry & Elaine Ikeda, VFW post 1629 Jim Suzuki, VFW post 9970 were Henry Wadahara, VFW post 8499 Clarence & Thelma Suzuki, and Don Wakida.

Special guests included, Isami "Mike" Tsuji, fellow H-Company veteran; Mike also represented the Americans of Japanese American World War II Memorial Alliance. Also in attendance was Susan Uyemura, Chief Executive Officer of Japanese American Living Legacy. JA Living Legacy is a staunch supporter of community participation which is why we're here today" said Susan Uyemura.

For more information regarding this event or the upcoming 58th Nisei VFW Reunion in Reno, Nevada on April 27-29, 2008 please contact Mr. Loren M. Ishii at sactoloren@surewest.net

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