



## JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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### **JAVA Announces New Board Leadership**

Fall Church, Virginia. The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) is pleased to announce that the membership recently elected a new slate of officers and welcomed two new officers. Leading the JAVA Executive Council is newly elected president, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Allen Goshi, USA-Ret. LTC Mark Nakagawa, USA-Ret and COL George Ishikata, USA-Ret were re-elected to be vice president and treasurer, respectively. CPT Wade Ishimoto, USA-Ret, and former president and vice president was elected to be secretary.

After thanking past president Mike Cardarelli and the leadership team for their work of the past few years, Goshi said “I have three commitments to our membership: 1) Dedicate myself to faithfully and diligently serve JAVA and its members; 2) Move forward and communicate with members as we conduct business; and 3) Collaboratively develop an assessment of our situation, a strategic plan aligned with JAVA’s purpose, and follow through on that vision.”. He also emphasized the need to respect JAVA’s past as we “continue to build on the legacy of our Greatest Generation, such JAVA’s founder, COL Phil Ishio, and others, like MG Bert Mizusawa, who have kept JAVA on a trajectory of modernization and improvement over the past 25 years.”

The elected officers will serve a two-year term.



L-R Wade Ishimoto, Al Goshi, Mark Nakagawa taking the Oath of Office. George Ishikata was sworn in later via teleconference. Photo by Marie Yee.

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