

JUSTO Dumlao's 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Vazquez :

Nearly 100 family members and friends gathered to pay tribute to retired 1st Lt. Justo Dumlao's during his 100th birthday celebration.

Mr. Dumlao was a distinguished soldier in both the Philippine and U.S. Armies whose service was instrumental to the defeat of the Japanese Army in WWII.

Hampton:

In many respects, Dumlao is one of our own. He and other Pilipino guerillas fall under the sixth army mantle had a great sacrifice and effort in defeating the Japanese in part during the second World War.

They provided not only combat intelligence and support but that they would help the United States to defeat the Japanese in part during the second World War.

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All in attendance cheered as Mr. Dumlao entered the room to begin the celebration. His family was stunned that the amount of support they receive for their father especially the support they receive from the commander of U.S. Army South, Maj. Gen. Joseph de Silva.

Dumlao:

You know we were expecting a family gathering but it's just the outreach and the incoming support and cards and letters that Social Media and Facebook has just incredible and then to have the general come and personally speak is...I think that is such an honor.

I just can go on about it. My dad deserves that and my dad really appreciates it.

Vazquez :

Army Sgt. Joel Vazquez, San Antonio, Texas.