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MAUI VETERANS CEMETERY NEEDS PUBLIC'S HELP WITH VASES IN STORAGE

MAKAWAO, HI- The Maui Veterans Cemetery has about 1,200 vases in storage that were removed from the cemetery in preparation of Phase 1 of the gravesite restoration project in May of 2014. In 2014, before the construction commenced, all the gravesites were photographed, and all vases were catalogued. Each gravesite is authorized one bronze vase, after the restoration was complete, if there was a bronze vase, it was put back into place.

The 1,200 currently in storage are the extra bronze vases that were at the gravesites and many non-bronze (not up to code- glass or plastic) vases. These extras are in storage and nothing was thrown out.

Family members are encouraged to call the Maui Veterans Cemetery at 876-4534 to schedule a time to pick up those extra vases which belong to them. When calling, please have full name of deceased and if you know, where gravesite is located. Regarding the extra vases, walk-ins are discouraged, please call ahead. It may take a day or two for processing then a pick-up time can be coordinated.

Calls concerning the extra vases in storage will be taken from Jan. 2-31, 2020. In February, any unclaimed non-bronze vases will be disposed. The extra bronze vases will be saved and donated to families of veterans.

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