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Sadao Munemori was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. His citation reads: "He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives—in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

— The Hawaii Herald



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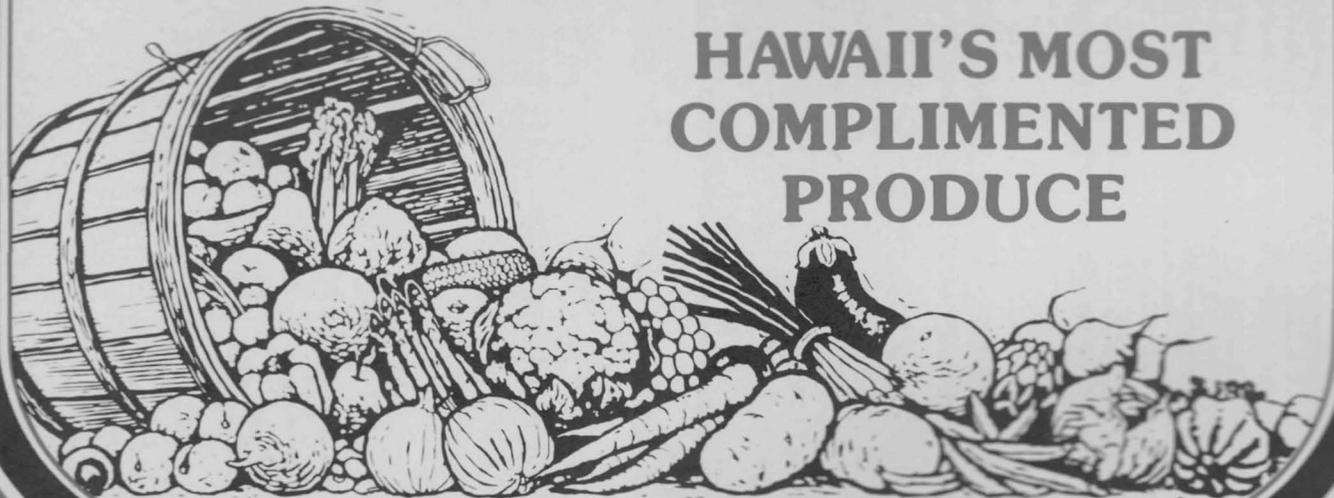
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President's Message

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Year 1985 has been a real short year! Or so it seems! Many thanks for all the support that we received -- all friends. But the many things that got our attention but not the action, we have to pass on to 1986 and the Yamane administration.

As a finale, I thank also the officers and chapter representatives who faithfully attended the monthly Board of Directors' meetings and contributed their wisdom.

Continuing the previously and continually discussed subject of the difficulty that we encounter in having our members serve as officers or as committee chairman. I regret to report that it's getting worse. Our recent first-time-around election of officers for 1986 - no nominee in the second vice president slot. We are fortunate this time in having for "second chance" election an acceptance from a member who previously has not been active at the mother chapter level.

A radical thought, maybe! It may come sooner than we think or want -- our club being managed by a manager who may or may not be a Club 100 member. Whether that will be good or not, we don't know. But for now, it's food for thought!

May 1986 be a very good year for all.

H. Kajikawa

The following articles are presented to you with permission for reprint by the Hawaii Herald.

A Fellow Veteran Remembers

Dear Editor,

As a former buddy of his, I read with interest that your next story in the centennial series saluting the men of the 100th Infantry will be about Sadao Munemori.

Spud, as he asked that we call him, joined us only a few months after we ourselves had joined the outfit as replacements. We were then near the bombed-out town of Cisterna, in the Alban foothills on the way to Rome.

We quickly found that he did not fit our image of the typical "kotonk." He was very friendly, outgoing, accepting and it didn't take him long to pick up pidgin and become one of us.

There is much about those years that I do not recall, but two incidents involving Spud I do, if it is of any interest to your writer.

The first occurred in the Vosges Forest in France just before the 442nd's rescue of the "Lost Battalion." Our platoon had taken heavy casualties in the thick woods and had been pulled back for a brief respite. The night before we were to go back to the front Spud came to me and said, "I'm not going back up. I don't care what they do to me, I'm not going back up. I don't care what they do to me, I'm not going back up!" Not knowing what else to do I just heard him out and responded something like, "Don't worry. You'll be all right."

Before dawn the next day we went back up and he was right there.

The other happened in April, in or near the town of Carrara, about the time of President Roosevelt's passing.

Spud and I were at company headquarters (I don't remember why) and were to go back to the lines the next day. We noticed several cartons of Christmas candy which we concluded were unwanted. It was early evening and we each loaded up a musette bag with the candy,

walked into the town, and started giving out handfuls of candy to any kids we had come across. Within minutes we had unintentionally started a small riot. Suddenly, it seemed, kids were coming from everywhere, yelling, pushing, clawing for the candy. I don't know what happened afterwards. We just dumped the candy on the street and ran. I don't recall what we said to each other on the way back, but the experience is one I always remembered.

It wasn't long afterward that Spud was killed in action.

Stanley Izumigawa
Kula, Maui

The Congressional Medal of Honor: Sadao Munemori

An Imin Centennial Series Saluting the Men
of the 100th Infantry Battalion

by Ben H. Tamashiro

Special to the Hawaii Herald

"Aw, you're good for nothing," taunted Yaeko as she again bested her 8-year-old kid brother, Sadao, in their playful tussle, his precociousness not quite enough to help him overcome the tomboy in her, much less the fact that she was older by two years. And although these tender and warm-hearted sisterly joshings would stay in Sadao's consciousness through the years, they would come to find their greater consequence in Yaeko herself.

Sadao Munemori's father, Kametaro, had migrated from Hiroshima to California after the turn of the century. His wife, Nawa, followed shortly with their baby, Yuriko. Then came the rest of the family: Isao (Bob), Yaeko, Sadao and Kikuyo (Keech), all born in Los Angeles.

Kametaro died in 1938, so he was spared the agony and the humiliation of the forced relocation of the Japanese people from their West Coast homes to inland centers as a result of Japan's December 7, 1941, attack upon Pearl Harbor. Along with over a hundred thousand Japanese, citizens and non-citizens alike, the Munemori family was swept out of its home the following March. Then consisting of mother, son Bob, and two daughters (Yuriko was in Japan), the family was displaced to

the Manzanar relocation center. Sadao, who had volunteered for the Army a month before Pearl Harbor, had been inducted just the month before and was in an Army training center.

His first two years of military training were spent in such scattered locations as Arkansas, Illinois and Minnesota. In January 1944, he was sent subsequently assigned to Company A, 442d Regimental Combat Team, then in training for overseas combat duty.

In one of his first letters from Shelby to the family in Manzanar, he recalled that he was only 19 when he had volunteered for the Army and that it "was a big decision I had gone over and over again at nights when you all were sleeping. I think I did right by enlisting because my home is here in the U.S. and it helped a lot to bind the family together more than ever."

He had other things to say. From having observed young recruits "actually cry for not having taken advice from their parents," he had come to the conclusion that "Your mother is NEVER wrong." And, comparing himself to those "kids" as he called those 19-through-21 year olds, he had a confession to make, of sorts: "I haven't cried because you know what kind of guy I am. I'm just a good-for-nothing like Yaeko used to say."

Yaeko, now Mrs. Albert Yokoyama and a resident of Honolulu since 1946, recalls that particular time when the young Sadao was at the point of losing yet another fight with her and began to pout: "You just wait. When I grow up, they're going to name a ship after me. And I'm not going to let you ride on it." Like the reverberations of a temple bell that keep ringing in the ears long after the last striking, Sadao's words keep coming back to Yaeko whenever her thoughts dwell on him, which is often, inasmuch as he is the first nisei recipient of the congressional Medal of Honor. And the pulsations out of the past come to her all the more vividly because of her flippant rejoinder: "I don't care. I wouldn't ride on your ship anyway."

Sadao was in one of the first group of replacements for the 100th Infantry Battalion then fighting at Anzio. He left the 442nd in Shelby in April and arrived at the Anzio beachhead a month later and was assigned to Co. A.

By then the 100th had been in combat in Italy for nine months, having entered the Italian theater in September 1943 at Salerno Bay, south of Naples. By January, it was engaged in the tremendous battle for Cassino, the town with the towering Benedictine monastery standing guard over the southern gateway to Rome. The beachhead at Anzio was designed as an "end-around" maneuver to break the enemy's grip upon Cassino and that highway to Rome, but the undertaking was going askew in the face of stiff enemy opposition. The 100th suffered horrendous combat losses.

But, on June 5, Rome ultimately did fall into Allied hands. It was after that battle that the 442nd arrived in Italy, at which point the 100th became the 1st Battalion of the larger nisei unit. Three months later the 100/442 was withdrawn from the Italian theater and shifted over to France where they played a heroic role in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in the forests above Bruyeres, a little town up near the northeast corner by the Franco-German border. After the battle, Sadao wrote to Yaeko that "the scenery is very beautiful here, but all the beautiful forests remind me of now is terror, destruction and the painful cries of my buddies in agony. We all hate the Nazis over here, but every front line man respects the German soldier because he really is an artist in that line."

Following several months of light patrol duty in southern France in the Maritime Alps, the 100/442 was pulled out and secretly returned to Italy. General Mark Clark, 5th Army Commander, greeted the return of the 100th to his fold with these words: "You, of all battalions, I pledge, will share in the great victory ahead." But ahead of that victory lay the enemy's nigh-impregnable Gothic Line, a defensive barrier built into the northern Apennines mountain range blocking the entrance into the Po Valley. It had repulsed repeated 5th Army assaults for nearly half a year, much as Cassino a year earlier had withstood similar attempts for five months.

But then, in one of the war's most magnificent assaults upon an enemy stronghold, the 100/442 scaled the mountain heights of the Gothic Line in the early morning hours of April 5, 1945, and reached

the top undetected by the enemy. At 0500 hours (5 a.m.) they were in position. Following a massive artillery barrage, they attached - the 100th's objective. Hill "Georgia" while other units of the 442d attached "Florida." With Company A in the lead, the initial push advanced several hundred yards, then faltered as the enemy, recovering from the artillery barrage and the surprise appearance of the Americans, fought back with machine guns and pistols, rifles, and grenades. Although the early morning darkness made the enemy fire inaccurate, their fire nevertheless took its toll. But as one soldier dropped, another took his place and so the attack continued until the hills had been secured. The time was 0532. In the wash of the concentrated attack lay the mangled body of Pfc. Sadao Munemori in a shell crater.

His squad leader injured, Pfc. Munemori had taken charge of the leading squad. With him were Pfc. Akira Shishido of Paia, Maui, and Pvt. Jimi Oda, Ogden, Utah. The following is Pfc. Shishido's eyewitness account of the ongoing fight: "We advanced nearer the objective until another machine gun opened up right there. Pvt. Oda and I scrambled into a shell crater and Pfc. Munemori crawled back and joined us. The Germans began hurling grenades again. Ten or 12 landed near our crater but we were unhurt by the explosions."

The machine guns had to be silenced. Munemori crawled out of the hole, then made a one-man frontal attack on two machine gun nests, knocking off both with hand grenades. But as he crawled back into the crater, a grenade bounced off his helmet and rolled into the hole. It would go off before anyone could scramble out, nor was there time to make a grab for it and attempt to throw it out. In that decisive moment, Pfc. Munemori threw his body over the grenade and smothered it by bending his head over his chest and hunching his shoulders so that the blast would not leak out. He was killed instantly. The other two suffered concussions and partial deafness but were unhurt otherwise.

Sadao Munemori was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity involving risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy."

The undertaking upon the mountain bastions of Hills Georgia and Florida in

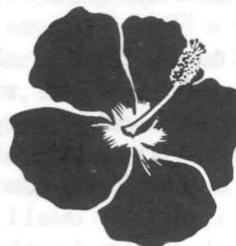
which Sadao gave his life brings to mind the stroke of boldness that characterized Ichi-no-tani in 1184, one of the great battles in Japanese history. The Minamoto and Taira forces were locked in combat for supremacy of the country. Taira no Munemori had built a military stronghold around Fukuhara, or Ichi-no-tani, on the shores of Settsu province on the Inland Sea, across from modern-day Osaka. With control of the sea in their hands and the high mountains behind forming a natural barrier against land attacks, the Taira felt secure in their base spread along the narrow shoreline. But on that early morning in 1184, Minamoto no Yoshitsune led a group of horsemen around and up the mountain. There, confronted by the steep sides at whose base lay the enemy's camp.

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Yoshitsune then let his horses slip and slide their way down, the warriors clinging to the mounts while whispering bits of encouragement into their ears. In that manner did Yoshitsune achieve complete surprise. Disorganized by the unexpected appearance of the foe behind them, the retaliation of the Taira was ineffectual. Crushed, they took to flight.

Eight centuries later, the all-night climb of the 100/442 up the steep sides of the Apennines to surprise the enemy and rout him out of his longheld redoubt can be viewed as a feat of boldness and daring in the manner of Yoshitsune at Ichi-no-tani.

That heroic dimension of the human spirit was enjoined by the Army in a ceremony without precedence in the history of the United States when in 1948 at the Brooklyn Army Base in New York, the speedy 10,000-ton troopship "Wilson Victory" - the very ship that had brought back the men and colors of the 100/442 to New York on their triumphant homecoming from Italy after the war - was redesignated the "Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori."

When the ship made its first call to Honolulu shortly after the redesignation

action, Yaeko was invited to be the first to board it. Memories crowded upon her as she awaited the eventful day . . .

. She was an R.N. and had left Manzanar in March 1943 under sponsorship to work in the Madison General Hospital in Wisconsin. It was there, on April 20, 1945, that a telegraph operator called her to read a telegram from her brother, Bob, in Manzanar: KEEP STIFF UPPER LIP RECEIVED MILITARY WIRE SADAO KILLED IN ACTION 5 APRIL ITALY.

. Just three days earlier, she had written Sadao telling him that "I was certainly glad to hear from you again and was really surprised to hear you are back in Italy. Then, I take it, you are with the 5th Army in the northern section of Italy, fighting hard. Do be careful."

. "We had sunrise service this morning," he had written in a letter dated April 1, "and I saw some boys get baptized. Gee but it was nice not to be fighting and able to have a service like we did today with a band." It was to be his last letter home.

. Young Sadao had excitedly dashed off to go swimming at the community pool with his friend, a Norwegian lad. But when he

Munemori



returned he went straight to his room without a word to anyone. They all wondered why and, after a while, Yaeko went to check and found him on his bed, face down, but not asleep. She felt his trunks - dry! Why, he hadn't even gone swimming! Reluctantly, the boy explained that there was a big sign at the entrance to the pool: NO JAPS ALLOWED. But there were no tears in him. Yaeko wondered why.

. Her parents loved Japanese music so they had stacks of records. The children smashed them all. They also smashed the cameras, shredded their Japanese textbooks and notebooks. The evacuation instructions read "no pets" so they tied their dog to a post. And on that Sunday, as they rode off in the Army truck headed for the evacuation center, the dog began yelping and straining at his leash. Long after house and dog were out of sight, she could still hear him crying . . .

Now, as she prepared to board the ship, her feet could barely carry her up the gangplank - her body tensed from the anticipation and the intoxicating heart-pounding drama of the moment as Sadao's pouting cry of exasperation and resignation came echoing over the space and time of thousands of miles and many a year: "And-I'm-not-going-to-let-you-ride-on-it."

Nawa Munemori died in 1966 and the safekeeping of Sadao's medal fell to the remaining members of the family. But since they too, in time, would pass away, they decided that the best and most appropriate place for the permanent safekeeping of the medal would be in the U.S. Army Museum at Ft. DeRussy. Sadao's medal and picture now stand alongside the memorabilia of the many other heroes of Hawaii.

Sadao had come to manifest a great love for his new-found friends from Hawaii and his thoughts about them are sprinkled throughout his letters:

. from Shelby - "These Hawaiian buddies of mine sure treat me nice."

. from New York port of embarkation - "one thing about these guys I'm with is that they are always happy and cheerful. I'm just gonna have to visit my buddies in Hawaii after the war."

. from Anzio - "The 100th Inf. boys are really a swell bunch of guys and they give us good advice which soaks in our brains faster than anything in the world."

. from France - "All of us boys are already thinking of the future and the fellows want me to come to Hawaii and visit them for sure. That's one thing that I'll have to do when I return. You know how I couldn't get along too good with Japanese boys back home. Well I can get along pretty good with these guys because they don't try to hold back anything. Yes, Keech! I'm gonna have to visit them after the war."

And, from a hospital bed in France in January '45 where he was recovering from a case of yellow jaundice, he wrote Yaeko that he'd be out in a few days and back with boys, "if there are still some guys I know left. The 100th isn't the same outfit it used to be when I joined it at Anzio because it's made up mostly of replacements - but it's still a very powerful unit."

One of those replacements was Stanley Izumigawa from Maui who recently wrote The Hawaii Herald that: "Spud, as he asked we call him, joined us only a few months after we ourselves had joined the outfit as replacements. We were then near the bombed out town of Cisterna, in the Alban foothills on the way to Rome. We quickly found that he did not fit our image of the typical "kotonk". He was very friendly, outgoing, accepting, and it didn't take him long to pick up pidgin and become one of us."

An evidence of the mutual affection is in the nickname itself. Yaeko recalls that although Sadao back home used to love potatoes, it was only after he had joined the 100th that monicker began to appear in his letters.

Spud is buried in the veterans section of the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles but a part of him, represented by the Medal of Honor, has come to rest in Hawaii. . . the place he longed to visit, the home of many of his buddies, the place where they, like him, also lie consecrated in hallowed hometown final resting places.

The following article about James Shintaku was made possible with the authorization by the Pacific Daily News.

Japan's Emperor Honors Longtime Resident

by Victoria King

Jimmy Shintaku's relationship with Japan has gone through many stages. His father was born in that country, and as a young soldier in World War II, Hawaii-born Shintaku joined the United States effort to defeat the country of his ancestors.

He received an award of the Order of the Rising Sun, authorized by Japanese Emperor Hirohito, in recognition of the service Shintaku has provided as advisor to Guam and Micronesia's Japanese counsel general, Yosinobu Nagashima.

According to Nagashima, 50 foreigners, including Shintaku, were awarded the medal this year.

After hearing a speech in his honor made by Nagashima, Shintaku was moved to tears and, at first, had a difficult time trying to speak when his turn came.

He quickly recovered to give his thanks and say he was honored.

"I think fate has been very good to me. I've been doing what I really enjoy doing and working with people I like and I will continue to help build closer relationships between Guam and the U.S. Japan, and Micronesia."

After the medal had been pinned to his suit jacket and the ceremonial sake had been downed. Shintaku talked about his feelings upon getting the medal.

"I didn't realize that they thought what I did was so important, until everything started," he said. "It really choked me up."

What he has tried to do for the consul, Shintaku said, is to look at problems from an American point of view, and bring them to the surface, so they are understandable from a Japanese point of view.

"Nagashima, who recommended Shintaku for the award, said Shintaku's contributions are appreciated by the Japanese community on Guam.

"Every Japanese on Guam knows about him," Nagashima said.

Shintaku has lived on Guam for 34 years. He came in 1951 planning to stay for a couple of years, but liked Guam so much, he and his family decided to stay longer.

Although he is American and had fought in Europe during the war, "With a name like Shintaku, I encountered some resentment from people here at first. But soon my family and I were welcomed with open arms."



Mark Skinner/Daily News Staff

James "Jimmy" Shintaku stands to accept the fourth degree Order of the Rising Sun, conferred by Japanese Emperor Hirohito, as Guam and Micronesia Consul General Yoshinobu Nagashima reads the citation yesterday at the consul's residence in Maima.

The war was a difficult time for his parents, Shintaku said especially his father, who had been a soldier in the Japanese army before he emigrated to Hawaii where he met his first generation American wife and raised his family.

"But he never wanted to stop me from doing my best for the United States."

Jimmy, we are proud of you! To be awarded the 4th Order of the Rising Sun is no small accomplishment. I personally believe you should have been rewarded years ago.

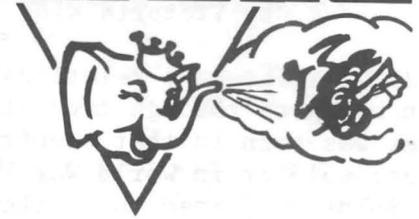
I'm sure our club president, Hideo Kajikawa is just as proud and happy - a 100th Bn member doing your share of "continuing service".

Jimmy was a former "B" Company member and was well liked by those who served with him. And I'm sure almost every Hawaii resident who worked in Guam met him or heard about him.

K. Suehiro

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Editor's Corner

Our last issue, July-September - cost \$1,150.00 or \$1.19 per copy - for 32 pages plus the cover. I certainly hope you readers find our efforts worth the while. As usual our thanks to all those who contributed.

A special thank you to Ms Doris Kawano for her splendid participation as song leader at our memorial service on September 29th. Perhaps she will agree to lead us again at our next memorial service.

To Shigeru Inouye, the Medics Chapter members and Saburo Ishitani, a big mahalo for the delicious refreshments at our memorial service.

The staff of the Puka Puka Parade wishes one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and sick-free New Year!

To our many contributors, I hope you will continue to submit articles as in the past.

Mahalo,

K. Otagaki
K. Suehiro
Co-editors

Able Chapter News

Tom Fujise

Just food for thought. Our Club 100 memorial service has come and gone for 1985. But it left memories of the past and thoughts for the future. One thought come to mind, our motto "for continuing service". How continuing is it when we gradually see our boys diminishing in number, the emerging of more walking canes and the feeling that helping hands are needed. If continuing services is our motto lets put some muscles and teeth into it while we have the time to do so. Don't you think we have reached the point where we need the progressiveness and the energy of the younger set to provide the "continuing service".

To have the younger set participate in our activities they will have to have a sense of belonging to the Club. A very good beginning it seems was at the Memorial Service where an obvious widow and her family members took up nearly a whole row of seats. Purely conjunction but it seems that the family was made up of her daughters, son-in-laws and their off springs. Surely the beautiful service must have made an impression in the young minds and must have created a sense of belonging to the Club.

To stimulate the youths of our Club we should be taking the initiative of encouraging our young ones into the various activities of our Club to create that sense of belonging.

By the time you get to read this, Able Chapter will have elected almost a new set of officers for 1986. Alfred Arakaki, president; Stanley Takahashi, vice-president; Don Matsuda, secretary; Tom Ibaraki will be the only hold-over as treasurer. Members of the Nominating Committee thank you on behalf of all chapter members.

While on this subject of willingness to serve the Club 100 and your Able Chapter let's give a hand of applause to our Yoshiharu Nishida who has done just that for the past two years as 2nd VP. To give Nishida a well-earned rest, let's all of us search club-wide for a replacement for Nishida.

On October 29th, Eugene finally put away his prized golf clubs and his busy typewriter to rest and joined his fellow Club members over on top of Punchbowl. We will all miss his newsletters, his searching questions when it concerned Club affairs and his willingness to assist in any Club activities. Able Chapter will have to look high and low to find someone that will even approach his status. And if anyone in the chapter deserve a 21-gun salute that's Eugene - Eugene Masanobu Kawakami - our late chapter president.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dog Chapter News

Helen Nikaido

September 5th, Ken Suehiro, Ken Kaneko, Masaru Tomasa, "Nick" and I left for Dubuque, Iowa. I was in a state of frustration even before we left Honolulu International Airport. After checking in, the three muskrats headed for the bar to pay \$2.75 for a bottle of beer. We all had upgraded our tickets to 1st class so everything was free on board, but no - they just couldn't wait. Departure time was 4:30 p.m. We waited till 4:20 for them to come back, no show. I started to pacnic, went to call them, couldn't find them; asked at the podium to page them, but I was told the loud speaker wouldn't reach that far. So back I went looking for them, couldn't locate them. "Nick" and I finally decided to board the plane as it was nearly 4:30; I left their tickets and carry-on at the desk. No sooner we got settled down, I turned around and saw Kaneko ambling down the aisle. I could've crown them. The woman at the podium thought they were young kids, so I told her no, they were old farts. The boys sure got chewed up from her as the gates were already closed. I told them "good for you guys". Suehiro said I'm fired, but I countered with "I quit".

We finally reached Chicago's O'Hare International Airport after eight hours or so. The weather was very bad; rain, wind. We were delayed over an hour before leaving for Dubuque. The weather was warm in Dubuque, we got a station wagon from the U-drive. Suehiro was the driver with Kaneko the side-seat driver who couldn't follow the map.

Friday night was the mixer so the three delinquents hit the bottles all over again. We skipped the mixer as it was so crowded, we decided to have a leisure dinner instead. Saturday we went sight-seeing and shopping with Fran & Steve Brinza of Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Saturday night we had the dinner cruise aboard the "Mississippi Belle" which was very enjoyable. The prime rib they served were so thick, juicy and tender that you needn't have to go back for seconds.

We left for Las Vegas Sunday morning. Masaru went to Chicago for couple days and met us in Vegas. It was very relaxing, no need to keep an eye on the delinquents. We stayed at the 4 Queens. While there, we were aroused couple mornings by the fire alarm. Thank goodness, it was just a false alarm; it really makes you jump up. One morning, about mid-morning, the alarm went off again and Kaneko was waiting for the elevator; he had to walk down 14 flights.

Despite the bad start we had, the trip was really nice, none of the roosters got lost. We brought back a ceramic red bull which Steve Brinza had donated to the club. The bull was made by Jo Anne Braman, a friend of the Brinzas whose husband belonged to the 34th division. Boy, did we guard the bull with our life, thank goodness it wasn't damaged; no horns broken. September 15th, we had a pretty good attendance at our family night. Co-chaired by Wally Chinen and Richard Tsutsui, we had steak and chicken as the main course with tsukemono, long rice, namasu, cold somen, 24-hour salad, desserts, musubi and lots of pupus. Ruth Tsutsui decided to make musubi because everytime we have so much left over; this time we ran short of the musubi. Our thanks to the chairmen and their wives for the hard work and to all of you for your generous donations.

Our deepest sympathy to Wally Chinen and children who lost their beloved mother Kay on October 20th. Kay was in ill health since 1962. Kay's love for her family and family's love and devotion for her kept her going all these years. I'll never forget the time we had the Dog Chapter statewide reunion in Honolulu many years ago. Kay was unable to help so daughter Eunice came to the clubhouse early and did more than her mother's share. Whenever we had a family night Kay would call me and ask if she can make something. I felt pretty bad about asking her to make anything so I used to tell her if she feels up to par, we'd be happy. She used to make delicious undagi which I loved. At the last family night she brought cold somen and undagi. Daughters Joyce and Karleen helped her prepare them. Kay, thank you so much for your love and concern for the chapter, we will all miss you. May you rest in peace. To Wally, thank you for your helping hand

at the chapter functions despite your wife's ill health, never complaining, always obliging. To Joyce, Eunice, and Karleen, thank you very much for pitching in, too.

October 6th, bright and early (12:30 a.m.) Kiyoshi & Alice Kami, Tommy & Barbara Nishioka, "Nick" & I joined the Nakamura Travel South Pacific Tour. Escorted by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Imai, it was quite an experience as we traveled with people in their late 70's and even 80 year olds. Before the trip, we were told to rotate seating everyday. Everyday it was a hassle as the people couldn't remember where they were supposed to sit. We tell them remember who was in front of you. The six of us sat at the rear; we couldn't be bothered rotating, anyway nobody wanted to sit in the rear end. One day going to the airport, Barbara, Tommy, "Nick" & I sat on the first two seats just to make humbug. Boy, we sure got them all shook up.

Australia was so-so but New Zealand was beautiful, never saw so many sheeps, sheeps, sheeps. No wonder kept falling asleep on the bus. The lambs were so cute and cuddly. Did you know that when they drink milk their tail just wiggles and waggles. They're so lovable, makes me feel bad eating them. Our tour escort kidded us that we're going to hell eating those 4-month old lambs. We had beautiful weather, cold but nice except the last two days in Auckland; it rained.

We had fun, we made our own fun. The old folks must have come home and said, "ya-re, ya-re, ko-no-eji-waru-monotachi-ni aki-reta".

Gosh, the first day on arrival in Sydney we ended up eating at (of all places) McDonalds. It was the Labor Day holiday and these Aussies really take a holiday. The restaurants were all closed.

There was a very interesting article in the local paper about how Mary Hamasaki takes care of her invalid husband, Taddy, at home. My hat's off to you Mary, it's not an easy job. Dog chapter did not have their monthly meeting in October. So many of the members were away traveling. Kay & Robert Yoshioka were away for a month touring China and Japan. Jane & "General" Matsunami, "Ka" Nakayama, Hiromi Urabe, Mildred & "Jits" Yoshida, Sue Kondo, Florence Mitsunaga

Mitsunaga traveled to Japan. Mitsuko & George Kurisu were off to Fiji, Australia and New Zealand. Gladys & Herbert Yamamoto were visiting the West Coast. Kay & Eddie Harada left November 2nd for Japan. "Ka" Nakayama got quite sick in Japan, almost had to be hospitalized. He's okay now, saw him at our Sunday cleanup on November 10.

Might as well travel and enjoy while you're able, you can't take it with you, you know, or can you.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Annette Harade, our physical fitness instructor, who takes time out from her busy schedule to listen to our moans and groans as we exercise. Happy holidays to you all, keep healthy.

Charlie Chapter News

Richard Yamamoto

Charlie Chapter had a good turnout at the annual memorial services at Punchbowl. Before the services begin, it is always nice to see members placing flowers on the grave sites of our fallen buddies and remembering them.

On our once a year Husband and Wife Night Out affair on Oct. 25, 1985, we took our wives to Nuuanu Onsen and had a delicious Japanese dinner. After dinner 32 members and wives enjoyed a casino night outing. Mike Tokunaga and Warren Iwai co-chaired and James Oshiro and Tom Matsumura took care of the program. Thank you to all who were involved in making this evening such a successful one.

Many members took trips off island and returned with smiles indicating a good trip. That's a good way to enjoy retirement.

Donald Kuway, at the time of this writing is hospitalized for removal of gall stones. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Baker Chapter News

Thomas Tsubota

Many of our comrades, relatives, and friends residing in far away lands are experiencing icy cold days while many in Hawaii are seen walking comfortably in shorts and others basking in the sun on the sandy beaches.

ALOHA DINNERS - Our so called "Adopted Daughter & Baker Chapter Honorary Member" has revisited Hawaii not as a single maiden, but as the wife of Doctor Kozo Kubota. The Aloha (Welcome) Dinner for the Kubotas held at our Clubhouse on Saturday nite 17 August 1985 were prepared deliciously by Frances Sakoki, Helen Furusho, Evelyn Tsuda, Doris Oguro, Elaine Nakamura and others. Coordinating activities for the Kubotas for the period 17th thru 19 August were hanchos Bob Sakoki & Dick Oguro and assistants Bob Takashige and Bob Kadowaki. Our two Bobs and Baker Chapter members kept the Doctor busy on the golf course while ladies of our Chapter escorted Hiroko on her shopping spree. The Aloha (Sayonara) Dinner at Suehiro Restaurant held on Monday nite 19 August for the Kubotas was two-fold for this dinner honored the retirement (from regular work) of Stanley Nakamoto, Harry Katahara, Bob Takashige and Bob Sakoki. For their good health we know that they are not in complete relaxation and inactivity - but now they have new bosses to contend with so need some kind of adjustments?

WEDDING ABROAD - Congratulations to KEITH KEN OGURO son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Oguro, and SHARON ANN AKIYAMA daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Akiyama, who were married on Saturday 31 August 1985 at San Jose Betsuin Buddhist Church in San Jose, California. Sorry this writer and others could not make the wedding and reception that followed at Fung Lum Restaurant in Campbell, California. "Omedeto" Keith and Sharon, and we pray for your good life that will bring happiness to all concerned.

WEDDING AT THURSTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL In this chapel located on the campus of Punahou School was the solemn setting of the wedding ceremony of STEVEN KELJI YAMANE

son of Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo Yamane and JAIME MOANA NISHIMOTO daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Egan K. Nishimoto on Saturday 24 August 1985. Reception that followed in the Ilikai Hotel Pacific Ballroom was superb. The Bride so young, radiant and beautiful, and the Groom so handsome and full of energy and the bright future ahead for both, made us feel truly happy for the newly weds. The Chinese cuisine was delicious and excellent, coupled with the excellence in performance of the Master of Ceremonies, the gracious newly weds and all the participants in the program made this night so memorable.

HUSBANDS/WIVES' NIGHT OUT - Not like the olden days - nowadays husbands and wives are going out doing this and that or traveling so frequently it's hard to catch them home, and this adds to the difficulty co-chairpersons of events face today. Added to this time consuming task, Ranch House Restaurant has set forth minimum head count or attendance which made the task harder for co-chairpersons Jimmy Inafuku and Stu Yoshioka. However, the way Jimmy Inafuku made his report on this event to be held on Saturday Nite 16 November 1985, and the hustling of members to sign-up at Baker Chapter October General Membership meeting and his drive to get the job done well and Stu Yoshioka's effort, we can be looking forward to a great evening of good food, fun and enjoyment.

NEWS OF INTEREST - Like activities undertaken by other chapter members, Bakerites are also busy participating in various types of activities. The most relaxing and interesting activity for most is traveling here and there with meals included. Heard that Ken Kaneko, Kenichi Suehiro and Kenji & Helen Nikaido were at the 34th Division Reunion in Iowa; Kenneth Muroshige & Stu Yoshioka in Japan; Richard & Doris Oguro on the Mainland; Tom & Miki Tsubota in Eastern Canada on Romantic Gaspe Tauck Tour; and Raymond & Aki Nosaka traveling far and wide.

ROMANTIC GASPE TOUR - On the map of Canada, Gaspe located in Eastern Canada is farther north than Nova Scotia. This Tauck Tour starts outside the world famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Staying over a night in this hotel a few years ago on another Tauck Tour of Nova

Scotia, a major renovation of this hotel was in progress. This year the hotel room was super and plushly furnished. No key was needed to open the room door - just push into a slot the plastic card (sensitized?) and turn the door handle. The card may be kept as a souvenir for after check out the card no longer works. As usual, the majority of the people comprising the group were retired and have taken other Tauck Tours. There was a handsome couple from Western Canada enjoying this Eastern Canada Tour. Tauck Tours have been not only seeing magnificent scenery and resting in excellent hotels but always "an eating experience of fancy and delicious food" - the only thing wrong is the after effect on the waistline. The scenic drive and visiting remote places were delightful but the highspot of this tour was the drive along the carved seawall trail leading through Gaspé to the quaint village of Perce, and the afternoon boat cruise around Perce Rock and famed Bonaventure Island. This island is a natural bird sanctuary (considered world largest) which is the home of tens of thousands of flying, fishing, darting, untamed sea fowl. It was a spectacular and unbelievable sight as the boat cruised so near to the rocky edge of the island. The most beautiful birds on this island were the so called "Gannets of Bonaventure". The tour was slated to end in New York but seven of us from Hawaii stayed in Boston for a day and flew into Las Vegas and relaxed in the new wing of the California Hotel for a few days.

Kauai Chapter News

Ben Morimoto

Our general meeting was held as always at Green Garden, September 19th. Due to the absence of our Secretary who was on a tour with a group, no minutes read. The Treasurer's report showed that we are still good financially. Muggsy Morikawa reported that for our Memorial Service our Mayor Tony Kunimura will be our guest speaker and Rev. K. Tanaka of Kapaa has to be

contacted. Mrs. Renee Moritsugu and Mrs. Tokiko Yoshioka will be the hostess in charge of refreshments. Jack Hada and Masao Yotsuda will be the wreath bearers. Larry Sakoda the M.C. for this occasion. It was decided as part of the program a short missive will be read (by Muggsy Morikawa - script by Ben Morimoto), honoring our benefactor late Kenzo C. Takahashi who died April 3, 1956. Due to kindness of willing his property and assets to the A.J.A. namely Kauai Club 100 we are what we are today.

This year's Memorial Service was the 1st of many years that I was absent. My wife and I plus Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo (Margaret) Sakai went on a tour (China-Pacific Travel, Inc.) to China and Hong Kong. The group of 18 plus tour guide had a wonderful time for the weather was in our favor. Food Chinese or American was more than you can eat. The only inconvenience is drinking water which we were forewarned not to drink other than the water prepared and served in thermos and water jug. Yet few of us caught cold or had cases of diarrhea may be due the richness of the food. The climbing of the Great Wall was an experience and not all could make it. You had to go to China to see how billion of people survive the contrast of city (trying to be modernized) and rural life backward of so many centuries. A week or so later Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi (Chizue) Teshima took a Ura Nihon Tour (Biffa Moriguchi-Opu Hiranaka). They too had a wonderful time and some within who went for the 1st time doesn't mind going back. Sunday 11/3 - at Ala Moana met Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nakamura (Hq) who was on the same tour with the Teshima's.

From my informant the Memorial Service was attended with a good size crowd and the day was rather windy but fair. The hostess with the aid of others had ample refreshments prepared and served. After service they gathered at Green Garden for luncheon. In the last report I wrote that the Club was talking of spending Xmas at Princeville 60 to 50 miles from Kekaha and Waimea. The next meeting on November 7 will, I know the final results. Since this is final report and publication of the Parade for 1985, Kauai Chapter says MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR, to all!

F Company News

Kenneth M. Higa

Madam Pele was a no-show. The fiery display we had hoped for did not materialize during F Company's annual get-together held in Hilo on Sept. 13-15, 1985. However, although there was no eruption it did not dampen our spirits even a wee bit because the Hawaii gang came through with their promise of hosting a very memorable weekend.

The recent heavyweight title bout between Champion Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks, in which the challenger scored one of the greatest upsets in boxing history, was widely advertised as a "September to Remember." The reunion, too, turned out to be a "September to Remember." The Hawaii F troopers and wives, led by Reunion Chairman Shigeru Ito, certainly deserve bouquets and bouquets of rose for their all out effort in ensuring everyone had a wonderful, wonderful time.

Super deluxe emcee and entertainer Charlie Nishimura's famous words, "I am not the best but I am hard to beat," before he romantically sang "Please Release Me" on Saturday night best describe the success of the weekend affair. So, like Charlie we are not tooting our horns when we "borrow" his line and say, "F Company's reunion is not the best but it is hard to beat."

First timer Ronald Hamamura of Highland, California, will vouch for that statement. Before the weekend festivities ended, he committed himself to be with us again next year. A special note to the foxes who are still hiding in their fox holes. It only takes the first one and like Ronald you're HOOKED! Join us in 1986!

The Friday night fellowship party and the Sunday luncheon were held at the AJA Veterans Hall. I guess some of the guys had to go on a diet after all that eating and drinking. There were lots of pupus, drinks, variety dishes, and desserts.

The Saturday schedule began with a six-hour bus tour and ended with the dinner party at the Red Carpet Restaurant. The tour started off by covering the volcano area followed by lunch at the Kalapana Beach Park. Then, it continued along the sea coast route to Kapoho, the lava tree park and back to Hilo. One of the highlights of the tour was the side trip to see an amazing happening of the Kapoho eruption.

Directly in the path of the lava flow as it headed toward the ocean stood a lighthouse. When the flow approached the edge of the lighthouse it miraculously flowed around the structure. Seeing this miracle makes me wonder about the powers of Madam Pele. She reacts in strange ways. She destroyed the village of Kapoho and on the other hand, left the lighthouse untouched.



Friday Night Fellowship Party - the hardworking Hawaii Foxes wives and a tableful of delicious desserts.

Headquarters Chapter News

Kenichi Suehiro

Roy Honbo and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Fencil stopped over on their return from the Orient. No change in that Roy, same loud and foul mouthed. And can he drink! At his age he should slow down - but not him. Took in the November Headquarters chapter meeting and everyone was happy to see him - not hear him!

The December 15th Christmas party will be an ice-breaker. Our first attempt since Calvin Shimogaki's passing away.

I know any future family nite will never be comparable to past parties but at least we'll be having a get together, I hope. Everyone wants a party but no one wants to be chairperson. That's why hard!

HQ golfers appears to have won some awards at the Makalena tournament held recently. Tom Nosse finally won something - \$5.00 gift certificate. Aki a \$7.50 certificate.

Our Professor is still busy with agri-land evaluation - traveling to all islands and studying land use possibilities for agricultural purpose.

Fred Takahashi reports both parents all ok.

Frank Nishimura enjoyed his recent trip to Hokaido.

Marshall Higa talking about quitting golf. Perhaps Margaret's now beating him at golf!

Toshi and Sadako Kunimura took a trip to Japan and both had a good time.

Harry Yamashita reports Dolores is not doing well. She returned here for a few weeks but had to return to continue treatments.

Officers for 1986 are: president, Toshio Kunimura; vice-president, Hideo Ueno; secretary, Kenichi Suehiro and treasurer, Tom Nosse.

The after-dinner entertainment was probably the best we have had at our reunions. Shizu Akamine lined up a terrific variety show. There was hula dancing by Mamie Sumida; kendo exhibition by Marisa and Gary Oshiro, the Akamines' grandchildren, under the command of Sensei Mike Hamamoto; Ukulele medley by Yasuto and Helen Furusho, Bea Higa and Bea Niimi; magic by famous Amos "the magician" Nakamura; duet by Mary and Kaoru Kagawa.

And a performance of "ganpeki no haha" by Tadao Seo with Hideshi Niimi doing the introduction like a professional benshi; Okinawan dancing by Kathy Okunami and Sayoko Watanabe, friends of Shizu. The surprise performer for the night was Yoshiyuki Sumida. He strummed the uke and sang the popular song, "You are my Sunshine", like an old pro. Nobu Okinaka closed the show by singing one of his favorite tunes, "Lili Marlene."

September 1985 will be remembered by all of us for the wonderful time we had in Hilo. Much thanks from us to the Hawaii gang for a very successful reunion.



Reunion Chairman Shigeru Ito and his crew.

Election of officers for the Oahu gang was held at the reunion and the following will hold the fort in 1986: Herbert Miyasaki, president; Seiso Kamishita, vice-president; Rudy Yoshida, secretary; and Kenzo Endo, treasurer.

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Late January, 1942. After several weeks of faithful and loyal service, Japanese Americans in the Territorial Guard are abruptly discharged without any notice or explanation.

February 1, 1942. The War Department proposes that all soldiers of Japanese ancestry be released from active duty, discharged, or transferred.

February 9, 1942. The War Department orders General Emmons, Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department to suspend all ethnic Japanese civilians employed in the Army.

February 26, 1942. President Roosevelt sends a memo to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox: "I think you and Stimson can agree and then go ahead (evacuation of Japanese in Hawaii) and do it as a military project."

The sledge hammer blows against the Japanese Americans continue. But the cruelest blow of all is yet to come. It came with the announcement by the United States government in **March of 1942** that Japanese Americans would no longer be eligible for the draft. They were classified "enemy aliens."

On **April Fool's Day, 1942**, the exile begins for the Japanese population in the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

On **April 6, 1942**, General Emmons sends a confidential memo to the War Department. In paragraph 1, General Emmons tells the War Department that there are approximately 2,000 soldiers of Japanese extraction now in the service in Hawaii. In paragraph 2, he informs the War Department that there are a number of young male citizens of Japanese parentage who desire to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States in a concrete manner. In paragraph 3, he requests for authority to organize units composed of Japanese Americans with the understanding that they be sent to an African or European theater for combat duties. In paragraph 5, General Emmons tells the War Department that he believes that such a unit would give a good account of itself.

On **May 2, 1942**, the War Department answers General Emmons' memo of **April 6, 1942**: "Authority requested in paragraph 3 basic communication to organize units composed of soldiers of Japanese extraction for duty in African or European theaters is **NOT** favorably considered." The War Department ends this memo with: "In the event it is impracticable to absorb all enlisted men and selectees of Japanese extraction in service units of the Hawaiian Department, this fact should be reported to the War Department with a view to their transfer to the mainland for duty in Zone of Interior installations."

How the immigrant Japanese — the Issei — and their offsprings — the Nisei — faced and responded to the massive and overwhelming power arrayed against them is the subject of this book.

Maui Chapter News

Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members held a family picnic on Sunday, August 18, at the Kanaha Beach Park in Kahului. There were three generations present, with sons and daughters and grandchildren of active members also in attendance. Swimming, fishing, and horseshoe pitching, plus catching up on the latest news of members and their families took up the morning activities. For lunch, chefs Charles Mizoguchi, Akira Ishikawa and Ralph Tamura prepared delicious pulehu meat and wieners, with Ronald Higashi in charge of the catered foodstuffs such as nishime, salads, rice, etc. Wallace Maeda said grace before lunch, and bingo games were played after lunch with Masao Sato, Akira Ishikawa and Tom Yamada (president) in charge. General Chairman of this well planned picnic was hard-working Johnny Miyagawa. For entertainment, Maeda and Ishikawa presented ukulele music.

Our September meeting was held on Thursday evening, September 5, at Sheik's Restaurant. Vice-president Johnny Miyagawa was in charge of this meeting due to president Tom Yamada being away on a trip. Prior to the meeting, three representatives of the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Veterans Club spoke to us of their effort to obtain land and build a memorial clubhouse honoring the 100 Inf. Bn. and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Members voted to support them but reminded them that we are mostly in or near our seventies so there will be limits to what we can accomplish. Goichi Shimanuki was applauded for his fine performance as MC for the Nisei Reunion Breakfast Memorial Service at the Maui Marriott Resort at Kaanapali. He was also in charge of the difficult program preparation.

Maui's KIAs were honored with a memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 29 in a 2:00 PM service at the Maui Veterans Cemetary in Makawao. Goichi Shimanuki and Kiyoshi Ikeda were the co-chairmen of this splendid, well attended service. Shimanuki was also MC for this program with Mr. Jim All bright, minister of the Maui Church of Christ conducting the services. Vice president Johnny Miyagawa

gave the welcoming address and the MC read out the names of veterans buried at Makawao and elsewhere on Maui. The graves were decorated with beautiful red anthuriums sent over from Hilo by Yasuo Iwasaki and Stanley Ushijima through Aloha Airlines and picked up by Kiyoshi Ikeda. Thank you Yasuo and Stanley, Aloha Airlines, and Kiyoshi for the thoughtful gesture which made it possible to decorate our veterans graves. Also, thanks to the wives of Maui members, we were able to add beautiful plumeria leis alongside the anthuriums. Nobuyoshi Furukawa was in charge of the refreshments that were served after the Memorial Services and Toshio Iwami and Akira Ishikawa transported the framed pictures of the KIA veterans from Kahului to Makawao and back.

Our get-well wishes go to Mrs. Nobuyoshi (Yae) Furukawa, who was hospitalized some time ago.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Arthur and Carol Shinyama at the loss of Carol's father, who passed away in August. Also to Osamu and Irene Nakagawa at the loss of Irene's father, who passed away in October.



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Hawaii Chapter News

James S. Maeda

AJA Veterans Clubhouse Cleanup: The turnout by members of Hawaii Chapter for the annual AJA Veterans clubhouse was very encouraging. The Club 100 members were in charge of taking care of the grounds, and did a good job of it. The response by the 442nd and Interpreters for the morning's work was good. After a beef stew lunch the men returned home to watch football or continue their Sunday rest.

End-of-the Year Get Together: Hawaii Chapter's year end get together will be held on Sunday, December 15, at the AJA Veterans clubhouse. The time will be from 10:00 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m. The annual business of election of officers will be held on that day.

Personals: We wish Larry Kodama (Co. D) speedy recovery after his surgery. Larry is low recovering at home.....our prayers of sympathy to the family of the late Eugene Kawakami of Honolulu (president of Able Chapter). Eugene accepted the call of His Maker in late October. We were happy to see Kenneth Otagaki and Edward Harada back visiting in Hilo, for the Hilo High School Class of '37 Reunion, in September. Their wives are Hilo High School graduates.

Kanyaku Imin Tours: Motoyoshi Tanaka, who led the Fukuoka Kenjin tour to Japan during the month of October is back home. We are sorry to learn that Motoyoshi had to cut his trip short due to illness. Jimmy Maeda led the Hawaii Shima Kumamoto Doshi-kai's tour to Kumamoto and Kyushu, and had a wonderful time. The news of Biffa Moriguchi's arrival in Tokyo was heard while this writer was visiting Hiroshima overnight, and later in Kumamoto City. Biffa is getting to be a popular person in Japan.

Season's Greeting from Hawaii Chapter President: On behalf of the members of Hawaii Chapter, I wish to extend MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1986 to members of Club 100, their wives, friends and all readers. May you continue to have good health and prosperity during the new year.

--- Larry Hirokawa, president

AJA Memorial Baseball League: The officials of Hilo's AJA Memorial Baseball league, Yasu Iwasaki, Stanley Ushijima and few others are getting ready for the 1986 baseball season. The price of the season ticket is \$3.00. Although Yasu or Stanley do not guarantee all sunny Sundays, please support the league.

Rural Chapter News

Walter Iwasa

SATOSHI FURUYA, who served with "Dog" in Europe and now a Rural Chapter member, recently retired from his second employment of 7 years with the State Department of Education. His first employment was with the Naval Shipyard for 32 years. He is doing some home repairs, playing some golf and is planning to travel with his wife Dorothy. Happy retirement, Satoshi.

Still working full time is MASAHARU "BULL" SAITO for the City & County of Honolulu as an electrician. He is among the youngest of Club 100 members, being only 62.

With age, various illness seem to appear. Those ailing are SUS OTA with ticker problem, SADA O NAKAHODO with major stomach surgery and HIDE TOKAIRIN with prostate problem.

According to RC Treasurer, OSWALD KAWAHARA, there are some who have not paid their RC dues of \$10.00 for 1985. He requests that they make their check payable to the Rural Chapter, Club 100 and mail to OSWALD KAWAHARA, Aloha Typewriter Co., 650 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786.

At the March 21, 1985 meeting, it was decided that the 1986 RC dues shall be \$6.00. This can be mailed or paid in person at the time of our 1986 NEW YEAR BANQUET to be held on January 24, 1986 at Dot's in Wahiawa. More information will be forthcoming on the banquet but be sure to save that date, and plan to bring your spouse.

Southern California Chapter News

Tad Hashimoto

While attending the July Maui (NVR) reunion in Hawaii, Louis Furushiro donated \$25.00 to our 100th treasury. Thanks Lou.

Sam Fujikawa, Saturday Nakamura and Monte Fujita were part of the 100/442nd RCT color guards marching in the Los Angeles Nisei Week Parade Sunday, August 11, 1985.

Mr. Monte Fujita has negotiated with the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas for 75 rooms to be set aside for Club 100 of Southern California for the weekend of Dec. 20, Friday, 21 Saturday, and 22nd Sunday.

Package includes 2 nights lodging and a midnight show.

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On October 18, 1985 the inaugural fundraiser was held for the Japanese American National Museum which was attended by more than 400 persons at a cost of \$150

per person donation at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, in Los Angeles.

The evening was for Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura the only living Japanese American recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, he was the honoree this evening for the J.A.N.M. "raise the roof" fundraiser.

Hershey served in the 100th Battalion, and is a member of the 100th Battalion Club of Southern California these many years. Hershey also served in Korea.

I met Hershey overseas in Italy as a replacement in the 100th Infantry Battalion. This quiet, soft spoken, bashful type, very young man from Gallup, New Mexico who would not hurt anyone, truly rose to the occasion during the Korean War and laid his life on the line to save all of the men under him. He served 27½ hard months as a prisoner of war. He received the Medal of Honor, the highest honor, given personally from President Eisenhower in November 1953.

Our 100th Club members attending this \$150 a-plate dinner were: president of our 100th Club Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Monte and May Fujita, Douglas and Jane Tanaka, Buddy and Lily Mamiya, Henry Sakato, Kei and Chisato Yamaguchi, retired Colonel Young Oak Kim, Nora Kim and Tad and Sue Hashimoto.

Happy, Happy Holidays to everyone from the Club 100 members of Southern California.



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News Briefs

Elmo Okido will be 81 years young on March 9th but he never fails to surprise me with his actions and ideas. He still talks about his Korean girlfriend who own a bar.

He swears that he quit visiting bars many years ago so I assume the relationship must be like that of a nice young lady and her grand uncle. Can't be anything else.

And he told me about the group of wahines living in the same housing as he - that they congregate in the evenings to gossip and watch the world go by.

I suggested that he should cultivate friendship - who knows, he may find one interesting. You know what he said? "They are so old". No need to worry about Elmo he being young, at heart!

Remember the early days in Sparta and La Crosse? How our parents were involved in sugar production? Well, Ken Kaneko did one better in Dubuque, Iowa where we were part of the 34th Inf. Div. reunion.

A guy named Kelly told the waitress aboard the Mississippi Bell (a riverboat) that Ken Kaneko was from a Royal family in Hawaii - a relative of King Kamehameha - that she should bow before addressing Ken. Kaneko played his part to the limit and had the waitress bowing to him. It was so subtle, I'm sure the rest from Hawaii wasn't aware of the play-acting.

It was nice seeing friends again. And they all feel young at heart. The next reunion will be at the New Tower Inn Omaha, Nebraska, Sept. 5, 6, 7th, 1986.

Our tour guide to Iowa, Las Vegas & back was Ms Nikaido. I'm afraid she's taking us for granted cause we almost missed our plane from Honolulu. Kaneko, Tomasa and I went to the nearest watering hole near gate 11 - confident that we'll hear the boarding announcement; if not our tour leader will come for us.

When we looked at our watches, after 3 beers apiece, it was about 10 minutes past boarding time. We hurried to the

gate and there found the door closed. Lucky we were 1st class passengers - I wonder if they would have left without us?

Kaneko treated us to a show in Las Vegas - the wahine had 2 su su bigger than my head! The biggest I've seen so far - WOW! And as usual I lost money.

Carl Shinoda is aging and becoming more forgetful. But not in a poker game! He now makes some mistakes but still is the master. Recently, he got off the bus at Kamoku and Kapiolani. Instead of heading down Kamoku, he crossed over to Date & began walking towards the Ala Wai Golf Course. Lucky some good samaritan guided him to Kamoku Street.

The Memorial Service Committee met at the National Cemetery to finalize the program for the 29th of September.

While there I saw a person dressed in whites, whom I assumed to be a Japan tourist. He certainly looked sharp. All in white - from hat to shoes - and red trimming on his T shirt. Oh yes, in shorts too! I did not recognize him because of his hat but I thought it strange his staying with our group. When he came near me, I recognized him - Saburo Ishitani! I had to compliment him on his appearance. Exactly like a genuine Japan tourist.

I wrote about my experience with hardening of arteries - well some considerate person - member or wife - sent me a paperback titled, "The Relaxation Response" by Dr. Herbert Benson. Mahalo.

I've read it and now practice relaxation. If anyone is interested in reading this timely book check with the club office - I'm leaving it there for possible circulation.



Bonsai Club News

Richard Yamamoto

The rains came during October and our plants have perked up. New shoots, greener leaves and healthier looking plants are the result. We have been busy trimming, wiring and repotting. With the cool weather all plants should do well.

Our members were invited by the Hawaii Bonsai Association to participate in a bonsai show held at the Ala Moana Shopping Center during the Labor Day weekend. Many clubs entered their favorite bonsai so the show was an eyeeful of beautiful plants.

To celebrate our successful bonsai show and plant sale we all attended a brunch on September 1, 1985 at the Pacific Beach Hotel's Nikko Room. Twenty three members got together for a Japanese buffet which was quite elegant. After all the hard work spent on the bonsai show and plant sale we

all felt we deserved this treat.

Our annual banquet was attended by 25 members including guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mizushima. A Sunday brunch on November 3, 1985 at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel's Summary Restaurant was enjoyed by all. We thank Tom Matsumura for arranging this joyful occasion.

The nominating committee headed by Tom Matsumura came up with a good slate. Officers for 1986 are President Takeshi Kimura, Secretary Warren Yamamoto and Treasurer Masaru Kadomoto. Thank you to the outgoing officers, President Masayoshi Kawamoto, Secretary Tom Matsumura, and Treasurer Yoshio Anzai for guiding us for the past two years. To the new officers, Tanomimasu!

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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A Sansei Story

James Maeda

During my recent trip to Osaka on the Japan Airlines plane, I got hold of their special October issue of WINDS and had the privilege of reading an article by Jocelyn Fujii. The article is well written in conjunction with Kanyaku Imin's 100 year anniversary celebration. The story is about the members of the Fujii family who got their start in Pahala, Kau on the Big Island, and later Kalihi, Honolulu. The roots of the family were in Hiroshima, Japan. The writer, a sansei, tells the story of the struggles and successes of the Fujii family. It covers happenings, philosophy, and hard work of the Issei and Nisei parents. Also the independence of the sanseis, and the matter of making their own choices. Marjorie Fujii Hirokawa, wife of Hawaii Chapter's president Larry is wrapped up in the article, as the "Girl from Kalihi".

This writer would like to introduce to you another sansei from the Fujii clan. Marla Hirokawa, youngest daughter of Larry and Margie Hirokawa, a professional dancer. After graduating from University of California, Irvine, cum laude, in June 1984, majoring in dancing, Marla headed for New York City where the best entertainers and artists perform and live. It was a matter of "choice" for this young lady to pursue a career in dancing in the entertainment center of our country.

Marla was offered a job with Midori Dancers, a Japanese dance company. The dance company would have taken Marla on dance tours to Japan and elsewhere. Marla, a member of the Church of the Holy Cross (UCC) in Hilo, attended Sunday School from early age and was an active member in the youth program. Her church convictions were No work on Sunday, she would have to break. At this point in her life, Marla was not ready to make any compromise.

At the present time Marla is working for D.P. Dancers of Brooklyn, a Christian Company. She also teaches ballet, modern and jazz dancing. In Brooklyn Marla lives with Rev. & Mrs. Steven Schlissel, Messiah Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

The Hirokawas have three daughters. Margie, their mother, says, "each one made her choice". The eldest daughter, married, is a school teacher. The second, married, is a vocational rehabilitation counselor and Marla made her choice of professional dancer.

Marla in spite of the bright lights of New York City, cold winters, hot summers and the subway rides, will always remember her roots in Hilo, especially when she hears that Kilauea Volcano has erupted, again. She will understand the Japanese word, "furusato". When the next anniversary of our Isei Immigrants' parents comes around, we would like to know the story of our ballerina from Hilo, Hawaii.



Golf Club News

Sonsei Nakamura

A Tribute to our Comrade Eugene Masanobu Kawakami

On November 6, 1985, a memorial service was held at the Hosoi Memorial Garden for Eugene Masanobu Kawakami.

Mr. Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, Club 100 Able Chapter member, was the master of ceremony, and Robert Takashige, Club 100 Baker Chapter member gave the eulogy. Father Douglas Meglynn, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church officiated the service.

The story on Eugene's life is based on Mits Fukuda's address: He said, "We are gathered here this evening to pay tribute to our friend and comrade Eugene Masanobu Kawakami, and to express our sympathy to members of Eugene's family. We should spend time this evening recalling the many happy and memorable occasion that we shared with Eugene."

Eugene was born on October 21, 1913. He had just celebrated his 72nd birthday. On October 24, Eugene went to his doctor for a regular periodic check up. The examination revealed that a heart by-pass operation was necessary. The operation was performed at the Straub Hospital. The doctors worked on him for 8 hours but, because of the advanced stage of the heart disease, the operation was unsuccessful. He passed away in the operating room, on Tuesday, October 29, 1985. Eugene is survived by his wife, Gladys; son, Brian; daughter, Joanne, who is married to Mr. Masaaki Kai; a granddaughter, Amy; Eugene's mother, Mrs. Misae Kawakami; three brothers, Francis, Takeo and Morris; and a sister, Mr. Hiroo Miyagi.

Eugene was drafted into the military service on March 24, 1941. On May 10 of the same year, he married Gladys Sasaki.

He received his basic training at Schofield Barracks. Eugene served with the 100th Infantry Battalion from the beginning in 1942 and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi before being shipped overseas to Oran, Algiers in September 1943.

After his discharge, from the military service, Eugene was in the glass etching business for a couple of years before he joined the Internal Revenue Service and was with them until his retirement.

Eugene was an active member of the Club 100, an organization of veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion. For the past two years, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Club 100. He also served as President of Able Chapter of the Club 100.

Retirement years were active years for Eugene. His activities were many and varied. Golf was his first love and he made sure there would be enough golf in his schedule. He joined the Club 100 Golf Club from its beginning and was a member of the Club 100 Century Golf Club. He was also a member of the Honolulu Japanese Golf Club and the Early Bird Golf Club.

He was instrumental in organizing the Club 100 Dance Club and actively participated in the dancing classes for many years. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Club and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Although Eugene had decided from the beginning not to go on the 1986 Able Chapter European Tour, he served on the Steering Committee to help organize the tour.

In all of these associations, Eugene's outstanding trait was the wholehearted and dedicated manner with which he accepted his responsibilities. Members of the Club 100 Golf Club and the Century Golf and Able Chapter will miss Eugene's friendly, newsy newsletter that he sent out periodically. Eugene called it his poopsheet, and he enjoyed publishing them and the members enjoyed reading them just as much.

Eugene will leave a void in our lives. We shall all miss him. He was a worthy friend and trusted comrade.

Eugene's ashes were interred at the Punchbowl National Cemetery the day after the funeral with the family, his relatives and many friends in attendance. The seven-gun rifle salute and bugle taps with light rain falling was the final salute to our comrade, Eugene Masanobu Kawakami.

Before a large gathering of Club 100 members, their wives and friends of the deceased, Mr. Robert Takashige expressed sorrow, disbelief and shock upon learning of the sudden demise of his very good friend. He eulogized Mr. Eugene Masanobu Kawakami as a dedicated and a charitable person who did many things for the benefit of his fellow man.

MR. TAKASHIGE SAID IN HIS EULOGY:

"Eugene was a rare person who gave so much of himself unselfishly, not for the glory and praise but for self satisfaction in serving others. He lived his life to the fullest and left no regrets. We are fortunate to have had a man like Eugene as a member of the Club 100. Eugene was a man of conviction. He spoke up for what he thought was right, even if the cause was an unpopular one. He fought for what he believed in. When in the Army he was demoted because he argued with his commanding officer because he thought the orders given were unjust. That was just like Eugene.

His number one passion in life was golfing. He loved the game so much, he would play everyday if he had the starting time. He wanted to share with the golf widows and their children the excitement and enjoyment of golf. He wrote the golf newsletter (he called them poopsheets) with the hope that they would understand the game better and to let them know what was going on. The members enjoyed reading them.

On behalf of the congregation, I wish to express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife, Gladys, son Brian and daughter Joanne, her husband Masaaki Kai and granddaughter Amy.

As Eugene would have said: Until we meet again - Gokigen Yo - Matane."

This is the last golf news Eugene wrote before he passed away, dated October 24, 1985.

MOLOKAI GOLF SAFARI - played at Kalua Koi Golf Course - Molokai, October 19 & 20.

Thirty-eight (38) members and guests saddled-up and made the trek on the MOLOKAI SAFARI. Saturday, October 19 was a beautiful day and TOM NAKAMURA - 77-9-68, played

a beautiful game to capture the first 18 holes low score. TOM bagged the "maru moke" stuff. In 2nd place was WARREN IWAI, 86-17-69, ARCHIE WON, 80-9-71 came in 3rd and ROY NAKAMURA, 92-21-71 was in 4th. Each of the winners split some of the "maru moke" stuff. Not bad for a day's hunting.

The prizes will be given out at the dinner/meeting on November 2 at the clubhouse. No forget to come - 6:30 PM. Yes, the CENTURY GOLF CLUB is the best - no-ka-oi. Remember the dinner/meeting is FREE for members and wives. Guests will be by special invitation only.

Matane Gokigen Yo!

Dance Club News

Yasu Takata

The Monday Night dancers have again shown the Club 100 Dance Club that they can put on a sensational dance party. Under the guidance of chairpersons: the Fujiis, the Kakimotos, the Katanos, the Monday group held a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25 surpassing all their previous efforts. T'was a night of spooks and treats.

You were met by a ghostly wraith as you entered the doorway. In the hall you encountered the huge black spiders, who have spun their web around the room. Across, the hall, you spy a child ghost swaying gently in the breeze. Finally you see the goodies on a table with huge pumpkins in the lounge. It was a true Halloween atmosphere.

Many thanks to the decoration committee - Ed Fujii, Yuki and Stanley Akita, Fred Hosokawa, Akira Akimoto, Kathryn Nakano, Kay Kakimoto and the Katanos. A special thanks to Toyono Fujii for the use of her personal decorations.

Program chairman Fred Hosokawa provided a fun filled night. Nearly everyone was dancing, hardly any stags (men or woman) sitting down. Our music maestro, Sonsei Nakamura played more

waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, rhumba and Swing music for the Monday gang and our guests from the 442nd dance club. A few pieces of mambo, tango and quick step for the others. All 58 people who attended had a good time including our special guests Larry Inouye, still on convalescence, danced only the waltz. Aki Akimoto - our bartender kept the liquid refreshments flowing all evening. For the others, there were refreshing punch, coffee and tea.

The hi-light of the evening was the ghost that appeared from nowhere, she flitted around the room in her ghostly shroud and started the horseshoe dance, then disappeared. Was it from outer space? No! Guess who?

During intermission the dancers enjoyed their treats of various dishes and desserts. Two dishes stood out - the Hot Dogs and the cold somen. The cold somen was donated by Doris Aimoto and was prepared by Yoshito Aimoto with the help of Mugitani. The somen was served by Doris Aimoto and Dorothy Tamashiro.

Heard comments about the Hot Dogs and the somen: "I never had such a tasty hot dog in a long time." "This cold somen hits the spot, I am going for seconds." The head waiters setting up the table Ed Fujii, Aki Akimoto and Mugitani with help of several pretty waitresses.

The chairpersons send a special thank you to all the donors who have given so generously and to the Monday gang for their kokua in making this party a huge success. Viva! Monday Nighters! Banzai! Monday Nighters! We had no one to take charge of the party. You volunteered and did a superb job.

At present the Monday nighters are reviewing swing, samba, cha cha and fox trot and learning a few extra steps. The beginners are doing fine. Their perserverance is very commendable. Hope you come to our parties soon. The Tuesday and Thursday groups are learning international rhumba and cha cha and reviewing the tango and samba. Our next big event is the New Year's Eve dance. George! let us greet the New Year with a bang.



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Green Thumbs Club News

Mitsuyoshi Fukuda

The Green Thumbs Club is organizing a tour to attend the 1987 World Orchid Conference to be held in Tokyo, Japan. Roy Hatakenaka has been appointed tour committee chairman to coordinate the tour with Sus Tomita Travel and the Nishitetsu Travel Co. Members of the committee are Kazuo Kamemoto, Sue Kondo, Chick Hirayama, and Mits Fukuda.

Tentative plans show a departure date of April 3. Included will be the World Orchid Show in Tokyo and visits to orchid clubs and growers in Fukuoka, Kokura, Hiroshima, Tottori, Kyoto, Kobe, and Osaka. Members will be able to extend their visit beyond April 3.

Majong Yoshimura once again created two beautiful orchid exhibits for the Green Thumbs Club at the Annual Honolulu Orchid Society Orchid Show held on Oct. 16 through 19, at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. Kazuo Kamemoto won first prize in the Best Lavendar Dendrobium category with his beautiful Dendrobium Tsuruyo Kamemoto, var. Majestic (AM/HOS).

The 30th Annual Green Thumbs Orchid Show and Plant Sale will be held at the Club 100 clubhouse on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Chick Hirayama is General Chairman of the event. He is being assisted by Majong Yoshimura, display; Saburo Hasegawa, plant sale; Tsuneo Morikawa and Jane Matsunami, reception; Arthur Komiyama, plant donations; Jack Mizushima, refreshments; Yasuo Takata, publicity; and Kazuo Kamemoto and Majong Yoshimura, plant judging. The public is invited to attend. The show is regarded as one of the better small orchid shows in Honolulu. Tell your friends about the show and bring a friend with you. Admission is free.

Richard Hosaka has been elected president of the Green Thumbs Club for the calendar year 1986. Other officers will be Roy Hatakenaka, vice president; Sue Kondo, secretary; Masa Toma, treasurer; Tsuneo Morikawa, auditor. The new officers will be installed on January 6, 1986.

The Green Thumbs Club extended its sympathy to Wally Chinen who lost his wife Kay. Kay was an active member and a very strong supporter of the club for many years. We shall miss her helpful presence.

A beautiful blooming Vanda Eisenhower X Don Nishimura was judged the best flower at the November meeting of the club. Distribution of the mericloned Dendrobium Stratiotus X Lili Marlene was also a feature of the evening.



Letter from our members --- November 8, 1985

To: Ken Suehiro
Editor, Puka Puka Parade

From: Raymond Nosaka, Baker Chapter

Subject: CLUB 100 EUROPEAN TOUR

I have been approached by members to take a tour to Europe in May of 1986.

Mits Fukuda, Able Chapter, is not able to take anymore people, so I am organizing a similar tour to theirs. Leaving May 2 and returning May 27.

This European tour will be opened to all Club 100 members, wives, widows and relatives. We can make exceptions.

I believe, May month is a good time to go as it won't be as cold as when I went in October.

The minimum people is 15 and maximum is 45. We will hold our first meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 1985 in the Club 100 lounge and also another meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, January 22, 1986. If enough people respond I will go ahead and make plans.

I escorted a group of 45 people mostly 100/442 members visiting the battleground we once fought and seeing many other historical places in Europe. They all enjoyed the trip.

For all those who are interested or have any questions, please call Ray Nosaka at 737-4864.

Cooking Class News

Sally Inouye

Most of the participants in this class are of an age where they best appreciate food which is easily prepared, easy on the budget, nourishing and tasty - yet unique. In addition, we are all conscious of the need to watch our waistlines. Most of our participants have shared recipes with these characteristics.

In our September session Shinako Takata showed us how to make Apple-Walnut Cake with so few steps and so little mixing that she had the cake baked and served in record time. This really delicious cake makes an elegant dessert topped with whipped cream.

The present reporter demonstrated how to make an easy cucumber namasu. Only three items were needed to prepare and serve this oishii namasu.

An Italian-American favorite, lasagna, was prepared by Gladys Kawakami. Her lasagna included spinach, portuguese sausage, and ground beef, topped with cream of mushroom soup and Monterey Jack cheese. This makes a light and delicious meal with meat, vegetables and starch all in one dish.

One of our dessert experts, Esther Ueno, led off the October session with a truly easy and ono dessert called Chocolate Marshmallow Bar. One participant who donated this dessert to a social received many favorable comments and requests for the recipe.

The ochazuke lovers Lorraine Miyashiro demonstrated the preparation of her pickled Nasu (eggplant). She first sliced long, eggplant, salted it, and let it stand for 1-2 hours. Next she washed and squeezed the eggplant and poured over it a sauce consisting of shoyu, sugar, vinegar and mirin. One may consume several tea rice with this okoko.

Masaru Tomasa (Able Chapter) shared his recipe for Kim Chee, which he learned from a friend on Wake Island.

He used won bok (Chinese cabbage), ko choo jung, and a jigger of white vinegar to make his flavorful version of this Korean favorite.

In addition, Masaru brought his good looking home-made stove and prepared one of the most popular Japanese dishes: chicken hekka. He used shoyu, sugar, and one half can of beer to flavor his hekka, and many of us went for seconds of this tasty dish.

Observing Masaru's demonstrations, we felt that he is a true chef in his family, with a fascination for cooking which evolved from his war days spent watching ?? army ?? cooks. We would like to see more such spouses, as well as children of Club members join us in our Sunday cooking classes. Unless there is notification to the contrary, classes are scheduled the second Sunday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the clubhouse. They should be particularly beneficial for our bachelors.

Mahalo to the demonstrators for sharing their recipes, which are much appreciated. We will enjoy cooking them for our own families.

On behalf of the Cooking Class, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Ukulele Class News

Robert Fukumoto
Janet Kuwaye

The haunting music of "Kuu Ipo Ika He E Pue One" was in the air. A passerby on Kamoku Street stopped and listened. The smile on his face seemed to indicate that he was pleased with the music emanating from the halls of 520 Kamoku Street. What was it that captivated the passerby? The song, a very familiar melody was being sung in harmony by a chorus accompanied by piano, ukuleles and guitars. The Wednesday Ukulele class of Club 100 under the instruction of Robert Fukumoto was in session!

In the past years several club members had approached Robert Fukumoto to conduct an ukulele class for Club 100. Bob was willing to teach but no one took the initiative to round up prospective students. However, in January 1982, a casual conversation on music between Bob and Janet Kuwaye led to the formation of the Wednesday Ukulele class. The first class of nearly fifteen was composed of club members and spouses, which grew in number to twenty-five in two weeks. Since twenty-five was more than instructor Bob could handle alone, it was decided to limit the class at that number. Due to its popularity, a year later the Thursday class was formed. The Thursday class was eventually discontinued due to personal reasons. In 1985 a Monday class was started. Today, the classes have been combined into one and is known as Bob Fukumoto's Wednesday Ukulele class.

Unfortunately, in consolidating the classes a number of students from the Monday class were lost, because these students had other commitments on Wednesday morning. In spite of this loss, the consolidated class continues to meet regularly. There are about thirty-five students who meet regularly on Wednesday mornings for two hours of instruction in music theory, singing, and learning to play the ukulele or guitar. Classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. but it is not unusual for the instructor to begin his class at 8:30 a.m. (one half hour earlier) because everyone

is in his seat by that time. Such enthusiasm is not rare in this class!

Class attendance drops periodically due to students taking their annual vacations. Vacationing on the neighbor islands and on the mainland USA are common occurrences. Others have taken trips to Canada, Europe, Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, and yes, even Russia! And members of this class do take time off regularly, to visit their children and grandchildren. After all, this is a retirees' class!

The class has learned to strum and play many songs. They have even learned songs in Filipino, Hawaiian, Italian and Japanese. A significant factor in the singing is, it is not unison singing, but singing in parts and harmonizing. The songs have been rearranged by instructor Bob, into three or four part singing. Singing in parts while playing the ukulele can be very confusing for beginners. The class has learned that in harmony singing concentration is a necessity, otherwise, a singer can easily be carried away by those who are singing the melody when he should be singing counter-melody. The students all laugh when the majority of the class ends up singing the melody and three or four part singing has "gone out of the window"!! These students, (the old folks of Kamoku), Bob's pet name for the class, laugh and joke about their mistakes, and are always ready to start anew!

The officers of the class are president Chester Hada, vice president Bessie Nakasone, secretary Miyako Tsubota, treasurer Kiyoshi Kami, instructor Robert Fukumoto, and advisors Robert Fukumoto and Bessie Fukumoto.

Acoustic guitar players are Sumio Ito, Ken Nikaido, electric guitar Frank Ikehara, banjo-ukulele Masayoshi Kawamoto, auto harp-ukulele Gloria Tamashiro and piano accompanist is Horace Awa. The rest are ukulele players.

A word about the instructor, Robert Fukumoto, who is affectionately called Bob by his students. He is a piano tuner-technician, instructor of ukulele, guitar, banjo and piano, and composes and arranges music in his spare time. His wife Bessie an accomplished hula dancer assists each

Wednesday with the preparation and distribution of music sheets.

When the Ukulele class was started the students knew very little about their instructor's musical background. This beginners' class has a top-rated musician for its instructor. His great love for music is manifested in his teaching. Bob Fukumoto is willing to teach and to impart to his students all he knows about music, as long as the students are willing to learn. The conscientious and ambitious have taken advantage of this and are learning much about music and playing the ukulele and guitar. Others are not ashamed to admit that they are sixty years late to be studying music, but have nevertheless been able in the past three years to pick up valuable musical knowledge by attending class. Learning to play the scale on the ukulele, picking the melody, learning the various chords, transposing and singing in parts are some of the things taught by the instructor. The group was enlightened to find out how chords are formed and this has made learning the many chords less difficult. A compliment was bestowed upon the instructor when a student commented one day in class, "I am able to sing this particular song today because I learned how to transpose the original music into a key suitable to my voice, thanks to sensei Bob."

The following are expressions made by some members about their Wednesday Ukulele class.

Beatrice Higa: There have been many frustrating moments for me as well as others when Bob was teaching music theory. Frustration is nothing new to me! However, I am so glad I stuck it out because I gained a new insight about music. Bob's patience in teaching us Senior citizens is admirable. I hate to admit it but we are a bit slow to catch on at times!

Ethel Fukunaga: As a late-comer it has been a challenge to me to be accepted in the Ukulele class. Today, I enjoy picking on the ukulele to familiarize myself with the melody. I've also found triple strumming a great challenge and am practicing that as often as I am able to.

Janet Otagaki: The music does not sound right when the class is not keeping time

as the composer intended it to be! I have become more aware of "timing" and the theory taught by Bob may not be grasped the first time it is presented, but eventually we all do catch on, as Bob does repeat, and we all appreciate this! He has the patience of Job where teaching music is concerned!

Tad Fukuda: As a youngster I used to sing in the church choir. We learned our choral numbers by "ear", but through the lessons Bob has taught us, I can now teach myself a new song by picking the melody on my ukulele. Recently, I bought a flute and from the knowledge gained by attending the ukulele class I am teaching myself to play the flute. I derive a great satisfaction when I can hear the melody on the flute. It sounds great to me, and I truly appreciate the extra time Bob gives me by answering my questions.

Stella Tanigawa: I am thankful to the students who ask questions in class, because many times it is something I needed to have clarified too! I enjoy attending class as it gives me an opportunity to meet my friends each week. I get a breath of fresh air each time I attend class. It does my heart good!

Masayoshi Kawamoto: The sound of the banjo has always delighted me! Thanks to Bob I have been able to apply the musical knowledge acquired in ukulele class in my banjo playing, and needless to say, the earlier training and knowledge gained in the ukulele class has been a tremendous help and has made learning to play the banjo a little easier!

Masaru Tomasa: I have always envied people who can read music. I may not be able to sing, but I do know what the music should sound like, because I can pick the melody on the ukulele. So attending ukulele class has taught me something!

Ai Kawamoto: When Bob conducts a class in music theory, I am attentive, because there is so much to learn and I don't want to miss out on anything! I realize he is teaching us things that the Senior citizens' ukulele class does not. In the various Senior citizens' ukulele class throughout the city the sheet consists of lyrics and chords. However, in Bob's class the music (which may have been

rearranged), as well as the lyrics and chords are provided. Thus the student should be able to figure out exactly how the song should be sung and played. I find this very challenging, and makes me want to pick the melody as soon as I receive my music sheet!

A song arranged to the students' liking is Ryo Shu, a song depicting the sadness and loneliness felt on a journey. The ending is beautifully arranged and is very pleasing to the ear. Other favorites of the group are Whispering Hope, The Queen's Prayer, Waipio, and Japanese songs, Furusato, Hamabe No Uta, Hama Chidori and Tani Ma No Tomoshihi.

Request from others for arranging and rearranging music have been numerous, but thus far Bob has concentrated solely on his Club 100 Ukulele class. Bob's arrangement of music for the group is "good

listening" but because of the amateur status of the class, many times the group does not do justice to his artistic musical arrangements. "Our apologies Bob, sometimes we just can't hack it!"

By attending class on Wednesday morning Club 100 members are having a pleasant and enjoyable learning experience in music. "There's only one way to go, and that is up", says the instructor, and the group clings to this bit of encouragement as it meets each week for fun in singing and ukulele playing.

Bob and Bessie Fukumoto have given unselfishly of their time to the Ukulele class. They are serving in the spirit of the Club 100 motto of continuing service. By sharing their musical knowledge with those who have had very little musical education, they have helped to make the world a happier place for their students.



--- Instructor Bob shows how it is done.

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--- Faithful male members of class.

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