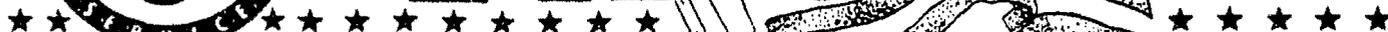




CLUB 100

PUKA-PUKA

PARADE



JANUARY 1990

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Raymond Nosaka

How true is the saying "We never know what is in store for us from day to day." Who would have dreamed that a "healthy old buck" like me would end up in the hospital for two weeks with a heart attack? I just hope and pray that no other club member will have to experience what I've been through. In future issues, I hope to be able to print some words of wisdom regarding the prevention of heart attacks. And, may I take this means to sincerely thank all of you for your concern, hospital visits, and get well cards. Your friendship is truly one of the best medicines available.

We are sorry to announce that, due to a serious illness, Howard Miyake has requested that his name be withdrawn from the slate of club officers as president for 1990. Our prayers are with you, Howard, for a speedy recovery.

It is my fervent wish and prayer that 1990 will be a happy and healthy year for all Club 100 members and their families. I step down from the Presidency with this prayer in my heart.

FROM THE EDITOR'S CORNER: Aki Nosaka

On November 27, I was really amazed, pleased, and gratified to see so many members, wives, and widows gathered at the clubhouse ready to pitch in with the Puka Puka Parade.

We are ever so grateful to Evelyn Oshiro who set up and directed the whole system, from collating to the mailing out. "Blue" Nagasaki must have been smiling and proud to see such fellowship and cooperation extended at that gathering.

Commencing in January 1990, we will be asking for help each month from assigned chapters. Hopefully, this will eliminate having the same people do the work every month. The teams and schedule will be as follows:

- Team 1: Headquarters, Medics, & Dog Chapters
- Team 2: Able & Charlie Chapters
- Team 3: Baker & Rural Chapters

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
January	Team 1	Friday, January 26	July	Team 1
February	Team 2	Friday, February 23	August	Team 2
March	Team 3	Friday, March 23	September	Team 3
April	Team 1	future schedules dates	October	Team 1
May	Team 2	will be printed upon	November	Team 2
June	Team 3	confirmation.	December	Team 3

The dates for collating and preparing the Parade for mailing have been tentatively set for the fourth (4th) Friday of each month. Starting time will be at 8:30 a.m.

We welcome any letters of comments, but anonymous letters will not be published. Your name will be withheld upon request.

We would like to acknowledge receipt of the following donations made towards the Puka Puka Parade: Seitoku Hanashiro (Able Chapter): \$20.00, Noboru Yoshimura (Honorary Baker Chapter): \$500.00

EDITOR'S CORNER (continued)

We would also like to officially present the staff of the Puka Puka Parade:

Co-Editors: Ray and Aki Nosaka
 Circulation: Evelyn Oshiro
 Publication: Paul Nanamori

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Fujise

Please bear with me for a short while until someone volunteers to take over this task. With the sudden departure of the late Donald Nagasaki, I was asked to help write the Able Chapter section for the Puka Puka Parade. I'm sure that if Donald was here, he would fill a page full of Able Chapter News with the doings of Able Chapter members. I will try and fill a small section of the Parade page, but for me to do so will require the services of all the Able members and their halves.

Christmas 1989 is now a sweet memory. But for the grandsons and granddaughters they will carry home from the clubhouse some nice and happy remembrances of the 1989 Able Chapter Christmas Party. Our hope is that the youngsters will also carry with them something of what their grandpas did when they mysteriously disappeared saying that they had to attend the Able Chapter monthly meetings. Chaired by Richard Ishimoto and ably assisted by Tommy Nishioka in front of the mike and kitchen supervision provided by Barbara Nishioka, the 1989 Christmas Party was a smooth running success. With Louise Morikawa taking charge of the young ones, they had a ball that night. Dinner was followed by super homemade desserts. Thank you, ladies.

Sorry to hear that among the casualty list of Able members, we had to list Howard Miyake's name. Let's all hope that he can make our next get-together shindig.

Happy New Year and the best to you all.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS: Yasuo Takata

Baker Chapter, after changing the date several times, finally had their Christmas Party on Friday, December 8. T'was truly a merry Merry Christmas Party for both the adults and kiddies. The enchanting decorations, made by Evelyn Oshiro and displayed under her directions, plus the pretty poinsettias on the tables really brighten the mood for a joyous celebration.

After a moment of silence, a beautiful "Grace" was performed by the Baker Chapter Ukulele Class. Then dinner was served. Although the dinner was simple: roast beef, chicken, salad, teriyaki chicken, noodles, tsukemono, garlic bread, corn and peas, punch, coffee, and other drinks, it was delicious. Everything was prepared and cooked by the Christmas Party Committee and chapter members except for the cake and ice cream, which was donated by King's Bakery and Harry Katahara.

Tengu the Magician entertained the kiddies. Tengu had a way with the children who surrounded him, helped him at times, yelled at times, and sometimes practically swarmed him on the stage. The adults were entertained by the show that Tengu and the children put on. Hilarity and Tengu reigned for about one hour.

To quiet the children, we had a community sing which was led by Jane Uyeoka and the Baker Chapter Ukulele Class. The kiddies joined in and sang with the adults. When I tried to put the kiddies on the microphone, they shied away. Finally, when it came to "Jingle Bells", they sang with a gusto, knowing that Santa was on his way.

Santa came in amid a roaring din. He sat down, surrounded by the children, and calmed them down. He informed them not to open their presents until all of the children got theirs. Our Santa must have had magical powers for the children obeyed him until all the gifts were handed

CLUB 100's MONTHLY BULLETIN for JANUARY 1990

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S NOTE: I know that I had given the chapters and clubs with Club 100 until Wednesday, December 27, 1989 to complete and return the Meeting Schedule for 1990 form. However, since the Puka Puka Parade collation and preparation for mailing date was set for Friday, December 22, only those chapters and clubs whose form I received by that date have their meeting times listed below. Those groups whose forms I have not received are so noted.

- Paul

CHAPTER MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

ABLE	Saturday ...	January 27	Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
BAKER	Meeting schedule not received		
CHARLIE	Monday	January 15	Back Room
DOG	Saturday ...	" 20	Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
HEADQUARTERS	Thursday ...	" 18	Back Room
RURAL	Friday	" 26	Dot's in Wahiawa (6:30 p.m.)
KAUAI	No meeting scheduled		
MAUI	Meeting schedule not received		
HAWAII	Meeting schedule not received		
SO. CAL.	Meeting schedule not received		

GROUP-COMMITTEE MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Thursday	January 11	Board Room (7:00 p.m.)
BONSAI	Thursday	" 25	Board Room
D.A.V. HANELE	Thursday	" 25	Board Room
GREEN THUMBS	Monday	" 8	Hall (7:15 p.m.)
KARAOKE	Friday	" 12	Hall (6:30 p.m.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - DECEMBER 14, 1989

1. In accordance with the club's by-laws, the directors accepted the slate of officers presented by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The "elected" officers for 1990 are:

President	vacant
First Vice President	Robert Sato (Able)
Second Vice President	Jun Enomoto (Medics)
Secretary/Treasurer	Stanley Kimura (Charlie)

Howard Miyake had requested to have his name removed from the slate of nominees due to health reasons.

2. The matter of changing the name of Club 100 came up again. Although it had been suggested that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the matter, no official action had been taken. An official name change would require 2/3s approval of the active membership, similar to the proxy voting done for the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii proposal. After a long discussion, Don Matsuda (Able Chapter president) recommended that the club informally change its name. The directors unanimously approved that the following name be added to 'Club 100' on all business correspondences: "100th Infantry Veterans". The club's business envelopes will be redesigned to reflect the informal name change.
3. As instructed by the board last month, a club was formed by some Club 100 members and those non-members who frequent the clubhouse. The club's name is 'Back Room Men's Club'. Walter "Biffa" Moriguchi (Able) is the president of the club. The directors unanimously approved the by-laws and roster of members.

PUKA PUKA PARADE DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of the Puka Puka Parade is Monday, January 15, 1990.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting news or announcements for the February Monthly Bulletin is Friday, January 19, 1990.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 is the date set for collating and preparing the Parade for mailing. Place: Turner Hall Time: 8:30 a.m. Team 1 (Headquarters, Medics, & Dog Chapters) will be responsible for providing the manpower.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER MEETING DAY CHANGE NOTICE: Due to the decline in attendance at our Saturday morning meetings, the Headquarters Chapter monthly meeting has been changed back to the third (3rd) Thursday night of each month. The first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, January 18, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the card/back room. Hope many will be able to attend our meetings.

RURAL CHAPTER'S INSTALLATION AND NEW YEAR'S BANQUET will be held at Dot's in Wahiawa on Friday, January 26, 1990 from 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner per individual is \$12.00, \$24.00 per couple. We will be collecting chapter dues (\$6.00) and Club 100 dues (\$10.00). Let us all be there to give our new officers a big boost and launch them into the new year and new decade of the 1990's and, at the same time, wish each other a three "H" (Hearty, Happy, and Healthy) New Year.

The idea of an oral history record of the men who served with the 100th Infantry Battalion seemed on the surface to be a good idea. However, judging by the lack of response received, it turned out to be a dud. Yet, I am certain that there are men who would like to have their experiences recorded and made available for the benefit of those who will be coming this way. Perhaps if this proposal can be approached from another way, it might be possible. Until such time that inputs of approaches can be discussed and evaluated, this notion will be shelved. - Nick Nakabayashi
Chairman, Oral History Project

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: DOG CHAPTER REUNION will be hosted by Oahu Dog Chapter. The reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 22, 23, & 24, 1990. Co-chairmen for the reunion are Robert Yoshioka and Conrad Tsukayama.

CLUB 100 DUES for 1990 are as follows:

- \$18.00 - Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog, Headquarters, & Medics Chapters
- \$10.00 - Rural Chapter
- \$5.00 - Residents of the Neighbor Islands & U.S. Mainland, regardless of original chapter

To better facilitate the processing of your membership card, the following is requested:

For those planning to **STOP BY THE OFFICE OR PAY BY CASH:** Please have the EXACT AMOUNT handy as I do not have sufficient change.

For those planning to **MAIL IN** their dues payment or pay by check: Please write the name of your chapter in the memo section of your check, not on the "Payable To" line, as it may complicate depositing the check. Please make the check payable to: CLUB 100. Reminder: please date your check (1990) and sign it.

According to the club's by-laws, the annual membership dues are due not later than March 31. Any member who has not paid his dues by that date will not receive the monthly bulletins or Puka Puka Parades until his dues are received.

To save on the time and expense of mailing individual dues notices, reminders will not be sent. Instead, a dot system will be used. A RED DOT indicates that the office has not received your dues. Since the Board of Directors waived the back dues requirement, members who have been arrears in their dues need only pay the current year's dues to reactivate their membership. Since this is the first month for dues collection, almost everyone has a red dot on their mailing label. If you feel that a red dot has been mistakenly placed on your mailing label, please call Paul at the office (946-0272).

(EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S NOTE: Since the bulletin/Parade was mailed out on December 22 and I know that most of you are eager to pay your dues, I would still appreciate it if you would hold off paying the dues until January 1990. This lets your money earn a little more interest and gives me an opportunity to set up my dues payment records for next year.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. During the holiday season, we all have parties to go to. So, if you drive, don't drink; you might hit a bump and spill it. But seriously, during this time of year, there are a lot of partiers driving drunk or recklessly. We all need to be extra cautious while on the road (especially for people, like me, who are just bad drivers to begin with). I hope to see all of you next year in the best of health and spirits. - Paul)

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS (continued)

out. Then there was a mad scramble as the children opened their gifts. While the kids were busy, we served the cake and ice cream.

Then came the prizes for the adults. Donations of door prizes were so numerous that we had only four tickets left over in the jar. Every family went home with a prize, some with two or three prizes.

Many thanks to the Christmas Party Co-chairmen, Rikio Tsuda and Jimmy Inafuku, and their hard working committee: M/M Sakae Tanigawa, M/M Sonsei Nakamura, M/M Robert Arakaki, M/M Hajime Kodama, Harry Katahara, Conrad Kurahara, Carol Inafuku, and Evelyn Tsuda. Helping the committee were: Robert Aoki (cook) and Yasuo Takata (bread baker). Besides the committee, guest members Shikamura and John Kihara from Wahiwawa brought ono noodles and a very delicious dessert made of kaki. Mrs. Joe Nakahara brought tsukemono.

Donations were so numerous that I will only mention names: Fred Shimizu, Fred Kanemura, Roy Nakayama, Stella Tanigawa, Jimmy Inafuku, Hajime Kodama, Aki Nosaka, Yoshio Hirose, Kengo Miyano, Ben Yamamoto, Jesse Hirata, Ken Iha, Bert Nishiyama, Hiroshi Shimazu, Hiromu Fujimura, Tom Tsubota, Poker Anamizu, Robert Kadowaki, Marie Yoneshige, Hajime Yamane, Evelyn Tsuda, Gordon Kamihaa, Harry Katahara, Sonsei Nakamura, Tokuji Ono, Yasuo, Alma, and Glenda Takata. I may have missed some donor's name, so thank you very much for helping to make such a wonderful Christmas party.

Officers for Baker Chapter in 1990 are:

President Yasuo Takata
 Vice President Sonsei Nakamura
 Secretary Jimmy Inafuku
 Treasurer Isao Nadamoto

Our club president and Baker Chapter member, Ray Nosaka suffered a heart attack in December 1989 and had undergone surgery. However, he seems to be recovering well and we hope that he can rejoin us soon. Here's wishing Ray a good and speedy recovery.

Although Christmas will be past by the time you read this article, I hope that you have had a Merry Christmas, one full of joy. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS: George Hagiwara

Charlie Chapter's Annual Christmas Party, by tradition, devoted to treating our children to greet Santa Claus, has evolved into a sort of annual Family Reunion with our children, but still sticking to tradition, treating our grandchildren instead in reminiscence of those struggling days of yesteryear. This year's Charlie Chapter Christmas Party brought together 70 adults and 20 grandchildren. The entertainment started by some of our budding talents: Grace Yamamoto at the piano, Nicole and Cherilyn Mizushima with their violins, and Terri Hanaoka's hula rendition of a Christmas song and Waikiki. Chester Hada, with his karaoke recorder and amplifier, presented several karaoke enthusiasts with renditions of their favorite songs. Masa Kawamoto, accompanied by his ukulele troupe led the audience in singing Christmas carols.

With the singing of "Jingle Bells", Santa made his debut with a "Yo Ho Ho and a Merry Christmas to All" to the hoots and howls of the youngsters. With the passing out of gifts for every child and picture taking with Santa, the evening ended.

Mike Tokunaga was the chairman for the event and also emceed the program. Lefty Takeshi Kimura organized and set up the bar. Stanley arranged for and ordered the food which was catered by Konno's Restaurant. Saburo Ishitani fixed the punch. Jack Mizushima made the soup and the wives brought their dessert specialties. Kazuto Shimizu was responsible for finances.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS: Helen Nikaido

Our congratulations to Joyce Chinen, daughter of Wally and the late Kay Chinen, who received her PhD from the University of Hawaii on December 17. She will be teaching at the West U.H. in Waipahu in January. At present, she teaches sociology at the Community College and at Leeward College.

Your 1990 Dog Chapter officers are:

President Yoshiichi Okazawa
 Vice President Sadashi Matsunami
 Secretary Kenji Nikaido
 Treasurer Conrad Tsukayama

Please attend the meetings next year: every third Saturday morning of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the lounge. Support your officers.

To the following wives, thank you very much for coming out to help prepare the ono breakfast for the members: Mildred Hosaka, Kay Harada, Mary Hamasaki, Edith Imai, Rhoda Kawamata, Jane Matsunami, and Helen Nikaido.

James and Agnes Noji traveled to Las Vegas, San Francisco and Sacramento in December. In Sacramento, they visited Agnes' sister.

November was a sad month for us. Donald "Blue" Nagasaki passed away on November 16, 1989. His untimely death was a shock to us all. On November 11, 1989, a day after returning from his trip to Japan, "Blue" was stricken with an aneurysm. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Soon after, club president Ray Nosaka suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. We extend our sincerest get-well and wishes for a speedy recovery to Ray. Ray, we're looking forward to seeing you at the clubhouse soon.

Robert Taira, our dear Dog Chapter member, well known throughout the state as a businessman teacher, state legislator, and labor negotiator passed away on December 12, 1989 at the age of 74. Although Bob was in ill health, he tried to attend our Family Nite functions. We'll miss you very much, Bob. To Bob's family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

(Editor's Note: The following article was printed in the Editorial section of the Honolulu Advertiser - Monday, December 18, 1989, page A-6)

Robert S. Taira: In the waning days of a tense legislative session, former state Sen. Robert S. Taira would sometimes put a sign on his office door. "Home Stretch," it read, "Keep Your Cool."

Calm, thoughtful, dignified, honest, and fair are some of the adjectives that described Taira, who died Tuesday at age 74. In some ways, his story was a classic tale of local success.

Taira was one of that group of local Japanese Americans who were born to immigrant parents (in Taira's case at Kekaha, Kauai) in humble circumstances; who by dint of hard work got an education (Mid-Pacific and UH); who found first job opportunities in Hawaii's public schools (first on Maui and the Big Island, later at Farrington High); who went to World War II with the much decorated all-Nisei 100th Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat team (Taira was a captain, wounded rescuing the "Lost Battalion"); and who returned to devote their lives to making Hawaii a better place through politics (in the rejuvenated Democratic Party).

Taira was a stalwart regular in the party faction first led by the late Governor John Burns and later by former Governor George Ariyoshi. He served in the state House from 1963 and contended unsuccessfully for the speakership in 1968. In 1970 he was elected to the state Senate for the first of two terms. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Conventions of 1968 and 1978.

As a 1968 delegate, Taira helped give public workers the right to bargain collectively for the first time. So it was ironic that Taira was the state's chief labor negotiator under Ariyoshi in 1979 when the United Public Workers exercised their right to strike for 41 days. Later, Taira

Robert S. Taira (continued)

served as chief legislative lobbyist for Mayor Eileen Anderson, who had been Ariyoshi's budget director before.

In short, Taira was a dedicated public servant of the old school, serving capably in a variety of capacities as a maker of policy, an able negotiator and, quite often, as a peacemaker.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Nagata

The biggest social event of the year for Maui Chapter members and their wives is the Christmas Dinner Party and Installation of Incoming Officers held at the Maui Palms Hotel. Due to the December 15 deadline for submission of articles and since the dinner is to be held on December 20, I am sending in this short article early so that there is something from Maui Chapter.

Hardworking Jack Gushiken was the chairman and he had contacted members to get a headcount of those who planned to attend the dinner. Cocktails were from 6:00-6:30 p.m. at the Longhouse annex to the East West Japanese Restaurant. A buffet dinner followed. Installation of 1990 officers were held with the following all volunteer members sworn in:

President	William Nakahara
Vice President	Masao Sato
Secretary	Edward Nishihara
Treasurer	Tom Nagata
Auditor	Kiyoshi Ikeda
Director	Goichi Shimanuki

Will send in further news about the dinner next month. May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BONSAI CLUB NEWS: Warren Yamamoto

Welcome to the new year!

The Bonsai Club closed out the old year with a seven course Chinese lunch in November which was enjoyed by all. They also participated in the Sakufu Bonsai Club show at the Shinshu Kyokai Mission in December.

We don't have our own show to look forward to in the new year. But we will be participating in the shows of other clubs who invite us. We'll keep you informed of these shows so that you can have the opportunity to appreciate these beautiful plants. Hawaii is also hosting the International Bonsai Convention at the Sheraton Waikiki in July. The club members will be participating. The best bonsai plants in Hawaii will be on display. Even if you don't participate in the conference, you should at least go out to see the plants. There will be many workshops led by experts. They'll even have a workshop on how to sharpen your bonsai tools led by Mr. K. Masakuni, the president of the company considered to be the best bonsai tool maker.

Please come out to the Bonsai Club meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. The first meeting of the year will be on January 25. After a short meeting, we will have a demonstration period to teach various aspects of bonsai culture.

The officers this year are:

President	Warren Yamamoto
Secretary	Sumio Ito
Treasurer	Takeshi Kimura

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting news articles for the February Puka Puka Puka Parade is Monday, January 15, 1990.

I ran out of blue paper. - Paul

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So much has been said and written about the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division by the 100th and 442nd during World War II, but hardly any news of the boys who were rescued has been noted. Only in the last issue of the Puka Puka Parade was there mention that the Southern California Chapter had a member of the "Lost Battalion" as their guest at their latest get together. So, I would like to share this story with you also.

Many of you may recall my guest who I introduced to all those present at the club's Installation Party held at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce four years ago. Also present was a carload of boys I took with me to a change of command ceremony at Schofield Barracks to honor this person when he transferred from the 25th Infantry Division. He is Colonel Joseph Blair III, presently the commanding officer of the 11th Military Intelligence Brigade at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. Col Blair approached me when a group of us from Club 100 were invited guests of General Claude Kicklighter (then commanding officer of the 25th Infantry Division) at a special military briefing. He told me that his dad was one of the men we had rescued and had it not been for us, he would not have been born. To this day, Col Blair has the highest respect for us. In every letter he has written to me since we met, he ends with "Give my regards to all the men of the 100/442."

A Department of the Army memorandum, dated May 10, 1989, officially observing Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week (May 6-14, 1989) was signed by General Julius Parker, Jr., commanding general of Ft. Huachuca, at Col Blair's request. The reason is obvious! (Editor's Note: A copy of the memorandum is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.)

This is just to inform the members that we DO have people out there in this world who still appreciate our efforts -- and, in this particular case, the son of a man we rescued in a war 45 years ago.

Hajime Yamane (Baker Chapter)

A 34th Division Chicago Area member, Harry Kaczorowski, sent me this newspaper article from his local paper. It might bring back a few memories to some of you. Maybe you can put it in a blank spot in a future Parade?

I'm starting my fourth year of turning in the deceased members' names of the 100/442 to our Chaplain to read at the 34th's memorial services during our National Reunion. When you give their name, please give the town/city they're from. When a town/city isn't mentioned, I put down Honolulu, not knowing. Arigato.

Millie and I enjoyed the mini-reunion in Lost Wages and we're planning to go to Kona next June for da beeg AJA Reunion, then visit in Honolulu for awhile. We're hoping to bring Charles and Darline Smith along. He's the man who got the 34th's monument set up in Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa (4 miles north of Des Moines).

For those of you who are camcorder buffs, I'm sending an article that might help them a little. No extra charge. I'm into taping VCR shows, etc. But I want no part of taking the pictures. I have 60 tapes of assorted topics. Chicago's PBS Channel 11 showed a series called "Soldiers". There are four subjects on a reel, three reels total. It tells about soldiers and how they fought from the Greeks/Romans to today's way of fighting. All about the different branches (Infantry, Armor, etc.). From spears and swords, armored suits, archery, cross bows, guns, etc. Then they went gung ho with a series called "The World at War." I taped that at four hours per reel on 12 reels. It's all about WWII, da beeg won. I have "Nisei Soldier", "Go For Broke" (the movie), "Color of Honor". Zero, about the plane. I have documentaries about the "Planet Earth", articles about different cultures and people from earliest man. I even have a series on "Japan, a Culture". If you have a VCR in the clubhouse and would like any of these tapes, let me know and I'll send you a list and make copies and send them to you. The members can sit and watch these tapes while they suckum up. I pau fo now and maybe we see you This Winter some time.

Aloha,

Warren Fencil (Honorary Charlie Chapter)

Straight Shooting

How to be the master of your video camera.

You bought a video camera. You read the instructions. You taped your family's latest outing, and you watched the results. You were disappointed, to say the least. Every shot shakes as if the scenes were taped on the deck of a tramp steamer caught in a North Atlantic storm, and the camera's autofocus unit seemed to have a mind of its own. The sound track is a melange of noise—chattering birds, trucks, and commands to your family. This is nothing like what you see on TV. What's the secret to making high-quality home videos?

It's obviously more than just pointing the camera, so we asked a few experts for advice. Professionals from WTTW's production center say there are two basic rules: know your equipment and think about what you want to show.

Emmett Wilson, a WTTW cameraman with 15 years experience, says the smartest thing you can do is learn all the controls of your camera. "It's like buying a new car," he says. "Everything seems strange at first, but a week later you know just where every control and switch is. Take some time to get to know your camera just as well."

When you feel comfortable with the equipment you can achieve what Wilson considers the most important skill of good video photography: making the camera an extension of your body. "When you're shooting look at the world only through the viewfinder," Wilson explains. "It's hard to do at first. It's like looking at the world through a telescope." As you adjust to seeing things only through the viewfinder, you will begin to see what belongs on the screen and what doesn't. "Every picture should be significant, but you should allow yourself to be curious," he says. "See things with a child's eye." By using your imagination, you can eliminate a lot of needless shots and concentrate on objects and scenes that spark your interest. "Tell yourself that what you see in the viewfinder is the finished product," Wilson advises. "Show them a few things well and they'll think they've seen everything."

Wilson also suggests turning off the camera's autofocus system. "Automatic focus wears out the batteries quickly, and it

will focus on what it wants to see," he says. For example, you may want to focus on something 20 feet away, but the autofocus will choose something closer. "It takes a lot of time for it to catch up, so you end up with blurry shots," Wilson says. "Learn to focus manually." He also recommends keeping bright lights out of the frame. "If you have a lamp in the shot, it will wash everything else out. Move it just outside of the frame, and you'll have a beautiful shot." Also, shoot with bright light (sunlight, for instance) over your shoulder instead of behind your subject.

As a minicam operator, Wilson has learned a few tricks that solve the problem of camera movement. "I anticipate my own movements and try to match them to my subject's," he explains. "If they move forward, I'm ready to move backward. I also try to stand with one foot in front of the other. That way when I do move, it's back and forth, which is much less noticeable than moving from side to side." To avoid wobbling from side to side, never plant your feet directly under your shoulders. He also urges home camera operators to avoid the zoom during taping. "Set it before you shoot. Plan what you're going to shoot and relax," he says. "Be ready to react, be aware of your movement and your breathing. Things will be a lot steadier."

While videographers are concerned with getting the shot, editors worry about putting the shots together to tell a story. Susan Hutchins, a WTTW broadcast technician, recommends creating a game plan before shooting. "If it's an important part of what you're doing then you should plan on how you're going to tape it," Hutchins explains. Another way to keep your tapes distinctive is to keep a specific subject in mind. "If you're in Washington, don't shoot lots of pictures of pigeons. Stick to the Capitol building," she says.

To get the full enjoyment out of your video equipment, Hutchins suggests setting aside a tape for each event in your life. "Set up a library: one tape for birthdays, one tape for vacations, maybe even one tape for museums and monuments," she says. "That way you don't have to spend

hours searching for little Susie's 4th birthday on a tape of your last trip."

As you build your tape library, make sure you keep good records of what's on your tapes to avoid erasing something accidentally, says Jack Ginay, a producer/director at Channel 11. Ginay also suggests "slating" or labeling everything on tape. "There are some creative ways you can do that," he says. "Having someone narrate while you shoot is one way, another might be to have someone hold up a sign saying where you are and what time it is." One way to give your tapes continuity is to end and start shots with the same elements. "When a shot is about over, pan to a common object," Ginay explains. "When you start the next shot, begin with the same kind of object. That way things won't seem to jump around as much."

One aspect of home videotaping that is often forgotten and can have a significant effect on its quality is the sound track. Bob Dove, a WTTW audio technician, says, "You get a much better sound perspective if you move the mike away from the camera," he says. This will eliminate unwanted background noise on the tape.

"The two basic rules of audio are to use the right mike and to place it right," Dove says. He suggests using an omnidirectional mike instead of the directional mike that probably came with your camera. "You don't miss as much, and it's less susceptible to things like wind noise," he explains.

Dove also suggests paying close attention to the sounds you don't normally listen for. Close the windows; unplug the refrigerator; move away from sounds you may not want on your tape. Wearing earphones that are connected to your camera's sound system will allow you to hear those sounds more easily.

Understanding your equipment and following these simple tips can make a difference in the enjoyment of your home videos. Spend time learning to use your equipment, try out these suggestions, and when you go out to shoot, think about the results you want. Chances are, your tapes will change from being painful to pleasant viewing experiences. ■

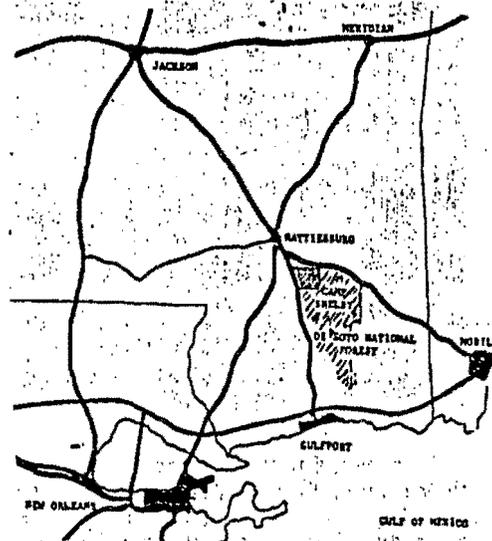
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Museum Planned For Camp Shelby

An "artifacts holding area" has been established at Camp Shelby, south of Hattiesburg, MS as a first step in establishing a museum to preserve the historical past of the places where thousands of "Doughboys" in World War I and GI's of World War II were trained for combat in Europe and the South Pacific.

Camp Shelby lies at the center of an excellent rail and communications net, making it an ideal training and staging area for troops departing from the ports of New Orleans and



MUSEUM PLANNED FOR CAMP SHELBY (continued)

Mobile, Alabama. During WWII, the camp motto was: "Where boys are turned into men. Pronto!" The 38th Infantry Division was formed there in 1917 from elements of Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia National Guards. The Division's designation as "The Cyclone Division" originated from an incident in which a cyclone struck the camp causing considerable damage. In 1940, the 38th was joined at Camp Shelby by the now famous 37th "Buckeye" Division of the Ohio National Guard. WWII's most decorated unit, the Japanese American 100/442nd Regimental Combat Troop, trained there. At one time during WWII, the camp's population exceeded 100,000, making it the largest military training center in the world. In 1940, it was the hub of the largest field maneuvers ever held in peacetime. And everyone lived in tents. Not until 1959 did the camp receive its first permanent-type barracks.

Currently, memorabilia are on display in the Visitor's Center, and contributions are being solicited from anyone who might wish to donate artifacts on behalf of an individual or organization. A committee has been established to form the groundwork for a permanent museum. Interested readers may obtain more information by writing: COL Garland Boleware, Camp Shelby Training Site, Camp Shelby, MS 39407-5500. Phone: (601) 584-2685.

Camp Shelby is located ten miles south of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on the northern edge of the De Soto National Forest. The camp lies at the center of an excellent rail and highway communications net. It is approximately 100 road miles to Mobile, Alabama, to the east; to Jackson, Mississippi, to the northwest; and to New Orleans, Louisiana, to the southwest. The Gulf Coast is a one hour's drive to the south. Southern Mississippi's climate is mild, year-round, enhancing the camp's use as a training area.

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VETERAN'S DAY - Maui Sons and Daughters Salute Nisei Soldiers in Veteran's Day Program: Karleen Chinen

*... It might have appeared to go unnoticed,
but I've got it all here in my heart.
I want you to know I know the truth,
I would be nothing without you...
-"The Winds Beneath My Wings"*

"The past is the father of the present, and the present is the father of the future..." philosophized the Rev. Hiromi Kawaji of the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at a Veteran's Day program honoring Maui's AJA veterans of World War II in Kahului last month.

The Buddhist minister was among a long list of state and Maui county officials who showered the Maui vets of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Combat Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service with words of praise and congratulatory resolutions. They included County Council members Joe Tanaka and Velma Santos, representatives for Mayor Hannibal Tavares and Gov. John Waihee, and state Rep. Herbert Honda representing the Valley Isle's legislative delegation.

The program, which included an exhibit of wartime photos and memorabilia at the Maui Mall, was organized by the Maui Sons and Daughters of the 442 and chaired by member Floyd Nagoshi, himself a Vietnam veteran. It attracted a curious crowd who strayed from their Sunday shopping to browse through the exhibit and observe the goings-on on the mall's center stage.

The salute marked the culmination of a long-held dream of the Sons and Daughters to publicly recognize the wartime contributions of their nisei fathers. For the veterans, it was a time to step out of the shadows and into the limelight. Just over 30 vets were called to the stage to be recognized. They appeared shy and uncomfortable in the spotlight. But in their hearts, they were bursting with pride.

MAUI SONS & DAUGHTERS... (continued)

The tribute brought tears to the eyes of 100th vet Kaoru Moto of Makawao, who in 1953, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism" in a July 1944 battle near Castellina, Italy.

Kahului resident Kiyoshi Kishimoto said it felt "good to be honored." He was 20 years old when he surprised his parents by volunteering to serve with the 442nd. "But I guess they were resigned to the fact that I was going," said the Silver Star recipient. Kishimoto recalled that he wrote home to his sister from the battlefield because his parents could not read English. The "L" Company vet is optimistic that the story of Maui's nisei soldiers will now be preserved, thanks to the efforts of the Sons and Daughters.

His "L" Company buddy, Iwao Takamori, volunteered for the 442 but ended up, in the 100th as one of the casualty-plagued battalion's first replacements. The retired HC&S machinist said the Veteran's Day program was "something we were looking forward to. I think we deserved to be recognized," he said. Takamori, whose children are members of the Sons and Daughters, believes the battlefield record of the nisei soldier helped pave the way for many of Hawaii's post-war opportunities.

*... Did you ever know that you're my hero,
and ev'rything I would like to be?
I can fly higher than an eagle,
'cause you are the wind beneath my wings...*

(Editor's Note: Karleen Chinen is the daughter of Dog Chapter member Wallace Chinen and has written numerous articles about the activities and members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team.)



(L-R): Kiyoshi Kishimoto and Iwao Takamori are happy that efforts are being made to preserve the story of Maui's nisei soldiers. (Below): Kishimoto and Takamori were among the 100th, 442 and MIS vets who turned out for the Maui Mall Veteran's Day program organized by the Maui Sons and Daughters of the 442.



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- The ubiquitous Sony Walkman turned 10 years old this summer, and the company celebrated by producing its 50 millionth unit.
- Following in the footsteps of the Japanese soft drink for athletes called *Pocari Sweat* comes a new men's deodorant called *Gym*.
- Tokyo Station's lost-and-found department is the busiest in the city, handling an average of 260,000 items--mostly umbrellas--a year. They also handle about \$3 million in cash annually, 70 percent of which is eventually claimed by grateful owners.
- And another pitfall for the forgetful: People who do not flush public toilets (in hotels, department stores, theaters, restaurants, etc.) in Singapore can be fined up to S\$500 (about US\$250).
- Rice Paddy Babies, Hong Kong's version of the once wildly popular Cabbage Patch Dolls, come equipped with either a British passport or a U.S. green card.
- The average Japanese woman gives birth to 1.66 children during her lifetime, according to 1988 figures.
- According to the Vietnam News Agency, 2,432 people in that country -- mostly women--are over 100. The most senior of these citizens is a 142-year-old woman, a member of an ethnic Thai minority living in the central part of the country.
- Japan is Washington State's largest overseas buyer of cherries. The fruit sells there for up to \$5 a pound--a bargain compared to the homegrown variety.
- Flash! A winner in the All-Japan Big Cockroach contest we mentioned last time. The prize entrant, a "male American roach" found by a housewife in Okinawa, measured in at just under two inches long, and was worth over \$700 to its finder. In all, contest officials received 847 bugs in the mail.



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