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FROM THE EDITORS PUKA:

By Aki Nosaka

While rummaging through some old boxes, I happened to come across a Puka Puka Parade dated April, 1955. It was interesting to read a column titled "Snooping in Able's Corner" by Naoji Yamagata; "Buzzing with the Bees" by Ray Nosaka; "Digging in the Dirt" (Green Thumbs) by Arthur Komiyama. In those days, according to the paid advertisements, there was only one Times Super Market; Royal Beer was a popular thirst quencher, and smiling Jesse Hirata used to go from house to house picking up and delivering laundry. The sad news is that about half of the members/wives mentioned in that Parade are no longer with us. Forty years has certainly brought about many changes in our lives and in the life of the club. I'm certain that many of us will live to see some more changes made, some will be welcomed, some reluctantly--but at the end what ever is best for the members should prevail.

In regards to the Mini-Reunion, (which is only seven months away) Chairman Ben Tagami has announced that the dates will be September 30 to October 4, 1996. Details are not yet available except that the fun site will be the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino and that a limited number (70) of airline seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Watch for the registration form in the April issue.

BOARD HI-LITES

by Stanley M. Akita, President

We will begin this month's Hi-Lites with the Apartment Committee Report. The Committee is looking into fixing the metal rail posts of the apartment which are rusty and causing cracks in the concrete. Also, the entire apartment building needs painting. Three contractors have been asked to submit bids to do the work. The wooden cabinet attached to the carport area was termite-infested. It was not in use and therefore, torn down. In its place, a new set of mail boxes will be installed to replace the old one which leaks rain water and causes the mail to be soaked.

The Board moved and approved to subsidize five computer classes at a cost of \$99 for each course for the Executive Secretary. If she attends class during her regular work hours, she will be paid. However, if she attends on her own time (at night or on weekends), the Club will pay just for the tuition.

Headquarters and Dog Chapters who are responsible for this year's anniversary luncheon requested the help of the Sons and Daughters to assist with the program. The Board has approved the request. Let's hope that the Sons and Daughters will be willing to assist, especially with their so-called "modern" ideas.

The finalized 1996 Budget was distributed to all the Board members.

The 442nd Veterans Club, looking into the future, foresees a time when all the AJA veterans clubs' membership will be dwindling down. Thus, they want to see the AJA veterans coming together for "joint" events, such as Anniversary Banquets, Memorial Services, etc. Therefore, to get the ball rolling, they have extended invitations to all AJA veterans groups to participate in this year's annual memorial service and banquet which will be held on March 30, 1996. When the invitation from the 442nd VC was announced at the February Board meeting, the discussion was very lively. Several Board members expressed the same feelings and were enthused about celebrating anniversaries and memorial observances together. With this kind of support, the Board appropriated \$250 (10 members @ \$25/person) to buy one table to send all the Board members to the 442nd Anniversary Banquet on March 30 at the Pacific Beach Hotel. I am hoping that the Board members will take their wives to form two tables. I also hope that

many members will attend the dinner. If you plan to go to the dinner, please call our office by February 29 in order that we can all stay together. An area has been designated for the 100th at the dinner. The dinner cost is \$25 per person. For your information, the MIS has already reserved two tables. Speaking of the memorial service (also on March 30 at 9 a.m. at Punchbowl), the 442nd is planning to read the names of all the members of the 442nd, 100th, MIS and 1399th who passed away in 1995. Please try to attend the Memorial Service, too, which begins the same day at 9 a.m.

Remember to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the "Brothers In Valor" monument at Fort DeRussy on March 11 (Monday) at 10 o'clock a.m. Come early and park in the Hale Koa Hotel parking structure. The "Brothers In Valor" monument memorializes the AJA veterans of World War II (100th Bn., 442nd RCT, MIS, and 1399 Engineer Bn.). I'd like to see all of you attend the ceremony, if possible. Please wear your Club shirt.

As previously reported, the Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Warren Iwai recommended changing the present Club 100 non-profit veterans organization to a non-profit civic organization. The change will allow all interested descendants of Club 100 members to become members. The Board tentatively approved the LRPC to hire a lawyer. The final approval to hire a lawyer is subject to the cost of the lawyer's fee.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND MESSAGE

By Stanley Akita:

Speaking of Club shirts--for all you members who are planning on the "Japan'97" trip, it would be nice to have an extra Club shirt to take along. The minimum order from the manufacturer is 6 dozen. To date we have two dozen requests. If you are interested in another shirt, you can call in your order to the Club office. Please don't "dilly dally" and call in your shirt order ASAP when the trip becomes a reality.

As of February 15, we have one hundred people interested in the Japan'97 trip. Hereafter, due to the stringent postal regulations regarding non-profit bulk mailing rates, any information regarding this trip will be sent separately aside from the PPP to those members who responded. If you are interested, but have not sent in the form that was in the February PPP, please do so today.

At this time, I'd like to thank Evelyn Oshiro for a job well done in "taking charge" of the collating of the PPP every month for many, many years. She will be doing volunteer work at Pali Momi Hospital; we will be missing her on PPP Thursdays. Thanks, again, Evelyn.

Another person whom I'd like to take my hat off to is Sakae Takahashi. Since I became the president of Club 100 in January of 1995, Sakae never hesitated to advise me on club matters--whether it be "legal" or otherwise. Sometimes, I'd call him during his busy time, but he has never failed to call me back within a day or two. You may not see his face around the Clubhouse much, but you can rest assured that he is 100% for the 100th. I'd like to think of him as among the "true blue" Club 100 members. Thank you, Sakae.

Otomatsu Aoki's goal is to fulfill 4 years of PPP attendance without missing a single collating day. He will achieve his goal in a few months. Wish more members were like Otomatsu. Let's all try to meet or beat Otomatsu's record.

Finally, the "Japan'97" committee met with a representative of JTB on February 20 to discuss the trip. The committee will consist of at least 5 members and maybe more if necessary. Will keep you interested ones informed.

I'm hoping that you Oahu members attended our Sons & Daughters "Go For Broke Fun Night" on February 24. If you didn't, shame on you. Let's support them whenever we can. They are the only ones who are 100% behind us.

So, until next month--

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Around the Clubhouse: Have you checked the bulletin board lately? Letters, pictures, notices, which many of you would find interesting are posted on the board in the lobby. Check it out!...The front-door buzzer system has been improved, so those of you who are locked out when you come to evening

gatherings don't have to pound on the door or knock on the windows anymore. Just ring the buzzer (on the right side of the entry doors) and wait until someone opens the door for you. After reading the newspaper article about churches being vandalized and items missing from church-goers, it seems like a good idea to keep the Clubhouse front door locked on evenings and weekends. Waiting for someone to open the door seems like an inconvenience for the wait-er and the open-er, but it is better to be safe than sorry. P.S: The buzzer rings in the lobby, the men's room hallway, the Board Room and the Office.

Donations:

Thank you very much to the the following donors for their contributions to Club 100:

442nd Veterans Club Federal Credit Union	\$100.00
Mikiye Honda, in memory of Ben Honda (B-California)	\$ 50.00
Helen Nikaido	100.00
Louis Furushiro Family	500.00

PukaPuka Parade Donations:

Marian and Chris Hayashi	\$ 15.00
Warren and Millie Fencil	\$ 25.00

Welcome to new Life Members:

Charles Nishimura (Rural) and Yeiho Kaneshiro (B).

We are happy to hear that Warren and Millie Fencil have survived the minus 22 weather of snow & sleet, and are planning to come to Hawaii in June for the anniversary celebration--and to warm up.

Louis Furushiro Family: We are printing an excerpt from a letter received from Mrs. Lily Y. Yamamoto, and acknowledging a very generous donation received from the Furushiro family in memory of Louis "Lou" Furushiro - "He was so proud to be counted as one of your members and always looked forward and enjoyed being together at the reunions of the 100th."

We sincerely thank the Furushiro family for your generosity. Needless to say, Louis will be sorely missed at all of the future reunions.

CLUB 100 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
FOR THE**

BROTHERS IN VALOR MONUMENT

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

10 O'CLOCK A.M.

FORT DE RUSSY, HAWAII

CORNER OF SARATOGA ROAD AND KALAKAUA AVENUE

Please RSVP to Club 100 Office, 946-0272

by Thursday, March 7.

Attire: Military - Class B

Civillan - Aloha Attire

Club 100 Members - Club Shirt

Parking at Hale Koa Hotel parking structure

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council is pleased to announce that it will host a groundbreaking ceremony for its "Brothers In Valor" monument at Fort DeRussy on Monday, March 11, at 10 a.m. The site, at the

corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road, involves a 5,100 square-foot parcel of land that will be transformed into a living memorial to the contributions of Hawaii's 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion. In the middle of the park-like setting will be a statue and plaques detailing the rich history of the four units. The memorial will also include time capsules with scrolls listing the names of soldiers who were killed in action, all members of the four units, and those who contributed to the monument. The City and County of Honolulu has appropriated \$305,000 toward the construction of the monument. And, many of you Club 100 veterans and family members have also contributed to the construction cost of this monument. Club 100 President Stanley Akita is the current President of the Oahu AJA Veterans Council, so he will be playing a major part in this event. Our own Shigeru Inouye (Medics) has gained a reputation for his delicious punch and efficiently run refreshments crew at our annual memorial service. The AJA Veterans Council asked that he be the Chief of the refreshments detail for the groundbreaking ceremony. Shigeru and his crew graciously accepted. The Sons and Daughters have been/are/will be helping, too. The Army folks are setting up canopies and chairs, and the Governor and the Mayor will be there, too. We hope you will be there to witness the breaking of the ground and the blessing of the site dedicated to the legacy of the four World War II Nisei units.

MAHALO NUI LOA to the following PPP Volunteers who came out on January 25th to collate: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Richard Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Sally Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Ken Kaneko, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Jack Mizushima, Walter Moriguchi, Y. Mugitani, Mr and Mrs. Hideo Niimi, Roy Nakamura, Tom Nishioka, Aki & Ray Nosaka, Tom Nosse, T. Onishi, Sei & Evelyn Oshiro, Kazuto Shimizu, Ken Suehiro, Stanley Takahashi, Masa Toma, K. Uyeno, and Kaoru Yoneyama.

HEADQUARTERS NEWS

By Ken Suehiro

No news may mean good news, but to this reporter its just the opposite. Its a pain to beg for news and when we do get news, its usually bad news about a friend being sick or injured.

Now I made up my mind not to wait for someone to call me with news . Instead I will phone each team captain, so members should call their team captain with news about our friends and members.

Tom Nosse - His golf game is in the dumps. He says he has not won any tournament for months--can break 100- Kazuto Shimizu had better be on the alert--Tom is fishing for an increase in his handicap.

100th golfers claim that Richard Yamada has been absent for a long time. I spoke to Richard--he is okay--he'll be out again so golfers need not worry. He suffered a pinch nerve trouble. Arthur Komiyama suffered for months with a bad leg. Finally had his condition corrected. The surgery was successful and he is back to normal . I hope he will now hit long balls and win many tournaments. At least we won't see Arthur limping when walking.

Ed Ikuma was in Vegas for a short trip. No news about money making. Like me, he deposited. Marshall and Margaret Higa - both are in good shape and practicing their golf game diligently. No fun talking the them - no news. Nancy Nakamura - no news.

The following schedule of events has been programmed for the remainder of the year at the February chapter meeting:

- March 15 (Friday) Luncheon 11:30 a.m. for members, spouses, children and others. Chapter will subsidize up to \$5.00/person. China House (Ala Moana Shopping Center) Mrs. Nancy Nakamura in charge. Call her for additional information.
- April 15 (Monday) Chapter meeting. Lunch will be served. Lounge - 9:30 a.m.
- May 13 (Monday) Chapter meeting - Lunch will be served. Lounge - 9:30 a.m.

- June 22/23 (Sat,Sun) Family picnic. Bellows Field or Sand Island or other suitable location. Definite location and time to be decided and you will be notified by 1st of June. Keep your eyes on PPP issues to follow. Co=chairs for this event--Ken Suehiro and Ken Otagaki
- July 15 (Monday) Chapter meeting. Lunch will be served. Lounge -9:30 a.m.
- August 12 (Mon) Chapter meeting. Lunch will be served. Lounge -9:30 a.m.
- Sept 20 (Friday) Family Nite: Club house - 5:30 p.m.
The entire family will have food and fun. Bingo, etc. Ken Saruwatari, chairman.
Keep your eyes on PPP for further information
- Oct 15 (Tuesday) Chapter meeting. Lunch will be served. Lounge-9:30 a.m
- Nov 15 (Friday) Chapter meeting. Election of officers for 1997. Lunch will be served. Lounge 9:30
- December (?) Chapter X-mas party. Date and time to be announced. Clubhouse.
Wally Teruya, Chairman, assisted by the following: Charles Miyashiro, Arthur Tamashiro, Dan Uchida and Randy Ikawa.

RETAIN THIS PPP SCHEDULE AND NOTE IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. THE TELEPHONE CAPTAINS WILL REMIND YOU OF THE MAJOR GET-TOGETHER EVENTS. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY MISGIVINGS ON THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN OTAGAKI (988-7628), TOM NOSSE (988-6981) OR ED IKUMA (732-6884)

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

The Christmas party has come and gone but we are sure all of us enjoyed it. If we let the young ones say their piece, they will all say we had a very good time.

Here is the list of "young at heart" people who helped to make their party enjoyable by their generous donations:

Isamu Inouye, Richard Miyashiro, Saburo Hasegawa, Tetsuo Tateishi, Richard Ishimoto, Barbara Nishioka, Tadayoshi Sato, Kunio Fujimoto, Susumu Kunishige, Mrs. Kimie Masumoto, Mrs. Frances Okazaki, Tokuchi Hayashi, Tom Ibaraki, Mrs. T. Ige, Jiro Matsui, Suyama, Mrs. Midori Hirano, Mrs. Ruth Oki, Curly Ishimoto, Sakamoto (guest of Richard), Mrs. Komori, Tadao Seo, Mrs. Yamagata, Sharon Tanaka, Seian Hokama and Kazuo Kamemoto.

We wish to extend our condolences to Mrs. Frances Okazaki on the recent loss of her brother, Wamba Yamasaki.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nagata

Secretary Edward Nishihara has mailed out this year's schedule to members, and if you have not received yours by now., please call Edward for your schedule. Our first club activity will be our general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at Sizzlers restaurant at 11 o'clock a.m. The treasurer will present his annual financial report and budget for this year. If you have anything to say about the schedule, be sure to come to the meeting. For those members who have not paid your annual dues yet, the deadline is March 31. We are now about to enter into our final five to ten years of active activities. There is talk of changing our veterans club into a civic club so that our wives, sons and daughters can take over the club after we are gone. Maui Chapter has about a dozen sons and daughters who have shown that they are interested in carrying on the legacy of the 100th Inf. Bn.

While on a visit to Washington, D.C. last October, I had the occasion to enter the Smithsonian American History Museum. They had on display the WW2 history of the 100/442 exploits with Medal of Honor winner Sadao Munemori's picture and medal. To those of us who survived the war and returned home to

work and have families, this recognition of one ethnic group on a national level was well worth the effort that we put into the war with our lives, blood and sweat.

We extend congratulations to those of you who are celebrating the 50th Golden Wedding anniversary. There must be about a dozen couples here on Maui that were married in '45, '46, '47, and are now grandparents.

We extend our get well wishes to Goichi Shimanuki, who was hospitalized recently to replace his heart pacer.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

Congratulations to Max and Edith Imai on their 50th wedding anniversary. A surprise party was given by their sons on October 31st. It was good to hear that Max had recovered from his injury and that he and Edith were able to enjoy this happy occasion.

Last June, Max was hospitalized with a hip fracture--his bone was imbedded in the socket. He was laid up for about a month. Max, who is a very active person, was working on his rain-water tank and fell from the scaffold. With T.L.C. from Edith, he is doing okay now.

Edith, who takes good care of her health (walks, jogs 4 miles in an hour everyday,) gave me a most shocking news. Since her breast cancer operation 18 years ago, she had a recurrence when they found a tumor in her brains caused by her breast cancer. She had undergone surgery right after Thanksgiving and had radiation treatment. She says she's feeling better and goes in the yard trimming and putters with her plants. Max says Edith nursed him back to health so now he is reciprocating to get her well. To Edith and Max, take care, take it easy, don't overdo and we all wish you well.

Do you watch UH Rainbow baseball? I do. There's a freshman who pitches for the rainbows--he is Troy Yoshimasu. He is the son of Leslie and is the grandson of Fusano and the late Eddie Yoshimasu. Fusano, or "Fuzzy" is a very busy and active person. She does volunteer work at Kuakini Medical Center helping two days in the lab and three days at the gift shop. No wonder I can't get a hold of her.

REMINDER: Dog Chapter reunion hosted by Oahu is being held on June 21, 22, 12, 1996. Please contact Robert Yoshioka if you have any questions.

Biffa Moriguchi's Central Japan tour meeting will be held on March 6th, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. If interested and can't go to the meeting, call Biffa at 737-7008 or at 946-4286.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Evelyn Tsuda

We will miss three more familiar faces at the reunions (1) George Mizuno of Oxnard, Calif. passed away in November of 1995. We were happy that he was able to attend the Mini-reunion just the month before, (2) Louis "Lou" Furushiro passed away in Springdale, Arkansas on January 4. He was laid to rest at the Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, California next to his brother, Henry, who was also a member of Co. B, 3rd platoon, and was killed in action in Castelpoggio. (3) Tom Kasai passed away on January 24th and is now resting at the Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. He joined Co. B at Menton and was assigned to the 3rd platoon. He was very active with the 100th in Los Angeles and will be sorely missed.

Our deepest sympathies to the Mizuno, Furushiro and Kasai families

We non-golfers haven't seen Fred Kanemura in ages, but not to worry--he is apparently well and kicking. He has received news that he's burning up the golf courses with his "sizzling" games. In December, he won both the Club 100 Golf Club and Century Golf Club "Ace of Aces" awards and many other first place prizes. He again won the Club 100 Ace award in January - no telling how many more he'll win this year at this rate.

The Punchbowl volunteers should expect a deluge of visitors as long as the severe winter weather continues on the mainland, so says Jesse Hirata, who manned the Visitors Center on Feb 10. Without his partner (Ken Kaneko abandoned him to go to you-know-where), Jesse was very busy all day helping the visitors locate graves and disseminating information about the cemetery. He said whenever he had a chance, he talked about the 100th too. He's such a good story teller, many of them must've gone away impressed by his stories. (Incidentally, if you haven't read Jesse's account of this military experiences, see if you can get hold of the Hawaii Pacific Press, Nov to Feb. issues. You'll know why I say he's quite a story teller.)

One day soon, I hope to announce that hereafter, Bernard Akamine will take over as the Baker reporter.. (I can use your help in persuading him to do so.) In the meantime, I am happy to have him contribute bits and pieces to this column. The following is Bernard's offering for this issue:

"At the Baker Christmas party, I saw Stu Yoshioka with strings tied around his ankles. He told me they prevent him from getting leg cramps. I laughed, but that night, I suffered leg cramps myself. I decided to try the string treatment, and from that time on, no cramps--how you figga??

One other thing to ponder about - Robert Arakaki's golden raisins and Gordon's gin treatment for arthritis. From watching TV shows, I learned that raisins are all dark in the beginning and to make them golden, they are treated with edible tri sodium phosphate (TSP). I use TSP to clean pain brushes or on walls before painting instead of sandpapering. This edible kind of TSP and the ingredients in the Gordon's Gin may be the key. I eat this preparation and no more pain?

One other thing that has me curious: There is a guy named Ngain D. Yee listed in the the "Ambassadors in Arms" as a Baker Co. member. Anyone in Hawaii know him?

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

Time certainly flies, especially for those senior citizens of our society. Young and old people observed Valentines Day yesterday, February 14th. The next holiday will be Presidents Day, Feb 19th. On Wednesday, Feb 21st is Ash Wednesday which comes the day after Malasadas Day. For Christians throughout the world, Lent goes for 40 days and then comes Easter Sunday, April 7.

Motoyoshi Tanaka, Hawaii Chapter president, announced that the annual ladies lunch will be held on April 25, Thursday, at the AJA Veterans Memorial Hall from 11:30 a.m.. Your team captains will contact you.

Shigeru Ushijima (Hdqrs), historian for Hawaii Chapter, has written the following article for this month titled "The Legend of the Torpedo Gang". I believe you will find the article very interesting.

"Ten years ago on January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded off the coast of Florida killing all seven astronauts aboard. Every year this day is memorialized by the nation and family members of the astronauts.

Fifty-four years ago on the same day, January 28, 1942, another tragedy occurred in Hawaiian waters. An enemy submarine sank a small army transport ship with the loss of many lives.

Draftees of the United States Selective Service 4th Draft were returning to the Big Island of Hawaii after completing basic training at Schofield Barracks. In the early morning hours of the 28th, a Japanese submarine lurking in island waters immediately after Pearl Harbor, sank the army transport ship, Royal T. Frank, snuffing out twenty nine lives--twelve crew members and seventeen young draftees.

The survivors were rescued by a ship nearby and returned to Oahu. All except one draftee were members of the 100th Battalion organized in June, 1942. Subsequently this unit was sent to the European Theatre.

A strong bond still exists among the draftees who survived the sinking of the Royal T. Frank and the battles in Italy and France. This group, many of whom are in their late 70's and who call themselves the "Torpedo Gang", together their spouses, hold a reunion annually on the 28th of January. This has been a

tradition for many years. Their fallen comrades are remembered and these survivors still enjoy each other's company in their declining years."

The survivors are: Yoshio Ogomori (Mountain View, Hawaii)
John R. Souza (Pepeekeo, Hawaii)
George Y. Taketa (Hilo, Hawaii)
Tokimaru Takamoto (Honaunau, Hawaii)
Shizuo Toma (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Shigeru Ushijima (Hilo, Hawaii)
Haruo Yamashita (Kurtistown, Hawaii)
Susumu Yoshioka (Honolulu, Hawaii)

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warren Iwai

MEETING:: The second meeting of the new year was held on February 19 at the clubhouse. The meeting was kicked off with malasadas and coffee. Kazuto Shimizu made his usual report on the happenings at the board of directors meeting. Preparation for the 54th anniversary party is progressing slowly - hopefully program will be in place by June 15th. The annual clubhouse clean-up is set for June 1st, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Chick Miyashiro will be our foreman again. On March 11, Monday, 10:00 a.m., there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the "Brothers in Valor" monument at Fort De Russy. All members are encouraged to attend - wear your club shirt. Parking will be available at the Hale Koa Parking structure.

SICK CALL; Kaoru Yonezawa was in the Kuakini Medical Center for over two weeks with a serious liver problem which required two surgeries. He is now at home resting. **GAMBARE, Kaoru!**

On February 9, I attended the Board Meeting of the S/D to answer questions that they had regarding the impact the proposed changes to Club 100 will have on their organization. One question was repeatedly asked of me - What do you want the S/D to do to carry on the legacy of the 100th Bn? If any of you have any opinion on this subject, please let me know or let the S/D know. Any input from the members is welcome and will be appreciated.

Vacations and Vacations: In the past years, Dr. Kanemi Kanazawa has been fishing in the wilds of Alaska. Couple years ago he climbed Mt. Fuji. Last year he rode a mule down the Grand Canyon. This year he decided to go to a place of pristine beauty, the Antarctic Continent. Webster defines Antarctica as a land area around the South Pole completely covered by an ice shelf of about 5,000,000 square miles; sometimes called a continent. Here is his report of his experiences: "The trip to the Antarctic Continent last January was interesting and educational. The group travelled on a Russian research vessel which was comfortable but no frills or luxury. Three lecturers accompanied the group and they spoke on the politics, geology, wild life, fauna, ecology, etc throughout the 10 days.

The Antarctic region is truly beautiful and appears to be sterile, untouched and pristine. The photographs of glaciers and ice bergs on calendars are for real and not touched-up photos. They come in all sizes and shapes - flat, sculptured, peaks, etc. We made seven separate landings on the continent and near by islands on the zodiac, like the type of rubber rafts used by Jacques Cousteau. Going down the gang plank on to the zodiac was the toughest part of the trip with all the cold weather clothing and clumsy boots. Reminded me, forcibly, of my experience of climbing down the rope ladder from the liberty ship on to the landing craft during the war when we landed in southern France. At each location we were greeted by thousands of penguins and seals. We were given about 2 hours to explore the area, look at the wild life and visit the research stations. We received strict instructions not to touch the wild life or leave rubbish. Nobody really lives in Antarctica, except penguins and seals, **NOT EVEN THE POLAR BEARS."**

We have another traveling couple on a cruise in Asia visiting places like Bombay, India; Karachi, Pakistan and Nairobi, and Kenya. I hope to get an exciting account of their trip from the Sodetanis when they return.

Our condolences to the Hiramoto Family (Hiram, Bert, and Bertha) on the passing of their mother, Jean.

NEXT MEETING; March 18 - see you then.

FOX COMPANY NEWS

By Hakaru Taoka

The officers who served in 1995 have agreed to serve in 1996. They are: President, Kenneth M. Higa, V-President, Michael Hamamoto; Secretary, Seiso Kamishita; Treasurer, Hakaru Taoka; Past-president, Ted Hamasu.

With the dwindling in number and the aches and pains growing more rapidly to the aged Foxes, the Oahu Foxes decided to spearhead the annual get together this year. Though, late as it is and a very short notice to you, we ask that you set aside September 13, 14 and 15 for our annual get together here on Oahu.

General Chairman, Ted Hamasu, the officers and a few others met on Friday, Feb 16th to decide on the dates of our get together and drew up a tentative schedule as follows:

Friday, September 13 -	Natsunoya Tea House (Kiyoshi Jinnohara)
Saturday, Sept 14 -	Pagoda Restaurant (Michael Hamamoto)
Sunday, Sept 15-	Club House (Hideshi Niimi)
Transportation	Seiso Kamishita
Finance	Hakaru Taoka

As soon as more detailed information is gathered, Ted Hamasu will write to the coordinators. So, don't forget to "kapu" September 13, 14, and 15 for our get together on Oahu.

A couple of weeks ago, Hayato Tanaka from Hilo called to let me know that Ernest Enomoto had accidentally fallen and was hospitalized for his back injury. I just got word today from Misao Enomoto that Ernest is back home now and getting around with the help of a walker. Well, Ernest, we wish you the best for a speedy recovery and hope that you will be able to join us at our reunion in September.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M Hamasu

Our installation and "shinnen enkai" was held on 21, Feb '96 at Dots of Wahiawa with 66 members, wives, S&D, grandchildren and guests attending.

The MC, Kiyomi Kaneshige opened the banquet with a new years greeting and thanked all for coming. He then called on Rev. Yoshida for the invocation before partaking of the food. The chow line was led by our guests Stanley and Mrs. Akita, followed by our ladies and members. The food was plentiful and ono too. Our ladies came through with many different kinds of desserts that we had to add an extra table for the spread.

After a hearty meal, Kiyomi called on Ted Hamasu for his new years address and the introduction of our guests. Ted thanked all for taking time out from their busy schedules to come to the banquet and opened his remarks by singing a part of the song, "Time waits for no one" and greeted all with "akemashite omedetoo" the Japanese greeting of the new year. He called on the members to continue to service each other and their communities and try to live up to our club motto "For continuing service". He said that the primary goal of our organization should be to help each other. He expressed his appreciation to the officers and wives for assisting him the past year and thanked them for remaining on the team for the coming year, when he was railroaded to his second term.

The officers were formally installed by Hakaru Taoka. The Yamakis were the recipients of the "Beyond the Call" prize for their unselfish assistance to the chapter by opening their home for the yearly picnic, and the use of his office as our meeting place. The banquet food was delivered by Harry Kamikawa to our disabled members who were not able to join us at the banquet..

After the business was over, a short entertainment session of karaoke singing by Sally Taoka, Sally Nakano, Ted Hamasu, a Minyo odori by Kitty Hamasu, a hula number by Sally Nakano, and a Japanese talk show by Ed Imamura was enjoyed by all. After that, Harry took over for the Bingo games and door prize giveaway. We closed the banquet by singing Hawaii Aloha and Aloha Oe. Comments heard later was that everyone enjoyed the affair.

We want to thank Harry for chairing this banquet and single handedly purchasing the Bingo prizes. "Eh, Paisan, molto molto gracias". The response of our ladies was most gratifying for the many one looking desserts and we certainly want to thank all of the wonderful people who unselfishly donated money as well as goodies. The donors were: M/M Furuya, 20 lb. rice, cs coke; M/M Hamasu, 2 jackets, 1 quilt, cs soda; M/Hamamoto, cs beer; M/M Hayashi, btl whisky, peanuts, coconut cream pie; M/Hirata, \$17; M/M Iwasa, \$20; M/M Jinohara, \$20; M/M Ishii, \$20; M/M Kamikawa, 2 btl coffee, yookan; M/M Kamishita, mochi Dango, cs soda; M/M Kaneshige, 2 pk 7up, Tangerine; M/M Kashimoto, 2 bx choco, 8 pk ramen, choco mochi; M/Kihara, \$20; M/Kubota, \$20, M/M Nakano, Cheese cake, peanuts, popcorn; M/M Ota, \$15, cs beer, jello, 3 box tangerine; M/M Saito, \$20, c s beer; M/M Shikamura, 3 potted plants; M/M Shimizu, \$25, mochi; M/M Takeshita, cs soda, choco candies, paper towels, cooking oil; M/Tanji Pk beer; M/M Taoka, \$20, mochi; M/: Tokairin, \$20 cs beer, flowers; M/M Yamaki, \$25, 4 bx shiitake, candy, pickled nasube; M/M Yoshida, 20 lb rice, blu -berry-cherry de-lite; M/M Akita, \$20; M/M Tanaka, \$20; M/Imamura, 2 gift certificates; Gary Yamaguchi, Btl whiskey; Mrs. Marian Hayashi, \$15, to PPP \$15; Mrs. Katherine Fujikawa, \$25.

We want to commend Shizuya and Mavis Hayashi and Bull and Carol Saito for coaxing their sons and daughters and grand children in joining us at the banquet. We need more of our S&D to join us so that we can have some new blood in our chapter.

Our deep condolences to the family and relatives of the late Sadao Nakahodo. He passed away on January 23, 1996. The memorial services were held on Jan 27 at the Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary.

I invited Mimi Nakano, daughter of Shizuya and Mavis Hayashi, the S&D Oral History "Hancho" to be our guest speaker at our next meeting on March 15 at Jerry Yamaki's office - 11 o'clock a.m. I hope to see you all there.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

MAHALO TO... Robert Kadowaki (B) for donating his Time-Life Books on World War II.

Yeiki and Mark Matsui for their generous donation of \$50.00

Ms. Blanche Klim for generously assisting the Sons & Daughters in creating a stationery template.

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sons & Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion seeks applicants for two types of scholarships. These scholarships will go to deserving students recognized not only for excellence in academics and community service, but also for their pursuit of promoting the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion of World War II.

The first scholarship is the "**Sons & Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion Scholarship**". The award of **\$500** will be made to **two** students who are either high school graduating seniors or undergraduate students attending institutions of higher learning. This scholarship is being offered for the second year.

The other scholarship is the "**One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship**". The award of **\$1,500** will be given to **one** student who meets the criteria described above, and also is a descendent or direct family member of a 100th Infantry Battalion World Ward II veteran. This scholarship is being offered for the fourth year.

Applications are available at the Club 100 office. Completed applications should be sent to:

Sons & Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion
Education Committee
516 Kamoku Street, #206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

The application deadline should be postmarked by **Friday, April 26, 1996**. Call Drusilla Tanaka at 946-0272 for more information.

ESSAY CONTEST

The Sons & Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion is sponsoring an **Essay Contest** open to all students in grades 6-8 (Junior Division) and 9-12 (Senior Division). The winning essay in each division will receive a **\$100 savings bond**.

Applications are available at all intermediate and high schools and at Club 100. If you'd like an application mailed to you, please call Drusilla Tanaka at 946-0272.

All entries should be postmarked by **Monday, April 15, 1996** and mailed to:

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ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Kenneth Kaneko, Mr. James Lovell, Mr. Kunio Fujimoto, Mr. Susumu Kunishige, Mr. Raymond Nosaka, Mr. Bernard Akamine and Mr. Kenneth Muroshige for contributing their stories to the Sons and Daughters Oral History Project.

In addition, the Oral History Committee appreciates the work of Mr. Kunio Fujimoto (A) and his son-in-law Bob Yamaguchi for assisting us in filming the interview. Ben Fujimori (nephew of Mr. Tamotsu Shimizu), Avin Oshiro, Amy Muroshige, Mimi Nakano, Steve Takushi, Carl Tonaki are actively involved in producing the oral history interviews. Drusilla Tanaka and Ann Kabasawa are also important members of the oral history committee. They provide lunch and refreshments.

Collecting our fathers' stories has been an impressive experience because through each oral history interview, the Sons and Daughters gain new perspectives about what life was like when our fathers were in their late teens and early twenties, about basic training, about comat, about the medical care they received, about how the values their parents (our grandparents) instilled influenced their lives. Each father's story communicates and presents a new vantage point for the sons and daughters, for our children and future generations to understand and appreciate what our fathers did and what we have gained as a result of their service.

These stories are important because they provide tangible material which will enable the Sons and Daughters to accomplish the mission of our organization which is to perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion. The audio-visual format enhances the value of our project since future generations will be able to see, hear and personally experience the wonderment and education we feel when we conduct an oral history interview. Furthermore, as computers become even more sophisticated and easy to use, our children and great-grandchildren will be able to use the material we are collecting to create multi-media reports, projects and stories which will continue to perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Prior to each interview, an informal interview is conducted to select and review the questions and to provide the participant with an overview of the process. The oral history interviews are conducted at Leeward Community College in FA 102 (a classroom) from 9:00am to 12:00noon on designated Sundays. For example, confirmed for the month of March are the interviews of Mr. Stanley Akita, President of Club 100, Mr. Goro Sumida, Mr. Shizuya Hayashi and Mr. Oscar Miyashiro.

No oral history interview has been scheduled for February 25, 1996 since the Sons and Daughters will be attending an evaluation workshop conducted by Mr. Irwin Yamamoto, Leeward Community College Media Specialist. Mr. Yamamoto has generously volunteered to serve as a resource specialist and will assist the Oral History Committee in refining and enhancing their audio-visual and interviewing skills.

If you are interested in learning more about the Oral History Project, and would like to attend or participate in the project, please call Mimi Nakano at 487-2786 or e-mail @ uhnix.uhcc.hawaii.edu

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEN OF THE 100TH:

Club 100 received the following letter from T. Skip Yokota, a member of the Sons and Daughters

"January 25, 1996 Dear Mr. Akita, I am the son of Hazel and the late Yukio Yokota (Baker Chapter). I work for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in one of their 205 vet centers. Mine is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It will honor the memory of my father if you would accept for the Club 100 the enclosed Vet Center "Voice", which is my department's national newsletter. In it you will find an article I wrote, which expresses my thoughts, feelings, and respect for my substitute 'Dads'. I hope the article meets with your approval and apologize in advance for any inaccuracies. Sincerely yours, /s/ Skip, T. Skip Yokota"

Skip's article was received at such a good time--when the Sons & Daughters Oral History Project is going full steam ahead. We thought Skip's article should be shared with all of you, so he gave us permission to reprint the article from the Vet Center "Voice" magazine in the PukaPuka Parade. Thank you, Skip! We know your father would be very proud of you.

Oral history logs Club 100 veterans' heroic exploits

by T. Skip Yokota

PURPLE HEART BATTALION *

P...I can't tell you how very much I appreciate the privilege of being able to show you just how much the United States of America thinks of what you have done. You are now on your way home. You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice—and you have won...." (Comments by President Harry Truman as he pinned the seventh Presidential Unit Citation on the colors of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Washington, D.C., on July 15, 1946.)

The crests shown at right are important markers in the history of the 100th. The battalion received its colors on July 20, 1943, before sailing to North Africa the following month.

Members of the regiment felt the shield (top) should bear a replica of the ape leaf (pronounced *ab-pay*), which Hawaiians often plant by a gate or door to ward off evil spirits. Members also wanted an image on the shield representing the yellow feather helmet once worn by Hawaiian chieftains.

The Fifth Army's 34th "Red Bull" Division (crest shown at bottom right), which the 100th joined in North Africa, was the first U.S. division sent to Europe after war started. The 34th trained in Iceland and was committed to the North African theater of operations. The 100th was assigned to the 133rd Regiment and received additional training from veterans of the Tunisian campaign on combat tactics of the German Army.

The significance of a sacred relationship between the men of the 100th and the 34th Division must not be overlooked. After the attack at Pearl Harbor, men of the 100th were welcomed as equals by their combat-tested peers in the division. The 100th had found a family who would have them before seeing first action and fulfilling their destiny on Sept. 22, 1943.

CLUB 100

That was then, but even today members of the 100th Infantry Battalion continue supporting each other through various activities sponsored by Club 100 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Members still group themselves by

their original companies, but now have club officers and a governing board. Club 100 contributes to charities and maintains social ties by hosting numerous family activities including an annual banquet commemorating life, while honoring fallen comrades.

I attended Club 100 functions as a child and still remember the warm, secure feeling of having so many father figures to help me if my own father, Yukio, was in another part of the building or park. On June 11, 1995, I was happy to be with Club 100 members again for their 53rd annual banquet.

Although I had not seen many of the members for years, they welcomed me as only *obana* (Hawaiian for family) can. Since my father passed away seven years ago, his buddies and their families have extended the spirit of *aloha* to my mother, Hazel, and me without reservation.

At the banquet, as usual, my surrogate fathers were once again telling me how to run the Department of Veterans Affairs, but this time they seemed especially interested in my Readjustment Counseling Service lapel pin, which represented my professional *obana*. I believe that being their "son" and a Vietnam theater veteran has brought

the *obana* closer. Brief comments, penetrating yet soft eye contact, quick physical contact—I was pleased that I still remembered how to listen and talk with Club 100 members while honoring cultural values.

Every trip home fills me with joy in seeing my father's former comrades, as well as sadness in learning that, since my last visit, another father has passed away due to old age or complications from war injuries. Their tenacity as soldiers is well-known, but what about their personal stories? They are leaving us before we learn more about them as individuals. Outside of their veteran group, their own families and society know very little about their stories.

PRESERVING HISTORY

Wouldn't it be nice if their offspring had more personal information about them? For instance, like how

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BOOT CAMP

T. Skip Yokota, M.S.W., photographed at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, during September 1968 when he was a Private First Class, E-2. He is a member of the Sons and Daughters Association of the 100th Infantry Battalion and author of this article.



they had to interrupt goals, marriages, employment or education in order to show loyalty they should not have had to prove. But like most combat veterans, those personal tales are known only to foxhole buddies who served side-by-side.

The Sons and Daughters Association of the 100th Infantry Battalion, to which I belong, is actively involved in numerous projects honoring our fathers and mothers. The project that captured my attention, for obvious reasons, was the oral/visual recording of veterans' individual stories in order to educate the public about the battalion's moral courage and the ultimate sacrifice of veterans to keep democracy alive.

My first reaction when I heard about the oral/visual recording project was panic over this unsupervised debriefing. How could my fathers be asked to talk about themselves when their identities were so closely tied to the battalion *ohana*? In Hawaii, it is still considered poor form to talk about yourself because you are saying that you are better than others, or that your family did not teach you the important value of personal humility.

Additionally, if you had to talk about accomplishments, it was better to talk about others in your group. The *issei* (first generation) and *nisei* (second generation) rarely talked about themselves when I was a youngster. For years I believed that the spirit of *kokua* (helping each other) existed even during discussions of personal achievements (If I should not talk about myself, then if I said something nice about you, wouldn't you have to say something nice about me?). It made sense to me when I was young. Later, I learned there was more to this than I originally had thought.

I felt that self-disclosure through oral/visual recordings could result in uncontrolled, emotional

flooding without the safety net that we always provide to our Vet Center clients. Well, so much for higher education—the recorder's selection of veterans was based on preliminary interviews with them to review material. The men were informed about what to expect at the recordings. Her gentle and unhurried manner, plus the support of Club 100 and primary *ohana*, produced very good histories from the first group of veterans.

Apparently, years of being together as a group at Club 100, and "talking stories" (doing their own debriefings) helped them remember past events without the sometimes paralyzing emotions. Emotional release was considered appropriate for the topics discussed, and difficulties following the recordings have not been reported.

The men volunteering to tell their stories are responding to yet another calling, this time from their own *ohana*. They are recording their oral/visual essence for future generations, maintaining an all-important link with the past. In so doing, their roles as providers, mentors and historians will be preserved, inspiring us to achieve even our smallest dreams, to make a dent.

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T. Skip Yokota, M.S.W., is team leader at the Vet Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is co-chair of the Readjustment Counseling Service working group on Asian and Pacific Island veterans along with Romy Castillo, M.S.W., team leader at Libue, Hawaii, Vet Center.

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IN MEMORIAM

George Mizuno (B-Mainland)
Passed away in November 1995

Tom Kasai (B-Mainland)
Passed away in January 1995

Sadao Nakahodo (Rural)
Passed away in January 1996

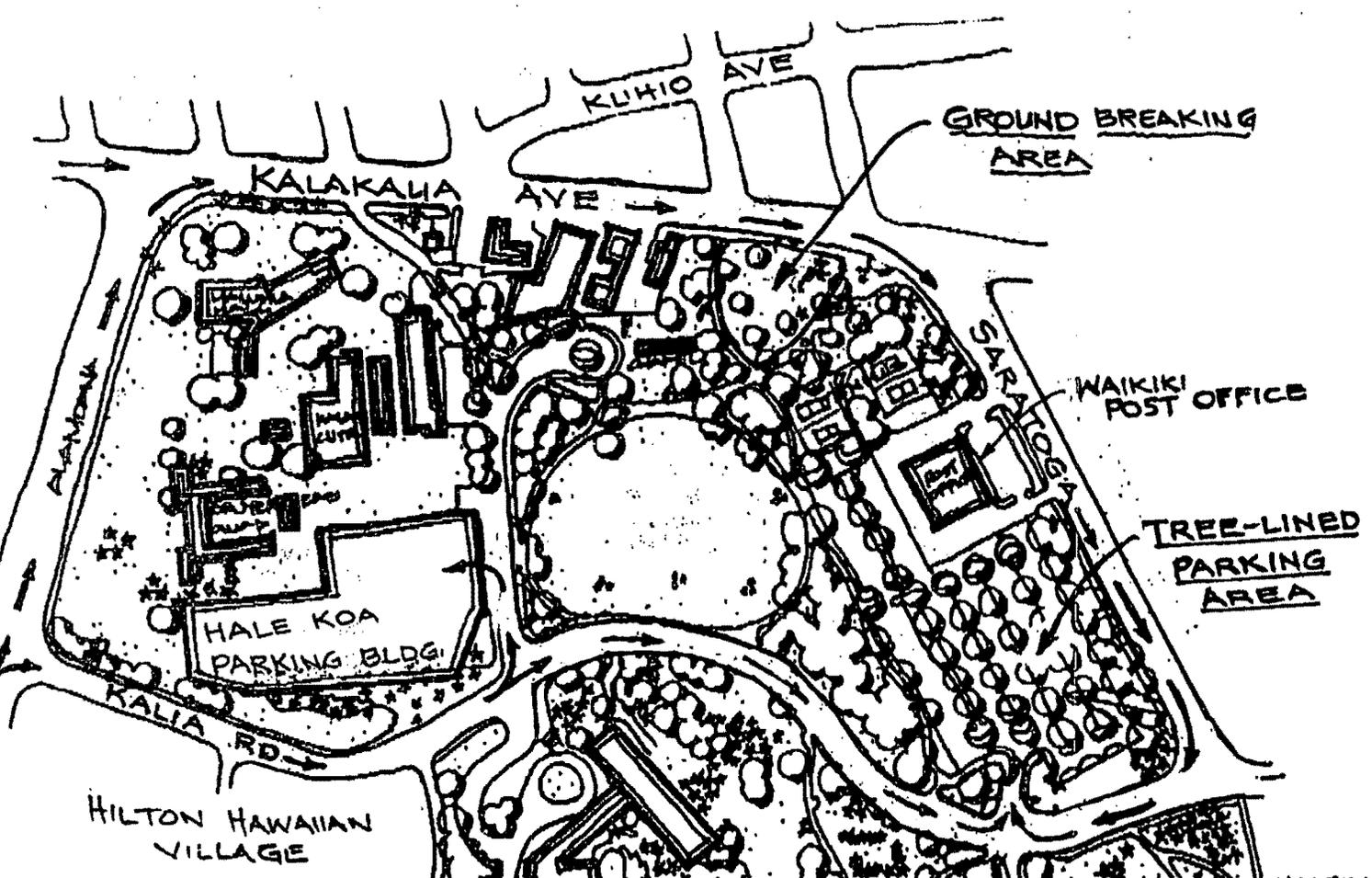
Louis "Lou" Furushiro (B)
Passed away in January 1996

Our deepest sympathies go out to all the families.

Editor's note: Hereafter, "TAPS" will list only recently deceased Club 100 members.



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**100th INFANTRY BATTALION
54th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

DATE: June 15, 1996 - Saturday
TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
PLACE: Hawaiian Regent Hotel (Hawaiian Ballroom, 3rd Floor, KUHIO TOWER)
 2552 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu
COST: \$23.00 per adult (see note below)
 \$11.50 per child 3 to 10 years of age
 children under 3, no cost
No Host Bar
Note: The mother club will subsidize \$10.00 for each paid-up member
 attending the function.
Parking: Free (be sure to bring your ticket to the luncheon for validation)

OTHER INFORMATION: Club 100 is negotiating with Hawaiian Regent Hotel for kamaaina rates for neighbor island members. More details will be published as soon as the rates are finalized.

Please complete the reservation form below and return it to the Clubhouse with your check made payable to CLUB 100. Deadline is May 17, 1996.

complete, clip and return the form below



100th Infantry Battalion
54th Anniversary Celebration
Reservation Form

Name of Club Member: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Please Print</div>	Chapter _____
Cost for member (\$13.00 if paid-up member; if not, \$23.00) _____ \$ _____	\$ _____
Name of Spouse _____	\$ _____
Name of Guest _____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

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CLUB 100 MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE.....Saturday, March 23.....8 a.m.....Lounge
 BAKER.....Saturday, March 16.....1 p.m.....Lounge
 CHARLIE.....Monday, March 18.....10 a.m.....Board Room
 DOG.....Saturday, March 16.....8 a.m.....Board Room
 HQ.....LUNCHEON.....Friday, March 15.....11:30 a.m.....China House
 HAWAII.....Thursday, March 28.....11 a.m.....AJA Vet's Hall
 MAUI.....Tuesday, March 5.....11am.....Sizzler's
 RURAL.....Friday, March 15.....11 a.m.....Jerry Yamaki's Office
 KAUAI.....

BOARD.....Friday, March 8.....10 a.m.....Boardroom
 S&D BOARD.....Friday, March 15.....7 p.m.....Boardroom
 GREEN THUMBS.....Monday, March 4.....10 a.m.....Turner Hall
 KARAOKE FUN NIGHT....Monday, March 4.....6 p.m.....Turner Hall

Collating for the April Issue will be on **Thursday, March 28, 1996**.
 Headquarters, Dog and Medics Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1996

**REMINDER: BROTHERS IN VALOR MONUMENT
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