100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB

PUKA-PUKA PARADE

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FROM THE EDITORS PUKA: **By Ray and Aki Nosaka**

Although we hate to admit it, at our "tender" age, we many times need to be reminded of various functions or special events we plan to attend. Marking the calendar is not enough--some of us even forget to look at the calendar! So, just keep this PPP handy and refer to it for the following events :

June 1 Clubhouse clean up 8 a.m Lunch will be provided.

June 15 54th Anniversary Luncheon Hawaiian Regent Hotel 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sept 29 Annual Memorial Service at Punchbowl 8:30 a.m.

Oct 13 - 18 Mini Reunion at Las Vegas. Although this is still 6 months away, over half of the airline seats have already been reserved.. See registration form in April issue of PPP, clip it out, and send it in as soon as possible to hold your reservation Next month we will print out the names of those who have already signed up.

APRIL '96 BOARD HI-LITES
by President Stanley M. Akita

The usual Executive Secretary's Report, CPA's Financial Report and the March Minutes as circulated were approved.

Since Treasurer Yukio Tanji was on a trip, the Secretary/Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Joe Muramatsu also was absent--he was entertaining his guests from Japan.

Due to Joe Muramatsu's pressing schedule, the Apartment and House Committee report was on hold until May. Bids for painting of the apartment and a separate bid for repairs to the metal railings of the apartment were to be the main subject.

The 54th Anniversary Luncheon reservation sign-up is very disappointing. In order to facilitate planning, the Committee would appreciate if you members would send in your reservations as soon as possible. Let's not disappoint our Sons and Daughters who are helping to coordinate the luncheon for their fathers, despite their very busy work schedules.

Speaking of the 54th Anniversary Luncheon, the Veterans Administration Regional Office will conduct a health screening at the hotel just before the luncheon. We will try to have them there early (10:00 a.m., if possible) so come early and take advantage of this opportunity. Then, you'll have lots of time to "chew the fat" about what happened in Italy and at the same time, listen to the Club 100 Kanikapila Gang.

The Board room chairs are being repaired. Repairs will be made a few chairs at a time.

The President thanks the Board and the members for providing a parking space for him and for future presidents. Now, it makes it very convenient. Now, he does not have to go in and out just to move the car, especially on a busy day. Thank you.

Ray Nosaka has volunteered to serve on the Brothers In Valor Monument Project Coordinating Committee representing Club 100. For those of you who are not too familiar with the project, a monument to honor the AJA units of World War II (100th, 442nd, MIS, 1399th) will be built on the corner of Saratoga and Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. It will be in a quadrant format with each unit allowed one quadrant. For your information, the 100th quadrant will be along Kalakaua.

The Club 100 By-Laws require that the neighbor island chapter presidents and the mainland president be present at a Board meeting once a year. To comply with our By-Laws, the neighbor island chapter presidents and the mainland president will be invited to be present at our June 14 Board meeting. They will then attend the 54th Anniversary Banquet the next day.

The insurance inspector checked on our clubhouse and apartment for discrepancies. He told us that the PA Room is not a safe place to keep the mower because it is air-tight and there is a high possibility that fumes may accumulate and present a hazardous situation. Therefore, it is requested that personal belongings of members be removed from the tool shed so that there will be adequate space for the mower and other club property. Any personal property not claimed by May 15 will be discarded.

The Board approved lifetime membership posthumously. In other words, the surviving widow of an eligible veteran who was not a paid-up member at the time he died may pay $50 for life membership after her husband dies. She would receive the PukaPuka Parade and all the privileges of widows of life members.

The Japanese American National Museum is looking for any artifacts you may have and want to donate to them. Don't bring it to the Clubhouse, yet. We'll notify you on the method of collection.

Al Matsumoto (A) requested the Board to allow the President to attend the mini-reunion in Las Vegas, using the President's Contingency Fund. After a lengthy discussion the Board disapproved the usage of the contingency fund for such purposes.

If you recently paid your life membership dues and was issued only a temporary card, please be a little more patient in regard to your permanent card. The person who make our permanent card wants a large quantity to make at once. So, patience, please--we haven't forgotten you.

Finally, lots of you had the opportunity to go to Bruyeres, France, and enjoyed their hospitality, friendship and food. They are now conducting a fund-raising for, among other civic projects in France, a monument dedicated to the 100th and 442nd. Most of you did not have the opportunity to reciprocate their generosity. Now is your chance--the Board appropriated $1,000 to the cause. If you desire to donate (any amount $1 and above), send a check to Club 100 and make sure to note "Bruyeres Fund" on the check. We will compile all the donations and send one check to France. Individual names will not be shown. Deadline will be May 30. Any donations received after May 30 will be returned to the donor. This is a good chance to show how much you appreciated their hospitality.

JAPAN'97 NEWS

We met with JTB representatives on April 12. JTB was told that we now have over 225 interested. We expect only about 50 percent to actually make the trip. On that basis of at least 100+ people taking the trip, JTB was told that the original estimate of about $3850 (based on 100 yen to a dollar) was a little high and we requested them to look into it to lower the cost. That is one option. The other is maybe a more leisurely trip to start from Osaka back towards and end in Tokyo (12± days). You may have a choice as to which trip you'd want to take. Nothing is concrete yet. Just letting you interested ones know that we are trying different modes. We should get some answers by the first of May. We'll definitely keep in touch with you. So until then, relax--sit back and enjoy life.

"LOOKING LIKE THE ENEMY"

The Japanese American National Museum will be screening their excellent video, "Looking Like the Enemy" on Friday, May 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Kapiolani Community College, Ohi'a Cafeteria Please come early to get a seat

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Drusilla Tanaka

By the time you read this, I will have completed the computer courses which were approved by the Board of Directors. It has been very exciting learning all the wonderful things that our computer can do. From talking to friends who use the same programs, the Club got a real bargain--more than their money's worth from the training I received.

If you ordered a miniature CIB pin, please come to the Clubhouse to pick it up. Please call the office first.

Donations received by Club 100:

- $500 from Hidenobu Hiyane, in memory of his brother, Shigeo Hiyane (Hq)
- $50 from Mark Hashimoto (Mainland), in memory of his first platoon sergeant, Charley Miyabe Included with this donation was a beautiful note: "Enclosed is my donation of $50 to the 100th Club in memory of Charley Miyabe, who was my first squad leader when I was sent as one of the 1st replacements to the 100th...Needless to say, we in the states look forward to the monthly news of the Puka Puka Parade. You in Hawaii are near and dear to our hearts. Always Aloha,/s/ Mark Hashimoto."

PukaPuka Parade Donations:

- $20 from Mitsuru and Ellen Kunihiro
- Correction to April's report: $25 from Hideo Nakamine

Welcome to new Life Members:

- Larry Shigeyasu (B)
- Toshio Inouye (B) (posthumous)
- George M. Kurisu (A-Mainland)

***Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu* to the following Clubhouse Volunteers:**

- Tatsuki Yoshida (member of 1399th Veterans Club) and President Stanley M. Akita for the hanger for the battalion battle streamers
- Stanley M. Tanaka for painting over the graffiti on the apartment building wall and for other help
- Alvin Yoshitomi, Guy Koga, (both of 442nd Sons and Daughters) and Stanley Tanaka for repairing the movie screen in Turner Hall.
- Gary Saito, son of the late Yoshio and Betsy Saito (A), who donated four rolls of film and took photographs for Club 100 at the March 11 Groundbreaking ceremony.

54th Anniversary Banquet - Saturday, June 15, Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Kuhio Tower Ballroom - doors open at 10 a.m. - parking is free with validation - use the reservation form in the APRIL issue of the PPP. Deadline is May 17.

The Banquet Committee has a full program lined up for Saturday, June 15! The hotel will be serving a few items from the lunch buffet as **pupu** during the cocktail hour beginning at 10 a.m. There is NO CHARGE for the beer and fruit punch. The Veterans Administration will be providing a free health screening for veterans and wives/widows. There will be educational displays, souvenir sales by the Sons and Daughters, and entertainment by the Kanikapila Gang. The Sons and Daughters Oral History Committee will show a tape of their work. Decorations are being coordinated by Evelyn Oshiro with flowers donated by the Green Thumb Club. Our keynote speaker will be The Rev. David Turner, Chaplain of Punahou School, son of Bert and Vonnie Turner, and grandson of our "Old Man" Col. Farrant L. Turner. Neighbor Island and LA Chapter Presidents will be there. Hope to see **you** there, too.

Correction to the April Issue: Please add Kaneichi Morimoto to the list of donors to the Brothers In Valor Monument Fund. Recent donors, we will list your names in a future issue of the PPP. Contributions are still being accepted. Make your check payable to "442 Monument Fund," and mail it in to Club 100, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu HI 96826. All donors will be listed on a scroll which will be sealed in the time capsule when the monument is dedicated next year. I

MAHALO NUI LOA to the following PPP volunteers for collating on March 28:
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DOG CHAPTER NEWS **By Helen Nikaido**

During the spring break, Ruth Watanabe and her granddaughter Brooks visited her son and family on Kauai.. She said she had a nice time and it was very relaxing, but she couldn't walk as fast as she wanted to. Don't worry, Ruth, you'll be allright by the time we go to Japan in October. This trip to Kauai was sort of a dry run to test her endurance.

Rhoda Kawamata and Sue Kondo were off to Japan on a two week trip. Helene Matsunaga was in town for her son Matt's fund raising recently. In April, Ken and Florence Mitsunaga will be going on a three week trip to Seattle, California and Reno with Ken's cousin who lives in Seattle. They'll be driving so it will be a leisurely trip. Florence, when in Reno, we hope you have better luck than in Las Vegas. Florence, I heard that you came down with shingles--hope it clears by the time you leave on your trip. Please take care.

Mitsuko Kurisu (George) and her sister will be in Seattle and Las Vegas in April.

Nowadays, more and more members are using THE BUS. One day as I was sitting on the bus this fellow stood by me and started to lean on me. I moved but he kept leaning so I thought this "su-ke-be" jerk and was ready to give him the "stink eye". When I looked up. there was Doggie "Jits" Yoshida laughing away. So, better look at who's boarding the bus because you'll never know who you'll bump into.. I met Mr. and Mrs. Nishida (A) on the bus too.

Don't forget to turn in your registration form for the Dog Co. reunion. For the Saturday activities, if you signed up to go to the Waikele Center or Pearl Ridge Shopping Ctr. you might want to have lunch at the Eastern Garden for dim sum.

Easter Sunday's Cal State Sacramento/University of Hawaii baseball game was an exciting one. In the eighth inning, the game was tied at 8-8. In came relief pitcher, Troy Yoshimasu, and Cal St didn't have a chance to score. With Neal Honma's double, UH won the game. Well done, Troy, you did it again.

Next meeting for "Biffa's" 1996 One Puka Puka Autumn tour will be on June 5, 1996, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS **By Tom Nagata**

(The Editors would like to apologize for the typo errors which appeared on the last issue, and would like to reprint the following information)

"A new policy of inviting our widows of active members free of charge to all social functions and meetings was voted in favor of the change. Also, koden rates for widows in line with the Honolulu rates were also voted in favor of the change. A new form for koden reporting to Honolulu was received recently from our Honolulu office."

Maui Chapter president, Jack Gushiken, presided over our initial meetings fifty years ago when the returning veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion met to form this club. Since then he has served as Chapter president in 1960 and 1987. He retired from the Maui County Police Department with the rank of Inspector, third highest rank in the chain of command at that time. The Maui County Police Commission waived the height and weight requirement for Jack due to their urgent need for his services as a court reporter. When an opening occurred later in the records section, he transferred, and worked his way up to the rank of Captain, and finally, Inspector. He was also instrumental in getting the Maui County Fair shave ice concession for Maui Chapter, which was a major fund raiser for us.

Edward Nishihara is our efficient, long time Chapter secretary. He was Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) of D Company, 100th Inf Bn during the Italian and French campaigns. He gained the undying gratitude of the men when he was able to get "rice" from the civilian merchants with his skill in bartering surplus foods from the kitchen supplies. He retired from the Maui County Fire Department with the rank of Captain.

Wataru Kaneshina has generously stored free of charge Maui Chapter's four large Memorial koa picture frames and stands in his warehouse for many years. The frames contain Army and civilian pictures of our KIA and members that had passed away since the end of the war. The pictures are displayed during our annual Memorial Service in September. Wataru has ordered another set of picture frames and stands. Do you have a good army picture of yourself? Someday, those pictures may end up in a museum for future generations to see. Wataru is a retired Foreman of Carpenters, Maui County Buildings.

There will be a Mother's Day dinner in May with Fred Yamashige in charge.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME A NEW REPORTER FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS. JUNE KURISU, WIFE OF GEORGE M. (A) HAS KINDLY CONSENTED (probably with a little arm twisting) TO TAKE OVER FOR AL TAKAHASHI. THANK YOU, JUNE.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS: **By June Kurisu**

The reason that the 100th has a new columnist (just temporarily, I hope) is because Al Takahashi implored me to take on the task so that he could devote more time to finish building his airplane before, as he says, "he buys the farm". Al was a pilot prior to WWII; he wanted to fly in the air force, but was turned down. He ended up with the 100th, instead, to help win the war.

Everyone agrees that Al wrote such interesting news that his will be an impossible act to follow. Eyes will be open to find a 100th vet to take over; but in the meantime, 100th wives, Fumi Sakato, Elma Takahashi, Jean Tagami, and anyone else will be counted on to pass on the news.

Unless there is a very strong objection, I won't list names of attendees at large occasions, but I will try to name individuals for noteworthy service. For example, the 100th filled three tables at the Association Installation Luncheon.

Ben Tagami is working hard to finalize the plans for the Mini Reunion which will be held at the Gold Coast Hotel/Casino on October 14 - 18, 1996 in Las Vegas.

Our deepest sympathy to their families on the passing of the following four 100th members: Roy Asano, Ben Honda, Louis Furushiro and Tom Kasai.

Tom Kasai will be remembered for his unfailing good cheer and concern for everyone in the 100th. He faithfully attended the 100th Club meetings even when his health continued to fail. He served in the army from 1941-45, rose to the rank of sergeant-major and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth, a son, two daughters and five grandchildren.

On February 10, we had a very nice Valentine's dinner honoring all of us sweethearts, most nearing or passing our golden wedding anniversaries. It was held at the Golden Pheasant in Torrance. As usual Allen Dong was in charge of the arrangements and menu that 52 of us consumed with much gusto. The Valentine candy on each plate was a nice touch, and the decorated cake was ono. Hank and Elsie Hayashi brought boxes of large camellias for each sweetheart to take home. John and Dorothy Matsumoto were guests. John, as those of you who attended the Association installation dinner know, joined the Air Force before WWII, He was an aerial bombardier stationed in Italy in better accommodations that the 442/100 foot soldiers were. Prez Sam and Teri's daughter Eva, and her fiance Norman Noda, were also guests. It was good to see Sue Hashimoto again. You all remember that her late husband Tad was the 100th's faithful, very competent scribe for many years.

There was a good turn out of 100th members for the semi-annual clean-up of the Memorial Hall on March 23. Ben Tagami, A Company cook in Italy, cooked an Irish menu of corned beef and cabbage as well as rice that was enjoyed by all the no -Irish cleaners.

We're all very glad to hear that Buddy Mamiya has recuperated to the place that he was able to attend the last Foundation Association meeting. Gambare, Buddy.

We are blessed that there are many hard workers in the 100th who all deserve many pats on the back (gentle ones, because of their advancing ages), but one that I would like to call attention to in this issue is Allen Dong. He is, as you can tell by his surname, not a Buddha Head, but he is a dues-paying honorary member who is very much revered and appreciated by all of the Club 100 members. He plans and makes arrangements for all the dinners and banquets in town and Las Vegas. We have the best China-meshi dinners with very special dishes that never fail to please our palates and add inches to our "pon-pons", all due to the fact that Allen has the inside track with the restaurant owners. Allen is also chief cook at the Memorial Hall dinners where the menus are just as good as many restaurants--more better, in fact, than a lot. Allen's daughter Beverly and her husband Carlos Picazo are also honorary and very active members who pitch right in and do what's necessary. The two-year diaries that were in our registration packets at the last 100th Mini Reunion in Las Vegas were given to us with the compliments of the Dong Family. I really can't say enough good things about Allen, For the last 20 years he has been the Commander of the American Legion Perry Post, composed of all Japanese except for Allen. Banzai for Allen!

THE EDITORS WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE PEOPLE HERE IN HAWAII ALSO ARE AWARE OF ALLEN'S SELF GIVING WAYS AND GENEROSITY. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOU, ALLEN!!

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS **By Bernard Akamine**

Heard that Taro Suzuki is doing quite well at 92. The Sons and Daughters did an oral history of him earlier this month, and my daughter was the interviewer. She said he is still driving and keeps himself busy with his plants and koi pond. He spent a lot of time during the pre-interview at his home in Nuuanu, giving her a tour of his spacious grounds, lots of fruit trees and flowers. After the videotaping, he gave her a tour of his green-house (part of which was built by Yukio Yokota) and sent her away with beautiful cattleya blossoms, saying, "Drop by anytime." Drusilla said he has lots of stories to tell. She gives him credit for proving to the military higher-ups in 1940 that AJAs were capable of excellent leadership, both militarily and socially. She said his memory is way better than hers, much to her embarrassment! Taro, we all hope to see you at a Club function one of these days!

The mystery continues...the string on the ankles that is. On December 9, 1995, right after our Baker Chapter Christmas party, I tied strings on my ankles. I've had them on ever since. Then, on the night of March 19, I got up in the middle of the night with a strange sensation in the arch area of my left foot--it feit like a cramp of my foot was coming on--something I have never experienced before. I figured on experimenting, so I replaced the strings with new ones and *voila* the funny kind feeling gone.

Time is measured by the rotation of one solar system. But, if you are in space and not here on earth, how will your age be determined? Female astronaut Shannon Lucid is spending five months in the Russian space station Mir. Ladies, that's one way of beating the old-age problem.

I received several messages about the reprint in last month's PPP. So, here is another one which appeared in the March-April 1980 PPP, written by Yasuo Takata and Raymond Nosaka, entitled, "The Secret Mission of the Third Platoon, Baker Company." Due to the length of the article, Part II will be in the June PPP.

INTRIGUE! SUSPENSE!

So it was on a cold winter morning when 25 bewildered men of the 100th Infantry bade farewell to their comrades at Camp McCoy. This is the story as written by Yasuo Takata with additional remarks by Ray Nosaka.

On November 3, 1942, Major James Lovell, Lt. Rocco Marzano and Lt. Ernest Tanaka, with 24 members of the 3rd Platoon Baker Company (Robert Goshima, Masao Hatanaka (KIA), Noboru Hirasuna, Tadao Hodai, Masami Iwashita, Fred Kanemura, John Kihara, Tokuichi Koizumi, James Komatsu (KIA), Katsumi Maeda, Koyei Matsumoto, Toshio Mizusawa, Taneyoshi Nakano, Ray Nosaka, Seisho Okuma, Tokuji Ono, Robert Takashige, Seiji Tanigawa, Billy Takaezu, Takeshi Tanaka, Patrick Tokushima (KIA), Yasuo Takata, Mac Yazawa, Yukio Yokota, plus Herbert Ishii of Hq. Co. left for a destination unknown. We were secretly loaded into a transport plane. After we were airborne for several hours, we knew we were heading south following the Mississippi River.

Finally, we landed somewhere down at the end of the "Big River." Nobody was allowed out. Big Army trucks, completely covered, backed up right to the door of the plane and we jumped off into the trucks with our barracks bags. We saw no one, except the driver. As we drove off, no one could be seen, the airport seemed abandoned. We ended up on a pier where a boat was awaiting us. Nary a person did we see except the boat Captain and his two crewmen. As we left the pier, we could see the people coming out of the warehouses onto the pier. We were asking each other, "Why all the secrecy?" Nobody knew. Even Major Lovell would not tell us when we questioned him. He smiled and told us that we would enjoy the place we were going to and that it will remind us of home. Too, we were wondering why we had to answer the numerous pages of questions about our lives before embarking on this mission. After a smooth overnight journey on the boat, we finally arrived at Ship Island, about 20 miles off Gulfport, a small flat island about 2 miles wide and 10 miles long with a nice sandy beach and fish galore. At first glimpse, we thought we were going to settle in old Ft. Massachusetts. No, we pitched in and

cleaned out a barracks type building next to the Fort. This was to be our home for the next four months. At last our secret mission was revealed. We were to help train "dogs!" For most of us, the next four months were spent with dogs - Bouviers, Shepherds, Labradors, Retrievers, Russian Wolfhounds, Pointers, Collies, Bloodhounds, Boxers, Irish Setters, Airdales, and Great Danes. These were to be trained to become scout, messenger, trailer, sentry, suicide, and attack dogs. After several days of goofing off, exploring the island and fishing, boating, swimming, the same boat came back early one morning to take us to Cat Island where the dogs were kept. This island was different from ours which was bare compared to the dense foliage we found here. It was sort of a jungle. The main growth being palmetto and swamp infested with mosquitoes and alligators.

There we met the chief trainer, who was a rather old man of Swiss descent who spoke with a distinct foreign accent. There, most of us started out by training scout dogs. Five of us went to the mainland to train sentry type attack dogs. In the beginning, training scout dogs was fun. All we had to do was to hide ourselves in the jungle with a jar of horse meat. Each dog trainer then sent his dog out to find us. When the dog spotted us, the trainer would fire a shot and we would drop dead with a piece of meat held in our hands in front of our necks. The dog would eat the meat and lick our faces. I don't know whether the dogs smelled the meat or our "Jap blood." When the dogs became too friendly, we used our whips, slingshots, and rocks to chase the dogs away, so that they would not come too close. Some of the dogs were beautiful, such as the red Irish Setters and the Collies. This training continued each day as long as the boat came to get us. When the weather was a little rough, the boat wouldn't show up. So, the Brass decided to get their own boat. How they selected the captain from the Cat Island dog trainers was to pick the dirtiest guy in the bunch. Man, did he stink, and his clothes looked like they'd never been washed. As far as seamanship, he must have rowed a boat around a small lake, But, we had the best able-bodies seaman, for our Billy Takaezu became the one and only AB seaman in the 100th Infantry Battalion. The first trip we took on our (Ship Island) boat wasn't too bad. Our dog trainer captain put the boat on the reef several times, but we were able to get off. For a while, though, we were wondering if we would have to swim to Cat Island. We finally got there.

On our second trip, it was fine going to Cat Island, because we had a Coast Guard pilot with us. But, on the way back to Ship Island, the engine conked out on us and we were stranded in the Gulf of Mexico. Instead of drifting in, we were drifting out and it was getting dark. Since we had no radio, Billy, our AB seaman, climbed the mast to burn his red flares. We must have started a submarine alert! Pretty soon, we had one Coast Guard picket boat standing along side. We asked for a tow. No dice, they claimed that they were on "Alert," therefore, radio silence, and all they could do was standby. Meanwhile, everybody was getting seasick. The 2nd picket boat appeared, then another, and another. We were surround by picket boats, but nobody would give us a tow. Talk about Army snafu, I think the Coast Guard was worse. About an hour later, the "All Clear" signal was given and we were towed to Ship Island, by that time most of the gang were so seasick, we were just throwing up. That was the end of our special dog trainer's boat, the Q38. The old boat, the J-79, with civilian Captain, came irregularly with supplies. During the days it didn't come, the Coast Guard picket boats took us to Cat Island.

One day, when our supply boat came, we had a 60-70 mile gale blowing, and the civilian Captain refused to dock at our pier. He made motions for us to meet him on the other side of the Island. So, we carried one of our row boats to the other side. In the strong icy wind the boat with the Colonel on board waited about 50-60 yards off shore. James Komatsu rowed one of the boys to the boat successfully, but when he tried to row back, he could not make headway against the stormy wind. Everytime he raised his oars to take a new dip, the winds blew him back. We waited on shore with the wind blowing the stinging sand into us. Komatsu kept struggling, but he was being blown farther away from the boat and the shore. First, we waved to the boat's Captain to go and get him, but he made no move. Finally, Taneyoshi Nakano, who couldn't stand watching Komatsu drift away, stripped his clothes and dove into the cold water and swam about 100 years to Komatsu, climbed in, and helped him row back to shore. Since Nakano had no clothes except his BVD's, he was shivering so badly and turning blue, we rushed him to a hot shower. For this bravery, Nakano received the Soldier's Medal for heroism. Time was running short, so finally, most of us were transferred to Cat Island to pollute the Island where the dogs were, with the smell of "Jap" blood. Later results showed that this did not make any difference. There, we still trained with the scout dogs for several days, by going to the training area with a barge driven by an out-board motor. Since the boys were grumbling about wading into the

water, one day, Yasuo Takata made a driving run for the shore on full power and broke the shear pin of the propeller. That was the end of scout dog training for most of us. Only Pat Tokushima, Masao Hatanaka and Koyei Matsumoto were kept.

We then started training with attack dogs and bloodhounds as trailers. Some of us - Tadao Hodai, Yukio Yokota, Tane Nakano, Bob Takashige, Ray Nosaka, Toshi Mizusawa had been sent to Gulfport to train attack dogs under Sgt. Pierce. On Cat Island, we were farmed out to the different types of dogs. Attack dog: The German Shepherds - Komatsu and Takeshi Tanaka who was the official attack suit armorer later joined them. The Labradors and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers - Hirasuna and Kihara. The Russian Wolfhounds - Toshio Mizusawa and Robert Goshima. The Bouviers, Seiji Tanigawa and Takata. The Airdales - Fred Kanemura and Seisho Okuma. Koizumi was the number one attack suit patcher. The trailers: The Bloodhounds - Katsumi Maeda and Ray Nosaka. This left three of us on Ship Island. The caretakers were: Lt. Ernest Tanaka, Chief letter censor; Herbert Ishii, chief cook and Mac Yazawa, assistant cook.

For German Shepherds, Labradors and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, we were live targets. While for the Russian Wolfhounds, dummies dressed in Japanese uniforms were used. To train attack dogs to hate us, we began by beating one dog at a time chained to a tree, with a knotted burlap bag. Can you imagine the dog growling, snarling, and springing at you everytime you hit him with a burlap bag! It didn't take too long before the dogs were growling, and pulling on their chains when they saw us coming. Going through this process we had no protection except our fatigue clothes.

In the next process, the dogs learned to bite the knotted burlap bags. This time we used a helmet with a neck guard, face mask, and hockey gloves. We held the knotted burlap in front of our neck, then at the trainer's command of "Kill, kill," the dog would rush at us for the knotted burlap at our neck. The dog would bite it and try to rip it away. There was one dog among the Bouviers who was very bright but tame (Dingo). I would hold the bag above my head and he would jump for it. But we had to watch for the wild ones, they were sneaky. Instead of going for you, they came for your legs. You had to punch them or kick them away. It was like sparring, only you had a dog on the other side.

They then trained the "arm" dogs next. This time we also wore the top half of a heavily padded attack suit. The burlap bag was looped from our right wrist and the dogs were trained to attack the right arm. When both dogs were ready, they learned to attack together. Since we were being attacked by two dogs, we wore a full attack suit. Although we did not receive any bites, we felt the bite through our suit. It was like a pliers pinch. With Bouviers, the trainer had a long chain, to which he chained the necks of 9 dogs, and we had to go down the line before training with burlap bags, whacking the dogs. As you came to the first dog, you had the whole pack straining at their chains to get at you. This was the worst part of the training. You get scared because you have only your fatigues on and 9 dogs roaring to jump on you to tear you apart! Sometimes, we wondered, "What if the long chain should break?" Thank God, it never did happen. The dogs were just beginning to get the feel of it when the training was stopped.

An Army inspection team came when we had only one day of training with the dogs to attack in packs, with the assistance of a scout dog to spot us. The Wolfhounds were trained to slash at the throat, however, since they were big dogs, dummies were used. Mizusawa and Goshima set up the dummies with a piece of meat tied to the neck about 70 yards away. At the command: "Kill!" the dogs raced for the dummies and slashed the meat away from the necks of the dummies. Nosaka and Maeda started training Bloodhounds by dragging a piece of meat all over the Island. They knew every nook and corner of the Island. The Bloodhounds were intelligent because by the end of our training, they were able to trail them without the meat, anywhere they went. Sometimes, they tried to fool the dogs by going through water, but the dogs were able to pick up their scent when they came back on land.

Although we were not used with them, other dogs were trained to become messenger dogs, and suicide dogs. The Boxers were used mainly as Suicide dogs. Dummy explosives were tied to the neck of the dogs and they were trained to enter dugout or a foxhole. The explosives were then detonated by radio.

We had better than bankers' hours during those dog training days. For those who did not want to eat breakfast, they could get up at 9:00 a.m. Then go out and train with the dogs for 1-1/2 hours and come back for lunch. In the afternoon, we trained with the dogs at 1:00 p.m. for about 2 hours and quit for the day. The gang was getting fat, what with all the eating they did and the beer they drank. When we came back to Camp Shelby, we were in no condition for infantry training.

The Cat Island was supposedly stocked with beer for 3 months, but the supply ran out in 3 weeks. Incidentally, the reason why so much beer was being consumed was that the drinking water was brackish, sulfur taste and smelled like rotten eggs.

Even when we took a shower, the soap wouldn't even raise a bubble. Lt. Marzano was the supply officer. He managed to get us enough for the rest of the training period. Another thing was the coal for the boiler. Guess the Army didn't figure that we buddaheads took a bath every night, so the coal supply ran out also. The CO, a southerner, informed us that since we had used up the coal, we had to furnish a wood detail. We scrounged the island for dry wood and logs. We learned to turn over a log before we picked it up, because sometimes you found coral snake under it. They were about a foot to two feet in length with beautiful colors. We Hawaiians have a natural aversion to snakes, so no one got bitten. We were told that the coral snake had a deadly poison. We also carried buckets when we went to our training grounds, to pick up pine cones for our pot-belly stoves to heat up our tents at night.

Alas, the training was coming to an end. According to the Scout Dog baits, their dogs could search them out anywhere, even in the trees. The Bloodhounds had the Japanese scent down pat and could trail Nosaka and Maeda anywhere. The attack dogs were just beginning to understand their mission to kill when the head trainer, the old Swiss, was asked to leave the Islands after the "Big Shots" from Washington inspected our program. They chose to continue the program under Sgt. Pierce for another month with 10 of our boys. Sgt. Pierce was a sentry dog trainer of many years, and brought his own trained dogs with him. We felt sorry for the Old Swiss because he had some good trainers while others had experiences only with a pet dog at home. The dogs also were untrained and had to be taught from scratch. Although he had the best dog "baits," it did not help much.

At the end of the extended dog training period, the 10 men returned to the outfit at Camp Shelby where Yokota and Hodai received the Legion of Merit for courageously fighting dogs under Sgt. Pierce's supervision. The high command finally concluded that the Buddaheads from Hawaii did not secrete a peculiar odor of their natural ancestors. They forgot to feed us "chazuke, koko, and takuwan!" (to be continued in June PPP)

Hope the following "poem" will put a smile on your face!

The sexual desires of a camel are greater than anyone thinks
At the height of its passion it's known to even take on the Sphinx.
Now, the exterior orifice of the Sphinx is plugged with the sands of the Nile
Which accounts for the hump on the camel and the Sphinx's inscrutable smile.

The following letter makes writing in the PPP worthwhile: "April 4, 1996/Dear Bernard, George and I have just finished reading your column in the April issue of Puka Puka Parade, and we want to thank you for reprinting the article on our brother-in-law, Stanley Nakamoto. We weren't receiving copies of the PPP in '82, and when we see Stan, we have many other things to talk about, so we never heard much about his exploits in Italy other than to know that he has a very strong camaraderie with those men he served with in Italy. Stan has been a good brother-in-law to us and uncle to our sons so it's good to read about his achievements over 50 years ago and more recently. Mahalo. /s/ June (Mrs. George M. Kurisu-A Co.)"

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS **By Ken Suehiro**

Own own Seisaburo Taba, "Dean's list" student at UH, has won the honors of having his painting displayed at the "All College Art Show" at the AmFac Plaza. The show, 10-19 April, is a competitive "juried" display of the best! His monotype print is entitled "Ecology".

HQ golfers, Aki Akimoto, Art Tamashiro, Marshall Higa, Wilfred Fujishige, Tom Nosse, Ed Ikuma and Richard Hamada, recently went to Kauai, and though they didn't win a trophy, enjoyed the beautiful course, fellowship and exercise! Mike Takahashi, an avid member of the golf team, is suffering from a "pinched nerve" and has had to "take it easy -no golf" for awhile.

Since there's no news to report, let me share with you my experiences of the past two weeks. Heart surgeon, Dr. Dean Nakamura, performed open-heart surgery on me (four by-passes) on Kuhio Day. Many of you have undergone this operation and I'm wondering if you, too, have experienced the fear and disorientation? The PAIN is a given, and controlled in large measure by the "pain pills" (which my nurses, Earl/Carol insist caused me to be more disoriented?. After 80 years of being self-sufficient, it's disturbing to be so helpless and dependent on others for everything. You wake up in a blur of pain with tubes sticking out of every orifice and if they're not "sticking something in" they're "taking something out"! I am very fortunate to have had excellent medical care at Kuakini and that of Drs Nakamura and Fukuyama.

Never did I think I would be "holding hands" with another man, but that I did, toddling and leaning on Earl four times a day down the corridors of the hospital!! The first time out (w/o a catheter) I was embarrassed to have to make a "pit stop" in the broom closet - "auwe"!! You learn though, that you don't die of embarrassment, the pain can be borne and although I grumble, I realize that I have so much to be thankful for, and how very blessed I am in my family and friends. Like a child, they helped me walk, and with unconditional love, patience they've cared for me--what more can a man ask? Earl has a wonderful, face-saving philosophy: when there's an embarrassing moment, a major "screw-up" - he smiles and laughs about it and gently reminds me that I'm 80 years old, "just take your time; remember to hold the railing and lean forward when walking up stairs; and don't fret about what you cannot change!"

If you've had experiences or difficulties that you've had to face, share them with us. Many have had to deal with similar embarrassments; incontinence, the realization that you're not strong enough to lift that 25# bag of rice; that you've forgotten what happened yesterday, or what you did last week--when "shared" its not so depressing and frightening. You are not alone!

ADDITIONAL HEADQUARTERS NEWS :

Ken Suehiro celebrated his 80th birthday several months ago, but felt lethargic and fatigued in getting around since then. His doctor advised Ken of the multiple blockage of the arteries supplying blood to his heart which ended up with a recent quadruple by-pass at Kuakini Medical Center. The by-pass operation was a complete success and Ken is now taking it easy for a couple of weeks at home where he receives good care from his daughters Carol and Faye and their families. Ken is also taking time out from his diving and fishing with his son-in-law, Earl, and counting the days before he can resume his visits to Las Vegas. He personally delivered the above message to the Clubhouse on April 12, way ahead of the deadline for the PPP!

The officers of HQ Chapter are at a loss when it comes to encouraging more participation of chapter members, spouses, children, and grandchildren in their family get-togethers. Because of the hazards of night driving, all chapter activities have been changed to day-light hours...If anyone has ideas of how to improve general participation of our chapter functions, please inform your respective telephone team captains. They, in turn, will inform the chapter officers to react accordingly...The next get-together is scheduled for September 1, 1996. Mark this information on the calendar. Definite information will follow in the ensuing PPP.

No other reports have been received from HQ members regarding illnesses or mishaps. Keep the telephone captains informed so that will let the membership be advised.

The next regular HQ Chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Lunch will be served. Please attend...Bring along a friend who has not been to our meetings for a while.

Reminders:

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 May PPP issue. 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: Clubhouse - 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 a.m.
December (?)	Chapter Christmas Party. Date and time to be announced. Clubhouse. Wally Teruya, Chairman, assisted by the following: Charles Miyashiro, Arthur Tamashiro, Dan Uchida and Randy Ikawa.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS **By Jimmy Maeda**

Monday, April 15, was not only the day the 1995 income tax return was due, but the day this writer returned home to Hilo from the land of Cherry Blossoms. The 15 days trip was an enjoyable one with beautiful cherry blossoms all over Japan. The primary purpose of this trip was to participate in the Hiroshima South Rotary Club's 40th anniversary celebration.

After Hiroshima's celebration, my sister, Kimie Fujioka , from Honolulu, and I went down to Kumamoto to visit our ancestral graves. It was the first trip to Japan for my sister. After Kumamoto, we visited Kyoto and Tokyo. The statement by people in Japan, "the weather this year is unusually cold for the month of April". We had some heavy snow in Kyoto and also on tour of the Japan sea side at Izumo Taisha Shrine. The cherry blossoms were very beautiful where we visited. Mr. Suemasa Aikow, general manager of Shiva Park Hotel in Tokyo, sends his warm regards to Biffa Moriguchi.

Upon my return from Japan, I learned that George T. Inouye (Hawaii Chapter and Co. A) died on April 10 due to a bout with cancer. George was active in veterans activities. He was past president of Hawaii Chapter, Club 100; AJA Veterans Council; Commander DAV Chapter #6, and Past Department Commander of the DAV State of Hawaii. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, April 14 with members of Club 100 and DAV #6 as honor guards.

Our prayers of condolence to wife Mitsue "Mitsi" Inouye, sons Terry, Newton and Eric, and to daughter Colleen Iwata and to other members of the family.

This writer will try to have a reflection written on George in the next issue of the Parade. George and I were drafted together on June 28, 1941 as members of the third draft. We both served with Co. E & Co. A. George got wounded twice receiving the purple heart with cluster.

RURAL CHAPTER NEWS **By Susumu Ota**

On April 13, Ted Hamasu called to inform me that our chapter member, Robert Furuta was recuperating at home after spending some time in the hospital. Subsequently, I visited Robert and had a chat with him at his home. He is doing much better but still uses oxygen supplement. He was happy that I visited him and asked me to express his appreciation to the members.

Ted asked me to write about our recent trip to Arlington, Virginia, since he did not have much to report. Hope I don't bore you to sleep.

Margaret and I visited our daughter, Chris and son-in-law Dean and their twin daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly, last November during the Thanksgiving holiday (2 weeks). It was a spur of the moment trip. It snowed while we were here. We visited the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History one day to see the special showing of Kimonos (over 40 of them) by Ichiko Kubota. Watching the video on how the design and prints were made, I couldn't believe how anyone could do such painstaking work for so many hours at a time and for so many years. They were beautiful.

On our most recent trip (March 27-April 10th), to Arlington, it snowed the day after we got there and the day before we left D.C. The weather was much colder this spring and wet too. However, we did have a few very nice days. Met our daughter Carole (from Honolulu) and had dinner at Pentagon City, a four level shopping mall. Carole was chaperoning about 37 Maryknoll School students and parents. There are so many beautiful shopping malls in the area and Margaret, like most all women, enjoys shopping. Last spring she bought a few special on sale dresses for under two dollars.

On April 1st, we drove up north to a rural town in Pennsylvania called Brandywine Valley. It is about 35 miles southwest of Philadelphia. Stayed at a nice hotel for two nights. Our granddaughters were very disappointed when they were told that the heated pool was closed for repairs. The highlight of this three hours long drive was to see the Longwood Gardens (Park). It was the country home of Pierre S. duPont, the founder of the DuPont Chemical Company. The gardens cover over 350 acres with over 11,000 different kinds of plants. Unfortunately, the main (center) part of the Conservatory was closed for renovations, but there was lots to see. We saw some of the flowers for the first time. Even the orchid section was beautiful. We saw red camellias 5 to 6 inches across. Beautiful hibiscus, huge bananas, lemons, etc. Because of the long cold winter this year, the outdoor gardens were not ready, but we could see the buds on the trees. Different groups of flowers bloom at different times of the year. In the fall, the foliage changes color. The large outdoor pond is arranged with 380 fountain heads that shoots 130 feet into the air with colored lights at night.

While in Brandywine, we toured a small mushroom museum. It was very interesting to see mushrooms growing in trays and to learn about how the soil is prepared, etc. They are growing large Shitake too.

One evening we went to a very old but nice restaurant and as we were about to leave, the manager reminded us to "drive carefully, watch-out for the deer and cougar too" I saw the "watch for deer" signs along the highways, but the lady said there have been sightings of cougars also in the area.

We were back in D.C. area on April 4th at the peak of the cherry blossom season. As always, the flowers were gorgeous. Again, because of the long winter weather, we missed the dogwoods, crabapples, tulips, azaleas, kwanzan (double) cherry blossoms. We saw the new elaborate Korean War Veterans Monument near the Vietnam Memorial. It is totally different from other monuments. After several years, the ugly scaffoldings around and in the Jefferson Memorial are gone.

Naturally, we enjoyed playing with the twins and the times with Chris and Dean. Whenever we visit them, Chris and Dean seem to pamper us and their neighbors are all so nice,

Chris, Dean and the twins will be in Hawaii on their annual visit, so we are planning on spending a few days on the island of Maui. We will be joined by our other children and grandchildren living in Hawaii.

See you at the Rural Chapter meeting in May and don't forget Clubhouse clean-up day on June 1st.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS **By Warren Iwai**

Meeting: It was good to see our old buddy Kaoru Yonezawa attending our meeting again. Kaoru survived a major surgery - the scar on his mid-section must be at least 12 inches long. He is back with us and that's the main thing. Kaoru also celebrates his 80th birthday on May 2nd. Congratulations, Kaoru kun!

The members decided that the week end of July 19--21/96 would be a good time for a reunion with the Maui Chapter boys. Keeping sightseeing down to a minimum, the boys want to get together and catch up on old times. We will make our own travel arrangements and make this a home and home affair. We also hope members from other neighbor islands will join us. Our annual chapter "Fun Night" (teahouse party) is planned for sometime in the fall unless the Maui reunion does not go through.

Lt Anthony DeLuca was the leader of our 2nd platoon in Southern France, and in Italy for the last push in April 1945. He commanded a battalion in the Vietnam War as Colonel and was awarded the Silver Star. He died about 10 years ago from Alzheimer's Disease and his daughter wants to know more about her father's experiences during the war years. If anyone of you has any information, or got to know him well enough to talk about him, please call Mr. Ted T. Tsukiyama at 946-9898 or 531-5032.

Kudo's Golden Anniversary: Francis Kudo was the platoon sergeant and later the lieutenant of our weapons platoon. Although he resides in Torrance, California, he is also a life member of Charlie Chapter. On March 27, Francis and Hisako celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their veteran friends at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Shinko Thomas Nohara who was the Master of Ceremony at this festivity gives the following report:
"Aloha and welcome to the happy occasion of Francis and Hisako Kudo's Golden Anniversary celebration. Presentation of typical Hawaiian Ilima lei was made by Masayoshi and Ai Kawamoto on behalf of the fellow veterans and wives, thanking Francis and Hisako for the invitation, and wishing them many more years of happiness with good health. Among the honored guests was Francis Takemoto, retired Brigadier General. He was Kudo's supervisor more than 50 years ago on Molokai when they were employed by Del Monte. Later, the two met at Anzio, Italy. Another guest was Takeichi "Chick" Miyashiro, a much decorated officer. Chick and Francis are long time friends beginning with service in Hawaii National Guard under the then Lt. Spark Matsunaga. Early in the Italian campaign in the battle of San Angelo D'Alife, Francis was knocked unconscious by an artillery shell, being blown out of his slit trench. Chick and Kentoku Nakasone carried him off the battle field. Francis returned to the company and was severely wounded later in the war. Takeichi "Chick" Miyashiro gave the congratulatory remarks and remarks as fellow officer during the war years. Shigeru Inouye gave the blessing and grace before the buffet luncheon. The highlight of the occasion was presentation of a video of Francis and Hisako's married life history by Richard Mark. The video was created by Douglas Hamasaki (son of Mary Hamasaki) who is associated with the University of Hawaii. The presentation of "Kotobuki" was made by the Iwamoto and Hamasaki families. Fellow veterans and wives presented the wedding cake. Saburo Ishitani gave the wartime critique and war memories by presenting Francis with the combat chop stick and a new pocket book dictionary to replace his old one. Chester Hada furnished the background music and sang the dedication song "Nagasaki" to Francis and Hisako".

Congratulations to Francis and Hisako. Here's wishing you many more happy anniversaries.

MOTHER'S DAY falls on Sunday, May 12. This is a special day for a "Special Person" in a poem written by Dwight Nohara, son of Shinko Nohara, after the death of his mother, Jean:

" YOU'RE SO SPECIAL"

I know a very Special Person,
I think you know her, too!
Yes, her name is Jean Nohara.
The one that's always smiling

She loves meeting people
While she's bouncing all around.
Talking and laughing to everyone,
Without bringing anyone down

Those who meet her once,
Look forward to meeting her twice!
She's not perfect, you see,
But, so honest, and so very nice!

You'll never hear her grumbling
Though things aren't always right!
That's because she's thinking of her family,
consisting of Daddy, Earl, Faye and Dwight!

Like the sun and rainbow,
that shines after the rain
No matter how bad her day was,
She always smiled and never showed her pain!

I closed my eyes for a little while,
And my very Special Person was gone!
She's my loving Mom, you know
But, we all lost, nobody won.

It's so very lonely and sad.
I think, we all know!
So many more things to say,
But, the bugle will begin to blow!
So, Aloha, my very Special Person!
And thank you, we'll always
remember your glow!

.....By son Dwight

Thank you, Dwight, for this beautiful tribute written to your Mom.

Happy Mother's Day. Next meeting will be on May 20th. See you then.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS **By: Tsugi Takemoto**

Well, the 17th of the month rolled around and I am just typing the news. I was busy reading in the Family Circle magazine that it takes only 15 minutes to clean a room in the house. So far, I have not been able to do one room in that length of time so I decided with advanced old age, I just move slower, in my arms legs and body. You younger ones can give it a try.

The Kauai group held a meeting on April 14th at the Green Garden Restaurant and the attendance was better than the February gathering at Sizzlers, Waipouli. The following showed up and I didn't even

recognize two or three as they haven't been around for awhile: Ken Yoshimoto, Ben Morimoto, Kazuo Senda, Kazuo Mizuno, Wally Takemoto, Maxie Mukai, Maggie Watanabe, Mako Takiguchi, Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, Larry Sakoda, Jack Hada, Kazuma Nishiie, Fusetsu Miyazaki, Tommy Matsushige & Kiyoshi Teshima.

Announcement made that the Mothers/Fathers Day buffet luncheon would be at the Lagoon Terrace on Sunday, May 19, at 12 noon. Cost will be $15, tax and tip included, with the reply cards to go to Mildred Iwai, Chairperson. Other ladies on the committee are Kazue Kawamoto, Dorothy Matsushige, Doris Shimabukuro, and Yoshie Nishio.

Bunkichi who represents us on the Kauai Veterans Council announced that May 5 and 19 would be work days at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in preparation for the May 26 Memorial Day Service. (My grand-daughter always say to let the younger veterans provide the labor as the 100th members are getting too old).

As Mako will be going to the Dog Company reunion, he announced that the next meeting will be on June 9 at the Sizzlers, Waipouli, at 11:30 a.m. so we would be in time to catch the brunch menu.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS **By Tom Fujise**

With the passing of Betsy H. Saito, we have lost one of our finest cook and baker, we will all miss Betsy Saito. It is our fondest hope that her sons and daughters will join the Sons and Daughters group and help keep the memory of their parents alive.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

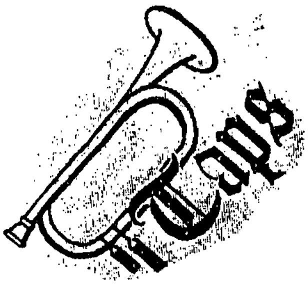
MAHALO TO..... An Anonymous Donor for the generous donation of $1000 to the Sons and Daughters
Hawaiian Electric for their generous grant of $200 to the Oral History Project
The family of the late Masaichi Goto for donating some of his personal belongings from World War II
Masaharu Saito for his generous donation of $20 to the Oral History Project
Kunio Fujimoto for his generous donation of $40 to the Oral History Project
Bernard Akamine (B) for donating his Eisenhower jacket and khaki uniform to the Archives Center.
2 Cases of merchandise from Gail Nishimoto (Roy Nakamura, C)

ANNUAL CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP

Don't forget to circle your calendar for the **ANNUAL CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP** on Saturday, June 1, 1996 from 8:00am. You'll have fun working side by side with the veterans and their wives and other sons and daughters. A lot of manpower is needed. Please call Amy Muroshige at 536-4177 to let her know if you can make it. Lunch will be provided. Hope to see many of you there!!!

P. S. FROM THE EDITORS: (Thought this might bring a smile to your face. Does the conversation sound familiar?")

Whenever I meet an old buddy of mine
The conversation inevitably goes "Oh, I'm fine,
BUT, my prostate is enlarged, my PSA is too high
Keep getting up to go shi-shii several times a night".



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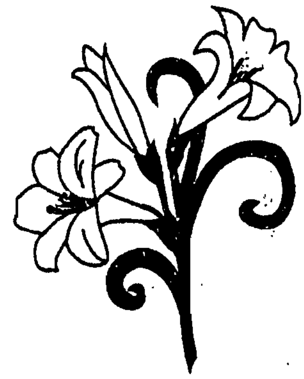

George T. Inouye (Hawaii)
Passed away on April 10, 1996

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family.

Sons & Daughters News, continued

> "Children ought to know what went into their making, to know that life is a braided cord of humanity stretching up from time long ago."

John G. Conyers, a superintendent of education, uses this quote by Russell Baker as the introduction for his article, "Building Bridges Between Generations" in the April 1996 issue of Educational Leadership. Conyers' article highlights how a school district has tapped an invaluable community resource--senior citizens--for the mutual enrichment and education of two generations.

This quote attracted my attention because it summarizes how I feel after every oral history interview. Perhaps I feel this way because every interview begins with questions about the veteran's early life, his parents, their occupation, and the role of religion and values. The questions that follow focus on the veterans war experiences and end with his post war status.

From the responses to the initial interview questions to the post-war interview questions, I am becoming more cognizant of the important role the Issei played in continuing the "braided cord" which links each succeeding generation to Japanese cultural values and behavioral patterns. Learning and understanding how the composition of the braided cord has changed as the Issei assimilated is interesting.

From the oral history interviews with Mr. Leighton (Goro) Sumida, Mr. Taro Suzuki, Mr. Masaharu (Bull) Saito, and my dad, Mr. Shizuya (Ceasar) Hayashi, I have a different appreciation of the braided cord which links me to my Japanese heritage and at the same time to America. It seems as though the Issei maintained their Japanese cultural values, but in many ways, their Japanese patterns of behavior may have been atypical. This may be due to the natural process of assimilation or it may not. As I become more informed, I plan to share what I have learned from these interviews with my children so they will appreciate the Issei and will value their "braided cord."

Your thoughts, responses, questions, and suggestions are welcomed. The Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion will be conducting an oral history interview with Mr. Mizusawa on May 5, 1996, and with Mr. Tokuji Ono on May 19, 1996, at Leeward Community College, Room FA 102 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to observe, participate (in collecting an oral history interview) or learn more, feel free to call Mimi Nakano at 487-2786 or e-mail mnakano@hawaii.edu or contact Drusilla Tanaka at 946-0272.

CLUB 100 MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE.....Saturday, May .25..... 8 a.m.....Lounge
BAKER.....Saturday, May 18 .....1 p.m.....Lounge
CHARLIE.....Monday, May 20.....10 a.m.....Board Room
DOG.....Saturday, May 18.....8 a.m.....Board Room
HQ.....Monday, May 13.....9:30 a.m.....Lounge
HAWAII.....Thursday, May 23 .....AJA Vets Hall
MAUI.....Friday, May 10....Mother's Day.Dinner.....6:00pm.....Maui Beach Poolside
RURAL.....Friday, May 17.....11:00am.....Dot's
KAUAI.....Sunday, May 19.....Mothers/Fathers Day Buffet Luncheon.....12:00noon.....Lagoon Terrace

BOARD.....Friday, May 10.....10 a.m.....Boardroom
S&D BOARD.....To be announced
GREEN THUMBS.....Monday, May 6.....10:00 a.m.....Turner Hall
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....Friday, May 10 ..... 6:00 p.m.....Turner Hall
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.....Tuesday, May 21.....10:00am
GOLF DINNER.....Friday, May 17.....5:30pm.....Turner Hall
"LOOKING LIKE THE ENEMY" VIDEO...Friday, May 17.....6:00pm.....Kapiolani Community College

Collating for the June Issue will be on **Thursday, May 30.**
Baker and Rural Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, May 21, 1996.

REMINDER: SUNDAY, MAY 12TH IS MOTHER'S DAY!!

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