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The 34th Division Memorial is now a reality and we may well be proud to be included as a unit of the 34th "Red Bull" Division. The photo was furnished by Eldon D. Johnson of Cedar Rapids. For details of the dedication of the Memorial, please refer to our last issue's article by George Hagiwara — editor.

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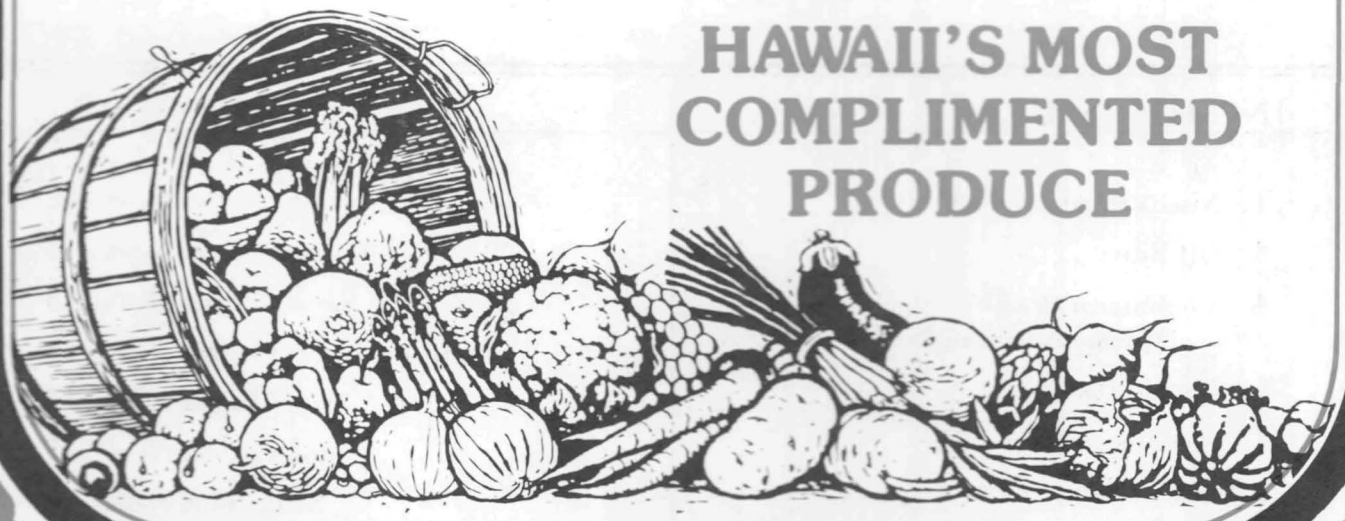

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Nisei Veterans' Speech

(3 October 1987)

by Lieutenant General, USA
ALLEN K. ONO

Thank you for the great honor that allows me to be with you tonight. It is thrilling, exhilarating and humbling, my emotions are exploding at this magic moment.

My mother and my father told me about you long ago in Hawaii. They said you were a group of great Americans who quietly and proudly are the nation's best citizens. My parents said I must be like you, and to never let you down, in effect, you became my heroes.

You gave me inspiration during World War II, when the world was confused and frightened. Those of you who served in World War II -- your service was recorded vividly and permanently in me. It was your courage and heroism in combat in Europe and in the military intelligence service in the Pacific that brought us honor. You give me focus, pride, respect and inspiration.

You served in Korea when danger again threatened the world. Your record again became legendary in regard to patriotism, valor and fidelity.

The legacy of your service continued when I joined the Army in 1955. There were no segregated units because you and others showed through your loyalty and bravery that Americans can and should soldier together. My commanders in 1955 remembered how good you were, and gave me opportunities to lead and command. There was no need for me in 1955 to prove myself worthy. You had done it for me.

But you brought me challenges. Because you were studious and duty bound, and these atributes were expected of me. I studied harder and followed rules more precisely. You were courageous. This challenged me to parachute from airplanes, rapel with ropes down cliffs, volunteer for patrols, and insist on making the main attack.

This makes you my heroes. You paved the way that gave me a chance. You taught me how to earn dignity through action. You urged me to climb taller hills and set my sights higher.

So, thank you. I waited this long to say these simple but important two words. Thank you.

Not all of you served in the Armed Forces. Your contributions were of equal importance. The competence, reliability and loyalty you demonstrated as outstanding citizens brought respect and admiration. The introduction of Japanese Culture and values to this great nation made it greater and richer.

I am part of an awesome and powerful organization, the United States Army. I report to you that your Army is strong and competent and ready. We are equipped with modern weapons using advanced technology, and in the trust of soldiers who are bright, dedicated and sharp, you should be rightfully proud and confident of your Army.

These stars I wear are yours. You changed history. No longer will we question whether a Japanese American should be a general. No longer will we wonder whether and individual should command because of the shape of one's eyes. You changed history through your valor, your patriotism, your dedication, your love for our nation.

Allow me one last glance at you, in order to remember and savor this great moment in my life. Let me look at this group that is so powerful that it can make generals.

Thank you. God bless America.

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General Ono has served five tours in recruiting, including his most recent assignment as Commanding General, US Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan, Illinois from June 1985 to June 1987. He has served also as Chief of Staff, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Deputy The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.; and Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Administration and Logistics, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

General Ono's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He also wears the Parachutist Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

He is married to the former Evelyn S. Masaki. They have two sons. Craig is an Army doctor (captain) stationed in Hawaii, and Curtis is an optometrist practicing in Minnesota.

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Off Beat

by Walter Kadota

Note 1. The following article is an expression of one man's personal opinion regarding our inactive members and does not reflect the views of the editors of this paper.

Note 2. In a previous article about an incident at Alife, the typist, transcribing from a taped recording, had me down as saying, "Akua sabe, I save my ass, alas!" That sounds like the ravings of a shell-shocked GI, who literally is saying, "God help me, I'm dodging bullets, getting it from both ends and they miss my okole. Woe is me!" It should have appeared in print as, "Akua sabe, I save my ass, at last!" All of a sudden everybody wants to get into the act, turning poet. ------ WK

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PRIDE! Call it a trait of character that bound us to a code of never to violate the "ignominy of shame" principle inherent in the Nisei soldier - that was the mark of the 100th Infantry Battalion. Without that PRIDE, who knows? --- we probably would have been relegated to playing a bastard, non-combatant's role in WWII. At war's end, we then would have returned home, practically casualty-free, but smarting under a cloud of doubt that perhaps we may have blundered.....

That symbolic PRIDE mentality dies hard with members of CLUB 100. And it is my guess, that among the inactive ones who are now retired, there are some who are wanting to get back on the "A" team (active). But PRIDE will not cross the line of one's self-respect and dignity after losing touch with club and chapter obligations for reasons known only to the individual himself. We should home in on these guys. They represent an untapped manpower resource that should be coordinated and compromised into our program. We shouldn't be divided into two separate camps. When we were overseas no one questioned a man's status, whether he was thrust on the front lines or sheltered in a mess tent with the rear echelon. Why draw a line now?

Most organizations operate on an on-going concept. But we're an exclusive, closed association. We're picky about letting in honorary members. Money is being collected that winds up in the treasury. If we don't spend some of that on ourselves, while we're still around, others will be spending it for us after we're gone. Why not use some of that money hosting a gathering of men of the 100th Battalion and their wives - a homecoming, jamboree kind of thing. We're where we are today because the gutsy men we had made this home-grown outfit one of the top notch combat teams the U.S. Army ever fielded into battle. We paid a high price for it. We owe some gesture of acknowledgement and recognition of our forgotten inactive members. The ball is in our court.

THE FORGOTTEN ONE

He's on the outside, looking in -- lonely but proud;
He's a "Hundredth man" - a kinship we can't deny;
When on the line he stood tall, was gutsy - right on!
He had the "Hundredth Pride" - he was "all there", the guy.

But now the picture changes, he's not "there", the guy;
He's distanced himself opting for the fam'ly fold.
We say, "Life's too short to drift and swim with the stream --
There's the door, no questions asked - come out from the cold!"

Our investments grow, year by year - fine and dandy;
But our ranks keep thinning - a sad arithmetic;
Let's invest in human values - what's left of us,
And pay less heed to a bank asset statistic.

Let's draw upon each member's Pride to solve the flap
That divides us as "inactive" or "bona-fide";
The Last Hurrah will soon be with us, that's for sure;
Let's turn things around while time is yet on our side.

Smithsonian Opens Japanese-American Exhibit

By Elizabeth Kastor
LA Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — Even with the first image on the first wall, Smithsonian Curator Tom Crouch and his colleagues refused to soften their story. The schoolchildren stand, with two small Japanese American girls prominently up front, hands over their hearts, captured by photographer Dorothea Lange as they stare at an unseen American flag. On a wall of glass in front of the photograph appear the words of the U.S. Constitution, in their familiar, graceful 18th-century script. It takes a moment to notice the thin lines of barbed wire, across the children, across the Constitution.

"This is a tough show," Crouch says. "We have to let visitors know that right up front."

"A More Perfect Union," a permanent exhibit that opened Thursday at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, tells what happened to the 120,000 West Coast Americans of Japanese ancestry and their immigrant parents who were incarcerated during World War II. It is also the Smithsonian's entry in the bicentennial celebration of the Constitution. Filled with voices of frustration and anger, pictures of American citizens imprisoned for years with no trial or evidence of disloyalty, interactive videos that allow visitors to "ask" former internees specific questions, tales of those who tried to fight internment through civil disobedience, protest and the courts, "A More Perfect Union" may be the most sobering and intriguing — and certainly the most controversial — event to come out of the Constitution's anniversary.

"This is to say, 'You think your Constitution guarantees certain things to you,' " Crouch says. " 'Well, it's worth exactly what the general mass of Americans wants it to be worth. Come times of racist hysteria and prejudice, it can be abrogated, if that great mass wants it to be.' "

The United States in the '40s seemed unable to distinguish between the actions of a foreign nation with which it was at war and the descendants of that nation, American citizens though most of them were. And yet, despite the European conflict, German and Italian Americans as groups were never relocated or interned.

"Fundamentally," says Crouch, "this is about a group of people to whom awful things happened, who refused to give up on the system."

Thousands of Japanese Americans were expected to take part in four days of activities marking the opening of "A More Perfect Union," including a Smithsonian reception, a ceremony on the steps of the Capitol, banquets for Japanese American World War II veterans and Friday's public screening of a new documentary, "Color of Honor."

The exhibit comes as the internment is under reconsideration in both Congress and the courts. Just two weeks ago the House voted to offer the nation's apology and approve $1.2 billion in reparation payments to those sent to relocation camps (half of whom are still alive); the Senate is expected to vote on the bill soon. Last week, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Gordon Hirabayashi's key 1942 conviction for defying the curfew and relocation laws. For many, "A More Perfect Union" is further evidence that American society is at last confronting what it did to thousands of its citizens.

But not everybody approves. Since museum officials announced plans for the exhibit, they have received negative letters and phone calls, some confusing Japanese Americans with the enemy who led the Bataan death march and killed Americans in the Pacific, others disturbed by a show they felt would point to the failures of a system rather than its virtues.

Museum Director Roger Kennedy counters the varied criticisms with a combination of restrained irritation, sympathy and exuberance.

"There are many people who suffered deep and profound injuries from 1939 to 1944-45," he says. "Some of those people are not able, because of the depth of their hurt, to understand the distinction between our fellow citizens of Japanese ancestry and those they fought against. We would be extremely lacking in human understanding ... if we didn't understand there are people who are hurting out there ...

"It's also true some people have seized on this opportunity to demonstrate their abhorrence of the Bill of Rights," he says.

But Kennedy insists, "This is about as unabashedly patriotic a display as you're going to see this year, maybe this decade. ... The difference between American culture and most others is we have a long tradition of self-correction, a long tradition that I believe from the beginning distinguished us from tyrannical systems."

(Optional add end)

Funding for the exhibit, more than $900,000, came in slowly, as government and private sources struggled to understand just what the Smithsonian wanted-and why. "It would have been so easy to do another Philadelphia costume exhibit," says Kennedy. "There are people who would prefer to dress up models and have them wander around pretending they are Jefferson and Madison."

There are no 18th-century frills and ruffles in "A More Perfect Union." Instead: a reconstructed Los Angeles grocery store with signs reading "I AM AN AMERICAN" and "Closing Out Evacuation Sale"; a program from a camp dance; a barracks based on plans from Topaz Relocation Center — complete with sandpaper walls, and medals won by soldiers while their parents were interned. All in all, there are more than 1,000 objects and documents.

During a tour before the exhibit opened, Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii paused before a picture taken on the border between France and Italy of a young man in uniform, smiling.

"I was 20 years and 2 months old," he said. "Shaved about twice a week."

Inouye was a member of the Army's 442nd "Go for Broke" Regi-

ment, the almost exclusively Japanese American unit more decorated for valor than any other unit of its size. The curators devoted a good deal of the exhibit to the Japanese Americans who fought in the war, including one extensive display on the tools and weapons they used.

Says Edward Ezell, curator of the Armed Forces division, "Let's face it, beneath the surface there is still a lot of prejudice against Japanese Americans. This shows they were part of the common experience. Many American GIs never saw any Japanese Americans in uniform — this will introduce that to them."

As he looked at the show, Inouye said he had heard little in detail about the relocation on the mainland until well into the war, "when the full horror was known. After that, seeing all of this" — he gestured at the objects and documents around him — "many of us could not understand what motivated these mainlanders to volunteer. We had good reason to volunteer. Life was good. We from Hawaii always asked ourselves the question 'Would we have volunteered?' It was a question no one could answer."

Dis and Dat

Ray Nosaka

1987 is now just memories, some good, some bad and now we look ahead to the new year with optimism. We've had a shaky start in January due to constant rain and floods which devastated homes of members. We also had 2 members who passed away and 3 others hospitalized. No matter what, we can only pray, hope and have faith that the rest of the year will be better.

HEALTH: Regular exercise promotes stronger bones and joints. In addition, we must coincide our diets with good nutritional foods. Cut down on coffee, tea and alcohol. For relaxation, get into hobbies, take music and if you can afford and able to travel sometimes. (No need to babysit, attend meetings, plan your meals, fix your bed, see how others live and just hang loose.)

According to Health Magazine, for quicker weight loss, don't eat breakfast until you're hungry. People who eat before they are hungry, eat more the rest of the day. Oat bran lowers cholestral. Healthy people who add two ounces of oat bran a day to their diet, lower their cholestral two to three times as much as people who follow an oatless diet. Optimists are healtheir than pessimists because they have developed better strategies for coping with stress. Fruits of optimism helps with longer life expectancy, a more vigorous immune system and faster recovery from illnesses and operations. Day dreams are healthy fantasies that keeps us define our goals, but they become useless pipe dreams if we never act on them.

Water rehydrates the lungs, dilutes mucus clogging small airways, and thins the phlegm, making it easier to cough up. The average person has to drink 6 to 12 glasses of water a day to achieve this effect. When taking pills, stand up or sit up straight while swallowing them, and remain up right for at least two minutes. Gravity will carry the pills to your stomache. Pills stuck in your esophagus are ineffective and cause irritation.

KENO GAMBLING: The basic game is straight forward. 80 ping pong balls numbered from 1 to 80 are blown about in a large glass bowl. 20 of the balls are drawn at random into a clear plastic tubes where they are displayed. The most popular Keno bet is the 8 spot. Since you win only if you correctly select 5 or more numbers. The odds against you are less favorable, about 48 to 1. But the pay-offs are correspondingly high. If you choose all 8 numbers correctly, you win the maximum regular jackpot of $50,000 - On a $1.00 bet. The odds against the catch are 230 to 1. The second most popular bet is the 6 spot. You can win $100, on a $1.00 bet choosing 5 out of 6 numbers correctly and $2,600 for choosing all 6 numbers. Although, the smaller tickets give you a greater chance of getting your money back, you also lose your shot at instant riches. Perhaps for luck, you are one of those that carries an opened mouth frog, or ti leaves, or musubi, or what have you or do you not eat bananas? Well, whatever it might be, don't be a compulsive gambler. Just be a joyful player, lose or win, just come home smiling and say, "I HAD FUN!"

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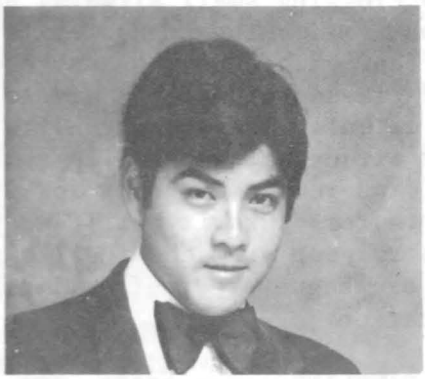

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Able Chapter News

Blue Nagasaki

Finally able to find a pen filled with plenty of ink so this year I'll be writing about all of the Able Chapter's happenings, events and what have you. Hoping to do an excellent job as Don Matsuda did the past year - thanks a lot, Don.

For the year of '88 - the officers of Able Chapter is the same as last year but the only change is the top two positions. Former V.P. Don Matsuda has taken over the president position while last former president Tommy Nishioka has stepped down to be vice president. Taking down notes again at all the meetings - still on third Thursday of the month will be secretary Edward Kobata while treasurer Susumu Kunishige will be keeping track of chapter's financial matters or our controller again.

Since it has the same elected officers as last year, the Able Chapter can look forward for another banner year of chapter's activities like last year.

Already on the Club 100 August calendar on the 20th, Saturday night, chairman Richard Ishimoto has made the reservation for our first Family Night and started to turn the wheel by getting information from different catering outfits. Don't be surprised when you get called to be on one of his committee.

Along with Club 100 dues also means it's Able Chapter dues time again so please send your annual $6.00 dues to treasurer Susumu Kunishige or to Club address, if you didn't already do so.

To have plentiful and interesting articles in every issue, this writer needs a helping hand from all the Able members -so- give me a call whenever you have any information to pass on - future events, news, letters, cards, to send out encouragement; achievements of members, sons and daughters and anything that might be interesting to the Puka Puka Parade readers. Also you are welcomed to write in this column.

Almost forgot to thank those of you who were responsible for the wonderful Christmas party held at the clubhouse on December 17, 1987. Once again to keep the children in a holiday spirit with entertaining games was Louise Morikawa, daughter of Tsuneo and Margaret. Coming to the party with the familiar SANTA CLAUS outfit was Tadao Seo's son-in-law. To keep over 100 members, wives and children fully entertained and fed was chairman Biffa Moriguchi.

For over two years, Shintoku Ishimine has been fighting the uphill battle with his ailment and finally on January 14, 1988 GOD took his hands. Our condolence to family members and we all will miss his presence. Also our condolence to Robert Karasaki and family members, his mother passed away suddenly on January 12, 1988.

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Because of numerous and conflicting travel commitments by Club 100 members, the Able Chapter European Tour scheduled for May 1988 has been postponed for one year, to May 1989. The itinerary will be the same as previously announced: Frankfurt, Ruedesheim, Heidelberg, Baden-Baden, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Munich, Berchtesgarten (Germany); Salzburg, Vienna (Austria); Budapest (Hungary); Bratislava, Prague (Czechoslovakia); Dresden, East Berlin (East Germany); Los Angeles.

The 1986 Able Chapter European Tour retraced the combat trail of the 100th from Italy to France. This tour will focus on West and East Germany, Austria and countries not usually toured by Americans -- Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Garmish-Partenkirchen and Berchtesgarten (Hitler's hideout) are famous for their alpine scenery.

The tour will be limited to forty persons. Preference will be given to Able Chapter members and to participants of the 1986 Able Chapter European Tour. It is also open to all Club 100 members on a first come, first serve basis. Cost of the tour will be approximately

$3,200. Those interested please contact the following committee members:

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Jiro Matsui	455-8870
Tom Nishioka	533-3970
Tetsuo Tateishi	488-4604
Ken Harada	734-6507

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The following letter was sent to Mits Fukuda and is enclosed to be shared with Able members.

10/13/87

Gussie Schoenberg
4425 Lakeview Drive
Temple Hills MD 20748

Dear Toshiko & Mitsuyoshi,

You all gathered together
In Washington, D.C.,
To memorialize those brave men
Dying to keep our country free.
Celebrating too, the Bill that was passed,
Freeing Nisei from prejudice,
I pray will last!
My husband, an American, fought by your side,
He loved the Nisei & fought with such pride,
A pride that lasted till the day he died.
I joined your group the four days
you spent here,
Along with the spirit of my husband
Whose memory I hold dear.
For if he was spared, he would have been
With us too,
Happily sharing memories of the
Four Four Two!
Thank you for inviting me,
The warmth you did impart,
Will stay with me forever,
And Live on in my heart!!!

For my husband (now deceased) Capt. Harry Schoenberg
For my children
For myself - many, many thanks,
Gussie Schoenberg

Please put me on mailing list to receive bulletin -
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Baker Chapter News

Yasuo Takata

Baker Chapter had a most enjoyable Christmas party in 1987. The hall was filled with little ones running all over the place and having a grand time. Their joy reached its height when Santa arrived with their gifts from the North Pole. We had a great Santa who had children all around him.

Robert Aoki and his gang prepared a bountiful Christmas dinner and refreshments which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the hardworking committee members. We also thank Harry Katahara and King's Bakery for the donation of Christmas cake. The keikis went thru the ice cream and cake in no time.

The big hit of the night was our Baker Chapter hula girls. They did a hula about a "Dreamy, White Christmas".

It brought back memories of a "White Christmas" which I had at the Halloren General Hospital, in New York. On Christmas morn in 1944, I woke up and looked out of the window. I saw a most beautiful scene. Snow covered the whole panorama, with trees throwing out their naked limbs. It took my breath away. It was so quiet, not a soul was stirring, so peaceful, so serene, I just sat, soaking in the beauty of it all.

Our hula girls showed us the White Christmas with their hands, their eyes, their body motions and their feelings. When they went off the stage they received a rousing applause. Our Hula maids were accompanied by Ray Nosaka's Baker Chapter Ukulele group, who played and sang an inspired "White Christmas". The Hula Maids were Helen Kodama, Stella Tanigawa, Evelyn Tsuda, Elaine Nakamura, Bessie Ichimura, Marie Yoneshige and Aki Nosaka.

Then a big surprise, when young Steven Nakayama went to the stage and sang a Christmas Carol. For a youngster of kindergarden age, to volunteer to sing with such a stage presence was a big hit. He received a roaring applause.

The party ended with the giving of many prizes donated by the generous members of Baker Chapter. Thank you Conrad Kurahara and Robert Arakaki, who co-chaired this wonderful Christmas Party.

Begining the New Year, Roy Nakayama stayed in Kauai to help his son, Dean relocate to Kauai. Dean Nakayama is now a manager of a restaurant in the new Kukui Grove Shopping Center in Lihue, Kauai. During the opening night celebration, with Frank Delima, running the show, he put young Steven Nakayama (son of Dean) on the stage. Steven again was a hit. Just imagine young Steven doing his bit with a star comedian like Frank Delima. Roy enjoyed himself so much, he stayed there for a month.

Baker Chapter now has 2 more retirees - Fred Kanemura and Conrad Kurahara. Fred still is volunteering his services at his working place and doing a lot of exercise, walking and golfing. Club 100 has now a second actor in Conrad Kurahara. He is starring in the play - "Lucky Come Hawaii", as "Tengan". The play started at the Tenney Theatre (St. Andrews Priory) on January 14, 1988.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Isami Tsuda who died in December 1987 and Sadao Ono, who passed away in January 1988.

Since this is a new year, may I ask the members of Baker Chapter and former members of Baker Co. 100th Inf. Bn. Sep. for suggestions to bring us closer together again and to improve our attendance at our meetings.

May I wish you a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year!

Charlie Chapter News

George Hagiwara

CHARLIE CHAPTER REUNION

Charlie Chapter Reunion, some 20 years since our first and only one, was a major achievement for 1987. While the number of responses from the neighboring Islands was disappointing, following on the footsteps of the 45th Anniversary, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the members that were able to attend.

There were 13 members, accompanied by 8 wives from Maui, and one sole survivor from the Big Island. Amongst the original members from Maui were: Nobu Furukawa, Jack Gushiken, Ronald Higashi and wife, Shizue, Richard Iriguchi, Johnny Miyagawa, Charlie Mizoguchi and wife, Matsuko, Kaoru Moto and wife, Violet, Tom Nagata and wife, Fumiko, Takeshi Omuro and wife, Edith, Masao Sato and wife, Chieko, Goichi Shimanuki and wife, Dorothy, and Toshio Gibo, the lone member from the Big Island. Susumu Fukuyoshi and wife, Kimie, and Ralph Tamura were the only replacements, we can depend on to carry on our tradition.

Forty three members accompanied by 32 wives and Janet Kuwaye, attended the reception banquet at the Kanraku Tea House to welcome our visiting delegation some of whom many of us living in Honolulu never realized lived here. Following the greetings and introductions, before we had time for a refill, MC Kazuto Shimizu called the assembly to order, calling on Kenneth Higa to welcome everyone and say the grace to dine in silence on the delicious seafood dinner.

Stanley Akita, re-elected prexy for the 100th, was introduced who responded with his usual Ad Libs and witty remarks. Mike Tokunaga was called upon to add a few more.

And inevitably, as at every reunion of veterans, typical of those who have "seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear, and have cried, pained, hoped," quoting George Skypeck in his dedicatory poem to the SOLDIER, the boys left their wives and and broke up into groups to inquire about missing comrades, digging into their treasury of memories, reminiscing over oft repeated incidents from those days when, as if in therapeutic ecstacy, lest we forget, perhaps to re-live and re-live those days, way back when, in nostalgia.

And not surprising, was in noting how the boys have slowed down on the intake, hardly touching the hard stuff, with even wine and beer left over at the bar. Quite a contrast to those days when, we turned deaf ears on Old Man Turner's incessant lectures, "you can't drink Wisconsin dry".

Before anyone realized how fast the time flew by, we heard the order from Stan Kimura to assemble, front and center for picture taking. And if you didn't receive your souvenir copy of the group, contact Stan.

Early Saturday morning, the visiting golfers were met by Warren Iwai and his gang of golfers from Honolulu and taken to the Pali Golf Course. The non-golfers were met later and taken on a shopping spree, meeting for lunch at the King's Garden for lunch, where Stan Kimura had made prior arrangements. After lunch, some of the ladies returned to the Hotel, while the rest with their men folks went to the Clubhouse for more stories and to wait till 4:30 PM to catch the bus to the stadium for the football game.

Thirty six members and their wives boarded the bus for the football game at 04:30 PM to watch UH get beat by the Airforce Academy team in the dying moments of the last quarter. Just to accommodate our visiting members, some of us who had never been to a live game, others gave up their season ticket to their families, for the occasion.

Sunday morning, the visitors were driven up to Punchbowl to offer their prayers over the headstones of their comrades, and on their return trip dropped by to visit Ralph Ikeda at the Hale Nani Rest Home. Following lunch and refreshments at the Clubhouse, a short meeting was called by Kenneth Higa to decide whether to continue having

another reunion. The response was unanimous, with the Maui gang volunteering to host the next one on Maui.

And so it has been decided: The next Charlie Chapter Reunion will be held on Maui, from July 15, 16, and 17th.

CHARLIE CHAPTER XMAS PARTY

The annual Charlie Chapter Xmas party was held at the Clubhouse starting with cocktails at 06:00 PM on December 18th, bringing to a close, our socials for the year.

Dinner consisting of delicious dishes from Kuni's Restaurant from Waipahu, Jack and Ruth Mizushima's chicken soup, favorite salads and deserts by our wives, added a few pounds to all those who came. And lest we forget, Saburo Ishitani prepared the punch for the ladies and little ones with some of the wives bringing the pupus. Bo and Alice Shiozaki brought a case of oranges for everyone to take home.

Kazuto Shimizu, the MC for the evening, lead the singing of Carols, accompanied by ukulele players from the Chapter; and with a HO, HO, HO, and a VERY XMAS, entered old St. Nick with his bag full of gifts.

With the little ones climbing on Santa's knees, and frantic mothers getting a shot or two of their keikis with Santa, gifts and packages for every youngster were passed out by Santa.

Charlie Chapter's Xmas party, by tradition, has remained for the children, and now our childrens' children, including one great-grandchild. And so it goes, getting to be more of a family gathering also, adding that much to look forward to at Xmas time.

Charlie Chapter members and officers take this opportunity to express our best wishes for a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all the members of the 100th and their families.

From the infirmary, we hear that Jack Mizushima's stomache turned out to be more than that. Understand Joe Maeda has been ill for sometime, but could not reach him directly. Edith Taguchi has been suffering from her aching back. Tom Matsumura, understand is coming along fine, but missed him at our Xmas party. Also missed at our Xmas party was the enthusiastic Jimmy Oshiro who has lead our Xmas carolling all these years. Somehow, the gusto and enthusiasm was not there.

From California comes news that Richi Higa passed away. Richie, if you remember was the sole Kotonk amongst the originals, and probably best remembered for having the smallest feet at the time. The Army has obligated to fit him with a 3½EE shoes. He was chosen by the Officers as the perfect orderly, in which position he served until we departed for combat, and served with the weapons platoon. He is best remembered for his personality and cordiality, always ready to pitch in, as to compensate for his size, and liked by everyone.

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Dog Chapter News

Helen Nikaido

Dog Chapter's officers for 1988 are: President - Richard "Doc" Hosaka, Vice-President - Sadashi Matsunami, Treasurer - Conrad Tsukayama and Secretary - Kenji Nikaido. Please support them and cooperate in whatever is assigned to you.

To outgoing President Richard "Mahut" Kondo and Treasurer Eddie Kuwazaki a big mahalo and a job well done. Eddie, we expected you to be treasurer for years to come. How come you gave up?

Since changing the meeting schedule to the third Saturday morning the attendance has improved. We serve good breakfast; plentiful, free and no tip asked. So come on down and if you don't drive, catch the bus (get free bus pass) and bring along your wife, too. Free time (you must be all retired), free meal, free transportation, what more can you ask. Our Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 20th at the clubhouse. Seventy-nine adults and thirty-plus children attended. Co-chaired by Charlie and Rhoda Kawamata and Max and Edith Imai, we had a terrific menu. Prime ribs - prepared by Rhoda, char siu turkey - prepared by Edith, french bread, rice, pot-mac salad, vegetable salad, sweet sour fish, tako, tsukemono, various jello mold and desserts galore.

The children were kept busy with the bowling games and fishing which they enjoyed. Santa had gifts for each child.

Lucky number prizes were given to each family. No one went home empty handed. Many thanks to the following people for their generous donations: Rhoda Kawamata - dessert & pupus; Jane Matsunami - cookies; Kamis - wine cooler; Nikaidos - baklava, sweet sour fish, tsukemono; Tsutsuis - zenzai; Kuwazakis - 1 cs coke, sesame candy, 2 plants; Nishiokas - pupus, candy; Haras - grab bag; Nakayamas - 1 cs 7-up; Urabes - 2 cs soda; Masakis - 1 bottle whiskey; Kay Harada - pot-mac salad; Ruth Watanabe - cake, cash; Tami Hara - pupus; Ben Tamashiro - 4 gift certificates (Makiki Bake Shop); Mugitani - cash; Tsukayamas - dessert, vegetable salad; Okamotos - 2 door prize; Sekiyas - 3 pots azaleas; Mary Hamasaki - dessert; Wally Chinen - 2 orchid plants; Imais - 4 cash envelopes, 4 door prizes, salad, pupus; Ruth Ishizuka - cash.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the co-chairmen and their wives for their hard work in making this party a huge success and the very ono - one dinner which we all enjoyed. Also, to the Harada family: Annette, Michael (alias Santa), Karyn, Cathy and Helen for taking care of the children's program.

Dog Chapter statewide reunion will be held on July 29, 30 and 31, 1988 on Kauai.

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Hawaii Chapter News

James S. Maeda

Greetings for the New Year 1988! This is the year of the Dragon! This is the year most of the former members of the 100th Infantry Bn., reached their 70th birthday. Those of us who reside on the neighbor islands finds January and February busy months attending shinnen-kais (New Years get together) and installation of kumiais, churches, and other organizations. This is the one time of the year we meet our friends, neighbors, associates and relatives and extend our warm aloha and love.

Hawaii Chapter Installation: The installation of officers for the year 1988 was held on Saturday night, January 30, at the Red Carpet Restaurant on Banyan Drive. Larry Tanimoto was installed as the president for another year. The other officers are: Toshimitsu Kondo, vice president; Eugene Eguchi, secretary; Roger Kawasaki, treasurer; and Tarush Yamamoto, auditor. James S. Maeda was the installing officer. Fifty-seven members and guests attended the affair. We were happy to see Larry and Margie Hirokawa at the installation. Hayato Tanaka and Bob Ishimaru, co-chaired the installation party.

AJA Veterans Council Representatives: President Tanimoto appointed the following to the AJA Veterans Council representing the Club 100: Shigeru Ushijima, Toshimitsu Kondo, Motoyoshi Tanaka, James S. Maeda and Larry Tanimoto.

Prayers of Condolence To: The family members of SATORU KOBAYASHI of Hilo, formerly Co. "F", who died on January 4, 1988 of cancer. Satoru was truly a warrior and a samurai. Funeral service was held at the Hilo Higashi Hongwanji. Satoru was the kyodan president for several years for Higashi Hongwanji.

The family members of HERBERT MIYAZAKI of Honolulu, formerly Co. "F" who died during the latter part of January. Herbert grew up in Paauilo and served with the 299th Infantry (HNG) on the Big Island. Herbert also served with the Interpreters (MIS), and was discharged from the army with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

The family members of Larry Tanimoto for the loss of their mother, MRS. HAYAME TANIMOTO during the latter part of January.

The family members of Hiroo (Fat) Furuya for the loss of their mother MRS. SAKURA FURUYA during February.

Kauai Chapter News

Ben Morimoto

Our final social affair was our Christmas Party at the Westin Kauai, Kauai's newest and most fabulous hotel. It was held at the Royal Boat House at December 8th. When the club selected the Westin it was made known that the cost per head will be $49.00 tax and tip included. Surprisingly the head count for the evening was 53. Members and wives that do not show up in our regular meetings do more often attend our annual parties.

The dinner also included floor show and the surprise was Emma Veary was a guest of the group and sang some songs. Whether we enjoyed the show is just personal, some liked it and some did not. The food, drinks, and desserts unlike the foods at restaurants were not stomach filling to some. Later on Lillian Takiguchi who made this arrangement inquired about the Kaimana rates for locals was informed that they made an error and so the Club will refunded the overcharge. Now is where next our affair will be.

Our next general meeting will be held on February 11th. The main agenda will be Mother's Day and most likely a committee will be appointed to choose where next.

Headquarters Chapter News

Kenichi Suehiro

Our Christmas party was a huge success. Even the rain let up on Sunday. A total of 110 attended the shindig chaired by Mike Takahashi & Toshio Kunimura.

With Arthur Tamashiro, Elmo Okido, Charlie Miyashiro, Yoshi Mugitani, Akira Akimoto, Dot Tamashiro and Bea Takahashi in the kitchen, I know the food tasted good.

In fact, all those who helped deserves a thank you for a job well done. The evening was livened by Bingo with lots of prizes. Shigeru Inouye's son, Melvin, donated lots of prizes and Wally Teruya of Times had a package of goodies for all members who attended.

Our next Family Nite of outing will be in March or April and Doc Otagaki has some nifty ideas. Group tours to other islands, parties away from our clubhouse, etc.

In fact, our Professor and Mrs. just returned from a Far East trip which lasted for 3 weeks and it must have been super according to Doc. And only about 2 grands - pays for everything. Even I am interested - me, who had enough sightseeing tours and who hate these overnite stands.

Tom and Mrs. Nosse had a wonderful 3 weeks visiting Joan & Glenn - both live in the Bay Area and Joan is now married and expecting. Congratulations Joan - I hope it's a girl. Glenn is doing ok.

Kunimura and Mrs. are busy babysitting 3 grandchildren - ages 8, 6 and 4. Be patient Toshi, it won't be long before the youngest will be in the 4th grade as mine is.

Fred and Mrs. will be headed for Japan in May. I hope they have a good time. His mother, age 96 (living in Waianae) is doing fine and happy living with her other son. Fred is an alumni of the 1st graduating class on Lanai. He was a star basketball player. Considering the tall players today - it's difficult to picture Fred an all-star player.

Fred's son is a Major in the Army Signal Corps. I'm sure he'll go places. he's now stationed in Georgia but will be transferred to Texas next move. I'm sure Fred will visit him there.

1988 Officers - no change:

Mike Takahashi, President
Kenichi Suehiro, Vice President
Fred Takahashi, Secretary
Tom Nosse, Treasurer

I'm sure I'm not the only person who believed Ms Doris Kawano (widow of the late Henry Kawano) was healthy and strong in body and mind - taking care of Henry throughout his period of illness.

As you can imagine, her death on Feb. 4th was a shock to all of us. Our sympathy to her daughters and relatives. Services were held at the Manoa Valley Church on Feb. 13th. Burail was on the 16th at the National Memorial Cemetery. Now both Henry & Doris are together once again. Ms Doris Kawano wrote about her experiences taking care of Henry. It should be read by all us Senior Citizens. It's titled, "For Better of For Worse - In Sickness and In Health". This paper back is available at the clubhouse for $3.50.

HQ wives who know Ms Jean Kamisato will be interested to know that she was recently hospitalized for over a week for all sorts of illness and complications. Ms Nancy Nakamura spoke with her over the phone and found out about Ms Kamisato's condition.

Maui Chapter News

Tom Nagata

The morning of November 11 dawned bright and clear as members and their wives joined with members of other veterans clubs to observe Veterans Day with a quiet ceremony in Kahului on the grounds of the Maui Economic Opportunity office complex, with Vietnam Veterans Club in charge. They also served a delicious lunch to participants after the ceremony.

Maui Chapter president Jack Gushiken called a special meeting on the evening of November 24 at the Kahului Community Center. The election of chapter officers for the coming year was the main reason for this meeting and as usual the members volunteered willingly to serve. Butch Satoji Arisumi has volunteered to serve as president. This will be his third time as president and he is highly commended for his fine spirit of community service.

On the evening of December 17, Maui Chapter members, wives and guests honored the following incoming officers: president, Butch Satoji Arisumi; vice president, Miles Shiroma; secretary, Edward Nishihara; treasurer, Tom Nagata; auditor, Masao Sato; director, Goichi Shimanuki; with a combination installation and Christmas dinner at the Red Dragon Restaurant in Kahului. Outgoing president Jack Gushiken was in charge of this festive dinner, and he was ably assisted by his wife, Sue. Isoji Iwaishi assisted with registration of incoming members and guests while Tom Yamada was the genial MC for the evenings program. Grace was offered by Wataru Kaneshina prior to the delicious Chinese buffet dinner. After dinner program began with the presentation of retirement gifts to Takashi Masuda and Stanley Inouye. Jack Gushiken as past president gave his annual report. Swearing in ceremony for incoming officers was conducted by Ben Takayesu, and Arisumi as newly installed president gave his address. Wallace Maeda next led the crowd in the singing of Christmas carols and Johnny Miyagawa sang a solo number. The rest of the evening was spent in playing Bingo and awarding door prizes with Jack Gushiken, Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa in charge.

We extend our get well wishes to the following members who were hospitalized during the past 3 or 4 months; Kaoru Moto, Haruo Ikeuchi and Nobuyoshi Furukawa.

NOTE: 1988 dues of $7.00 (Honolulu:$5.00 and Maui Chapter:$2.00) for those unable to attend meetings mail to treasurer T. Nagata, 43 W. Wakea Avenue, Kahului, Hawaii 96732.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Stanley (Sachiko) Masumoto, who passed away on January 13, 1988.

Chapter president Satoji Arisumi called a dinner meeting at Sheik's Restaurant on Thursday evening, January 21, for the officers of Maui Chapter to discuss the budget and schedule of meetings and activities for the coming year. The budget and schedule will remain about the same as last year and will be presented to the general membership at a meeting scheduled for March. A chicken hekka dinner and fun night will be held in April and October. There will be four scheduled general meetings in March, July, September and November. A Mother's Day dinner in May, steak dinner in June, Veteran's Day dinner in November and Christmas-installation dinner in December will be held. Also, a family picnic will be held in August. Maui Chapter will participate in the Memorial Day Service in May and hold a KIA Memorial Service in September. We want to express our deep appreciation to STANLEY USHIJIMA and YASUO IWASAKI of Hilo, Hawaii for sending those beautiful red anthurium flowers to decorate the veterans graves for the Memorial Service in September.

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Rural Chapter News

by Walter Iwasa

The Rural Chapter (RC) 1988 New Year Installation banquet was held at DOTS in Wahiawa on January 22nd. Present were Michael Enga, Satoshi Furuya, Mitsuo Hamasu, Shizuya Hayashi, Jessie Hirata, Walter Iwasa, Seiso Kamishita, Kiyomi Kenshige, Oswald Kawahara, Thomas Mizunaka, Mitsuo Nagaki, Masaru Nakano, Susumu Ota, Walter Sekiya, Hachiro Shikamura, Charles Shimahara, Tamotsu Shimizu, Hideo Tokairin, Jerry Yamaki, Rudy Yoshida and their wives. Coming stags were Masato Fujitani, Robert Furuta, Stanley Hamai, Michael Hamamoto, James Kitashima, Takao Kubota, Shiro Maki, Hiroshi Matsuura, Toshio Mizusawa, Sadao Nakahodo, Masaharu Saito, Yukio Tanji, Hakaru Taoka, Everett Umeda, Fred Wada and Tatsumi Yamauchi.

Prior to the formal installation of officers, and in line with the year of the Hawaiians, the officers were dramatically dressed in typical Hawaiian attire. This portion of the program was planned, produced and directed by our talented Mrs. Yoneko Shimizu. She had the President, Mitsuo Hamasu, dressed as the alii, king of Hawaii, VP, Stanley Hamai, in a malo and coconut hat carrying a kahili, Secretary, Walter Iwasa, as a hula dancer, Treasurer, Oswald Kawahara, in a malo and coconut hat carrying a bag of money, and Auditor Kiyomi Kaneshige, in a malo and coconut hat with a club. Tamotsu Shimizu was dressed as a typical Hawaiian MC, and as Tamo called each officer on stage, each made a short speech in pidgin. This was an unexpected hilarious show and everyone had a good laugh, thanks to Mrs. Yoneko Shimizu.

A formal installation of officers followed, and both the past and new Presidents spoke briefly.

Rudy Yoshida, past President and chairman of the Outstanding Service Awards Committee of the Rural Chapter presented the following awards:

The 1987 Outstanding Service Award was presented to Hakaru Taoka for his many years of service to Club 100 and to the community. Hakaru was instrumental in organizing the Rural as well as the Southern California chapters. He was past President of the Rural Chapter; DAV Department Commander for 1955 and 1956; instrumental in organizing the Wahiawa chapter #4 DAV as well as Hanale Chapter 10 (Club 100); past Commander Wahiawa Chapter DAV for 1985 and 1986; President of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, member of the Oahu district Hongwanji Council and Oahu district education committee for 1985 and 1986; President of the Wahiawa Japanese Civic Association in 1982; from 1982 to the present a member of the Oahu Kanyaku Imin Centennial Committee; and from 1972 to 1984 a member of the Hawaii State Veterans Affairs Advisory Council. As can be seen, Hakaru has been very active carrying out the Club 100 motto of continuing service.

Rudy presented one of the two 1988 outstanding Award to Toshio "Lefty" Mizusawa. Lefty is a charter member of the Rural Chapter, and as representative of the RC, he coordinated projects with statewide Club 100 activities. He served as RC President in 1953 and 1954; and for many years he is and has been the chairman of the RC banquet, parties, bingo, lucky number games and prizes. He has been very generous in furnishing anthuriums for our annual memorial services for our fallen comrades.

The other 1988 Outstanding Award was presented to Jerry Yamaki. Jerry has served as 2nd VP of Club 100 in 1986 and was co-chairman of the 45th Anniversary hospitality room. He is the annual host for the RC picnic outings since 1980 and has made many monetary and material donations. He has been generous in our use of his office, board room and copy machine.

Rudy Yoshida presented the 1987 perfect attendance award to Michael Enga. He comes all the way from Kalihi Uka to attend our meetings in Wahiawa.

Congratulations and thank yous are extended to the four recepients.

Bingo and lucky number games, chaired by Lefty, followed and everyone had a grand time.

Rural Chapter Officers (L to R) President:Ted Hamasu; VP:Stanley Hamai; Secretary:Walter Iwasa; Treasurer:Ozzie Kawahara; and Auditor:Kiyomi Kaneshige

Bonsai News

Richard Yamamoto

The heavy rains came the past few months and our bonsai came alive and became nice and green. In some instances, the moss in the pot rotted out due to excessive moisture. I use fungicide on my anthuriums and orchids after heavy rains without any problems so I sprayed part of my bonsai plants and it killed the moss. By the way, after I spray my orchids with fungicide I've noticed that the Bul-Bul birds don't come around for a while.

Now is a good time to start repotting, trimming and shaping the bonsai plants. The cool weather helps in their growth.

Twenty-five members and friends had a wonderful brunch at the Halekulani Hotel. The year end party, a much looked forward to affair is always an enjoyable event.

Our club members took part in the first bonsai show and sale by the newly formed Sakufu Bonsai Club as guest participants. An excellent display was presented. The shoji window background was something new and elegant which enhanced the well groomed bonsai plants to their maximum.

On January 16, 1988 five couples from our club attended the Pearl City Bonsai Club's New Year's Party. As always, lots of good food and we came home with door prizes galore. Dorothy Ito sang in the Karaoke portion of the program like a pro.

The Big Island Bonsai Association has invited us to take part in their Hawaii State Bonsai Convention during the Fourth of July 1988 weekend in Hilo. Attending and participating in these events bring us closer with the members in the bonsai world.

Our January meeting of the show and tell portion featured a lovely Azalea bonsai in full bloom nurtured with tender, loving, care by Louise and Takeshi Kimura. It was a very healthy plant with so many large pink blossoms which brought forth oohs and aahs from the members.

Doris Kawano and our good friend Jack Mizushima recently underwent major surgery and all of us wish them a speedy recovery.

Green Thumbs Club News

Mitsuyoshi Fukuda

I started my interview with Bob Aoki by asking him if he had any plans to retire from teaching and this was his reply.

"I started teaching a course in Orchid Growing some twenty years ago. I just made 70 years of age. There must be over three thousand students who went through my classes. I have two classes going on now, one on Tuesday nights and the on Thursday nights. I am having too much fun to even begin to think of retirement from teaching!"

Bob Aoki, Baker Chapter member and current president of the Club 100 Green Thumbs Club, is a dedicated teacher who uses his own home as a classroom and his orchid nursery as his teaching laboratory. He tries to limit his classes to twenty-five students. Students range from young adults to senior citizens; housewives to professional people; amateur growers to commercial growers; University of Hawaii County Extension Agents to the completely uninitiated.

Bob prepares a regular course outline that he submits to the Department of Education and which he follows.

He starts off by identifying the major Orchid Tribes and Genus. He will then take the more common or popular genera and go through the care and culture of each genera. Bob will then demonstrate various planting techniques, including the use of different planting medium.

In eight sessions, the class covers all of the important genera in Hawaii. Bob says that there have been occasions when one or more extra sessions were scheduled because of unusual interest on the part of the students.

Bob says, "One of the rewarding aspects of teaching is the friendship that develops among the students and between students and teacher. I usually make coffee and serve cookies at the first one or two sessions. However, by the third or fourth sessions the students have formed a social group and they take over the coffee making and they get their own pastries."

Over the years, Bob's classes have developed a very close friendship among a dozen or more former students. The group is not formally organized but it is the same group that gets together when a guy needs help to put a green-house or has a new addition to his family and needs another bedroom added to his home. These former students will rally around, partly to do good, partly to enjoy the after-work beer party, and mostly to enjoy the company of a bunch of compatible guys. They even have a name for this group. They call themselves the Na Kalohe.

I asked Bob how he got started in the orchid business and into teaching Orchid Raising. "It was by luck that I got assigned to Ft. Ruger after returning from overseas. I told the guys at Ft. Ruger that my only experience outside of the Army was three years as a flower grower in Los Angeles before World War II. They thought that was good experience and put me in the yard maintenance gang."

After a year or more, soldiers were removed from the yard maintenance gang. Bob was offered a civilian status in the same job. He took it.

Bob was later transferred to Ft. Shafter where the main yard maintenance service was located. This outfit took care of Shafter, Tripler, and Ft. Kamehameha. Bob's boss was the #1 Yard Maintenance Superintendent, Mr. Hung Ung Young. Mr. Young was one of those rare individuals during that period that knew something about how to raise orchids. Because of Bob's close working relationship with his boss, Young rewarded Bob from time-to-time with an orchid plant from his private collection, but he never offered to teach Bob how to grow them. In the meantime, Bob struck up a friendship with John Noa, an old-time orchid grower, who taught Bob the basics of orchid growing.

Bob concentrated on Dendrobiums and Vandas. He sold blooming seedlings to Fujikami Florist and Gem stores. Later he got an exclusive contract to supply Kahala Hilton with blooming plants for all their needs and Bob was on his way.

A visit to Bob's home and watching Janet, Bob's lovely wife, potting away at her potting bench, and listening to Bob talk about his teaching experiences and how he got involved in the business of orchid growing, one can't help but adopt Bob's philosophy that you are seventy only once and you might as well live it up!

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The problem with the Green Thumbs loudspeaker unit remains a problem. It seems that the very latest calamity occured when someone dropped the speaker set on the floor and something inside the set "ain't working no more." Tom Fujise, your job is not finished yet!

Last year, the Honolulu Orchid Society honored Green Thumbs member, Kazuo Kamemoto by elevating him to the status of Honorary Judge. At this year's annual dinner, the Honolulu Orchid Society similarly honored Majong Yoshimura by elevating him to the status of Honorary Judge. The commendation to Majong, signed by Mr. Everett Knisley, Chairman of the Awards Committee, reads in part: "Your twenty-three years of service as an accredited Judge of the Honolulu Orchid Society have greatly contributed to the success of the Judging Panel. You have participated consistently in judging sessions and orchid shows with near-perfect attendance. Your participation as Advisor to the Awards Committee and to Student and Probationary Judges throughout the years has added expertise and knowledge which you impart freely to all. We feel that you are very worthy of this highest honor."

Joining in the annual Honolulu Orchid Society dinner at the Ft. Shafter Non-Commissioned Officers Club were the following Green Thumbs members: George Hagiwara, Hazel Hagiwara, Susumu Kunishige, Sueo Sakamoto, Kazuo Kamemoto, Saburo Hasegawa, Takeichi Miyashiro, Kenichi Suehiro, Masa Toma, Bob Aoki, Janet Aoki, Majong Yoshimura, Mits Fukuda and Edna Sakamoto.

The Green Thumbs Club elected two new persons as Honorary Members of the Club. They are Chester Shimizu and Mike Gonsalves. These two will join two others who were elected some years ago, Ben Kodama and M. Miyamoto.

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