



PUKA-PUKA

PARADE



APRIL, 1992

"April showers bring May flowers", so the saying goes. But here in Hawaii nei, we are fortunate to have showers and flowers throughout the whole year. Here's hoping that flowers will be plentiful in June for our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Come out and do something. Don't just stay home and pass the precious time given to you. Do something to help others as well as help yourself. Get involved - participate. "Old age" is no excuse to cop out. A good place to start is with our 50th anniversary re-union. Volunteer your services with one of the committees.
By Ray Nosaka, President

On March 14, 1992, 33 men were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs by Mr. G. E. Castagnetti. The certificate reads "Men of 100th Infantry Battalion, Club 100, have again served their nation as volunteers in support of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Today adds another milestone to your already impressive record of devotion, dedication and service to country. You again displayed your patriotism to the country that doubted your loyalty 50 years ago" The recipients of the certificate and a decorative coffee mug were: Bernard Akamine, Stanley Akita, Kunio Fujimoto, Iwao Fujimori, Chester Hada, Kenneth Higa, Wallace Ichiyama, Edward Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Walter Iwasa, Arthur Komiyama, Richard Kondo, Susumu Kunishige, Isao Nadamoto, Nick Nakabayashi, Sonsei Nakamura, Henry Nakasone, Tom Nosse, Yoshi Okazawa, Bill Saito, Sueo Sakamoto, Robert Sakoki, Mike Takahashi, Stanley Takahashi, Yasuo Takata, Arthur Tamashiro, Ben Tamashiro, Martin Tohara, Mike Tokunaga, Tom Tsubota, Conrad Tsukayama, Ralph Uyeda and Ray Nosaka.

We know that you are anxious to have an up-date on the Anniversary Celebration. The response has been great - to type all of the names (somewhere between 600 to 700 names) would be impossible, so just plan on coming to meet your old friends. The golf slots filled up fast, but Stanley Akita was able to get a few more starting times, so now the next 8 golfers who send in their applications and registrations will be able to play in the tournament. Remember. first come, first served. The bus tours are still available, some more so than the others. If you haven't already sent in your registration form, please do so now. We don't want to have to say "sorry, all filled"

Donations of pupus, liquor, cash will always be accepted for the hopsitality room.



This is the last call for Life Membership dues (\$50.00) or annual dues to be paid by April 30, 1992. Remember that your Puka Puka Parade will be terminated In May if our records show that your dues have not been paid. After all, it is your dues that help defray the cost of postage.



At the March 12th Board of Directors meeting, Ann Kabasawa, Vice-President of the newly formed "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION was present to say a few words about what they are doing. She stated that their main purpose is to perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Inf. Bn. She pleaded with the members to cooperate when their sons or daughters ask questions about their past since oral history is most important to fulfilling this purpose. The Sons & Daughters are also concerned about maintaining the clubhouse and are volunteering their services on the annual clean up day on May 30th, or when ever "young blood" is needed to relieve some of the members of duties they are getting "too old" to perform.



IMPORTANT REQUEST: If anyone has an extra copy of "AMBASSADOR IN ARMS" or your copy that you wish to donate to the Club, please let Ray Nosaka know. This book is needed as a momento to be placed in the cornerstone of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Your call would be appreciated. Club 100 - 946-0272.

We wish to thank the following people who took the time out to come and help with the collating on February 27, 1992: Bernard Akamine, Akira Akimoto, Otomatsu Aoki, Kunio Fujimoto, Iwao Fujimori, Ralph Fukunaga, Mary Hamasaki, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Gladys Kawakami, Charles Kawamata, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Nick Nakabayashi, Bessie Nakasone, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Yoshiichi Okazawa, Seie and Evelyn Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Ken Saruwatari, Kazuto Shimizu, Ken Suehiro, Mike and Beatrice Takahashi, Marie Yoneshige and Robert Yoshioka.

There will be two groups of members, spouses and friends who will be leaving for Italy on the Bob Jones Documentary Tour. The first group (B) will leave Sunday A.M. April 5, and the second group (A) will leave late Sunday night. Both groups will meet in Rome where their tour will begin of the battlefield sites.

Our deepest sympathy to:

- Helen Nikaido on the passing for her husband Kenji (D)
- Kenneth Otagaki(Hqrs) on the passing of his mother
- Nash Tahara (B) on the passing of his wife Shizu
- Daido Family on the passing of Takeo (B)

The following article was taken from KOKUA LINE by Harriet Gee and submitted by Ken Suehiro:

"As I was driving home from Holy Nativity Church in Aina Haina Sunday, my car went dead halfway through the H-1 overpass at Kahala Mall. After many tries, I realized it would not start. I stood outside the car, hoping a policeman or good Samaritan might stop. After about 20 minutes of frustration and howling winds, a small sports car slammed on its brakes and backed up to me.

This dear person, Loreen Hirano of St. Louis Drive, spent over an hour with me (a senior citizen) to be sure I got home safely. She took me to a pay phone at Kahala Mall to call a tow truck and my husband and waited 45 minutes until the truck arrived. She would not accept a penny, saying she was pleased she could help me."

Editors note: Loreen Hirano is the daughter of Mrs. Midori (Jack) Hirano (HDQRS)

A few days later, Loreen received a beautiful basket of flowers with a message attached from the husband of the lady whose car was stalled:

Dear Loreen: "Thanks so much for your saving the only wife I have. I should have been there and thank God you were there with the heart and time to help her!" It was signed, Keith Adamson, Honorary Consul of Chile.

Thank you Ken, for sharing with us this heart warming story.

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Our sincerest thanks to the following people who so generously made donations to:

Mother Club	Helene Matsunaga.....	\$50.00	
	Margaret Morikawa	200.00	in memory of Tsuneo (A)
	Roger Nakano	400.00	in memory of Taneyoshi (B)
	Helen Nikaido	1000.00	in memory of Kenji (D)
	Ethel Sekine	20.00	
Puka Puka Parade:.....	Peter Okada	10.00	
	Dr. Wesley Odani for		
	Wataru Michioka.....	100.00	
	Yeiki Matsui.....	50.00	
	Masanobu Mukai.....	100.00	
	Frank Nishimura.....	25.00	
	Roy Terada.....	50.00	
American Stained Glass.....	Isao Nakashima.....	20.00	
	Tadayoshi Sato.....	25.00	

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!!

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Up to now, the Editors have more or less been following a routine pattern of printing the news from HQRS, A, B, C, D, etc--but, recently we were told that alot of people read only their own chapter news and disregard the rest of the newsletter. If that is true, then to confuse you into reading everything, we have decided to print the news in no special order. Those of you who are used to reading only the first two pages will now have to at least scan through the whole newsletter to find your favorite chapter news.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS-----By Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter President Satoji Arisumi conducted our first luncheon meeting of the year at Sizzlers restaurant in Kahului, on Wednesday, March 11. There were 29 members present out of 50 active members. Arisumi reported that he attended a welcome banquet in honor of retired Japan sumo champion Takamiyama, representing Club 100.

Mothers' Day dinner chairman, Ben Takayesu, reported a change in dinner site from Kihei to Wailuku. The new site is the Fujiya restaurant on Market Street next to the Wakamatsu Fish Market on Friday, March 8, with dinner to start at 6 P.M. Group leaders will call you in the near future.

By show of hands, most of the members present were interested in attending the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Honolulu. Be sure to send in your forms before the deadline of April 1, 1992. Fred Yamashige was appointed chairman in charge of bringing Maui goodies to the reunion, such as Maui's famous Kitchen Cooked Potato Chips. The budget for the year was presented and approved without change by members. Most of the members have paid up their annual dues with seven or eight members paying the \$50.00 Life Membership dues. The handful of members that have not paid their dues can still pay on time by mailing the \$5.00 or \$50.00 dues to Club 100 520 Kamoku Street Honolulu, HI 96826. The \$2.00 Maui Chapter dues can be paid to the treasurer at a later date.

A growing number of wives are having lunch at Sizzlers at the same time that we are having our luncheon meeting. You other wives can join them too at "dutch treat".

There will be a chicken hekka dinner at the Kahului Community Recreation Center on Monday evening, April 6, at 6 P.M. Bill Staton of the State Veterans Office will be the guest speaker.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS -----By Helen Nikaido

Dog Chapters' family night will be held on April 26th at the clubhouse. Co-chairmen for this affair will be "Fuzzy" Fujimori and Itsuto Okamoto. Menu has not been set as yet. Don't forget to mark your calendar.

Reminder to all doggies. Please send in your application for the 50th anniversary as soon as possible.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for coming to bid farewell to my beloved husband, Kenji, who passed away on February 26th. Special thanks go to Rev. Donald Asman for officiating at the funeral services, MC Martin Tohara, Kenichi Suehiro who gave the eulogy, Conrad Tsukayama, Richard Kondo, Iwao Fujimori, Richard Hosaka, Robert Yoshioka, Kiyoshi Kami, Saburo Hasegawa and Tommy Nishioka who helped at the cho-ba.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER -----By Tad T. Hashimoto

On Saturday, February 15th, 100 chapter held it's Valentine night at the Kim Sing restaurant in Gardena, California. Dinner was at 6:30 P.M.. Thanks to Allan Dong, our chairperson who made the arrangements for the enjoyable Chinese dinner with a great showing of 57 persons.

Kei and Chisato Yamaguchi, Eric and Irene Abe, Al and Connie Takahashi, and Allan Dong donated candy which all the ladies received. Camelias for the ladies were donated by Hank and Elsie Hayashi and Wayne and May Fujita. The club bought a large white sheet cake which said "Happy Valentine" on it. A knitted red heart purse filled with Hershey kisses was presented

to the ladies. Main topic of discussion was the coming 100th Battalion Veterans reunion June 24th to the 28th in Honolulu.

Attending were: Jim and Haru Ishizawa, George and June Kurisu, Lloyd and Chuckie Seki, Henr and Fumi Sakato, Mike and Doris Miyake, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Bill and Aki Miyagi, Tom and Ruth Kasai, Kei and Chisato Yamaguchi, Toe and Molly Yoshino, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Buddy and Lily Mamiya, Eric and Irene Abe, Nora Kim, Douglas and Jane Tanaka, Ken and Yoshiko Muranaga, Charlos and Beverly Picazo, Allan Dong, Hank and Kazuko Yoshitake, Lloyd and Michi Toda, May and Wayne Fujita, Al and Connie Takahashi, Ben and Jean Tagami, Yeiki Matsui and sister Aki Abe, Ted and Chi Ohira, Fudge Tanishita, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Mori and Sachiko Shibata, George and Toy Kanegai, and Tad and Sue Hashimoto.

April 25, Saturday, is 100th Family night at the 100th/442nd Memorial Hall, 6:00 P.M. Ben Tagami, chairperson.

Saturday, May 16, is the Armed Forces Day Parade to be held in Torrance, California.

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Services at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, California at 11:00 A.M>

Mrs. Tomoye "Tommy" Otsuji, 70 year old Ukiah California born Nisei resident of Culver City, Calif. passed away on February 23, 1992. A widow member of our 100th. Husband and 100th members passed away on August 1, 1979. Many members of the 100th attended the funeral services held on February 27th in Los Angeles. Our condolences to the Otsuji family.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER -----By Ted M. Hamasu

A lonely scribe is a forgotten scribe, a forgotten scribe doesn't have much to write about. So. I called Kenzo Endo to see how he was doing. "Aye, Kenzo, How you doing? I asked. "Oh, OK I guess, still kicking" he says. "How is your pace maker doing?" I asked. "Yeh, that thing is doing fine and helps me get around, so not bad" he replied. "'How did you do on your Vegas trip? Oh, at lease I never loose this time, so had lots of fun" he said. Kenzo has to take chemo for his blood condition about once a month and he has a pace maker in him and yet he sounds so cheerful. I told him what an amazing guy he is for being so nonchalant about his health, and told him to take care, and that ended our conversation.

I also gave Richard Fujita a ring to find out how he was getting along. According to Richard, he's doing all right under the circumstances and he is still using the wheel chair. He said that Tadao Seo and Helen visited him yesterday with the "omimai" so he wanted to know where to send the thank you card. According to Tadao, Richard looks real good, but must rely on his wheel chair to get around. He still has the steel inplant for support in his back.

We just hope and pray that you guys will be able to join us again real soon.

Corrections: My apologies to Mr. Sam Kihara and Mrs. Katherine Fujikawa for calling them other than their lawful names in the March issue of the PPP.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS-----By Tsugi Takemoto

Kauai seems to be lining up in three teams as STARS is one subject that is uppermost in the minds of many of us. The ones who say we need it, the shipped in people who are against it, and then those who are not going to worry about it at all. The silent majority always stays home. A hearing is scheduled for March 24. I went to the last one and still say we need it to protect us. The hearing lasted until 1:30 A.M.. Oh well, such is life.

For the second time, the 100th Colors were in a parade at the Captain Cook Celebration in Waimea on February 22. Larry Sakoda and Bunkichi Matsuyoshi rode on the HummVee with other veterans whose units were also represented.

Senator Daniel Inouye will present the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal to 27 veterans on Wednesday, April 22, 1992 at the Kauai Convention Hall. Mako Takiguchi and Larry Sakoda will have their relatives accepting as they will both be on the Italian tour with Bob Jones.

Also going on the trip are Lillian Takiguchi, Susan Sakoda (Larry's daughter) and Hakaru Tao.

A big welcome to Toku Kano and Motomu Yamamoto who came out of the woodwork and got to the 100th meeting held on March 15. It was nice to see them and really they hadn't added that many more wrinkles.

Mako Takiguchi and Kungo Iwai offered to be the hosts while the Rev and Mrs. Yost are on Kauai. Tsugi Takemoto will make the hotel arrangements.

Mitsuko Miyazaki, co-chair with Jane Sugawara and Kinue Mizuno announced that the Mothers' Day luncheon would be held at Conrad and Wongs, Hanapepe, on Sunday, May 3, 1992 at noon. Cost will be \$13.25 which includes tax and tip. It is BYOB for those who wish. Reply cards will be sent out by Lillian Takiguchi as very few remember to phone in. We look forward to seeing many who never get to the meetings but make an effort to get to the luncheons. Whatever way, we are happy to see them.

Kazuo Mizuno is in the Queen's Medical Center with a congested chest problem. If anyone wishes to send a card, you may do so by addressing KVMH, P. O. Box 337, Waimea, Hi 96796. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Kauai Community College has an evening class called Interpret Kauai which meets for 6 sessions on Monday evenings. On April 6, on the topic, World War II, Kauai at War, Muggsy Morikawa and Tsugi Takemoto will speak and answer questions. Muggsy will tell about his war experiences and Tsugi on what it was like behind the barbed wires. Joe Shiramizu, former county councilman, will talk about what went on on the home front. It has suddenly occurred to Tsugi that she has never shared her experiences with anyone but Margaret Lovett at the Kauai Museum, where they continue to feature World War II, with 100th, 442nd and MIS along with the Volunteers. And that includes the family. So it will be interesting to see what she will say.

Mr. and Mrs. Charales Stolpe of Coloma, Michigan, he a veteran of the 34th Infantry Division, recently toured Kauai with Larry Sakoda as his guide. Larry recalls visiting him a number of years ago and enjoyed the visit. His only regret was that the Stolpes didn't stay with him.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS -----By Tom Fujise

Have a heart you guys--the number of articles for Able news are pitifully small, in fact, it's in a deployable state. Come on you all---let me know something or other news that I can write about. Maybe you have a new girl friend (don't tell me). Maybe you went to Las Vegas and hit the jack pot of one million dollars (whisper to me). Whatever it is, I will be interested. Better yet, you write the news and I'll be more than happy to put it in the Able news space.

By now we are all aware that Tsuneo Morikawa has passed on to the "Happy hunting ground" as the Indians used to say. He will be missed at our monthly Able Chapter meetings.. where his calm and well thought out reasons usually prevailed when we had some of those heated problems to be solved. Tsuneo will always be remembered by all of us.

Future candidates for the TV program "Karaoke Challenge" may be found among Able members who attended the stag party at Natsunoya Teahouse. Understanding is that Paul Shirai and Richard Ishimoto among others were pretty good at this singing stuff. Talk about stuff the boys enjoyed, the delicious food which may have fortified the singers to account for their melodic voices. All this was possible due to the excellent committee work headed by Isamu Inouye and his assistants Walter Moriguchi and Kunio Fujimoto.

Collating of Puka Puka Parade is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Why not reserve the morning of the fourth Thursday and show up at the clubhouse before 8:00 A.M. and join others for comradeship and enjoy the bottomless cup of coffee. Make new friends and renew old acquaintances as you toil together to help put the Parade out on time. You can come out no matter which chapter's turn it is to collate.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS -----By Jimmy Maeda

Motoyoshi Tanaka AJA Veterans Council Chiarmen: Hawaii Chapter president Motoyoshi Tanaka was elected to serve as chairman for the AJA Veterans Council on the Big Island. Others elected to serve were: Shohei Yamate, Vice-president (interpreters), Eugene Eguchi, Secretary (100th), Takeshi Hirata, Treasurer (442nd), and Trustee Committee, James Maeda (100th), Isamu Kanekuni (442nd), and Pancho Murashige (Interpreters). Tanaka will be leading both the Club 100 Hawaii Chapter and the AJA Veterans Council.

Chaplain Yost Visit to Big Island: After the 50th anniversary celebration of the 100th Inf. Bn Veterans Club in Honolulu, June 25 - 28, Chaplain and Mrs. Yost will visit the Island of Hawaii on July 3 and 4. A dinner honoring them will be held at the Hilo Hawaii Hotel on the night of July 3. Takao Miyao and Kazuma Taguchi are co-chairmen for this fundtion. On Saturday morning, the group will drive over to the west side of the island, the Waiakaloa area. Hawaii chapter members will be informed as plans are firmed up for the visitation.

New Club T-shirts, Hawaii Chapter: A new club shirt is in the making for Hawaii Chapter. The new shirt will be used for the 50th anniversary functions and other club affairs. Jimmy Maeda is no taking orders for the shirt. If you have not placed your order, please let Jimmy know--935-1792 (res) or 935-1084 (office).

Kumamoto Governor's "Korosha Award": James Maeda, past president and member of Shima Kumamoto Doshi-kai was recently honored by Governor George Fukushima of Kumamoto Prefecture with the 1992 "Korosha award". A certificate and medalion was presented at the annual new year's get together of the Hawaii Shima Kumamoto Doshi-kai. Maeda received the award for his

continuous and dedicated service to the Kumamoto Kenjins on the Island of Hawaii and Kumamoto Prefecture office. He was also recognized for promotion of international goodwill and friendship through his International Rotary activities. Maeda is one of the first members of the 100th Inf. Bn to receive the "korosha award" from a governor of the Kumamoto Prefecture. A recipient has to attain the age of 70 before being able to receive the award.

Personals: Our prayers for a speedy recovery to:

George Inouye who recently had his aneurysm repaired at Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu.

Stanley Ushijima who had surgery for an "old man" ailment at Hilo Hospital.

Both men are recovering at home.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS ----- By Yasuo Takata

March has been a rather sad news period. Our deepest sympathy to the families of Tsuneo Morikawa, Kenji Nikaido, Takeo Daido and Shizu Tahara.

A Christian Memorial service was held at the Harris Memorial Church on Tuesday, March 10. Many Baker chapter members were present. Some of them were at the Nikaido service which was held at Hosoi mortuary at the same time. Takeo Daido was a well liked guy. Many of his friends attended. There was standing room only at the church.

On March 16, a Memorial service was held for Shizu Tahara, wife of Nash Tahara at Hosoi's. Shizu will be remembered for the numerous donations she made from King's Bakery where she worked. I remember her as a singer. A long time ago, she sang for the Hilo Glee Club. I attended some of the concerts they held in Honolulu. The singing held me spellbound. The Choir traveled to the mainland and to Europe.

At present, I am busy with my dog going to obedience classes. It is a one hour work-out, 4 times a week at Thomas Square. It is quite an exercise for one hour trying to make a 6 month old 70 pound pup obey. It brings me back to the Dog training days in the army though the training is quite different. The army style used discipline with a whip. Here you have to cuddle the dog and praise him and give him tidbits, and you have to do things over and over again.

The Baker Chapter Ukulele group under Ray Nosaka has started to practice again on Wednesday nights at 7 P.M. An old man like me attended the first night and found that I couldn't remember the chords--getting old and senile. The rest of the group remembered and sounded good for the first night.

HELP! HELP! I need news from you to write a column for I do not go out often now. How about some happy news about your children, grandchildren, birthdays, graduations, anything concerning you or your family---.This is the best way to keep in touch with the "Baker" family.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS -----By Ken Suehiro

One day my daughter Fay asked me "Daddy, do you know that Kelsie is a girl and not a boy?" I thought what a silly question to ask--"of course I know that Kelsie is a girl".

I had bought diapers for the young one and I remembered that red or bright color wrapping were for girls. The shelf had blue and

reddish wrappers so I just grabbed the bright colored one. It was for "boys". Lucky I had the sales slip to make the exchange. It was embarrassing that I didn't read --now I make sure that I read carefully--wrapping color doesn't mean a thing

I believe it was late last year that I wrote about my discussion with a HQ guy who told me that I should eat an apple each night, nothing else. That is enough because we weren't about to exert ourselves. Well, he claimed he didn't eat any meat, pork, chicken or dairy products--only vegetables and fruits. I looked at my friend in awe. What he said he usually ate was true, but another fellow said "I don't know about that--I saw him eat rabbit food, but for dessert he had 6 bowls of "zenzai"! How about that! I wonder if the zenzai comes in the fruit or vegetable category??

Our sympathy to Prof Kenneth Otagaki and family. Mrs. Keomae Otagaki, mother of Kenneth, passed away on March 3, 1992..Private services were held soon after the 3rd. She was 97 years old.

With each passing day, our 50th anniversary reunion will soon be upon us. I'm looking forward to meeting and talking to fellows I haven't seen for years.

The unpleasant events and happenings of the past are what we have to forgive and forget. Come out and meet your former buddies. We are not perfect but we can forget, at least We don't have too long and many are leaving us. Why wait to meet at the mortuary? Call the clubhouse - 946-0272 and sign up the reunion at least You may find it within your heart to forgive or forget the past. Let us not die with bad feelings in our hearts. If you like what you see or experience at the reunion, then consider becoming a member if you are not one already. You have a stake in the 100th Veterans Club--it's your club too! I'm making this pitch because there are so many men we haven't seen since Army days.

Roy Honbo asked if the club will furnish "pick-up service" Ray Nosaka says yes, all you have to do is send in your registration form where you give the date and time of arrival, airlines, etc, etc.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS By Ray Nosaka

For those of you who have already paid your life membership dues, we apologize for the delay in mailing your life membership card to you. We have been told that the cards are being worked on, and hopefully, ready for mailing very soon.

Saturday, May 30th has been set as "CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP" DAY. Please mark your calendar now so that you will not forget to come out to help at this annual event. Bring your weapons (rags, hammers, hoes, etc, etc) plus your muscles and join the guys for mending, repairing, painting, etc and for lunch and fellowship.

I will not be in the office from April 6 to the 22nd as I will be in Italy with the Bob Jones Documentary Tour. Aki will try to service the office in my absence.

The following is the message delivered by Rear Admiral Skip McGinley on February 7 at the Pearl Harbor Commemoration medal presentation ceremony here at Turner Hall:

Distinguished guests, families, and friends of the 100th Battalion - Good morning. I am indeed honored today to be with you on this most significant occasion. When my fellow officer and friend, Capt. Ikuma, brought me the news, I was surprised, and pleased to be able to take part in something of such high significance. I also felt, not surprisingly, somewhat inadequate for the task: As it is with all of us in uniform today, Capt. Ikuma was not even born, and although I had made it, I wasn't of much military use in December, 1941.....but, I will do my best.

50 years ago, when much of the world was already heavily involved in what appeared to be a hopelessly complex, rapidly growing series of conflicts, we were just awakening to it -- at first reluctantly. Then, with the shock of Pearl Harbor behind us, we plunged headlong into the largest, most devastating war in history.

It is interesting, maybe a little ironic, that the members or relatives of members of the most decorated unit of its size in U. S. Military history will receive their final medal today, 50 years after an event which actually preceded their formation, preceded their subsequent March into history, and into the minds and hearts of the American people. Who would have ever imagined, as each of you and your loved ones awoke that beautiful Sunday morning so many years ago, what lay ahead? Adventures, horror, joy, grief, fear, exhilaration--and a growing-up process accelerated far beyond what you would have chosen, or that most of my generation encountered.

This medal indeed embodies many personal events, feelings, memories, and sentiments. And it symbolizes one of those very rare moments in history that changed the world forever, for all people. The Nisei soldiers of the 100th were indeed full participants in that moment.

It is therefore my great honor to participate with all of you today to present the medal in the peace that all of you helped so much in war, to earn for us. Thank you.

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SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION

By Alan Nakamura

Ann Kabasawa represented the Sons and Daughters at the last Club 100 Board of Directors meeting. She said the Board has expressed full support toward the establishment and efforts of the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Members of the Board are: Alan Nakamura, Amy Muroshige, Matthew Matsunaga, Ann Kabasawa, Cary Miyashiro, April Yukitomo, Ann Ishida-Ho; Jan Sakoda, Danny Uchida, Pauline Sato, Lorna Fukushima, Gary Ikuma, Drusilla Tanaka and Warren Yamamoto. The elected officers are: President, Warren Yamamoto; Vice-President, Ann Kabasawa; Secretary, Jan Sakoda; Treasurer, Matt Matsunaga.

Articles of Incorporation of the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Inf. Bn. have been drafted and are being reviewed by the board of directors. Formal incorporation of Sons and Daughters is scheduled for June 5, 1992, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Among the projects that we are volunteering for are (1) clubhouse clean up day on May 30--people with handyman skills are especially invited, and (2) 50th reunion celebration scheduled on June 24 - 28, 1992. Please call the clubhouse and leave your name and phone number if you can help at either project.

The next general membership meeting of the Sons and Daughters will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, April 12 at the clubhouse. Topics to be discussed will include review assignments for the 50th Anniversary, telephone networking, plan a get-together with Eric Saul, and the oral history project. Parking available at Ala Wai School. If you know of any other Sons and Daughters of the 100th, encourage them to attend.

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JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL
PROJECT

*This is the final article of
the series submitted by the
Memorial Project.*

FUND RAISING

Fund Raising is an art. It is also a near science. Accepting these conditions, the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation has set the campaign goal at \$2.5 million to build the Japanese American World War II Veterans Memorial.

There are fund raising traditions, customs, and protocols, that have been creatively nurtured through the years of fund raising. They have become today's fund raising principles and concepts.

Therefore, to follow what is called for, the Foundation first appointed, organizationally, Buddy Mamiya to be its first chairman of fund raising. Further, following the tradition, he became the very first to make the first monetary pledge and contribution to the Foundation. He then asked, in order, Col. Young O. Kim as President of the Foundation for an appropriate pledge and contribution. President Kim became the second advance gift donor.

The concentric circle concept of good fund raising was in operation. Next to follow was all the members of the Foundation Board of Directors, then the Board members of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association and the MIS Club of Southern California.

The early campaign objective was to get 100% participation so that as the inner most concentric circle of prospects and the givers who will themselves become solicitors would be able to say with sincerity and authority, "I support the concept. I have made my pledge/contribution. I am now asking you TO JOIN US IN HONORING THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR LIVES FOR AMERICA."

The membership of the ten chapters of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association and the MIS Club of Southern California have been solicited as well as the friends of our membership. Thus far, the contributions have been most generous by any standards that have been established as good fund raising results.

As it should be, especially, in this case, the initial support was drawn from World War II Japanese American veterans, such as Senator Daniel Inouye who served with the 442nd RCT, Hershey Miyamura who served with the 100th Battalion, and Harry Fukuhara who served with the MIS group. But supporting them are hundreds of Japanese American veterans who have now joined the inner circle of supporters.

The Foundation and the veterans can say with upmost sincerity that we do support the concept. We have made our pledges and contributions to help make the concept a reality.

Now the time has come, the Foundation must enlarge the circle to include the broader community. (1) The functional communities made up of people belonging to churches, business organizations, social groups, professional associations, and the multitude of other institutions. And (2) the inter-facing geographic communities where the people actually reside, may it be Gardena, Monterey Park, San Fernando Valley, Northern California, Hawaii, and beyond.

The Foundation recognizes that the important fore running requisite to good and successful fund raising is always the effective provision of information. These articles are but one attempt. Rest assured that the Foundation has been developing brochures, posters, flyers, promo tapes, and charts. However, the Foundation is also well aware that there is no substitute for personal, person to person solicitation. This is where the campaign will be won or lost. Therefore, the Foundation knows that it will need all the help it can get of good people, all kinds of volunteers, not only to support but to do. If you are a person who likes the concept and can support the project, we want your help. We want you to join us, knowing that there is a natural human reluctance about asking other people for money. The person asking should remember that the money is not for his own needs but is for the project. And the ultimate objective of the Project is to raise the \$2.5 million so that all the funds necessary will be available by 1993 to pay for the construction of the Japanese American World War II Veterans Memorial and to erect and dedicate the memorial during the 50th Year Remembrance of World War II.

Please contact the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation, 138 Oak Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015 or call Young Kim, 619/222-0510, Buddy Mamiya 213/323-0364, or George Nishinaka, 213/221-3773.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

I've talked with some of our members and wives about the fund raising for the Los Angeles Memorial and some gave me the impression that we are doing this to help the "kotonks" to finish what they have started. Granted, it is a big undertaking and no doubt it will be feathers in their caps when its completed, but lets stop here and think about it for a moment. This project is not them or us, its all of us AJAs that fought in WWII. This monument will point out the wrongs that was done to the Japanese Americans and their families. What better place to build this monument than in the State where discrimination and incarceration of the AJAs started? When this monument is completed, it will remind not only the people of this country, but the people of the whole world that although America espouses freedom, there was a time in history that Citizens were thrown in concentration camps solely because they were Japanese!

Evidently, some of the members and wives did not read the brochure that was passed out to them, which reads, "They fought not only the enemy, they fought prejudice and won".

To have your name or your loved one's name engraved on this monument is to remind the present and future generations that it can happen again if we don't watch out.

Ted M. Hamasu

Thank you, Ted for hitting the nail right on the head! I wholeheartedly agree with your conception. This monument is FOR ALL OF US and will stand there as a reminder and challenge for many generations to come.

Ray Nosaka, Co-Editor

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

HQRTS.....	Thursday, April 16.....	Lounge	7:00 P.M.
ABLE.....	Saturday, April 25.....	Lounge	8:00 A.M.
BAKER.....	Friday, April 17.....	Lounge	7:30 P.M.
CHARLIE.....	Monday, April 20.....	Board Room	10:00 A.M.
DOG.....	Saturday, April 18.....	Board Room	8:00 A.M.
FOX.....	Friday, April 24.....	Board Room	9:30 A.M.
RURAL	_ No meeting		
MAUI.....	Monday, April 6.....	KCC	6:00 P.M.
HILO.....	Wednesday, April 23.....	AJA Hall	6:00 P.M.
KAUAI	No meeting		

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors.....	Thursday, April 9.....	Board Room	7:00 P.M.
Green Thumbs.....	Monday, April 6.....	Board Room	7:15 P.M.
Sons/Daughters.....	Sunday, April 12	Board Room	3:00 P.M.

Dog Chapter Family Night...Sunday, April 265:30 P.M.

Attention: D.A.V. Hanele Chapter Members: Please make a special effort to attend the meeting on Thursday, April 30 starting at 6:00 P.M. when heavy pupus will be served. The Hawaii State Department Commander, Charles Arakaki and Department Adjutant, Paul Takiguchi will be our guests. Your presence is needed. Please RSVP by April 23 by calling Isao Nadamoto - 734-1662, George Hagiwara - 373-4348, or Robert Sakoki- 734-6426.

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Collating for the May issue of the Puka Puka Parade will be on April 23rd. Baker and Rural Chapters will be responsible for providing the manpower and the refreshments.

Many photo albums, scrapbooks and loose photographs that were loaned to Bob Jones, have been returned to the club office. If any of these belong to you, please stop by and claim them.

Judy Bowman, Museum Technician for the U.S. Army Museum in Fort De-Russey is asking for any artifacts or photographs dating back to the 298-299th Infantry Regiment. There will be an exhibit at the Museum where a display for the 100th will be shown. Please call Judy at 438-2821 if you have anything to offer.

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