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FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

by Ray and Aki Nosaka

I would like to draw your attention to the article submitted by Col. Iwao Yokooji in our August issue of the Puka Puka Parade. I personally have not yet seen the movie which is shown daily at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Visitors Center, but I can understand Col. Yokooji's great concern for the propaganda and false impressions that could be promoted by this movie. I was inducted into the service in December, 1940 and was on guard duty at Schofield Barracks from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on December 7, 1941. Just three months earlier we knew that war was imminent by the fact that we were no longer carrying blank ammunition—our guns were now loaded with live shells.

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council has gone on record requesting that the film should include a disclaimer or be edited. We should let our representatives in D.C. know that we want the records set straight immediately. The AJAs should not have any shadow of doubt hanging over their heads regarding their loyalty to the U.S.A.

This reminder is for the 13th annual Mini-Reunion. The dates are from October 17 to 21, 1999. The time is drawing near for the cut-off date, so if you haven't committed yourself yet, please do so now. We have been asked many times if there will be another mini-reunion in October of 2000. Right now, all we can say is that the Southern California Chapter has agreed to take over the 58th anniversary-reunion to be held in Las Vegas in June of 2000. What happens after that remains to be seen. Since we are great advocates of "enjoy yourself while you are able," we will encourage a get together of any kind, any time.

Thank you to the following PukaPuka volunteers for turning out on July 29 to collate and mail out the 20-page August issue: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Tokuchi Hayashi, Richard Hosaka, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Phil Matsuyama, Y. Mugitani, Joe Muramatsu, Bessie Nakasone, Ken Nakagawa, Roy Nakayama, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Susumu Ota, Kenneth Saruwatari, Leo Sato, Cecilee Tanaka, Yuriko Takahashi, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Martin Tohara, Masa Toma, Riki and Evelyn Tsuda and Ukichi Wozumi.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by President Joe Muramatsu

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. After the preliminaries were cared for, we heard from our committee chairmen. There were no changes in the Apartment or House or Nominating Committees. We are still looking for a Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Memorial Service Committee will be meeting on August 21 to finalize its program.

The Medal of Honor celebration is still on hold, as we have had no word from anyone. A meeting will be held on August 20 to formulate actions to be taken by the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Fort Benning Monument project is making good progress and should be completely installed by the time you receive this issue of the PPP. Two numerals will be engraved after the announcement of the DSC upgrades. These numerals are for the numbers of Medal of Honor recipients (which we hope will go up). If there is an increase in the MOH, the DSC number will be decreased from 24. The dedication ceremony for the monument is scheduled for October 25 in Fort Benning. Gary Ikuma, son of Ed Ikuma (HQ), will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon reception to follow the ceremony. The Board approved a budget of \$1,500 for omiyage, flowers and other expenses for the event. A meeting will be held on August 22 for all of those who plan to go on the tour. Cyrus Higa and Kiyoshi Kami have been really helpful in getting us airfare quotes. In addition to the group flying directly from

Honolulu to Atlanta, there will be a contingent group leaving from Las Vegas right after the mini-reunion. We received word from Oswald Kawahara in Florida and others on the mainland that they would like to join our group in Atlanta for the ground tour to Fort Benning via chartered bus. The surveys returned indicate about 37 people interested in the tour.

The survey also showed more than 100 people interested in the Las Vegas 58th Anniversary in June 2000. Will ask Ben Tagami for more details later on.

Neighbor Island Chapter Presidents will be asked to attend the September 10 Board meeting. They will also be asked to attend the luncheon honoring General Eric Shinseki, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The club will be purchasing three tables for this event.

The club was invited to participate in the "Discover Moiliili Festival" to be held on October 2, 1999. Our members are too old for this kind of thing, so we are referring it to our Sons and Daughters.

No one showed any interest in attending "The Greatest Generation" benefit dinner for the USS Missouri Memorial Association. In conjunction with fundraising for the "Mighty Mo," Classic Coins Hawaii asked that Club 100 sell commemorative coins to raise funds to help defray the cost of maintaining the Battleship. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

Drusilla volunteered me to attend the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Thursday, September 2, 1999. All members, and especially those who volunteer on Saturdays will be asked to attend.

Allen Arakaki, our CPA, has been asked to ease the burden of the Executive Secretary by taking over the processing of our payroll, monthly and quarterly tax returns and accounts payable. Drusilla will continue to collect the rent due and make petty cash reimbursements.

There being no other business and our stomachs in command, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

ONLY FOUR MORE TO GO.

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DEDICATION OF 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION MONUMENT AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA AND CLUB 100 TOUR TO FORT BENNING

The installation of the three memorial stones at Sacrifice Field in Fort Benning, Georgia, has been completed. The only things lacking are the numerals for the Medal of Honor and for the Distinguished Service Cross. Hopefully, these will be known and will be engraved before the October 25 dedication ceremony. We have a good group going to Atlanta, from Hawaii and other parts of the mainland. Kiyoshi Kami and Cyrus Higa are helping us with air reservations and Pat Willis of McIntosh Uniglobe Travel Service in Georgia, is helping us with accommodations and ground transportation. It looks like it will be an interesting as well as relaxing tour. Peggy Pye is working with the Officers' Club at Fort Benning, site of the post-ceremony luncheon reception. Elsie Jackson, a sansei, niece of 100th Bn. soldiers, is coordinating a tour of the Fort, to include a visit to the National Infantry Museum. We will visit FDR's home in Warm Springs and the new Georgia Mall, the largest in the southeast. An unadvertised sight – the fall foliage should be at its peak during our stay there, and we will gain an hour, as the mainland reverts to standard time on October 24.

Your kokua is needed in giving a "Hawaiian Style" touch to the post-ceremony luncheon reception. Mrs. Pye has asked if centerpieces of bud vases with orchid sprays or anthurium and fern, could adorn each table. If you can spare any of these items from your garden, please drop off the fresh flowers and fern at the clubhouse by noon on Thursday, October 21.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPANY B/100TH BN/442ND INF US Army Reserve Hawaii

This past June at Fort Polk, Louisiana, B Company scored the highest hits on the live fire portion of the exercise (95%). This is the highest ever recorded by any unit (Ranger, SOF, Airborne, Infantry).

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARADE CORRESPONDENTS AND REPORTERS:

The deadline for the October issue is Tuesday, September 14. Collating is September 23.
The deadline for the November issue is Tuesday, October 26. Collating is November 4.
The deadline for the December issue is Tuesday, November 23. Collating is December 2.
The deadline for the January 2000 issue is Tuesday, December 21. Collating is December 30.

By following this schedule, we will not overly stress the Editors and printer for the November issue and we will avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas rush.

54th ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AND GRAVESITE DECORATING

The 54th Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 26, 1999, at Punchbowl. The day before, Saturday, September 25, will find the members and sons and daughters decorating the gravesites with fresh flowers. All hands will be needed for this important job. Bring your garden gloves, a hat, weeders, trowels, buckets, watering cans, sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Meet at the Inner Drive area. Charlie Chapter will start at 8 a.m., Able Chapter and Headquarters at 9 a.m. and Baker Chapter at 10 a.m. More hands make light work, and there is no age limit for this intergenerational activity. The flowers are beautiful tokens of remembrance and will help the Boy Scouts to easily find the gravesites when they place the flags there on Sunday morning. Did you realize that for some of the gravesites, the only time they are decorated with flowers is for the Club 100 Memorial Service, and the national holidays, when school children make leis for all of the graves.

We will continue the tradition of honoring the next of kin of those men who were killed in action by pinning a gold ribbon on them at the memorial service. Please send in names and addresses of those next of kin that you know so that invitations can be mailed out to them.

Ed Ikuma (HQ) is trying to locate the next of kin of Henry Terada (B) who was killed in action in the breakout from Anzio. He lived at North School Street before the war. Please call or contact Ed if you can help him.

100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation Educational Programs

As a fundraiser for the Educational Programs, the Cookbook Committee is putting together a cookbook that will incorporate the delicious ono recipes which have delighted the appetites of everyone at all our unique gatherings: the hospitality rooms at Las Vegas and the Islands, our semi-annual luncheons at the Veterans' Hall (in LA), chapter parties, intimate meals with family and friends, and wherever we have met, whether for business or for fun. Please send your recipe(s) to the Foundation office by December 1, 1999: Cookbook Committee, 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, P. O. Box 2590, Gardena CA 90247. Recipes will not be returned.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla A. Tanaka

I am scheduled for elective surgery (nothing life-threatening) and will be out of the office from August 25 through September 8, returning to the office on September 9. Please call the office and leave a message on the answering device if you need any information or have an emergency. I will be retrieving the messages by remote, and will return calls **if you leave your name and telephone number.**

Mahalo nui loa to the following donors for their thoughtful and timely gifts to Club 100:

- \$50 from William M. Mello of Cape Elizabeth ME, in memory of Eddie Kuwazaki (D)
- \$200 from Lawrence Kamiya (C) in memory of Mike Masaichi Kamiya (C)
- \$500 from Mrs. Irene Michi Kadowaki in memory of Robert Kadowaki (B)
- \$100 from an anonymous member of Headquarters Chapter
- \$200 from Mrs. Maude T. Higa and family in memory of Saijiro Higa (B)
- glass shelf and bracket for the women's rest room from Bernard Akamine (B)

The PukaPuka Parade received the following donations:

- \$25 from Frances Hirata in memory of Kent Y. Nakamura (Med-HQ)
- \$25 from Joe Muramatsu (B)

Donors to the Fort Benning, Georgia, Monument Project:

- \$25 from Carole Hatakenaka Akasaki in memory of Roy Hatakenaka (Med)
- \$100 from Paul and Leora Corbin of Huntsville AL in memory of Col. Bill Pye (B/C/HQ)
- \$100 from Michael J. Doi (A/Mainland)
- \$500 from Stanley M. and Drusilla A. Tanaka in memory of Haruo Kawamoto (A-KIA)

To date \$22,195 has been raised toward the goal of \$35,000. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Note to donors who itemize deductions on tax returns: Due to the change in IRS tax code status, donations to Club 100 made after July 1, 1999, are not tax deductible to the donor. In the future, please make donations to the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion and enclose a note that specifies that the gift is to support a project of Club 100. For example, a gift may be made to support the Club 100 Scholarship Fund, the PukaPuka Parade, the Memorial Service, the Clubhouse Clean Up, the Anniversary Banquet, the Fort Benning Monument, or for whatever purpose the donor desires. Donors will receive a letter-receipt from the Sons and Daughters which should be saved for tax purposes.

All donations made to Club 100 are tax-exempt to the club, so if you would like to make a contribution to Club 100 directly, you may do so.

We will continue to acknowledge all gifts to Club 100 in the PukaPuka Parade.

Welcome to the Octogenarian Club to the following who will celebrate their 80th birthday in September: Robert Fukumoto (HQ), Kazumasa Ichiyama (HQ), Wallace Ichiyama (A), Megumi Kitano (D/Hawaii), Yoshio Takenouchi (A), Sakae Watanabe (F/D/Kauai). Gomenasai to Kenneth Kiichi Kohatsu (HQ/Mainland) who attained the lovely age of 80 on July 7, this year. We inadvertently left his name out. Belated congratulations to you!

INFORMATION CENTRAL: A request from Mark Santoki, Editor of the Hawaii Herald—Mark is planning to do an article on a champion advocate of the nisei soldiers, Mr. Earl Finch. In particular, he would like to know if anyone has photos of the watermelon picnics Mr. Finch sponsored at Camp Shelby or any other photos or stories that you remember. Please call Mark Santoki at 845-2255.

Thanks to Phil Matsuyama (C/Hawaii) for providing the name of the blinded soldier for someone inquiring of Sen. Dan Inouye's office. It was Phil's cousin, Sanji Kimoto, who served in the 442nd.

✦ATTITUDE: This month's Positive Attitude award goes to Masao "Stu" Yoshioka (B). Those of you who don't know "Stu" very well might wonder why he is receiving this award. It is mostly for his wonderful sense of humor. The other day, as he stood with bowed head in front of the sign in the lobby that Bob Sakoki had passed away, he mourned the passing of his good friend and neighbor. Then, he seemed to regain control of himself and announced, "Well, my doctor told me that I am going to live...until I die." With that, he let out a chuckle and ambled back to his karaoke gang, his perky gait resembling that of Charlie Chaplin, cane and all. A few days later, someone asked him how he got the nick-name "Stu." It didn't seem to come from his given name, Masao. Was it because he loved "stew?" Nope, answered "Stu," it's short for "Stupid." With your sense of humor, you will live a full life, "Stu," and be a positive influence on those who have the good fortune to meet you.

Shortly after the June 22 swearing in of the new Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki, Shigeru "Stu" Tsubota called the office and advised us to get a copy of the general's acceptance speech. It was good advice, but how to get the text of his speech? A call to Senator Dan Akaka's office was all we needed to do. Thank you, "Stu" (we can guess how you got your nick-name) and Senator Akaka! Here is the Chief's speech in its entirety:

ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVAL CEREMONY

June 22, 1999

**REMARKS DELIVERED BY GENERAL ERIC K. SHINSEKI
34TH CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY**

Secretary Cohen – Thank you for the generosity of your time and your remarks. I appreciate your and Janet's being here. Secretary Caldera – Thank you for hosting this arrival ceremony. Patty and I look forward to forming a great partnership with you and Eva—one of service to the nation and to our soldiers, civilians, and their families. Members of the Hawaii

delegation: Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, Congresswoman Mink, Congressman Abercrombie. Senator Inouye – special thanks once again for your moving introduction at my confirmation hearing. Members of Congress with whom I have spent a bit of time: Congressmen Skelton, Lewis, and Edwards, other distinguished members of the Congress; Secretary of the Navy Danzig; General and Mrs. Shelton – Chairman: We all know how busy you and Secretary Cohen have been. Thanks to both of you for your steady leadership in successfully guiding us through yet another crisis. Undersecretaries Slocombe and Lynn and other members of the Defense Department; Fellow members of the joint chiefs of staff – General Joe Ralston, General Chuck Krulak, Admiral Jay Johnson, General Mike Ryan and your ladies – I salute your troops who have once again demonstrated why we have the best armed forces in the world. Fellow General and Flag officers – both active duty and retired, representing the active and reserve components, and your spouses – your presence honors us all; members of the Army Secretariat; LTG Leach of the Canadian Land Forces – thanks for coming all this way, Bill; Sergeant Major of the Army and Mrs. Hall; Distinguished guests, especially the international representatives of the attache corps; my own beloved family—all 55 of you from as far away as Hawaii—aloha—the next time we do this, I’m going to rent a bus; so many dear friends and close associates, who have come a long ways in time, distance and years to be here; classmates from the West Point Class of 1965; Ladies and gentlemen, and especially – each and every one of you soldiers out there in uniform on the parade field and over here behind the stands.

Welcome – thank you all for being here today. Let me ask you to help me – help me thank all these great soldiers, who are out here doing triple duty over the past week to make this memorable for all of us – the Old Guard and Pershing’s Own – you make us all stand a little taller and sit a little straighter whenever you execute your march on. Let’s give them all a big hand!

Let me further recognize some people who have made the past 34 years possible. Of course, there are the members of my family stretching from my 88 year-old mother to our 5 month-old granddaughter. They represent four generations of Shinseki women. Between them stand my older brother, Paul, and his family; my younger sister, Yvonne; and then Patty and me and our children—Lori and her husband, Tim Heaphy; and our son Ken and his wife Barbara who are the parents of little Carolyn Eve. Patty’s wonderful family is here as well. We are all here in strength—uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers, cousins, nephews and nieces—wonderful people who live simple lives and who have sometimes wondered why I have chosen to do what I do—but they have never doubted me and have always supported me. I wish every child in America could be so lucky – what a powerful incentive to work hard, to do what’s right, and to succeed at one’s chosen life’s work. I grew up around a dinner table where uncles who had served as sergeants in World War II talked about their army experiences – fascinating stories about surviving the rigors of combat and about having seen some of the great cities of Europe. I grew up to walk the streets of those cities. In this family are members who served with Senator Inouye in the famed 442^d Regimental Combat Team. Though they never thought about it in this way, they and the other men of the 442d, the 100th Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineers, bought for me and my generation our birthrights as American citizens. Because of what they, and others of their generation, did on those distant battlefields so many years ago, I have lived my life without suspicion, without limitation, with the full rights and privileges of citizenship, and with the opportunity to compete. Only in this great country of ours can a family have a day like this one—four generations of Shinseki women gathering on a parade field to celebrate the accomplishments of one of their own. They are the strength and the constancy of this family much as women have fulfilled those roles in so many other families who have undergone the American experience.

Also here today are former bosses, mentors, and associates, too numerous to name, but with whom I have soldiered for the last 34 years and to whom I credit my development as a soldier – some of the mentors: Generals Fred Franks, Butch Saint, Tom Griffin, Rich Cardillo, Tom Tait, Bill Fitzgerald, Nick Krawciw, Rich Keller; my hospital bunkmates: John Williams and Bill Hale; and my trainers – two NCOs to whom I owe my early growth as an officer: Sergeant Ernie Kincade, my very first trainer who taught me how to shoot artillery while underway on board a ship headed to Vietnam 33 years ago; and Sergeant, now Sheriff, Les Cotton of Navarro County, Texas, whom I put on a Medevac Bird in APR 66, and who returned to our unit on the very day I went down in a helicopter five months later and who saw me off on my Medevac flight. For over 30 years, he thought I had died and only

discovered three years ago that we both had survived our stings of battle. They will probably tell you that I was the greenest of the green, but I am here today because they were the very best of the best—professional noncommissioned officers who knew their jobs, cared for their soldiers, and took the time to develop their officers.

To the men of 65, we all stepped off together at Michie Stadium in June 1965—I have always cherished our time together at the Military Academy. In many more ways than you can imagine, you have influenced my life, my development as an officer, and my decisions to stay with the profession of arms. Many of you provided the insights and the models which shaped my earliest years—I was a kid who left Hawaii to go to West Point. There was little real familiarity with the military in my background, but you helped to fill my gaps. Strength and drive, old friends—strength and drive.

Let me also recognize some of the great men who have served in this position – Generals Gordon Sullivan and Carl Vuono, who along with Generals John Wickham, Shy Meyer, Bernard Rogers, Fred Weyand, Creighton Abrams, and William Westmoreland, pass on to us their legacy of leadership. These are the men who rebuilt an army that had suffered in ways that most youngsters today can scarcely imagine. The army cried out for strong leadership and these leaders rose to the challenge. We owe them and General Denny Reimer, who retired yesterday, a tremendous debt of gratitude for giving us back our soldiers, for giving our soldiers back their prestige, and for giving our country back an army more determined and more capable as an instrument of national policy.

We will build on their legacy by providing the leadership that keeps this army preeminent in land warfare. We will aspire to be the most esteemed institution in the nation, the most respected army in the world, and the most feared ground combat force to those whose actions would threaten the interests of the United States.

To do this, we must improve our strategic responsiveness. Our core competency will remain fighting and winning wars with speed, with overwhelming power, and with lethal decisiveness. But we will also demonstrate our flexibility, our versatility, and our agility when responding to a wider range of missions—including peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, and operations designed to counter emerging threats. We must provide early entry forces that can operate jointly, without access to fixed forward bases, but we still need the power to slug it out and win decisively. Today, our heavy forces are too heavy and our light forces lack staying power. We will address those mismatches. Heavy forces must be more strategically deployable and more agile with a smaller logistical footprint, and light forces must be more lethal, survivable, and tactically mobile. We will change these paradigms.

Make no mistake, we know that we have a non-negotiable contract with the American people to provide a trained and ready army, on demand. Warfighting readiness is, to borrow a phrase, job #1, and manning the forces is an urgent priority. We will work to connect to America in such a way that the youth of this country find service in the army meaningful and rewarding. We will endeavor to fill our combat formations so that they can hone their skills to warfighting standards and at an operating tempo that keeps them both motivated and sharp. Our formations will remain unbeatable in any contest of wills.

Army readiness is inextricably linked to the well-being of our people. Our success depends on the whole team—soldiers, civilians, families—all of whom serve the nation. Strategic responsiveness requires that our support structures provide soldiers and families the resources to be self-reliant both when the force is deployed and when it is at home. When we deploy, soldiers will know that their families are safe, housed, and have access to medical care, community services, and educational opportunities. We have a covenant with our soldiers and families, and we will keep faith with them.

General Reimer has dedicated himself to integrating the active and reserve components to gain the best of what each brings to the fight. I know this – I have watched him personally dedicate himself to this effort when some questioned his wisdom. I have also been the beneficiary of his efforts as a deployed commander who received the tremendous capability that comes with our tailored peacekeeping formations. Today, I declare that we are the army—totally integrated, with a unity of purpose – no longer the total army, no longer the one army. We are the army, and we will march into the 21st century as the army. We acknowledge our components and their unique strengths. But we are the army, and we will work to structure ourselves accordingly.

Finally, we are and we will remain an institution that finds strength in such personal values as loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. They form the bedrock of our institution--not because they are the catchy stuff of bumper stickers—but because soldiers on point must know that behind them stands an army whose values will never allow us to abandon them, nor squander their sacrifice, nor commit them to battles that cannot be won.

Soldiers represent what's best about our army—great youngsters who do the tough business of soldiering day-in and day-out, in the dark and the rain and the mud of faraway places with unpronounceable names—noble by sacrifice, magnificent by performance, and respected by all. They make us better than we ever expected to be. And respected by all. They make us better than we ever expected to be, and for all who may be watching, when America puts a soldier on point anywhere in the world, that is a statement of national commitment, of the will to see things through. And that's why we are all so very proud of these men and women who exemplify what's best about our great country. They have my unfailing commitment to keep them persuasive in peace, decisive in war, and preeminent in any form of conflict.

I am humbled to stand here today as the 34th Chief of Staff of the Army. I thank the President, Secretary Cohen, and Secretary Caldera for their confidence in providing me yet one more opportunity to serve the nation, this army that has been my family for 34 years, and the soldiers who, for 34 years, have never allowed me to have a bad day.

Thank you all for being here.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER REPORT

by Kenneth Saruwatari

The July luncheon meeting was well-attended. We met at Buffet 100 at 11:15 on July 16, and most of us enjoyed an ono and bountiful lunch—the kind where you can almost skip dinner. It sure was good to see so many of the gang. Present were: Doris Aimoto, Dorothy Tamashiro, Hisae Saito, Ethel Shimogaki, Nancy Nakamura, Beatrice Shinoda, Elsie Oshita, Frances Komiyama, Otomatsu Aoki, Ed Ikuma, Aki and Patsy Akimoto, Tom and Margaret Nosse, Ken and Janet Otagaki, Wally and Ethel Teruya, Ken and Vivian Saruwatari, and a very welcome Masato Kodama. As usual, Wally Teruya favored us with his generosity. Times Market gift certificates were raffled off. One of the winners was Ethel Teruya – and she graciously declined the prize. Thanks. And since there were 13 ladies present and we gave out only 12 numbers, Vivian had to sit out the raffle.

The luncheon was almost called off. Since some places ask for a deposit when making reservations, I called the place the day before to reserve two tables. The man said, “Solly, we sold out.” But, I’m bringing 21 people. He says, “21...hmmm...21. Okay, what time?” 11:15 and my group is from the Club 100. “Oh, same name.”

The next open meeting will be a luncheon meeting at the clubhouse following the Club's memorial services on September 26. You're going to the services, so drive down later and park at Ala Wai School – open after 12:30 p.m. We promise a nice luncheon. We may also serve shave ice. Please come. Call Ken Otagaki at 988-7628 or Ken Saruwatari at 373-4050 before September 20. Chapter Treasury will pay part of cost!

The next scheduled event is the Christmas party. More on that later.

Able Chapter news is on pages 16 and 17.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Bernard S. Akamine

We said aloha to Saijiro Higa on the first of August. Rev. Don Asman conducted a beautiful service. Baker Chapter extends deepest sympathy to his family.

Then, on August 15, we said farewell to Stanley Nakamoto. Again, Rev. Don Asman conducted another beautiful service. We extend our deepest sympathies to Stan's daughter Jan and her family. Stan designated himself as the person in charge of decorating the graves at Punchbowl every September. He would order the flowers from a source in Hilo and bring them to Punchbowl with the lists of names and gravesites that he devised and assigned each team a list and a map. He also made it his responsibility to get the flower vase from the clubhouse and take it to Punchbowl so it could be placed in the ground when needed. We will surely miss him.

Remember, the 29th of August is our Family Night. Bring your children and grandchildren and enjoy a get-together because we don't have many more years left.

I just got word that Bob Sakoki also passed away this month. Private services were held. All good men are going first. We extend Frances and family our sympathies.

Remember—we will be decorating the graves at Punchbowl on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. One of the good things about decorating the graves on Saturday is, we can take the flowers in our cars and drive to the farther areas of the cemetery. When we did it on Sunday, we couldn't drive around easily because of all the parking restrictions, so we had to walk to all the gravesites. Now that we do it on Saturdays, the sons and daughters are free to help us instead of having to worry about the memorial service. Speaking of sons and daughters, they took over the duties of the chobah at Stan Nakamoto's memorial service. Mahalo.

In 1943, there was a call for dogs to be used by the military. I had a part-German Shepherd female, so I took her to the U.H. Manoa campus where they trained the dogs. The first thing the dogs were subjected to was gun fire. All dogs that ran at the sound of the gun were eliminated. My dog just looked at the soldier with the pistol and did not move at all. She was in the army! A few months later, I received a letter telling me to pick up my dog. I was so down-hearted that she failed after all these months of training. When I got to the UH, the sergeant handed me an honorable discharge certificate and my dog. The reason for the discharge—she is pregnant. I wish I kept the certificate.

Baker Chapter members, send your good thoughts and prayers out for Yoshio Hirose, Isao Nadamoto and Namie Takaki. Remember their family members, too, as they are busy with giving care.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Warren Iwai

Meeting: Thirteen members met at the clubhouse on August 16. Missing were Yoshio Anzai and Seigi Adaniya from Pearl City and our ever faithful Kaoru Yonezawa. However, Saburo Ishitani was present. Saburo's working hours on his part-time job conflicts with our meeting time, so he's able to be with us only several times a year.

It was reported that Lawrence Kamiya donated \$200 to Club 100 in memory of his brother, Mike. Lawrence and Mike were both members of Company "C."

Rod and Katherine Baishiki donated \$100 in memory of Haluto "Junior" Moriguchi (KIA) to the Fort Benning Monument project. Katherine is the sister of "Junior." Thank you, Rod and Katherine. John Emoto donated \$500 to the club for the construction of the wheelchair accessible restroom. Thank you, John; it was very generous of you. Please drop us a line and tell us something about yourself.

In July, Betty and I went to Washington state to visit our daughters. I wish to thank Masa Sakagami for driving all the way from Seattle to visit us in Kent, WA, and for the ono tsukemono he made and brought for us. Other than his hearing, Masa appears to be in good health. He still goes fishing as usual, but a little discouraged lately by the poor fishing conditions and the rapidly dwindling fish population. But, like he says, "I'm still kicking." Bob Sato contacted me by phone, but we could not get together. Bob, I suggest that you gather all former members of Co. "C" from the Pacific Northwest and meet the guys from Hawaii and California next June in Las Vegas on the occasion of our 58th anniversary gathering. Of course, we must include guys like Kiyomi Shimizu in Denver, Warren Tamura in Idaho and others. Let's make this reunion a new beginning of our comradeship.

REMINDERS:

September 17, 1999: Friday, Nuuanu Onsen Tea House. Our annual "Fun Nite." You will be receiving the flyer shortly.

September 25, 1999: 8:00 a.m. Saturday, National Cemetery at Punchbowl. We will clean up and put flowers on the graves of our comrades. We welcome our sons and daughters to join us.

September 26, 1999: 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Club 100 Memorial Service at the National Cemetery at Punchbowl.

December 17, 1999: Friday, "C" Chapter Christmas Party at Clubhouse. More details to follow.

Hideshi Niimi reports that his grandson, Jeffrey Sato, is a member of the Kalani High School baseball team. His position is catcher and he is also a darn good hitter, too. The Kalani team played in the American Legion Baseball League and represented Oahu in the regional play in Las Vegas. They won the first game, but lost the next two games and were eliminated. But, they had a good time.

Finally, someone said, "A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks."

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by **Helen Nikaido**

I called Richard and Momoyo Endo recently to see how they were coming along. Richard has back problems and doesn't drive anymore. Momoyo-san has a bad case of arthritis, so can't slice or chop vegetables, etc. So, Richard helps her and also with the household chores. Momoyo-san used to make "ono" pupu for our family nite get-togethers, especially her "ika-no-nitsuke" and her pickled quail eggs. Even Ed Harada said she made the best pupu. They were so active, but are now home bound. Please give them a call sometimes. They'll be happy to hear from you.

Herbert Yamamoto fell at Daiei in May; had to have some stitches. Gladys said they were looking forward to the August luncheon, but Herbert has to take it easy for a while. Hope you get well soon so you can join us at the next luncheon.

Ryan Yoshida of Hilo, son of Clyde and Joanne and grandson of "Jits" and Mildred received a scholarship from Iolani. During the summer, he attended classes at Iolani. Congratulations!

We had a good turnout at our luncheon on August 13 at the Pagoda. Attending were Lillian Fujimori and guest, Mary Hamasaki, Kay Harada, "Doc" and Mildred Hosaka, Rupert Ishimaru, Ruth Ishizuka, Rhoda Kawamata, Hideo and Ethel Kaya, Sue Kondo, Edna Kuwazaki, Stella Nakayama, Helen Nikaido, Saburo Nishime, Kay Okamoto, Francis Takemoto and daughter Dee, Ben Tamashiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Martin and Dorothy Tohara, Conrad and Yoshi Tsukayama, Ruth Watanabe and "Jits" and Mildred Yoshida. Hope you all had an enjoyable time visiting with each other and enjoying the delicious food. Thanks, "Jits," for your help in making sure everyone paid up.

The One Puka Puka 1999 Japan tour meeting will be on Wednesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Final payment will be collected. "Opu" Hiranaka will call you to let you know what your balance is.

Here's an interesting article which appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser on July 3, 1999, written by Ed Harada and titled, "Some Men Didn't Say Goodbye."

Towards late May or early June 1942, about 1,400 Americans of Japanese ancestry were assembled at Schofield Barracks to form the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). I was among them.

I am a Honolulu boy, so I had a chance to say goodbye to my father, brothers and sisters before being shipped out. But men in the unit from the Big Island, Maui, Lanai, Molokai and Kauai were shipped to Schofield Barracks and placed in a fenced area, without being given a chance to say goodbye to their loved ones.

Our leaving the islands was in sharp contrast to the departure experienced by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the spring of 1943. The 442nd left Honolulu with relatives and friends on hand to bid fond goodbyes.

For the 100th, things were much different. In early June, we boarded a train at Schofield Barracks and without fanfare headed for Honolulu. About the only ones to bid us goodbye were the girls working at Schofield Laundry.

At Honolulu Harbor, we boarded a troop transport, the SS Maui. As we left the pier to make the long journey to California, all the 1,400 remained on deck to say their goodbyes to Hawaii. As we passed Piers 10 and 11 and Aloha Tower, we all looked towards our land, for many of us for the last time. I recall seeing a lone girl run to the railing at Pier 11 and wave to us.

At Oakland, California, we boarded a train and made a journey of several days to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. Every time we passed through a town, we had to pull down our windowshades so people couldn't see us.

At Camp McCoy, we lived in tents, each with six bunks and a wood floor. The shower had no hot water. That was not a problem at first, because the weather was warm.

Near the end of October, we experienced our first snow. Many of us who had never seen snow before ran around trying to catch some. A few weeks later we moved into a brand new two-story wooden barracks. During our stay at Camp McCoy, we were on very good terms with the people of Sparta, the town next to our camp. Many of us were invited to homes there for dinner. We even had a corporal who later married a girl from Sparta.

There was one instance that we laugh about now, but at that time it was anything but laughable. As our train approached Camp McCoy, it passed slowly in front of an internment camp. Some of the residents came up to the gate to wave at us, and we waved back.

Our train passed the camp, but then went into reverse. The laughing and joking in our train ceased, and we all became quiet. Some men murmured, "They sure not going to lock me up."

Then the train stopped and began going forward again. It was explained that the train had to switch tracks. We all breathed easy again and our loud laughter and joking again filled the train."

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER (via the internet)

by Ted M. Hamasu

The Las Vegas Escapades:

After the unveiling ceremonies of the 100/442/MIS Monument on 5 June, we were told to gather at the Miyako Hotel lobby by 0800 the next morning, for our post unveiling trip to Las Vegas. We got up about 6:00 at my daughter's place, had some hot coffee and something to bite on and left for Miyako Hotel to be on time. We waited and waited. 8:00 o'clock passed and we still waited for a couple to join us. Finally one of the buses went for them and we were ready for our trip to the land where fortunes can be made. I wondered what would I do if I win the \$4.5 million mega bucks like the women from Waipahu. A dreamers' dream, which all of us who venture to Las Vegas do. Only the lucky few bring back something.

We stopped at Barstow, about midway to Las Vegas, an oasis in the midst of a desert. The many busses that stopped at that watering hole were loaded with old folks like us. They say the old folks of the United States control over \$4 trillion dollars in assets. No wonder many are out, trying to use some of the savings that they accumulated, by touring the country or trying their luck in Las Vegas. As we neared Las Vegas, I saw many cars going in and just as many going out. I wondered if the ones that were leaving may have deposited their hard-earned money in one of the many casinos or were taking a bucket full of money out of Vegas. Finally we reached California Hotel, our home for four nights. Aki and Ray Nosaka took care of the room assignments and we were comfortably settled in room 2218. As I raised the window shades and looked out, I could see the mountain range in the distance and all sorts of construction going on near our hotel. They were repairing roadways, putting in new roads and overpasses, tearing down old buildings, building new buildings, with huge cranes with their long arms swinging loads of material, maybe for another big hotel casino complex?

We were ready to make a killing out in the gaming rooms of the casino. But first we stopped at the hospitality room on our way, where Ben Tagami and his crew held forth. Ben and Jean Tagami are the permanent fixtures in the hospitality room and they are generous on the spread of food. Truly, a hospitality room, where you can step in and help yourself. We can call it the "ohana room"(family room) for we are truly one family.

Since we didn't care to spend all our days and nights in the casinos, we signed up for some sightseeing tours led by Mrs. June Kurisu. You know you hear and read about those fabulous new hotels and casinos and the big shopping malls, where you can spend your money. I was amazed at the number of people in all the casinos we visited. I know we visited most of the major ones. One night we wanted to see the night lights, so we walked out of one of the doors and headed out into the streets and walked for a while until we saw a huge crowd looking up at the ceiling waiting for something to happen. As we stood there wondering what all the people were waiting for, with a loud sound the ceilings lit up over our head and we saw airplanes flying from one end of the street to the other end with booming sound just like the real thing. It was something spectacular to see.

Someone told me that if you are lucky you will hit it, so in all of the casinos I visited I deposited some coins but no luck. My wife was not doing too good either. I left her alone for a while, so she can do

what she wants but when she got back, she said, "I no can win so no mo fun, I had enough of Las Vegas for a long time." I didn't tell her but when I heard that, I was happy, for now I no need take her to Las Vegas for a long time. How long, who knows?

Mahalo Nui Loa to Ben and Jean Tagami and the mainland Kotonks for doing an outstanding job in the hospitality room and taking care of us Buddaheads from Hawaii. We enjoyed the banquet, the fellowship and the new friends we made on the occasion. KORE ICHIBAN, HONTO. MAHALO NUI LOA.

On the last day, since we had some chits left, (thanks to the hospitality room), we lined up with the others to change it into some bento and other goodies to eat on our way back.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Everett Umeda, who died on 6 August 1999. A private funeral service was held at the Haleiwa Jodo Mission. He is survived by his son Everett Umeda Jr. and his address is 68-025 Apuhihi St. Apt. 306 Waiialua HI. 96791.

Our next meeting will be held at the Westgate Shopping Center's office on 17 Sep 99 from 11:00. Bring your lunch. See you all there.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members and their families enjoyed a very relaxing picnic at Kanaha Beach Park on Sunday, August 8. Much credit for the fine picnic goes to the John Miyagawa's for chairing this annual event. Their two daughters and two sons and their families displayed fine teamwork getting a choice picnic location early, setting up their tables and broiling stands for the teriyaki meat and pulehu ahi, and serving the food to the hungry members at lunch time. Last but not least, the younger Miyagawa grand-daughters ran the Bingo games very efficiently so that it was over in an hour. Sue Kaneshina, who had suffered a stroke, was improved to the point where she was able to attend the picnic in a wheelchair with the help of Wataru. Wataru blessed the food at the picnic. We thank the Willie Goo's for their annual picnic donation of their sweet watermelons. To the Miyagawa families, we extend our sincere mahalo for putting on this annual picnic for us. Finally, thanks to Maui Electric Co. for their generous donation of pot holders.

There will be a general membership meeting at the Tasty Crust Restaurant at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 1999. Wives and widows are invited to attend.

Maui Chapter's Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 26, at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. Goichi Shimanuki is the Chairman.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tsugi Takemoto

Not having a meeting since April and Mothers' Day luncheon in May, and taking the summer off, we had a meeting on August 15 and found the biggest news was the number of thank you notes from recuperating members we were receiving. Just think, there were 15 members, 11 wives and two grandchildren.

All is well among those who got to the meeting, including Jack Hada, Larry Sakoda, Monty Nishiie, Mako Takiguchi, Kazu Senda, Muggsy Morikawa, Mitsuru Doi, Motomi Shigeta, Masa Yotsuda, Fusetsu Miyazaki, Wally Takemoto, Tom Matsushige, Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, Choichi Shimabukuro, and Maxie Mukai.

Thank you notes were received from Sakae Maggie Watanabe who is recovering from a stroke and was happy to get home as one of his daughters came from the mainland to take care of him. His physical therapy was to walk and he found his neighbor's driveway was just the right thing to use. Both of the Kagawas have been in and out of the hospitals. Seigo found out why he was feeling so lousy. He had let his health be taken over by a diabetic condition and Hisayo had to have six radiation treatments to her eyes in Honolulu. Now both are recovering at home. Even in her blind condition, she was able to write a thank you letter.

Thank you's were received from Motomu Yamamoto and Kungo Iwai who are both recovering at home. Heard also from Kelly Fujimoto and Hisa Shimatsu who are holding their own.

So, when we realize that 26 members are on the roster, we have many who just can't make it.

General Myron Dobashi of the Hawaii Air National Guard will be the guest speaker at our Memorial Services on September 26 at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery, Hanapepe. Larry Sakoda will be the master of ceremonies and Rev. Shindo Nishiyama of the Waimea Hongwanji Mission will offer prayers. In charge of light refreshments will be Mildred Iwai, Kazue Kawamoto, Dorothy Matsushige, Yoshie Nishio, and Doris Shimabukuro.

Many thanks to Drusilla who promptly mailed our PukaPuka after it was lost in the mail. (Heard many others were lost, too, and that the office ran out of extra copies. Those of you who received the all-white pages have a collector's item.)

I will be gone from September 2 to the 23rd and hopefully someone will send in the next article from Kauai to the Puka Puka. I will go to two conventions in Anaheim and visit a bachelor brother who is in St. Paul MN with daughter Joyce before coming home.

Many thanks to Mitsuru Doi who shared his pictures of the LA Memorial. Glad he found his name on the Memorial. Most of us still hope to see it.

Did you ever wonder where all our members got their nicknames? I have, as I am not from here. Maybe it's a good project for someone.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Jimmy Maeda

I would like to thank the friends from Honolulu who phoned asking, "what happened to you—no PukaPuka Parade article from the Hawaii Chapter for the August issue?" After celebrating my birthday at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel June 19, the period from June 24 to August 2 became hectic days. My wife lost two of her sisters in the period of one month from June 24 and July 24, 90 years and 77 years. Our two grandsons, 11 years and 8 years old, visited with us from June 26 to August 3. I believe you will agree with me the reasons were good for me to skip the articles for August.

MEMORIAL SERVICE 1999: Hawaii Chapter's Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 26, at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1 at 10:00 a.m. The memorial service committee is working on the program for the service. Col. Robert Lee from Honolulu has accepted our invitation to be the speaker. Col. Lee is the CO for the 9th Regional Support Command, US Army Reserve. Hawaii Chapter members, wives, AJA veterans, Sons and Daughters, next-of-kin, friends and public are invited to the service. Club 100 members, please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 26.

Larry Tanimoto died at the age of 77 on August 1, due to illness. He was a member of Hawaii Chapter and formerly Company D. Before his illness, Larry was branch manager of Radio Television Co. for 22 years. Our prayers of condolence to his wife, Kazue, daughters Coral Ikeda and Gweyn Eckart; brother, Ted Tanimoto, sisters Betty Hiromura, Myrtle Nakasato and other relatives. Hawaii Chapter members served as honor guards at the funeral service.

Takeo Kawasaki of Hilo, brother of Roger Kawaskai, died recently of illness. Our prayer of condolence to Roger and other members of the family.

George Taketa, after suffering a stroke, has been receiving medical treatment and physical therapy at the Hilo Medical Hospital and Hale Anuenue Restoration Care Center. George's spirit is good, working hard to recover and return home. My friendly advice to George is to take your time and get well. The golf course will be there for a long time. He should be going home in a week or two.

CLUB 100 MAINLAND

by June Kurisu

The unveiling ceremony for the Go for Broke Monument on June 5, 1999, was very impressive, as is the monument itself. There was a big crowd in the bleachers and a large group of 100th members seated in the VIP section. If you were not at the unveiling, please don't miss seeing it at your next opportunity. It is such a fine tribute to all the JA men who served in WWII.

Early the next day, we boarded our transportation bound for Las Vegas and the Post Unveiling Celebration at California Hotel, co-chaired by Ben Tagami and Ted Ohira. Some participants looked with anticipation for the camaraderie, food and fresh fruit in the Hospitality Room, others for the slots tournaments, others for the tours, others for the casino machines and tables, and others for all the aforementioned. Anyway, we were all there for a good time, the culmination of much hard work by many members of the 100th.

Again, we all probably ended up with unused meal coupons because we ate so much in the Hospitality Room. The food and fruit just kept coming and coming. I wonder if the Tagami's, Ohira's and Fujikawa's look on the duties they undertake in the Hospitality Room with anticipation or dread for the hard work they perform each time. It's really hard work for about 12 hours each day, so any help you can give in October will give them a break. Cathy Tanaka was a real gem for volunteering to staff the Room so that all the regulars could enjoy some free time. She is the secretary to the MIS, her late dad Soichi Fukui was a member. The Tagami's, Ohira's, Fujikawa's, Hisa and Ken Miya, Mits Doi, Henry Hayashi, Yeiki Matsui were the heavy helpers—that denotes their work and not necessarily their weight. I mustn't forget Helen Nakashima and Yone Shimizu from Hawaii either. Gladys and Tom Tsuda are candidates for most popular attendees when they bring the matsutake that we enjoy in the matsutake gohan. Hiromi Suehiro from Hawaii provided lots of tsukemono; Mike Takamine, kim chee; Chiz Ohira, sanbaizuke; Chuckie Seki, cookies and snacks; Anti Tank, smoked salmon, cherries, and Spam musubi. Musubi was provided by Chuckie Seki, Hisa Miya, Teri Fujikawa, and George Kurisu. Please accept the thanks of all of us who partook for either your help or food or both. Elma and Mas Takahashi, thanks for chairing the slots tournament.

Thanks to Kazuto Shimizu, Edwin and Helen Nakashima, Dave Yoshimura, Paul Yasaki, and George Kurisu for their monetary donations to the hospitality room. George's donation was through the courtesy of the slot machines.

Our banquet was on our last night in Las Vegas. Yeiki Matsui was our able master of ceremonies, while Toe Yoshino's cousin, Merlyn "Kauai" Masuda, entertained during the cocktail/fellowship hour. Toe couldn't come because of a health problem from which he has recovered. "Da Aikanes" included Aki and Ray Nosaka, Ted Hamasu, Kimi Matsuda, Evelyn Tsuda, and Mitsuru Doi from Hawaii and Ted Ohira, Ted Toguchi, and June Kurisu from SoCal who sang the blessing and other renditions. Ted Ohira led the karaoke singers. Kazuto Shimizu was a good sport as well as a good singer when he was asked to sing impromptu.

It nearly brings tears to the eyes when we rise, join hands, and sing Auld Lang Syne and Aloha Oe at the close of the banquet when usually we won't see our friends from near and far and from across the sea for another year. Except this year, we can meet again at the 100th's Mini Reunion from October 17 to 21, 1999. Get your check in if you haven't already. Something else to look forward to: The Mother Club will be holding the 100th Battalion's year 2000 anniversary in Las Vegas, to be hosted by the Mainland Club 100. The dates are the third week in June from Sunday to Thursday. Talk is that E and H Companies want to join the reunion. Our honchos say there won't be an October mini reunion in 2000.

We certainly miss Col. William Pye. Bill was really an officer and a gentleman who many of us got to know better when we were in Europe for the Bruyeres 50th anniversary, as well as the four-van trip to three outer islands following the 100th Battalion's 55th anniversary. His dear and lovely wife Peggy is carrying on Bill's unfinished work to get the monument commemorating the 100th at Fort Benning finished for the unveiling on October 25. We hope as many of you as possible can make the trip.

Several people at the mini reunions have inquired about a trip to Laughlin. On October 19, we can go if we have at least 20-25 people. The cost will be \$5. George and I are going on a reconnaissance so we'll know the lay of the land beforehand. We will leave for Honolulu the next day and will probably see men of the 100th at George's brother-in-law Stanley Nakamoto's memorial service.

Wonderful news that Gen. Eric Shinseki was confirmed as Army Chief of Staff. As many of you know, he was born in Lihue, Kauai, but did you know that Irene Abe's sister was the general's baby sitter?

Sam Fujikawa is recovering from a hospital stay for bleeding ulcers. He should be in good shape by the mini reunion in October.

Upcoming Events: Wanted – all able-bodied Fox Company members as well as the “walking wounded” to help decorate the graves of our deceased comrades on Saturday morning, September 25. \$\$\$Reward\$\$\$ Lunch at Wisteria Restaurant.

Reminder to everyone: Next day, Sunday morning, September 26, don't forget to attend the Club 100 annual memorial service at Punchbowl.

57th Anniversary Banquet: Many thanks to the banquet committee members, volunteers, and Sons and Daughters for a very enjoyable day. I liked the LARGE PRINT name tag and banquet program. Hey, for a split second I felt like a teenager because I could read every name and word very clearly. I liked the sit-down-and-be-served way of dining instead of the stand-in-line buffet style. At our age, it is a pleasure to be catered to and pampered a bit. And best of all, I liked the sound of Big Band music and the singing by Joy Teraoka of the songs of our era – the 1940's. Again, for a split second I felt rejuvenated. Thanks for bringing back the fond memories of long ago, dancing to my heart's content to the sound of Big Band melodies. It was so heavenly to listen to the band and Joy make beautiful dancing music together.

People say that every dog has his day. Sure enough, Dog Chapter had its day. This year's anniversary banquet was certainly Dog Chapter's day to shine. Saburo Nishime, president of Dog Chapter, was the chairman for the event and the key spots on the program were filled by capable individuals from within their ranks. Dog Chapter is certainly blessed with talented people. Mike Harada, son of Edward and Kay Harada, was the emcee. Mike handled the “mike” (no pun intended) like a pro. Karleen Chinen, daughter of Wallace Chinen, was the keynote speaker. Needless to say, she gave a very informative, interesting and touching presentation. And Joy Teraoka, wife of Dr. Denis Teraoka, was in charge of the entertainment portion of the program. The committee members picked the right person for the job. Joy was terrific! Her performance was outstanding. Kudos to the Dog Chapter gang for the important roles they played in making the anniversary celebration a very successful one.

Oahu F company members present at the banquet were Yasuto and Helen Furusho, Ted and Kitty Hamasu, Kenneth and Beatrice Higa, Satoshi Kashimoto, Seiso and Kay Kamishita, Hideshi and Beatrice Niimi, Tadao and Helen Seo, Sakae and Bette Takahashi, and Hakaru and Sally Taoka. Also, from the Big Island were Seitoku and Shizuko Akamine and Yoshiyuki Sumida.

Unveiling of Monument at LA: Saturday, June 5, was really a hectic day for Beatrice and me. The unveiling of the Go For Broke Memorial Monument ceremony was held in the morning, followed by a luncheon at the Intercontinental Hotel. We had to leave before the luncheon program was over to attend a birthday party at Long Beach. The gathering was like a happy family reunion. The last time we saw our friend and her family was about twenty years ago. Her four daughters are all grown up with families of their own except for one who is still single. Due to the hectic schedule for the day, we did not have enough time to really take a good look at the monument and the pillars honoring the major donors. We also did not have time to visit the Japanese American National Museum. Some day, in the near future, we hope to go back to Los Angeles to leisurely spend time at the monument site and museum.

F Company members attending the unveiling ceremony and luncheon were Ted and Kitty Hamasu, Kenneth and Beatrice Higa, Charles and Ethel Nishimura, and Sakae and Bette Takahashi. The only neighbor islanders in Ray and Aki Nosaka's tour group were Roy Honbo of Volcano, Hawaii, and Masao and Chieko Sato of Waikapu, Maui. Coincidentally, they are like “calabash cousins” of the Fox Clan. Roy (HQ Company) is the brother of Tadao Honbo, and Masao (C Company) is the brother of the late Hideo “Old Man” Sato.

Thanks to Col. Kim and the committee members for the many hours they spent in undertaking the monumental task of erecting a memorial to honor all of the AJAs who served in the armed forces during World War II and for making it become a reality.

Next morning, June 6, Beatrice and I left the Nosaka Las Vegas-bound group and flew to San Francisco to visit my two sisters and their families who live about an hour's drive from the city. We returned home late Tuesday afternoon, June 15.

Sick bay: Sakae “Maggie” Watanabe of Kapaa, Kauai, was hospitalized in Wilcox Memorial Hospital at Lihue for a slight stroke. Hope the recovery process will be a speedy one. Take care.

Taps: Everett Yukio Umeda of Haleiwa passed away on August 6. He was born in Kohala, Hawaii. Everett was a member of the third platoon. He is survived by son, Everett, Jr. and five sisters. Private services were held at the Haleiwa Jodo Mission.

Abraham Alapai, a Kauai-born native, of Tomah, Wisconsin, passed away on June 5. Memorial service was held in Tomah on June 11 with burial to follow on Kauai. He is survived by wife Peggy Joyce Alapai.

Mike M. Kamiya of Honolulu passed away on May 15 in St. Francis Hospice. He was born in Kekaha, Kauai. Mike was a member of the fourth platoon and when F Company was disbanded, he was transferred to C Company. He is survived by brother Lawrence M. Kamiya who also served in C Company. Private services were held.

We extend deepest sympathies to the Umeda, Alapai and Kamiya families and relatives for the loss of their loved ones. May they rest in peace.

The following winning essay in the Sons and Daughters essay contest was submitted by Kara Takekawa, who was in grade 10 at Hawaii Baptist Academy. Coincidentally, Kara is the granddaughter of Isamu Tomita (HQ). The question asked the writer to "imagine yourself at the dedication ceremony of the 'Go For Broke' Monument in Los Angeles and pretend you are to give the keynote address. Write out your speech."

HEROISM

We are here today not to mourn for the deceased of World War II, but to honor and celebrate the lives of these soldiers who fought through adversity, hardships, and prejudice to emerge as true heroes for future generations. We are here to express our gratitude to the men of the 100th and 442nd and to all Japanese-American soldiers for their unprecedented courage, valor, and heroism. These men are heroes not just for what they have accomplished, but also for what they symbolize. These soldiers entered World War II representing not just their country, but also past, present, and future generations of Japanese-Americans to come.

The Japanese-American soldiers went into war to protect the legacies of their ancestors. They fought to prove that their ancestors had not been wrong when they immigrated to the Americas with the hopes and dreams that their children might one day have good lives. Though the war was long and hard, the men of the 100th and 442nd fought on. They fought to bring honor to their ancestors. Honor to a Japanese-American soldier meant even dying for the sake of his country. So as not to bring shame to his ancestors, a Japanese-American soldier was willing to do this.

The soldiers fought to free their families and friends at home from shame. By fighting, these men were proving not only their loyalty, but also the loyalties of all of the men, women, and children that they had left behind. During this time, many Japanese-Americans were taken from their homes and relocated in internment camps. There, they were looked upon as traitors or outcasts. The Japanese-American soldiers fought to take suspicion and hatred away from their loved ones at home, and to replace it with respect and honor.

The soldiers also fought for Japanese-Americans of the future. They fought to ensure that no one else would have to suffer similar indignities as they had. They were determined that all future generations, no matter what nationality, would live in a country where people respected them without suspicion and prejudice. They fought to ensure a safe future for everyone around them, and that is true heroism.

We are here today to dedicate this monument to the men of Japanese-American ancestry whose heroic deeds have guaranteed that we can live in a free and safe America. Thank you to all of the brave men who fought in the war. You are all heroes, and will forever be remembered here for your achievements.



IN MEMORIAM

Stanley Y. Nakamoto (B)
August 1, 1999

Larry Tanimoto (D/Hawaii)
August 1, 1999

Robert Sakoki (B)
August 4, 1999

Everett Umeda (F)
August 6, 1999



May they rest in peace.

The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathies to their families.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by Tommy Nishioka

What I'm writing in this month's PukaPuka Parade is something unique and somewhat very historical as it involves one of our A Company personnel:

It all happened during Alfred Arakaki's postal delivery days. Alfred's route happened to be the Fort Shafter area and one of the occupants of the base housing on his route was Master Sergeant, Tom Evans. Alfred and the sergeant became very good friends and often times the sergeant would offer him a cold "onolicious" beverage that Alfred really enjoys. After the sergeant moved to Keeling, Virginia, he and Alfred kept in touch with greeting cards throughout the years. Incidentally, George Hagiwara and his wife were neighbors of the sergeant in Virginia. The following is a true story and this is what the sergeant wrote to Alfred:

"In October, we had about 35 visitors from the State college on the farm and all were forestry 'experts.' Really had a good time and had lots of fun with the Shelby Pine named 'Pinus Arakaki.' One guy in this group egged out by explaining that this was a rare and new species developed in Japan (very rare in U.S.) to offset the import of logs from other countries. Like catching fish—hook, line and sinker. When everyone was on the bus and leaving, the Sergeant told them the true story about meeting a friend in New Orleans (a real World War II hero and nisei from Honolulu) who was traveling with his wife to Shelby, Mississippi, to revisit his training camp. He had with him a small pine seedling to plant on my tree farm here in memory of a good friend with whom he had had a good summer together. Must be a good story because everyone got off the bus and walked back to the 'Pinus Arakaki' and gave a round of applause to say 'thank you' to the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion."

Alfred will be leaving for Virginia in October to be with his sergeant friend. Therefore, I presume he wants to show his friend this issue of the PukaPuka Parade. Well, Sergeant Evans, we members of Club 100 and veterans of the 100th Battalion really appreciate your kindness in giving us AJAs a lot of credit.

Editor's note: Had to look twice before pronouncing Pinus Arakaki out loud. If you say it incorrectly, someone might think you are referring to a part of the Arakaki anatomy.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!" What, Christmas in August? I know it is much too early to be extending Christmas greetings, however, I thought it is a good time to remind all of you Able members, wives, widows, and children that our Christmas party is scheduled for December 11, 1999. Since we are the first chapter to hold the annual Christmas party, we are responsible to decorate the Christmas tree and other essential Christmas decorations around the hall and lobby. To do this, we are grateful if we can have some help from the wives and the sons and daughters as we men are very hopeless when it comes to decorating.

Our Chairman Richard Ishimoto and his co-chairperson, Ms. Louise Morikawa, have prepared the reservation form you see here. We urge all of you to submit it as soon as possible because the total count of attendance will determine the ordering of the food from the caterer. In this respect, Richard will need all the kokua he can get, so please submit your application as soon as possible.

As I mentioned earlier in the PPP, our annual Memorial Service will be held on September 26. I'm urging all you members to attend. On Saturday, September 25, the sons and daughters are helping the Able Chapter members place flowers on the graves so in this respect, please, Able Chapter members, come out to help the sons and daughters with the flowers.

**ABLE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 11, 1999**

PLACE	Club 100 Clubhouse
TIME	Cocktails: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
MENU	Buffet, pizza for children
COST	All Adult guests - \$10.00 Chapter members - \$5.00 discount Children under 12 – Free!
PARKING	Ala Wai School Parking Lot
ENTERTAINMENT	Games and Door Prizes Galore!
DONATIONS WELCOMED	Door Prizes, Beer, Dessert, Soda, etc.
GENERAL CO-CHAIRPERSONS	Miss Louise Morikawa Mr. Richard Ishimoto
HELPERS	Sons and Daughters, Grandchildren of A Chapter

We will be having grab-bags for the children. Please purchase an item, not exceeding \$10 and label it with the child's name and bring it to the party.

*You may either send in your check or pay at the November meeting.

Send payment to: Club 100 (A Chapter) / 520 Kamoku Street / Honolulu HI 96826

Member's Name: _____
(Please print)

YES, I will attend the Able Chapter Christmas Party

Number of adults (non-members) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of members _____ x 5.00 = \$ _____

Number of Children under 12 _____ = \$ _____ free _____

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ _____

RSVP DEADLINE: December 4, 1999

CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

ABLE.....	Saturday, September 25	8 a.m.	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, September 18	1 p.m.	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Monday, September 13	10 a.m.....	Board Room
DOG			
HQ.....	Tuesday, September 14	9:30 a.m.....	Lounge
HAWAII			
MAUI.....	Tuesday, September 7	11 a.m.....	Tasty Crust Restaurant
RURAL	Friday, September 17.....	11 a.m.....	Westgate Shopping Ctr.
KAUAI			
BOARD.....	Friday, September 10.....	8:30 a.m.....	Board Room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, September 17.....	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
GREEN THUMB	Monday, September 6	10:00 a.m.....	Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....	Friday, September 10.....	6 p.m.	Turner Hall
MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.....	Friday, September 24	9 a.m.	Punchbowl
PUNCHBOWL GRAVE DECORATING....	8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 10 a.m. .Saturday, ...		September 25

The Clubhouse Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. The clubhouse and lounge will be open as usual.

Deadline for articles for the October 1999 issue is Tuesday, September 14, 1999. E-mail articles to datanaka@juno.com or fax to (808) 946-0273.

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, September 23, at 8:30 a.m.** Baker and Rural Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to help.

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