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FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

by Ray and Aki Nosaka

WE WISH YOU A BLESSED, JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY Y2K.

As Editors, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to all of the reporters who so faithfully submitted their news each month; to Mary Hamasaki for proof-reading; and most of all to Drusilla Tanaka who put the newsletters together and on print. Of course, without the PPP volunteers, who come out every month to collate, staple, and prepare the newsletters for mailing, we would not have this means of communication. We certainly must thank Tom Nakamura and Al Matsumoto who together do the back breaking job of setting up the tables before the rest of the gang comes in. Thank you one and all!!

Mahalo to the following PPP volunteers who came out on December 2nd to collate and mail out the December issue: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Kenneth Higa, Ed Ikuma, Shigeru Inouye, Masaru Kadomoto, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Y. Mugitani, Joe Muramatsu, Roy Nakayama, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Takeichi Onishi, Leo Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Masa Toma, Riki and Evelyn Tsuda, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Marie Yoneshige, Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa. And of course, Al Matsumoto and Tom Nakamura. Thanks to Mary Hamasaki and Cecilee Tanaka for proof-reading.

In this new year, we hope that there will be new names added on to the list of regular volunteers. We must sadly admit that replacements eventually will be needed for some of us "old timers" who can no longer function as we once could—this includes reporters, editors, "collators," etc. Won't you come out and help and have fellowship at the same time?

It was a real honor and pleasure to meet General Shinseki at the Clubhouse on Friday, December 17. I believe that he felt the sincerity of the members as he humbly shook hands with everyone present. We are proud of this 'local boy' from Kauai and so privileged to have had him pay us a visit.

DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

by President Joe Muramatsu

The first order of business was given over to Sakae Takahashi of the Scholarship Committee. One of his suggestions is to let the Sons and Daughters take over the administration of the Scholarship Fund.

In regard to our Long Range Planning, it was decided that a meeting of all members be held to amend our Charter and By-Laws to conform with our change in status to a civic organization. Therefore, a general membership meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2000, beginning at 10 a.m. in Turner Hall. Meeting notices and proxy forms will be mailed out in January. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to come to the meeting. There are some questions regarding the waiving of the payment of the \$56.00 capital funds contributions.

We now have a complete slate of Officers for next year:

President	Don Matsuda (A)
1 st Vice President	Conrad Kurahara (B)
2 nd Vice President	Martin Tohara (D)
Secretary/Treasurer	Albert Matsumoto (A)

The secretary cast a unanimous ballot, so all are elected.

The final report of the Annual Memorial Service was accepted, though there were questions regarding the feeding of helpers at Punchbowl.

There were many adverse comments regarding the inscriptions on the National Japanese American Monument to be built in Washington, D.C. Ken Saruwatari was asked to pen a letter to the commission objecting to some of the proposed quotations on the monument.

It was agreed that a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 be allocated to the Spark Matsunaga VA Center for funding of the commemorative portraits and exhibit case.

To date, 64 people will be traveling together for the Y2K Reunion in Las Vegas in June. Kazuto Shimizu and Tommy Nishioka will be coordinating the program for the banquet.

General Eric Shinseki, CSA, will be visiting our Clubhouse on Friday, December 17, 1999. Chapter Presidents were asked to notify their members and encourage them to come.

It was decided we will not support the request for financial help for a symphonic work by a Japanese composer honoring the 100th and 442nd.

A request that we purchase an ad in the Hawaii Pacific Press was okayed.

A Christmas donation to Ala Wai School in the sum of \$200 was approved. Also a tip to our Letter Carrier was approved. A small token of appreciation to Tom Nakamura and Drusilla Tanaka was approved.

A letter thanking Takeshi Teshima was circulated and signed by the entire Board for his generous donation of \$10,000 to the club to spend as we see fit. Thanks, again, "Tesh."

Owari All Pau Sayonara

P.S.: The past three years have been a very pleasant experience for me. I want to thank the members of the Board for putting up with me. I've met many distinguished people and have found out that the bigger the person, the nicer he is. All of the generals I've met were really down to earth. I have been invited to many dinners and it's a wonder I have not ballooned in weight. I am going to miss many of the functions that come with the office. Again, thank you all for the support I was accorded. I also want to thank Drusilla for her guidance through my tenure.

FROM HAJIME YAMANE (B)

I was in Tokyo in August primarily to attend a wedding at the Shin Zan So in the Four Seasons Hotel—Tuxedo affair!! And, as usual, I visited with all my friends there, including Takeshi Teshima. It so happened that he left for a business trip to Europe the day after I arrived there. We finally met the week before I came home. With selected friends that he and I are acquainted with, we dined at a French restaurant in Shibuya because I knew the owner-chef there. The next evening, with a party of 8, we went to the exclusive American club in Minato-ku where Tesh is a member. The next evening was an exclusive bar in Akasaka where he and I spent a quiet evening reminiscing over a few drinks. And I had to leave for home the following night. While there, he took me to his office in Hiroo. The wall is covered with mementos and pictures with his buddies during the wartime days. He is such a proud member of our Club 100—as he has proven to be in the past. And as I sat across him in his office, he handed me an envelope addressed to the Club 100. "Tell the club to use it as they please—no strings attached." It was a check for \$10,000.00!! To my knowledge, this is the largest single donation of that amount from any individual to our Club 100.

It behooves me that only a few of his friends here are aware of his dedication to his work—and his success due to it. But, lately, all this is beginning to show in his health—and I keep repeating, "piano piano, Paisan!!" To him, in his position as president of a large and successful firm, he has many commitments. And to donate such a large amount to our club is a true indication of his aloha for our Club 100. He is generous to a fault—but that's Tesh!

We enjoy each other's company so much when we get together. I feel I know him well enough to express myself—especially after carrying that large amount in my wallet—felt like I was carrying the atomic bomb!

All this is because I feel I should inform you how all this came about—and hope you will understand and appreciate my good friend Takeshi Teshima for the generous and kind person he is!

P.S. I thought of having Ben Tamashiro write this the way only he can find the words to get the message across!! (Editor's note: You did a great job, Hajime, all by yourself.)

THE DAY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY CAME TO VISIT

Yes, the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Eric K. Shinseki, visited the clubhouse on Friday, December 17, 1999. How did all of this come about? Ever since before Shinseki's appointment as Chief of Staff, club President Joe Muramatsu has been writing to him. Each time, Joe ends his letter with the standard invitation, "next time you are in Honolulu, please visit us at our clubhouse." Well, when Joe learned that the chief would be in town in mid-December, he asked the Executive Secretary to find out how to go about issuing an official invitation to him to visit the clubhouse. Drusilla had already established an e-mail contact at the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army for the Fort Benning event, so she just e-mailed a question to Col. Randy Corbin, and asked simply, "How do we go about inviting Gen. Shinseki to visit our clubhouse?" There was no reply, but four days later, she received a phone call from USARPAC Protocol office saying, "Gen. Shinseki will be visiting you on 17 December from 1530 to 1615. Where are you located?" That was on December 9. Note, Club 100 never did actually issue an official invitation! On December 10, the Chapter Presidents were informed at the board meeting and the telephone lines were activated. Joe ordered beer and pupu-type refreshments. Ben Tamashiro composed a dedication for a commemorative plaque and Drusilla faxed information about the battalion and the club to the Pentagon and to USARPAC. Sons and daughters were called in to help. Coincidentally, school let out at noon, so the Ala Wai School parking lot was available for parking. Then the military police called and said they'd have to "sweep" the clubhouse with their bomb-sniffing dog! Suddenly we realized that Charlie Chapter's Christmas party was the same day, starting about 5:30 p.m. and their kitchen crew would be working all day preparing. Some chapters were having a difficult time contacting their members. Would there be enough veterans to greet the chief? Lots of things to worry about. We told USARPAC that the chief would not be expected to give a speech, nor would he be interviewed by the press, as no media would be invited to the event. We told them that it would be a very informal event, a time for the chief to meet the veterans and more importantly, for the veterans to meet him personally. Since so many veterans were themselves "Kauai-boys," or had served with one of his uncles, or had some other personal connection, this was a time for that kind of informal exchange. (No conditions were imposed by Gen. Shinseki, as reported in the Star Bulletin.)

As it turned out, there were 51 veterans to greet the chief and with family members, the total was nearly 100 people. The Charlie Chapter crew was almost done with the cooking, so they all had a chance to shake hands with the chief, too. Saburo Ishitani made his world famous lilikoi punch; Ann Kabasawa baked desserts; Manabu Hongo traveled all the way from Haleiwa's Ted's Bakery with the mouth-watering chocolate haupia pies (four of them packed in ice); Drusilla made her mini-manju, and Warren Yamamoto made his chocolate dump cake. Thanks to Jonathan Inafuku for delivering the delicious pupu platters from Pee Wee Drive Inn. Kunio Fujimoto filmed the event; Ann, Clyde Sugimoto, Terry Takaki, Karleen Chinen, Mimi Nakano, and Mark Santoki also recorded the event with their various cameras. A handsome photo album is in the clubhouse office. The words on the plaque are printed below.

After he shook the chief's hand, Otomatsu Aoki swore that he would never wash his hand again. Don Matsuda found the Bud Lite can that the chief drank from and plans to mount it as a trophy in the display case. There were so many smiling faces. Even the Army Officers who accompanied the chief looked like they were really enjoying themselves. Every veteran seemed as proud as fathers and grandfathers could be, but many were acting like little boys meeting their hero. Which is ironic, because the chief has repeatedly said that the WWII nisei soldiers are HIS heroes!

Oh, we forgot, again, besides Gen. Shinseki, LTG Ed Smith, Commanding General of USARPAC, also came along. We completely ignored him until Gen. Shinseki acknowledged Gen. Smith. We apologize to Gen. Smith and hope that both Gen. Shinseki and Gen. Smith will come visit, again, and get a real tour of the clubhouse.

To: General Eric K. Shinseki, CSA

Our sincere appreciation for your graciousness in pausing for a while in
Your busy daily schedule to meet with us, to strengthen our bonds of friendship.
May this moment also serve to enrich our common hopes and ideals

For compassion, courage and honor for peoples everywhere.

From the Veterans and Distaff of Club 100
Friday, 17 December 1999 Honolulu, Hawaii

Words by Ben Tamashiro (D)

REPORT TO THE CLUB 100 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PUKA PUKA PARADE

by Alfred Arakaki (A)

Groundbreaking Ceremony, October 22, 1999, Washington, D.C.

Program cover reads "National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism." It is followed by a poem by Akemi Dawn Matsumoto Ehrlich. It reads:

Japanese by blood
Hearts and minds American
With honor unbowed
Bore the sting of injustice
For future generations.

The original plan was started by the Go For Broke Foundation in 1989. But, in 1994, it became the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. On October 24, 1992, President George Bush signed public law 102-502. In early 1942, 115,000 people, because of Executive Order 9066, were moved into ten concentration camps. Some stayed as long as four years.

The memorial is to commemorate not only the soldiers who fought in the war, but mostly to those interned. In part, it is also for our nation's admitting its mistake through the Civil Liberties Act which congress approved in 1988.

Design for the site and memorial was done by Davis Buckley, AIA, Architect. One of his works was that of FDR's memorial. The names of over 800 WWII KIA will be etched on the walls. Also that of the internment camps. Two cranes, fourteen feet high—the Japanese symbol for happiness, good fortune and longevity will be the main figures. It will show the cranes being held down by barbed wire, symbolizing the internees' unjust predicament.

The purpose for this monument is for the American people to learn from the past and forgive our nation for its error, injustice, and tragedies imposed upon a group of people, solely based on their race.

Paul Matisse, having visited Japan, is the sculptor for the bell. The idea is that the low "gong" of the bell is soothing and healing to all. This bell is part of the monument.

The real groundbreakers with shovels in hand were: Paul Barnai, Manzanar, California; Toko Fujii, Tule Lake, California; Masaji Inoshita, Gila River, Arizona; Joanne Iritani, Poston, Arizona; Ellen Nakamura, Jerome, Arkansas; Peter Okada, Amache, Colorado; Barry Saiki, Rohwer, Arkansas; Bacon Sakatani, Heart Mountain, Wyoming; Daisy Sakoda, Topaz, Utah, and Ronald Shigaki, Minidoka, Idaho. Veterans' representative was our own H. Hershey Miyamura. He wasn't smiling when Tom Evans, the keeper of Pinus Arakaki and I arrived about 9:45 a.m. (He was told to be there around 9 a.m. Real hurry up and wait. Small wonder he was hu-hu.) The AJA Veterans of WWII Honorary Color Guards were Grant T. Hirabashi, China-Burma-India, MIS Merrill's Marauders; Norman S. Ikari, 442nd Co. E; Kathleen T. Iseri, WAC; Robert B. Katayama, 442nd Co. F; Hiro Mayeda, MIS Pacific Theater; Richard S. Yamamoto, 442nd HQ. Co. 2nd Bn (brother of Herbert Yamamoto); Masami S. Yoshinari, 100th Co. C. and Alfred Y. Arakaki, 100th Co. A.

The U.S. Army Band struck up at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Norman Mineta was the emcee. "Present Colors" We participated in this portion of the program. Our national anthem was sung beautifully by SFC Michael Bicoy. Colors were retired. Our portion of the program was pau. I felt like a prop being put on the stage for background nicety. Because the theme was almost entirely of "camps." Invocation by Bishop Kenryu Tsuji was very meaningful. Welcome remarks were done by Melvin Chiogioji, chairman of the memorial foundation. Remarks by Bill Lann Lee, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice were very good. His mention of AJA soldiers was one sentence long. I think Dan Inouye did the remarks and introduction part. He was speaking to the entire nation about the plight of injustice our nation imposed on the internees. Fighting men's part was one paragraph. Keynote address by the Secretary of the Interior, Honorable Bruce Babbitt, too, was very eloquent—also was in line with Bill Lann Lee's remarks. WWII veterans' part was almost nil. Benediction was done by Reverend John Kitagawa. Beautiful rendition of America the Beautiful was sung.

Any of you remember the song one wahine sang during the banquet after the Go For Broke Memorial in LA? This same song was again rendered at the NJAMF ceremony. That guy had a terrific voice, did a super job. General Shinseki stopped by to shake hands with us. This portion alone was worth the trip to D.C. I almost fell down when I went to thank Sen. Akaka for showing up. Before I could open my mouth, "Hello, Alfred," sez he. What a photographic memory that gentleman Senator has. It was announced that Lt. Gov. Hirono was there, so I tried to meet her, but the crowd discouraged me. Congresswoman Patsy Mink came by to shake hands with us, too. Congressman Neil Abercrombie

had a crowd around him. So did our Dan Inouye, but I managed to congratulate him for his usual good job. I told him that I was proud of him.

Going to the dinner in Maryland was a disaster and a half. After getting supposedly good directions from a certain lady, who will remain anonymous because the four of us walked for forty-five minutes—three blisters, tongues hanging, sore feet, more grumbling, finally reached the kau kau spot—pissed—and that's putting it mildly. If the directions given were correctly done, we would have walked two long blocks instead of the forty-five minutes.

For our return to the Metro station, two ladies were vying for the job, saying, "I'll take them." And "No, I'll take them." The woman who prevailed turned out to be Mrs. Spark Matsunaga. Thanks for the ride, Helene. A nice way to end the day.

BOB JONES' VETS TOUR FOR THE PIETRASANTA (ITALY) MEMORIAL IS ON!

Departs April 20, returns May 4. Milan, Pisa, Florida and Georgia Hills, Hill 140 (Little Cassino), Sadao Munemori's MOH site, Gothic Line Battlefield, tour by George Watanabe, Reception at Camp Darby, Florence, Belvedere, Anzio, Cassino and Rome. Four-star hotels (all except one for 2 nights or more), breakfasts and six dinners included. Leisurely schedule. \$3,095 double occupancy. Limited to 35 persons. Bob will contact those who have already asked to go. His phone is 734-7017.

GEN. POWELL'S INTRODUCTION

Subject: The American GI - Most Influential Person of the Century

Time Magazine prepared a list of the 10 most influential people of the century in each field to mark the end of the century. The 10 most influential scientists, politicians, entertainers, sports figures, musicians, artists, and industrialists. This month they published the 10 most influential people (overall) of the century.

They named "the American GI" the most influential person of the century. It is the only one that is not a single individual. General Powell wrote the introduction to the award.

Subject: Colin Powell's Tribute to the American G.I.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I referred to the men and women of the armed forces as "G.I.s." It got me in trouble with some of my colleagues at the time. Several years earlier, the Army had officially excised the term as an unfavorable characterization derived from the designation "government issue."

Sailors and Marines wanted to be known as sailors and Marines. Airmen, notwithstanding their origins as a rib of the Army, wished to be called simply airmen. Collectively, they were blandly referred to as "service members."

I persisted in using G.I.s and found I was in good company.

Newspapers and television shows used it all the time. The most famous and successful government education program was known as the G.I. Bill, and it still uses that title for a newer generation of veterans. When you added one of the most common boy's names to it, you got G.I. Joe, and the name of the most popular boy's toy ever, the G.I. Joe action figure. And let's not forget G.I. Jane.

G.I. is a World War II term that two generations later continues to conjure up the warmest and proudest memories of a noble war that pitted pure good against pure evil and good triumphed.

The victors in that war were the American G.I.s, the Willies and Joes, the farmer from Iowa and the steelworker from Pittsburgh who stepped off a landing craft into the hell of Omaha Beach. The G.I. was the wisecracking kid Marine from Brooklyn who clawed his way up a deadly hill on a Pacific island.

He was a black fighter pilot escorting white bomber pilots over Italy and Germany, proving that skin color had nothing to do with skill or courage.

He was a native Japanese-American infantryman released from his own country's concentration camp to join the fight.

She was a nurse relieving the agony of a dying teenager.

He was a petty officer standing on the edge of a heaving aircraft carrier with two signal paddles in his hands, helping guide a dive-bomber pilot back onto the deck.

They were America.

They reflected our diverse origins.

They were the embodiment of the American spirit of courage and dedication. They were truly a "people's army," going forth on a crusade to save democracy and freedom, to defeat tyrants, to save oppressed peoples and to make their families proud of them. They were the Private Ryans, and they stood firm in the thin red line.

For most of those G.I.s, World War II was the adventure of their lifetime. Nothing they would ever do in the future would match their experiences as the warriors of democracy, saving the world from its own insanity. You can still see them in every Fourth of July color guard, their gait faltering but ever proud.

Their forebears went by other names: doughboys, Yanks, buffalo soldiers, Johnny Reb, Rough Riders. But "G.I." will be forever lodged in the consciousness of our nation to apply to them all. The G.I. carried the value system of the American people. The G.I.s were the surest guarantee of America's commitment.

For more than 200 years, they answered the call to fight the nation's battles. They never went forth as mercenaries on the road to conquest. They went forth as reluctant warriors, as citizen soldiers. They were as gentle in victory as they were vicious in battle.

I've had survivors of Nazi concentration camps tell me of the joy they experienced as the G.I.s liberated them: America had arrived!

I've had a wealthy Japanese businessman come into my office and tell me what it was like for him as a child in 1945 to await the arrival of the dreaded American beasts, and instead meet a smiling G.I. who gave him a Hershey bar. In thanks, the businessman was donating a large sum of money to the USO. After thanking him, I gave him as a souvenir a Hershey bar I had autographed. He took it and began to cry. The 20th century can be called many things, but it was most certainly a century of war. The American G.I.s helped defeat fascism and communism.

They came home in triumph from the ferocious battlefields of World Wars I and II. In Korea and Vietnam they fought just as bravely as any of their predecessors, but no triumphant receptions awaited them at home.

They soldiered on through the twilight struggles of the cold war and showed what they were capable of in Desert Storm. The American people took them into their hearts again.

In this century hundreds of thousands of G.I.s died to bring to the beginning of the 21st century the victory of democracy as the ascendant political system on the face of the earth. The G.I.s were willing to travel far away and give their lives, if necessary, to secure the rights and freedoms of others. Only a nation such as ours, based on a firm moral foundation, could make such a request of its citizens. And the G.I.s wanted nothing more than to get the job done and then return home safely.

All they asked for in repayment from those they freed was the opportunity to help them become part of the world of democracy-and just enough land to bury their fallen comrades, beneath simple white crosses and Stars of David.

The volunteer G.I.s of today stand watch in Korea, the Persian Gulf, Europe and the dangerous terrain of the Balkans. We must never see them as mere hirelings, off in a corner of our society. They are our best, and we owe them our full support and our sincerest thanks. As this century closes, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, But full of promise.

That promise was gained by the young men and women of America who fought and died for freedom. Near the top of any listing of the most important people of the 20th century must stand, in singular honor, the American G.I.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla A. Tanaka

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the decorating of Turner Hall and the clubhouse lobby, especially to the members, wives, and widows of Able Chapter. A special thank-you to Avin and MaryAnn Oshiro who coordinated the pre-decorating work party the night before.

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

- 2 large potted poinsettia plants from Mimi Nakano for the clubhouse lobby area
- Christmas decorations from Eleanor Shigemoto
- 33-minute videocassette of Gen. Shinseki's visit to the Clubhouse on December 17 from Kunio Fujimoto (A)
- set of PVC poles for the Club 100 banner from Tokuji Ono (B)
- \$75 from Alan Takehara (S&D)
- \$200 from Thursday A.M. Karaoke Class
- \$50 from Marian A. Yamamoto in memory of Masami Yamamoto (A)
- \$25 from Louise and Margaret Morikawa
- \$100 from Gladys Yamamoto in memory of Herbert Yamamoto (D)
- \$100 from Gladys Yamamoto in memory of Herbert Yamamoto (D) for the Scholarship Fund
- \$50 from Gladys Yamamoto in memory of Herbert Yamamoto (D) for the annual memorial service

The PukaPuka Parade received the following donations:

- \$25 from Satoko Ishii in memory of Herbert Ishii (B)
- \$25 from Anonymous Karaoke Class participant
- \$25 from Marian A. Yamamoto in memory of Masami Yamamoto (A)
- \$50 from Michael Doi (A/Mainland)
- \$100 from William Omoto (C/Mainland)
- \$50 from Gladys Yamamoto in memory of Herbert Yamamoto (D)

Donors to the Fort Benning, Georgia, Monument Project:

- \$50 from Gladys Yamamoto in memory of Herbert Yamamoto (D)
- \$100 from May A. Miyashiro in memory of Richard Miyashiro (A)

Note to donors: Letter-receipts acknowledging donations of more than \$250.00 have been mailed out. If you need a letter-receipt for your contribution for tax purposes, please call the clubhouse office at 946-0272 to request one. Donations must have been received between January 1 and June 30, 1999.

Welcome to the Octogenarian Club to the following who will celebrate their 80th birthday in January 2000: Arthur Komiyama (HQ), Ben Yamamoto (B), Archie Kamisato (HQ), Kaoru Matsumura (C), Richard 'Japan' Nakahara (A), Clarence Yamamoto (C). *Otanjoobi omedetoo!*

For Y2K, let's do something different—instead of the Positive Attitude Award every month, a new article will appear in the same space, entitled, **Monkutare of the Month**. Send your suggestions in to the clubhouse office right away! (nah, just joking...)

Doomo arigatoo to the following volunteers: Alfred Arakaki (A) for representing the 100th Battalion at the groundbreaking of the National Japanese American Monument in Washington, D.C.; Ted Hamasu and Harry Kamikawa (both Rural) for representing Club 100 at the December 7 Anniversary observance aboard the USS Arizona Memorial; Tokuji Ono (B) and Martin Tohara (D) for representing Club 100 in the Kalia Lions Club Christmas parade; Don Matsuda (A) for hanging the "Red Bull" wood carving and the Fort Benning Monument photograph which is a gift from Mrs. Peggy Pye in the front lobby.

RETURN TO SCHOFIELD BARRACKS

The 100th has returned to Camp McCoy, Camp Shelby, Italy and France, but it has never taken a tour back to Schofield Barracks. Club 100 members and their families have been invited by the Tropic Lightning Museum folks at Schofield Barracks to visit the museum and to take a tour of the old training area and to view the places where the old Tent City or Boom Town was located. I hear the old "brig" is still there, too. Because of the distance and the problems coordinating a caravan of cars, we will charter a bus for those who are interested in going, sometime before the end of March. Please call the clubhouse office (anytime 24 hours a day) and leave a message with your name and telephone number and say how many of you would like to go if we have such a tour. There will probably be a cost involved, for the bus and for lunch. Also, the museum technician, Mark Weber, would like to interview some of you "originals" who were at Schofield on December 7, 1941, or who returned to the post after the bombing, to share some of your memories for their oral history project. A good friend of Mark's, FSGT Joe Zembrowski, is a cousin of the late Lt. John Williams who served with Company A. Mark contacted Club 100 while doing a favor for Joe, and another "cousin-connection" has turned into a possible tour.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by Tommy Nishioka

Able Chapter's Christmas party held on December 11th was a tremendous success. More than 100 members, wives, widows, sons, daughters, and grandchildren attended the festive occasion and they really enjoyed every bit of the party. The day began with our regular meeting in the morning and upon completion of the meeting, we started setting the tables and chairs, covering the tables with paper and colorful vinyl tablecloths in red, green and gold, making it look very much like Christmas. We started to decorate the huge tree under the guidance of Richard Ishimoto. The lights went on first and then the ornaments—tons of ornaments. Some of the "boys" said that they had never decorated a tree before, leaving that job to their wives and children, but with the help of Mrs. Sally Inouye, Mrs. Kimi Matsuda, Drusilla Tanaka, Glenn Yamasaki, and "Mugi," they all did a wonderful job of decorating the tree. Upon completion of that job, we really decked the hall with beautiful trimmings. Most of the garlands and bulbs were new and we thank Avin and MaryAnn Oshiro, Kari Sakuda, Jennifer Nitta, Stanley and Drusilla Tanaka, and a group of marathon runners from Hiroshima for working so long and hard the night before to assemble everything. All we had to do was hang them up! Watching Toku Hayashi on top of the ladder was nerve wracking, but he maneuvered himself very well and explained later that he used to climb the masts of ships to do repair work, so a 6-foot ladder was nothing to him. The makai side of the hall was a bit more complicated, and Isham Inouye was finally able to get the "loops" just right. I heard that Sei Oshiro wheeled Evelyn Oshiro around Turner Hall later in the day and she pronounced the decorations "very nice." Evelyn is the original designer of the Christmas decorations, so her evaluation is appreciated very much.

The weather didn't cooperate that evening because it rained, but that didn't stop the guests from arriving. After a brief opening ceremony, we had a beautiful spread of delicious food and the ladies showed their skills with delicious cakes, pies and other goodies.

During the dinner, Kuni Fujimoto showed the video about the Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony for the Fort Benning Monument. It is a very lengthy video, but a valuable documentary of the ceremony.

After the dinner, the formal portion of the program began for the children led by our Co-Chairperson, Ms. Louise Morikawa. She, with her nieces and her sister-in-law, got the children to play games of various interesting aspects of children's games. The children really enjoyed themselves because they won so many prizes and all went home with bags full of toys and candies. The main event of the program was the entrance of Santa Claus (played by Mark Arakaki, son of Alfred and Paulette Arakaki) which the children eagerly awaited. Encouraged by the children's singing of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Midori Hirano, Santa arrived, saying "Ho-Ho-Ho Merry Christmas," passing out candies with the help of his elves. The children's eyes were glued to Santa with smiles as wide as can be. When Santa began calling out the names of each child, they all were very attentive, just as in the song, "you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, etc." There were prizes galore and once again Mr. Kazuo Kamemoto donated pots and pots of beautiful Poinsettia plants to be given as door prizes. Thank you for donating the flowers year after year to the chapter. Lucky numbers were called out by the sons and daughters and the highlight of the evening was the granddaughter of Tom Ibaraki. She is only 4 or 5 years old, but like a pro, she called out the numbers on the microphone and she did a marvelous job. Now we know that us old guys don't have to worry because the sons and daughters and grandchildren can take over instantly without any problem. The program ended with the singing of "We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" led by Louise Morikawa.

It was a very enjoyable party, but I must end this article with a sad note: On December 9th, Able Chapter lost another great person—Yoshiharu Nishida. We members of Able Chapter extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to wife Florence and his son, Gary. May he rest in peace.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Bernard S. Akamine

Happy New Year to all!

The Baker Chapter Christmas party at the end of the 20th century was a huge success thanks to the Nosaka's who were in charge. Raymond was able to recruit Rev. Don Asman to do his magic for us, especially the youngsters. They enjoyed it very much. Thank you, Chaplain. Rev. Asman is also the Chaplain of Club 100. We were also entertained by Cherie and Chantel Ching with their beautiful hula rendition. They are Harry and Kay Katahara's granddaughters. Of course, the highlight of the party is the food. Talking to chef Bob Aoki while we were preparing the bread and butter fish the morning of the party, he said that it takes him about a month to buy the ingredients necessary. He scours the ads for the best prices. On this occasion he went as far as Wahiawa to buy the butterfish because of the price. This time he prepared roast beef, roast ham, stir fried chicken with vegetables and miso butterfish. He marinates the butterfish in his own miso recipe. Every bite was so ono. Mahalo, Bob.

I had a new experience being Santa Claus. You hide behind a mask so to speak, so you can let your inhibitions go. It was fun, but the Santa costume is a killer. It is like being in a sauna that is set at the highest temperature. I remember Conrad Kurahara who was Santa last year took a shower after his performance. I sat in the air conditioned Board Room for a long time until I cooled off.

Donations were plentiful as always. The donation list follows, but I would like to thank Harry Hayashi of the mainland chapter for his donation of pistachio nuts and dried persimmons. He sent them all the way from the west coast in time for our party. They were placed on the tables, so everybody shared. Thanks, Hank. Another one of my favorites is Humi Iha's okara balls. Another item everybody was happy to get was Tokuji Ono's donation of the tide calendars. There were a total of 153 people in attendance, with about 27 being young children. Janet Aoki, Drusilla Tanaka, Cecilee Tanaka and their ukulele class instructor, Mr. Art Wong and his wife Alma on the piano, provided "cocktail" music before the dinner and Bob Aoki joined in with his harmonica whenever he could escape from his duties in the kitchen. My daughter said that even though no one applauded, they really enjoyed singing and playing.

As for the December chapter meeting, I don't remember what transpired because there was an NFL game playing on the television in the lounge. China baked banana cake instead of his ono bread pudding, but the banana cake was very good. But two good news items: Hajime Yamane will serve as Baker Chapter President next year and Joe Muramatsu will take over the job as Baker Chapter reporter for the PukaPuka Parade. Hooray!

Thank you to the following for their generous donations to the Baker Chapter Christmas party: Rikio Tsuda (multi-purpose pocket tool), Evelyn Tsuda (pinata with candies, door prize), Hank Hayashi (pistachio nuts, dried persimmons), Bernard Akamine (4 dust-pans with brooms, plants, nigiri, takuan, and other assorted gifts for Santa's bag and "Santa photos"), Bill Takaazu (\$10), Mark Arakaki (\$20), Lefty Tanigawa (kurome and mazegohan), Hachiro Shikamura (pupu), Robert Arakaki (\$10), Rose of Sharon seedlings, dessert), Ken Muroshige (20# bag of rice), Stella Tanigawa (dessert, 4 door prizes), Katsumi Maeda (\$20, case of beer), Aki Nosaka (coffee, brownies), Tokuji Ono (\$10, tide calendars), Tom Tsubota (20# bag of rice, door prize), Sonsei Nakamura (8 tools for door prizes), Jessie Nakayama (\$5, 8 door prizes), Hajime Kodama (\$20), Shelly Takahashi (2 pies), Marie Yoneshige (desserts), Ken Iha (Okara balls), Connie Yamamoto (\$45, door prizes, cakes, 1 carton Sprite), Joe Muramatsu (1 case beer, 20# bag of rice), Galiher Family (Door prizes), Conrad Kurahara (clock-radio, wine), Harry Katahara (door prizes), Alvin Katahara (\$10), Lois Tanigawa Lee (desserts), Sharon Kimura (dessert), Marian Tanabe (dessert, door prize), Sakae Tanigawa Family (\$15), Bessie Ichimura (2 door prizes, cake), Ching (Katahara) Family (case of soda).

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Warren Iwai

This issue may reach you in time, so here's wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

At our meeting of December 13th, there were 15 members present. The majority (8) were octogenarians from the original 100th. So, you see, we are still going strong—I hope. The Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation of amendments to the Charter and By-Laws of Club 100 were accepted at the Board of Directors and a general meeting will be held early in 2000 for the membership at large to vote on these amendments. The changes generally are to permit descendants of those who are eligible for membership in Club 100 to also become regular members. Also, to permit spouse of regular members to become associate members. This will open the door for young members and keep our hope that the club will continue in perpetuity.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 17th at the clubhouse. Over one hundred adults and children gathered in a festive mood and a lively and merry time was enjoyed by all.

Chick and Lorraine Miyashiro had a family reunion—all of their three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren gathered for this Christmas party. Yoroku and Edith Ito's clan was gathered there and Kentoku Nakasone's gang of 15 were all enjoying the party.

After a delicious meal of prime rib roast, baked ham, and smoked turkey, Christmas carols, Santa Claus and Bingo were on the program of the evening. This year, all the work was done by our sons and daughters. The general chairman was Warren Yamamoto, assisted by Arlene (Niimi) Sato and Gary Mizushima. Also assisting were Eugene Carvalho and Norine (Hada) Hung in leading the group through the caroling. Calvert Hung was Santa, again. Paula (Ito) Akamine and April (Akita) Yukitomo were responsible for the party favors. They all did a wonderful job and we are thankful. We wish to thank the many donors for their very generous contributions which added much to making the party a success.

I received a message from Bob Sato of Mill Creek, Washington, that George Tanagi, who joined Co. C in Menton, France, passed away in his sleep on December 7th. George was in the weapons platoon under Saburo Ishitani. Our sincere condolences to the Tanagi family.

Now, how did you like the Charlie Chapter News in the December issue? Wasn't it terrific—the writer has a style—flair—in his writing and it is something you either have it or you don't. The writer's name is Hiromi Suehiro and I am recommending him (hand over the job to him) as Charlie Chapter reporter beginning in 2000.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 10:00 a.m., January 17, 2000. Come and tell us your New Year's resolutions and about your parties.

LADIES CORNER: All is quiet in the ladies corner. They must be all worn out from fall travels and holiday activities. But things should start popping in January. Fukuko Ishitani has invited the ladies to her home for one of her fabulous culinary treats. Lynn Shimizu and Betty Iwai will start the telephone line when the date is set.

December 21st: Kentop Nakasone is in Queen's Medical Center with pneumonia per Kazuto Shimizu. This is a bad time to be sick with a possible nurses walkout in two days. Hope Kentop's condition is not too serious. Get well quick, Paesan. (Just before going to press, we got word that Kentop is better and out of the hospital.)

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Helen Nikaido

Early in November, Ken and Florence Mitsunaga went on a 17-day tour to Australia and New Zealand. Their tour originated from Los Angeles, stopping overnight in Fiji, then to Australia and New Zealand. They both said it was too long, the flight, the bus ride, good for young people, but it was a good trip. Ken's relatives from the mainland traveled together with them.

Dog Chapter's Christmas party was held at the clubhouse on December 19th from 1-4:30 p.m. Mary Hamasaki wasn't able to attend the party, but had listed the assignments and details. Co-Chairmen were Conrad Tsukayama and Richard "Doc" Hosaka; Registration and Finance, "Jits" Yoshida; Children's gifts, adult-exchange gifts, door prizes, "Doc" Hosaka; Music and program, Joy Teraoka and Patti Tsutsui; Crafts for adults and children, Mary and Gail Tsukayama; Parking, Saburo Nishime; Bar, Nakayama brothers; Children's games and Santa Claus, the Harada Family; Grace, Cline Ardo; Pupu, desserts, refreshments, Yoshi Tsukayama and Helen Nikaido. Many thanks to the following people for their donations: Chinens (2 boxes of cake); Kay Harada (salad); Hosakas (door prize, confetti jello, bottle of wine); Eva (Hosaka) Ardo (brownies); Rhoda Kawamata (door prize and oama); Rhoda's sister (shiraae and fruit basket); Kayas (peanuts); Mitsunagas (door prizes, cash and banana cream pie); Stella Nakayama (guava kanten); Saburo Nishime (door prizes, cash); Takemotos (door prizes, coco-puffs); Tsukayamas (party mix, arare mix, fresh fruit platter); Drusilla and Stan Tanaka (door prizes); Ruth Tsutsui (zenzai); Oshiros {Janice Tsutsui} (cash envelopes, malasadas); Yoshidas (party mix, pickled mango); Mary Hamasaki (door prizes, cash); Tsubotas (chocolate cake), Yoshiko Oshiro (butter mochi); Etsu Sekiya (cash); Helen Nikaido (door prizes, salad, baklava). Our apologies to anyone if we missed your name. To Conrad, go-men-na-sai, you were supposed to relax this year, but were still involved. Thank you so much for your help.

Joy Teraoka did a terrific job handling the entertainment and program, assisted by Patti Tsutsui.

Thanks, Rhoda, for your hard work, hooking the oama, cleaning, preparing them. To the ladies, Sue Kondo, Mildred Hosaka, Mildred Yoshida, Florence Mitsunaga, Rhoda, sorry for getting splashed with the hot oil, but it was delicious as always.

To Leeward Drive Inn—the food was delicious!

To the sons and daughters, many thanks and appreciation for your help—Harry, Paul, and Arthur Nakayama; Mary and Gail Tsukayama, Annette and Michael Harada, Eva and Cline Ardo, Patti Tsutsui, Janice Oshiro and Adele Yoshida.

To Drusilla and Stan Tanaka and Mugi who are always there to help us, thank you so much.

Mahalo to all of you for helping with the cleaning up, taking down the tree, etc. Hope all of you had an enjoyable time.

Happy Holidays to you all! Take care and keep well.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Jimmy Maeda

Hawaii Chapter expresses deepest sympathy to the family of Roger Kawasaki on his untimely passing. He was a very dedicated member of Club 100 Hawaii Chapter. We will surely miss him.

To everyone, may you have a happy, healthy, and prosperous Y2K!

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER REPORT

by Kenneth Saruwatari

The Headquarters Ohana suffered two losses lately. ~~Mrs. Margaret Yamashita, wife of our Hide Yamashita, passed away after a long bout with Lou Gehrig's disease.~~ Then we received word last week that Roger Kawasaki had passed on. Our sincere condolences..

In October, Eddie Kajiwarra and his wife from Chicago were in town for a home visit. They had planned to go with a group to Fort Benning for the 100th Battalion Memorial unveiling. Unfortunately, he was hospitalized at Straub Hospital for a few days and couldn't go to Georgia. Had a nice chat with them at the hospital. He asked to be remembered to his buddies. Hope he's doing better back home.

Eddie went on a golf tour to the mainland and went to a ritzy course. Assigned to him was a veteran caddy—all sunburned, grizzled, wrinkled and with slits for eyes. Eddie asked if he could see where the balls landed after they were hit. No problem said the old timer. Eddie hit a beautiful shot that went so far that he couldn't see where it landed. He asked the caddy whether he saw where the ball went. Oh, yeah, answered he. Where did it go? The caddy answered, "I forgot." Too much tofu is bad?

Reminder: No meeting in January.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER (via the internet)

by Ted M. Hamasu

After a bout with the flu bug I feel like a worn-out wet mop. But since this is the last PPP for the twentieth century, I am pushing myself to say something coherent, that you could understand when you read it.

Since its gonna be a new century, Rural Chapter has a new slate of old officers. They are:

President	Mitsuo Hamasu
Vice President	Harry Kamikawa
Secretary	Walter Iwasa
Treasurer	Masaharu Saito
Auditors	Jerry Yamaki
	Tamotsu Shimizu

From all of us to all of you, have a Merry Christmas and a very healthy and Happy New Year. (Y2K)
KOTOSHI MO YOROSHIKU.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter held its final social event of the year with a combination Christmas and Installation dinner party at the Kahului Community Center on the evening of December 17, Friday. There were 21 members, 17 wives, and 9 widows, plus sons and daughters and grandchildren. Chapter president Stanley Izumigawa called on Wataru Kaneshina to bless the food and it was ladies and children first at the well-laden catered buffet table. John Miyagawa and Toshio Iwami were the co-chairmen of this dinner party and they were ably assisted by their wives and sons and daughters. Following members were formally sworn into office by Charles Arakaki, an official of the Maui County Veterans Council: Stanley Izumigawa, President; Satoji Arisumi, Vice President; Edward Nishihara, Secretary; Tom Nagata, Treasurer; John Miyagawa, Director; Goichi Shimanuki, Auditor. After the swearing-in ceremony, Johnny Miyagawa and Mrs. Lillian Maeda led the group in the singing of Christmas carols with Miyagawa playing his ukulele. The Miyagawa granddaughters took over the Bingo games and there were enough prizes for everybody to take home. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

There will be an Officers' meeting in January to schedule the New Year's events.

(Editor's note: Tom's article ended, but there was "fine print" at the bottom of the sheet: "Noticed in the Advertiser obituary yesterday that Seigo Kagawa, 84, of Waimea, Kauai, died December 15, 1999. I have enclosed a copy of a letter that he sent me last December which is self explanatory and if you

think it is of interest to others, please include it in the Parade. T.N.” Thank you, Tom, for sharing the letter with our readers.)

December 23, 1998

Dear Tom Nagata,

Today I received the monthly Puka Puka Parade for January and started reading it. Then I came to your article: WW2 Memories, Colli – Hill 920. When you wrote of Stanley Masumoto and Yoji Yasui, it just saddened me. Then, again, I’m happy that someone reminds me of our heroic comrades. I will tell you why.

Let me introduce myself.

I volunteered in the 2nd draft, March 25, 1941. When the Kauai selectees reached Schofield for training, the Maui selectees were already there. About 8 from Kauai filled the Maui contingent and I was one of them. I think we were the Company C of this draft group.

Our tent mates were Miyao and Kagawa (Kauai) and Yasui, Masumoto and Koki (I cannot recall his full name) from Maui. Where Miyao was an early riser, Yasui, Masumoto and Kagawa were “just in time for reveille” risers.

We became great friends, joking and laughing our twenties away.

At the time of the Colli battle, when I heard of Yoji’s death—KIA, it saddened me deeply. Stanley returned from the war and passed away after some years. This, too, saddened me.

Some years ago I happened to visit Makawo and followed the road to your Veterans Cemetery and visited the graves of Yoji and Stanley. Memories—such is life.

Yeah, I remember the Christmas pass to Naples. Jimmy Kiyota (Hilo) and I got plenty drunk on vino (he leaning on the toilet bowl to vomit), but we visited old Pompei. Jimmy’s gone, too. As the old saying used to be, “It’s a great life if you don’t weaken.”

-----January came and what a battle at Cassino!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

Seigo Kagawa
Waimea, Kauai

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tsugi Takemoto

Just not in the mood. Can’t believe another year has gone by and I haven’t done a thing...no cards out, no letters, and can’t even get myself to move towards the holidays.

I guess I am just ending my holidays. I have been in Honolulu for four days, helping to entertain the national President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Among the sightseeing was the Iolani Palace which now has furniture in it and they will soon have the kitchen outfitted so we can see it. After we were briefed at the CILHI (Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii) we dashed back to Hickam Air Field as word came that the 18 missing WWII Marines who were killed on Butaritari Island in August 1942 would be repatriated at Hickam Air Force Base. According to CILHI three search and recovery efforts which began August 1998 were made. These remains on Butaritari represent the largest and most significant recovery to date. According to CILHI officials, it will take more than a year for positive identification. It was thrilling for me to see this take place. We left early, as we had to get back to Camp Smith. We also had a briefing at the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting at Camp Smith.

Back to reality—we had a lovely Christmas luncheon at Outrigger Kauai Beach Resort with 45 present. Besides the games to liven us up, grab bag gifts were exchanged and door prizes were given out. Seichi Hoashi had donated 9 Magnolia plants and Grace Morimoto gave out Lilikoi jelly she had made. The ladies in charge were Lillian Takiguchi, Norma Senda, Matsuko Doi, Esther Shigeta and Shimoe Mukai.

Our sincerest condolences go to the family of Kenneth Zaima of San Diego and Wailua whose burial was held December 12 at Kauai Veterans Cemetery. Also, sincerest condolences go to the family and

relatives of Seigo Kagawa of Kekaha who passed away December 15. His funeral and burial was at Kauai Veterans Cemetery on December 20. Both members were from Company D. May they rest in peace.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (Now I shall catch up on the work I need to get done.)

NEWS FROM THE MAINLAND CHAPTER (via the internet)

by June Kurisu

What a wonderful and eventful October it was for the members who participated! First, there was the 100th's Annual Mini Reunion at the California Hotel in Las Vegas. From there some folks flew directly to Atlanta and others returned to the L.A. area to catch a plane to Atlanta just a few hours later. Others flew in or drove to Atlanta to fill a bus ostensibly to participate in the unveiling and dedication of the monument at Fort Benning, Georgia, a tribute to the 100th Infantry Battalion's valor in World War II.

As usual, our hospitality room at the California Hotel had a bountiful repast every day which was replenished constantly thanks to the many donations of fruits, musubi, Japanese and Hawaiian pupu, pastries and drinks to wash it all down. The eagerly awaited food was the matsutake gohan, thanks to the Tsuda's who never let us down. It's so good to smell the perfume of the cooking gohan wafting down the hall. Besides Jean and Ben Tagami contributing the main muscle, other indispensables were Mas and Elma Takahashi who had charge of our 100th slot tournament again. James and June's tours went to Belz Outlet mall and Ethel M's Chocolate Factory one day; the new Paris and Venetian casinos; then The Rio to catch their spectacular show the next day and to Laughlin on the third day where the group spent four hours. Our banquet in the Ohana Room looked filled to capacity with the E Company group joining us. Yeiki Matsui was our able emcee. We were entertained by two professional chanteuse, Doris Kimura and Joy Teraoka, who made such a contrast from that other female singer. Da Aikanes again joined Mainlanders and Islanders to entertain. Toe Yoshino's cousin Kaui Masuda played and sang mellow, familiar tunes for our enjoyment. Karaoke entertainers were Mits Doi, Ted Ohira, Art Komiyama, Chester Hada, Jean Inouye, Goro Sumida, Toe Yoshino, June Kurisu, The Hanashi Quartet and Kaui Masuda who dedicated Lahainaluna to Col. Kim.

The Hospitality Room helpers this time were Jean and Ben Tagami, Teri and Sam Fujikawa, Mitsu Fujigami, Chiz and Ted Ohira, Gladys Tsuda, Hisa and Ken Miya, Elsie and Hank Hayashi, Fumi Sakato, Aileen Yoshino, Dorothy Ogawa, Chuckie Seki, Mary Catherine Doi, Florence Kinoshita, Chris from E Company, Elma and Mas Takahashi, Yeiki Matsui and Mits Doi from Kauai. Monetary donations came from Ben Yamanaka, Kazuo Sato, Jean Miyamoto, Yeiki Matsui, William Omoto, Frank Nishimura, Kow Ito, Roy Katayama, George Kinoshita, John Sakato, Ray Terada, Dorothy Kikuchi, Fusako Murai, Matsue Furushima, Rikio Tsuda, Michael Doi, Masaru Ishida, Toshio Hamataka, Ruth Doi, Ted Yoshiwara, Sam Terasaki, Henry Maeyama, Ken Nakasone, Ben Tagami, Sam Fujikawa, E Company members and anonymous donors. Marge Higa donated in memory of Marshall Higa and Tak Tak Takahashi. Kay Kobashi, Mas Abe and Kiyo Yamate supplied the fruit. Many thanks to all of you whether your contribution to a great reunion was from your sweat in the Hospitality Room or from the results of greenbacks. If I neglected to mention someone's contribution, either our honchos know and appreciate or let me know and I'll mention you in the next issue in CAPITAL LETTERS.

The "red eye" bore twelve of us Southern Californians to Atlanta. Immediately upon our arrival we began our tour of the Breman Jewish Museum where Atlantan Mike Doi is a docent. In addition to the Jewish and Holocaust exhibits, there is a good exhibit of the Japanese American experience. We had the pleasure of meeting CNN newscaster Sachi Koto, a lovely, charming young woman who will be reporting news on weekend evenings. She said it was her privilege to meet our veterans. Our next stop was at the World of Coca Cola. We then went to the Atlanta Underground of shops and eating establishments that was different from our usual malls. Those who were too tired to continue returned to the hotel while those of us who had a little more energy plugged on to either the Martin Luther King Center or CNN Headquarters. I opted for CNN where we rode an escalator up to what seemed like heaven, but was only eight floors. The next day we went to the Cyclorama that depicts the Civil War in the Atlanta area through a circular painting with three dimensional figures, animals, wagons and buildings in the foreground. Then on to Stone Mountain Park to see the carvings in the huge granite mountain. Riding the train to the top of Stone Mountain gave us the opportunity to walk on a mountain top and see a spectacular view of the surrounding area.

For the next two nights we stayed at a new version of the Meriwether Inn in Warm Springs. On the first evening we dined at Bulloch House, a home converted to a restaurant. The meal was served buffet style with real Southern cooking. One of the dishes available was fried green tomatoes, a first for many of us, I am sure. That night there was a hoedown in front of the inn with a lively square

dance caller. Our Harry Fukasawa was the only brave soul who ventured out to partner several pretty ladies in their full-petticoat square dance dresses. My contribution to the entertainment was to fall off a low step. I thought I broke my knee again. Two nurses came over to see what the damage was. Just soreness overnight, thank goodness.

The following day we rode a short distance to visit the only home that Franklin Delano Roosevelt owned. I know we-all (that's So'the'n talk) heard about Hyde Park, but I guess he didn't own it. His house is very modest with only hard looking single beds. We saw the warm spring pool where Roosevelt went to improve his polio. The highlight of the home tour was the opportunity to meet the spitting image of Eleanor Roosevelt right down to the dress, shoes and voice, who was sitting in a rocking chair and knitting in front of the hearth. Back in town Hanh Kim and I went through all the wonderful shops. Several people remembered me and asked about my knee. Such Southern concern! That evening we had a good BBQ dinner at another converted house restaurant.

Monday, the day of the unveiling and dedication of the only monument in the United States to the 100th Infantry Battalion, found us in Fort Benning. We had time to look through the museum that was pretty well filled with tall, good looking soldiers dressed in camouflage fatigues. The exhibits were very interesting. There was an exhibit showing our soldiers' part in WW II. A picture of Kay Kobashi and Jiggs Uyeno was in the exhibit. The commanding officer of Fort Benning, Major General John LeMoyne and LTC Scott F. New, Chaplain, were part of the program, as were Joe Muramatsu, Don Matsuda, Sam Fujikawa, and Mrs. Peggy Pye. Luncheon in the Officers' Club followed. I was awestruck being in a place where George, on his own, could not be. Retired naval Captain Gary Ikuma was the speaker. He gave credit to the 100th Battalion for his successful career. I understand a naval captain is the equivalent of a colonel in the army.

Later, we stopped at the Coweta County Welcome Center where we were treated to refreshments and were given a photo of ourselves with Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara on either side. The county is expanding at an enormous rate. We then proceeded to the Central Baptist Church in Newnan where a delicious Southern meal awaited. Our entertainment was provided by three women who sang old favorites acapella. Our dinner was sponsored by Gerald Conner and his wife, Tippie, residents of Newnan. Jerry is the cousin of Lt. Cloudy Gray Conner, Jr., who served with D Company. He was able to contact Sakae Takahashi through the internet and long distance and Sakae was able to tell him how his cousin died.

I know everyone on the bus will join me in thanking Drusilla and her husband Stanley many times over for their arduous work in seeing to it that all the arrangements went so smoothly for us. They gave credit to the people in Georgia who helped them including our own Mike Doi of Company A and his charming wife, Gene, but we all know that the coordination was a huge effort. It was a wonderful trip that will be long remembered. It was so nice to get a hug from Peggy Pye who worked so valiantly to see that Col. Bill's dream became a reality for all the men of the 100th so that soldiers who train at Fort Benning will know of their exploits. We-all who were there were happy to be a part of the dedication. I want to write much more and name more names, but I must leave space for other writers' news, so pau for now.

F COMPANY NEWS

by Kenneth M. Higa

The memorial service for Hakaru Taoka, who passed away on November 18, 1999, was held at the Mililani Mortuary Mauka Chapel on Saturday, November 27, 1999. The chapel overflowing with people who came to pay their last respects to Hakaru was certainly a heartwarming tribute to a man who in his lifetime did so much for the community and civic and veterans organizations. I was extremely pleased that the turnout of Fox Company members, including wives and widows was very good. Fox neighbor islanders who came to the memorial service were Misao Enomoto, widow of the late Ernest Enomoto, of Volcano, Hawaii, and Yeiho and Mitsuko Higa of Haliimaile, Maui.

The Fox clan members extend deepest condolences to Shizuko Akamine for the loss of her sister, Haruko Kiyabu, of Kurtistown, Hawaii. She passed away at home on December 7, 1999. May she rest in peace.

Yasuto and Helen Furusho are looking forward to their first trip of the New Year 2000. In February, they, along with Helen's sister, will be flying to Las Vegas for a mini-family reunion. Her brother of San Jose will be joining them for the get-together.

A very happy and healthy New Year to all.

The Club 100 Karaoke Kai held its Xmas party at the Suzuki Japanese restaurant on 10 December 1999 from 5:30 PM. We had a terrific turn out of over 20 members. Each person chose their menu and enjoyed the food although the weather did not show the gathering's feelings. It drizzled the night through. After dinner we returned to the clubhouse to enjoy the karaoke fellowship.

President Beatrice Shinoda welcomed the members wishing all a Merry Xmas and a Happy Holiday Season. She asked for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of Namie Takaki, a very active and dedicated member who passed away just recently.

We enjoyed our last karaoke session for the past millennium and hope that the new one will bring us fun and fellowship as the one just past.

To our Club 100 Karaoke Kai Families, Merry Christmas and Happy and Joyous Holidays. Mele Kalikimaka Hauoli Makahiki Hou.



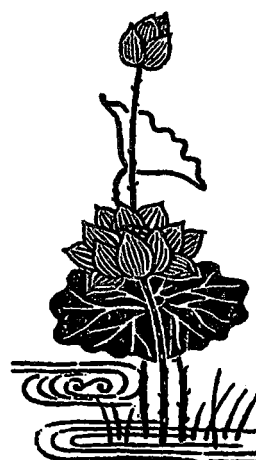
IN MEMORIAM

Yoshiharu Nishida (A)
December 9, 1999

Roger Kawasaki (D/Hawaii)
December 9, 1999

Seigo Kagawa (D/Kauai)
December 15, 1999

May they rest in peace.



The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathies to their families.

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by Ray Nosaka

Happy New Year! This is the zodiac year of the Dragon (my year). I personally don't know if that is good or bad, but we are grateful for what 1999 has given to us, and look forward to what lays ahead for us in 2000. One thing for sure, Club 100 will be celebrating its 58th anniversary June 18 through 22. The festivities will take place in Las Vegas and reservations are already being taken for the airlines, hotel and banquet. If you have not signed up and would like to go, call the Club 100 office (946-0272) for a registration form. Non-stop charter seats to Las Vegas are filled, however, names will be placed on the waiting list. Another option is to go with Ray Nosaka's group, which will be stopping over in Los Angeles on the way back to see the monument. Call him at 737-4864. Many participants are making their own flight arrangements, using frequent flyer coupons or adding a leg to their summer travels on the mainland. Whichever way you get to Las Vegas, be sure to register for the Anniversary Celebration. Banquet seating is limited and filling up fast.

The Baker Ukulele club with the help of some hula maidens and men of the Tuesday ukulele group entertained at the Maunalani Rehab Center on December 8. We were able to bring some Christmas cheer to 100th members Mike Tokunaga (C) and James Noji (D). Thank you to the following entertainers: Kimi Matsuda, Evelyn Tsuda, Harry Katahara, Marie Yoneshige, Tom Tsubota, Yori Inouye, Henry and Doris Ishida, David and Janet Umeda, Stanley and Hilda Kaneshiro, Ellen Kunihiko, Myrtle Nakasato, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Jane Ueoka, Ray and Aki Nosaka.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS NEWS

Congratulations to new officers Steven Takushi, President; Warren Yamamoto, Vice President; Jill Thalmann, Corresponding Secretary; Joyce Doi, Recording Secretary; Arthur Nakayama, Treasurer, and to new Board members, Marcia Tsue and Clayton Kamiya.

CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2000


ABLE.....	Saturday, January 22	8 a.m.	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, January 15	1 p.m.	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Monday, January 17	10 a.m.	Board Room
DOG.....	Saturday, January 15	9 a.m.	Board Room
HQ			
HAWAII.....	Thursday, June 24.....		AJA Veterans Memorial Hall
MAUI			
RURAL			
KAUAI			
BOARD.....	Friday, January 14.....	10:00 a.m.	Board Room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, January 21.....	7 p.m.	Board Room
GREEN THUMB	Monday, January 10	10 a.m.	Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....	Friday, January 14.....	6 p.m.	Turner Hall
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING...	Saturday, February 5...10 a.m.		Turner Hall

The Clubhouse Office will be closed from Tuesday through Friday, January 4 through 7 while the Executive Secretary is on vacation. If you need to call the office, please give your name and telephone number on the answering device and someone will return your call.

Deadline for articles for the February 2000 issue is Tuesday, January 18, 2000. E-mail articles to sillanstan@aol.com or fax to (808) 946-0273.

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, January 27 at 8:30 a.m.** Dog, Medics and Headquarters Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments, but everyone else is encouraged to help.

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