

# 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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## FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

With only 3 months left before the big 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we would like to devote as much space as possible to keeping you updated on all of the latest information regarding this event. Not only that, shortly after this event takes place, the annual legacy picnic will be held (on August 18, 2002) followed by the Mini reunion on October 20-25. You can see that this will be a busy and fun-filled year.

In this issue, we will concentrate on the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration with Co-Chairperson Joyce Doi submitting the latest news. We advise you to take advantage of the "early bird" discounts by sending in your registration forms with the payments before May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will follow up with news regarding the picnic event next month. And although October seems a long ways off, it is necessary that we hear from you now as to whether you are planning to attend the mini-reunion in Las Vegas. We must make reservations with the airlines as soon as possible and a verbal commitment from you will be helpful in blocking off the necessary amount of seats until a definite reservation can be made. We would appreciate your calling us (737-4864) so that we can have some assurance as to the number of interested persons. Please see my "Dis and Dat" column elsewhere in this issue.

## PHOTO SESSION

The next photo session will be on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at the clubhouse. If you would like to have you and/or your family pictures taken, please call Clyde or Ann at 734-0841 or e-mail at [annkaba@aloha.net](mailto:annkaba@aloha.net).

## THE PROCESSIONAL      60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration      By Joyce Doi

A tribute to the veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. A way to recognize you, our fathers, certainly not for a final time, but a way for us to show you how proud we are to be a part of your family.

The Processional would provide us the opportunity to escort you to your chairs in a special way. The Processional would open the banquet ceremonies and be the prologue to an afternoon of celebration. The Processional would close the weekend of festivities with a final majestic flourish.

Imagine the proud smiles of the children and grandchildren as they escort each of you to your seat. While some of you may not have children or grandchildren attending the banquet, many of your fellow vets have several who will be there on Sunday. I don't believe any of them would begrudge your "borrowing" them for the few moments it will take to be your escort.

We will soon be sending you a postcard to complete. There will be a brief description of the Processional and a tear-off portion already addressed and stamped. This tear off portion will ask a question: Are you willing to participate in the Processional? All you need to do is check the box that says, "YES." Do you want to participate, but feel that you might not be able to due to your health? Then check the box that says, "Yes I want to participate but will need some help" and we'll do the rest. See you there!

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

by **STANLEY AKITA**

*March, 2002.*

### **Apartment:**

\* Dr. Teraoka reported that the apartment lanals have been repaired and therefore we are able to have insurance on the apartment.

### **House**

\* Dr. T. announced the clean-up date. That clean-up date is before the 60<sup>th</sup> so that our clubhouse will look spic and span for the important event. Also, Rural chapter will be helping in the kitchen area.

### **Unfinished Business**

\* Jerry Yamaki "C" of the Rural chapter donated a 4x6 solid Koa table to the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. The cost is estimated at about \$16,000 to have a similar sized table made today. Mrs. Carol Yamaki advanced the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. \$1,700 for the cost to transport the table from Waipahu to our clubhouse. Thank you Carol & Jerry.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

\* Dr. Otagaki, reported that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has everything under control with no hitch so far. Joyce Doi and her group are doing a terrific job.

### **Announcements**

1. By the time you read this, the Indiana students would have already arrived in Honolulu with the quilt that honors the 100/442 vets. It was displayed at the Convention Center March 24 from 9am to about 1pm.
2. A letter from Senator Akaka was read thanking the 100<sup>th</sup> for selecting him as an Honorary member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans. Read the letter in this issue.
3. It was requested that the members make an effort to attend the 442<sup>nd</sup> services on March 23 at 2pm.
4. Warren Iwai gave me a suggestion. He said that we should try to get some schools named after MOH recipients. A letter was written to Senator Matt Matsunaga to that effect. The Senator responded immediately and introduced a Senate Resolution 74 which reads:  
**REQUESTING THAT NEW STATE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS BE NAMED IN HONOR OF HAWAII RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR ACTS OF HEROISM DURING WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, AND THE VIETNAM WAR.**
5. Nordic Construction, who has contract to construct Iolani School Parking Structure, was informing the neighborhood of the possible creation of noise by their pile driver. Nordic also requested to use our hall for a periodic construction meeting at our hall, approved by the Board.
6. The Board was also informed of the sign that Rev. Harry Suga made "special" for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at no cost to the club.
7. It was also suggested by Baker chapter that we open up our hall for craft fairs to help generate income. More detailed info will be presented to the club. If any of you have comments re: renting the hall for a craft fair, talk to your chapter president.

### **Donations for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Various committees are looking for donations and your help would be most appreciated. The following are some of the items we're looking for:

Hospitality & Bash: Any kind of delectable edibles from tsukemono to macadamia nut cream pie

Monte Cassino: Prizes for the post-gaming auction

If you'd like to donate something, please call Hiromi Suehiro at 941-3582 or Bob Arakaki at 737-5244 so they can plan ahead.

Thank you very much!

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

by Amanda Stevens De Ponte

**100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion**

MIS Veterans		\$100	
Robert Arakaki		\$100	[100 <sup>th</sup> Sch. Fund ]
Leatrice Kimura	I. M. of Henry T. Kimura "HQ"	\$50	
Leatrice Kimura	I. M. of Henry T. Kimura "HQ"	\$50	[ Headquarters ]
Paul Kusunoki	I. M. of Joyce Kusunoki	\$50	

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Leatrice Kimura	I. M. of Henry T. Kimura "HQ"	\$50
Masako Hamada		\$25

**Donation List Submitted by Art Nakayama**

Seie Oshiro		\$100	Sons and Daughters
Avin Oshiro		\$200	Sons and Daughters
Jane Oki	I.M. of Irving Akahoshi "HQ"	\$50	Sons and Daughters
Anonymous		\$100	Club 100
Anonymous		\$50	PPP
Paul Fukunaga		\$100	Sons and Daughters
Amy & Susan Muroshige	I.M. of Kenneth Muroshige "B"	\$300	Club 100
Dr. Kenneth Otagaki	I.M. of Noboru Furuya, "HQ"	\$500	Club 100 Scholarship Fund
Helen Nikaido	I.M. of Kenji Nikaido "D"	\$100	Sons and Daughters
Hanayo Yamane	I.M. of Takayuki (Tak) Yamane "A"	\$100	Club 100
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Hanayo Yamane	I.M. of Takayuki (Tak) Yamane "A"	\$100	PPP
Hanayo Yamane	I.M. of Takayuki (Tak) Yamane "A"	\$100	Sons and Daughters
Katherine Baishiki	I.M. Haluto Moriguchi "C" KIA	\$50	PPP
Clayton Kamiya		\$50	Sons and Daughters
Marian Hayashi		\$20	PPP
Rural Chapter	I.M. of Matsue Kitashima	\$20	Scholarship Fund

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**CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

**JUNE 15, 2002    TIME: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Bento lunch for volunteers**

**If you need any supplies for the clean-up, please let the office know. Phone 946-0272**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP VA CENTER TOUR  
 SUNDAY 10:00 AM, APRIL 28**

Bus leaves 100<sup>th</sup> Hall at 10:00 am. The fare is not set. Lunch at Tripler. Ron Yonemoto of the VA will lead a tour of the facilities at the Matsunaga VA Center including the Center for the Aged.

Please call: Bernard Akamine 734-8738,    Helen Nikaido 734-5552,    Kimi Matsuda 988-6562

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**HUNG WAI CHING: AN HONORARY MEMBER WE SHOULDN'T FORGET**

As much as we should never forget the 100th/442nd/MIS veterans who fought so bravely for us, likewise, we should never forget those friends who stood by us and fought against the tide of prejudice that engulfed us at the outbreak of World War II.

Hung Wai Ching was one such friend and supporter. As a key advisor in the Morale Section of the Military Governor's office in Hawaii, Hung Wai was instrumental in influencing top military leaders in their decision not to mass evacuate the Japanese in Hawaii. He vouched for the loyalty of the AJA community and was a mentor to the young University of Hawaii AJA ROTC cadets, inspiring them to form the "Varsity Victory Volunteers," offering themselves as a labor battalion to prove their loyalty when the military would not take them. Hung Wai believed that "until they could get back into the armed services, bear arms, fight, and even die for their country," the people of Hawaii and the general American public at large would never be convinced of the loyalty of the AJA. He took a personal interest in the Island AJA soldiers. When their troopship left Hawaii, he was dockside to bid them farewell. Then he flew to the Mainland to greet them when they landed in San Francisco, and again he met them at Camp Shelby on their arrival there. His mission at Shelby was to see that the boys were treated fairly as Americans and not "Japs."

Hung Wai spoke before countless business groups and organizations extolling the battle achievements of the 100th/442nd. His constant message and plea was when the boys of the 100th/442nd returned from the war, they should be treated and accepted as full American citizens, given greater job opportunities, and extended help in finishing educational and vocational training. He headed the Veteran's Memorial Scholarship Fund and personally loaned a veteran money to finish law school. That vet eventually became a justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court--Judge Edward Nakamura.

In 1986 during the centennial celebration of Japanese immigration to Hawaii, Hung Wai Ching was one of 24 non-Japanese and the only Chinese-American recognized for significant contribution and support to the welfare and progress of Hawaii's Japanese during their 100 year history.

For his unswerving devotion and support, and his dedicated crusade on behalf of the 100th/442nd AJAs, we should be eternally grateful to Hung Wai Ching and honored that he was a 100th Infantry Battalion Honorary Member. We will never forget you, Hung Wai. May you rest in peace.

(Information from *Hung Wai Ching Eulogy*, 2/23/02, delivered by Ted Tsukiyama)

		
<h2>In Memoriam</h2>		
Walter Iwasa	Rural Chapter	Passed away March 12, 2002
Kaoru Yonezawa	C Chapter	Passed away March 24, 2002
Our deepest sympathy to their family members		

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. . . wherever there is freedom there have been those who fought, toiled, and sacrificed for it.  
(*Lincoln, Man of Steel and Velvet* by Carl Sandberg)

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**THANK YOU LETTER FROM SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA**

**DANIEL K. AKAKA**  
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March 1, 2002

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Mr. Stanley M. Akita  
President  
Club 100  
520 Kamoku Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826

Dear Mr. Akita:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the unanimous vote taken by the Board of Directors of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans making me an Honorary Member of Club 100.

Membership in such an esteemed organization is a great honor. I also appreciate your providing me with notice of the new name for Club 100 as well as your warm words of encouragement and appreciation for the services provided by the Veterans Administration in Hawaii. I appreciate hearing your comments on the excellent care provided to veterans in Hawaii. I took note of your praise for Mr. David Burge and Mr. Ron Yonemoto and will be sure to share your kind words with them.

Once again, mahalo for providing me with the honorary membership; it is a distinction I hold with great pride.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator

**LETTER OF THANKS FROM PPPARADE READER**

We thank Shigeru Oshita for the following letter written January 28, 2002, from Kapaau, HI 96755

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a check of \$50.00 in appreciation for the Puka Puka Parade.

Once again, my hearty thanks are extended to Ray and Aki Nosaka for continuing as editors of this outstanding paper. My gratitude is also extended to Joy Teraoka for helping with the editing and typing of the news.

Very sincerely, Shigeru Oshita

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## **LEILA MEYERRATKEN AND INDIANA STUDENTS VISIT CLUBHOUSE**

**J.T. Editor's note:** Leila Meyerratken has been referred to as the "Quilt Lady"--a fond tribute to this remarkable teacher. Through her visionary and energetic efforts, she inspired her 8th grade students to learn about and to fight racism by means of undertaking an incredible project creating an immense quilt made from material donations from World War II AJA veterans and internees of the relocation camps. (This undertaking followed a previous 8th graders' project she directed in designing and building an Oriental garden at their school commemorated to the AJA veterans of the 100th, 442nd and MIS.) The awesome quilt project has been winning recognition throughout the country and has been displayed in Washington, D.C. She and some of her students brought it to Hawaii and displayed it at the Convention Center and also at City Hall between March 24 and 27. In our January/February 2001 edition of the PPParade, I wrote about this amazing teacher and her outstanding students in an article entitled *Indiana Eighth-Graders Honor AJA Veterans*. Meyerratken and her students visited our clubhouse on March 27. At this reception Skip Tomiyama and her hula ladies showered the visitors with aloha, showed them how to hula, and also gifted them with Hawaiian goodie bags containing local style treats and souvenirs. Some of our vets were on hand to greet and honor these fine young students and their teacher. (Thanks, Skip, for initiating this wonderful reception for our Indiana friends.)

### **LETTER FROM LEILA MEYERRATKEN**

The following letter from Leila "to all who have contributed to the learning of my students" was accompanied by a hand-made card from her 8th grade students with the message:

"THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR QUILT PROJECT! MERCI, GRACIAS, DANKE,  
AND ARIGATO"                      Leila Meyerratken

1126 Montgomery Street West              Lafayette, Indiana 47906;                      August 6, 2001

I am finally finding some time to write to all who have contributed to the learning of my students. The quilt project began as a long time dream to involve all of my 500+ students at the two schools where I teach.

The quilt began on August 19, 2000 and was officially completed on June 17, 2001 at midnight, but we made sure to add everything that was sent after that. It was the most challenging project I have ever done, although I have conducted numerous projects on a larger scale. Some of the challenges included being turned down for each of the 29 grant proposals I submitted. It was a record failure for me. After I won the Christa McAuliffe Award of \$35,000, I allocated it for the project, but people still didn't believe it could be done, including parents. There was no help given until the middle of May. At that time, parents who came past midnight waiting for their children, saw what the kids were doing and began to offer help. By then, it was almost done. However, we enjoyed the midnight snacks and the occasional lunches they brought to us while we were working. Reluctantly, the kids allowed their parents to do minor work. They had become too possessive to allow for imperfections.

Another major task was working with all students. My motto was "*no one shall be forgotten.*" I applied this motto in working with each child to help him/her reach a personal challenge and develop academic skills, as well as remember all the AJA veterans from various groups and battalions. When I started, most of my students didn't know how to turn on a computer, others didn't know where to place a stamp on an envelope, let alone compose a letter or conduct advanced Internet research. Some who were Hispanic couldn't speak English. I was able to reach high standards to meet the needs of all these children.

The challenges went on. At one time, all the sewing machines quit functioning, our only printer broke down, lightning burnt one computer that had all the scanned names of over 20,000 AJA veteran names, and so on. We learned to deal with obstacles from constantly facing multiple dilemmas. When the janitor refused to give us the key to turn on the lights in the Gymnasium, so we could see the entire quilt, students opened the light box with a seam ripper!

To add to the challenges, the project couldn't take class time, because my classes are too short for a major project. I still needed to teach foreign languages. The quilt was done as an after school project. I volunteered to work with students each day during my prep time, which was their study hall hour, after school daily until 6 PM, unless there was staff meeting; on Fridays until midnight; Saturdays all day long, and on holidays. After school closed for vacations on June 1st, we met every day, seven days a week from 9 AM until midnight. When the quilt was done, I met with students to help them prepare for a trip to DC. They were invited by the Japanese American National Memorial Foundation to display the quilt and attend a gala dinner.

For the trip, I arranged for their flights, and even helped them with what to wear for the trip. Students spent 4 days in DC, but I needed to stay behind for a week to present as the Christa McCauliffe Fellow for the state of Indiana.

The award money was sufficient for the entire quilt program. I overspent only because I liked the children's idea to add one special touch. They wove 2164 strings to honor all the supporters, like you. Throughout the academic year, I have received checks from AJA veterans and their families, but I didn't use them. I didn't feel it was right to use funds from the heroes we are commemorating. Those checks were voided and kept in a binder as a reminder of their generosity. When the quilt was done, we received more funds totaling to \$7,000. I turned down the first check, but quickly realized I was hurting the donor's feeling, so I accepted. Now I have created a fund in the name of the quilt. It will be used towards transportation of the quilt to various places to educate the public.

When I returned from DC, I worked with students to restore the Japanese Garden. There was a lot of work needed, like removing weeds, replacing the filters, and dealing with pond algae. Now it looks as good as it should. My summer vacation is almost over though, and has been occupied for a very long time. From September 18th to July 9th I had a total of 4 days off. I still have one last thing to do, which is to acknowledge the 2000+ people who responded to my students.

I can't believe the quilt is actually done. About the challenges, I didn't mind any of them. A great project must come with great challenges, otherwise it would have been already done. None of them will stop me from making the big plans for the future, because when I stop dreaming, I know I have stopped teaching.

This is my first opportunity to write to you. I thank you for having believed in the project, and for having given up priceless treasures. The quilt is very special because it comes from the heart. To us, it is a sacred, priceless piece of art. The best part of the project, for me, was when I noticed my students develop utmost respect for all veterans, upholding strong patriotic beliefs, and carrying a desire to make things better. For them, there is no tolerance for intolerance. These changes I saw in them made all the time spent worthwhile.

I hope that you forgive me for this very long delay in responding to your letters and acknowledging the priceless gifts given for the quilt. This is the first opportunity that I had to write. If you wish to see photos of the quilt or updates, please see the web-site that was created by the Japanese American Veteran Association of DC. It is [www.javadc.org](http://www.javadc.org). Feel free to write to me or to e-mail me. My e-mail address is [lmeyerratken@juno.com](mailto:lmeyerratken@juno.com). Moo Iti-do, I promise to write one more time.

Sincerely, Leila

## **THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE MASARU TOMASA FAMILY**

Dear Member of Club 100:

I would like to thank the club and its representative for coming to my dad memorial on Dec. 26, 2001. You can not know how important that was to our family to have Mr. Barney Akamine there representing the club and to have club flags at both Hosoi and Hawaii Memorial in Kaneohe. The club was very important in our lives as we grew up there was always so much activities there, so much love so much happiness. As a young adult getting married and coming back home my parents were always going dancing what was it Monday, Wednesday, Friday and if there was a holiday or a special day there was a Saturday. Man no babysitting those nights. My parents had so much fun dancing and getting together with all the club member that came. You had to give them credit they new all the step. My parents were really good dancers. They all went to Europe together had a good time and Japan. Coming back and going to Punchbowl when they had there service for the men who had pass away in serving there country was very special, and see the United State government show respect to our fathers was not need for them, but for us children. We never heard our dad talk about the war only we saw so many medal he had won. My dad was my biggest Hero. It will always be an honor and always proud when I could talk about my dad and how loyal all the club man were and they wives. When I was in Hawaii for a funeral the women came representing there husband that to me was a beautiful thing respect and honor after death. Growing up we were not allow to fight with our sisters and brother not about money, food and even when we were right we had to say we were sorry. Today that's one on the best gifts that my parents have given me. Thanks to the club and all the wonderful things you have done throughout the years. May God Keep Bless All of You and I will keep you in my prayers.

Aloha, Masaru Tomasa Family

## **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

by **Bernard Akamine**

Our condolences to the family of the late Yoshio Hirose. He will be missed. His funeral service was well attended by club members.

**Baker Family Day will be April 27, 2002, 11 am to 4 pm**

**Cost: \$8.00, ages 12 and above; \$5.00 ages 11 to 6  
below 6, free**

**For reservations, call:**

**Ann Kabasawa            phone: 734-0841    or  
Bernard Akamine        phone: 734-8738**

**We will need a head count in order to prepare enough food.  
Bingo and other games, plus plenty of door prizes.**

It was decided that we try this daytime family get together because we older members are finding it difficult to drive at night.

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

by **Helen Nikaido**

I met and talked with Wally Chinen at the February 24, Family Support Group meeting. He said that he was in the hospital recently. Take care, Wally.

Stella Nakayama, who is a steady customer at McDonald's, won a free trip to Las Vegas for 4 nights for two, on February 17-21, accommodations at the California Hotel. Was fun but she didn't win anything big. Lucky you!

Our deepest sympathy to Faye Ogawa and Maxine Hashimoto whose beloved mother, Ethel Usui, passed away on March 3. Private services were held. Ethel was the widow of the late Masaji Usui.

**REMINDER: APRIL 25, THURSDAY - "OPU" HIRANAKA'S ONE PUKA PUKA JAPAN TOUR.**

## **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

by **Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter members held their first luncheon meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 5, at the Asian Cuisine & Sports Bar Restaurant in Kahului. There were 13 members, 5 wives and 6 widows in attendance. President Stanley Izumigawa called on Wataru Kaneshina to bless the food. The treasurer's report showed that we are spending about the same amount as our income from our investments. Our investment chairman, Goichi Shimanuki, reported that due to the declining interest rates, our income will shrink in the coming months. However, members felt that we should keep our assets in the CD accounts. To cope with declining income, we are cutting back on the number of meetings and are raising the assessments for our Mother's Day luncheon and also for the Christmas party.

Satoji Arisumi, Mother's Day luncheon chairman, reported that we will have our luncheon at the Maui Beach Hotel at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14. Group leaders will contact you prior to that date. Each member, spouse, and widow will be assessed \$8.00. Please bring the exact amount, if possible, to make it easier on the treasurer. Also, the Club 100 Scholarship Fund drive will be accepting any donation toward that fund at this luncheon.

Members are agreeable to our spouses and widows becoming active members of our veterans civic club, if they wish to join. When it is open to them the \$100.00 life membership dues will have to be paid, the same as for our sons and daughters.

The Maui Sons and Daughters of AJA Veterans Club will be assisting us in conducting our KIA Memorial Service on September 29 at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery this year.

We extend our get well wishes to Eichi Endo, who was hospitalized recently following surgery.

# **PUKA PUKA ANNOUNCEMENT - Headquarters**

Happy New Year! Time sure is flying by! At our Christmas party, there was a unanimous sentiment that we should get together more often. So reserve Sunday, April 28 from 11:00 to 1:30 for lunch at the clubhouse. Cost for the lunch will be \$7 per person, \$3.50 for children between 5 and 12 years and free for those under 5 years. (We are still working out the menu and it may be less than \$7? but not more!) Please call your team captain to let us know how many of you are coming so we can make sure we have enough kaukau. Deadline to respond is Friday, April 18 but why wait? call your team captain now. As an incentive for you to call, Headquarters will pay half the cost for each person attending IF you RSVP to your team captain by April 18. If your team captain has to call you, hard luck!!! Please let your sons and daughters know about this get together, as they may not get the One Puka Puka. We want as many people as possible to come. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School & Ala Wai Park from 10:30

You should have received the revised roster in December either by mail or at the Headquarters Christmas party. If you didn't, call Jan Sakoda at 737-7778.

## **California Chapter News**

**By Sam Fujikawa**

At our monthly club meeting on March 16th, we discussed our plans for attending the 60th Anniversary Celebration. On the list of attendees are: Ben and Jean Tagami, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Toke and Rae Yoshihashi, Ken and Hisa Miya, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Yeiki Matsui, Paul Yasaki, Toe Yoshino, Wayne Fujita, Ted and Chizu Ohira, Duke Ogawa, Lloyd Toda, Steve Tagami, Wayne Fujita, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Bill and Irene Sato, Mary Catherine Doi and Family, George and June Kurisu, Mitsi Fuchigami, Sam and Teri Fujikawa. If all goes well, we will be traveling as a group and staying at the Pagoda Hotel. It has been so cold, windy and now rainy here so we are looking forward to the warm tropical weather in Hawaii.

Mary Catherine Doi (who lost her husband Ben, Co.A recently) was in town briefly. Several of us enjoyed having dinner with her before she left to drive home to Fresno. She is keeping busy and is looking forward to joining our group bound for Honolulu in June. Fumi Sakato and Chuckie Seki went to visit Eric (Co. D) and Irene Abe who are in a nursing home. Eric has Alzheimer's but Irene was happy to see Fumi and Chuckie although she is confined to bed. Another member who has not been well is Ted Yoshiwara who lives in Las Vegas. His wife, Sadie, informs me that he is back home now but needs much care with his trips to the doctors and treatments. Their helpful son, Ted, Jr., is there to give Sadie valuable support and help and to keep their spirits up. We give all members of our club recuperating from their various health situations and their families our best wishes.

## **CHARLIE CHAPTER**

**By Warren Iwai**

MEETING: Monday, March 18 was a cold and windy day but we had 12 strong men present at our meeting. Larry Kamiya including his aching back (pinched nerve) and cane was present. Our hekka dinner idea lost its momentum – we need a good hekka cook to volunteer. Maybe we should call Seiju Ifuku out of retirement so we could sample some Army chow again for old time sake.

Acting on the suggestion from Stanley Akita that some of our public schools be named after all the Medal of Honor recipients from Hawaii, Senator Matt Matsunaga has introduced a resolution to this effect to the Hawaii legislature. I hope all the veteran organizations and the general public will support this move. There is so much talk about patriotism today - what better role model can you find for our children than our Medal of Honor recipients.

Kaoru Yonezawa has been hospitalized in Kuakini Medical Center since March 7. I got a call from his wife on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March saying that he had passed away. His funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Hosoi Mortuary at 4:00pm. Our deepest condolences go out to his family.

SUEWO NAGAISHI, father of Mrs. Kazuto (Lynn) Shimizu, passed away on March 7, 2002. He was 100 years old. He was a schoolteacher on the Big Island for 40 years. Private service was held at the Jodo Mission. Our sincere condolences to Lynn and her family.

OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS ON APRIL 15 at the Clubhouse. Bento will be served.

LADIES CORNER: At this time, plans are being made for our next luncheon.

Place: Kapiolani Community College Dining Room

Date and Time: April 24 at 11:00 AM

Lillian Sodetani (734-4288) and Betty Iwai 734-0348) are calling all Co. "C" ladies for the count and other details

**THANK YOU:**

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**RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER**

by Ted Hamasu

Once again the vagabond instinct must have caught up and given Kenneth Higa itchy feet, for this time he is headed to Australia and to Singapore and around South East Asia looking for places he must have read about that intrigued him. Or maybe he is looking for the fountain of youth. He says the trip will be for about a month. Bon Voyage, Kenneth, and I wish you luck on what ever you're seeking.

We're looking for assistance in the coming 60th Anniversary celebration at the Clubhouse bash that will be held for 2 days. If you wish to give us a hand please call me at 455-3341. We appreciate your kokua very much.

The members of Rural Chapter expresses their deepest condolence to Mrs. Michino Iwasa, her immediate family and relatives for their great loss, the death of Walter Iwasa. Walter was this scribe's long time golfing partner and I will miss him very much. The family wants his funeral service to be a private affair. If you wish to send koden to the family, the address is:

Mrs. Michino Iwasa, 190 Kilani Ave., Wahiawa HI 96786

Charlie Nishimura is feeling quite well after the operation on his hip. He is able to walk around with his cane and may be able to forget about the cane pretty soon. Gambare, Charlie.

Michael Hamamoto is still under his loving nurse's care. He does not want to venture out where he has to walk. He is mostly moving around in a wheel chair and taking it easy.

We held our bi-monthly meeting on March 15, 2002, at the Zippy's in Wahiawa from 11:00 AM. Since I was a little late I broke all speed records from Pearl City to Wahiawa. Fortunately the "Van" was not around to clock me. We had 6 members attending, which makes it a little lonely. What is the alternative? I asked the members but no one seems to have a good answer. We're still waiting for the S & D to join us, but when? We'll be striving on until something happens hopefully in the near future.

Next meeting will be on May 17, 2002, at Zippy's in Wahiawa from 11:00 a.m. See you all there. OK?

**\*\*\*LEARN TO HULA WITH SKIP TOMIYAMA\*\*\***

**WHEN:** Every Monday, 10 am to 12 noon \*

**\*But no classes on April 1 or 8, 2002**

**WHERE:** 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse

**WHO:** All chapter members, wives, and widows  
(Good, low-impact exercise for the body!)

**So hele on down to the Clubhouse and join in on the fun!**

# August 18, 2002

Sunday

Details in your next Puka Puka

DIS AND DAT

By Ray Nosaka

This is on my favorite subject THE MINI REUNION.

Yes, the Vegas mini-reunion is on! The dates are October 20 to the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

You can't keep a good man down, and I really believe that this reunion is what keeps Ben Tagami on his feet, alive and kicking.

We have been told that there will again be the slot tournament, which is my favorite event – why? Because I don't have to use my brains to play –just sit there and pound on the keyboard – just go like hell (I once won second place!!! That was the only time I ever won anything) Everyone knows what a fabulous hospitality room the L.A. chapter hosts - plenty good kaukau, fresh fruits, plenty drinks, etc. We will print more information in the future issues, but right now we need to know how many of you are planning to go. We have 50 seats reserved at a special price, so it will be "first come, first served" Since the application forms are not ready to be mailed out with this issue, I am asking you to please call me (737-4864) or Ann Kabasawa (734-0841) or e-mail at [annkaba@aloha.net](mailto:annkaba@aloha.net) and let us know that you are interested, and we will send you the form.

## You Know Someone Is From Hawaii..... (via the internet anonymous)

They have a separate circuit breaker for their rice cooker .

Only NOW they know that cilantro is the same as Chinese parsley .

They measure the water for the rice by the knuckle of their index finger .

They know which market sells poi on which days.

They can handle shoyu with green mango, li hing mui gummy bears, raw egg on hot rice, and pearl tea (carnation milk in hot water with sugar) with creme crackers.

They know that Char Hung Sut is closed on Tuesday.

Their refrigerator has half-empty jar of mango chutney from the '95 Punahou Carnival.

The condiments at the table are shoyu, ketchup, chili peppah watah, and kimchee. Also, takuwan, Hawaiian salt, slice onion, and pickle onion.

They go to Maui and their luggage home includes potato chips, manju, cream puffs, and guri guri for omiyage.

They think the four food groups are starch (rice), Spam, fried food, and fruit punch.

A balanced meal has three starches: rice, macaroni, and bread.

They know 101 ways to fix their rubber slippers --50 using tape, 50 using glue, and one using a stick to poke the strap back in.

They sometimes use their open car door for a dressing room.

They wear two different color slippers together and they don't mind.

Nice clothes means a T -shirt without puka.

They are barefoot in most of their elementary school pictures. They have a slipper tan.

Their only suit is a bathing suit. They drive barefoot.

They have at least five Hawaiian bracelets.

They never ever, under any circumstances, wear socks with slippers, or an aloha shirt that matches their wife's muumuu.

They still call the Blaisedell Center the HIC and it's Sandy's, not Sandy Beach.

They say "I going go for lawnmower da grass" when they mean "I'm going to mow the lawn."

They can understand every word Bu Lai'a says and they know what his name means.

They have a sister, cousin, auntie, or mom named "Honey Girl" or someone in the family named Boy, Tita, Bruddah, Sonny, Bachan, Taitai, Popo, or Vovo.

They still chant "Hanaokolele" when a friend or co-worker goofs up. They say "Shtraight," "Shtreet," and "Shtress."

They say "Da Kine" and the other person says "Da Kine" and they both know what is "Da Kine."

The "Shaka" and the "Stink Eye" are worth a thousand words.

They feel guilty leaving a get-together without helping clean up. The Idea of taking something from a heiau is unthinkable.

They call everyone older than themselves "Aunty" or "Uncle" and they kiss everyone in greeting and farewell.

They let their cars ahead of them on the freeway and they give shaka to everyone who lets them in. (And get mad If someone they let in doesn't say thanks.) Their philosophy is "Bumbai."

The only time they honk their horn is once a year during the safety check.

**CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL, 2002**

ABLE..... Saturday, April 27 .....8:00am  
 BAKER..... Saturday, April 20.....1:00pm  
 CHARLIE ..... Monday, April 15.....10:00am  
 DOG..... no meeting.....  
 HQ..... no meeting.....  
 HAWAII..... Thursday, April 25.....  
 MAUI.....no meeting.....  
 RURAL.....no meeting.....  
 KAUAI.....to be announced.....  
 BOARD MEETING.....Friday, April 12 .....10:00am  
 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE....Sunday, April 28.....9:00am  
 HEADQUARTERS PARTY...Friday, April 28.....11:00am  
 FAMILY SUPPORT (Tripler, park at the Ala Wai Park parking lot).Sun.,... April 28....10:00am  
 EUROPEAN TRIP COMMITTEE.....Friday, April 5.....10:00am  
 GREEN THUMBS.....Monday, April 1.....(Lounge)...10:00am  
 GREEN THUMBS FAMILY NIGHT...Sunday, April 14 .....  
 One Puka Puka Tour.....Thursday, April 25.....(Turner Hall)....10:30am  
 (please submit your articles on time)

Deadline for articles for the MAY issue is on Tuesday, April 16, 2002.  
 (Please submit your articles on time or your article will not be included in the issue!!)

ATTENTION Our e-mail addresses for the PukaPuka Parade chapter/S&D news & articles are: [TERAOKAD001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:TERAOKAD001@hawaii.rr.com) or [annkaba@aloha.net](mailto:annkaba@aloha.net).

For club business, questions or correspondence, e-mail us at [ppparade@aol.com](mailto:ppparade@aol.com)

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on Thursday, April 25, 2002 at 8:30am. Baker & Rural chapters are responsible for providing the manpower & refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to kokua☺

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