PRESIDENT’S REPORT by ROBERT ARAKAKI

The Board meeting was held on March 10, 2006 with 12 members present. WARREN YAMAMOTO of the Sons & Daughters also attended. The minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer’s report were approved as read.

STANLEY AKITA reported that there is no apartment vacancy at this time.

The shower room at the Clubhouse, which was formerly for men only, will be coed hereafter. The entrance will be through the card room.

The 64th Annual Anniversary Celebration will be held on June 24, 2006 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The Joint Memorial Service for the AJA WWII veterans will be held on September 24, 2006, at Punchbowl. “Thank You” to MIKE HARADA, who is the Vice-President in charge of those two events, for the wonderful job he’s doing for the veterans.

On March 2, 2006, a group of Japanese tourists who are interested in the exploits of the Nisei soldiers visited the Clubhouse. They were quite impressed with the Nisei who were able to converse with them in Japanese. Thank you to the veterans who showed up to meet them. Thank you also to NANCY ARAKAKI, AMANDA STEVENS, MICHIKO TAKASHIGE, EVELYN TSUDA, and the Thursday wine gang for furnishing the refreshments. I think it turned out to be a memorable afternoon for the visitors.

PARADE VOLUNTEERS ANSWER THE CALL FOR HELP by JOY TERAOKA, Editor

Hooray! Our pleas for help have been answered. A call came from EUNICE DELA CRUZ saying she would like to help fill out the postal forms that must be prepared to deliver the PARADE by bulk mail. Eunice is one of the daughters of the late WALLACE CHINEN of Co. D. Her active sisters are Dr. JOYCE CHINEN of our Family Support Group and KARLEEN CHINEN, Editor of the Hawaii Herald. Eunice and her husband are community volunteers - he delivers “Meals on Wheels”. Although she herself is disabled, Eunice volunteers her services to help others. Eunice often relies on the Handivan to transport her to or from the Clubhouse. Not only has she learned how to prepare the postal forms (a fast learner) but she also pitches in the putting address labels on the newsletters. Thanks so much, Eunice. We really appreciate your coming to help us.

Another volunteer daughter is DRUSILLA TANAKA whose father is BERNARD AKAMINE of Co. B. She helps KUNIO FUJIMOTO cut the address labels and helps place them in the correct zip code trays.

Our newest volunteer is JAYNE HIRATA-EPSTEIN (grandniece of JESSE HIRATA of Co. B and family friend of the late LLOYD SEKI of Co. D) who is a computer whiz. She is a stay-at-home mother who has put her own law career on hold as she raises her young family. Jayne has volunteered to help input and format our newsletter, relieving me of these tasks so that I can concentrate on writing and editing. There is the idea of putting the PARADE on the internet in the not too distant future for those who would like to receive our news through that media.

We also had CORRINE AKAHOSHI-FUTTERMAN, the daughter of the late IRVING AKAHOSHI of HQ, and her husband, DAN FUTTERMAN, volunteer to help adhere address labels to the newsletters. My sincere thanks to all of these volunteers for answering our call for help. Grazie, grazie, grazie!

Now, I’d like to thank all of our volunteers including our faithful regulars and our new faces. If not for the help of the following, you would not receive your PARADE: ROBERT ARAKAKI, AKIRA AKIMOTO, Eunice Dela Cruz, Kunio Fujimoto, Corrine Akaoshti-Futterman, Dan Futterman, ED IKUMA, FUMIKO INOUE, ARTHUR KOMIYAMA, DON and KIMI MATSUDA, PHILIP MATSUYAMA, MASANORI MORIWAKE, JOICHI MURAMATSU, SABURO NISHIME, TOM NISHIYOKA, KAY OSHIRO, SEIEI OSHIRO, MAMORU SATO, ROBERT SATO, KAZUTO
The opinions expressed in the Puka Puka Parade are those of the individual and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Association. We welcome readers to send signed written comments via e-mail to club100vets@yahoo.com or joyteraoka@mac.com or via mail to "Joy Teraoka, PPUKAPARADE Editor, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96816.

SHIMIZU, HIROMI SUEHIRO, DOT TAMASHIRO, Drusilla Tanaka, DENIS and JOY TERAOKA, MARTIN TOHARA, EVELYN and RIKIO TSUDA, TAKAKO UMAMOTO, UKICHI WOZUMI, and MARIE YONESHIGE.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all who have sent words of appreciation and donations for the PPUKAPARADE.

PUKA PUCA PARADE CORRECTIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS

In the March 2006 "In Memoriam" notice, we listed THOMAS KAIHARA of Co. A as having passed away on December 2, 2004. LYNN A. KAIHARA wrote to tell us that the correct date was December 2, 2005. She added that she would love hearing from some of Tom's old friends and family. Please write to her at 1230 West Newport, Chicago, IL 60657-1422.

We received a beautiful letter from STEVE SATO, son of KIA SHUKICHI SATO of Co. F, who went to the mini-reunion in Las Vegas last October. As we reported in the December 2005 issue of the PPUKAPARADE, Steve had a wonderful chance meeting with CHARLIE NISHIMURA in the Hospitality Room when the two were seated next to each other. Steve had this to say about the article on this fateful incident:

Through the courtesy of SAM FUJIKAWA and AMY NAKAZAWA, I was made aware of the article that you had written about my almost accidental meeting with Mr. Charlie Nishimura at the Hospitality Room at the California Hotel. The circumstances that you described were most accurate and I was so happy and grateful to meet an F Co. "buddy" of my dad. Mr. Nishimura is one of a handful of people who has remembrances of my dad on the night he died in Italy. The details that he shared were appreciated and especially memorable for me. I could almost visualize the events of that particular evening from his vivid description of events that had transpired over 60 years ago. It was indeed a "chicken skin" experience as you described. My sincere "MAHALO" to both of you for taking time to write about our meeting.

TOM LAMARR, the grandson of an unidentified WWII veteran, sent us e-mail seeking information on the following:

I am trying to create a display case for decorations/awards that my grandfather received during WWII while part of the 100th Battalion/442nd RCT.

I was wondering which unit patches would be displayed. Is the arm and torch patch the unit patch for the entire 442nd? And then the red, white and blue shield with "Go For Broke" under it a patch only for the 100th Battalion? And would a 100th Battalion member be able to display both patches?

I know my grandpa was a replacement and did not join the unit until the Summer of 1944. Is the shield/"Go For Broke" patch the original 100th patch and was then replaced by the arm/torch patch once the 100th was incorporated into the 442nd RCT?

Tom adds that he would appreciate any clarification on the subject. If you can help him, please contact him via e-mail at TGLAMA99@smumn.edu.

SAM TERASAKI of Co. A informed us that he recently received a letter from MARY TOKI of Madison, WI regarding her husband, AKIRA, also of A Co. Mary stated that Akira just celebrated his 90th birthday. She added that he's been volunteering for years and years at the VA Hospital in Madison, in the true tradition of the 100th's motto, "For Continuing Service."

STEVEN J. KOHATSU sent us an e-mail informing us of the passing of his father, KIICHI KENNETH KOHATSU of HQ. Kiichi passed away on February 17, 2006 in Los Angeles, CA at the age of 86 years old. Steven added that he loves reading the PPUKAPARADE and requested that we keep Kiichi's name on the newsletter mailing list. Steven also stated that he wants to join the Sons and Daughters and asked if he could receive membership information via e-mail.
MEMORIES OF MARGARET "MAGGIE" INOUYE by JOY TERAOKA, Editor

MARGARET INOUYE (endearingly referred to as "Maggie"), the beloved wife of Senator DAN INOUYE, passed away on March 13, 2006 from complications of colon cancer at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. She and Dan shared 58 years together in their storybook romance of love and marriage. In 1947, he was a hero back from the war and she was a beautiful and accomplished young speech instructor at the UH Lab School. From the moment they met, they both knew they had found their soul mate for life. She inspired and mentored him as he studied for his law degree at George Washington University in the District of Columbia. Maggie saw his potential and believed he would achieve great things. Through her steadfastness and encouragement, she was always there to support him.

When Dan was a law student, my parents invited them to dinner on one of D.C.’s sweltering days. Mother prepared chilled "miso-shiru" as one of the dishes to cool them off from the exhausting heat. She and Dan never forgot what a joy and comfort it was to have that Japanese meal in D.C. My parents thought so highly of this lovely young couple, not knowing then to what prominence they would later rise. Maggie, elegant and gracious without pretense, was truly an inspiring, intelligent and accomplished role model for all of us.

Maggie is remembered not only for her elegance and warmth but that genuine graciousness that put one and all at ease in her presence. Though I did not see her often after she and Dan moved to Washington, D.C., on the rare occasions when I did, she always remembered me and addressed me by name - a remarkable quality when one considers the thousands of people whom she must have met during the course of her lifetime.

To Dan, his son KENNY, and to Maggie’s other remaining family members, we wish to convey our deepest sympathy for their loss. Maggie will always be remembered with much respect and affection by the people of Hawaii.

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Our deepest sympathy to their families

LOOKING BACK: GORO "LEIGHTON" SUMIDA, A SOLDIER’S SOLDIER
by JOY TERAOKA, Editor

Almost any day at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse, you will find GORO "LEIGHTON" SUMIDA holding court around the "square" table, talking story with the "boys." Possibly, the table is laden with a variety of "ono" foods - chicken, stew, pupus, sushi and fresh caught fish - often brought by Goro. The flow of stories is an endless stream. Indeed, it has been suggested that Goro should write a book about his myriad life experiences. While listening to these stories, I felt Goro embodied the spirit of the soldiers of the 100th - courageous, daring, loyal, caring, generous with a sense of humor and a great deal of rascality.

For this interview, as I perused Goro’s high school album, paradoxically, I noted a photo showing a handsome young man impeccably attired in a suit holding a graduation diploma. Goro
completed twelve years of study at one of Honolulu’s most prestigious Japanese language schools, Chuo Gakuen. In those days that was a noteworthy accomplishment. In his album, the photos were arranged with an artist’s eye for balance, composition and graphic designs. This artistic talent showed another surprising facet of his character. At Farrington High School, he and a couple of other students were asked to produce their graduating class diplomas using their beautifully handwritten calligraphy. An illustration done by Goro of the battles he fought as a member of the 100th appears on page 89 of Remembrances, 100th Infantry Battalion 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1942-1992.

Goro was born in Honolulu on March 19, 1920, the fifth son of CHIYOGORO and TOMO SUMIDA. As a young boy Chiyogoro came from Yamaguchi-Ken to join his older brothers who were in Hawaii. Interestingly, Tomo was born in Kauai in 1888, surely one of the earliest Nisei. The Sumida’s first-born was a daughter, who unfortunately died soon after her first birthday. The Sumida’s then had seven sons -- HARRY, EDWARD, MAKOTO, RICHARD, Goro, HARUO and RAYMOND. His father managed “Sumida Camp” which was located directly across the Palama Settlement playing field. There Goro and his brothers were involved in all the sports -- football, basketball, baseball, boxing, and swimming. With its facilities for all sports including a 25 foot swimming pool, Palama Field was an ideal place to raise these young athletes. They formed their own team calling themselves the “Sumida Express,” after their father’s trucking business which transported large items (toronko) to the ships coming and going in the direction of Japan. Palama Field attracted athletes from all over the city where they competed in many different sporting events. The Sumida boys took an active part in these tournaments.

As a young child, when Chinatown was struck with the bubonic plague, Goro came down with a fever of 105 degrees and almost died. But even then he was a “fighter” and against all odds, he survived. His mother often told Goro he was lucky to be alive. When Goro was about six years old he and his younger brother were sent to Japan to live with their grandparents for a year. During that time he also went to school and learned to speak Japanese. He is still comfortable with the language.

Of the seven boys in the Sumida family, six served in the military. The eldest son stayed back to help the family. Three were in the MIS and Korea, one was with the 1399, and one served in the China/Burma Theater. Goro was the only one with the 100th.

As asked how he got the name “Leighton,” Goro said that in Camp McCoy, Capt. JACK MIZUHA insisted all the boys have American names, and there Goro acquired the name “Leighton.” Orders were also given for the soldiers to burn or discard their “omamori,” a sacred Japanese talisman to ward off evil and protect the wearer from harm. Goro refused to do this and secretly kept it in his wallet throughout the war. Miraculously, even under raining bullets and crossing fields of booby traps, Goro came out of the war unscathed and uninjured.

Although he could have been deferred from serving in the Army because he had an essential job with E. Black and Co., Goro volunteered for service on November 14, 1941 in the 298th National Guard unit for 18 months. However, when Japan bombed the Islands, those troops in the Guard were not released. They were compelled to serve throughout the war. Goro remained in the Army until August 1945.

At Camp McCoy he remembers the Hawaii boys astonished the Wisconsin WASPs and nurses by playing football barefoot in the snow. The soldiers were impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the people in that State. By contrast, when the Nisei soldiers were transferred to Camp Shelby in Mississippi, the folks there were noticeably distant and the discrimination against the blacks shocked the Island boys.

From Co. E at Camp McCoy, Pfc. “Leighton” Sumida’s buddies were Taketoshi Chigawa, Saburo Hasegawa, Chikami “Chicken” Hiyama, Yutaka Inouye, and Stanley Takahashi. After Alife (Italy) E and F Companies were split up and their troops became replacements for the much decimated A, B, and C Companies. Taketoshi Chigawa went to C Co. as a platoon leader. Yutaka Inouye was wounded and Saburo Hasegawa, who lost his leg, was hospitalized. Three of them - Goro, Stanley Takahashi and Chikami Hiyama - went through the rest of the war together as members of A Co.

To Goro, one of the toughest battles he recalls was at Colli when the 100th relieved the paratroopers who were unable to take the mountain. The 100th’s Companies, the 168th of the 34th Division and the 133rd were trying to take Hill 600 from the Germans. For eleven days the Germans had shelled the Allied troops day and night as they fought to defend their position. The 100th took three hills in three days, but the toll of deaths and casualties was enormous. Co. A lost 21 men. This is
where SHIZUYA HAYASHI killed several Germans which resulted in his winning the Congressional Medal of Honor. Colli was also where the 100th won its first Presidential Citation.

Goro remembers grabbing eight bandoliers, maneuvering through "stock mines" and "bouncing babies" to deliver them to A Co. troops who were running out of ammunition. Going up the hill he saw one of the 100th's men standing up dead behind a big rock. Another comrade was killed when shrapnel from an air burst went right through his helmet.

One night the Germans came in from the 100th's machine gunners' side and killed their two guards. Goro was also stuck behind a stone wall, shielding himself from the Germans because he could not dig a fox hole in the solid rock below his feet. The Germans above rolled down their hand grenades from the edge of the hill. B Co. took a beating. For the whole battalion, Goro stated, "We had only one platoon reserve - 40 people for three companies - that is only one platoon for three companies." From the time the action at Colli took place, Goro and his buddies hadn't eaten for several days. No Medics were available because they were already taking some of the wounded back to the Aid Station five miles away.

WALTER C. GORA of Co. A had been lying down wounded since 5 a.m. with a raincoat covering his body when Goro and Chikami volunteered to take Gora down to the aid station. However, Gora was a tall, 188 pound Japanese-Hawaiian while Goro and Chikami weighed a mere 114 pounds each. Goro and Chikami cut down two branches and devised a litter with their jackets. But Gora was much too heavy and tall and his legs kept dangling and dragging on the ground. They recruited three more guys to help and the five of them maneuvered their way down the trail marked by a log which, unknown to them, held a mine. As they went down, someone tripped the wire which should have caused an explosion, obliterating them. Luckily, the mine was a dud, thus saving the rescuers and wounded from being blown to bits.

Upon reaching the bottom of the hill they couldn't find the Medics so Goro and Chikami crawled forward attempting to find the Aid Station. Finally, Goro saw a soldier from D Co. with a machine gun, protecting B Co. When Goro asked where the forward Aid Station was, the fellow answered, "Right here." Dr. KATSUMI KOMETANI and ROY HATAKENAKA were there. Dr. Kometani recognized his injured friend, Gora, so he and Hatakenaka relieved the group and joined Goro in carrying Gora another five miles to the Aid Station. At the Aid Station, Dr. RICHARD KAINUMA advised Goro not to return to his squad as nightfall was already upon them and it would be wiser to go back in the morning. However, because Goro didn't return to his squad that night, he was reported missing in action from A Co. (Fortunately, Walter Gora survived the ordeal. After the war, he lived in San Francisco)

When Goro set out to return to his squad, two Germans had sneaked up on the 100th's machine gun nest and shot at two of the 100th's guards. One was killed but the other was able to throw a hand grenade at the Germans, forcing them to scuttle back. Goro had sheltered himself behind a stone wall but discovered that another German was only three feet away from him. When the grenade exploded, the German, who had been carrying a heavy machine gun, hit the ground for cover. Goro then tried to scale the wall, leaving his rifle behind but carrying two hand grenades. The German behind the stone was

Goro began his arduous climb back to his own lines. His own men had been alerted so anything moving in front of them was a target and he had to be careful not to be shot by his own buddies. When he reached the top, he decided to chance it by making his way through the barbed wire then rolling down the hill. Just in case there were Germans in the area, he was ready to throw his grenade. When Goro finally got to the top, he saw a helmet rise up. Goro was just about to throw his grenade but stopped short when he realized the soldier was one of the 100th's men. The other fellow almost fainted from the shock of possibly being blasted. He was Cpl. YASUSHI UCHIMA, later killed when the 100th counterattacked with only three men and he caught the full burst from a machine gun. It took Goro four hours to return to his unit. Goro will never forget what Cpl. Uchima did at that time. He told Chikami Hirayama and Goro, "I'm the Corporal - you two follow after me." Unfortunately, he was immediately the one who was cut down. Goro says he'll always credit the boys sticking together with "plenty of guts." Also, he'll never forget his 1st Platoon, Co. A - all were Acting Squad Leaders and Assistant Squad Leaders, who, without hesitation were able to take over whenever their own Commanding Officers were cut down.

Goro related that the "Arabs" (French Army, 2nd Moroccan Division, French Senegalese) were sent in to relieve the 100th. Goro said the "Arabs" fought with their knives instead of guns. They also brought billy goats and wine with them. If they ran out of rations, they killed a goat and drank the wine. A gory tale was that the Moroccans would sneak up to the German lines, cut off and collect the
enemies’ ears to string around their necks because they were paid by the number of ears collected. This practice was brought to a halt because they couldn’t distinguish between the haole American and German soldiers.

Goro earned enough points to return home after the fighting in France ended for the 100th. He did not have to return to Italy for the last push. Boarding the S.S. Mariposa which had been converted into a troop transport ship, He and his other 100th companions landed in Boston’s Buzzard Bay. A terrible storm prevented the ship from docking in New York Harbor.

After the war Goro worked as a tradesman for various Federal and State agencies. He also served as groundskeeper for the State airport. In October 1947, he married GLADYS TOYOKO MURAI. Their children are MARK, SIDNEY and BEVERLY. Goro has been widowed for 2-1/2 years.

Today this warrior keeps on going - not a sign of aging or retiring to a rocking chair. He still lives life to its fullest, enjoying the company of the “boys” of the 100th. Goro’s interests are wide and varied. He is the embodiment of Yang and Yin - a sportsman, a warrior, an artist and an orchid cultivator. That is what makes his colorful life full and interesting.

Although Goro holds court with his buddies at the 100th’s Clubhouse several times a week “talking story,” he has rarely talked to his own children about his war experiences. It is hoped that one day he will share these precious memories with them and his grandchildren. It will surely be a treasured legacy.

Dream, dream, dream!! I’ve been dreaming all these years for that memorial monument which could be erected near the front entrance of our Clubhouse. This statue would represent all of the KIAs who donated $2.00 each month from their measly paychecks even though they would not return to their beloved Hawaii, and each one of the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

This project is long overdue - now is the time for the Sons & Daughters, with the help and cooperation of their fathers, to take the initiative to carry out our legacy. The story of the 100th has been told over and over again but the world needs to be reminded of what the men did to prove their loyalty and their love of our country. What a fine way it would be to have the statue near the front where it would be visible to visitors, members and everybody who happens to be in the neighborhood. The school children, presently and in the future, will be exposed to history by just looking at the statue.

I would also recommend that an archives and library be set up where information regarding the 100th will be available to students and anyone interested.

I will keep hoping and praying that all of this will become a reality very soon - we all know that we members are dwindling in number - and we don’t have all the time in the world. My heart and soul is for accomplishing this project. I am willing to help or serve on any committee to see this project get started.

**EDITORIAL STAFF NOTE**

A special reminder to all reporters and contributors to the PPParade: An Editor is defined as someone who writes, revises and makes ready printed material for publication. In addition, “to edit” means “to govern the policy of a newspaper or periodical and to decide what is to be printed, etc.” (from Webster’s Dictionary). With that in mind, the editorial staff will take the prerogative to omit or summarize any article which might be inappropriate or controversial for publication in the PPParade or if space is limited.
BOOK REVIEWS

Just Americans: How Japanese Americans Won a War at Home and Abroad; The Story of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team in WWII by Robert Asahina

Scheduled to debut in May 2006, Just Americans: How Japanese Americans Won a War at Home and Abroad; The Story of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team in WWII recounts the plight of Japanese Americans during WWII. The author of the book is ROBERT ASAHINA who comes with an impressive array of titles and notable contributions to publishing. He has been an Editor at George, Harper's, The New York Times Book Review, GEO and The Public Interest; Editor in Chief and Deputy Publisher of Broadway Books; President and Publisher of the Adult Publishing Group of Golden Books; and a Vice President and Senior Editor at Simon and Schuster. He is also a well-known film and theater critic and has had many articles and reviews in leading newspapers and magazines. He lives in New York City where he now serves as a Visiting Scholar at the Asian/Pacific/American Studies Program at NYU.

Asahina is described as the son and nephew of WWII Nisei veterans. He was the keynote speaker at the Go For Broke Monument 3rd Anniversary Celebration held in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA on June 15, 2002. During his keynote address, Asahina told a poignant story about the tireless efforts of a WWII Nisei military doctor in the 442nd RCT who never gave up trying to enlist for military service despite repeated rejections from the military medical corps. To the audience’s surprise, Asahina stated that the story was about his own father who had kept silent about the experience for some 34 years and had only recently told his family about the bigotry he had experienced after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. This touching story (quite appropriate for a Father’s Day speech) is one of many included in Just Americans.

Although tales of extensive racial discrimination against US citizens of Japanese extraction by their fellow Americans are familiar to many of us associated with the history of the 100th Battalion/442nd RCT, Asahina sheds new light and gives a different perspective on those “days of infamy”. The following is an excerpt from a review of the book.

In Just Americans, Robert Asahina presents a compelling history of the 100th Battalion/442nd RCT. Meticulously researched and filled with gripping interviews and personal accounts from surviving members of the combat team, this book is a fascinating military history. It is the remarkable and poignant story of a group of young men whose astonishing bravery not only helped defeat Fascism in Europe but also helped turn the tide against racism in America.

Asahina chronicles the formation of the 442nd RCT and explains how Japanese Americans were forced to declare their loyalty at gunpoint, why the government finally allowed them to serve their country, and why so many men, particularly from Hawaii, willingly volunteered. He details the cruelties of the camps and recounts the hollow arguments the government used to justify segregating loyal Americans at home and in the military.

Asahina covers everything from basic training to deployment in Italy and France, where in 1944 the combat team accomplished one of the most heroic and legendary missions of WWII — the rescue of the “Lost Battalion” of the 36th “Texas” Division. This rescue mission was a crucial turning point not only in winning the war in France, but in closing the camps and restoring the rights of Japanese Americans in the US. “So in the end, it was the Japanese Americans in uniform whose heroism had shamed their own government into doing the right thing,” Asahina writes, “After fighting their way up the slopes of the Vosges, the 100th/442nd had unarguably occupied the moral high ground. It was not demonstrations in camps or arguments in the courts, but bullets on the battleground that won the fight for civil rights.”

Just Americans also reveals that despite their tremendous accomplishments in battle, the men of the 100th/442nd still could not escape prejudice and discrimination at home. Many veterans were denied basic service and some even faced violence when they returned from the war and their families came back from the camps. As the decades passed, attention focused more on the suffering in the camps than on the heroism of the soldiers. Not until...
2000, did the heroes of the 100th/442nd receive long overdue Congressional Medals of Honor in recognition of their valor.

Asahina argues that the racial injustices that Japanese Americans endured have been obscured by both liberals and conservatives for decades. Beyond the social and political forces and the rationale behind “relocating” the Japanese Americans to camps, he concludes, “The most important lesson we can learn from the 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT is that individuals and their actions matter - they are the driving force of history.”

In reading the early release of Just Americans, it is clear to the PPPArade Editorial Staff that this is not just another book on the 100th/442nd RCT but is a definitive and essential addition to any collection on the legacy of Japanese American history. We thoroughly recommend taking the time to read this book.

**The Men of Company F, 442nd Regimental Combat Team by Ron Oba**

Another book just off the press is entitled The Men of Company F, 442nd Regimental Combat Team by Honolulu resident and 442nd veteran, RON OBA. The book is a tribute to the soldiers of the 442nd RCT F Company (which is not the same as those who served in the original 100th Infantry Battalion’s F Company).

Mr. Oba served as a cook with the 442nd and was stationed in Italy and France. He had a number of harrowing experiences while delivering and serving food to the troops on the battlefields. Mr. Oba said on one occasion, he and his detail of five to seven other soldiers were climbing up a hill to take rations to the front lines when they were caught in a battle between a German Tiger tank and American Sherman tank. After the firing stopped, the men reached the top of the hill and Mr. Oba asked a Japanese American lieutenant where Company F was. The lieutenant indicated that F Co. was on the next hill. When the tank battle started up again, Mr. Oba decided they needed to get out of the way and saw a faint trail leading into a nearby valley. He told his men to follow and led them down the first hill into a vineyard then up the second hill where they found F Company at the top. They unloaded all of their rations, went down this second hill, through the vineyard and back up the first hill. When they reached the top of the first hill, Mr. Oba and his men were surprised to be greeted by clapping by the Tank Corp soldiers and the Japanese American lieutenant. The lieutenant explained that a member of H Company had walked through the vineyard and had been blown to bits, they couldn’t even find his body. However, Mr. Oba and all of his men had not only made it through the vineyard but also returned back safely. Mr. Oba and his men were stunned to discover that in the heat of the tank battle, everyone was too busy to warn them that they would be walking through an active minefield.

Mr. Oba has generously donated copies of The Men of Company F to every public library in Hawaii but copies are also available for purchase at the 442nd’s Clubhouse on 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. For more information, please call 949-7997.

**In Good Conscience: Supporting the Japanese Americans During the Internment by the Kansa Project and Shizue Seigel**

In war, bravery is displayed in many places, not just on the battlefield. During WWII, a few Americans risked everything they had to help their fellow Americans despite violent and racist public opinion against Japanese Americans in the wake of Pearl Harbor. In tribute to these courageous Americans who supported the Japanese Americans during their forcible eviction from the West Coast of the United States and subsequent incarceration in the ten relocation camps located in the desolate desert or prairie areas of our country, Col. HARRY FUKUHARA, US Army, Ret., of the MIS Northern California veterans group (MISNORCAL) just published In Good Conscience: Supporting the Japanese Americans During the Internment.

The book, written by the Kansa Project and SHIZUE SEIGEL, collects the stories of twenty brave Americans who risked and disrupted their lives, sacrificed their careers, sustained court action and abuse, were ostracized by their communities, and drained their personal funds to stand up for the rights of Japanese Americans. The authors bring out the relevance of that denial of rights and justice to what might happen today and what each of us can do to prevent it from ever happening again to any group. The book is available through AACP, Inc. (Asian American Curriculum Project), 529 East Third Avenue, San Mateo, CA, 94401. For more information, call 1-800-874-2242 or visit www.AsianAmericanBooks.com.
It's a great opportunity to see everyone for our annual anniversary celebration. The 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans' annual anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2006. The committee hopes you and your family plan to join us.

Since last year's luncheon was so successful, due in part to the great venue, we have again contracted with the Ala Moana Hotel to host this function. We ask for your kokua. Please submit your completed reservation form and payment to the office by May 5, 2006, if not sooner.

If you wish to have a table reserved so that you and your friends can sit together, please follow these instructions:

1. Make sure that those you list are really attending the luncheon.
2. List all guests with their full names.
3. Please count the number of guests seated at one table. No more than 10 persons per table, including you, can be accommodated. If your table does not have the requisite 10 guests, please be prepared to welcome other members to your table to ensure that everyone has a seat.

Note: Hotel parking cost with validation will be $2.00.

Attire: Aloha attire for all guests. 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans are requested to wear their club shirts.

Luncheon Registration Application

Please make your checks payable to: 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans

Name of 100th Member: ____________________________ Chapter: ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________ Circle desired menu item number selection (see below for choices): 1 2 3

Registrant's name if not 100th Member: __________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Relationship to 100th Member: ____________________________ (widow, son, daughter, etc.)

Phone number: ____________________________ Circle desired menu item number selection (see below for choices): 1 2 3

Guest list and menu selection. Please select menu item for guests and note item number next to their name.

If more space is needed, please list on separate sheet and attach to this registration form.

Please note any special accommodations that may be necessary for your or your guests.

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Menu choices

1. Sliced New York Striploin
2. Sauteed Mahi Mahi
3. Korean Style Chicken
   - Children (4-12 years)

Total enclosed: $___

For Office Use Only:

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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: $______
KINZO ERNEST WAKAYAMA, a US Army veteran of WWI, was buried with full military honors on March 27, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Hawaii. Wakayama was born, a US citizen, on June 17, 1897 in Kohala, Hawaii, and passed away on November 27, 1999 at the age of 102 in Fukuoka City, Japan.

Wakayama volunteered and served in France as a private in the US Army Medical Department’s 9th Ambulance Co. from July 1, 1918 to April 22, 1919. He was awarded the WWI European Campaign Medal. He volunteered with his brother-in-law, Major L.L. PATTERSON, Medical Corps., in the US Army Reserve.

According to the Encyclopedia of Japanese American History published by the Japanese American National Museum, during WWI the Territory of Hawaii issued a call to eligible men to register for the draft on July 31, 1917. In response, 938 ethnic Japanese enlistees and draftees answered the call, justifying the formation of a segregated company, Co. D, First Regiment, Hawaii National Guard. This was the only unit in the US Army to use the Japanese language for intra Co. communications and marching cadence.

The motivation of the ethnic Japanese was adventure, patriotism, to get away from the laborious work at the sugar, pineapple and coffee plantations, and, importantly, an opportunity to become US citizens. Despite the benevolence of Judge HORACE VAUGHN of the US District Court of Hawaii after the war in granting citizenship to 400 ethnic Japanese veterans, the Territorial Government did not recognize this decision. The veterans needed to wait until 1952 for the passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act to become US citizens.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Wakayama was living at Terminal Island, in the port of Los Angeles, California, where he was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Fishermen Union of the American Federation of Labor, the first Japanese American to hold an AFL position. Wakayama was forcibly evicted from Terminal Island and he and his wife were sent to the Santa Anita (Race Track) Assembly Center and then to Manzanar internment camp in Eastern California. His personal papers, such as honorable discharge and pictures, were confiscated by US government agencies and were never returned to him.

In 1943, Wakayama, then 48, and his second wife, JUNE TOKI, then 31, had their first son, EDGAR, at Manzanar; second son, CARL, was born at the Tule Lake Segregation Center, also in California, in 1945; and third son, GEORGE, was born in Japan in 1948. As a result of Wakayama’s late second marriage, there is at least one generation gap between Wakayama’s military service during WWI and his three sons’ service during the Vietnam War. Wakayama also had a son by his first marriage.

In December 1945, Wakayama expatriated to Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, his wife’s ancestral home. In 1948 Wakayama moved his family to Fukuoka City, where he worked as superintendent of the American Film Distribution Center of Kyushu Island. He also taught at Gakugei University, Fukuoka City, until he retired at age 62. Wakayama sent his three sons to the States in the early 1960’s.

On the occasion of his 91st birthday, Wakayama received from then Congressman NORMAN MINETA, now Secretary of Transportation, the US flag that flew over the US Capitol Building on June 17, 1988. Wakayama treasured that flag as a symbol of his patriotism for America. Then, on December 21, 1993 in Fukuoka City, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ 75th WWI Anniversary Medal was presented to Wakayama—a proud moment at age 96.

Eleven of Wakayama’s family served in the US Armed Forces, including his four sons; one in the Korean War, two in the Vietnam War, and one in the Hawaii National Guard. His nephew volunteered from the Jerome Internment Camp, Arkansas, for the 442nd RCT, and his brother-in-law served with him in the 100th Infantry Battalion. His son, Colonel Edgar Wakayama, USAR, a Medical Service Corps officer, was cited for his heroic actions at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 when terrorists crashed a commercial airliner into the Pentagon Building. Colonel Wakayama was awarded the Soldiers Medal, the highest decoration for non-combat valor.

If there are any questions, please contact Colonel Edgar Wakayama at cjw7567@earthlink.net or at 6834 Heatherway Court, Alexandria, VA 22315.

TRAFFIC ALERT!!!

If you are planning to visit the Clubhouse on Friday, April 21 or Saturday, April 22, please leave yourself ample time to get there as traffic on Kamoku Street will be heavy and street parking will limited due to the Iolani Fair on both days.
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP SESSION FOR APRIL 2006 by DRUSILLA TANAKA

- Topic: Fall Prevention for Seniors
- Speaker: Dr. DAVID NAKAMAEJO and Mrs. ANITA HABAN-NAKAMAEJO
- Date: Sunday, April 23, 2006
- Time: 11 am Bento Lunch (reservations required) $6 for each bento
12 noon Presentation begins
- Parking: Ala Wai Elementary School Parking Lot
- Reservations: BERNARD AKAMINE (734-8738), ROBERT ARAKAKI (737-5244), KIMI MATSUDA (988-6562) or MARIE YONESHIGE (536-9921).
- Deadline: April 18
- This is a repeat by popular demand. Those who attended last year are welcome to attend again. The presentation will address how to prevent falls; how to get up if you should fall; and essential items for your home.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO CAREGIVERS: We realize how difficult it is for you who are caring for loved ones to make commitments in advance. Therefore, if there is a Family Support Group session that you wish to attend, feel free to drop in "at the last minute" without making an advanced reservation. From time to time others who ordered a lunch must cancel, so there may be an extra bento or two for you to purchase. Note: there is a wheelchair accessible restroom in the clubhouse, built to ADA specifications.

RURAL CHAPTER NEWS by TED HAMASU

Looks like my last month’s PPParade did not get to the Editor due to my computer or operator. So, what did I write last month? Guess I’ll have to forget about it and go on.

I received a call informing me that MASATO FUJITANI of Waialua, a member of our Chapter, passed away on February 6, 2006. Masato’s funeral service was held on February 25, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Mililani Maua Chapel. Our deepest condolence to the immediate family and relatives of Masato. May he rest in peace. Aloha, Masato.

Now that the BOD (Board of Directors) has acted and passed the “no dues” clause for wives and widows, there is no reason for them not to join the 100th Infantry Veterans Club. All of you who are interested in becoming a regular member should get your application from the Club office and send it in so Ms. AMANDA STEVENS can register you.

The Sons & Daughters are treated a little differently. So, to join the 100th, contact the Club office at 946-0272 and inquire about what must be done.

Our joint AJA Memorial Service, sponsored by the 100th, 442nd, MIS and the 1399th, will be held on September 24, 2006. The 100th will be in charge of this service. More to follow.

The 64th Annual Anniversary Celebration will be held on June 24, 2006 at the Ala Moana Hotel from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Information and a Lunch Registration Application are on page 9 of this issue of the PPParade.

The annual cleanup of the Clubhouse will be held on May 27, 2006 from 8:00 am. Bento will be served. A General Membership meeting to follow after the cleanup.

The Rural Chapter held its March 17th meeting at the Leeward Community College with only four members present. They were TED HAMASU, SHIZUYA HAYASHI, MASAHARU SAITO and YUKIO TANJI. Our next meeting will be on May 19, 2006 at 11:00 am at Leeward Community College.

How to increase the attendance is my big concern. Anyone with foolproof ideas, please give me a call at 455-3341 in the afternoon. The name is Ted.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS by ED IKUMA and JAN SAKODA

I was surprised to see our old buddy, TOSHIO YONEYAMA (formerly from Palolo but now of Milwaukee, Oregon) at the recent service in honor of Col. YOUNG OAK KIM at Punchbowl. Toshio is looking fine and relays his “hellos” to his aikanes here.

Headquarters Spring get together will be at Chan’s Gourmet Buffet (3131 North Nimitz, #204, Honolulu, HI 96819 – near the Airport) on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am. If you want to carpool, please meet at the Clubhouse not later than 10:30 am. Medic Chapter members are invited to join in. Please RSVP to ELSIE OSHITA (734-2349) or PAT AKIMOTO (941-6577) by April 15 as reservations are needed for this large a group.
Four AJA soldiers were inducted into the Gallery of Heroes on February 23, 2006. The ceremony took place at the Fort DeRussy Army Museum. One of these soldiers was our own Headquarters Co. member, the late IRVING AKAHOSHI, honored for heroic action during the Anzio breakthrough in the battle for Rome. The others were from MIS and the 442nd. Irving was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for valor. Attending this ceremony to receive his medal was Irving’s daughter, CORINNE AKAHOSHI-FUTTERMAN, and her husband, DAN FUTTERMAN, from Mission Viejo, California. Irving’s elder sister from California was also in attendance.

The following appeared in the Induction and Memorialization Ceremony program:

Distinguished Service Cross presented to Private First Class Irving M. Akahoshi for extraordinary heroism in action on 16 May 1944, near Cisterna, Italy. Private First Class Akahoshi voluntarily accompanied an officer on a patrol to secure information on enemy units and dispositions in a vital sector of the front. All previous patrols of combat strength had attempted without success to take prisoners in this well defended sector. Private First Class Akahoshi and the officer infiltrated approximately eight hundred yards through the enemy line to the outposts. While observing enemy dispositions, he observed a strong enemy outpost situated in a small ditch.

To reach this outpost, Private First Class Akahoshi and the officer, in broad daylight, crawled two hundred fifty yards across an open field, exposed to enemy observation from the German mainline of resistance on the command slope to their rear. Arriving at a point near the outpost, they surprised two German armed with machine pistols who were acting as security. After aiding in the capture of these two prisoners, Private First Class Akahoshi retraced his perilous route and successfully bypassed two enemy listening posts to arrive at his own lines. Private First Class Akahoshi’s daring accomplishment provided vital information and identification of enemy units in a critical sector of the front.

Private First Class Irving M. Akahoshi entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Our warmest “aloha oe” and farewell to GENE TAMASHIRO (son of ARTHUR and DORIS TAMASHIRO), his wife MAYUMI, and their son as they move to Okinawa for two years. Gene has served as HQ’s representative on the Long Range Committee, was MC at one of our Christmas parties, and was Santa Claus at another Christmas party. We’ll miss you all! Good thing this move is just temporary and Gene has promised to keep in touch.

Next Headquarters monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. At the March meeting, Gene Tamashiro provided dessert and doughnuts and SEISABURO TABA brought manapua, noodles and dim sum. So, if you plan to attend the April 15th meeting, make sure you come with an appetite!

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by BERNARD S. AKAMINE

Our condolences to the families of BEN YAMAMOTO and YASUTO FURUSHO. Ben’s memorial service was well-attended by 100th and MIS veterans. Yasuto requested a very private service to be attended by family only.

Our March meeting was well-attended, again, but we found out we have a new Treasurer in EVELYN TSUDA (not much of a “retirement” for her). JEANNE MAEDA had too much on her hands, so she relinquished her position and appointed Evelyn. Thank you, Evelyn, for graciously accepting the job.

The idea of holding our meetings at a restaurant is still unresolved. The Christmas party committee announced that December 3, the first Sunday in December, has been reserved for a luncheon at the Manos Grand Ballroom at JCCH for our next Christmas party, but no action was taken. Baker Chapter received a huge donation of $500 from ALMA TAKATA. She also made a $500 donation to the Puka Puka Parade. In her note with the checks, she wrote, “my annual support of Co. B and Puka Puka Parade, as ‘ordered’ by YASU,” Thank you very much, Alma.

While we were meeting on March 18, the Navy Seabees Reserve came to replace the old jalouses - a “pet project” of RIKI TSUDA’s. The Seabees did a marvelous job. Mahalo! Hope the Anniversary Banquet Committee remembers them!

Today, March 20, 2006, I received an envelope from ROY SATO of Sacramento, California. In it were two photos of YOUNG OAK KIM. Roy read about the difficulty DRUSILLA TANAKA was experiencing in getting photos of Young Oak to make the collage. Now she has two more photos. The shots were made at the Assembly in Sacramento, California State Capitol. The Assembly honored
the AJA WWII veterans in 2002 for the first time ever — long overdue. Thank you very much, Roy Sato, A Company, 100th Battalion!

After reading the book about the Cat and Ship Island adventures in *Eyes of the Emperor*, I was reminded of my experience with our family dog. She was part-German Shepherd and really smart. There was a call for dogs by the Army, saying they needed dogs for the K9 Corps. Anyone volunteering their dog was to bring the dog to the UH Cooke Field. I took my dog and we formed a circle around the G.I. There were over a dozen dogs. While the G.I. was talking, in a surprise move, he fired his pistol and all the dogs took off except mine, so she became a member of the K9 Corps. A couple of months later, I got a letter to report to Cooke Field. The G.I. gave me the leash and my dog and handed me a discharge certificate. It said, “Honorable Discharge.” On the bottom of the certificate was the reason: *Pregnant*. I wish I still had that certificate and, yes, she had six puppies. The father???

**CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by WAYNE NAGAO**

I must make a correction to the “C” Chapter News in the March issue of *PPParade* in which I mistakenly reported that ELsie HASHIMOTO is a widow. Elsie’s husband, our member ROBERT (erroneously referred to as “Richard”) is alive and well. He is presently living at the Hale Pulama Maui Nursing Home. I apologize deeply to Elsie and Robert for my errors and for any misunderstandings that may have occurred.

“C” Chapter held a meeting on March 4 which started at 10:20 am. Attendees included President KAZUTO SHIMIZU, WARREN IWAI, LORRAINE MIYASHIRO, Wayne Nagao, MAIZIE NAKAMURA, DOROTHY and TAKEUCHI ONISHI, KAY OSHIRO, LYNN SHIMIZU, TOSHIKI SODETANI, HIROMI SUEHIRO, PAPOOSE and SKIP TOMIYAMA, TAKAKO UMAMOTO, and SADAKO YONEZAWA.

Skip Tomiyama reported that she and her husband Papoose attended Col. YOUNG OAK KIM’s funeral service on the Mainland in February. As a token of appreciation, Mrs. ISHITANI wants to invite all “C” Chapter members for lunch at her home sometime in April.

The “Annual Charlie Company Fun Nite” this year will be held at Natsunoya Restaurant at 1935 Makanani Drive in Honolulu on Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 pm. The price will be $30 per person. A flyer will be sent to all the “C” Chapter members.

There are new “C” Chapter officers for 2006. Kazuto Shimizu will serve as President with Toshimi Sodetani taking over as Vice President. Skip Tomiyama will continue to be our Secretary. Warren Iwai will become our Treasurer.

Our next “C” Chapter meeting for April 2006 will be held on the 8th of April instead of the 1st.

TO ALL CHARLIE CHAPTER – 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS
NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Proposed amendments to Charlie Chapter bylaws will be considered and if approved, adopted at the Charlie Chapter membership meeting to be held at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse on Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Other business will also be considered.

**MAUI CHAPTER NEWS by TOM NAGATA**

The Maui Chapter held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 7 at the Asian Cuisine Restaurant in Kahului. The luncheon meeting was attended by nine members, four wives and five widows. Chapter President STANLEY IZUMIGAWA asked for all present to sign petitions to the State legislators requesting financial help in funding the final phase of the Maui Veterans Memorial Center. A suggestion was made by TOM YAMADA that a Memorial Tablet be placed with the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT, and MIS Insignias (at VA expense) on the Maui Veterans Memorial Wall in front of the Gymnasium. It is a good idea and our President will inquire about the possibility.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of HATSUO SATOSHIGE who passed away on November 13, 2005 at the age of 88. A private family service was held and burial was at the Maui Memorial Park in Wailuku.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of ISAMI YAMASHIRO who passed away on February 20, 2006 at the age of 88. A funeral service was held at Nakamura Mortuary in Wailuku. Inurnment will be held at a later date.
NEWS FROM THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS by DRUSILLA TANAKA

Mahalo nui loa to the following donors for their thoughtful gifts which were received between February 14 and March 15, 2006:

For the Veterans Club:
- Mrs. DYANNE McMath $350 in memory of Col. YOUNG OAK KIM
- Mr. KUNIO FUJIMOTO $100 in memory of Col. Young Oak Kim

For the Puka Puka Parade:
- Mrs. LORRAINE MIYASHIRO $100 in memory of TAKEICHI MIYASHIRO
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100
- Mr. ARTHUR NAKAYAMA $50 in memory of MAKO TAKIGUCHI

For the One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship Fund:
- Mr. WARREN IWAI $1,000 in memory of BETTY IWAI
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100
- Mrs. MIEKO TSUBOTA $50 in memory of Col. Young Oak Kim
- Mrs. Mieko Tsubota $50 in memory of RAYMOND K. HARADA

For the Building Fund:
- Mr. Arthur Nakayama $200 in memory of KATSUMI NAKAYAMA
- Mrs. Lorraine Miyashiro $200 in memory of Takeichi Miyashiro
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100
- Dr. and Mrs. DENIS TERAOKA $50 in memory of Col. Young Oak Kim
- Mr. SEICHI HOASHI $50 in memory of IYONO SHIMIZU

(Correction from March issue)

For the Sons and Daughters:
- Mr. Warren Iwai $200 in memory of Betty Iwai
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100
- Mr. DAN FUTTERMAN and $100
- Mrs. CORINNE AKAHOSHI-FUTTERMAN
- Mr. and Mrs. DON MATSUDA $100
- Mr. GARY NAKAYAMA $25
- Mrs. EUNICE DELA CRUZ $10

For the Sons and Daughters Scholarship Fund:
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100

For the Sakae Takahashi Scholarship Fund:
- Mr. Kunio Fujimoto $100

For the Moichi and Frances Okazaki Scholarship Fund:
- Mrs. NANCY SAKAKI $25 in memory of FRANCES OKAZAKI

TO MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS:
- Please make check payable to “Sons and Daughters 100th Inf. Bn.”
- On memo line or on a separate sheet of paper, write the name of the fund or program for which the gift is being made. A list of possible programs and funds is found below.
- If your donation is a MEMORIAL GIFT, please PRINT the full name of the deceased and include the name of the fund or program that your gift is for.
- Please keep your letter - receipts in a safe place for tax purposes, as we are unable to send duplicate copies.

Programs and Funds:
- 100th Inf. Bn. Veterans Association
- S and D Scholarship Fund (Warren Fencl)
- One Puka Puka Scholarship Fund
- James Lovell Scholarship Fund
- Building Fund
- Sakae Takahashi Scholarship Fund
- Puka Puka Parade
- Moichi and Frances Okazaki Scholarship Fund
- Specific Chapter
- Sons and Daughters 100th Inf. Bn.

MIRROR by CARY FELLMAN (submitted by BETSY NAKASONE)

My face in the mirror isn’t wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn’t dirty, the cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.
I think I will not put my glasses back on.

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A REPORT FROM CLAREMONT McKENNA COLLEGE  
by MEGAN MURAMATSU (2009), 100th Inf. Bn. Vets. Scholarship Recipient

Ever since I was a little girl I have dreamed about going to college. I wondered what it would be like - the food, people, dorms, classes, professors, independence - everything. Now that I have the opportunity to reflect on my first semester and a half at Claremont McKenna College (CMC) I realize that it has lived up to all my expectations and more.

The food is pretty good but nothing like Grandma's and I miss "sticky rice" as the Mainlanders put it. The dining staff does its best; they even put on a winter feast with prime rib and a whole seafood bar and for Valentines Day, they even brought in a chocolate fountain.

I have met so many interesting people from all around the country and world. The people living on my floor alone are from all over the country. They have shared with me a number of new foods, traditions and ideas. I am especially proud of introducing them to Spam musubis. At first they did not like it because of the stigma associated with Spam and preserved meats in general, but they have since changed their minds. My friends came to their senses and realized that there really is nothing wrong with luncheon meat, it is even good. Even with the college's small size there is a significant Hawaii population so I never feel too far from home. We put on a barbecue once a month with staples from home: kalua pork, Portuguese sausage, rice, Spam, chicken katsu and lots of other ono food.

The dorms at CMC are some of the best in the nation. I was expecting a little hole in the wall, but they are really roomy. My friends and I spend many cold LA nights in my room watching movies and eating popcorn. My dorm even takes trips together. We have had the opportunity to go to Game Works and the other week I went to a Clippers vs. Spurs game at Staples Center.

Classes are interesting and challenging because professors know what they teach. I have noticed the biggest difference between my high school and college education so far is that the small classes allow discussion between students and professors. Professors are really approachable, too. I feel totally comfortable going into their offices to talk. Claremont provides an environment conducive to learning.

One experience that I especially cherish is the independence of living away from home. I have learned to deal with my problems without constantly relying on my family. They are just a phone call away, but now I know I can live on my own.

So far, my college experience has been great. I have learned so much from teachers, friends and even about myself. Claremont McKenna provides me with a family away from home. The scholarship from Club 100 has allowed me to pursue my education further and provided me with memories that will last a lifetime. I can't wait to see what the rest of my three years here will be.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS SEEKING HELP

Many veterans and their families do not know where to seek information and answers to their questions regarding eligibility and benefits available to those who served in the US Armed Forces. Many have experienced frustration in trying to get through red tape, resistance or unresponsive agents when seeking assistance. The following contacts may help you find information on your rights and benefits or advocate for you with the VA and other federal agencies to ensure that you're not lost in the paperwork. They will try to obtain the assistance and benefits to which the veterans are legally entitled.

For assistance and information, please contact LIANE ASHIKAWA, a Veterans' Casework Specialist at 541-1986 (Oahu), 935-3756 (Big Island), 245-1951 (Kauai and Niihau), 242-1818 (Maui), 565-7199 (Lanai), or 552-0160 (Molokai) or by e-mail at liane.ashikawa@mail.house.gov. Special government assistance is also available for veterans seeking help and clarification of benefits as follows:

* BARBARA MORGAN, Patient Advocate - 433-0126 (Oahu); 1-800-214-1306 (Neighbor Islands)
* VA Benefits Center - 1-877-222-8387 (eligibility and how to apply for benefits)

State Veterans Service

* KEITH RIBBENTROP - 933-0315 (Big Island)
* TONY ELLIOT - 241-3348 (Kauai County)
* WILLIAM STATON - 873-3145 (Maui County)
* FELICIANO DONS - 433-0427 (Oahu)
* VA Burial Benefits - 1-800-827-1000 (to determine eligibility)
We acknowledge receipt of the following donations, with much thanks:

**100th Infantry Battalion Veterans:**
- The Asada Group from Japan: $40.00
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 100.00

**Puka Puka Parade:**
- Mr. & Mrs. Roy Terada (Colorado): 50.00
  - Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 150.00

**100th Infantry Battalion Veterans SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 500.00

**To $99.00:**
- Baker Chapter: 50.00

**Building Fund:**
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 900.00

Donations received in 2005:
- Mark and Alison Tiwanak: - In memory of Edwin "JoJo" Nakashima: 75.00
- Edward Ichiyama: 100.00
- Sumie Sueishi: 25.00
- Kenji and Kay Nobori: 200.00
- Sayoko Kawasaki: 100.00
- Americo and Ann Bugliani (Italy): 100.00
- Asako Kuwazaki: 100.00
- Hazel Yokota: 100.00
- Kiyoshi Kami: 100.00
- Takashi and Eleanor Masuda: 100.00
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 100.00
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 38,150.00
- Grant received from the Sons & Daughters: 2,717.38

CSM Harold P. Estabrooks called the office last month and asked, "How can we assist the veterans on a regular basis?" I asked him to hold on and I immediately asked Mr. Goro Sumida if Able Chapter could use help from these fine gentlemen from the 100th/442nd Res. Unit with their chapter monthly yard clean-up, he was very happy to accept. So, they will be assisting Able Chapter once a month & they have offered to help out with the Annual Clubhouse clean-up and anything else the club might need.

Descendant Members...we'll need your help at the Annual Clubhouse Clean-up day. For more information refer to the next page.

The next time you visit the clubhouse, check out the new jalousies in the lounge! Friends of Robert Arakaki gave us a good price for the materials and once again, Officer Steve Miller and the Navy Seabees have been a tremendous blessing to the club. They installed the jalousies for the club......FREE of charge.

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing network of volunteers.

Have a Happy Easter. Aloha, Amanda
Annual Clean-up Day
May 27, 2006
8:00am – 1:00pm
Lunch will be provided at 11:00am
Parking at Ala Wai School
(General Membership meeting to follow clean-up)

General Membership Meeting
May 27, 2006
1:00pm
A special meeting of the regular members of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans will be held at the clubhouse to consider Honorary Membership for Graham Salisbury and Donald Jones.
(If you are unable to attend the meeting, information regarding voting by proxy will be made available in the next issue of the Puka Puka Parade.)

Did you know that Office Max has a fabulous program...if you turn in your empty ink cartridges (HP, Lexmark or Dell) to Office Max, they will give you a free ream of recycled 8 1/2 x 11" paper for each cartridge. The limit is 5 per day. If you choose to donate your empty cartridges to the club, simply place them in a secured zip-lock bag and leave them at the office with your name on the bag so we may thank you.

A haiku is an unrhymed Japanese verse form of three lines containing 5, 7, & 5 syllables respectively. There is usually a nature theme behind each haiku. If space permits, Joy has given me permission to run “your” haiku or poem in the Puka Puka Parade. Simply submit your Haiku to me with your name and relationship to the club. Write to club100vets@yahoo.com subject: Haiku.
I look forward to reading your submissions ☺.

Until you return
I will not hear the birds sing
Just your voice in me

Amanda Stevens
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2006

ABLE ........................................ Saturday, April 22 .............................. 8:00 am
BAKER ........................................ Saturday, April 22 .............................. 1:00 pm
CHARLIE ..................................... Saturday, April 8 ................................. 10:00 am
DOG .......................................... Saturday, April 15 .............................. 9:00 am
HQ ............................................. Saturday, April 15 .............................. 10:00 am
RURAL ....................................... No Meeting
HAWAII CHAPTER ...................... Thursday, April 27 ............................. 11:00 am
MAUI CHAPTER ......................... No Meeting
BOARD MEETING ...................... Friday, April 14 ................................ 10:00 am
GREEN THUMBS ....................... Monday, April 3 ................................. 10:00 am
LINE DANCING ......................... Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 .......... 9:00 am
EXERCISE ................................. Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 .......... 10:30 am
CRAFTS/ CROCHET ................... Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 ............ 9:00 am
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP ........... Sunday, April 23 .................................. 11:00 am

The deadline for May 2006 PPParade articles is April 18, 2006 (please submit articles on time or they will not be included in the issue.) Collating will be on FRIDAY, April 28 at 8:30 am. Rural and Baker Chapters are responsible for providing manpower and refreshments but everyone is welcome to kokua.

NOTE - new e-mail addresses for PPParade. Send chapter news and articles to joysteroka@mac.com (please show the SUBJECT or your message will be deleted as spam). Send Club 100 business, questions or correspondence to club100vets@yahoo.com.

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