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*The honor of your presence is requested at the*

*54<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service*

*of*

*Club 100*

*Veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion*

*on*

*Sunday, September 26, 1999*

*9 o'clock a.m.*

*National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific  
Punchbowl*

*(Wear your Club Shirt. Please do not turn on your car alarm.)*

## REMINDERS FROM THE MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed for the decorating of the gravesites on Saturday, September 25. Bring your shears to cut long flower stems, a bucket or watering can, a weeder, and wear a hat and garden gloves. Insect repellant is recommended, too. Charlie Chapter will start at 8:00 a.m. Headquarters and Able Chapter will be assisted by the Sons and Daughters starting at 9 a.m. and then help will be given to Baker Chapter at 10 a.m. Volunteers from the Hawaii Air National Guard will be helping, too.

On Sunday, cemetery personnel will direct the traffic and parking. For everyone's convenience, there will be a wheelchair accessible portable restroom near the site of the memorial service.

The Rev. Don Asman of Manoa Valley Church and the Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani will officiate. The 442<sup>nd</sup> Men's Choir will provide vocal selections and the Royal Hawaiian Band will perform the prelude, anthems, interlude and postlude. Gene Roland will sing the National Anthem and Hawaii Pono. Two buglers from the band will render the very moving "Echo Taps." Our emcee, Pauline Sato, will introduce the dignitaries and the guest speaker, Mr. H. David Burge, the Director of the VAMROC (Veterans Affairs Regional Office Center). *Oshoko* may be offered before and after the service. Next of kin of KIA will be given gold ribbons. Shigeru Inouye (MED) and his crew will prepare the refreshments. A change in the program—the emcee will ask all to rise during the presentation of the Club 100 wreath. A new addition is the participation of Mr. Frank Sogi who is the Deputy Chair of the newly formed National AJA Veterans Council.

Be sure to express your appreciation to all of the participants and special guests. Don't forget to say "thanks" to the Boy Scouts who will decorate the graves with miniature American flags and to the members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn/442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry of the US Army Reserve Hawaii whose color guard and rifle detail add ceremonial splendor to our service. Gene Castagnetti and his Punchbowl staff will be pulling out all the stops, setting up the stage and chairs, putting up the flags along the drive—all for a beautiful and dignified memorial service.....Join us this Sunday as we honor our fallen comrades and those who died within the past year.

Time goes swiftly by and it is time to once again pay homage and tribute to our fallen comrades who lay peacefully sleeping here in Punchbowl National Cemetery and Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. On Sunday, September 26, the annual Memorial Service will be held, starting at 9:00 a.m. We know that many of you consider this a special time and will attend the service. See the reminder from the Memorial Service Committee.

It was unbelievable to see such a colorful array of shirts, hats, ribbons and insignias proudly worn by the many veterans at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the opening of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on September 2, 1999. Club 100 was well-represented by President Joe Muramatsu and many of the "Punchbowl Volunteers."

Thank you to the PPP volunteers who turned out on August 26 to collate and mail out the September issue. It was Able and Charlie Chapters' turn and we're grateful for the fine turnout. Mahalo to Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Tokuichi Hayashi, Kenneth Higa, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Warren Iwai, Masaru Kadomoto, Lawrence and Regina Kamiya (welcome to the gang), Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Al Matsumoto, Philip Matsuyama, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Jack Mizushima, Y. Mugitani, Joe and Katherine Muramatsu, Roy Nakamura, Tom Nakamura, Ken Nakagawa, Roy Nakayama, Tom Nishioka, Tom Nosse, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Takeichi Onishi, Leo Sato, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Cecilee Tanaka, Denis Teraoka, Martin Tohara, Kiku Tojio, Masa Toma, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Ukichi Wozumi, Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa and Marie Yoneshige. Many thanks to Mary Hamasaki and Cecilee Tanaka for proof-reading.

## **SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**by President Joe Muramatsu**

The September meeting was scheduled earlier in the morning because of the testimonial luncheon for Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki. Since we had already decided to invite the Neighbor Island Chapter Presidents to this meeting, they joined us for the luncheon, too, thus killing two birds with one stone. Saburo Nishime picked up Muggsy Morikawa of Kauai and Ted Hamasu picked up Stanley Izumigawa of Maui and Motoyoshi Tanaka of Hawaii at the airport. Because of the traffic at that time in the morning, the meeting was delayed a few minutes. Thanks to Cyrus Higa of City Travel for donating the inter-island airfare coupons.

After the preliminaries, the Neighbor Island Chapter Presidents were introduced. They gave their reports. Kauai Chapter's regime will change next year with Larry Sakoda becoming President, Kazuo Senda as Vice President, Tsugi Takemoto as Secretary and Maxie Mukai as Treasurer. Maui's officers will remain the same, and Stanley Izumigawa is afraid that he will be president for a long time because he is doing such a good job. Maui has 39 members and of that 25 members and wives attend meetings regularly. Hawaii Chapter's officers for next year will be Motoyoshi Tanaka, President; Toshimitsu Kondo, Vice President; Eugene Eguchi, Secretary, and Roger Kawasaki, Treasurer.

Don Matsuda reported that there are three vacant apartments available for rent and nothing new to report about the Clubhouse. The Nominating Committee is still looking for a Second Vice President and Treasurer for next year's slate of officers.

Two "new" things to be aware of at this year's Annual Memorial Service: Mr. Francis Sogi, Vice Chairman of the newly-formed National AJA Veterans Council, will participate in the lei-placing ceremony which involves the other three local AJA veterans clubs. Secondly, when the Club 100 wreath is presented, the emcee will ask all attendees to rise.

The Fort Benning monument has been installed and the contractor has been paid. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 25, 1999, at 11 a.m. The club will make a donation of \$500 to the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning.

The itinerary for the Fort Benning Tour is taking shape and from the looks of it, it will be a very interesting tour. There are 42 people who may make the trip, including those from the mainland.

The issue of chapter subsidies came up. Before paying them out this year, we will check with our accountant to see if it is allowable under the club's status as a 501(c)(4) civic organization.

We have received a request from the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation for nominations of World War II Nikkei veterans as Honor Guards for the ground-breaking ceremony on October 22, 1999 in Washington, D.C. Are there any of you who would be willing to attend? The club will pay for one night at a hotel in the DC area, but transportation expenses would be the veteran's responsibility. Those who would be eligible are Japanese American veterans of World War II, Japanese American female veterans of World War II, and a surviving Gold/Blue Star Mother of a WWII veteran. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would like to be nominated as an Honor Guard. Deadline is October 1. The final selection will be made by the selection board of the Ground Breaking Committee of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned so that all could attend the luncheon for General Shinseki.

At the luncheon, General Shinseki said that he remembered our meeting at the convention held in July of 1998. Our shutterbug, Ken Saruwatari was seen taking all kinds of snapshots. General Francis Takemoto (D), the first nisei general, was introduced to General Shinseki and it was heartening to hear General Shinseki address Francis Takemoto as "general." Many many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii for putting on such a grand affair and for including the World War II veterans.

Only three more.

### **100<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION MEMORIAL MONUMENT AT SACRIFICE FIELD, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA AND 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM, FORT BENNING**

Our dearly beloved Col. Bill Pye would be very pleased at the successful completion and installation of the monument he envisioned at Sacrifice Field in Fort Benning, Georgia. It is strikingly handsome in its simplicity—three large stones of polished American black granite. The center dedicatory stone reads, "To the 3,147 men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion who asked only for the right to be called Americans, not Japanese Americans, a right they so richly earned. Out of their ordinary lives they met the crisis of their time not only with courage and uncommon valor but also with grace and forbearance." The eagle with the battalion's crest and battle cry are engraved at the top and the Club 100 logo appears at the bottom. The stone on the left is the "Honors" stone and lists all of the decorations earned by the unit and by the men. Presently, the numerals for the Medal of Honor and for the Distinguished Service Cross are left blank, and will be engraved after the results of the DSC-MOH review are announced. The stone on the right is the "battles" stone and lists all of the battles in which the 100<sup>th</sup> was engaged. An outline map of France and Italy are engraved in the center of the stone to explain the location of "foreign-sounding" names, such as "Benevento" and "Biffontaine." (Photos are on display in the clubhouse lobby, along with the ½ scale model.) This monument is the ONLY monument dedicated solely to the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.

At the National Infantry Museum, which boasts of collections dating to the Civil War, the exhibit case for the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion is filling up. Evelyn Honda, Chair of the Sons and Daughters Archives Committee, has been working long-distance with Mr. Frank Hanner, Director of the museum. Everything should be in place by October 25, and we hope that the exhibit gets a "thumbs up" from the veterans who will view it with a critical eye for historical accuracy.

Fort Benning is the "Home of the Infantry." It is the location of the Infantry School where future officers get their training and return for further career development. It is the training ground of the highly-skilled "Rangers." By installing a monument and a museum exhibit on their turf, we hope that these future officers will be exposed to the history of the 100<sup>th</sup> and appreciate the legacy of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry.

### **DEDICATION OF 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION MONUMENT AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA AND CLUB 100 TOUR TO FORT BENNING**

All aboard! There are 43 signed up for the ground tour of Atlanta, Pine Mountain, Warm Springs and Fort Benning. Flying the "red-eye" non-stop to Atlanta on Thursday, October 21 are: Kunio Fujimoto (A), Evelyn Honda (daughter of the late Tatsuo Honda – HQ); Lawrence and Regina Kamiya (C) and their son Clay; Don and Kimi Matsuda (A); Joe and Katherine Muramatsu (B); Tokuji Ono (B), and Stanley and Drusilla Tanaka (daughter of Bernard Akamine – B). The group flying in from Los

Angeles (after the bus ride from the mini-reunion in Las Vegas) includes: Sam and Teri Fujikawa (C); Harry Fukasawa (B); George and June Kurisu (A); Ken and Hisako Miya (A); Ben and Jean Tagami (A); Mas and Elma Takahashi (C), and Hank Yoshitake (A). Flying from "Vegas" will be: Yasuto and Helen Furusho (F/B); Shigeru and Fumi Inouye (MED); Col. Young O. and Hahn Kim (B/C/HQ) and Tamotsu and Yoneko Shimizu (A/Rural). Three couples from the Chicago area, Mark and Mich Hashimoto (A); Eddie and Mary Kajiwara HQ), and Min and Pat Norikane (C) will join up with the group in Atlanta for the ground tour. Also meeting the group will be Oswald and Sylvia Kawahara (F/B) of Florida and Clint Inouye (son of Shigeru and Fumi) and Shigeru and Mieko Tsubota (D) from Hawaii and California. Long distance drivers Eddie, Min and Oswald can sit back and relax while the 47-passenger motorcoach transports everyone to the various attractions. Michael Doi (A) insists that the group visit the exhibit at the Jewish Museum in Atlanta and become "real live specimens" for the exhibit on "America's Concentration Camps." This exhibit by JANM includes material about the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>, and Mike has been serving as a volunteer docent, since he conveniently lives at Stone Mountain. Perhaps Mike will take some time off and join the group as a "tour escort." Joining the group for the Dedication Ceremony and Luncheon Reception in Fort Benning are Mrs. Peggy Pye and her family and friends; Alfred and Paulette Arakaki (A) and their Virginia hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans; Edward Ikuma (HQ) and his son Gary who will be the key-note speaker at the luncheon; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Conner, whose cousin was Lt. Cloudy Gray Conner, platoon leader of D Company who was KIA at Cassino; Elsie Ekimura Jackson who works in the Fort Benning Public Affairs Office and whose uncle was Robert Ikei (C); Mr. Frank Hanner who coordinated the design and installation of the 100<sup>th</sup>'s exhibit at the National Infantry Museum, and the officers and Chaplain of Fort Benning. We sent invitations to Army Chief General Eric Shinseki and to all of our Hawaii Congressional delegates. If any of you will be in the area on October 25 and would like to attend the ceremony and luncheon, call the office right away (808) 946-0272. All donors to the Fort Benning Monument Fund will be listed on the program bulletin for the ceremony and luncheon. *Georgia, here we come!*

We are seeking donations of anthurium, orchid sprays and fern to be used for the centerpieces for the luncheon. If you are able to share some flowers or greenery, please call the office and let Drusilla know. Flowers and fern should be delivered to the clubhouse by Wednesday, October 20, 3 p.m. (This is a change from the last issue.)

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARADE CORRESPONDENTS AND REPORTERS:

The deadline for the November issue is Tuesday, October 26. Collating is November 4.

The deadline for the December issue is Tuesday, November 23. Collating is December 2.

The deadline for the January 2000 issue is Tuesday, December 21. Collating is December 30.

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

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla A. Tanaka

**A special thanks** to Helen Nikaido who sent in a copy of her "notes" she accumulated when her beloved Kenji (D) died. It is a very helpful resource, containing important information about all the things she had to do for the memorial service, notifying employers, government agencies, etc. She even included a sample letter. We'll make copies available soon. Please call the office if you'd like to reserve one.

**Many thanks** to those who expressed their good wishes for a speedy recovery after my laser eye surgery. It is somewhat of a miracle to be able to see without glasses or contact lenses! If you waved or smiled at me in the two weeks before the surgery and if I didn't respond, it was because I couldn't see you at all. Now, I can see just fine. As I tell the boys around the bar, they all look so good now!

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

- \$100 from Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura (D/Mainland) in memory of Robert Sakoki (B)
- \$200 from Kazue Tanimoto and family in memory of Larry Tanimoto (D/Hawaii)

**The PukaPuka Parade** received the following donations:

- \$25 from Motoyoshi Tanaka (D/Hawaii)

***Donors to the Fort Benning, Georgia, Monument Project:***

- \$200 from Bert Turner
- \$100 from Shigeru Tsubota (D)
- \$350 from the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion Veterans Club of Southern California
- \$50 from Mark Hashimoto (A/Mainland)
- \$50 from Edward Ikuma (HQ)
- \$25 in honor of Kenneth Otagaki (HQ)

To date \$22,745.00 has been donated toward the cost of \$35,000. Although the monument has been installed and will be dedicated on October 25, the club will keep the “fund” open for future donations. If you need a tax-deductible receipt for your donation, please read the item below.

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

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

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

***Welcome to the Octogenarian Club to the following who will celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in October:*** Tamotsu Hirayama (F/B/Kauai); Jake Ito (A); Katsumi Maeda (B); Mitsuo Nakamura (B); Ralph Okamura (B); Richard Omori (B); Naoki Takamura (E/A), and Jitsuri Yoshida (D). *Many happy returns!*

**✚ATTITUDE:** Sometimes we are so blind to the obvious. Each month, I sub-consciously “search” for a veteran to honor with the “Positive Attitude” award, and some months it is very difficult to select one person out of all who enter this office. Well, look no further—he sits across the desk from me three to four times a week. He greets everyone with a smile and a twinkle in his eye, and sometimes with a joking insult or two. He doesn’t hesitate to speak his mind and he is just as quick to offer a helping hand—no matter what the job. His mind is very sharp, but, alas, it is often in the gutter. As irreverent as he can be, he is also well-respected among all of the veterans for his honesty and integrity. The “Positive Attitude” award this month goes to your club president, Joe Muramatsu.

**HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER REPORT**

**by Kenneth Saruwatari**

I had the privilege of attending the luncheon honoring General Eric Shinseki. Watching him up close showed why he’s a special person. He went through a horde of well-wishers, taking time to say something to each, posing for pictures, and even signing mementoes. In his speeches, he shows love of family, friends and contemporaries. He never fails to mention his gratitude for his elders, especially the World War II veterans. The Nation is richer for our Army Chief of Staff.

At this writing, I’m not sure how many of you plan to attend our September lunch on the 26<sup>th</sup>, following our Memorial Services. Here’s hoping we’ll see some new faces as we did at last year’s fun event.

One rainy day in Kyoto on our family trip to Japan, we hopped on a rented van and went on a tour of four “must see” temples, Nijo-jo, Kinkaku-ji, Sanjyusangen-do, and Kiyomizu-dera. Later at dinner, my grand-daughter said, “Grandpa, I have ‘temple-itis.’” Of course, we contracted “shrine-itis” in Ise.

One morning, we went to the Tsukiji markets. Our animal-loving grand-daughter was quite upset seeing the fish mongers cut up the fish. We then went on a sightseeing boat to go up the Sumida Gawa, destination Asakusa. We passed under so many bridges. Yep, my grand-daughter complained about “bridge-itis.”

**No news is good news from Able Chapter. See second printing of Christmas Party Reservation form on page 13.**

A monetary donation of \$200.00 was received from the late Saijiro Higa's family. Mahalo very much. Also, a \$100.00 donation to Baker Chapter was received from the late Robert Kadowaki's family. Thank you very much.

The August Chapter Night was enjoyed by all that attended. Karen Tanigawa showed her skills with unique games and a Bingo game that was really different. We were each given a Bingo card with squares that had to be filled in with names of veterans in attendance. Each veteran was asked to fill in a card with his name. These cards were put in a box and at game time, a card was pulled out and the veteran's name was called. If you had this name on your card, you could mark it off until you had 5 in a row, just like regular Bingo. It was a really interesting game. Prizes were plentiful. Of course, the dinner was the highlight of the evening. The roast beef was soooooo ono, just melted in your mouth; the chicken and miso butterfish, too. Stanley Tanaka and Neal Nakayama are the son-in-law and son of Baker boys who are hard-working assistants to Robert Aoki. Stan helps with the cooking and Neal does the back-breaking clean up. Masa Toma, Tokuji Ono, Sonsei Nakamura, Robert Arakaki and Thomas Tsubota came early to set up the tables and chairs. A special thanks to Aki Nosaka who came early, donned an apron and got right to work. There were 76 adults, 9 children (6-12 years) and five below 6-years old. We should have more youngsters attend.

Many thanks for the donations: Tokuji Ono (party flyers and door prizes), Masaki Oshiro (\$30), Kay Tanigawa (tsukemono, one case soda), John Kihara (\$10), Evelyn Tsuda (tsukemono, pupu), Sonsei Nakamura (\$10), Robert Takashige (numerous door prizes), Hachiro Shikamura (plants for door prizes), Robert Arakaki (\$10, 2 home-grown and sewn ginger lei, dessert), Ken Muroshige (20# bag rice, 12-pk Coke, door prize), Kats Maeda (\$20), Stella Tanigawa (dessert, 4 cash envelopes for prizes), Roy Nakayama (\$5, namasu), Hajime Kodama (\$20), Ray Nosaka (namasu), Ann Kabasawa (dessert), Yoshio Hirose (\$25), Bernard Akamine (ohagi, takuwan, door prizes), Joe Muramatsu (1 case beer, cake), Tom Tsubota (2 12-pk Coke, prize envelope), Ben and Connie Yamamoto (\$35, 3 desserts, 4 prizes, tsukemono), Jimmy Inafuku (\$15), Alvin Katahara (\$7), Marie Yoneshige (desserts), Mary Ann Tanabe (dessert and prizes), Ted Hirayama (dessert).

On the September 2<sup>nd</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, our own Taro Suzuki was the distinguished guest. Ron Komine of the Punchbowl staff spoke on Taro's behalf. One of the outstanding accomplishments of Taro's service as the first director of the cemetery was getting the grass green. With the help of the University of Hawaii's Agriculture Department Dairy Project, Taro got all the manure he needed at no cost. We found out later that Taro's contact was none other than Kengo Otagaki of Headquarters Chapter.

The following is from the book "The Boys of Company B," by Dick Oguro, Editor. "The 100<sup>th</sup> left Shelby on 11 August and reached Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. But a few days or so before departure, Capt. Taro Suzuki, Bn. S. O. (Supply Officer) had assumed command of Co. B. Capt. Clarence Johnson was declared overage or something or perhaps because he had been assigned as an instructor in Motor Maintenance at Fort Benning, Georgia. Capt. Suzuki, exercising the options given him by Col. Turner, took Herbert Ishii out of Hqtrs. Co. Mess to be B Co.'s mess Sgt., replacing Robert Ishihara. He also placed Takashi Kitaoka as 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt., replacing John Hattori. Kit had won over Sgt. "Heavy" Tokuichi Koizumi in the "straw" balloting by the men. Capt. Taro Suzuki, son of a shipwright, received his commission after completion of the R.O.T.C. program at UH Manoa (1921). That same year he graduated with a Bachelor of Economics. In July 1929 he was called up for a short tour of active duty, the first reserve officer of Japanese ancestry to receive this distinction as a sort of "Guinea Pig" model for calling up more AJA officers at a later date if he turned out okay. Having made an excellent record, or rather he was sort of forced in another hitch, promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. (32) was one of the AJA officers called up for active duty in 1940 and assigned to the QM Corps Hawaiian Depot at Fort Armstrong. Then he was transferred to McKinley High School as assistant Military Instructor with the rank of Capt. After December 7, he closed out McKinley R.O.T.C. and was transferred back to the QM Depot to become the Capt. of the guard detachment there. His transfer to the 298<sup>th</sup> had been rescinded. He was a "tough hombre" with immaculate military dress and bearing. The inmates really got the business. He later took over command of the depot's newly created reclamation division of the entire island of Oahu. Then Col. Turner asked for him and made him Bn. S. O. three days or so before departure on June 5, 1942. Turner called Capt. Suzuki in sometime after the 100<sup>th</sup> returned from the Louisiana Maneuvers and gave him a choice of 2 companies without company commanders—Co. A and Co. B. He took Co. B because he was promised his choice of a First Sgt. and a cook. Co. A was lacking only a company commander. Arnold took over Co. A.

When Capt. Suzuki assumed command, Executive Officer Mizuta was no longer there, having been transferred out. Lt. Rocco Marzano was the ex officer. Lt. Andrew Krivi, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, Lt. Young O. Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, Lt. Paul Froning, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, Lt. Ernest Tanaka was still 4<sup>th</sup> platoon. Krivi, Kim and Froning were recent graduates of Officer Candidate Schools and had been assigned earlier to the company. This was the same line-up that was to take Co. B into its initial baptism of fire from the beach of Salerno to Pozzili.

On Nov. 3, the 100<sup>th</sup> jumped off from the junction of Sava River-Volturno River. Companies E and B led off. On a reconnaissance near Junction 85, Capt. Suzuki and Lt. Kim, looking for a likely approach road and enemy troop, went up to scout the area. Kim went up over the high ground, Suzuki was feeling the ground with his hands for mines. Kim came back and was within hand-shaking distance from Suzuki when, even before Kim's words, "all clear," sounded, tracer bullets whizzed by between the two from the hedge to their front. Suzuki had seen Kim tumble forward, he himself dove for cover, and began firing away with his pistol, attempting to draw fire away from Kim, whom he thought had surely had it. Meanwhile, he came closer to Sgt. Ozaki's position and appraised him of the situation. Immediately Ozaki yelled, "Fix Bayonets! Charge!" The whole company, having heard this command, leaped up and charged forward! That was the first and only "Banzai charge with bayonets" executed in WWII, we believe. The charge netted two Jerries, the rest had fled after the initial exchange of fire. Kim was found below, nonchalantly lobbing grenades over the hedges.

Next morning Suzuki observed an enemy rolling barrage laid down to perfection. Most beautiful one he had ever seen. Shortly, orders from the Bn Comdr came down – to move his troops through the barrage with a direct assault. Suzuki called Ex O (Executive Officer) Marzano and told him to be ready to take over the command of the company because he was going to refuse to execute this command order and that he expected to be court martialed. Capt. Mizuha yelled, "You scared?!" and Capt. Suzuki replied, "You're damn right, I am!" Maj. Gillispie came over for a personal inspection – and agreed with Taro. The Bn started an end-run on its objectives, by way of Pozzili.

Company B was in reserve in this operation and company runner Bunichi J. Kimura and Masao "Stu" Yoshioka were at Bn Hqtrs in a grape vineyard. The forward units could not be observed, nor detected, being under cover of an olive orchard. But Company B was easily spotted among the grape vines, and was mistaken for the main body by the Germans who rained mortar shells upon the company. 3 officers got hit by one shell, including Suzuki and Capt. Johnson who died of shrapnel wounds. Suzuki decided to be a walking wounded and started walking toward the rear. The last to exchange cheers with Suzuki before he collapsed almost at the feet of Doc Kometani was Jimmy Shintaku. Suzuki had blacked out from loss of blood. Forward observers whose equipment had been blown up by the barrage and who had offered assistance earlier, carried him to the aid station."

Back to 1999: Because of my growing mid-section, I had to buy a new belt. Then, I decided to go on a diet by using a supplement called Chitoplex. This is supposed to burn the fat in foods when you eat. After a few weeks, I had to make new holes in the belt because it was too loose. I was overjoyed that I was at last losing weight. I made four holes in the belt and then nothing after that, so I weighed myself. The weight was the same. I came to the conclusion that the new leather belt was stretching.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Warren Iwai

Meeting: Our usual "Dirty Dozen" plus Philip Matsuyama from Kona, Hawaii, were present at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. According to Philip he is the lone survivor from Co. C in Kona, since Masanori "Windy" Aoki and Charlie "McCarthy" Yoshida have both passed away.

The annual "Fun Nite" is on for Friday, September 17, at the Nuuanu Onsen Teahouse. Fifty-five (55) members and family will attend this gathering.

Replies from our flyer for the Fun Nite disclosed several of our people are suffering various ailments. Seigi Adaniya just had surgery on one knee and expects to follow up on the other knee soon. Takeshi "Lefty" Kimura is confined to a wheel chair and can't get around very much. Kenji Nobori (weapons platoon) has his hernia and prostate problems to slow him up a bit. William "Shak" Inouye (first platoon) is grounded due to prostate cancer and under-going radiation treatment.

Seiju Ifuku, our former 1<sup>st</sup> cook, has made the news. There is a beautiful article in the September 3, 1999, issue of the Hawaii Herald, "The Ifuku Foundation – Rainbow Drive-In Founders give back to community." Seiju was the founder and developer of the Rainbow Drive-In, and today is the principal force behind the philanthropic activities of the Ifuku family.



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

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

Next meeting is on Monday, October 11, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, because the following week is mini-reunion in Las Vegas. Someone said, "Silence separates more than distance." So, you guys in Honolulu, come and talk story with us at the meeting and to our comrades on the North American Continent, call us or drop us a line and let us know that you're still kicking.

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Helen Nikaido**

Our August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was attended by Saburo Nishime, Martin Tohara, "Doc" Hosaka, Ken Mitsunaga, "Jits" Yoshida, Mary Hamasaki and Helen Nikaido. Kay Harada was on a weekend trip to Hilo with Ed. It was a restful and relaxing trip visiting her sister, brother and other relatives. We wish we had the attendance like the luncheons.

"Doc" and Mildred Hosaka were on an Alaskan cruise with "Doc's" brother and sister-in-law. They left on August 26 for two weeks.

It was good to see many of the Club 100's Punchbowl Visitor Center volunteers attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We got to greet Mr. Taro Suzuki (B), 95 years young and looking great. He was the first superintendent of Punchbowl.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, we were on duty at the Punchbowl Visitor Center. We try to be there, as many visitors ask many questions and just to chat, too. One oriental gal said that the base of the vase was broken, so "China" recommended that she call the office during business hours, as we were only volunteers. She was pretty insistent, so "China" looked for the security guard who in turn took her to the maintenance shop. I guess she works during the week, so she wanted something done right away.

We receive many nice comments about how well the cemetery is kept and how beautiful it looks. Due to old age, health problems, and death, we've lost some of the volunteers. It would be nice if you can come out and spend a few hours to volunteer. It's enjoyable and rewarding when you can help the people.

One Puka Puka Autumn tour: Next meeting will be October 10 (Sunday) at the clubhouse, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served. Luggage tags and overnight bags will be issued and last-minute instructions will be given. PLEASE BE THERE.

## **RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER (via the internet)**

**by Ted M. Hamasu**

The second Friday of each month is a busy day for me, But this one was special for we had to be at the Hilton Hawaiian Coral Ballroom for the welcome home luncheon for the Chief of Staff of the US Army, General Shinseki & Mrs. Shinseki and also had to be at the directors meeting. Before that I had to pickup Motoyoshi Tanaka, President of the Hawaii chapter and Stanley Izumigawa of the Maui Chapter, to let the directors know that the outside island chapters are holding their own and still going strong.

For a long time retired guy, I try not to get involved in the rush hour traffic toward Honolulu. I left my home with just enough time for the pickup of my passengers, I thought. But getting out of Pearl City and the approaches to the airport, it was so congested that I had to slow down to a crawl. Well, the pickup time was 8:00 AM. and I was still on the road. I finally reached the airport and looked for my passengers but no one was waiting for me. I parked my car anticipating a call from the parking attendant but no call so I looked around for a while and met Stanley Izumigawa looking lost. He said that he saw Motoyoshi Tanaka but he is waiting for his baggage. We went in the baggage area and saw a bunch of luggage on the side so he checked it out and fortunately found it. We drove out to the highway and I tried to take the Likeline but it was so bad that I drove straight toward Nimitz and stayed on it. Yes, the traffic is terrible. I pity the people who have to drive it every day.



The other directors were waiting for us to arrive. So as soon as we were seated, the President called the meeting to order.

We had to be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village by 10:30 for the luncheon, so we cut our meeting short and got to the Hilton in time for a long wait. Finally the doors to the ballroom opened and we sat at our assigned table. We were seated at the main entrance next to the head table where all the distinguished guests and the big wheels of the Chamber of Commerce sat.

The ceremonies started at 11:30 AM. and after the welcoming address by the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Governor Ariyoshi was introduced as the MC. Governor Cayetano presented the General with the State of Hawaii Proclamation. Jim Tollefson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, presented the order of the Splintered Paddle to General Shinseki.

The order of the Splintered Paddle was originated by King Kamehameha and is presented to persons who have made major contributions to the welfare of the State of Hawaii. The first Order of the Splintered Paddle was presented to Dwight D. Eisenhower, and most recently to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. It has been presented to the most prestigious individuals in Hawaii's history. The General thanked all for the honors bestowed on him and talked about his responsibilities as Chief of Staff of the Army, which covers the whole world.

From enemy alien, to the Chief of Staff of the United States Army in one generation? All I can say is "WOW". Welcome home General, we are all very proud of you and we thank you for putting Hawaii on the world map.

## **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter's second meeting of the year was held at the Tasty Crust Restaurant at 11 a.m. on September 7. It was well-attended, with 21 members, 10 wives and 7 widows present. Chapter President Stanley Izumigawa will go to Honolulu this weekend for the Club 100 Board of Directors meeting and to participate in the luncheon honoring General Eric Shinseki, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Tsukio Yamagata made his report of the July 9 Family night that Groups one and two took charge of. This was a catered dinner so that there was no cooking done by the members. Next to report was Johnny Miyagawa, who was in charge of the Family Picnic held at the Kanaha Beach Park on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. His sons and daughters and their families took care of everything at the picnic and members and their wives just sat around and talked stories. With the change of Club 100 from Veterans to Civic club on July 1<sup>st</sup> came the request from Honolulu to all of the chapters for a financial accounting of all of the chapter's assets. This will mean more work for the Chapter Treasurers in the future. Maui Chapter's pledge of \$5,500.00 and \$2,000.00 toward the building of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center will be honored as soon as some legal questions have been cleared up. The Memorial Center is across the old Hata building on lower Main Street with the hollow tile retaining wall around the lot.

Goichi Shimanuki, our September Memorial Service Chairman passed out the program for the Service. The Rev. Ui Otani of the Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission will be the Officiant and Shimanuki will be the M.C. for the September 26, 2 p.m. Service.

There will be a Family Night on October 8, Friday, at 6 p.m. with Groups 3 and 4 in charge at the Kahului County Park.

## **HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Jimmy Maeda**

Sunday, September 12, was Grandparents Day. Here is a belated poem for all grandparents among our readers:

Grandpas and Grandmas can be Mist'ers or Misses,  
They are treasures and deserve our kisses.  
Today we honor you as we should every day of the year,  
So we won't forget to say "thank you" to those we hold so dear.

(Note: 2 Hershey kisses came with this poem to all grandparents.)

NOSTALGIA TOHARA – The Western Stores, a store which has been in Hilo since about the time the S.H. Kress store came, will close its doors by the end of this year. This store which sells bicycles,

clothing, furniture, appliances, auto equipment and tires, etc., is located on the corner of Haili and Kinole Streets, but only until the end of this year. Martin Tohara (D) was the manager of the store prior to World War II. Martin was at that time the boy from Ahualoa, a truck farming and ranching district between Honokaa and Kamuela. The district with plenty of rain and plenty of trees. The Western Store gave our friend a start in life.

The most common signs you see in Hilo these days are: "Caution Road Closed," "Men at Work," "Detour," "Drive Carefully," etc. It seems that the County has money for road improvements and repairs toward the end of each year. At present, those drivers coming to Hilo from the country districts keep away from Ponawai, Haili, Kapiolani, Ululani Punahale, Halai Streets. There are lots of heavy equipment, trucks and men working. At times you will find the HELCO gang, GTE Gas Co., Cable TV working. Drive carefully and try to keep away from those areas.

The AJA VETERANS COUNCIL OF HILO, comprised of the Hawaii Chapter Club 100 (100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Veterans Association), 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Association of Hawaii and Interpreters (MIS) will donate \$500 to each of the following:

- Los Angeles Memorial Committee, 100/442/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, P. O. Box 2590, Gardena CA 90247. Note: this memorial monument is already erected and was dedicated on June 5, 1999.)
- National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 1920 N Street NW, Suite 660, Washington DC 20036) Note: this monument will cost \$8,600,000

The Hawaii Chapter annual memorial service will be held on September 26, Sunday, at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1. Our speaker will be Col. Robert Lee, CO 9<sup>th</sup> Support Regional Command, U.S. Army Reserve. PLEASE ATTEND THE SERVICE!

#### **CLUB 100 MAINLAND (via the internet)**

**by June Kurisu**

No one in the 100<sup>th</sup> won any \$ in the Association's Reverse Raffle according to my sources. Oh, well, the tickets went for a good cause: to keep the Memorial Hall maintained and its expenses paid. Three Ts; namely, Teri Fujikawa, Toe Yoshino, and Ted Ohira helped Ben and Jean Tagami prepare the steak, nasubi, corn, and salad luncheon. George and I forgot to go. We must make it to the Association luncheon on September 11 when Dr. Makinodan and other medical experts will speak on geriatric problems and hopefully tell us how to improve our memory.

The 100<sup>th</sup> had a good representation of members for the Memorial Hall Clean-Up Day on August 28. Each chapter was asked to supply at least two workers. Our Merry Maid impersonators included Yeiki Matsui, Hank Hayashi, Doug Tanaka, Ken and Hisa Miya, Hank and Kaz Yoshitake, and Tok Yoshihashi. I hear they had to get their lunch at McDonald's since Ben and Jean Tagami went fishing in Utah.

The Monument is asking for recipes to put into a cookbook. I'm sure the cookbook committee will be happy to have recipes from men, too. December 1 is the deadline.

The time that we look forward to is fast approaching: the 100<sup>th</sup>'s Mini Reunion in Las Vegas from October 17 to 21. Ben is asking that all the ladies from the LA area bring musubi. James and June's Tours will be going to see the free Rio show, then to the new Venetian and Paris casinos on Monday, to Laughlin on Tuesday, and to Belz Outlet Mall, and Ethel M Chocolate Factory on Wednesday. Hospitality Room helpers at the June Reunion that I forgot to mention in the last newsletter were Helen Nakashima and Yone Shimizu from Hawaii and Hiromi Suehiro also from Hawaii who brought takusan (that's lots and lots of) tsukemono. Mike Takamine brought kim chee. Many mahalos to all who helped.

Following the Mini Reunion, the Hawaii group will be leaving from Las Vegas for Atlanta, Georgia, for some sightseeing before heading to Columbus and Fort Benning for the unveiling of the monument that is commemorating solely the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. The monument was the inspiration of the late Col. Bill Pye. His dear wife, Peggy, is finishing up his duties and making arrangements for a post monument unveiling luncheon. The LA area group, composed of Mas & Elma Takahashi, Ben & Jean Tagami, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Hank Yoshitake, Harry Fukasawa, Ken and Hisa Miya, and George & June Kurisu, will return home for just a few hours before heading to LAX to catch a flight leaving at 12:05 a.m. on October 22 for Atlanta to hook up with the group from Hawaii. Col. Young and Hanh

Kim will be leaving from Las Vegas, where Young is now living, to join us. We'll be meeting Gene and Michael Doi, residents of Atlanta, there. Gene, ya-all bring out your Deep Southern accent that we-all will enjoy hearing.

Ben and Jean Tagami, Mas Takahashi, Toe Yoshino, and Ted Ohira traveled to Gallup, New Mexico, to spend two days visiting Hershey and Terry Miyamura. Among other sights and sites, they saw the park, street, and overpass named in Hershey's honor.

It was good to see men of the 100<sup>th</sup> in their white Battalion shirts at brother-in-law Stanley Nakamoto's memorial service in Honolulu last month. Unfortunately, those shirts were no doubt worn to several other services of 100<sup>th</sup> men. They join their other comrades in a better place where their ailments do not hurt, and they can spend time to their hearts' content recollecting their tales.

I now have Irene's permission to reveal that her husband, Eric Abe, Dog Company, original 100<sup>th</sup> veteran, and past Club 100--LA president, is confined to a nursing home and is unlikely to return to his home. Rather than visitors, messages to cheer him up and to let him know you are thinking of him, perhaps even recounting the time you have spent with him, would be welcomed.

## **FOX CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Kenneth M. Higa**

On Saturday morning, September 11, the Fox Council met at the Club 100 clubhouse for a special pow-wow. Shoot plenty bull. Then make big fire to send smoke signal to Fox Clan members throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The message, "No annual gathering of the Foxes this year." Since the year 1999 is nearing its end, the officers decided to defer the reunion to 2000. And so, all Foxes, especially the neighbor islanders, start making plans to attend the first reunion of the next millenium.

For this year, a luncheon will be held at the Wisteria Restaurant. The date is Friday, October 15, at 11 a.m. Neighbor Islanders are welcome to join the Oahu gang. Your respective coordinator will be contacting you with specific information regarding cost, etc.

Another matter taken up at the meeting was about decorating the graves at Punchbowl on Saturday morning, September 25. The time to meet at the cemetery is 8:30 a.m. As mentioned in the September PPP, the day's project will end with lunch at Wisteria.

The glittering lights of Las Vegas seem to have magnetic powers that lure many aspiring millionaires to the neon-lit city time and time again. Among the many are Seiso and Kay Kamishita. Early September, they ventured into the city of "mega-bucks" with hopes of winning, but it was not to be. Seiso said, "No such luck. We lost money." The next couple to fall prey to the vision of \$\$\$\$\$dollars is the Nishimura's—Charlie and Ethel will be attending the annual mini-reunion. Lots of luck, paesano!!

Getting older is inevitable and we all are aware that with old age comes health problems. Well, Takao Kubota underwent physical examinations to determine what was causing him to have difficulty breathing normally and tiring easily. The result was that his lungs were not functioning at 100 percent. We pray that he will get better and stronger as the days go by.

Katsuro Kubota of Waipahu, retired owner of a steel constructing and contracting company, passed away on August 8 in Wahiawa General Hospital. Born in Makaweli, Kauai, he was the younger brother of Takao Kubota. Private services were held.

Kiyono Nakashima Kubota of Honolulu, formerly of Hanapepe, Kauai, passed away on August 18 in Hale Nanai Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Born in Hanaapepe, Kauai, she was the elder sister of Jane (Nakashima) Sugawara. Private services were held.

To the Kubota and Nakashima families and relatives, we extend deepest sympathies for the loss of your loved ones. May they rest in peace.

**WANTED: "Lively" veterans for a "call-out" list.** Whenever the office receives an invitation to an event where veterans are the special guests, the Executive Secretary, club President and chapter Presidents have to "beat the bushes" to fulfill the quota. These are usually on short notice and sometimes go unfilled, much to our regret. If you'd like to be on this "call-out" list, please let the office or your chapter President know. In the mean time, have your club shirt ready to wear!



## IN MEMORIAM

Takeshi "Stanley" Hamai (C/Rural)

September 19, 1999



*May he rest in peace.*

*The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathies to his family.*

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Ray Nosaka

### UPDATE ON THE MINI-REUNION

GO! GO! GO! Where? To the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas, of course! Ben Tagami, Chairman, has announced that there will be two days for slot tournaments (get those fingers loosened up), June Kurisu is thinking of including Laughlin for a bus tour (depends on how many people are interested), the famous matsutake rice in the hospitality room, what else? The banquet will be held on Tuesday night, which makes it possible to continue your banquet night conversations on the next day, instead of rushing to get ready to go home. "Da Aikanes" (Ted Ohira, Toe Yoshino, Mits Doi, June Kurisu, and anyone else who wants to join in), loosen up your vocal cords and please practice your Hawaiian!!

As a reminder: As you were notified by Kiyoshi Kami, please enclose your registration fee of \$15.00 and the banquet fee of \$25.00 in a sealed envelope that has your name and the amount enclosed written on the outside and give it to Aki Nosaka anytime before going to the airport or at the airport or on the plane. The following people from Hawaii have signed up to attend the banquet: Akira and Pat Akimoto, Doris Aimoto, Yoshio Anzai, Wilfred Fujishige, Matsue Furushima, Yasuto and Helen Furusho, Chester Hada, Shizuya and Mavis Hayashi, Margaret Higa, Seichi Hoashi, Richard Hosaka, Yoroku and Ayako Ito, Kiyoshi and Alice Kami, Dorothy Kikuchi, Stanley and Doris Kimura, Arthur and Frances Komiyama, Kenneth Mitsunaga, Oscar and Hisako Miyashiro, Earl Miyashiro, Cary Miyashiro, Takeichi and Dorothy Onishi, Lorraine Miyashiro, Fusako Murai, Bill Naganuma, Rusty and Alice Nakagawa, Roy and Maizie Nakamura, Sonsei and Elaine Nakamura, Edwin and Helen Nakashima, Charles and Ethel Nishimura, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Susumu and Margaret Ota, Masao and Chieko Sato, Kazuo and Norma Senda, Tamotsu and Yoneko Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Hiroshi Shimazu, Leighton Sumida, Dorothy Tamashiro, Seiji and Kay Tanigawa, Sakae and Stella Tanigawa, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Tadashi and Takako Umamoto, Marian Yamamoto, Tsugie Hamasaki, Roy Honbo, Ken Nakasone, Jean Obara, Loretta Achey, James Kawashima, Sandy Nakamura, Rae Ann Galinato, James and Carol Inafuku, Terry Tamanaha, Grace Tamanaha, Charles and Jean Tanaka, Carl Tonaki and Jane Tonaki.

The list (as given to us) of mainlanders expected to join us at the banquet includes: Ben and Jean Tagami, Ted and Chiz Ohira, Ben and Mary Doi, Michael and Gene Doi, Wayne Fujita, Craig Abe, Mildred Fencl, Veronica Kalvaitis, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Mitsu Fuchigami, Harry Fukasawa, Noby Okamoto, Jeff and June Fukawa, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Sam and Ho Ikari, Mas Ishida, Kow and Betty Ito, Rick and Jan Geary, James Katayama, Frank and Peggy Deveny, Hazel Shiroishi, Betty Pruett, Mary Katayama, Jean Miyasato, Roy Katayama, Kay and Estie Komashi, Koiro and Michiko Kawaguchi, George and Florence Kinoshita, George and June Kurisu, Ken and Hisa Miya, Henry and Teresa Maeyama, Bill Okamoto, Ruth Oda, Ed Kobata, Duke and Dorothy Ogawa, Mits and Mitzi Okazaki, Jerry and Mary Sato, Ted Sato, Mas and Chuki Sei, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Albert Takahashi, Yeiki Matsui, Sam and Sara Terasaki, Yuriko Nogami, Lloyd and Michiko Toda, Roy and Ruthie Terada, Elaine Toguchi, Kazuo and Kum Sun Uyehara, Kei and Chisato Yamaguchi, Dave and Shigeko Yoshimura, Paul Yashiki, Toe Yoshino, Hank Yoshitake, Tokuji and Reiko Yoshihashi, Frank

and Mariko Wada, Wai and Teri Kawai, Masaru and Sadie Abe, George and Sue Tsuda, and Tom and Gladys Tsuda.

We look forward to seeing you all in Las Vegas—Hang loose! Enjoy yourself! I saw a sign somewhere which said, “Shirt and shoes required – Bras and panties optional” !!

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS NEWS

by Ann Kabasawa

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the following donations to the Sons and Daughters:

- \$100 from Kathleen Hishinuma
- \$100 from Clayton Kamiya in memory of his uncle Mike Kamiya ( C )
- \$25 from Gary Nakayama

A few months ago, our Sons and Daughters Newsletter was mailed out to you. Included in it was the membership renewal form, souvenir sales order form, as well as news about the sons and daughters. If you haven't renewed your membership, please send it in. If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 or e-mail me at [annkaba@aloha.net](mailto:annkaba@aloha.net).

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### ABLE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11, 1999

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

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

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

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

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

YES, I will attend the Able Chapter Christmas Party

Number of adults (non-members) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ x 5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ free \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP DEADLINE: December 4, 1999**

## CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 1999

ABLE.....	Saturday, October 23 .....	8 a.m. ....	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, October 16 .....	1 p.m. ....	Lounge
CHARLIE .....	Monday, October 11 .....	10 a.m. ....	Board Room
DOG .....	Saturday, October 16 .....	8 a.m. ....	Board Room
HQ.....	Tuesday, October 12 .....	9:30 a.m. ....	Lounge
HAWAII			
MAUI.....	Family Night .....	Friday, October 8.....	6 p.m. ....Kahului County Park
RURAL			
KAUAI			
BOARD .....	Friday, October 8.....	10:00 a.m. ....	Board Room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, October 15.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Board Room
GREEN THUMB .....	Monday, October 4 .....	10:00 a.m. ....	Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....	Friday, October 8 & October 22 ....	6 p.m. ....	Turner Hall
PUNCHBOWL GRAVE DECORATING....	8 a.m., 9 a.m., 9:30 & 10 a.m. .	Saturday, September 25	
MATSUNAGA COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE COMMITTEE..	Friday, Oct. 2..	10 a.m. Board Rm	

The Clubhouse Office will be closed early on Thursday, October 21 and all day October 22, 25, and 26, while the Executive Secretary is attending the Fort Benning Monument Dedication Ceremony in Georgia. If you need to contact someone, please do call the office at (808) 946-0272 and leave a message. Speak slowly and leave your name and your telephone number.

Deadline for articles for the November 1999 issue is Tuesday, October 26, 1999. E-mail articles to [sillanstan@aol.com](mailto:sillanstan@aol.com) or fax to (808) 946-0273.

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m.** Dog, Medics and Headquarters Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to help.

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