Editor's Column:

I have volunteered to become the editor of the Puka Puka Parade. I feel that the Parade is an important source of information to all our members, especially those on the neighbor islands and the mainland. For those members, the Parade is the only way that they can keep up with the activities of the Honolulu/Oahu chapters and the mother club. I would like to see the Parade continue and am requesting your assistance.

There appears to have been a misunderstanding regarding the future of the Puka Puka Parade. I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight. When the club hired Allen Arakaki, CPA, to handle our financial records, he noted that the cost of printing the Parade (about $1,500.00 per issue) was not being offset by the advertisement income. He questioned the Board of Directors as to whether the club would want to continue publishing the Parade given the printing and mailing costs. He told them that, as the club's accountant, he felt obligated to let them know areas where the income and expenses were not balancing out. But, he added, that the final decisions would be up to them. The board debated the pros and cons of continuing the Parade. Things, such as the timeliness of the articles (for example, "Christmas porch stories in May") and the class postage rates for mainland members were discussed. The board decided to refer the matter back to the chapters for feedback. Again, there was no majority consensus. Some chapters wanted the Parade bi-monthly, semi-annually, and some even annually. In the middle of all this, no one bothered to consult the co-editors or contributing writers to get their feedback. That may be one reason that the co-editors resigned. In any case, I feel very strongly about continuing the Puka Puka Parade and I am sure that there are many of you who feel the same way I do.

I have enlisted the help of Mrs. Aki Hosaka (Baker Chapter) and Mrs. Helon Nikaido (Dog Chapter). They have agreed to serve as my assistants. We sat down one day to discuss starting up the Parade for next year. We decided that to 1) keep the news timely and informative and 2) reduce printing costs, that the Parade would be revamped. Initially, we plan to go from the present "magazine-style" publication to a "newsletter" format. The newsletter will be included with the monthly bulletin saving on postage. Downscaling the format means certain sacrifices: no fancy typesetting or headings and no pictures. However, we want to see what the response from the members will be given a more timely communication tool. There is always the possibility of upgrading the publication in the future.

Able Chapter - Blue Nagasaki

Over 160 members, wives, widows, children, grandchildren and guests came and went home with lots of holiday spirit and gifts at the Able Chapter Christmas Party at the clubhouse on Dec. 16, 1988. With the Christmas spirit of "better to give than receive" - every family who attended came without empty handed with lots of gifts and donations that it was useless to issue door prize tickets since everyone ended up with a gift or two in their Christmas bag.

Outstanding job of turning Turner Hall into Christmas wonderland was Sei and Evelyn Oshiro - who brought their station wagon full of their own decorations. "Merry Christmas, Oshiros!" To brighten up the table with traditional Christmas color of red and green was Kazuo Kamimoto's "sinnetia" potted plants.

It was the program committee of Tom & Barbara Nishichika and Evelyn Oshiro that kept the party lively with great help from Louise Morikawa and her many Santa helpers - daughter of Tsuonro Morikawa - who kept the kids occupied with popular games while Leighton Miyakawa - Geo's son-in-law who came all the way from North Pole to greet the kids with his familiar costume as Santa and presented gifts to all the good children and people who live up and down on Kamoku St. heard loudly songs and carols of Christmas coming from the clubhouse that night. This is one of many times where Christmas party chairman Richard Ishimoto had to thank each and everyone for their contribution of gifts, time and effort to make it a great event.

Part of the program was introduction of the past chapter officers - also the incoming officers - the club's small stage was big enough to handle it
since it was the same officers who volunteered for another year but they didn't say it loudly. President Don Matsuda, VP Tom Nishioka, Secretary Ed Kobata and Treasurer Sus Kunishige were all presented with the official Able Chapter cap for a job well done the past year.

Since Able Chapter changed their meeting days to the fourth Saturday morning there seems to be a big increase in attendance so join the gang and have breakfast at 8:00 a.m. but bring along your sharpened garden tools to do some clubhouse yardwork. Also will accept your 1989 chapter dues of $6.00 or send it to the clubhouse address.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS  Helen Nikaido

Happy New Year! Dog Chapter officers for 1989 are President Yoshichi Okazawa, Vice-President Katsumi Nakayama, Secretary Kenji Nikaido and Treasurer Conrad Tsukayama. Don't forget to send in your 1989 chapter dues, $10.00.

Dog Chapter held their Christmas party on Dec. 1, 1988, at the clubhouse with about 94 adults and 25 plus children attending. Chaired by Eddie Kuwazaki and Hiromi Urabe, we had a menu which some people would think inappropriate for Christmas but it turned out to be a huge success. We had beef stew (yes, beef stew) roasted chicken, baked mahi-mahi with black beans, potato-macaroni salad, cabbage tsukemoni, sanbaizuke, dinner and butter rolls and rice. Oodles of pupus and desserts.

The children enjoyed the games prepared for them by Annette Harada and the appearance of Santa Claus (alias Michael Harada). Door prizes were given to each family.

Many thanks to the following people for their generous donations: Gloria Tamashiro - 5 doz. dinner and butter rolls, Rhoda Kawamata - oama and cake, Max Imai - tako pupu, Edna Kuwazaki - salad, peanut candy and plants, Kay Harada - sanbaizuke, Thelma Urabe - salad, Mildred Hosaka - dessert, Lita Wakamatsu (Kuwazaki's daughter) - party mix and dessert, Barbara Nishioka - pupus, Richard Hara - 1 case pepesi, Tami Hara - door prize and pupu, Dorothy Tohara - jello mochi, Kay Yoshio - dessert, Kiyoshi Kami - beer and wine cooler, Mitsuko Kurisu - kobu maki, Kurisu's daughter - crackers and dip, Yoshi Tsukayama - party mix and door prizes, Ken Mitsunaga - 1 qt. whiskey, Ruth Tsutsui - kinpira, Mary Hamasaki - butter mochi, Hideo Kayas - 2 liter 7-up, Francis Takemoto - Jack Daniels, Ken Suehiro - pumpkin chiffon pie and tempura, Helen Nikaido - pupu and door prizes.

Mahalo to Rhoda Kawamata for saving all her catches of oama (700) and frying them for us. Rhoda and Edna Kuwazaki couldn't keep up with the frying, as it was so delicious that it went out like hot cakes; also to Kenji Nikaido for preparing the oama goose stew (assisted by Kay Harada, Eddie and Edna Kuwazaki and Helen Nikaido) and the Chinese style mahi-mahi. Annette Harada made all the stuffed animals which the children received. To Annette and Michael, thank you so much for all your hard work, the children were very happy. To all of you who helped "arigato-go-zai-mashita".

To the following ladies thank you for coming out to the monthly meetings to help prepare breakfast for the boys: Mildred Hosaka, Edith Imai, Mary Hamasaki, Kay Harade, Rhoda Kawamata, Edna Kuwazaki, Jane Matsunami, Lillian Fujimori and Helen Nikaido.

MAUI CHAPTER  Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members and their families enjoyed a late summer picnic at the Kanahe Beach Park in Kahului on Sunday, August 14. Johnny Miyagawa was the hardworking general chairman, and he was ably assisted by Lillian Miyagawa and her lady assistants and Eichi Endo. Before lunch childrens' games were conducted by the older grandchildren and prizes were given out. Delicious teriyaki steak, chicken, hot dogs, salad, etc., with cold beer and soda were served for lunch, and cold slices of watermelon were served later. Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa ran the bingo games after lunch.

President Satoji Arisumi scheduled four dinner meetings at the Sheik's Restaurant in Kahului, during the past year, and they were all well attended.

On Sunday, September 25, at 2 PM, members, wives, next-of-kin, and guests gathered at the Makawao Maui Veterans Cemetery to hold a memorial service for the KTA and other deceased members. Goichi Shimunuki and Kiyoshi Ikeda were the co-chairmen for this day of observance. Goichi as MC for
the program called on Niles Shiroma for the welcome address, and assisted the Rev. Hyozo Yamauchi in conducting the service. Refreshments were served after the service with Kiyoshi Ikeda in charge. Toshio lwami and Akira Ishikawa assisted by transporting the 3 large framed pictures of deceased members from storage. The vines made plumeria leis and decorated the graves of our fallen comrades.

The Veteran's Day dinner on November 11 at the Red Dragon Restaurant was filled to capacity. President Satoji Arisumi represented Club 100 at the front table along with leaders of other veterans clubs. Guest speaker was Lawrence Lee, Director of Veterans Service, Dept. of Defense. William Nakahara was in charge of dinner tickets for Club 100.

The year closed with a festive Christmas and installation cocktail and dinner party at the Red Dragon Restaurant on the evening of Dec. 15th. Jack Gushiken was the chairman of this biggest social event of the year, with wife Sue, assisting. Tom Yamada, as MC for the evening called on Mrs. Wallace Maeda to say grace before dinner. She was called on after dinner to lead in the singing of Christmas carols. Outgoing president Satoji Arisumi who did a fine job of leading the club and it's activities during the past year, installed the following members to lead the club in 1989: Miles Shiroma, president; William Nakahara, vice-president; Edward Nishihara, secretary; Tom Nagata, treasurer; Kiyoshi Ikeda, auditor; Goichi Shimanuki, director. Shiroma will be serving for the third time as president and we commend him for his spirit of "continuing service". Karaoke singing followed after the program and Johnny Miyagawa and Susumu Fukuyoshi led in the initial singing and they were followed by other talented members. Jack Gushiken, Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa ran the door prize and bingo games to close the evening program. Our thanks go to all the generous people who donated door and bingo prizes, and to the Hiroshi Arisumi's for the boxes of delicious kaki.

Active Maui Chapt x Shigeyuki Suma passed away late last year. Also, parents of members Shiro Yamato, mother; Tom Yamada, mother; Torao Terao, father. Also, widows of deceased members, Mrs. Stanley Masumoto and Mrs. Kiyoto Tsubaki. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - Tad T. Hashimoto

On October 22nd it was 100th Family Night at the 100/442nd Memorial Hall. It was Mexican Night with a menu of Spanish rice, steaks Picado, chili, tortillas, corn chips, salads and a variety of desserts.

Cooks for this informal get together were Allan Dong, Carlos and Beverly Picazo, Harold & Chiye Harada, Ben & Jean Tagami, Ruth Kasai, Hank and Fumi Sakato, Francis Shiroma, Elsie Hayashi and Sam & Teri Fujikawa.

Roses decorating all the tables were donated by Nakashima Nursery thanks to Monte and May Fujita. Many ladies brought their special desserts and Sadie Yoshiwara brought Chirashi.

We wish to thank Allan Dong, Carlos and Beverly Picazo for working so hard in the preparation of food, many of it they made at home.

President Harold Harada presided this evening and kept everything going very smoothly.

Joe Yoshino led singing (Karaoke) and he has a very nice singing voice.

Fuji Fukasawa was the games chairperson, and had some good easy games with many good prizes for everyone.

Bingo was played with the help of Harry and Fuji Fukasawa, Buddy Mamiya and Allan Dong calling out the numbers with cash as prizes.

Kitchen, pots and pans cleanup were May Fujita, Harold & Chiye Harada, Jean Tagami, Carlos and Beverly Picazo, Henry Sakato, Francis Shiroma and Allan Dong.

Frank & Flora Kumamoto K.I.S. ers showed up, and long time member Fujio Bill Endo of Able Company attended for the first time and we hope they had a good time and will come again.

We look forward to our two Family Nights next year (1989) and come on down.
Elections for 100th Officers for 1989 was held in October.

President — Dr. Harold Harada
Vice President — Eric Abe
Secretary — Douglas Tanaka
Treasurer — Lloyd Seki
Membership Chairman — Buddy Hamiya
Reporter — Tad T. Hashimoto

Also for 1989 — Ben Tagami of 100th/442nd Veterans Association of Southern California. Congratulations Ben.

On Sunday, Nov. 9th, 1988 on a cloudy day with the sun hidden behind the clouds thru-out the ceremony, the "Veterans Day Program" began at 11:00 A.M., sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council (N.V.C.C.) in "Little Tokyo Square" which is located at 3rd and Alameda St. in Los Angeles, California.

The color guards were: Sam Fujikawa, Ben Tagami, Monte Fujita, Nobe Ikuta, Bob Ishikawa and Sat Nakamura.

Hideo Okanishi was the K.C., Bob Hayamizu gave the N.V.C.C. address. He praised the accomplishments of the 100/442nd R.C.T., the M.I.S. and all Japanese Americans priceless sacrifices for our country, and that we have to fight the prejudices and ignorances that endure today and certainly will throughout our lifetime and more.

The posting of the colors was by the N.V.C.C. (consisting of ten Nisei Veterans Organizations). President George Niwa for the 442nd Veterans Ass'n, Ben Tagami for the 100th Infantry Battalion, Commander Allan Dong for the American Legion Commodore Perry Post 525 and the others by their respective commanders.

In memorian Ben Tagami read the names of our departed comrades for the past year for the 100th Inf. Bn. Other N.V.C.C. members read for their respective organizations.

In this "Little Tokyo Square" is an eight sided pedestal over a yard wide and about five feet high. On top is an arm holding up a Liberty torch. On the 2 sides and back of the pedestal are plaques, one with the word "Life", one with the word "hope" and the other with the word "Peace". In front it says: Dedicated to all Americans of Japanese Ancestry who served in the U.S. Armed Forces with courage and loyalty. Under the words are "N.V.C.C. Council of Southern California".

This is "The Nikkei Veterans Monument" dedicated November 9, 1986. Designed by Karl Oike, Torch and hand sculptured by Harloe Wilcomb.

100th members present for this ceremony were: President Harold and Chiye Harada, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Tom and Ruth Kasai, Henry Sakato, Ben and Jean Tagami, Allan Dong, Sat Nakamura and Ted and Sue Hashimoto.

The Japanese American National Museum (J.A.N.M.) had a celebration of the contributions of the floral industry, it was the museum's annual fundraiser. This benefit was held at the Spruce Goose in Long Beach Calif. with over 800 persons in attendance, on November 5th, 1988.

At 8:00 A.M. the volunteers had to set up tables, help with the floral decorations and arrangements and make about 80 centerpieces, and they worked to about 4:00 p.m. From the 100th were: Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Eva Fujikawa, Henry Sakato, Ben Tagami, Harold and Chiye Hareda daughter and son-in-law Don and Kathleen.

Ben Tagami was in charge of lunch for the volunteers. Mee and Elma Takahashi, Don and Sumi Suki made and put together sub sandwiches - salad, etc. and even helped serve.

Helping with seating arrangements for guests were Teri Fujikawa, Nora Kim, Lily Hamiya, Jean Tagami and May Fujita.

Those attending the dinner at $150.00 per person J.A.N.M. Fundraiser were: Monte & May Fujita, Harry & Fuji Fukasawa, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Harold & Chiye Harada, Buddy & Lili Hamiya, Nora Kim, Ron & Yoshiko Muranaka, Al & Connie Takahashi and Ben & Jean Tagami.

After the banquet it was time to clean up and tear down the tables and put everything away as the Spruce Goose had no set up available. Working late
into the night to around 1:00 p.m. were: Sam Fujikawa, Harry and Fuji
Fukasawa, Ben Tagami and his two sons, Harold Harada and Eva Fujikawa,
and others.

The J.A.N.M. fundraiser netted an estimated $125,000. The event was
hosted by George Takei of "Star Trek" and assisted by Tritia Toyota
newscaster on television. 150 volunteers helped make this fundraiser a
success.

100th Tentative Schedule

Jan. 21, 1989 - 100/442nd Veterans Ass'n. installation, banquet and
honoring the officers
Feb. 11 - 100th Valentine Night and installation
April 9-10-11-12-13 - 100th Mini Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada.
May - Reverse Raffle
May - Armed Forces Day Parade-Torrance
May - N.V.C.C. (ten organizations Memorial Day Service. 11:00 a.m.
Evergreen Cemetery
July - Bruyeres Trip (Europe)
July - M.I.S. 100th Cookout
August - Chili Cookoff, Fundraiser
Sept. - 100/442nd General Meeting (3rd Saturday)
Sept. - 100th as chefs for Keiro Home (fundraiser) 4th Sunday
October - 100th Family Night 442 Hall
October - 100th Officers Election for 1990
November - J.A.N.M. (Strawberry Growers Ass'n) Fundraiser

We are having a 100th Infantry Battalion Mini Reunion to be held in Las
Vegas, Nevada on April 9 Sunday, April 10 Monday, April 11 Tuesday,
April 12 Wednesday and April 13 Thursday in 1989. Four nights and five
days at the California Hotel. Family and friends invited. Plan to
attend. Many coming from Hawaii.

On 11-29-1988 Ray and Aki Nosaka was on the mainland for a few days to
celebrate Aki's Mother's Birthday.

Some of the 100th members and wives had dinner with them at Todai
Restaurant in Mariana Del Rey.

Ray spoke about the mini 100th reunion to be held in April in Las Vegas,
Nevada.

The following persons attended this get together. Sam & Teri Fujikawa,
Monte & May Fujita, Dr. Harold & Chiye Harada, Jim & Haru Ishizawa, Mike
Kiyoko, Henry Sakato, Ben & Jean Tagami, Wasao & Elma Takahashi, Toe
Yoshino, Henry & Kaz Yoshikaze, and George & Mary Karate.

On 12-51988 John Tsukano was in town (Los Angeles) on business. Club
100 members who went on his "Bridge of Love" tour to Japan had dinner
with him at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant in Carson, California.

After dinner all went to the 442nd Memorial Hall to view the video which
was made on the trip to Japan.

The following persons spent an enjoyable evening with John Tsukano of
Hawaii. They were: Albert Takahashi, Henry Sakato, Tom and Ruth Kasai,
Douglas Tanaka, Mike Miyake, Monte and Hay Fujita.

RURAL CHAPTER - Walter Iwasa

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! The Rural Chapter (RC) New Year's Banquet will be
held on February 21 Friday, starting at 5:30 at DOT'S in Wahiau. Oswald
Kawahara, Chairman, has arranged for a variety of delicious food and
drinks with Bingo games with lots of prizes to follow. Proxy Ben Hamasu is
hoping that all of you RC members and spouses especially the "once a
year" members will come and join in the fellowship. Cost for member is
$5.00, spouse is $5.00.

At this banquet, the 1989 RC officers will be installed. They are
President Ted Hamasu, Vice President Kiyomi Kanoshige, Secretary Walter
Iwasa, Treasurer Oswald Kawahara and Auditor Tamsuzu Shimizu.

In 1987, the then Proxy, Rudy Yoshida introduced the idea of recognizing
annually outstanding members in the Rural Chapter and for 1987 the
recepients were Hakaru Taoka, Jerry Yamaki and Toshio "Lefty" Mizusawa.
For 1988, the members voted Tamotsu "Tamo" Shimizu and Walter Iwasa as the
recepients. Tamo has served 2 years as President, VP for many years and
has served on various committees. Walter Evans has served as Treasurer of Club 100 for three years and RC Treasurer and Secretary for a few years.

For RC members, Club 100 dues is $10.00 RC dues is $6.00.

A GOLD STAR MOTHER, MRS. HIRO SUWA, 89, passed away on December 21. She was the mother of NOBUYUKI SUWA, who was killed in action near the Arno River in the Italian Campaign. A member of Baker Company, Nobuyuki Suwa was a member of a night patrol and in the ensuing fire-fight, he was mortally wounded. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Club 100...WAI - Warren Yamamoto

Happy New Year! We look forward to another eventful year. To start, the members attended a party sponsored by the Pearl City Bonsai Club on January 14. This was even before the first club meeting of the year on January 26.

We don't know how many bonsai shows we'll be participating in this year. The Bonsai Club receives invitations from the other Bonsai clubs on Oahu to show the members plants. Club 100 Bonsai displays their plants as a club and not as individual members. So now members without display quality plants do not have to say they couldn't show any plants. Last year, we participated in the Honolulu Kenkyu Club Show in May at Shinchu Ryokai and the Hawaii Bonsai Association show in September at the Ala Moana Center.

The Club 100 show is history. Last year's show was cancelled after construction eliminated parking in the area. We can't have a show without adequate parking. The members are finding it harder to put on future shows with old age creeping up and fewer members to help. It takes a lot of effort to put on a good show.

The big event of the year is the International Bonsai Conference in Japan this April. The conference itself will be in the bonsai town of Omiya, just outside of Tokyo. There will be demonstrations and social get-togethers. Many of the conference participants are expected to travel to Osaka after the conference and view a Bonsai Exhibit at the Old Worlds Fair site. Hawaii Bonsai Association is trying to arrange a tour of interested Hawaii enthusiasts. At this time, it is not known how Club 100 Bonsai members will be attending.

Members of Club 100 are encouraged to join our club and learn a good skill for your retirement. The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

Kauai Chapter - Ben Norimoto

When the year comes close to the end the Club has only one affair left and that is the Christmas Party. This year it was decided to have it at Sheraton Coconut Beach Hotel at Waipouli. For the sake of safety no accident it was a luncheon buffet held on December 18th. The members were notified to be prompt to be there at 11:45 A.M., and no surprise there they were all there. Mrs. Tsugi Takimoto in charge of collecting the fees from members - members free - Wives pay. The members' wives were asked to bring grab bag of not less than $5.00 value. Mrs. Lillian Takiuchi made the numbers and passed it on. Being a luncheon affair there were some tourist from Japan sharing the food prepared, not classy but ample to satisfy your stomach. For this occasion Mrs. Kazue Kawamoto donated three eucalyptus plants for door prizes. The lucky winners were Hitch Dei, Tamotsu Nishio and Ben Norimoto.

The full slate of next year's officers was not complete and so hopefully next year.

Hawaii Chapter - James S. Maeda

In spite of the continuous heavy rainfall members and wives of Hawaii Chapter attended the installation dinner on Saturday night, January 14, at the Sun Sun Lau Restaurant, for newly elected officers for 1989. Charles Nishimura of Honokaa was installed as the new president. Hawaii chapter members are grateful to Charlie for accepting the leadership. Charlie lives in Honokaa about 45 miles north of Hilo. Other officers installed to serve are: George Taketa, vice president; Eugene Eguchi, secretary; Kohei Kawaiaki, treasurer; Tarush Yamamoto, auditor; and Larry Tanimoto past president.
Hayato Tanaka was the chairman of the installation committee and Jimmy Maeda the installing officers.

Personals: Our prayers for speedy recovery to Larry Tanimoto, past president for his recent illness.

Hawaii Chapiter members and wives are very happy that Donald Nagasaki and his committee accepted the job to continue to issue the club bulletin. The neighbor island members and wives believe that as we grow older there is a need for communication from the past, present and future. The 100th Infantry has been the part of our lives, to lose its connection at this point in our lives is a misfortune. The club bulletin is the connection for the members of the Club 100 from Hanaelei, Kauai to South Point, Kau on the Big Island. We extend our thanks to Kenichi Suchiro, Dr. Kenneth Otagaki and staff for their excellent work up to the end of 1988.

CHARLIE CHAPTER - George Hagiwara

CHARLIE CHAPTER MEMBERS ON THE NOVE TO DISTANT PLACES -- The Higas, Kenneth and Beatrice traveled to Peru to visit with their relatives. They continued to Brazil to see how their counterparts were surviving. Kenneth and Bea traveled to China to see the Great Wall.

The Hiyashiro's, Chicken and Loraine entertained their daughter and granddaughter from Japan, while their son-in-law continued to New York for a business conference. An employee of IBM, they are stationed in Tokyo, Japan. Chicken and Loraine accompanied them back to Japan on a two weeks tour of Japan.

The Kawaiotos, Hasa and Ai visited their son in Oregon.

The Hagiwaras, attended the 34th Division Reunion in Pittsburg, Pa., one of the best reunions so far. Their friends, Harold and Ollie Dodes, drove them down the Smoky Mountains of West Va., over thru the Blue Ridge Mountains and the famous Skyline Drive of Virginia to Danville to visit their daughter's family.

From the Infirmary - Joan Hiramoto, wife of Kunl Hiramoto, more popularly known as "Cream", was hospitalized for a mild stroke. She is a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION - 41st ANNUAL REUNION SEPTEMBER 9th thru 11th, 1988 - HOST-TRI STATE CHAPTER PLACE-PITTSBURGH HILTON HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The 41st Reunion of the 34th Division was held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Towers, September 8th thru the 11th, hosted by the members of the Tri-state Chapter.

The Pittsburgh Hilton is situated at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers flow into the Ohio River, surrounded with high rise steel towers of office buildings, somewhat significantly named the Gateway Center overlooking the fountain where the rivers join and the Three River Stadium, the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Steelers.

The forests of smokestacks that we anticipated are gone with factories and industries being replaced electrical power in this age of electronics and computers and in the near future, the robots replacing manpower.

Friday morning, we took the subway from the Gateway Center Terminal to the commanding view of the entire city.

Six PM, that afternoon, all of the members who signed up for the twilight cruise on the Gateway Clipper boat ride on an old-fashioned Mississippi riverboat down the Ohio River and backtracking up the Monongahela River for a magnificent view of the Washington Heights and beautiful residences, the old Railroad station, now a shopping complex, past some of the Duquesne University before turning back to go up the Allegheny River to see more bridges, steel, housing the home of the many famous names like Mellon Foundation, Heinz, The Carnegie Foundation, University, and etc.

Saturday afternoon, six busloads took off from the hotel; for a closer look of the city by land. At the Cathedral of Learning on the grounds of Pittsburgh University, we all got off at the second tallest educational buildings in the world, completed with the financial contributions of some 97,000 school children. It is famous for its 21 reproductions of "
ty classrooms with its remarkable reproduction of unique architectural styles from nations around the world. We were informed that, during the Holiday season each classroom is decorated in the exotic Xmas decorations of that Country. After a view of the classrooms, we took the elevator to the top of the 36 floor tower for a view of the City in all directions.

Following the tour of the Cathedral of Learning we toured the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall a block away a view of one of the largest collections of Civil War memorabilia in the area outside of Virginia.

Touring the rest of Pittsburgh campus, we passed some of the facilities built for the citizens of Pittsburgh by The Andrew Carnegie, founder of Carnegie Steel, later merged with U.S. Steel. Rode past the world's most unique cultural center on Roberto Clemente Drive, housing the Carnegie Cultural Center that houses the four major branches: Museum of Natural History which houses one of the most complete collections of dinosaur fossils, including one named after Carnegie himself; the Museum of Arts; and the Music Hall's elaborate marble foyer. We rode past the Presbyterian University Hospital, the world's leading center for organ transplantation. And, it isn't surprising to learn that Pittsburgh's largest industry, is in the higher Learning and Cultural Center.

Leaving the city the bus took us to the top of Monongahela Heights for a magnificent view of the entire city, to climax the end of a wonderful tour and farewell to Pittsburgh.

Sunday morning following Memorial Service and final meeting of the 34th Division and announcement of next year's convention, we left for Virginia with our friends who drove us down through West Virginia down the Appalachian Mountain's famous Skyline Drive, into Virginia and to Danville, Va., and our daughter's home.

THE LATE TOM TOKIO HATSUWRA -- The late Tom Tokio Hatsuwar was born July 5, 1918, the 3rd son of 3 brothers and 3 sisters; passed away, August 19, 1988, at Kuakini Medical Center.

Tom graduated from Hilo High School with the class of '36, and like most youngsters of his generation, attended the Japanese Language School to learn the language and his cultural heritage, but primarily to keep him occupied. Just as his innate curiosity and aggressiveness caused his parents a lot of grief as a child, he was an apt student and learned fast, much to his parents' pride. Tom was drafted in the last draft before Pearl Harbor, and was ASSIGNED TO THE 299th Infantry, then known as the Pineapple Army, or local National Guard unit, pulling outpost duty along the Maui shores, most of the time fishing and listening to the boys play their ukes. And when all the AJAs were sneaked out of the Islands Tom was amongst the originals at the inception of the 100th Infantry at Camp McCoy Wisconsin, assigned to Company C.

Passing the Army Intelligence test, he was picked up for his knowledge of Japanese as a member of the original cadre, to be further screened for Military Intelligence and sent to the Far Eastern Theater, while the 100th was shipped south for maneuvers in the swamps of Mississippi and Louisiana. To be selected for Military Intelligence, was only the beginning. Because of his ethnic origin, he and the rest of the selectees were thoroughly screened before they were sent overseas. Tom served his Country well, under a cloak of secrecy, even after his return, high as he was at the parties. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious Service and earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He landed in the South Pacific Theater in time for the invasion of New Guinea, and later in the Luzon landing.

Tom also had the distinction of being in the original group of Americans in Japan with the occupational forces, and later to Korea.

Tom returned to be discharged and applied for his first real job with the Board of Agriculture and Forestry as a processed Foods inspector. And as if by fate, he met Florence who was then, secretary in the Department where he worked. Florence was his first love, and it is said they corresponded by shorthand, which Tom picked up in Business class, which he took out of curiosity. They were married November 20th, 1948.

Tom's moment of triumph arrived with his first born, a son, he named Regan, and proudly passed out the cigars. Regan was followed by Ken, now residing in Kamuela, on the Big Island, and Alvin, married to Lynn Fukutomi, who presented Tom with his first grandson and namesake, which, probably strengthened his will to last almost the year.
A devoted father, Tom never went anywhere without his family. He brought his family to every Company party so that his children grew up to be proud of the 100th tradition and to carry on our tradition. He also enjoyed taking his children fishing, and on outings whenever he could.

His hobbies were bowling regularly with the Charlie Chapter team. He bowled an almost perfect game in the 60s, having his name listed to the Bowler of the Week. His other hobby and second love was his Bonsai collection. An ardent lover of plants, he spent countless hours on his bonsai collection.

A modest fellow, Tom never said much, except his curiosity won him many admirers, making friends easily. While he was never the type to volunteer, whenever, there were no takers for a position, like a secretary's job, he was always there to help out. A sensitive fellow, Tom never spoke ill of anyone, and to the end, he never complained, even to Florence knowing the pains he must have endured from his cancer.

Tom was an unforgettable fellow, and will be remembered for the little things we all relied on him to volunteer.

RICHARD FUKASHI YAMAMOTO — Richard Fukashi Yamamoto, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii July 1, 1918. The first child of Katsusaburo and Iume Yamamoto, vegetable farmers from 4 boys and 3 girls, passed away on Oct. 16, 1988, never getting up from a fatal fall down his short front stairway. Richard's sudden death, was a shock to his family and friends for he never displayed any symptoms of illness to any of us, always smiling, never spoke ill of anyone, dependable, always counted on him, whenever there were no takers.

Richard's first chore, as soon as he was old enough, was to babysit, and like all farm children, as soon as he was old enough, he helped his parents prepare the vegetables for the market, and when he was able, even delivered the vegetables to the market. He was proud to be contributing to the family income, settling an example for his younger brothers and sisters. But like all farmers, his parents' aspirations, for their children to better themselves.

Richard graduated from McKinley HS in 1936, and to escape the drudgery of farming, chose to become a jeweler, signed up as an apprentice. About the time he began wondering about his future as a jeweler, he received his "GREETINGS" from Uncle Sam, and answered the call to join Uncle Sam's Army in the 4th draft, November 15, 1941. Amidst friends and family, he got a gala sendoff. While he was dreaming of the glories of being a soldier, on a bright Sunday morning all hell broke loose, with what he had been told as just maneuvers, but it didn't take too long to find out that it was the real thing and moved out of tents into the field to sleep in foxholes.

Shortly after December 7th, Richard was sent to the 298th Infantry, to pull Guard duty along the shores of Oahu. And just when he had settled to the life of a soldier in the pineapple Army, he was given orders to pack and secretly pulled out to assemble back in tent city. And just he and everybody else thought it was to be a grand reunion, and about given up, assigned to a fate of spending the war in a concentration camp, we secretly departed from the islands under a cloak of secrecy, destination unknown, ending up in Wisconsin and much to the relief of everybody the inception of the 100th Infantry Battalion and assigned to E Company. Richard won a medal for expert Rifleman, and was assigned to be the automatic rifleman of his squad.

Richard was wounded shortly following his commitment in the early part of the campaign, November 3, 1943. Returning from the hospital, he was reassigned to Co. C, and put on limited assignment as our mail clerk.

Richard was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds, the Bronze Star for meritorious Service, the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, and the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the 100th for outstanding Citation by the Division.

Richard returned to Honolulu for his discharge and was employed by the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corp. He was discharged on Sept. 1945. A year later after courting Marion Ito, daughter of a lifelong family acquaintance. Probably his moment of triumph was the birth of Warren, his first, and a boy. But with the arrival of David, there was no way of stopping him from talking with authority. And as luck would have it, Ann arrived, to make it perfect, as he bragged, and puffed with pride. And true to
tradition of his bringing up, showed off his family at every opportunity, and taught his children how to fish, but most of all filial piety in the true tradition of his culture, traits he had inherited from his parents. And like his father, he fired his children to be better than him, denying himself of the pleasures, others enjoyed, he encouraged his children to seek their education. Modesty, in his prime, he never bragged of his children's educational achievements: Warren earning I.A. from the prestigious MIT, David's graduating from a New York Institution of Culinary Arts, and Ann graduating from UH and pursuing her graduate studies at Keio University in Japan.

And while he vowed never to become a vegetable farmer, Richard's love for plants was a natural heritage, as he was familiar with fertilizers, and sprays needed to control the bugs and disease. It isn't surprising that he immediately caught to Bonsai and orchids, and their culture. Besides it was an excellent hobby for him and ended up with an enviable collection of Bonsai plants and orchids.

Having been Charlie Company's mailman, Richard was the only person who knew everyone who served in Co. C by their first names, and of course very popular. He was praised when we received mail from home, and cursed at when we didn't, but he never spoke ill of anyone, and learned to smile away his frustrations. However, surprising to the members, was in learning of his devotion to his church. At the front, everytime there was a Service, not many missed church.

Charlie Chapter members really miss him. Richard's compassion for his fellow comrades, he earned the love and respect of everyone as long as from the day he arrived at Charlie Company. Richard never missed a clubhouse cleanup, and Charlie Chapter meetings. And whenever, there were no takers for any odd jobs or position, Richard could always be counted on.

The late Isao Shiozaki, more popularly known as "Bo", to all his comrades in Charlie Company, 100th Battalion, passed away, Nov. 5, 1983, never waking up from a coma, at Kuakini Hospital Hospital, shortly following his 71st birthday.

Bo was born in Waialua Plantation, Oahu, September 19th, 1917, the 2nd son of family of 2 boys and 2 girls. He is survived by his wife Alice, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

At 15, Bo's parents returned to Japan with his 2 sisters, but Bo and his brother refused to accompany their parents. Upon completion of intermediate school, he left school to go to work, until he was called by Uncle Sam. He was drafted in the first draft, Dec. 10th, 1940. Upon completion of his basic training he was shipped to Hawaii, assigned to the 299th Infantry Battalion. And as if by fate, he met Alice Ota in a restaurant he frequented on his days off. Alice had lost her father at about 15, and he orphaned at 15, have felt a close kinship and fell in love. However, just about the time they were engaged to be married, Bo, along with all other AJAs, were secretely assembled, and shipped out, destination unknown, without a word to Alice. Restricted from even making a telephone call, we left without seeing our loved ones.

Fate unknown, destination unknown, we landed in Camp McCoy, without any explanation, until finally, the War Department had approved the inception of the 100th Infantry Battalion, and Bo was assigned to C Company as a cook. Prior to departure for Europe he was promoted to Mess Sergeant, in which capacity, he served, with, somewhat of a legendary distinction, probably, the only Mess Sergeant who had his own jeep with a private chauffeur, that is whenever, Captain was on the frontlines.

Bo earned the respect and admiration of his comrades for going out of his way to hustle vegetables to add variety, to an otherwise, drab, GI chow. And it was well known amongst the boys of the 100th, that C Company never ran short of rice. Bo had the reputation of being the number one scavenger and bargain hunter, trading off unappetizing sardines, corned beef hash, and spam on the Black Market, and telling his way out of the clutches of the MPs, more than a couple of times. Once he surprised everyone by serving watercress in his soup, that he accidentally discovered growing in the canals of Anzio. However, his best kept secret of all, was the time he delivered fresh steaks for everyone when we were in Anzio. Bo, nor the kitchen crew, never fully explained the details, except, that a lone steer was hit by artillery shrapnel, fell down near the kitchen was bled, skinned and cut up into steaks and choice roasts, and the rest divided with the other companies. Bo rode high on the
popularity list, he was the best. But there were times, when the men would have gladly volunteered for the firing squad at Bo’s execution, like the time, when everybody, including the men on the frontlines were promised a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. It so happened, that we, in C Company were spread out or 3 1/2 miles with the enemy on the opposite slope. The delivery crew, making the trek by muletrain, was not about to divide the rations equally, nor to see that everybody received a fair share of everything. And so, one hill got all the Yam, gravy and some buns, while another got the trimmings and buns, and we got all the turkey and cranberries. Bo’s popularity slipped down to zero, and he never heard the end of it, to this day. To make up for everything, Bo surprised us with one of the finest Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings, and the company reduced in numbers from our casualties, all we could consume, with plenty left over for the next day. How he was able to wrangle the second Thanksgiving dinner, was of course another well kept secret, and Bo’s popularity hit the ceiling, he was the best.

Perhaps, Bo’s most frightening episode of the war, was the time he was ordered to the frontlines with every able bodied soldier that could be spared in the rear. It so happened that C Company, after the rescue of the Lost Battalion, lost so many men, and no replacements in sight, because all of our replacements, including the men released from the hospitals in England were rushed over for replacements with the First Airborne, in the famous Battle of the Bulge. anyway, to cut the story short, just the sight of the jeep drivers, cooks, and supply people who had long been out of physical condition, dragging themselves, with full field pack, rifles and ammunition, was a sight, and story never missed at every reunion and the butt of many jokes. The squad of men appeared as, a perfect version from a page out of “Sad Sack’s cartoon”.

However, Bo’s most frightening experience, the one that raises goose pimples hearing him tell about it, when he narrowly missed St. Peter’s gate was when a lone artillery shell landed in the bivouac, only a few feet from where he stood, that miraculously, turned out to be a "dud". The one incident that completely turned Bo around completely into a religious man, never missing a Service, be it Catholic, Protestant, or even Jewish if there ever was one.

Bo was rotated home shortly after VE Day, and discharged from the Service, Sept. 25, 1945. He was awarded the bronze Star for meritorious Service, the Distinguished Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Upon his discharge, Bo, urgently sought work in the only business he had developed a talent for, the produce trade, and was hired immediately. As soon as he learned his job was permanent, he called Alice to Honolulu and was married Oct. 25, 1945.

In Alice, Bo found a perfect mate and a permanent business partner. While Bo learned about produce and developed his bargaining talents, Alice made up for his lack of the, personality and gift for greeting people and being able to say the right things at the right time, and most valuable of all, her head for figures and operating the cash register, that Bo did not have. So with Alice, Bo’s ambition changed, and began seriously to learn the trade, and as soon as he was ready he opened his own produce market, appropriately named “Fair Products” and successfully provided for his family. He played an active role in the Wholesale Association, and never forgot his comrades every Xmas and every gathering and being present for every Reunion.

BAKER CHAPTER - Yasuo Takata & Roger Lwin

Another one of the distinguished men of Co. B, 100th Inf. BN Sep, Taneyoshi “Slim” Nakano, have followed Yukio Yokota to his happy fishing grounds. To those he met, he would say call me "SLIM". I never found out when or how he got that name but I guess it was from his tall and skinny stature. Slim passed away on December 25, 1980 after a year long battle of five kids to Sakichi and Tsuoe Nakano. His childhood years was spent in the Waihau area. He attended Waialae Elementary School and later McKinley High School. After graduation Slim was hired as a chauffeur, well actually all his duties was to drive insurance agents to their clients. Shortly thereafter, he began training as a plasterer and earned his journeyman ship. Soon after obtaining this status he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Italy with the 100th Battalion during World War II. Taneyoshi ‘SLIM’ Nakano was in the 3rd Platoon, Co. B, 100th Infantry BN. Sep. As a member of the 3rd Platoon, he was sent on a secret mission to Gulf Port, Miss., to train attack dogs with 42 others of the Platoon. There he showed he had guts, fighting ‘attack’ dogs. He spent 3 months there,
Another incident happened during training where he earned the "Soldiers Medal". On a stormy day in Dec, 1942, it was gale with winds blowing 50 to 70 miles per hour. Since the boat could not dock, we were ordered to go to lee side of Ship Island. The transport boat anchored about 50 to 60 yards offshore. "Aku' Konatsu offered to row the boys to the boat. He took 2 boys to the transport, then he could not come back to shore. Slim and I rushed into the water, signalling the boat to rescue him for "Akuu" was being blown into gully by the wind. The captain would not move from his anchorage. Slim took off his clothes, then dove into icy waters and swam to "Akuu" boat and helped him row back to shore. When he got back to shore, Slim was shaking and shivering from the cold. He ran to the bunkhouse to get into a hot shower. He really earned his "Soldier's Medal".

For his bravery and fighting spirit during the drive from Salerno to Cassino, to Anzio, to Belvedere, he received a Bronze Star. At Belvedere on June 26, 1944, Co. B led the attack that routed the Germans. Here Slim knocked out a German Mark IV tank heading toward 3rd Platoon. He was only 15 yards from tank, so when the tank blew up, "Slim" was knocked unconscious from the concussion. He received a "Silver Star" for his daring action in creeping to the tank and knocking it out. Later he also received the "Distinguished Unit Badge" and a Purple Heart for the Battle of Belvedere. A whole page in the Stars & Stripes was written about the Battle of Belvedere bringing out the exploits of Slim and a picture of him standing tall with his bazooka.

Slim was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Hawaii to resume his work in the Plastering trade. He was employed by Kitazaki Plastering first as a journeyman and later served as one of the main principals in running the company. In 1971 he joined Okazaki & Sugai Plasterers. Slim has worked on many projects throughout his career. His last was the major renovation of the Hilton Hawaiian Village project just completed this past year. Slim semi-retired from Okazaki & Sugai Plasterers to spend more time with his family, to be more specific his grandchildren Nicolas and Lance. To his credit, despite the responsibilities and pressures of his position, he raised two responsible and caring sons, Roger the eldest and Dean. While he strove to teach them right from wrong, he allowed them the independence to make their own choices. His sons are only a part of the family that lent their support during his illness. Slim is survived by his son Roger the eldest and his wife Gail and their son and Lance. His three older sisters, his younger brother.

Slim divided his recreational hours between fishing, golfing and the eating of good food. His love of fishing came early because he grew up right next to the old Waipoo Fish Pond, which was very close to home, if anyone can remember those good ole days. Slim used to fish alone on his own boat until he came to work for Okazaki & Sugai. Then he became Mr. Sugai first mate, I don't know if it was by his choice or he was drafted. Anyway their fishing tales could rival the best. I remember one story where they had one two summers without catching an Ahi or yellow fin tuna. As the story goes, they had hooked up with one but with their luck the pole broke and all into the water. They caught another one a few miles away. However to their amazement the other pole had a bite. Anyway when they reeled it in what they caught was the other pole. And as the story goes, the fish was still on the other line. As for fisherman there two could be compared to fishermen, NO it wasn't that they caught fish over time they went out but their motto was neither rain, rough weather, hurricanes or broken engines still stay us from going fishing. As a golfer, Slim was a 20 handicap. At golf game, well it's put it this way, he was a better talker on the course than he was on.

In was a hard drinker, a hard worker, a loyal friend with the kind of tegrity that should be envied. He lived his life to the fullest, joying both family and work. He told me if he had his life to live again would change very little, just maybe the smoking.

In was a good son to his parents, a good brother to his siblings and a \( \frac{1}{2} \) father to his sons and a great Grandfather to his grandchildren and he was
instrumental part of my development. He was my boss, my mentor, a second father and most of all a very good friend.

Toshio "Happy" Sasaki had spent several months in the hospital undergoing treatment for a spreading cancer when he requested that he be allowed to spend the New Year at home under the loving care of his daughters who are nurses. However, this was not to be for he passed away on December 30, 1988. A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 5, 1989, 8:00 p.m. at Honolulu Mortuary.

Toshio "Happy" Sasaki, who was known to us a "Happy" was born on June 10, 1916 in Honolulu. He spent his childhood here in Hawaii but was sent to Japan where he stayed until his teens. He came back as a teenager. He played baseball and showed his aggressive behavior. He played hard with a "Go For Broke" spirit. When an umpire decision was questionable, he sure made it known.

In 1941 he was drafted in the U.S. Army. When 100th Inf. Bn. Sep. was formed in 1942, he was placed in the 2nd Platoon, of Co. B, 100th Inf. Bn. Sept. When he entered combat in Italy he was under the command of Col. Kim who was their platoon leader at that time and only a Lieutenant. Happy was with Kim from Salerno to Cassino then in Anzio under Lt. Woodry. He earned his Bronze Star. He was a very disciplined soldier who stuck to his principles.

After he was discharged from the service he went to work at the pineapple cannery where he met Florance Nakata and married (her) in 1947. After his marriage, he went to work at Pearl Harbor and became 1st class pipefitter. He worked for 30 years at Pearl Harbor and retired.

His continued playing baseball after discharge and became the star short stop of the champion Palama team during the post war years. In the Club 100 soft ball league, he played short stop for the Baker Chapter team. When he played, he played hard in that "Go For Broke" spirit and fought the umpires at any dubious calls. He was a man of principles.

He left 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. One is Gayle Nishioka who has a daughter, the other is Amy Yasunaga, who has a son. He was a strict disciplinarian and helped his 2 daughters thru college for a nursing degrees. His family loved him even tho he was a very disciplined person he was fair and very kind to them. He loved to cook. His family and relatives and friends enjoyed his cooking. We will sorely miss him.