The week of June 17 - 21st was probably the busiest and most confusing week that Art Kam and the staff at Palace Station has ever experienced. Yes, that was the week that Club 100 had its Mini-reunion in Las Vegas, and in spite of confusion and all, the reunion was a huge success.

The hospitality room could have been called the "banquet room"—there was a bounty of all kinds of food—Tagami's delicious sushi, sashimi, beef, tsukemono, namasu—fruits—cherries, grapes, fresh pineapple from Hawaii, (thanks to Tamo Shimizu), nuts, kakimochi, manju, pastries and much more. Drinks galore! There was room to sit, eat, and talk story. What a super hospitality room! Credit again goes to the Tagamis for all their labor.

Probably the hi-lite of the get-together was the presentation of the Miniaturized Design Model of the Japanese-American World War II Veterans Memorial. We would like to print here some excerpts from a press release by George Nishinaka:

On Tuesday, June 18, 1991, the 3-D Design Model was unveiled publicly for the first time at the Palace Station in Las Vegas during the recent 100th Battalion Mini-Reunion. Over 200 reunion participants viewed the design model and were impressed, pleased and convinced.

"Seeing is Believing" has a strong influence in convincing those who saw the design model. The current worthy endeavor to a Veterans Memorial in the Central Plaza of the First Street North Development by 1993, now was seen becoming more a reality by the many viewers. By the time the Reunion Dinner Banquet was held the following night, First Vice-President Arthur Tamashiro was able to proudly announce that over $4,000 had already been received. Second Vice-President, Isamu Inouye, will begin organizing the Hawaii campaign to which Arthur Tamashiro pledged his support and promised to do whatever necessary to assure the success of this campaign.

As the campaign goes into full swing, you will be hearing much more about this Memorial project. Please just keep your eyes and your hearts open for further exciting news!

49TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

YES, THEY DID IT WITH FLYING COLORS!

Under the leadership of Warren Yamamoto (Father: Richard - C Chapter) the Sons and Daughters did a truly magnificent job of preparing and promoting the 49th Anniversary celebration. There were many proud parents and grandparents in attendance that evening just sitting back and thoroughly enjoying the party. It was proven to us that our sons and daughters are capable of taking over the reins of Club 100 when ever we are ready to take the back seat and relax.

In the pages to follow, we are printing copies of the speeches delivered by Robin Otagaki and Matt Matsunaga. We are hoping that Irene Anzai will send us a copy of her speech for the next issue.
We're very grateful to Francis Shinohara for his $50.00 donation to the Puka Puka Parade and to Richard Tsutsui for his $25.00 donation. Also, to the Stained Glass Window, Takeshi Teshima (Japan) and Richard Hamasaki (Calif.) for $100.00 each, and $25.00 each from Seiji Tanigawa, Max Imai and Hideo Nakamine.


** IN APPRECIATION OF OUR PARENTS - SPEECH BY ROBIN OTAGAKI **

Under a dark midnight sky, a rescue team quietly left the front to find and help a group of soldiers from Baker Company caught within the cross fires of German guns. Fate had it that they would also need help as a mortar shell found their team dead center. Three of the eight men were killed instantly. Three more were critically wounded. My father was one of these survivors. He left a leg, his middle and index fingers, and his right eye on Italian soil.

Tonight, he sits amongst other soldiers and their families, celebrating their Battalion's 49th anniversary reunion. Many of the soldiers' children are here to honor their fathers and the brave men of the 100th. I would like to speak at this time in behalf of the sons of these men.

I am not young enough to foolishly think I know everything. I am old enough to know that all of you old soldiers out there are truly comrades in arms. Some of your friendships cut a swath covering almost 50 years, some more. Your friendships were hardened like good steel, forged in the heat of battle and tempered in the calm of peace. Nobody will ever hope to know what you men went through. No Hollywood version of the "Go For Broke" battle cry could ever portray the struggle for survival, and the daily staring at death's hollow cheeks. It surely was not as simple as spitting on your hands, hoisting the American flag, and starting to pull on the trigger.

Traditionally great men have sprung from poor environments. The typical Nisei soldier of WWII was very familiar with empty pockets. Wanting to prove their loyalty, they turned in their puka shirts for the One Puka Puka "Red Bull". Diverse paths met on the battlefield of Italy. Personal differences were put aside as each man's life depended on the other. No man here tonight left that field without burying part of his life next to a fallen friend. Often, soldiers win the war while generals get the medals. Men of the 100th achieved both! Not only did you help win the war as one of America's most decorated fighting units, you helped shatter the yolk of prejudice for those of Japanese American heritage. What you did was win more than a battle, you helped open the doors of opportunity both for yourselves as well as for your children.

Recalling memories, I can only reflect on my own personal experiences and hope that they reflect a portion of what others might have seen or felt. Club 100 is more than a building, it's a home for men and their memories. It's a place to restore the intimacy of common friendship and mutual experiences. It is also a gathering place for families to help celebrate life!
Speech by Robin Otagaki (Continued)

As a little boy, I can remember pressing my face against the glass cases which housed all the weapons. I remember family nights when good food abounded, followed by bingo and talent shows. The picnics were fun as we all raced each other down the field in a sack or spooned shaved ice into thirsty mouths. Christmas always meant Christmas carols and if we sang loud enough Santa would stride in from the North Pole with goodies for every boy and girl. I wondered how he knew I was going to be at this party! Chicken Heka, cartoon movies and lucky numbers; laughter and boundless joy of innocent youth were part of the family night parties. It was a time when we shared a common bond. Feats of war were displaced by the celebration of life.

Tonight your sons would like to express their appreciation for all that you have done for us. It may be sad to think that this appreciation may not be fully realized until it's too late. As a child I did not fully understand the gift of a balloon until it floated away or burst. As a father myself, I will not deny my children their right to childhood illusions even if I do know the fate of that balloon. I will try to pass on to them what you have given me. a legacy of valor, honor and bravery! I am indeed proud to be one of your sons in this extended family of the 100th.

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SPEECH AT 49TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET -- BY MATT MATSUNAGA

My father, like many of you here tonight, rarely talked to us about his experiences in the War. When I was growing up, one day I found his Club 100 hat in the closet and I asked him, "Dad, what is Club 100? Is this what you get when you are elected to the Senate?"

It was only then when I realized the importance of Club 100.

Why is it important to continue the legacy of Club 100?

It's important because Club 100 helps us to define who we are, as Americans of Japanese ancestry. Club 100 gives us a past that we, as a culture, can draw upon for strength as we strive for the future.

I was reading in the newspaper recently that studies show that suicide rates among Asian American students are on the rise on the Mainland. In fact, some Mainland studies show suicide rates for young Asian Americans have tripled in recent years. The scientists theorize that this is because young Asian Americans have a hard time living up to their stereotype—quiet, unassuming, but brilliant over-achievers.

What was most interesting about the article, however, was that these suicide rates for young Asian Americans did not apply to Hawaii. A researcher in this area, Dr. Esther Kawano, pointed out in the article that her study of adolescent suicide found that the suicide rate among the Japanese American population here in Hawaii is much lower than the national average.

When the reporter asked Dr. Kawano why adolescent Japanese Americans here had lower suicide rates than the young Asian Americans on the Mainland, she said: "The lower representation of Japanese in committing suicide was representative of their culture maintaining itself, indicating that they get support from their parents."

What this means is that when a culture maintains itself, its children grow up secure in themselves. Children who are aware of their cultural history can be proud of who they are. Through strong cultural, community and family ties, children are free to be individuals and not some stereotype.
Speech by Matt Matsunaga (Continued)

Club 100 itself bears this out. Club 100 was the history-making fighting unit that it was because they were a tight-knit bunch of Hawaii boys...brave boys who wanted to be good Americans. Club 100 was able to achieve what it did, in part, because they all felt like they were members of the same family. Ben Tamashiro recently mentioned to me that he was reading some letters that he sent to his sister, and that he found a postscript jotted in at the bottom of the page by my father. Apparently my dad had written that Ben was a fine soldier, and making everyone proud.

It's evident to me, from the stories I hear, and from the long friendships that have been maintained over the years, that Club 100 is more than just a fighting unit. It is a family.

This is what we can take from the legacy of Club 100. The importance of family. The importance of strong cultural ties. The importance of friendships. It's important that we know of Club 100's accomplishments, and also that our children know, because it shows where we came from. It helps define who we are. When my wife and I have children, there will be some of my father in them. And I want them to know that. And to be proud of that. Because then they won't have to live up to someone else's image of what an Asian American is. They can live up to who they are.

Then, hopefully, they can achieve as much as the members of Club 100 did.

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From the President to all of the Sons and Daughters who participated in the 49th Anniversary Celebration:

MAHALA NUI LOA for a sensational job done. With a minimum of time and funding, you Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren put on quite a show! We regained the inch we lost in aging and stood tall, proud and smiling. What more could we ask of you? Thank you from all of us.

George Hagiwara,
President, Club 100

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Some Hi-lites from the 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting--July 11, 1991:

The opening date of the 50th Celebration has been changed to Wednesday, June 24, 1992. This will enable anyone wishing for an extra day to come in earlier, especially for the golfers who can check in and relax on the day before the tournament begins. So the hotel reservations will be from June 24 - 28, 1992.

Chairman Otagaki lead the members in a discussion of the duties of the different committees. The various committees are: Budget/Finance; Registration; Souvenir Booklet / Program; Transportation; Public Relations/Media; Photographers; Community/Business Liaison; Hospitality Room; 50th Anniversary Functions; (Welcome Bash, Clubhouse Get-Together, Banquet, Memorial Breakfast/Service) Ladies Program; M. C.; Keynote speakers/ V.I.P.s; Entertainment; Golf; Banners/Decoration; Leis, Corsages, Flowers; Gifts; Caps/ Shirts/Mementos; and advisors.

Much help will be needed in the Souvenir Booklet and Ad Solicitations and Funding. If you have any material or suggestions to offer, please contact Chairman Otagaki or the office.

Walter Moriguchi, Tokuji Ono, Gladys Kawakami, Warren Yamamoto and Ann Kabasawa will be working together to provide the best program and entertainment possible.

All members will be happy to hear that Rev. and Mrs. Yost have accepted our invitation to be present at the Celebration.
Many thanks to our stateside members and gals who worked so hard and sacrificed plenty to make our 1991 Mini-Reunion so enjoyable. Some of our Hawaii members were already hustling for another reunion in 1992--after our 50th Anniversary shindig in Honolulu.

I was surprised at the number of HQ members and gals who were at the Palace Station--especially at the banquet. The list below might not be complete, but Mike Takahashi and I did our best to account for all HQ guys and gals present at the reunion. Archie Kamisato; Tony and Elsie Oshita; Mike and Bea Takahashi, Marshall and Margaret Higa; Pat Akimoto; Dorothy Tamashiro; Peter Kahahara (Kona); Roy Honbo (Hilo); Nancy Nakamura; Arthur Tamashiro; Ken Suehiro; Seigi and Mrs. Kagawa; Y. Mugitani and Hideo and Mrs. Uyeno.

After returning, Mike Takahashi told me that Charles and Mrs. Miyashiro were at the California Hotel. Mrs. Miyashiro won the grand prize at Sears—a trip for 2 to Las Vegas. Too bad they didn't join us for the banquet.

The atmosphere at the clubhouse has changed considerably and to me it is for the good. The young ones are interested and capable of taking over when we slack off.

They took care of our 49th Anniversary party and Robin Otagaki was one of the speakers. Incidentally, Dr. Kenneth Otagaki is the chair-person for the 50th Anniversary party in 1992. I'm sure he'll have Robin and all interested sons and daughters helping us old bucks.

No need to worry about what we should or can do with our property and assets. As Arthur Tamashiro sez, let the young ones take over, we give them our blessings and backing.

Roy Honbo does not gamble at all—not even the slot machines. But he went to Las Vegas to fish the Lake Meade pond. In fact, we went there in 1990 for the same reason. I contacted a Charter person and arranged to have us taken fishing. The day before the scheduled date I phoned the person and was told the motor was on the blink and inoperable. He gave me another Charter to contact, but several calls went unanswered. Since time was limited, I said forget the fishing! This year I had a known fisherman make the arrangements with someone he knew. All was ok except the winds peeked up that evening so the trip was cancelled. It was too dangerous to go out when the winds blew about 25 - 30 miles. Roy sez never again! Can't blame him.

As for me, I will do my fishing when I go to Alaska in August with my grandson.

AT times I worry about my mind going blank. Well, I'm not the only one. I phoned Mike's number for some news about HQ members. Bea answered the phone and when I asked for Mike, she said "you have the wrong number". I said sorry and looked up their number again—and dialed again. The same voice answered and this time she recognized my voice. I had called the right number the first time, but she accused me of asking for someone else—so I asked her who? She couldn't remember who I asked for—and this was only a few seconds after the 1st call—chalk it to old age!

HQ members extend their congratulations and best wishes to Wayne Teruya, son of Wallace and Ethel Teruya, for being elected President of the Hawaii Food Industry Association. This happy event was published in the July 7, 1991 Star Bulletin.
HEADQUARTERS NEWS (Continued)

WE are having our share of prospect of future CEOs. As I mentioned previously, Ed and Hazel's son, Gary, is a Navy Captain. Some of us enlisted guys may not be aware that a Captain in the Navy is the same as a full Colonel in the other branches of service.

Any more names to mention about the sons and daughters of HQ?

Please let me know and I'll do my best to spread the good word.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT--ALL HEADQUARTER MEMBERS, SPOUSES & WIDOWS

You are cordially invited to a HQ Chapter Luncheon.

DATE: Monday, August 12, 1991
PLACE: Inn of the Sixth Happiness
746 Kohou St (near Kanraku Tea House)

MENU: 6 course Chinese food
TIME: 11:45 A.M.
COST: A nominal $3.00 per person (HQ Chapter will pickup the added costs)

RSVP WE need a definite head count by Monday, August 5, 1991. Please contact the following for reservations:
Nancy Nakamura....595-4719
Tom Nosse ......... 988-6981
Mike Takahashi ... 737-4021

Note: No regular meeting on August 15, 1991.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Fujise

Don’t forget, you guys and girls--the big Able Chapter Fellowship Nite is August 24th. The deadline for this big event is August 10th. So don't procrastinate any longer--dig into your pockets and give your good woman a treat. Bring her along and your young ones too! Maybe some have never seen the inside of our club house. It is your duty to show them. Besides, children are free!!

In today’s housing market it is nice to have parents who are able to build a cottage for their children on their own back yard. Such is the case with Chikami Hirayama and family. Chikami and Jean live in Aiea and have a lovely eight year old granddaughter named Tomi who goes to Welbing Gus Elementary School.

Tomi Takano is the daughter of Joan and Tracy Takano, daughter and son-in-law of the Hirayamas. Among the fortunate grandparents who don't have to babysit are the Hirayamas. If you are looking for Chikami, you'll probably find him at the Clubhouse exercising his vocal cords with other lucky grandparents.

Masaru Kadamoto and his wife reside in one of those nice condos that line the hillside of Hawaii Kai. Masaru said that because he is either shopping at Ala Moana Center or is lounging around the Clubhouse during the days, and his wife prefers spending the days reading Japanese magazines, they don't have time to disagree at home. Probably the only time they are together is when they are on their yearly trip to Japan.

There will be a meeting of Able Chapter on August 24 - 8:00 A.M. Please attend to help set up for the party that night.

It still isn't too late to sign up for the Able Chapter Bingo and Karaoke Nite Party. Lots of food, fun and entertainment is in store for all who attend. Call one of the Co-Chairpersons now--
Evelyn Oshiro -455-7734 or Kimi Matsuda - 988-6562
Sadashi & Jane Matsunami were the only ones from Dog Chapter to attend the mini-reunion in Las Vegas. "Nick" and I were supposed to go but had to cancel out at the last minute. Jane said they had a very nice time but gambling wise, it was thumbs down. Don't worry, Jane, you'll make it up in October.

Congratulations to Mildred (Jitsuri) Yoshida on her retirement from Sears on June 30, 1991.

The 49th Anniversary banquet was put on by the sons and daughters of the members "In appreciation of our parents" at the Pagoda. They did a terrific job, even the grandchildren. I'm sure everyone in attendance had a most enjoyable evening. The speech that was given from the sons and from the daughters were very touching—I had to take deep breaths to hold back the tears. To all the sons and daughters on the banquet committee, and others who were part of the program, a sincere thanks and appreciation for a well planned banquet. Those who weren't there sure missed out.

It was good to see Shigeru Tsubota at the banquet. He's living in California.

A get well wish and a speedy recovery to Jitsuri Yoshida who was under the weather recently. Also, a belated get well wish to Ken Mitsunaga who had many physical problems but seems to be doing quite well now. Robert and Kay Yoshioka have been bitten by the traveling bug. They were off to Hilo with the bowling group in late June, then off they went to the Mainland to attend a wedding on July 4, 1991. They will go to San Francisco and Reno.

Re Dog Co. reunion in October: Robert Yoshioka has sent out the forms for the banquet and show. Please fill out and return to Robert by July 31, 1991. Mailing address: Robert Yoshioka 98-322 Pono Street Aiea, Hi 96701

F COMPANY NEWS

By Kenneth M. Higa

SUN-SATIONAL! That was the screaming headline of the Honolulu Star Bulletin regarding the total eclipse on July 11, 1991. The moon gave a stellar performance for this once-in-a-lifetime event, but let us turn back the time to the evening of June 28, 1991. The occasion was the 49th Anniversary Banquet held at the Pagoda Hotel.

SAN-SEI-TIONAL! Wow! The Sanseis did a terrific job. They put on an excellent program. Every participant - Emcee, Dr. Stephen Moriguchi; speakers, Robin Otagaki, Irene Anzaï and Matt Matsunaga; singers, Cheryl Yamaguchi and Tricia Kimura; and musicians, Jonathan Nosaka and Scott Mauno - were outstanding. After all, there are lots of talent among the offsprings of the 100th members. Unlike the eclipse, we hope this performance was not a once-in-a-lifetime deal. After such a spectacular showing, we anticipate the take-over by the Sanseis in hosting future anniversary banquets. MAHAHO NUI LOA Sons and Daughters of the 100th for a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

Fox Company is pleased to have had representation in the evening's program. The slide show was a joint effort of Seiso Kamishita's son-in-law, Curtis Ho; daughter, Ann Ishida-Ho and granson Barrett Ishida. Ann and Barrett did the mother and child dialogue, and Curtis did the mechanics of putting together the slide presentation as well as operating the projector. An ABC production? Yup, Ann, Barrett and Curtis.

Having a grand time at the party were the following F Troopers and spouses: M/M Yasuto Furusho, M/M Ted Hamasu, M/M Kenneth Higa, M/M Seiso Kamishita, M/M Hideshi Niimi, M/M Tadao Sec, M/M Rudy Yoshida, Yukio Tanji and Hakaru Taoka.
ON THE MEND: Kiyoshi Jinnohara undersent eye surgery on June 26, 1991. The operation went along well and the eye is healing. He is now waiting for the day when the eye will be ready for a new pair of glasses. We hope that day will come soon so that he will be able to do daily things like driving the car and reading the paper.

It certainly was good to hear that Richard Fujita, who had a major surgery about eighteen months ago, went to Las Vegas during latter part of May. Although he still has to use a wheelchair to get around, it did not dampen his spirit in having a wonderful time. He is now looking forward to try his luck again in November.

Since his return from Las Vegas, he is able to walk a bit indoors. His recovery is a long, steady process. We wish the best for him and hope that he will be able to get around without the use of a wheelchair before the end of this year.

REST IN PEACE. George Kuwamura died at home on May 24, 1991. He was a member of the third platoon. Prior to retirement, he was the proprietor of the Grossroad Liquor Store.

Helen, beloved wife of Eugene Miyahira, passed away on June 24, 1991. She was a retired employee of Punahou School.

We extend deepest condolences to the Kuwamura and Miyahira families and relatives for the loss of their loved ones.

RURAL CHATTER

By Ted Hamasu

The Club 100's 49th Anniversary Banquet was held at the Pagoda on Friday, June 28, 1991, from 5:30 to about 9:30 P.M. The members were accompanied by their children and grandchildren which filled the banquet hall. Those of you who were not able to attend missed a very heart warming evening.

This affair was put together by the children of our members, and they were assisted by their children. I understand that our members were promoted to advisory positions only, and the advise requests were very minimal.

When we say children, it gives you the impression that they're young people about college age, but the truth of the matter is that there are many successful doctors, lawyers, politicians, professors, teachers, high ranking military officers, business people, trades people, and much, much more.

The parents sat back and enjoyed the program of the evening, with the knowledge that their off-springs are very capable of making their way through life. It was also reassuring that our children accepted the fact of life and actions taken by their parents, instead of being critical for bearing arms for the defense of our country, like some did in the just concluded war "Desert Storm".

Our PPP collating day was June 27, 1991. Walter Iwasa offered to pick Michael Hamamoto and myself up at 7:00 A.M. at Hama's house. I reached his place at about 6:50 and found Walter waiting. I hurriedly parked my truck and went to his car, but Hama was not there. I called him and he finally came out, pulling his pants up, complaining "I thought you guys were gonna be here at 7 o'clock." We were the early birds, but found the clubhouse door open and the coffee percolating. After a cup of coffee, we assisted in setting up the tables getting ready for the others to arrive. Rural chapter members present were: Walter Iwasa, Michael Hamamoto, Mitsuo Nagaki, Susumu Ota, M/M Jerry Yamaki, Mrs. Shimizu, Kenneth Higa, Roy Tanji, Rudy Yoshida and Ted Hamasu.
Rural Chatter Continued

ECLIPSE: Walter and Michino Iwasa and their daughters from the Mainland went to the Big Island to see the Total Eclipse, a once in a lifetime event. When Walter told me that he is staying at the Manago Hotel in Kona, it brought back memories of my young days, working in Kona and staying there. Yes, I was about 17 or 18, a long time ago. Walter said there was a cloud coverage, but conditions were good enough for them to see the moon cover the sun, and when it was a total eclipse, it gave him an eerie feeling, like something ominous was gonna happen the total darkness. "Only to be able to experience that feeling was worth the trip", he said.

Last week, I called Richard Fujita to invite him and Betty to our picnic. He sounded cheerful and in good spirit. He says that he still relies on the wheelchair to get about, but at home he uses a cane to move around. He claims that he is on the mend. In July he visited Las Vegas to try to make a fortune, but was lucky enough to make some expense money. "The main thing is to enjoy yourself", he says. He thanked me for the invite, but declined due to his condition. Okay, Richard, you take care, yeh!

I was told that Kenzo Endo was having Chemotherapy, so I called him to find out how he was doing. He is feeling fine and sounded real good. He goes for Chemotherapy once a month and stays for 4 days of observation in the hospital before he is sent home. He is not suffering any side effects. Kenzo, you take care yeh, and hope to see you real soon!

REMINDER: No regular meeting in August.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS By Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members, wives and widows enjoyed a delicious broiled steak and chicken dinner at the Waikapu Park on Wednesday evening, June 12. Group 3 leader, William Nakahara, and his able assistant Susumu Fukuyoshi, plus the rest of the group and wives, did an outstanding job. Mrs. Sue Gushiken gave the grace before dinner and then it was ladies first at the buffet table. After dinner, prexy Masao Sato called on a guest speaker from the Legal Aid Society who spoke on some legal aspects close to us such as living wills and the Medicaid law. Next, Ben Takayasu distributed brochures outlining his plans for next year. The rest of the evening was spent in giving out door prizes and enjoying coffee and pastries donated by wives.

Maui observed Flag Day, June 14th, with a parade, lead by Veterans, down Main Street in Wailuku at 5 P.M. Masao Sato, as President of Club 100, Maui Chapter, lead his group of dedicated veterans with the 100th Battalion flag proudly waving up high. Participants in the parade included Isamu Watanabe, Tsukio Yamagata, Johnny Miyagawa, Wataru Kanehina, Jack Gushiken, Akira Ishikawa, Wataru Michioka, Susumu Fukuyoshi, Takeshi Omura, Goichi Shimunuki, and Satoji Arisumi. They were driven in an open truck to the Maui Memorial Park football field where Sato presented the Flag to Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle.

Members attended a 11:30 luncheon meeting at Sizzlers in Kahalui on July 9, 1991. After lunch, they re-assembled in the meeting room where President Sato opened the meeting with the reading of minutes by Secretary Ed Nishihara, followed by the treasurer's report. Following chairmen gave their reports: Miles Shiroma, April chicken hekka dinner; Stanley Inouye, Mother's Day Dinner; William Nakahara, June-broiled steak and chicken dinner. All were thanked and given a round of applause. The request by the Maui Sons and Daughters of 442nd Veterans Club came up. David Fukuda is an active member. After much discussion, members voted to endorse their building fund drive for a Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. Also, they voted to donate $2,000.00 to the building fund, and to donate an additional $5,400.00 from the special Capital Fund in segments as the project progresses toward completion.
Maui Chapter News (Continued)

Maui Chapter welcomes into active membership Edwin Nakashima, A Co.; and Arthur Kurahara, D Co., who recently became paid-up members of Club 100.

There will be a pulehu steak dinner at Iao Valley Kepaniwai Park on Wednesday, August 14, at 6 P.M.. Group 4 members will be in charge.

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HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

Hawaii Chapter Memorial Service: The 1991 memorial service will be held on Sunday Morning, September 29, 1991 at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1, at 10:00 A.M. This year the day of the annual memorial service will be exactly on the anniversary date of the first-day-in-combat back in 1943. The speaker will be J. Walsh Hanley, President and General Manager of Orchid Isle Auto Center. Hanley is the chairman of the Army Advisory Group from the Island of Hawaii and past-president of Navy League. He is also past president of Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Hilo Rotary Club and past director of National Auto Dealers Ass'n and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Others participating in the service this year will be Mayor Lorraine Inouye; the various Buddhist ministers of Hilo; George Taketa, Hawaii Chapter President; and Hawaii County Band.

Hawaii chapter members are urged to turn out on Saturday afternoon to decorate the grave markers of cemeteries 1 and 2. We can look forward to Edward and Kazumi Harada from Honolulu to turn out with their working clothes.

Yasuo Iwaaki, Stanley Ushijima, Jimmy Maeda, Eugene Eguchi and Motoyoshi Tanaka are coordinating the memorial service project.

Mini-Reunion: Hawaii chapter representation at the recent mini-reunion which was held at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas were: President George Taketa, James Maeda, Peter Kawahara, Roy Honbo, Ernest and Mrs. Enomoto (volcano). We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ben and Mrs. Tagami and the other hard working members of the hospitality committee from So. California for an enjoyable reunion. Our thanks also for the fresh fruits, food, pupus desserts and drinks served in the hospitality room.

Col. Kim gave the latest report on the Los Angeles 100/442nd and MIS Memorial Monument. Our kotonk brothers and sisters urge the Hawaii members to support their Memorial Monument.

1991 Solar Eclipse: One of the historic events of this decade came and went on July 11, 1991. After preparing ourselves mentally and physically it was a great disappointment for many on the east side of the island. Sorry to say the weatherman failed to come through with clear skies. The weather for the morning was overcast and rain for Hilo. Thanks to the modern means of communication, we were able to witness the eclipse on TV. The pictures from the mountains were excellent. It was an awesome feeling during totality. The darkness made one feel that men, other living things and plants need light in order to exist, grow and move ahead in this world. Local residents and visitors on the west side, Kona, Kohala, and Waikaloa, were able to see the eclipse depending upon their location. Many of us will be gone to our Maker the next time the total eclipse comes over the Big Island. The 1991 solar eclipse was another experience of a lifetime.
Fathers' Day was celebrated by Kauai 100th on June 23, 1991, at Hanamaulu Restaurant with buffet luncheon. We were in the back facing the lovely Japanese Garden and we sat on the floor. For some of us, it was a long way down.

After grace was said by Tsugi Takemoto, the Men were allowed to eat first. Chizue Teshima and Grace Morimoto were co-chair for the activities. They had also ordered a cake with "Happy Fathers Day, Kauai 100th Veterans" on it.

After lunch, Grace announced a game, "Guess the Logo." She said it was easy and only the men would play. All logos were from Kauai stores except one, which was the UH Rainbow. None-the-less, there were those no one guessed.

Grace had made all of the prizes - 3 jars of macadamia nuts, 2 jars of guava and 1 takuwan. Winners were Mako Takiguchi, Kazu Senda, Ken Yoshimoto, Seigo Kagawa, Larry Sakoda, and Bunkichi Matsuyoshi.

Joining us as a surprise guest was Michael Miyake (Co. B) who was invited by Seigo. Seigo and wife Hisae had just returned from the Mini-reunion at Las Vegas.

As I said before, we might be getting old for the Japanese-style tables as Hanamaulu Restaurant as I was having trouble. I watched with interest as I saw Maxie Mukai crawling on all fours and asked what he was doing. He said he was heading for the post so he could stand up. Equalibrium is the word, I think, is what we are losing. (Forgot to mention that we were allowed to BYOB, with the restaurant supplying the ice and glasses).

Koichi Takemoto wasn't at lunch as he had just come home from a 3-day stay at Wilcox Hospital. He was running a 103 fever from infected ears when Mitsuru Doi went to visit him. Ko is fortunate that he can hear better now and is happy that he can go on that trip to Alaska with Mitsuru in August.

Kazu Mizuno is recovering from his infected sinuses and taking it easy at home. Susumu Torigoe has been released from long term care at Wilcox and is now relaxing at this brother's home in Lihue.

Tsugi took time off and went to Maui to attend the American Legion Auxiliary convention where she was elected Department Chaplain for June 1991-92. It was good to get away even for two days on June 26 to 28th.

Oh yes, (please note, Larry Sakoda) I tried the onoburgers and the family liked them except the grand-daughter who wanted to know what the black things were and proceeded to dig them out. The only problem was I forgot to check the dictionary to see what capers are. I asked the clerk who said she saw them yesterday and took me to the spice section. It wasn't there, so she asked another clerk who said it was in the Oriental foods section. That was wrong also. Three store clerks later, I was taken to the pickle section, and there it was!

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 11, 1991 at Tip Top Restaurant for lunch/meeting at 12 noon. The members have decided against a 3 generation outdoor get-together. Heard that one of the reasons is because so many do not have family members on Kauai.

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Thanks to Jessie Hirata for his generous donation of $100.00 to the Club.

Our condolences to the family of Tatsumi Yamauchi who passed away on July 15, 1991. Private services were held on July 21, 1991. Tatsumi was a member of the Rural Chapter.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS

By Tad T. Hashimoto

100th Chapter had a regular monthly meeting on Saturday, June 8, 1991. Ladies in attendance were: Nora Kim, Lily Mamiya, Jean Tagami, Teri Fujikawa, Fumi Sakato and Ruth Kasai. The men were: President Eric Abe, Lloyd Seki, Buddy Mamiya, Lloyd Toda, Tom Kasai, Douglas Tanaka, Hank Yoshitake (100th/442nd Assoc. President), Henry Sakato, Sam Fujisawa, Harry Fukasawa, Toe Yoshino, Ben Tagami, Allan Dong and Tad Hashimoto. Main topic of the meeting was the upcoming mini-reunion to be held in Las Vegas with Ben and Jean Tagami as chairpersons.

May Fujita donated $200.00 to Club 100 in memory of Monte Fujita. Our thanks to you, May.

Our chapter sent Satoru Nakamura, who had a glaucoma operation in June, some flowers with get well wishes from the members.

We welcome a new member, Ben T. Doi, Company A, of Fresno, California.

The 100th Inf. Bn veterans of Hawaii and Southern California got together and had the 5th mini-reunion in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Casino and Hotel on June 17th to the 21st, 1991. It was a great gathering of Hawaiian and Mainland members, wives and friends - over 200 persons.

As soon as the mainland bus arrived with passengers and supplies for the hospitality room, Chairpersons Ben and Jean Tagami practically set about getting the room ready. Helping there were Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Henry and Fumi Sakato, Douglas and Jane Tanaka, Allan Dong, Ruth Kasai, Ben and Mary Doi and Misao Enomoto (Hawaii). Since there was a delay in getting the rooms and keys, the hospitality room was overflowing with luggage, supplies, and people - even extended out into the hallway. That must have been the busiest place in all of Las Vegas.

On Wednesday, June 19th, in the banquet room we had a buffet dinner at 6:00 P.M. Ray Nosaka, a great M.C., welcomed all to the reunion, then called upon James Maeda to give the invocation. Eric Abe, President of the Southern Calif chapter said a few words of welcome, and Arthur Tamashiro, 1st Vice-President of the Mother Club, was asked to say a few words. Arthur reminded all about our 50th year celebration which will be held in June of 1992 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

After dinner, there were cash prizes given to some lucky number recipients. A group from Hawaii sang two numbers with the ukulele accompaniment of Chester Hada and Ray Nosaka. Karaoke entertainment was provided by the Islanders and the mainlanders. Allan Dong provided everyone there with a souvenir bag with the words "100th Bn 5th Mini-Reunion June 17 - 21, 1991 Las Vegas" printed on them. Allan is a real workhorse of our club and is always there to help. Thanks, Allan.

I sat at a table with 6 persons from Wyoming. Near by tables had some people from Montana, Illinois, Arizona, New Mexico, and even a couple from Las Vegas - and of course, California and Hawaii. There were other states represented also.

Donations were given to the mini-reunion and the hospitality room by the following people: Eric Abe, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Yeki Matsui, Sam Fujikawa, Ted Yoshiwara, Kel and Chisato Yamaguchi, and Louis Furushiro, all gave $100.00 each; George and Mei Teranishi, $50.00; Lawrence Miyasato, Kazuto Shimizu, Sam Terasaki, George Okano and Jim & Ruth Oda, all gave $25.00 each. Thank you for your generosity, and I apologize if I missed anyone. Al Takahashi who could not make it at the last minute donated his hotel and banquet share to the reunion. Thanks, Al.

I would like to mention how expensive it is to have a hospitality room. In the old days, lots of donation of fruit and food were given. Even the drinks such as soda, beer and liquor. Now all has to be purchased - fruits, sashimi, other foods, drinks - all the necessities that go with a hospitality room. We would like to thank all who helped by giving free labor, monetary donations, flowers, etc. And we really have to thank Ben and Jean Tagami who took on the task of getting the supplies and the many small details in making for a successful hospitality room.
Also at this reunion, $4,400.00 was donated to the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation. The Donors were: Warren Fencel, Illinois; William H. Omoto, Monterey, Calif; Lloyd Seki, Los Angeles; Tom Ibaraki, James Maeda, Sadashi Matsunami, Nancy Nakamura, Hiroshi Shimizu, Tamotsu Shimizu, Goro Sumida, Arthur Tamashiro, Dr. Ernest Tanaka, all of Hawaii.

It was great seeing old and new friends and hearing of others who could not make it. We have a special bond that ties our unique outfit together. Make plans now to attend the golden anniversary next year of the 100th Infantry Combat Battalion in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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THE JAPANESE WOMAN'S STRENGTH AND DIVERSITY
By Gloria Tamashiro

A Special Exhibit

In a striking combination of photographs, artifacts, literary works and oral history, an exhibit titled, "Strength and Diversity Exhibit: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," will present a challenging and refreshing view of the history of Japanese American women, from the early period of the picture brides to the incarceration in the wartime relocation centers, and to how the Issei and Nisei women worked with the Sansei to achieve such goals as redress.

It opens at the Bishop Museum for a ten-week run beginning Thursday, August 1, the grand opening scheduled for that evening at 6 P.M. The exhibit was developed by the National Japanese American Historical Society and The Oakland Museum and was first presented in Oakland a year ago. Now, the Bishop Museum and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCR) are providing the local community with an expanded exhibit through the addition of Hawaii stories.

Special events on Sunday, August 4 - "Family Sunday" at the museum—will include a program of temple and cemetery tours, a hair-raising lecture on Japanese women and the supernatural, genealogy workshop and a panel discussion on plantation camp experiences. There will also be demonstrations in tea ceremony, flower arrangement, bonsai art and kimonono dressing. On the main stage on the museum grounds will be bon dancing and performances by martial art groups; also Japanese and Okinawan entertainment. Food and craft booths will abound. The JCCR booth will include a fish pond game, origami and hachimaki crafts, and a storytelling corner.

The exhibit will be running through October 6, concurrently with the museum's Science Carnival which opened a month ago. Sunday, August 4, being "Family Sunday" at the museum, admission is free to Hawaii residents.

In its broader concept, the co-sponsorship between the museum and the JCCR is an experiment in community involvement and cooperation. As the museum provides its vast facilities and makes available its storehouses of photographs and artifacts, the JCCR is providing the leadership in planning and organizing the exhibit. Dr. Dorothy Hazama, a member of the JCCR Historical Gallery Committee, is chairperson for the entire exhibit.

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JCCCH notes. Representatives of the 442nd Veterans Club on the JCCR Historical Gallery Committee are Ronald Oba (president-elect) and Ted Tsukiyama. (Harold Fukunaga, current 442nd president, was recently elected a director of the JCCR). Club 100 representatives are Nick Nakabayashi, Sakae Takahashi, Ben Tamashiro, and Toshiko Fukuda, widow of Mits Fukuda who led the club's long range planning functions for years up to the time of his recent death.
CHAPTER MEETINGS:

ABLE ......................... Saturday, Aug 24  
BAKER ......................... Friday Aug 16  
CHARLIE.............. No meeting scheduled  
DOG ......................... Saturday Aug 17  
FOX ......................... Friday Aug 2  
HEADQUARTERS........ No meeting scheduled  
RURAL ............. No meeting scheduled  

KAUAI ............. Sunday, Aug 11 - Tip Top Restaurant  12 Noon  
MAUI .............. Wednesday Aug 14 - Tao Valley Park  6:00 P.M.  
HAWAII ........... Thursday Aug 22  
SO CALIFORNIA .... Saturday Aug 17  

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  

Bonsai ........... Thursday Aug 22  
Select Committee . . . Thursday Aug 15  
Green Thumbs ....... Monday Aug 5  
50th Anniversary ... Saturday Aug 17  
DAD Hanalei ........ Thursday Aug 29

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Hi-lites from the July 11, 1991 Board Meeting:

A big hand was given to the Sons/Daughters for a job well done on the 49th  
Anniversary. The Board agreed that it should help the Sons/Daughter to  
get together and organize. A "thank you dinner/meeting" for the  
participating sons and daughters will be held soon.

Rev Yost has accepted our invitation to be present at the 50th Anniversary  
celebration.

The 46th Annual Memorial Service will be held on September 29, 1991,  
at the National Memorial Cemetery (Punchbowl). Able and Charlie Chapters  
are in charge.

It was moved and carried that we purchase a computer for our office.  
Warren Yamamoto will be the advisor in the selection of the machine and  
equipment. Any member who sells computers or has a good second hand one  
for sale, please call Warren or the Club 100 office.

Able Chapter asked for and got a raise for their monthly yard work-  
clean up project. They will now receive $100.00 a month instead of $65.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deadline for the announcements and news for the  
September issue of the Puka Puka Parade is August 22, 1991. The  
collating date is August 29th with Team II (Able & Charlie)  
responsible for providing the manpower.

Thank you again, Robert Arakaki, for taking the time out to check the  
air conditioner in the club office. We found out that the reason why  
it wasn't working right was just simply "dirty filter".
The recently dedicated window at the Monte Cassino chapel shows St. Scolastica, the Latin word “pax,” and the insignia of the 100th Inf Bn.

Reconstruction of the abbey at Monte Cassino started in 1945, only a year after the siege.
WINDOWS FOR AN ABBEY

Veterans return in peace to the monastery they once destroyed

By GARY MILLER
Mediterranean bureau

ew of the visitors to the monastery at Monte Cassino, Italy, last week were likely to have noticed the 20 old soldiers. After all, there was little to distinguish them from the rest of the crowd except an occasional burgundy beret or a row of medals on a suit coat.

Nearly half a century earlier, though, the soldiers had faced each other in combat, some of them on the very same hilltop near Rome. Today, they were about to join in worship. They are the survivors of the battles for Cassino, veterans of one of World War II’s bloodiest and most bitter struggles.

In the St. Martin of Tours chapel at the abbey, the windows were dedicated two stained glass windows donated by American and British survivors of the battles. The new additions join other chapel windows donated by soldiers from France, Germany, Poland and the British Commonwealth.

The newest windows feature the Latin word “pax,” a message of peace from those who have experienced the worst of war. The American window depicts St. Scolastica, the sister of the abbey founder, St. Benedict. It includes the insignia of the 100th Inf. Bn, some of whose members, all Japanese-Americans, paid for the window.

“One can only guess how long it will last,” said John Tsukano, who represented the battalion at the ceremony, “but it’s safe to say the 100th has been immortalized.”

The struggle represented by the chapel windows was for Cassino and the surrounding mountains. In 1944, Allied commanders viewed the region as the key to taking Rome. The high ground on which the monastery is perched came to symbolize tenacious resistance from entrenched German troops.

But many of the survivors, as well as historians, consider the Cassino campaign one of the biggest mistakes of the war. Not only were thousands of troops and civilians killed, but the monastery itself fell victim to the siege, which lasted for months.

St. Benedict of Nursia chose the 700-foot hilltop near Naples for the abbey he founded more than 1,400 years ago because it could be protected from the barbaric hordes then plaguing Europe.

Standing in A.D. 542, the abbey had been destroyed by conquerors three times and earthquake once. On Feb. 15, 1944, it was the Allies’ turn. Nearly 600 tons of bombs were dropped on the monastery in one of the most controversial acts of war.

“The sky was clear that morning,” said Douglas Lyne of the day Monte Cassino was destroyed. He was a gunner with Britain’s royal artillery, acting as an observer post assistant on a 2,500-foot peak overlooking the abbey.

“It was breakfast time when we saw a huge bomber force comprising mainly of Flying Fortresses, I wondered where they were going and thought ‘somebody’s going to catch cold.’ Then their bomb bays opened and they dropped their loads on the mother of all monasteries.

“Everybody cheered,” he recalled. Lyne’s euphoria was short-lived. “A friend asked me why I was cheering. He reminded me that my great uncle was a Benedictine abbot.

“It put the Allies in a bad light,” Lyne says now of the bombing. “What was the difference between us and the Germans? We’d all become a bunch of barbaric rackeaters.”

A variety of explanations have been offered for the bombing of one of history’s most important sites.

Benedict had been not only founder of the abbey but founder of Western monasticism, a force that helped transform much of Europe in the Middle Ages. Benedict and his sister, St. Scholastica, are buried under the altar of the monastery basilica.

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, the senior American ground commander at Cassino, and other senior American commanders were among the attackers. They knew there were priceless treasures and religious relics in the monastery and there was no definite evidence that Germans were inside the building.

But British commanders alleged the abbey sheltered German observers. And British Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of Allied land forces in Italy, later wrote that he approved the bombing because, “It was necessary more for the effect it would have on the morale of the attackers than for purely material reasons.

Like many von Senger und Etterlin, commander of the German troops at Cassino, adamantly maintained that he never used Monte Cassino for military purposes and had posted military police at the gates to keep his troops from entering.

Von Senger, a devout Catholic and a lay brother of the Benedictine order, had ordered all the valuable paintings, manuscripts and books turned over to the Vatican months before the bombing. There were, however, more than 800 refugees, 10 monks and the abbot inside when the bombs struck. As many as 300 refugees were entombed in rubble or killed by Allied artillery fire as they tried to escape.

Outside, Allied troops lived in foxholes, trenches or mountainous crags where supplies reached them over rocky paths even mules couldn’t traverse.

The static lines and siege strategy made it in some ways comparable to the Western Front of World War I, said Tsukano. He joined the 100th Inf. Bn after the Cassino campaigns, but he has written a book and many articles on the subject.

The one constant in the lengthy battle was the abbey that loomed over the troops.

“I remember the place (the town of Cassino) as being completely ruin,” said former British soldier Madron Seligman. “The monastery was there above us like some sort of Valhalla.

“There were like little rats and mice. At night, fireflies came out like the souls of the dead flying fireflies,” recalled Seligman.

The destruction of the abbey seemed to have little effect on the battle. German troops moved into the ruins, forcing the Allies to relaunch a lesson first taught them in Sicily: ruins provide the enemy with more places to hide than an intact building. The siege of Cassino lasted three more months.

By the end, the Allies had sustained more than 80,000 casualties and the Germans at least 55,000. An unknown number of Italian civilians had died.

Seligman, now a member of the European Parliament and chairman of the Monte Cassino Federation for Remembrance and Reconciliation, said he is drawn to Cassino by more than wartime remembrance. “When I come here I feel dedicated to making sure nothing like this ever happens again,” he said.

To that end, the Cassino veterans are planning a 50th anniversary observance in May 1994. They hope to attract 50,000 people to the 10-day event.

“It would be a last chance for the veterans to march through Cassino,” Lyne said.
Ken Suehiro asked that this be printed "if there is space available"—so here goes: In Las Vegas, there are now five places where one can buy nuts, jerkys, seeds, etc. Two of these places are on Freemont Street, another in the California Hotel (Mezzanine), another across from Lady Luck, and the 5th and latest is on 4th Street between Freemont and Ogden Streets. All of these businesses are owned and operated by former Hawaii people who are competing for the Hawaii business. I met Jim Okada, owner of Rainbow Produce located on 4th Street and he invited me to see his store and try his fruits. Cherries and peaches are in season so I accepted his invitation and sampled his fruits. The peaches were the best—better than those of Washington, Fresno or Georgia! The cherries were also good. I'm not getting a kick-back from Jim Okada, but because his store deals with fresh seasonal fruits, I would recommend that you visit him when you go to Vegas. It is hardly any bother bringing home fresh fruits—you just fill out the Agriculture form on the plane and on your way down to the baggage claim area, you give your name by the exit door and that same form will be waiting for you with an O.K. on it. Jim Okada packs your purchases so there is no damage to your fruit.

Ken, I hope you get a free peach or something from this plug.

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From the Iro-Iro Newsletter:

You may be interested to know that even after five years, Manila's Malacanang Museum still draws impressive crowds to see 1,220 pairs of Imelda's shoes. And Ferdinand's slightly less excessive 491 pairs.

Some good pointers on "stretching" taken from a Health magazine:

Stretching keeps your muscles young and your body relaxed. If possible, stretch within 5 to 10 minutes after finishing aerobics or walking. Stretch only to the point where you feel a pleasant tension in the specific muscle you're stretching, and never to the point of discomfort. Stretch slowly with control. As you stretch, concentrate on keeping your neck relaxed and avoid arching your back. If you are stretching "cold", hold each stretch for 10 to 20 seconds. Don't hold your breath as this triggers an automatic response that raises your blood pressure and tightens your muscles. Instead, breathe slowly and steadily as you stretch.

A good advise for those who don't like to exercise—Walking strengthens the heart, and helps to lower cholesterol.