Partly out of curiosity and partly to gain knowledge of how the oral history interviews are conducted, I decided to sit in on one of the sessions. I would like to pass this information on to those of you men who have dates set aside for your upcoming interview. Believe me, you will enjoy this sharing time -- some of it being told for the first time, some of it funny, some of it sad, but all from your actual experiences.

When I walked into the interview room at Leeward Community College, the camera and lighting crews (Kunio Fujimoto, Carl Tonaki, Steven Takushi, Avin Oshiro and Stanley Tanaka) were all busy adjusting the lights, background props, etc. It all looked so professional to me, but I was told that additional equipment would actually be welcomed to supplement the present equipment.

This morning, the interviewer was Drusilla Tanaka, and the Veteran being interviewed was Tokuji Ono (B). Both seemed to be completely at ease as Tokuji told of the days of his youth and of living in poverty on Union Oil property on the Iwilei waterfront.

There was a break every 30 minutes - to reload the cameras, stretch the legs, etc and then the session would resume. In the second segment, Tokuji told of his schooling and desire for education; why he became a teacher instead of a doctor or lawyer. In the following segments, he told of his experiences at Schofield Barracks, Camp McCoy, the “Secret dog training Mission”, Camp Shelby, and the Italian battlefront where he was wounded and eventually sent home.

I am told that there have been 17 veterans already interviewed and from July, there will be one or two interviews conducted every weekend.

Much credit should be given to Mimi Nakano (daughter of Shizuya Hayashi) who is the Chief Interviewer. She is responsible for setting up the system and has kept it going for the past 6 months. Thanks also to Drusilla Tanaka and Ann Kabasawa who have prepared the lunches every Sunday morning for the people involved. And many thanks to the camera crew and electricians who at the risk of neglecting their families, turn out every week. Special thanks also go to Ben Fujimori and Bob Yamaguchi who are part of the crew but couldn’t make it that day.

Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these sessions to observe how the oral history interview is conducted. I’m sure you will enjoy it, as I did, and especially if you are scheduled soon, you will be more at ease when your turn comes.

MAY BOARD MEETING HI-LITES
by President Stanley M. Akita

The usual previous board meeting minutes, Executive Secretary’s Report, Secretary/Treasurer’s report and the March CPA Financial report were accepted.

Apartment Committee Chairman Joe Muramatsu reported that the committee will meet on May 15 to discuss painting of the apartment building and fixing the rusted railing posts. Both painting and fixing of the railings must be done and you will be notified of the decision by the next Board meeting.

Remember--Clubhouse Clean-Up Day will be on the first Saturday in June at 8:00 a.m.
Jun Enomoto, Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee has everything under control. Every aspect of the service has already been planned.

Please don’t forget—any one with personal belongings in the tool shed must have it out by the Clean-Up day.

Smoke detectors were installed in all the units in the apartment building.

The Board approved providing a certificate to a Kauai High School JROTC member. The award will be presented by one of the Kauai Chapter members next school year (1996-97).

The National Archives Research Team, a group of volunteers, is researching the files at the archives. Information on the casualty list and military citations and awards are among the top priorities. About 30% of the information gathered so far is about the 100th Infantry Battalion. Our Sons and Daughters are invited to go over to the 442nd Archives Room (933 Wiliwili Street) to inspect those files collected to date. To help defray the cost of copying and mailing the information to Hawaii, the Club 100 Board contributed $1,000 to the cause. This is the second contribution of $1,000. The first one was about five or more years ago.

The President’s request to allow the Executive Secretary to type his personal letters was rejected by the Board. It was decided that the President should keep his personal business out of the office.

The Board moved and seconded that any widow whose spouse, although a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion, was not a member of Club 100, may pay the $50 life membership dues for her late husband. She then will be able to enjoy the widows’ privileges allowed by the Club. Any widow whose spouse was a paid-up member when he passed away will continue to enjoy the widows’ privileges without any further payment.

Congress approved the expanded awards categories where a veteran who received a DSC may be upgraded to a Medal of Honor. This applies to Asian-Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders who received the DSC or Navy Cross. The services will review the records of all recipients of those decorations to determine whether any given to Pacific-region natives should be upgraded.

Finally, I have concluded that after these last 6 months as the Club’s Executive Secretary, Drusilla Tanaka is the best we’ve ever had—bar none. Her knowledge of office procedures and the computer is excellent. Therefore, I have decided to come in once a week at the best, most likely on Thursdays so that I can enjoy sipping some wine with the boys after work. Other days will be spent on my tiny veggie garden at my daughters and fishing when they’re biting.

See you at the 54th Anniversary Luncheon on June 15!

**WATCH KIKU-TV on Friday, June 7, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.** (UHF Channel 20, Oceanic 21, Chronicle 10) As a community service, KIKU will broadcast the documentary, “Looking Like the Enemy,” produced by Karen Ishizuka and directed by Robert Nakamura. To produce the film, they interviewed Asian-American soldiers, among them our own Stanley M. Akita, Martin Tohara, Don Matsuda, Sakae Takahashi, and Young Oak Kim; the 442’s Ron Oba and Ed Ichiyama, and MIS veteran Takeijiro Higa.

The 54th Anniversary Luncheon is on Saturday, June 15, at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Hawaiian Ballroom, Kuhio Tower. Veterans and their wives may participate in the Veterans Administration Health Screening beginning at 9:30. The cocktail/fellowship hour will begin at 10:30, with free beer and fruit punch and pupu. The Sons and Daughters will have exhibits and souvenirs. Parking is free with validation. (The best advice is to use the valet-parking—it’s worth the tip.) There is a full program that you don’t want to miss.

MAHALO to the following volunteers who helped collate on April 25th: Bernard Akamine, Stanley Akita, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Richard Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Ralph Fukunaga, Mits...

WELCOME TO new Life Member: Edwin Miyake - Baker Chapter

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT by Drusilla Tanaka

HELP NEEDED: Information on the late Keiichi Kimura who was an original with Headquarters is needed. Mr. Kimura has been hailed as one of the finest artists to come out of Hawaii. Some say that he is in the same league as the great Master, Picasso. Next spring, there will be an exhibit featuring his work and the story of his life. However, the folks who are working on this project need info on his days during World War II, and especially with the 100th. If you can help, please call the Club office at 946-0272. Mahalo.

Welcome to new life members:
- Thomas K. Morikawa who served with A Company
- Frank I. Fujiwara (B)
- The late Harold S. Tamashiro (Hq) (posthumous).

Donations: Thank you to Mr. Sueto Migita for donating $150 in memory of his brother, Noboru Kaneko (B) And thank you to Shinichi Sada of Japan for sending some Boy’s Day Sweets.

PukaPuka Parade Donations received:
- $25 from Fred Takayama

To date the Bruyeres Fund has received donations from:
- Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda
- Isao Nakashima
- Richard Hamasaki

Mahalo nui loa to the following volunteers:
- Mr. Yoshi Kakimoto, a veteran of the 1399 Construction Engineers Battalion and Dance Club member, for fixing the low spots in the apartment parking lot.
- Masasuke Toma for repairing the Clubhouse dollies with new casters and for spot-treating for termites.

AT LAST, WE WERE ABLE TO PLACE A MINIMUM ORDER FOR CLUB SHIRTS and expect delivery just before the banquet on June 15. If everything goes according to plan, THOSE WHO PLACED AN ORDER may be able to pick up your shirt at the Clubhouse or at the banquet. If you are not attending the banquet, we will make other arrangements to get your shirt to you.

IMPORTANT REQUEST: If your telephone number or mailing address has changed, please let the Clubhouse Office know. Call 946-0272. You may call any time of day and leave a message on the answering device. Speak slowly and clearly.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS by Tsugi Takemoto

Greeting the ladies with leis, crocheted by Doris Shimabukuro, the Kauai group held its’ combined Mothers/Fathers’ Day luncheon on Sunday, May 19th. The setting was the lovely Terrace Restaurant of the Kauai Marriott Hotel. An extra gift of five orchids (three white and two purple) was presented to Tsugi Takemoto by Mitsuko Miyazaki. It was sure appreciated as it is the only time I get flowers. Thanks much, Mitsuko.
Forty seven members and wives attended. It was good to see Rene Moritsugu, Tokiko Yoshioka, Kazue Kawamoto, and June Sugawara who are from our widows’ group. Hopefully, the rest of you will join us. Those who we hadn’t seen for a while were Seigo and Hisae Kagawa, Masa and Ann Yotsuda and Seiichi Ohashi. Noticeably missing were Chochi Shimabukuro and Norma Senda. After greeting their better halves, I didn’t ask about Shima, but heard that Norma was in Las Vegas. Hope you made a killing!

Lucky number drawings were for crocheted doilies and pot holders all made by Doris. Also names were drawn for squash and pumpkins raised by Kungo and Mildred Iwai. Kauai cookies were given to all who attended. That is a treat as most of us buy them to take to friends on the neighbor island.

Committee in charge were Mildred Iwai, chairman; Dorothy Matsushige, Kazue Kawamoto, Doris Shimabukuro and Yoshie Nishio.

Just dawned on me that the other groups of the 100th always have the men in charge of their various functions but with us it is always the women!

Fusetsu and Mitsuko Miyazaki are planning their 16th trip to Alaska in September. As Mitsuko explained it, some would rather go to Las Vegas, with them it is Alaska. Neither place interests me, so I guess that is the reason I go to conventions. This year it is off to Salt Lake City. Also planning a side trip to San Francisco and Modesto. It is college reunion time, being the 56th.

In and out of the hospital for prostate operations were Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, Kazuo Mizuno and Kelly Fujimoto. When he had chest pains, Kazu Sends spent two days in the hospital and the doctors found nothing. It is good to be careful.

Our president Mako Takiguchi will be attending the 54th anniversary luncheon on June 15th and the following week, the Co D reunion in Honolulu.

Making it a complete day on the 19th, most of us went to see “Looking Like the Enemy”. It tells its story. I bought the video for my son and daughter.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant in Waipouli. As we all enjoyed the brunch last time, we shall see all of you there.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warem Iwai

MEETING; Twelve members were present at our meeting of May 20. We need more members like Hiromi Suehiro. although he is working, he can still make time to attend our meetings. The reunion with Maui Chapter boys was cancelled due to insufficient time to prepare for this trip. We hope we can have one last reunion before it becomes too late.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE; Never having been on a cruise before, I thought I would give it a try, and found it enjoyable. The following is Kazuto Shimizu’s account of the cruise: “Ten days on the Crystal Harmony provided much needed rest for Lynn and I - good food, no house work, no cares and excellent services. We were in a tour group from Hawaii led by Mary Kosasa. We were joined by Warren and Betty Iwai, Alfred and Paulette Arakaki (A), and Walter and Jane Furukawa; all in an eight person seating group. This meant eight of us dined together on the same table for dinner. The excellent dinners were enhanced by Paulette’s connoisseur of wine and Warren’s newly acquired skill in wine tasting (he attended wine tasting classes offered by the cruise ship). Paulette became very popular when the few French crew members found out there was a passenger who was formerly from France. The word got around and a lot of French speaking crew members found some excuse to "bump" into her at dinner time. The ship offered many activities, not all in tandem. Sometimes we had to choose---Warren forsaked dance classes to attend golf lessons. The result showed in his net 59 golf score at Makalena right after the cruise.

The cruise started from Acapulco, passing through the Panama Canal and ending in San Juan, Puerto Rico; stopping at Costa Rica, Aruba and St. Thomas along the way. Describing the trip may be interesting but will be too long for this article. Instead, I will give you some thoughts I had about some of these remote places.

Costa Rica: Lynn never heard of this country. She must have been sleeping in her history class. If my high school recollection is correct, Costa Rica is among the few democratic countries and may be the only
country where the people vote directly for their leader. Costa Rica is nearly 100% literate and unemployment is virtually non-existent. Welfare is treated on the premise that if you don’t work you don’t eat. All this on an agricultural economy. Also, elected officials serve only one term - no re-elections. Consider this: Our bus tour guide was a college graduate working towards her advance degree. Can’t help but learn something from all these things.

Aruba: Didn’t know a small island like this under Dutch rule existed.

St Thomas: Smaller than Aruba but looks bigger because of it mountains. I thought St. Thomas was a city but found out it is an island in the west half of the Virgin Islands which the U.S. bought for a few bucks to protect the Panama Canal.

Panama: The highlight of this trip. I was impressed with the simplicity in the design concept and the magnitude of the work involved. You can read about it but there is nothing like going through it. One final ad lib - the U.S. hands over control of the canal to Panama at midnight, December 31, 1999, one year before the turn of this century. (Lynn will not hear me out when I start talking like this) The 21st century begins on January 1, 2001 - not January 1, 2000! Auwe!

LADIES CORNER; The Company C ladies enjoyed another leisurely luncheon at the Top of Waikiki revolving restaurant on Thursday May 16. Attending were: Marian Yamamoto, Takako Umamoto, Lynn Shimizu, Beatrice Niimi, Alice Nakagawa, Lorraine Miyashiro, Doris Kimura, Ai Kawamoto, Betty Iwai and Yukie Akita. Takako and Doris arranged the affair. The food, friendly service and atmosphere were all excellent. The group was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Executive Chef was none other than Masa Kai, son-in-law of Gladys Kawakami. The next luncheon is planned for September.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING -- Monday, June 17th. See you then.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

My sincerest thanks to Susumu Ota for pinch hitting for me in the last month’s issue of the PPP. I was in a rut and couldn’t come up with anything to write about. I heard that Sus was going to visit his daughter and her family in Virginia, so I asked him to write something about his trip. It was a nice goof off time for me. He writes a nice travelogue, doesn’t he? Mahalo, Sus.

We held our bi-monthly meeting at Dot’s of Wahiawa from 11:00 a.m. with 14 members and a wife present. After lunch was over, Prexy Hamasu gavelled the meeting to order at 12 o’clock. It was a noisy meeting place because we could not isolate ourselves from the noon time customers of Dot’s Drive Inn, but the meeting went on.

Our annual picnic will be held on 21 July ‘96 at the Yamaki’s villa on the shores of Pearl Harbor from about 10:30 a.m. Harry Kamikawa was appointed chairman and purchaser for this affair because he did an outstanding job at our New Year’s Banquet early this year. The cost will be $8.00/person and husband and wife will be $15.00. This year the members decided to invite our sons and daughters and their children “free”, yes you read it correct, “Free, No charge” so, bring your family and enjoy the fellowship. We are once again asking our ladies for desserts for this occasion and all donations will be appreciated. So you all come, yeh.

Ted reminded the members about our 54th anniversary to be held at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel on 15 June ‘96 from 10 a.m.. The V.A. will set up Health Stations to check on your blood pressure, cholesterol level, etc, so come early and take advantage of these services. The parking is free and the beer is on the house too. If you didn’t sign up to attend, try call the office, (946-0272) maybe they can squeeze you and your wife in. The cost for paid up members is $13.00 and all others are $23.00. Our S&D are coordinating this affair so the sitting arrangements are 8 to a table, clustered by chapters, so hele on.

Donations for the “Brothers of Valor Monument”, honoring the 100, 442, MIS and the 1399 to be built in Ft. DeRussey, are still being received. The names of the donors will be placed in a time capsule and buried at the site when the monument is completed. If you wish to make a donation, send it to the Club 100 office pronto.

The daughter of Michino and Walter Iwasa is visiting them from Spokane, Washington. They are planning a trip to the Big Island and stay at the big fabulous hotel at Waikoloa for a couple of days, then hele on to Kilauea Military Camp for a relaxing vacation with their grandchildren. Enjoy yourselves.

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HAWAI'I CHAPTER NEWS
By Jimmy Maeda

The annual AJA Veterans Council get together (July 4th) is scheduled for Sunday at 12:00 noon at the AJA Veterans Memorial Hall on Haihai Street. All Club 100 Veterans, 442nd Veterans, Hilo Interpreters, and Sons and Daughters and their guests are invited to this function. For the Club 100 members and guests, the cost will be $8.00 per person.

This year the club’s responsibilities will be as follows:

- **Club 100**: Setting up tables and program
- **442nd Club**: Refreshments and appetizers
- **Interpreters**: Food
- **Sons & Daughters**: Decorations & obtain program

For Club 100 members, your team captain will contact you for reservations. Please make an effort to attend this function. This is the only function where the members and guests of the four organizations get together during the year. Pancho Murashige of the Interpreters Club is the President of the Council for 1996.

**CAFE 100 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**: The late Richard Miyashiro’s (Co. E) Cafe 100 in Hilo is celebrating its 50th anniversary during 1996. After World War II, Cafe 100 Restaurant got its beginning in old Waiakea town on Kamehameha Avenue. Cafe 100 was washed away twice by tsunamis (tidal waves), first on the morning of April, 1946, second on May 23, 1960. A story during the first tidal wave—Evelyn Miyashiro was hapai with first daughter Gloria. A policeman came along between the waves and carried mother and unborn baby to safety.

Richard and Evelyn, in spite of their losses with the tidal waves, looked at their three daughters and decided that they better roll up their sleeves and get back into business and start feeding the hungry people of Hilo. During the latter part of 1992, they opened the present Cafe 100 Restaurant & Drive Inn across Kapiolani School. Their beef stew was the popular dish of the time. The late Gov. John Burns, Gov. George Ariyoshi and Gov. John Waihee, whenever they came to Hilo, dropped by Cafe 100 for their stew lunch. Sen. Dan Inouye was a regular guest whenever he came to Hilo.

Richard Miyashiro, like many businessmen who became of age, was concerned about the future of the restaurant. After his death, thanks to his prayers, Richard and Evelyn’s three daughters, Gloria Kobayashi, Kay Shintani, and Gail Tsunehiro, decided to continue operation of the business. We are happy to say they are doing an excellent job of feeding the people and guests of Hilo. Grandma Evelyn goes down to the restaurant to give moral support.

This writer is one of the 50 years customer who goes to lunch at the cafe once or twice a week. For their 50th anniversary special plates, one will find Hilo Boy Plate, Island Girl Plate & Super Loco. Their regulars comprise of beef stew, loco moco, tripe stew, oxtail soup, bento, etc.

To the Club 100 golfers, when you come to Kilauea Military Camp in September, I recommend that you stop by Cafe 100 for your lunch.

**REMEMBERING GEORGE T. INOUYE**

George T. Inouye, Hawaii Chapter (Co E & A) passed away on April 10 at the age of 78 due to an illness. George was not an officer or a non-comm while serving in the 100th Inf. Bn. He was a good soldier and a brave one. George Inouye and I went into the army together on June 28, 1941 from Hilo. Upon completion of our basic training at Schofield Barracks, we were assigned to Hqrs Co, 299th Inf, 2nd Bn (HNG) on the island of Hawaii. We were both in Company E & A while with the 100th Inf. Bn.

George was wounded twice, receiving a purple heart medal with cluster. The first time he became a battle casualty was on Hill of Collii, Nov 1943 before the battle of Cassino. George came back from the hospital to join Co. A before the Anzio Beach push. The second time he got hit by artillery was one day before the break through to Rome on June 2, 1944. Several other Co A men became casualties by the barrage: Lt. Howard Miyake, Donald Nagasaki, Eugene Eguchi, Hisao Furutani. Capt. Mits Fukuda and Jimmy Maeda missed the barrage because we were at the Bn Hqtrs. These wounded men did not get to see Rome.
George spent over three years in army hospitals and rehabilitation centers before he finally received a disability discharge. Before V-J Day, while waiting for transportation to return to Hawaii from San Francisco, Shigeru Ushijima and I went to visit George at the army hospital in Los Alto, Calif. He still had a cast on. We encouraged him to be patient and he would soon come back to Hawaii. Many months later, he was able to return home on furlough and got married to Mitsue Yanabeu.

Upon George’s return to civilian life he went into business with a partner, Isamu Kanekuni (442nd) and started a produce business. As whole sale distributors, the organization saw to it that the super markets, retail stores and restaurants had enough potatoes, onions, fruits and vegetables. The business became successful.

George was very active in veterans and community activities. He was past president of: Hawaii Chapter Club 100, AJA Veterans Council, Commander DAV Chapt #6, Commander DAV State of Hi. President 100th Inf. Bn Memorial Baseball League. After statehood, in politics, George handled the campaigns of Dan Inouye when he first ran for House Representative (1959). As George’s assistant, we had fun going to the rallies from the northern end of the Big Island to the southern end, rain or shine. George continued as Dan Inouye’s U. S. Senator campaign chairman on the island.

George Inouye is survived by wife Mitsue “Mitsi” Inouye, sons, Kerry, Newton and Eric, and a daughter, Coleen Iwata.

We thank God for sending George Inouye to us and for the privilege of having known him.

**FOX COMPANY NEWS**

By Kenneth M. Higa

**REUNION INFO:** The Reunion Committee members met on Saturday, May 18 at the Club 100 clubhouse to finalize the plans for the week-end functions and to determine the various costs for the reunion. The scheduled activities and cost data are as follows:

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NOTE FOR OUTERISLANDERS: The transportation chairman requests that each island group arrive on the same airline and flight to facilitate the scheduling of drivers for pickup at airport. Thanks!!

Please make checks payable to: CLUB 100 - COMPANY F and mail to: Hakaru Taoka, 1337-C loko Drive, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786 by July 30, 1996.

The response to attend the reunion is good but we hope to hear from those who have not responded yet. Please join the gang. Call your coordinator today. The coordinators are: Hawaii: Shigeru Ito and Hayato Tanaka; Kauai: Choichi Shimabukuro; Maui: Eichi Endo; and Oahu: Ted Hamasu and Hakaru Taoka.
The following members have already committed to attend the reunion: Hawaii: M/M Masao Fujimoto, Hiromu Kobayashi and Hayato Tanaka; Kauai: Kazue Kawamoto, M/M Choichi Shimabukuro, Jane Sugawara and Sakae Watanabe; Maui: M/M Eichi Endo, Akira Ishikawa, M/M Wataru Kaneshina, Lillian Maeda, Michie Moto and Hatsuo Satoshige; Oahu: Mitsue Amano, Kiyoko Aoki, Grace Endo and son Kenneth, Thimat Enga, M/M Oscar Fukino, M/M Yasuto Furusho, Michael Hamamoto, M/M Ted Hamasu, M/M Paul Hayashi, M/M Kenneth Higa, M/M Kenichi Iha, M/M Kiyoshi Jinnohara, M/M Seiso Kamishita, M/M Robert Kapuniai, M/M Satoshi Kashimoto, Jane Kawaguchi, Charles Kitashima, Takao Kubota, M/M Masaru Nakano, M/M Hideshi Niimi, M/M Charles Nishimura, Mitsuru Omori, M/M Tadao Seo, M/M Motoki Takeshita, M/M Yukio Tanji, M/M Hakaru Taoka, and M/M Rudy Yoshida.

Oswald and Sylvia Kawahara of Florida always attend our reunions so we are counting on them to be here again. The reunion won’t be the same without them.

By the way, a motion to permit the sons and daughters to join in our functions was approved at the 1994 reunion. So all you papas and mamas bring along your offsprings for the weekend festivities.

Direct order from Ted Hamasu, Reunion Chairman: Start tuning up your voices and bring your karaoke tapes, instrument and other musical doodads.

TAPS: Shinso Shimabukuro of Hilo passed away on May 5th in Hilo Hospital. He was the older brother of Shinsuke.

Sumiko Kawachi of Hilo passed away on April 21st in Hilo Hospital. She was the younger sister of Satoshi Kashimoto

We extend deepest sympathies to the Kashimoto, Kawachi and Shimabukuro families and relatives.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by Bernard Akamine

There were 18 members at the April Baker Chapter meeting. James Yamada—long time no see member—was in attendance. Also there was Mits Doi of Kauai. Mits is a frequent visitor to the Clubhouse. A couple of times he has brought “mountain oysters” for the boys, but Mits was disappointed that the Honolulu members did not appreciate this delicacy. I went to Kauai in the seventies with a bowling team. We were hosted by the Makaweli bowling team who were mostly cowboys by profession. They brought milk guts and mountain oysters to the pot-luck dinner. Now, these delicacies are not available to ordinary people. Thanks, Mits, for the donation to our Chapter. We were hosted by the Makaweli bowling team who were mostly cowboys by profession. They brought milk guts and mountain oysters to the pot-luck dinner. Now, these delicacies are not available to ordinary people. Thanks, Mits, for the donation to our Chapter. By the way, when Mits offered some freshly cooked mountain oysters to the Executive Secretary, she politely declined, saying “Thanks, but, I’m allergic to seafood.” If you don’t catch the humor, call the clubhouse to find out what mountain oysters are....Received word that Ralph Yoshioka is recuperating after having by-pass surgery. Take it easy, Ralph!...Not to mention any names, but there is a member who has been sharing his beautiful flowers with other members who frequently visit the graves of their loved ones (wives, children). When he comes to the Clubhouse, he brings bunches of flowers and quietly hands them out...Fred Kamemura told me about the recent visit by Richard T. Omori, Baker-mainland member. The occasion was his wife Betty’s 50th reunion of her Queen’s Hospital nursing class which she enjoyed thoroughly. By the way, Betty’s sister is Elsie Oshita, wife of Itsuki “Tony” Oshita of Headquarters. Small world—good friends of Betty’s are Bob and Momi Suyama of Kailua. Bob was Fred’s co-worker at National Mortgage & Finance/Island Insurance Co. Fred enjoyed a round of golf with them and hosted a get-away dinner for the Omori’s at Orson’s restaurant. The Omori’s live in Annandale, Virginia. Richard, who served with MIS, retired as a Major. Their daughter, Debbie, is a Lt. Col. in the Nurses Corps, serving at Walter Reed Hospital....My grandson, Grant Sato, a student at Kapiolani Community College, won gold medals in sugar sculpture, vegetable carving, and hot & cold food categories. He also received the Chancellors trophy and a plaque for work of professional quality. This summer Grant is going to Sri Lanka for two months to apprentice at the Colombo Hilton and at the Kandalama Resort...Do you remember this proverb: “Weak minds discuss personalities; mediocre minds discuss events; great minds exchange ideas.” I have a suggestion for a fourth line—one day, I was sitting around with two other guys and trying to have a conversation, but I had a hard time making out what they were saying—one guy was talking golf, the other was talking plants. After carefully listening and looking at them, I realized both were wearing hearing aids. My suggestion
for the fourth line: “The hard of hearing can discuss whatever they want!”...Word was received from Hank Hayashi via Evelyn Tsuda that LA member Kinzo Hamano passed away on March 28, 1996, after a long illness, much time spent in L.C.U. According to Al Takahashi, Kinzo was in the first platoon. While on patrol in Mentone, France, got hit by a mine...Albert Nitta passed away on April 17, 1996. We remember him during our bowling tournament. He was a really happy-go-lucky guy. He is survived by a son and three grandsons. Our condolences to his family...Private services were held for Noboru Kaneko who passed away on April 28, 1996. He was laid to rest at Punchbowl. His brother, Sueto Migita, said Noboru enjoyed receiving the PPP even though he was not able to come out to club or chapter activities...The Club office received word of the death of Yasunobu Maesaka, who served with B Co., but was not a member of the club or chapter...At the May 18 meeting, 20 Baker boys showed up. Besides the usual business, Tokuji Ono brought in his medals, citations, and discharge papers, beautifully framed and protected. He said it was a gift from his children. But, more important, he made a plea to the rest of the boys to get out their “stuff” from the drawers, shoe-boxes and cigar-boxes and give their medals and papers a place of honor in their homes. Tokuji said it is “irreverant” to be careless about the medals. He doesn’t see it as “showing off or being proud.” The medals were presented to us by a grateful nation, so we shouldn’t scorn appreciation. Thanks, Tokuji, for giving us this point of view...Speaking of Tokuji, at the April meeting, he made a special request to Richard “China” Yamashina for his ono bread pudding. China came through and Tokuji got his share, but everybody yum yum eat ‘em up, no mo’ fo’ me...Fred Kanemura is working very hard on up-dating the Grapevine. If you have changed your phone number or address, please let the Clubhouse know...Roy Nakayama needs help--as Nominating Committee Chairman, he’s trying to fill a slate of chapter officers for next year. There aren’t enough volunteers, so Roy will probably be busy arm-twisting before the next meeting. If he calls you, be like Pat Morita and say “YES!”...The following is Part II of “The Secret Mission of the Third Platoon, Baker Company” written by Yasuo Takata and Raymond Nosaka and originally published in the March-April, 1980, issue of the PPP:

SPORTS - RECREATION AND INCIDENTS -

Of course we have to mention the most sensational one first. Practically every night we had an “up-up” game going and all night since we didn’t have to go to work until 9 o’clock, that is, if one didn’t want any breakfast. The winners bought cases of beer for the rest of the gang and the serenaders and Ray with his guitar, had a bunch with him drinking beer with “pulehu” fish and oysters on the half shell for pupu.

They, Ray and his gang, sounded good at our Christmas Party. Kihara was the hit, though, with his hula. He danced with a hula skirt made from a type of “pili” grass. The main dish was the roast pig which had been faithfully fed and fattened from the day we had arrived on Ship Island. I didn’t see Herbert Ishii kill the pig, but I heard that someone went over to the Coast Guard to borrow some 30 calibre shells. We all had our rifles, but no ammo. “Auwe, de no trust us Buddaheads.” I almost forgot the bucketful of shrimp which we got for half a buck. The Colonel, Lts. Marzano and Tanaka enjoyed the tempura style fried shrimps and didn’t think anything about it until the CIA and Secret Service came to investigate the reports of strange soldiers stationed on Ship Island. After a thorough investigation, though, they found out only that two Hawaiians had rowed out to a shrimp boat to buy shrimp! Ono and Takata couldn’t tell them we were Buddaheads training dogs, so we told them we were Hawaiians, naturally. The secrecy was so rigid that all the letters written could not mention “islands,” “dogs,” or anything sounding like it. Lt. Tanaka being the censor, practically spent all his afternoons censoring letters. Too bad he didn’t understand Latin, for when I came home, I found out that he had blacked out a Latin phrase. Tokushima, Iwashita, and Takashige really kept the censor busy. He must have enjoyed it, though. I could hear him chuckling while reading.

The best sport was fishing. There were fish galore like old Hawaii. “When the boat no come no mo kau kau, you get the bamboo pole, catch some Fiddler crabs for bait, go down the pier and catch fish for kau kau.” There were a couple of nights when all the gang, even the up-up gang, went fishing. “The white trout--dey run like hell.” No nuff poles for everybody, so dey take turns with the bamboos. No need bait, too. You just put white cloth on the hook. About 2 bags dey catch. But dey no forget da boys in Camp McCoy. Dey work hard to clean and dry 2 boxes of fish. Da dry fish pass the censor OK and on to Wisconsin.”
There were plenty of mullet, too, but they weren’t biting. We used a 3-prong stick hook for awhile, but the fish got wise and wouldn’t come close to shore. Then Slim borrowed a net from the Coast Guard, and caught the mullet by the bags. “Den one day, he see snake in da mullet pond. Pau, no mo fishing in da pond. But the good days no pau, yet.” Komatsu, Tanaka and Kanemura found an oyster bed and brought some back. The oysters didn’t have a chance to get to the kitchen. A fire was made immediately and the oysters were eaten on the half shell. “Numba one pupu, dem! Just go slurp, slurp, slurp.”

When the bed in Ship Island was cleaned out, they found more oysters beds on Cat Island. “Brudda, dem buddaheds tink they get the Hawaiian Luau feet, but one time on the oysters beds, pau. Auwe, the Luau feet all cut up. The next time dem bruddas all got GI shoes on!”

With the wide blue Gulf of Mexico all around us, we transplanted Hawaiians naturally went swimming. The water was rather cold, but invigorating. The haoles thought we were “pupule.” They warned us about Stingarees, but we never saw one. We looked for “tako” (squid) nary a one. The Coast Guardsmen told us there were flounders, but we couldn’t find any either. Maybe we missed them because we didn’t know what we were looking for—a fish with two eyes on the top and usually lying in the sand. Maybe if we had a torch, we could have found them! But, we were not permitted to do that.

We had a “little Pearl Harbor” at Ft. Massachusetts when we first launched the boats to go rowing. One by one the boats sank. Sabotage! Thanks to our master ship-fitters or boat fitters, Komatsu, Ono and Tanaka, the boats were fixed to remain afloat. But, there always was a gallon can in the boat for bailing, just in case! Not that we didn’t trust the workmanship of our ship fitters, but the materials they scrounged to caulk the boats with were in doubt!

The first thing we did when we landed on Ship Island was to explore the old fort. Although my memory fails me, I believe the “Man without a Country” was imprisoned in the dungeon first, until taken on the ship. There were stories about treasure that the old pirates buried there, but no one was interested. However, we did explore the fort and dug around a little and came across a small ditch running underground. We were puzzled by it, but finally concluded that it was their sewage system!

We had electricity most of the time from a Diesel engine generator, except when it broke down and our ace diesel mechanic, Hirasuna, took it all apart. But when it came time to put it back, “Pau Kahana.” No can do. We had to call Gulfport for a repairman to fix it.

The highlight of the dog training session came when we were given tickets to the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans. They were good seats. The game was won by the Tennessee “Vols” over the Tulsa “Hurricanes.”

The game was good, but the chop suey we ate before the game was “no betta.” On the way to the stadium, we spotted a Chop Suey joint, so we made the truck driver stop. When we went in, Ishii took over. He made the haole waitresses join tables to make one big one. Then, he told them to call the number one Pake boss-man. When the boss came, Ishii told him to make us a family style Chinese dinner, never mind the cost. “Da boss alee samee ‘Lau Yee Chai’ say me fixie namba one Chinee dinner.” I don’t remember how many courses came out, but we sure whacked a meal. The haole waitresses and the other patrons watched with big round eyes ready to pop out of the sockets! The waitresses said they never served that kind of dishes before and didn’t know how to charge us. But, no sweat, Number one boss he fixed us up and it was very reasonable.

There were many more incidents that happened, but time and space prohibits mentioning any more at this time.
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED?? We heard that there were many dogs used in the Pacific Theater of War. Whether the dogs we trained with were sent over, we were never told.

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GREEN THUMB NEWS

The June meeting will be on Monday, June 3, beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be no meeting in July. The Annual Dinner is on Sunday, July 7, 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. For further information, call Robert Aoki at 488-3395.

Reminder: The 54th Anniversary Banquet Decorations Committee has asked for donations of lei flowers and greens. Please deliver your contribution to the Clubhouse on Friday, June 14, by 12 noon. Mahalo.

HEADQUARTERS NEWS

Our condolences to the family of Harry Amaki, of Waipahu, who passed away in April. I met Harry in Louisiana (Calvin Shimogaki’s platoon) and remember that he gave me my first and last, taste of armadillo--twas “ono”, tasted like pork!

Nancy Nakamura tells me that she had such a “wonderful” tour of Japan with Beefa Moriguchi (A Co) last year that she plans to do so again this October. In August she’ll be a tour guide in New York City for some relatives from Japan. I hope no news is good news--have tried to contact Tom Nosse (shared jackpot with Judge Kitaoka), Fred Takahashi, Hideo Ueno (he will be in Vegas in July), and Mike Takahashi (taking it easy - no golfing yet)

Last month, we had only FIVE present at the April 15th meeting---(oops!) I forgot the one on May 13th-did you remember?? (Carol says it’s the “noni” fermenting my brain???) I was told that the May meeting attendance was poor, so I guess I’m not the only one who forgot. Frances Okazaki was present at the meeting and our prexy wants all widows to attend all future meetings. We need your suggestions and help. Watch for meeting notices in the PPP. The June meeting and family night have been cancelled due to conflict with the 54th Anniversary party.

Don’t forget the Anniversary party on June 15th at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel. There will be free parking (get your ticket validated). The club promises plenty of pupu and beer and soft drinks for you non-drinkers.

This year’s Memorial service should be a good gathering. After the service at Punchbowl, all HQ members are to meet at the clubhouse for a get together. I think this gathering will be timely. It’s been a long time since we had a get together. Our prexy promises lunch and cold drinks for all. Members and family are invited.

Belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings go out to Tom Nosse (80) and to Gary Uchida (82)! Marshall and Margaret Higa send you all greetings--both are well and enjoying the 2-G’s (Golf and grandkids)! Please mark your calendars and remind others that Saturday, June 1st is “CLEAN UP’ day--we’ve been assigned the club house kitchen.

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HQ will be the 4th in line to select the Christmas party date this year.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nagata

Mau Chapter members and wives observed Mother’s Day with a delicious prime rib roast beef dinner at the Maui Beach Hotel on Friday evening, May 10, 1996. The widows of deceased active members were invited and nine were in attendance. President Jack Gushiken called on Wataru Kaneshina to bless the food, and it was ladies first at the well laden buffet tables. The evening was spent in eating and
exchanging news. As usual, tales of WW2 came up, and the heroic action of “A” Company member Sadao Munemori was mentioned, who covered an exploding enemy grenade with his body to save the life of his friends standing nearby, and died in the explosion. He was awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor. Stanley Izumigawa, Haruo Ikeuchi, and Edwin Nakashima were also in “A” Company at that time and survived the war and returned to sit with us around the dinner table that evening. Bingo games were played after dinner with Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa in charge. The Ben Takayesu’s donated buckets of beautiful yellow protea flowers and potted “shiso” plants for the ladies to take home. Akira Ishikawa and son Lloyd harvested the proteas and brought it down from Kula. We thank them all. We also thank Fred Yamashige, who was the hardworking chairman of the Mothers Day Dinner.

The Maui County Veterans Council will sponsor a Memorial Service on Monday, May 27, at the Makawao Maui County Veterans Cemetery at 10 a.m.

Chapter president Jack Gushiken is scheduled to attend the June 14 Board of Directors meeting in Honolulu, and will also attend the June 15 Anniversary (54th) Luncheon at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel.

There will be a family night on July 19, Friday, at the Kahului CC Park. Since group one and two ran the last family night, group three and four will be in charge this time.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

My apologies to Ruth Watanabe’s granddaughter. In the last issue of the PPP I spelled her name as Brooks, it should have been Brooke.

The Parks & Recreation held a “haku” lei making contest sponsored by the C&C of Honolulu on May 1st. The May Day program was held at the Ward Warehouse Centre. Entering the contest were Robyn Nariyoshi and Arynn Nagahiro, granddaughters of Rhoda (Charlie) Kawamata. Robyn is the daughter of Joyce and Steven Nariyoshi; Arynn is the daughter of Vicki & Kenneth Nagahiro. The contestants were given just one and one-half hours to complete the lei. Robyn won 1st prize in the 7 & 8 age group and Arynn won 2nd prize in the 11 & 12 age group. Congratulations to you both.

In a few weeks, Dog Co. will be having their statewide reunion in Honolulu hosted by the Oahu Doggies. Much barking helping, sniffing, lapping will be going on as they will be arriving on Friday, June 21st at the Pagoda Hotel where they will be quartered. According to chairman Robert Yoshioka, 96 persons have signed up. Breakdown of the number attending are as follows: Mainland - 5, Oahu-51, Maui-6, Kauai-12, Hilo-22.

On April 15th, I joined my girlfriend and her working friends on a trip to Japan (Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Kumamoto and Beppu) for one week. I was there in November, but since this was such a good deal, I decided to go. There were ten of us plus this fellow from the airlines who took us. This trip was quite an experience from my other trips. Upon arrival in Fukuoka, we were met by a representative from ATC, who told us that we were going to our hotel via the subway. After getting off the subway, we walked five blocks to the hotel lugging our luggage. I couldn’t believe this! My feet were killing me as I had my dress shoes on. By then, we were so hungry we went right out again looking for something to eat. We heard about the Hakata ramen so after asking around we found this shop. So many different ramen to choose from so I asked a customer what he was eating and if it was ‘ono’. He told us it was good cause you get ramen, gyoza plus rice if you wanted. It was a good choice and it was very delicious. The next morning we were given our itinerary and were told that our bus driver (Japanese speaking) will be taking over and that since I spoke Japanese to do the interpreting. I thought “oh my goodness”. We left Fukuoka for Nagasaki and one of the highlights of the trip was Huis Ten Bosch, a new city where nature and the flow of history are joined. A replica of Holland. Such a beautiful place, full of tulips, colorful spring flowers, historical buildings, windmills, canals, taxis and boats decorated with flowers In Nagasaki, we ate the Nagasaki “chun-pon” which was ‘ono’. The cherry blossoms were just beautiful - it would have been nicer had it been a week earlier. Mt. Aso was different from November, you couldn’t see the bottom and the fumes were just awful. They warned us that anyone with respiratory problems should not go up. Beppu was nice. In Kumamoto, the group was just eager to go in the onsen. This group was all young, in their 40’s and 50’s except my girl friends’ mother and me, but they treated us just like we were one of them. For many of them, this was their first trip to Japan so every chance they had, they wanted to shop. A couple of times the bus driver and I had to go looking for the gals. Back in Fukuoka, I
was talking to the bus driver and he told me that he was worried (so was I), but everything turned out fine. Two days before we came home, I sprained my ankle. In Honolulu, after clearing with customs, the strap on my handbag came off. I thought what next? Despite all of this, we had a nice time and are looking forward to the next trip.

Reminder: Biffa Moriguchi’s 1996 One Puka Puka Autumn Tour meeting will be on June 5, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristen Nagata (grand-daughter of Maui Chapter’s Tom Nagata) for winning the One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship of $1,500. Kristen is an outstanding student at Baldwin High School and was also a semi-finalist in the Sterling Scholar Program which recognizes outstanding students statewide. Both Kristen and proud grandpa Tom Nagata will be attending the 54th Anniversary Banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristie Morikawa (grand-daughter of the late Tsuneo Morikawa (A)) for being selected as a recipient of the Sons and Daughters $500 scholarship. Kristie is a familiar face at Club 100 functions, having participated with the Children’s Choir, Club-House Clean Up, V-J Day, etc. The recipient of the second S&D $500 scholarship this year is Cara Kanemoto of Honoka’a High (grade 12)

Editors’ Note: We have a lot to look forward to in the next generation of 100th descendants.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sons and Daughters Essay Contest winners: Timmy Nozaki of Washington Intermediate School (grade 8) and Stanton Richard of Hawai’i Baptist Academy (grade 12) who each won a $100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Donations to S&D: MAHALO TO:

- $100 from an anonymous donor
- $250 from Hawaiian Electric Company (this is an additional gift, part of their matching grant program)
- 12 new VHS tapes from Ralph Ideta (through Tokuji Ono)
- “memorabilia” from Martin Tohara

HISTORY DAY

Saturday, April 27 was History Day in Hawai’i. The Sons and Daughters judges (Sophie Hatakenaka, Ann Kabasawa, Drusilla Tanaka and veterans Tokuji Ono and Martin Tohara) selected the following winners from among the state-wide entries: Junior Media: Marsha Inouye, Rebeka Tanimoto of Waiakea Intermediate School for their video, “Hitler’s Killing Fields of Europe.” Junior Essay: Tessa Munekiyo of Iao Intermediate School for her essay, “Buddhism: World War II’s Forbidden Religion.” Senior Display: Jason Hines and Aaron Custodio of Pearl City High School for their display about the promise to the Filipino Veterans, “A Nation’s Commitment.” Senior Essay: Kimberly Machida of Waiakea High School for her paper on “Chiune Sugihara: A Man Who Stood Alone.” Sugihara was the Japanese Embassy worker who granted visas to Jews in Germany prior to and during World War II, thus saving many lives. Senior Media: Darcy Naganuma, Aysha Motilla, and Kim Fujikawa of Kauai High School for their video, “Dual Mission: Duty and Dignity” which focused on the men of the 442nd RCT. Each winner received a cash prize and a souvenir mug. A copy of “Ambassadors In Arms” was given to the winning students’ school library.

LOOKING LIKE THE ENEMY

MAHALO TO all those who helped and donated snacks: Drusilla and Stanley Tanaka, Aki Nosaka, Sharon Tanaka, Doreen Matsuda, Sophie Hatakenaka, Avin and MaryAnn Oshiro, Mimi and Stephen Nakano, Gail Nishimura, Ann Kabasawa, Leonard Oka and Warren Yamamoto. Thank you to Ono Manju (Eric and Kathy Tokunaga) for providing the delicious manju.
MEMBERSHIP

Welcome more new members: Sharon Oguro, Henry Nakayama, Jan Nadamoto, Lynne Matsusugu, Nellis Kunieda, Cynthia Murphy, April Yuki, David Saito and Kristine Yoshida.

Membership Reminder: Don’t forget to send in you membership dues for 1996-97. Dues are $25.00 for regular members and $15.00 for associate members. Please make check payable to: Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion. Checks should be mailed to:

Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion
516 Kamoku Street 5206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Attn: Membership

If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

ANNUAL CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP DAY

Just a reminder that Saturday, June 1st from 8:00am is the Annual Clubhouse Clean-Up Day. It’s a fun time working side by side with the veterans and the wives and widows. Lunch will be provided.

ORAL HISTORY

The video essay, LOOKING LIKE THE ENEMY, presented at Kapiolani Community College on May 17, 1996 demonstrates one example of how oral history interviews woven together with moving image and text can effectively pose a question like: “What happens when you look like the enemy?” and can infer subtle questions like “Who is the enemy?”

Karen Ishizuka, producer, and Robert Nakamura, director and editor present first-hand answers by veterans like Stanley Akita, Young Ok Kim, Don Masuda, Lance Matsushita, David Miyoshi, Ron Oba, Vincent Okamoto, Martin Tohara and others. Besides documenting and providing supporting evidence for the thesis, the veterans' voices represent consistent experiences from three different wars--World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. This and the fact that audience can see and hear the veteran’s testimonies increases the credibility of the evidence. If you missed the opportunity to meet Ishizuka and Nakamura and to view the preliminary showing, tune in to KIKU (channel 13 or 21) on June 7, 1996 at 9:00pm.

Why is it important to know what happens when you look like the enemy?

If you are a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion, answering this question may be insignificant because presently your enemy or enemies (age and accompanying chronic health problems) are faceless. However, because you know what happens in war when one looks like the enemy, it is important for you to share your first-hand experiences. You are the last living link to World War II’s greatest lessons about the challenges of acculturation, war and discrimination.

From your stories, future generations of Americans can learn and pass-on information about how values like perseverance, duty, obligation, responsibility, loyalty, not bring shame to the family, sacrifice, acceptance of the circumstances, and give all to your country develop character, citizenship and endurance. Your stories can teach valuable lessons about the positive and negative consequences of fighting a dual war. Your stories may help to keep history from repeating itself.

As a son or daughter of a veteran, posing and answering the question “What happens when you look like the enemy?” may seem inconsequential especially since war is not imminent. As a third or fourth generation American, no one outwardly questions your loyalty. Furthermore, the ACLU and affirmative action laws protect your constitutional rights, so what's the big deal?

More important and immediate concerns may be maintaining a comfortable “ideal” lifestyle, planning a vacation, funding college education or surviving the rigors of taxing children from school to sport, to music lessons or other extracurricular activities. If you a son or daughter who “recently retired”, your
concern may be planning a cruise or accomplishing the 101 things you always wanted to do but never had the time for. So—why is knowing and caring about what happens when you look like the enemy important?

Knowing is important. The obvious reason is because history repeats itself as proven in Looking Like the Enemy. Although the possibility of being called to serve in a war may be remote for a third generation AJA, consider the implications looking like the enemy may have on the fourth, fifth, and future generations should they be called to serve. Then, ponder and elaborate. Do these challenging dilemmas (when one looks like an enemy) arise only on the battlefields of war?

Intergenerational conflicts that naturally occur during adolescence and adulthood may sometimes disconnect us from the legacy of values that have been the foundation of our culture and success. In addition, stress caused by each generations' need to achieve as individuals, to acquire a unique identity, and to meet cultural expectations may further distance us from our roots. Is caring important and when is the right time to care?

Caring is important if we want America to remain “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” Now is the time to care. Now is the time to care enough to overcome some of the cultural behaviors engraved in us that may make sharing our feelings, thoughts and affections difficult. Now is the time to establish new channels of communication that allow us to acknowledge each other’s strengths. Now is the time to inquire, listen, learn, understand, and value our common yet unique qualities. In this way, the legacy of values which are responsible for our success will be perpetuated.

Veterans, wives, sons and daughters, grandchildren and friends if you doubt that intergenerational conflicts can be dissolved, doubt that new channels of communication can be established or care about freedom and equality, sit-in on an oral history interview. Find out, who are our heroes? Who are the “real” people, who are the things we wish we could be? Who endured the cold shadows of war when they could fly high than an eagle? Who are the people who have been contended to let others shine because glory was not important? Who are the individuals that have endured the battles and strain of looking like the enemy? Time is shortening our chances of discovering, sharing and communicating. Don’t let these opportunities and the opportunity to share your feelings go unspoken...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Ray Nosaka

On Friday morning, May 24th, the Baker Ukulele Club, with the help of some 442nd hula dancers and musicians, brought smiles and music to the patients at the Convalescent Center of Hawaii. The very appreciative audience joined in by singing along and clapping their hands keeping in time with the music. Walter Kiyonaga’s (Co A) sister was one of the patients enjoying the entertainment.

It is a wonderful feeling to be able to share some singing and dancing which brings happiness to those who are not so fortunate health wise.. Next month we have been asked to perform at a nursing home in Kaneohe. We are grateful to this group from the 442nd who have united with us in this community service.

Those participating were: Horace Awa, Irene Brunn, Bessie Ichimura, Harry Katahara, Kimi Matsuda, Elaine Nakamura, Fred Shimizu, Stella Tanigawa, Evelyn Tsuda, Tom Tsubota, Marie Yoneshige and Ray and Aki Nosaka. From the 442nd: Eleanor Ando, Yori Inouye, Henry Ishida, James Kanemori, Hilda Kaneshiro, Ellen Kunihiro, Myrtle Nakasato, Janet & David Umeda, Ralph Tomei, Jane Ueoka, Jane Yamao and Ellen Yamada.

MINI REUNION LAS VEGAS OCTOBER 13 - 18, 1996

We have not yet received the listing from Ben Tagami as to who on the mainland has already signed up, but we hope to give you that information in the next issue. From Hawaii, to date, we have 70 people signed up and Kiyoshi Kami has been able to add a few more airline seats to our commitment. So please let it be known as soon as possible, in writing or phone call, that you are interested in joining the group.
CLUB 100 JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE ........................................ Saturday, June 22 8 a.m. Lounge
BAKER ........................................ Saturday, June 22 1 p.m. Lounge
CHARLIE ....................................... Monday, June 17 10 a.m. Board Room
DOG CHAPTER REUNION Saturday, June 22
HQ. no meeting in June
HAWAII .......................................... AIA Vets Hall
MAUI ..............................................
RURAL
KAUAI ........................................... Sunday, June 9 11:30 a.m. Sizzler Restaurant
BOARD ........................................... Friday, June 14 10 a.m. Boardroom
S&D BOARD .................................... Friday, June 21 7 p.m. Boardroom
GREEN THUMBS ........................... Monday, June 3 10:00 a.m. Turner Hall
KARAOKE FUN NITE .............. Friday, June 14 6:00 p.m. Turner Hall
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ......... Tuesday, June 18 10:00am
54th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET (LUNCHEON) Saturday, June 15, Hawaiian Regent Hotel.

Collating for the June issue will be on Thursday, June 27. Deadline for submitting news will be on Tuesday, June 18. Headquarters, Dog and Medics Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

ANNUAL CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP IS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1996 at 8:00am.

REMINDER: SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1996 IS FATHER'S DAY!!

The Puka-Puka Parade is the monthly newsletter of Club 100, the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans.