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FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

Gene Castagnetti, Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, has requested that everyone possible please complete the survey form found on page 14. Your opinion and evaluation will be of great assistance to the Director and his staff who continually strive to improve on their services to the veterans and their families. The first question asked as to whether you would be willing to support construction to extend the Columbarium is of great importance on this form. We just learned that it is possible that even the existing Columbarium will be totally filled in another 5 years or less. Please complete the form and mail as instructed or deliver it in person to the Club house or to the Cemetery office. Thank you.

MINI-REUNION

Many of you have been waiting for the announcement regarding the Mini-reunion to be held in Las Vegas on October 5 - 10, 1997. This year the reunion headquarters will be the Las Vegas Club located downtown across from the California Hotel. Once again you can look forward to a fun filled time (whether you win or lose) and a time for getting re-acquainted with your katonk buddies. June Kurisu will once more arrange for some interesting bus tours—it is good to get out of the casinos (especially when your luck is down) and get some fresh Nevada air in your lungs. The registration form will be printed on the last page of this Puka Puka. The Mainlanders should contact Ben Tagami or Sam Fujikawa regarding their hotel reservations, transportation, etc

55th ANNIVERSARY

Our 55th anniversary celebration is just 3 months away, and Kazuto Shimizu and Tom Nishioka, Co-Chairmen, are working very diligently to make this the most memorable reunion ever. Everyone should submit their registration forms as soon as possible so that the committees will have a head count well in advance.

To give you an idea of one of the activities in store for you, today we went on a "dry run" tour of the Kapolei/Waipahu Plantation outing, and although we covered only the first half of the tour, we found it extremely interesting. We were just amazed to see and learn all about Kapolei, "the future 2nd city" of Hawaii. We recommend that you sign up early for the tour which will cost you only \$10.00 for the bus, educational tour of Kapolei and Waipahu Cultural Center, and a bento lunch. We have two buses reserved for this event on June 21st—so plan on having a relaxing ride to the western part of Oahu.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LONG TERM HEALTH CARE?

The following should be of interest to all of us because we are at that age when we must consider what would happen if it becomes necessary to enter a nursing home

A free, informal seminar is being offered by Eric Takao to members, families and friends on Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Club 100. Come and bring any questions you might have regarding long term care services—how will you manage the finances, what help can you expect to get from your insurance company, from the State of Hawaii, etc??

You will be under NO obligation to sit in, listen, and ask for information. We would like for you to call the office of Eric Takao 529-6344 or the Clubhouse 946-0272 or let Martin Tohara know that you will be coming. Since refreshments will be served, they will need to have a head count.. Mark your calendars now. It will be worth the time you spend listening and learning.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mary Hamasaki, our PPP "volunteer proof reader", who underwent surgery in February and is now recovering at home.

MAHALO NUI LOA to the PPP volunteers who turned out on January 30th to collate and mail out the February issue: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Mitsuru Furumoto, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Sally Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Yutaka Inouye, Masaru Kadomoto, Gladys Kawakami, Ken Kaneko, Irene Kawashima, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Jack Mizushima, Walter Moriguchi, Y. Mugitani, Joe Muramatsu, Roy Nakamura, Tom Nakamura, Hideshi Niimi, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Takeichi Onishi, Leo Sato, Bob Sato, Judge Sodetani, Ken Suehiro, Stanley Takahashi, Masa Toma, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Kaoru Yonezawa, and Marie Yoneshige.

FEBRUARY BOARD HI-LITES

by President Joe Muramatsu

The Board convened on February 14, 1997, with the welcoming aboard of new Board member, Toshio Yoneyama, President of Headquarters Chapter. The Executive Secretary's report, the CPA's report and the Treasurer's Report were all accepted.

Al Arakaki (A) requested funding for the "Crossings" Exhibit, to be held at the JCCH in October. The Board approved donating \$2,200 to be used to enlarge and mount 100 photographs, build three showcases, mount and display artifacts and design and print informational flyers.

The gutter-work on the apartment building is completed. Now all we have to do is to wait for a heavy rain to make sure there are no leaks anywhere. Perhaps if I were to wash my car, the "man upstairs" will oblige and send some rain to test our gutters!

It was suggested that Turner Hall be painted in time for the 55th Reunion. We also hope to have the work on the apartment building finished in time for the reunion.

There was a lengthy discussion on where to put our money for best results. The Ad Hoc Investment Committee will be investing in CD's.

The 55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration Committee has things going along smoothly. It was decided that all Board members and spouses be given a free ride for the Registration and the Banquet.

Nothing was done regarding our Long Range Plan. Discussion focused on whether the capital funds could be waived for those who haven't paid it and want to join as a life member how. It was decided that this matter be taken back to the chapter level and be reported back to the Board at our next meeting.

Chapters have been requested to select their Christmas party date and to report it to Drusilla as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Executive Secretary should use her discretion in making necessary repairs and up-grading of the computer without approval of the Board.

The Board voted to pay for each Board member to attend the 442nd 54th Anniversary Banquet dinner on March 22, 1997, at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Any Club 100 member who wants to attend, please call Drusilla at the Clubhouse (946-0272). Cost is \$30.

A request by Ed Ikuma and Toshio Yoneyama for \$500 to support the public lecture and slide presentation about Keichi Kimura (HQ) was approved. Kei Kimura has been called the Picasso of Hawaii. Several members had their portraits painted by Kimura while they were at McCoy and Shelby. The lucky ones who kept them in good condition have a very valuable piece of art.

The lecture will be on Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Art Building Auditorium (Room 132) on the University of Hawaii campus.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP: Koden Policy. "Koden" shall be given to the following persons who are currently affiliated with the Club: Regular member (\$40), Regular member's wife/widow (\$20), Regular member's dependent children (\$10), Regular member's parents (\$20); Honorary member or his spouse (\$10). Chapter presidents or their representatives will be responsible to provide the Executive Secretary with the necessary data upon receipt of information concerning any deaths of their members. The Executive Secretary will notify the Club President and take appropriate action to provide the "koden." The Koden Policy is two pages long, so we cannot reprint it in its entirety. If you have a question, please call the Clubhouse and speak with Drusilla.

In addition to the mother club's koden policy, each chapter has its own koden policy and mutual assistance procedure. Chapters have provided assistance with planning the memorial service for the deceased and in providing volunteers for the "cho-bah." Chapters activate their phone networks to notify members about memorial services.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla Tanaka

Mahalo to the following donors for their thoughtful and generous gifts to Club 100:

- \$500 from Yasutaka Fukushima (A) in memory of his wife, Helen
- \$20 from Honorary Member Bob Jones
- a copy of the Bunshun Video Production, "442 Regimental Combat Team/100 Infantry Battalion" from Robert T. Sato (A)
- paper goods and other supplies, an institutional can opener and wooden cutting boards from Shigeru Inouye
- an untitled video from Japan was donated by Robert Murakami through Martin Tohara (D)

The PukaPuka Parade received the following gifts:

- \$15 from Marian Hayashi
- \$50 from Warren and Millie Fencil (C)

Welcome to new Life Members:

- Katsumi Yamamoto (Hawaii-D)
- James Izumi (B)

A new feature of the Executive Secretary's report is the **Salute to the Octogenarian** which will list birthdays of those members achieving the venerable age of 80. Because this is the first month we are doing it, we will also list all those members who have already reached 80 and beyond. Way back when you members were born, the life expectancy of a Japanese male born in 1920 in Hawaii was 50.15 years. You beat the statistics, and lived through a world-wide depression, survived the battlefields of war, contributed to the baby boom, celebrated Statehood for Hawaii, saw man land on the moon, shook your head through the sexual revolution, mastered new technology like televisions, push-button phones, video cameras, VCRs, computers, and embraced those Generation X-ers who happen to be your beloved grandchildren. As Jimmy Ishimoto (A) said, "It's really something to be 80!" (He's looking forward to it in October.)

We're tardy with our salute to:

- * Taro Suzuki (B) 93 years old in April
- * James Lovell (Hq) 90 years old
- * Thomas Taguchi (C) 90 years old in July
- * Shinobu Tofukuji (Medics) 88 years old
- * Goro Kuwada (C) 87 years old in June
- * Ben Kobayashi (D), Donald Hamada (Hq), Kenneth Yoshiura (A), Ben Miyake (A)--all who will be 86 years old this year

- * Masaichi Yoza (B), Takashi Kitaoka (B), James Shiraki (A), Tsutomu Yoshimoto (R), Takeshi Tanaka (B), Masato Fujitani (R), James Funakoshi (B), Francis Takemoto (d), Richard Mizuta (C)--who will celebrate 85 years this year
- * Kaneichi Morimoto (B), Tsukasa Muramoto (R), Ralph Fukunaga (A), Fred Morihara (A), Yoshiharu Nishida (A), Charles Miyashiro (Hq), Charles Nishimura (R)--who are/will be 84 years old
- * Seian Hokama (A), Gary Uchida (Hq), Tom Nosse (Hq), Kanichi Nishi (D), Masayoshi Kawamoto (C), Wallace Abe (A), Mike Kamiya (R), Takeichi Miyashiro (C), Seitoku Hanashiro (A), Edward Saito (R), Kenneth Muroshige (B), James Iwasa (B), Masami Hamakado (B), Ronald Miwa (Hq), Thomas Nakamura (A)--our 83 year olds
- * Genichi Masumotoya (Medics), Fred Wada (R), Thomas Tsubota (B), Wallace Chinen (D), Richard Endo (D), Wallace Teruya (Hq), Saburo Ishitani (C), Yasuo Takata (B), Larry Mizuno (A), Benjamin Yamada (B), Seiju Ifuku (C), Kiyoshi Jinnohara (R), Richard Tsutsui (D), Robert Imoto (B), Raymond Harada (D), Masato Tomihiro (R), Thomas Yabuki (B), Seiji Kimura (Hq), Saburo Inamasu (R), Etsuo Katano (Medics), Harold Sugiyama (B), Sakae Tanigawa (B), Manabu Hongo (C), Isao Nakashima (D), Tokuichi Hayashi (A), Sonsei Nakamura (B), Paul Maruo (A), Richard Takahashi (R)--all born in 1915
- * Hajime Yamane (B), Kenichi Suehiro (Hq), Yasuto Furusho (B), Roy Miyashiro (C), Kazuo Kamemoto (A), Kenneth Mitsunaga (D), George Fujikawa (R), Saburo Hasegawa (A), Otomatsu Aoki (Hq), Masaru Tomasa (A), George Fujikawa (C), Robert Yoshioka (D), Haruo Hayakawa (R), Akiyoshi Kuriyama (Hq), Yoshio Hirose (B), Kaoru Yonezawa (C), Aketo Doi (Hq), Raymond Nosaka (B), Yasutaka Fukushima (A), Yutaka Kawasaki (A), Isao Nadamoto (B), Martin Tohara (D), Toshio Kunimura (Hq), Fred Kurisu (B), Robert Takashige (B), Walter Sekiya (R), Stanley Hamamura (Hq), Richard Maeda (B), Hideo Doi (C), James Noji (D), Kanemi Kanazawa (C), Tom Fujise (A), Toshio Kokubun (Hq), Thomas Funamoto (B), Peter Kuromoto (A), Kazuo Yamane (B), Henry Kimura (Hq), Jerry Sakoda (B), Mike Takahashi (Hq)--who are 81 years old this year
- * Takeo Azama (B), Robert Ikei (R), Kenneth Kaneko (B), Yoshio Anzai (C) who celebrated the big 8-0 in January
- * Hakaru Taoka (R), Hideshi Niimi (C), Robert Todani who joined the octogenarian club in February and
- * we sing happy 80th birthday this month to James Kajiyama (Hq), Masao Iraha (D), Tsuyoshi Sakahara (B), and Masaru Kadomoto (A).

Editors' note: We may have missed some of you who deserve mention because your birthdates were not on your member information card. Also, any member who does not want his 80th birthday announced in the PPP should call the office and we promise to keep your age a secret.

Congratulations to Yasuto Furusho (B), Wallace Takemoto (Kauai-B), Mary Hamasaki (D), Masao Sato (Maui-C), Tommy Nishioka (A), Kazuto Shimizu (C), Shigeru Inouye (Medics), Kiyoshi Kami (A), Sadashi Matsunami (D), and Kazuo Kamemoto (A)! They were the first ten to register for the 55th. Hiroshi Shimazu (B), just missed being number 10, so his name will be included here as "honorable mention." He said 11 is a better number, anyway! As of this writing, there are over 100 individuals registered for the 55th!

Update on Bishop Ara's Book: Thank you very much to all who have contributed their personal stories. Karleen Chinen (daughter of Wallace Chinen-D) has been hired by the editorial committee to be the editor for the book. There are so many wonderful stories, and she has the difficult job of selecting the stories to be included in the book. Even if your story is not chosen, whatever you wrote will be kept in the Sons and Daughters Archives so that your story will be part of the records. The book will feature personal stories from men of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineers. It is scheduled for release in October and is being published by Bishop Ryokan Ara of the Tendai Mission in Honolulu. The Editorial Committee members are Hideto Kono, Chair; Robert Katayama, Ed Ichiyama, Robert Sakai, Ted Tsukiyama, Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani, Cary Miyashiro, Mary Ann (Mimi) Nakano, Jane Komeiji, Drusilla Tanaka, and Bishop Ara.

CALL FOR PHOTOS, LETTERS, MEMORABILIA, SOUVENIRS from France. Alfred and Paulette Arakaki (A) are representing Club 100 on the "Crossings 97" committee which will put on an exhibit at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii in October. The "Crossings" event will be a state-wide celebration of the relationship between Hawaii and France, with a variety of events focused on the Hawaii-French connection. The exhibit at the JCCH Historical Gallery will emphasize the special bond forged between the Japanese American Nisei Soldier and the people of France, especially those who live in Bruyeres and Biffontaine. The 442nd Veterans Club is also participating in this exhibit. We know that many of you have friends in France. Would you share your photos (old ones and recent ones), correspondence, your memorabilia? We promise to return all items. Contact Al Arakaki or call the Clubhouse.

Editors' note: Because this will be a state-wide event, it will be a good opportunity to share the story of the 100th/442nd. A lot of people do not know about the history behind the French and the Nisei connection. Thank you, Al and Paulette for service on this committee.

JAPAN '97

Stanley Akita has announced that all of you who sent in your deposit for this Japan tour will be informed of the finalized details very soon. As of this date, there are 40 people signed up for Course A, and 16 signed up for Course B.

If you have any relatives or friends who might be interested in taking the Course B tour, please call Stanley at 734-8901.

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ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nishioka

I must apologize for not submitting any news for the Able chapter in the January issue. As the saying goes, "no news is good news" However, I must admit that I was just lazy to write anything. Well, let me begin by saying Able Chapter wishes all the other chapter members and their families a Very Happy New Year and hope that 1997 will be a better year.

The following are the newly elected officers for the Chapter:

President	Al Matsumoto
Vice-President	Tokuichi Hayashi
Secretary	Tommy Nishioka
Treasurer	Susumu Kunishige

For the January's meeting, Vice-President Hayashi conducted the meeting as our President took a well deserved R & R. Tokuichi very efficiently conducted the meeting and reported on the high lights of the Board meeting. Our Co-Chairman of the past Christmas party, Richard Ishimoto, reported that our Christmas party was very successful with a record number attending. Co-chair lady, Louise Morikawa took charge of the games for the children and they all enjoyed it very much. Incidentally, Richard reported that this was the first year that our Christmas party committee came out in the black instead of red. With so many donations, our chapter treasurer reported that we did not lose money this year.

The 55th Anniversary committee would like for every one to respond to the registration forms as soon as possible. It is important for the committee to know how many people will be attending the celebration.

Recently we heard that Kazuo Kamemoto was under the weather. We wish him a fast recovery so that he can continue to enjoy doing what he does best.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Bernard Akamine

I had to miss the February Chapter meeting due to other commitments. China also missed the meeting because it was his turn at Punchbowl. So, I heard there was no bread pudding. Hajime Yamane will be out of town next month.

At the meeting, Robert Arakaki was appointed Chairman of the B-Company "Chapter Night" for the 55th Reunion. Mark your calendar--June 21 (Saturday), 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Bob needs to know how many will attend. (Not included in the registration material you got in the mail.) Cost has not been determined yet. This subject will be discussed further at the next Chapter meeting.

I got hold of some old newspaper pictures and stories as far back as March 1943. This picture is of boxing champions of Camp Shelby. Three members of the 100th are pictured: Ray Nosaka, Irving Akahoshi, and Asae Tanaka--bring back memories? Also, newspaper clippings from 1947--these are Ray Nosaka's "Browsing in Manoa Housing" column. From the stories he wrote, there is not one mention of crime in his column. Also, there is an editorial in the Star Bulletin entitled "A Lei for Manoa Housing." And in an April 1949 issue, Ray Coll, Jr., the Editor of the Star Bulletin, mentioned Ray Nosaka, again, as the assistant boxing coach at City Wide A.C. Ray went to see Mr. Coll with his suggestion to promote Hawaii. Ray explained that whenever he takes a group of boxers to the mainland, nobody pays any attention to them, they don't even know where his group is from. He suggested that whenever a group of athletes goes to the mainland, they should be equipped with jackets labeled, "HAWAII." That is still a good idea, today, Ray, but I think EVERYONE who is from Hawaii should have something that says, "Hawaii" on it when they travel. You know those complementary travel bags that the travel agency give you? I wonder if the Hawaii Visitors Bureau would help with the printing? How about it, Hawaii Visitors Bureau?

VCRs (video-cassette recorders) are such wonderful pieces of technology. I always program the features I want to see and play them back at a convenient time for me. The one good feature of the VCR is the fast-forward button. Whenever a commercial appears, I fast-forward it. Sorry, Harry and Myra (Ben and Gloria Tamashiro) and Grandpa (Ray Nosaka) of the GTE commercial.

Heard that Jack Kuioka has been in Straub Hospital for 6 months following complications from major surgery. We hope you are feeling stronger, now, Jack.

Also heard that the family of Etsuo Nakaya contacted the Clubhouse and Stu Yoshioka, Ray Nosaka, Tom Tsubota went to visit him. His daughter said that even tho he didn't join the club, he talked so much about the 100th and his time at McCoy, Shelby, and in Europe, she could tell that his friends and his experiences meant a lot to him.

Condolences to Sonsei and Jack Nakamura whose mother passed away on Sunday, February 16. She was 105 years old. Mrs. Kami Nakamura was the center of attention on New Year's Day, when she was featured on Pamela Young's "Mixed Plate" on KITV-4.

Remember to call Robert Aoki 488-3395 if you plan to attend the "Family Night" on April 13. We want to get an early start, so it will begin at 4:30 p.m. with games and other activities being planned by Drusilla and Stan Tanaka and Karen and Denis Tanigawa. Dinner will be early, at 6 p.m, so we can clean up and go home by 8 p.m. Pay at the next chapter meeting or at the door. \$5 per adult. Donations and contributions of garnish or dressing, dessert, drinks, tsukemono will be appreciated.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warren Iwai

Fifteen (15) members were present at our second meeting on February 17th. Three members, who we do not see very often, Masa Nakano, Robert Takato and Manabu Hongo, were present. Masa is still making his semi-annual pilgrimage to the land of the onsen. He says the onsen is his fountain of youth. Manabu is spending many hours on the bus commuting from Northshore to Honolulu. He is getting his money's worth from the senior's bus pass. Robert is still on the States's payroll and appears to be indispensable. The chapter noted to recommend to the Board of Directors to amend the by laws by deleting the requirement to pay the \$56.00 capital fund. The Chapter believes that there is no need for more capital fund.

55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -Remember you must send in your registration form by March 15 to take advantage of the discounts. Golfers be sure to complete the entry form. Here are some of the guys who are coming - our former CO, William Pye and Mrs. Peggy Pye (Texas), Sam and Teri Fujikawa (Los Angeles), George and Mary Miyahara (San Francisco) and Masao Sato (Maui).

I sent the September issue of the PPP to Masa Sakagami in Seattle, Wa. Masa took out a page containing the Charlie Chapter news and mailed it to Kiyoshi Shimizu in Denver, Colorado. In December, '96, I received a letter from Masa and two snapshots of Lt. Anthony DeLuca. The pictures came from Kiyoshi Shimizu's album. The snapshots were enlarged and copies were made by our Stanley Kimura (dba House of Photography) and will soon be mailed to DeLuca's daughter who has been trying to gather more information of her father. Thanks to all parties involved, Masa, Kiyoshi and Stanley for making this possible.

Masa Sakagami says he is fine and still going fishing every week. In December he was catching perch using sea worms for bait in Elliot Bay.

GOLF- At the annual awards dinner at Natsunoya Teahouse on February 14th, Roy Nakamura was awarded the first place prize for winning the Club 100 Golf Club President's Trophy. The only other winner from "C" Co. was Stanley Akita, winning the May Merchandise certificate.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY- Clarence and Helen Yamamoto will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 22nd, just when this article goes to press. Congratulations and many more happy anniversaries!

To our list of octogenarians, two rookies have just joined their ranks - Yoshio Anzai celebrated his 80th birthday on January 16, and Hideshi Niimi celebrated his on February 7. Congratulations and many more happy birthdays!!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th.

LADIES CORNER - The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, March 9 at the home of Doris Kimura at 3849 Old Pali Road. If you are interested and have not been contacted, call Doris Kimura at 595-3352 or Takako Umamoto at 845-8446.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS

By June Kurisu

The 37th annual 100/442 Veterans Association installation luncheon was held on Saturday, January 18, at the Hilton Hotel in Torrance. The 100th filled three tables with thirty people. The 100th was well represented with the attendance of Ben Tagami, 2nd Vice-President, Henry Sakato, Secretary, and Hank Yoshitake, Treasurer and Trustee. These "boys" are always ready and willing to take on tasks to help the Association, as well at the Club 100. Dare I say that they looked handsome sitting together in the front row of the photo in the Rafu Shimpō? Kiyō Yamate is the new President for the Association.

At the installation, two 100th members, as well as Casey Kasuyama and the late Wally Nakashima, were honored for their many, many years of work in publishing the 100/442 Newsletter. They are Nora Kim and Sats Nakamura. Give them a pat on the back the next time you see them for their dedication and perseverance.

Martha Nakagawa, staff writer for the Rafu Shimpo, wrote two full columns in the January 22nd edition of the paper about the installation. She wrote that our Co. Young O Kim referred to this year as the 'home stretch' and asked the public's support for the 'drive to the finish line' in the fundraising for the Japanese American World War II Veterans Monument in Little Tokyo. The goal is to raise \$2.5 million by the Spring of 1998.

Hold tight, Buddy Mamiya, we are all rooting for you. By the way, remember to send your membership dues to Buddy. When your dues are received, then Sam Fujikawa will send you a calendar of events.

All club members extend our condolences to Nora Kim whose brother passed away, and to Yeiki Matsui whose sister Eiko Abe passed away.

By the time you read this, we will already have enjoyed the Valentine's dinner held on February 15th at the Pacific Seafood Restaurant in Alhambra. Arrangements were made by our chief dinner planner, Allan Dong.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

Our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Lillian Fujimori for her generous monetary gift to Dog Chapter in memory of her beloved husband, Iwao "Fuzzy" Fujimori.

Our get-well wishes go to Mary Hamasaki who has been under the weather, and recently under went surgery. Take care and get well soon, Mary.

Dog Chapter is encouraging the widows and wives to come to the meetings. The meetings don't last long, and we can start preparing breakfast again. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 8 a.m.

On February 6th, Ed and Kay Harada were off to Las Vegas in hopes of hitting it big. Kay says it's been ten years since they started going to Las Vegas, and she hasn't won the Royal Flush yet. For your information, Kay, it took me 25 years before I hit the jack pot. Have patience! Kay blames "Nick" (bless his soul) and me for getting them started in going to Vegas. Nick used to tease her saying don't be like the bird in the cage (ka-go-no-tori),-- cut loose sometimes-- which she does nowadays.

BIFFA'S HOKKAIDO TOUR:

There will be a meeting on March 5th (Wednesday) at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. "Opu" Hiranaka will be distributing the itinerary then and will explain in detail. Anyone interested but can't attend, please give Biffa a call at 737-7008 (home).

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nagata

The schedule of activities for Maui Chapter has been mailed out by Secretary Edward Nishihara, and if you have not received your copy by now, please call him. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, at Sizzlers, 11 a.m. The budget for the year 1997 will be up for discussion, and the annual report will be given by the Treasurer. Wives and widows are welcome and the usual fees will be in effect as follows: Members \$2.00, wives \$3.00, widows, no charge.

Arthur Shinyama was president of Maui Chapter in 1947, fifty years ago. He succeeded Jack Gushiken, our first chapter president. Members and wives went to Lahaina to hold our Memorial Services under the large banyan tree near the old courthouse. In his memorial

address, Arthur made a moving and inspiring speech. Following the service, we all went to a nearby restaurant for liquid refreshments and lunch. Not long after his term of office was over, Arthur with his wife Carol, left for the Mainland to attend college. He returned to Maui after he received his degree in mechanical engineering and settled in Wailuku. He is now retired and enjoying the company of his four daughters, three grandsons, and a granddaughter. He was in "C" Company during the war, and is a life member of Club 100, and also Maui Chapter. Both Arthur and Carol are expert oama fishermen and used to spend their summer months at the Kanaha Beach Park with their first grandson fishing with them. They are one of the few kind people who clean the oama before giving it away to their friends. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

Since there isn't any earth shaking news from Hawaii, I would like to share some old news with you that goes back for 14 long years. One day, January 31 to be exact, Madam Pele decided she will quit. The eruption down at Volcano National Park's Chain of Crater Road and the Puna area suddenly died. People living in Kona, Oahu and the other islands are now enjoying vog-free air. Residents on this side of the island have not been complaining of difficulty in breathing or of teary eyes. Many tourists coming to the island are unhappy because they are not able to see an active volcano.

I would like to summarize the 55th anniversary reunion of Club 100 :

FRIDAY June 20 - 7:00 a.m. Tee time for the golf tournament at Kapolei Golf Course. Outside islanders and mainlanders will need to be in Honolulu the night before (Thursday). The early morning pickup at your hotel will be before the rooster crows. The check in time at the course will be 6:15 a.m. The neighbor island people call this the "plantation time". Golfers, hunters, fishermen and chicken fight people are early morning people, so the golf committee needn't worry. For the non-golfers, men and women, there will be a tour "Back to the Future" starting at 8:30 a.m. Welcome Bash at the Clubhouse at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 21 - Anniversary Banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Luncheon will be a Japanese buffet. Tommy Nishioka and Ann Kabasawa are the co-chairpersons. Saturday night will be chapter night.

SUNDAY June 22 - Memorial Service and breakfast are scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m. at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom. The sons participating in the Memorial service will be: Bert Turner, son of the late Col Farrant Turner; Dr. Franklin Kometani, son of the late Dr. Katsumi Kometani; Rev. Sidney Sumida, son of Goro Slumida (Co. A). The Pearl City Community Church Choir will provide the music. Chaplain Hiro Higuchi was the pastor of this church for several years. The cost of the breakfast will be \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children. In the afternoon—goodbye, sayonara, and aloha until we meet again.

Please send in your registration forms early with your money. Discount deadline is March 15th. As for hotel reservations, mail in your hotel reservation form with one night's deposit, check or credit card number. See you all in Honolulu in June.

Motoyoshi Tanaka, Hawaii chapter president, thanks Mother Chapter for the Holiday cheers \$50.00 donation.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

By Ken Suehiro

The Headquarters meeting on February 17th was called to order by Prexy Toshio Yoneyama. There were 11 members present.

Frances Okazaki, our old reliable, was recently hospitalized though I was not able to find out what was the cause. I do believe that she has been discharged from Kuakini Hospital. Take care, Frances.

Arthur Tamashiro discussed our Sons & Daughters scholarship problem and it is his belief that our present \$1500.00 sum as scholarship should be adjusted to match the tuition cost that is expected soon. He will bring it up to his committee for discussion as soon as possible. Arthur is our new Vice-President and he will represent HQ chapter at the Board meetings.

Ed Ikuma discussed the Keichi Kimura program the U.H. plans to have honoring Keichi soon. The announcement and invitation is printed here now. Headquarters members are especially urged to attend.

Club 100 members, family members and friends are invited to:

KEICHI KIMURA

A public lecture featuring the work of one of the finest artists of Hawaii.

Wednesday

March 19, 1997

7:30 p.m.

University of Hawaii
Art Building Auditorium
Room 132

This year's Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 28, 1997, with Jun Enomoto in charge. Toshio Kunimura will represent HQ with the flowers and chores. Do mark this date on your calendar.

HQ family night is in the offing, and we will announce it in the PPP as soon as the time and place is determined. Art Tamashiro will be in charge as usual. Our Prexy is anxious to meet the families of our members.

I volunteered a bottle of good wine to the last member of the 100th, but today I was told my idea was not too good. Not fair for the last survivor to drink the wine by himself—need at least two people.

Lunch for today's meeting was donated by Hq for those present. Good idea.

As I grow older, I find myself more forgetful with each passing day and I'm falling so often that it worries me. Dr Otagaki fell striking his head against a stone wall around his yard. The wound required 31 stitches. So far, I haven't required any stitches - knock on wood. And my children brought up the fact that eventually we will require care by our children. I live all alone in my big house and the house is cleaned by Carol, Earl and the grandchildren. Luckily, all 5 of them drive and with their help and the help of friends like Tom Nosse, Dr. Otagaki and Mugitani. But if my sister, who lives alone and is nearly 80 becomes incapacitated, then I may have to care of her or place her in a care home. And keeping her in a care home will cost 3-4 thousand a month—so, everybody, please take good care of yourself—stay healthy and ambulatory as long as possible.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

Gazing out of the dining room window, it was cloudy and threatening to rain the morning of 19, January, 1997, the day of our installation and New Years Banquet.

The activities were to start at 10 a.m., so we were on the road by 9 a.m.. We allowed ourselves enough time to see that the Hall at Dot's was ready. Enroute it started to rain but when we

arrived in Wahiawa, I could see patches of blue skies between the clouds. Its gonna be a nice day, I mumbled to myself as I parked by car.

I asked Mataki Takeshita and Satoshi Kashimoto, who were already there to give me a hand in icing the soft drinks and beer, to be ready for the 90 plus members, wives, sons and daughters and their children. By 10:30 all of our guests arrived, so our MC Jesse Hirata started the program by welcoming all to our banquet. Our guests were Mr. Joichi and Mrs. Katherine Muramatsu. Joichi, we call him Joe for short, is the President Elect of our Mother Chapter and Katherine is his better half; Mr. Stanley and Mrs. Drusilla Tanaka, Stanley is the danna-san of our very proficient Executive Secretary Drusilla. Our next guest was the President of Rural Chapter 442nd RCT, Mr. Gary Yamaguchi and Mrs. Hisae Yamaguchi. As our lady guests were being introduced, they were presented with beautiful hibiscus leis by Kiyomi Kaneshige doing the honors. The innovation followed given by our Reverend Jesse Hirata, after which lunch was served. There was ample food and I must thank our ladies for coming through again with their fabulous assortments of "ono" desserts.

After leisurely enjoying our lunch, Hakaru Taoka did the honors of installing the officers for the coming year which he did flawlessly and presented them to the gathering. The "about face" command that Hakaru gave made the officers turn every which way. We must have looked like green recruits instead of seasoned veterans. (It sure took us by surprise-we are out of practice).

The new President was called on to give his message for the coming year. He recounted the activities of the past year and prodded and pleaded to the members to become more active in the affairs of their chapter. He thanked the past officers and their wives for their help in running the chapter and thanked the incoming officers for volunteering their time and efforts for the benefit of the organization. He ended his message by asking the members and wives for their whole hearted kokua and wishing all a healthy and happy 1997.

The guests were asked to say a few words and they took it to heart and made it real short. After the official part of the program was over, Ted was asked to present a short entertainment session. The lead off batter was our guest, Gary Yamaguchi, who sang a Japanese song followed by Mrs. Sally Nakano dancing a hula. Mrs. Hamasu performed a Japanese dance to the song "Ozashiki Kouta" sung by Mrs. Sally Taoka and Ted. A karaoke song by Sally Taoka and Ted ended the entertainment portion of the program. Lefty Muzusawa then took over with the Bingo game which everyone was anxiously waiting. Assisting him were Harry, Walter and Kiyomi. They made certain that everyone received a prize, and then switched over to the lucky numbers giveaway. Some lucky ones received two prizes, even the keikis too. When all was done and closing time drew near, we all held hands, in an unbroken chain, and sang Hawaii Aloha and Aloha Oe.

I visited with Susumu Ishii, who is confined at the Pali Momi Hospital. He has Parkinsons and Pneumonia, and is very weak, unable to care for himself. I talked with Hazel and she says he's been hospitalized for quite some time now. His room number is 522, but you should call before you decide to visit him. Sus, we will all be praying for your speedy recovery. "Gambatte"

The mystery of why we did not see Carole and Jerry Yamaki was solved when I delivered the "Beyond the Call" gift following the banquet. Jerry said that he was hospitalized (emergency) for difficulty in breathing. He claims the doctors don't know the cause of it and since I'm not a doctor, I sure don't know too. Jerry is up and around now and he says he feels good. Do take care, Jerry, there's lots of flu bugs flying around.

The next meeting of Rural Chapter will be on March 21st, 11 o'clock a.m., at Zippy's, Wahiawa.

After hibernating for two months, the Company F Guru finally emerged from his winter quarters to remind the gang of a hot tip on how to save a fistful of dollars. Easy does it. No sweat. All you have to do is to submit your Club 100 55th Anniversary Reunion registration form and payment before the deadline to take advantage of the early registration discount and family discount offered by the Reunion Committee. Don't forget! Registration form and payment must be received at the club office by noon, March 15th to qualify for the discounts.

If you want to be seated with the Company F gang for the anniversary luncheon and the Memorial Service/Breakfast, be sure to indicate "Co F" for seating arrangement on your registration form. Regarding transportation, the neighbor island coordinators have been informed that this service will be provided by the Oahu F Troopers for members needing transportation from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to these functions-Welcome Bash, Anniversary Luncheon, and the Memorial Service/breakfast. Also, from the hotel back to the airport for your return flight. The coordinators have also been informed that these members requiring transportation must be on the same flight with the others. If you don't come in with the group, then you will have to make your own arrangements. Contact your coordinator whose name appears here: Hayoto Tanaka, Hawaii; Chochi Shimabukuro, Kauai; and Eichi Endo, Maui.

At the Company F reunion last year, it was announced that the 1997 get together would be held in conjunction with the Club 100 55th anniversary, therefore, our reunion banquet will be held on Saturday night, June 21st, at the Pagoda Hotel. We will give you more information in next month's Puka Puka Parade.

Some members expressed interest in getting prints of the Company F photograph which was taken at Camp McCoy. If you want to place an order, and also get a copy of the listing of names of the members in the photo, please contact your coordinator. We do not have the cost data as yet, but as soon as your order is received from the coordinator, we will have the prints and listings made. Oahu members can call Mike Higa at 536-2486.

Dis and dat about members: On January 4, 1997, family members of Charles and Ethel Nishimura shared the happy occasion of celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a party at the Pagoda Banquet Room. Charles and Ethel tied the knot on December 14, 1946 but postponed the party until the busy holiday season was over. Their only offspring is a girl, but all three grandchildren are boys!! May this wonderful couple be blessed with many more anniversaries.

An interesting section in the 1997 New Year's Edition of the Hawaii Herald was Section B: Shushin—Words of Wisdom. Featured contributors for this section were from a wide range of people from the Hawaii Japanese community which included business people, educators, government officials, labor leaders, politicians, scholars, war veterans and others. They shared their own personal experiences and stories which conveyed some values and lessons to future generation of Japanese Americans. One of the thirty-nine contributors was our own Shizu Akamine from Hilo. Congratulations, Shizu! Keep up your good work in community affairs. Prior to her retirement, Shizu was a very successful insurance agent.

Beatrice Niimi, who suffered a slight stroke a couple of months ago, is getting along better each day. She doesn't have to use the cane anymore. Take care and we wish you a full recovery from your slight set back.

Sons and Daughters

Mahalo to...Evelyn Tsuda for transcribing Ray Nosaka's Oral History.

Sakae Takahashi for donating \$250 for Bishop Ara's Book.

Ed Ichiyama for donating \$200 for Bishop Ara's Book.

A donor in the amount of \$1000 who wishes to remain anonymous.

The following article, written about one of our sons and daughters was included in the January issue of the JAVA Newsletter:

Cmdr. Frances Omori, currently a senior military fellow at the National Defense University, will be the guest speaker at JAVA's membership meeting on February 16th. She is among the highest ranking Asian women in the U.S. military, and her speech will pay particular tribute to the Japanese-American veterans of WWII, for whom she has the highest esteem. Her father, Mitsuru Omori, originally from Puunene on Maui, is a veteran of the 100th Battalion. She will also tell anecdotes on being Asian and female in the U.S. Navy! Her current specialty covers arms control and disarmament, terrorism, counter-proliferation, weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile defense, and her regional specialty is Asia and the Pacific Basin. As a civilian, she was a legislative assistant to Senator Daniel K. Inouye and, prior to that, worked as a news reporter and mid-morning anchor for Station KWGN-TV in Denver, and as a producer in Hollywood, CA, of the LA Morning talk show, and assistant casting director for Hawaii Five-O.

Volunteers Wanted

The Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT are asking us to help with their medal upgrading project. Volunteers will meet on weekends at the 442nd clubhouse and read citations (with the name of the recipient removed) for the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Bronze Star. The readers would then become familiar with the achievements required for each medal. During the readings, the citations for nisei recipients (with name removed) will be slipped in. The reader would then determine whether this citation was in line with or not comparable to the other citations. If several readers think that a citation was not comparable, then a petition will be made to upgrade the medal.

This is an ongoing project and volunteers are needed NOW. No special skills are needed to participate. If interested, please call the clubhouse for further information.

55th Anniversary

Please circle your calendars for the 55th Anniversary...June 20, 21, 22 1997. All of you should have received your registration forms in the mail. If you haven't, please notify the clubhouse. Many volunteers are needed to help with these events.

Painting of Apartment Building

We will be needing a lot of help in the painting of the apartment building. You don't need any experience. Please call Danny Uchida at 836-4891 or Avin Oshiro at 454-0014.

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By Ray Nosaka

A handful of nuts each day may help to keep the heart attack away. According to a group of California Researchers, a six year study of Diet and Fatal Coronary Heart Disease involving 34,000 members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, found that nuts were the only food item listed with a statistically significant protection against heart attack death. You are cautioned that this study is from only one population group and is not conclusive. I found the article especially interesting, I guess, because I love nuts and would like to believe that they are good for me (unsalted, of course).

How many of you have heard that song "Be Happy, Don't Worry!" Wouldn't it be great if we could all live like that?

For those interested in taking post- anniversary Neighbor Island tours, contact Ann Kabasawa for further information. Please call her in the evenings at 734-0841

We are sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Hazel Hagiwara, wife of George Hagiwara, a past president of Club 100. Services will be held at Punchbowl Cemetery on Friday, February 28 at 3 o'clock p.m. Visitation and reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Parking at the Ala Wai School will be permitted.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC

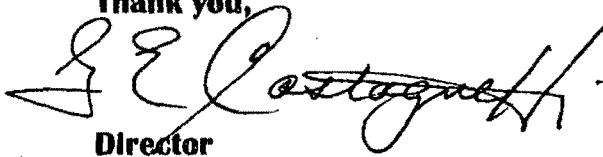
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We thank you for your assistance in evaluating our service. You may drop the completed form in the "Survey Collection Box", or mail it to our office (postage not included).

Thank you,



**Director
National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific**

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Would you support construction that would extend the capacity of the Columbarium to accommodate cremated remains at this National Cemetery.

Yes No

At your time of need would you or a family member utilize the expanded services of the newly constructed Ashes Scattering Site at this National Cemetery?

Yes No

Please check all that apply

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I am a U.S. Veteran/resident of Hawaii

Date

Phone No. (optional)

Signature (optional)

CLUB 100 MINI REUNION LAS VEGAS CLUB HOTEL/CASINO LAS VEGAS
HOSTS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
DATE: OCTOBER 5 TO 10, 1997
ALOHA BANQUET: October 8, 1997

This reunion is open to all members, families, and friends. The Hawaii group will enjoy the five (5) nights Hawaiian package while the Mainland group will have four (4) nights. Festivities begin on October 5th, so mark your calendars now as a reminder that you must send in your reservations.

The following is the flight information for the Hawaii people:

Oct 5 (Sunday) UA Flt #194 Honolulu to Los Angeles Lv: 8:25 a.m. Ar: 4:35 p.m.
 UA Flt #2162 Los Angeles to Las Vegas Lv:5:40 p.m. Ar: 6:38 p.m.
Oct 10 (Fri) UA Flt #2958 Las Vegas to Los Angeles Lv: 10:53 a.m. Ar 12:14 p.m.
 UA Flt #199 Los Angeles to Honolulu Lv: 1:40 p.m. Ar 4:10 p.m.

There will be only 84 seats available so it will be on a first come, first served basis. You will be notified later as to the cost of the airfare. For the hotel, the cost will be \$90.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single pays \$128.00. This cost includes transportation to and from the airport, the portorage fee and your meals coupon book (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

The Aloha banquet (buffet dinner) will cost \$23.00 per person (coupon cannot be applied)

The registration fee of \$15.00 is to be paid to the Southern California Chapter when you arrive at the hotel and sign in for your room key. The Mainland group will arrive earlier in the day on Oct 5th, so they will be there to officially greet the Hawaii contingent.

Follow up information on such activities as golf, sight seeing tours, etc. will be printed in the PPP as the months go by. In the meantime, please return the registration form printed below with your deposit of \$50.00 per person. Make checks out to City Travel and either mail or bring it to the Club 100 – attention Ray Nosaka on the envelope.

.....Please clip here and return with your deposit.....

CLUB 100 MINI REUNION REGISTRATION FORM LAS VEGAS OCT 5 - 10,

NAME.....COMPANION.....

ADDRESS.....TELEPHONE.....

CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTER AMEX #.....
(For airfare only) EXPIRATION DATE.....

UNITED MILEAGE PLUS#.....

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name.....Phone number.....

Relationship..... TOTAL DEPOSIT ENCLOSED \$.....

SIGNATURE.....

CLUB 100 MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE.....	Saturday, March 22.....	8 a.m.....	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, March 15.....	1 p.m.....	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Tuesday, March 18.....	10 a.m.....	Turner Hall
DOG.....	Saturday, March 15.....	8 a.m.....	Lounge
HQ.....	Thursday, March 20.....	9:30 a.m.....	Lounge
HAWAII.....	Thursday, March 27.....	AJA Veterans Memorial Hall	
KAUAI			
MAUI.....	Tuesday, March 4.....	11 a.m.....	Sizzler's
RURAL.....	Friday, March 21.....	11 a.m.....	Zippy's Wahiawa
BOARD OF DIRECTORS...	Friday, March 14.....	10 a.m.....	Board Room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, March 21.....	7 p.m.....	Board Room
GREEN THUMB.....	Monday, March 3.....	10 a.m.....	Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....	Friday, March 14.....	6 p.m.....	Turner Hall

Collating for the April Issue will be on **Thursday, March 27, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.**
 Dog, Headquarters and Medics will be responsible for manpower and refreshments.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

The Clubhouse Office will be closed on March 28 in observance of Good Friday. The Clubhouse will be open for usual activities from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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