FROM THE EDITOR'S PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

As the lights dimmed and the Grand Pacific Ballroom gradually emptied of its hundreds of participants at the 55th anniversary celebration, one couldn’t help but feel a lump in the throat, and have an empty feeling in the stomach.

Another “last hurrah” had come to an end, but the determination and hope of some of the members was that this was not the last one. What can you say when you meet a member who is confined to a wheelchair, or one who is limping along with the use of a cane, but has a smile on his face as he happily greets his old buddies? He is grateful for this meeting, of just being alive, and looks forward with much anticipation to the next reunion when they can shake hands and “talk story” again.

Recognized and honored were the two “senior” members, Major James Lovell and Capt. Taro Suzuki. Following that, all of the former military officers of the 100th Inf. were called to the stage, recognized and were given the “banzai toast”. Then one of the most impressive moments of the banquet occurred when all of the men of the 100th were asked to come forward and join in the singing of their fighting song “One Puka Puka”. It was the first time, and possibly the last, that all of the attending veterans would walk up to the front and would stand side by side with their comrades as they raised their voices in the singing. Ripples of pride and tears could not be concealed as the wives, widows, sons and daughters applauded their men folk as they slowly made their way to the stage area. This truly was the high-líte of the reunion. Another very “touching” moment of the event was at the close of the program when we all held hands and sang our precious “Hawaii Aloha” with Jimmy Kaina at the piano and his beautiful voice sounding over the microphone.

Co-Chairmen Kazuto Shimizu and Tom Nishioka would be the first to laud and applaud the Sons and Daughters for the magnificent job done in making this celebration a success. Countless hours were spent by them, the Chairmen and the Executive Secretary, Drusilla Tanaka, to formulate and carry out all of the hundreds of things that needed to be done—things that we take for granted. We can all certainly feel proud of our Sons and Daughters who will carry on our legacy with pride and dignity.

For additional news about the anniversary celebration, please refer to Tom Nishioka’s Able Chapter news and the other chapter news. This July issue was purposely delayed for one week so that all of the anniversary news could be printed in this issue and not be “old news”.


JUNE BOARD HI-LITES

by President Joe Muramatsu

The Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 1997. No one mentioned Friday the 13th, so I guess no one is superstitious.
The apartment paint job is progressing nicely. Sus Ota, Interim Chairman of the House Committee was pleased with work done during Clean up Day. New Drapes for the windows were ordered because the old ones were too far gone to be worth while to launder. The new fence designed by Avin Oshiro and built by Sons and Daughters volunteers (mostly sons and sons-in-law) is sturdy as the Rock of Gibraltar. We had good news regarding the roof leak outside the office. Our warranty had not expired, so we should be getting some money back from the roofers.

We shall have to prod the Nomination Committee to look for candidates for next year’s slate.

It was decided that we not pay the expenses for Mainland and Neighbor Island Chapter Presidents to attend the reunion. Instead, it was decided that we call them in September and pay their lodging and plane fare at that time.

Ed Ikuma says almost everything is in place for our Memorial Service in September.

The Board approved that a one-time Sick Leave Benefit be paid to our custodian Tom Nakamura who had by-pass surgery early in June.

I received an invitation from the State Office of Veterans Services to attend a medal awards ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. The trip is free, but I do have to pay for the hotel and meals. The Board approved the spending of the President’s Contingency Fund to pay for those expenses.

Shimizu congratulated yours truly for holding one of the shortest Board meetings which lasted a few minutes less than an hour. We adjourned before the lunch arrived.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT**

by Drusilla Tanaka

Happy birthday and congratulations to the following who will be 80 years old in July:

Hifumi Yamada (A), Dr. Kenneth Otagaki (Hq), Harry H. Miyamoto (Mainland), Fred Takayama (A), and Roy K. Nakamura (C). Many happy returns!

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

- $25 from Takeshi Kimura (C) for Clubhouse Clean Up
- $100 from Ruth Tsutsui in memory of Richard Tsutsui (D)
- $50 from Yeih Higa (Maui-B/F)
- $200 from Ben Yamamoto (B)
- $25 from Esther Nakaya Yonemura in memory of her father, Etsuo Nakaya (B)
- $100 from Chizue Teshima in memory of Kiyoshi Teshima (Kauai-D)
- $100 from Grace S. Morimoto in memory of Ben S. Morimoto (Kauai-C)
- $50 from Tom Tomio Sekimura (D)

(Donations received for the 55th will be listed in the Reunion Acknowledgments section.)

Thank you to Ben Doi (Mainland-A) and Ben Tamashiro (D) for the loan of pictures and articles to the France/Hawaii Exhibit at JCCH.

**Welcome to new Life Members:**

- Ben T. Doi (A- Mainland)
- Tom Tomio Sekimura (D)

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The PukaPuka Parade is the monthly newsletter of Club 100, the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. Published at 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu HI 96826.
We are very happy to report that the 55th Anniversary Reunion was a tremendous success with more than 800 members, wives, widows, children and friends attending. Much of the credit for the success of the reunion goes to the hard working efforts of Ms Ann Kabasawa who has the expertise to conduct and execute this type of function, and the sub-committees. Mr. Kazuto Shimizu and I were co-chairmen of this event, but without the Sons and Daughters, we would not have gotten off the ground.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following people and to the sub-committees: To Mrs. Drusilla Tanaka, Executive Secretary, who was aware of everything that was going on in every phase of the events. What a tremendous job she had in taking care of the registrations, all of the changes occurring every day, keeping everyone informed of the changes, etc, etc.; To Miss Sophie Hatakenaka for being our recording secretary; Mrs. Sharon Tanaka for taking charge of the registration packets; Miss Louise Morikawa who was instrumental in getting the T-shirts, caps and bags with the Club logo printed on them; Mrs. Joyce Doi for the responsibility of getting the leis and the center pieces for the tables; Mrs Susan Kaninana for the beautiful floral arrangements and decorations at the Ballroom; Mrs. Evelyn Tsuda for getting the buses and making arrangements for the Kapolei/Waipahu Plantation tours and also was escort on one bus; Mrs. Aki Nosaka who escorted on the other bus; and Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Takahashi who were the escorts on the 3rd bus; Mr. Oscar Miyashiro along with son, Cary, for handling the time consuming golf tournament; Mr. Hiromi Suehiro for taking charge of the clubhouse bash; Mr. Ray Nosaka for the publicity; Mr. Bernard Akamine for getting the taxis available for the guests; Mr. Jun Enomoto for handling the beautiful Memorial Service; Mr. Mike Harada for taking over the task of being the Master of Ceremonies; and last but not least, Mr. Tom Nosse for handling the financial portion of the event. We want to thank all of the people who voluntarily came out to the clubhouse to help register, sell souvenirs, make the corsages, prepare the flowers for the arrangements, and for numerous other reasons—we thank you all!!

We would like to publicly apologize to Mr. Stanley Akita, our past president of Club 100, on the omission of the Immediate Past President’s name on the Anniversary Program.

At the request of Mrs. Evelyn Tsuda, if anyone who went on the Kapolei/Waipahu tour has some pictures (or negatives) taken on the tour that they are willing to donate for the book, we would appreciate it very much. Please send to the clubhouse, attention Mrs. Tsuda. Thank you.

ABLE'S CHAPTER NIGHT

Able Chapter held their Chapter night at the Pagoda Pent house with our expert chairman Mr. Goro Sumida at the reigns. We had many guests from the mainland as well as from the outer islands. We had great food, Karaoke singing by Paul Shirai, and believe it or not, Mr. Goro Sumida was in great form as well at Ben Tagami of L.A. We also had a Bon dance led by Mrs. Gladys Kawakami, and we did the Macarena led by Mrs. Midori Hirano in which everybody participated. It sure was an unforgettable fun night.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

We mourn the loss of our dear friend and comrade Kenneth Kaneko. He passed away on Thursday, June 19. He will be missed by all of us......An incident I still remember involves Kanek and happened right after the war. We were stationed near Gedi and it was very hot. One afternoon, Kanek, being an officer, requisitioned a truck. He told all of us to get our swimming trunks and get on board. We didn’t know where we were going, but we found ourselves at a lake. He ordered us to go for a swim! He organized races and made sure we were cooled off before we had to go back. Some other officers were watching us, and it was only after we all put our clothes back on that they realized Kanek was the only officer among us. They reminded him about not “fraternizing” with the enlisted men. He muttered something, but, all I could hear was, “...heck, you’re my FRIENDS.”
May 24, the day of the Clubhouse Clean Up was my turn for duty at Punchbowl National Cemetery. One of the on-going troubles at the cemetery is the theft of flower vases from gravesites. For next of kin, this information is relayed herewith: if you experience this situation, you can buy a new vase from the Club for $25. This is a special service to the members and next of kin. Other vendors of these items charge 4 or 5 times more.

The 55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration was a very successful event. Imagine seeing someone for the first time in 50 years. One of the things that happened in Italy that was sort of a mystery to me was answered by James Metcalf who was our company commander. Our First Sgt., Yeiki Matsui, passed the helmet around for donations to buy a gift for Jim. With the money collected, a dinner service set was ordered. When it arrived at the CO area, it was in a large wooden crate. It remained a mystery to me how Jim took it home. Was it that officers had special privileges in shipping things home? The mystery was solved at the 55th. Jim said that it was against military rule for an officer to receive anything from his men. So, Yeiki shipped it to Mrs. Metcalf. Jim says that the dinnerware is still at his home.

Kow Ito did something that really brought back the years—he enlarged snap shots taken in Italy and made copies and gave them to us. Thanks, Kow. It was nice talking stories with your family. Frank Wada and Mariko were such a joy to be with. Seeing Yeiki Matsui after so many years brought back memories of him relieving me at my guard post at mid-night on Christmas eve. The person who was supposed to relieve me was drunk from the Christmas party. Yeiki, being our First Sgt. at that time, well, it really shook me up. I guess it’s things like this that keep our group together even after 50 years. At the close of the luncheon banquet, when we held hands and sang Hawaii Aloha and Aloha Oe, when it came time to sing Aloha Oe, I choked up and could not sing—it was such an emotional time for me.

Reporting for Baker and Charlie Chapter Chapter Night, June 21, 1997, at the Club House—yours truly, Robert Arakaki. Being only a PFC trying to be a Sargent in Command, I thank Mr. Tokui Ono for taking charge of being MC and Ray Nosaka’s Ukulele Gang for the fine entertainment, my committee for their support and Drusilla Tanaka for all the thousands of questions she answered for me. 89 of the Baker Chapter members and guests were present. Charlie Chapter Members and guests count given to me was 56.

Thanks for generous monetary donations from Members and Guests of Baker Chapter: John Kihara ($5), Mitsuru Doi ($25), Sake Takahashi (6 cases beer), Hachiro Shikamura (lychee), Tokui Ono (1 case soda), Robert Arakaki (dessert), Hajime Kodama ($10 and tsukemono), Steve Uehara ($20), James Kawashima ($20), Douglas Tanaka ($20), Frank Wada ($100), Albert Takahashi ($10), Ben Matsui ($10), Frank Nishimura ($100 and box of potato chips from Seattle), James Inafuku ($10 and large package of plastic plates and tsukemono), Sakae Tanigawa (tsukemono), Masa Toma (tsukemono), Evelyn Tsuda (dessert and somen salad), Elaine Nakamura (tsukemono), Takashi Kitaoka (2 bottles wine), Richard Yamashina (2 pans bread pudding), Takeo Azama ($5), Robert Aoki (2 pans mango jello), Bessie Ichimura (coffee jello), Roy Nakayama (kanten), Bernard Akamine (fruit salad and ohagi), Henry Hayashi (2 packages Pistachio nuts), Tom Tsubota (cake), Conrad Kurahara (case soda), Marie Yoneshige (mochi cake and puffed rice), Francis Gora (pastry). All others who sneaked in your goodies to our dining table, you know who you are. Thank you very much.

Thanks to Jon Inafuku of Pee Wee Drive In for the delicious food and the rice. All the Baker and Charlie Chapter members and guests enjoyed the food. -- Robert Arakaki

Thanks for your report, Robert. We all appreciate the hard work you and Roy Nakayama put in to making our Chapter Night a great one. At the Chapter night, we had surprise performances by Albert Takahashi with his harmonica renditions. Also piano playing by Frank Wada. Speaking of Frank Wada—when the cadres of the 171st battalion arrived in Italy, Ken Okamoto was a member of this group. He started a group called the “Beachcombers” that played Hawaiian songs and they entertained the troops. Frank Wada was a member of this group. They became so good, they started playing in officers’ clubs. Also, want to say thank you to all the sons and daughters who came out to help. A special thanks to Neal Nakayama, son of Roy and Jessie. His father being the co-chairman, Neal came out early to set up and was one of the last to leave after cleaning up.
Had to say something about the beautiful decorations at the hotel. James Kawashima's family, namely daughters Suzan Kaninai, Sandy Nakamura, and wife Irene really did an outstanding job. All of the flowers and greenery were donated by Club 100 members, but it was their artistic talent that put it all together. You could really see the love in those arrangements.

The next get-together for Baker Chapter will be on August 23, "Baker Family Night" at the clubhouse starting at 5 p.m. The charge will be $5.00 per person 12 years and over. Chairman, Roy Nakatani is working with Chef Bob Aoki, and promises "good food and a good time" for all. Please call Roy at 671-3446 to make your reservations. Bring your donations as usual, and we will sorely miss Ken Kaneko who always took care of the beer, so everyone, please bring your own. Mark your calendars now!

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

Tatsumi "Tarush" Yamamoto, known as "Tarush" by most people, died on May 23 after a brief stay at Hilo Medical Center. To many of his friends, his sudden death came as a shock. He was 80 years old, and disabled at the time of his death. Private services were held. Our prayers of condolence to wife, Sumie; son Patrick, daughter Yvonne Galoway of San Diego and other relatives. Tarush was a retired meter reader for the Department of Water Supply.

Tarush and this writer were members of the 3rd draft from Hilo, on June 28, 1941. We departed from Hilo wharf on the inter-island ship Hualalai with Japanese banners flying wishing us good luck. Tarush always remembered June 2, 1944 as D-day. That was the day he got wounded and disabled. His jeep was blown up by a land mine. After that day he spent many months in the army hospitals. Each year when June 2, 3 and July 3rd comes around, a few of us say "it's good to be alive day".

I've known Tarush to be a compassionate person, always concerned about the health and welfare of his 100th veterans and his other friends. He was proud to be a member of the Club 100. Tarush was the auditor for the Hawaii Chapter for a long time.

We will miss Tarush. May he rest in peace with his Maker.

The Hawaii Chapter memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept 28th at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1. Donna Saiki, retired principal of Hilo High School, will deliver the memorial address. Donna hails all the way from Wisconsin to teach the youngsters of the Big Island. Hawaii chapter members are urged to mark their calendar for that important date.

The annual get together of the AJA Veterans Council will be held on Sunday, July 13 from 11:30 a.m. at the AJA Veterans Memorial Hall for lunch. This year's assignment is as follows: Food, Club 100; setting up of tables and program, 442nd Vets Club; refreshments, Interpreters Club. The AJA Veterans Sons & Daughters organization will assist too. This is the only function the three clubs have each year jointly, so please come.

55th Anniversary Thanks! The members and wives of Hawaii Chapter who attended the past weekends' anniversary celebration of the 100th Infantry Bn at the Pacific Beach Hotel, participated in a memorable, meaningful and impressive celebration. Our thanks, arigato and mahalo to Kazuto Shimizu and Tom Nishioka, co-chairmen, to the Board of Directors, Drusilla Tanaka, Executive Secretary, members of the Sons & Daughters, and to all others who participated in the banquet and memorial service. The service was good and the food was delicious.

Personally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the program committee for giving me the opportunity of dancing (buyo) "Kuroda Bushi" at Saturday's banquet. It was a great honor and privilege.

Our congratulations to Kazuto Shimizu for walking off as the winner of the golf tournament on Friday morning at Kapolei Golf Course. His net score was 61 strokes which won him a beautiful gold clock.
ARE-KORE OF THE ANNIVERSARY  (Rural Chapter Chatter) By Ted Hamasu

Led by two outstanding comrades, Kazuto Shimizu and Tommy Nishioka as co-chairs of our 55th anniversary, and with the tremendous and untiring assistance from our Sons and Daughters, the so called “last hurrah”, our 55th anniversary, was outstanding, and a huge success.

My wife Kitty and I joined the Kapolei and Waipahu Cultural Center tour, led by Evelyn Tsuda, which was very interesting and educational. It is said that back in 1877, James Campbell bought 41,000 acres of land for something like $97,000. When you figure that out, it comes to about $2.40 an acre. Now, maybe you have to pay that much for one square foot of land. Mr. Campbell must have come from a rich family to be able to buy that many acres. When my father came to Hawaii to work for the plantations, we sure didn’t have that kind of $ and if he did, I don’t think the Hamasus would exist in Hawaii today. Just a thought.

Our M.C. Mike Harada did an outstanding job at the banquet inspite of some difficulties in pronouncing some Japanese names. He reminded me of my army days when a Haole 1st Sgt called me “Hamshu”.

What touched me most at the banquet was when we were called up to sing the “One Puka Puka Marching Song” led by Ray Nosaka. We usually have just a handful of singers, but this time, under the watchful eyes of the officers on stage, the whole battalion came up front and center, and sang that fighting song. It sure hit me right in my stomach. When I returned to my table, one of the guests, Mrs. Diane Yukihiro Chang, Senior Editor of the Star Bulletin, had tears in her eyes and told me “it was very touching.” Mrs. Chang is a young lady whose picture in the papers do not do her justice. All of the guests at our table concurred with me that she is much younger looking and more attractive in person. Mrs. Chang said that she would have that picture replaced.

The Memorial Service was terrific with all of the sons of our comrades in arms sharing the spotlight. The only thing, when Albert Turner was speaking, he sometimes wondered away from the microphone, and since my hearing is not up to par, I missed some part of his speech. So next time he speaks to us “makule” guys, ask him to keep the mike in front of him at all times, and talk a little louder. I heard Jun Enomoto loud and clear and when Evelyn Oshiro hit one of the high notes in her song, the speaker in the ceiling above our table broke, I think, because it started to rattle after that.

I met Goro Sumida, the father of Reverend Sidney Sumida who gave the invocation and the benediction. I said “Eh Goro, how come you get dat kine good son, a Reverend, when you, you drink, you gamble, etc. He no can say nothing to dat. The Reverend must have been very obedient and Goro must have told him “Son, don’t do as I do, but do as I say”. Maybe, yeh?

Yes sir, it was a wonderful anniversary and I’m sure that everyone attending enjoyed it. I surely did.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS By Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter president Stanley Izumigawa did a great job at getting together the program for this year’s May 26th Memorial Day program. The 11 a.m. service at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery was begun with Stanley as MC and Maui Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle giving the welcoming address, and U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka as the keynote speaker. The Baldwin High School Junior ROTC posted the Colors, and the Maui High School band provided the music. Akira Ishikawa and son Lloyd, brought up the leis for the participants in the program, and Edward Nishihara brought up the bouquet of flowers for the Maui Chapter. President Izumigawa represented Club100 during the flower presentation ceremony. Seven men from the Hawaii Air National Guard gave the 21 gun salute. Ben Takayesu distributed protea flowers from his Kula home on the graves of the Club 100 members, and the Sons and Daughters of the Maui Nisei Veterans Club provided refreshments to the audience of 400 or more.

While the 100th Inf. Bn and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were fighting during WW2 as a segregated ethnic group, there was another segregated group of fighters. I met one of them in the Naples Racetrack 7th Replacement Center in the summer of 1944. He had visited his black soldier friend in the Center, and upon leaving told his friend that he will fly low over the Center in a P51 Mustang fighter plane within the hour. True to his word, a P51 Mustang fighter plane with rows of sharkteeth painted on the fuselage came swooping down on our Center with a roar of engines. He was one of the Tuskegee Airmen of Tuskegee, Alabama, who had been trained to fly near Walterboro,
What we refer to as Ben Tagami’s group arrives on Friday noon and we look forward to seeing them. They have not decided what they want to see as we on Kauai always say we might be small but we feel it is still the Garden Isle.

Mako is busy working on the 100th’s museum display, plus worrying about the September Memorial Service.

As for me, I am off to Kona for the rest of the week as I attend the American Legion Auxiliary Convention.

**DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

By Helen Nikaido

The Dog Chapter ladies had their first get-together on May 29th at the Pagoda Restaurant. It was encouraging to have so many attending. Twenty-one widows and wives enjoyed the buffet luncheon. The ladies were Lillian Fujimori, Mary Hamasaki, Ruth Ishizuka, Rhoda Kawamata, Mitsuko Kurisu, Helen Nikaido, Kay Okamoto, Yoshiko Oshiro, Stella Nakayama, Ethel Usui, Ruth Watanabe, Mildred Hosaka, Ethel Kaya, Sue Kondo, Florence Mitsunaga, Thelma Urabe, Gloria Tamashiro, Dorothy Tohara, Yoshi Tsukayama, Mildred Yoshida, and Kay Yoshioka. The gals had a chance to chat and relax with each other as the only time we get to see most of them is at funerals and that’s no place to socialize. We enjoyed it so much that we are looking forward to the next one which probably will be in August. When the date and place is set, we will call you. One widow was hesitant about coming, but she later told me that she was really happy that she came.

Our thanks and appreciation to Dog Chapter for the check to subsidize for part of the cost of the luncheon. To Mildred Hosaka and Mary Hamasaki for helping me contact the ladies. To my friend Yamamoto (C Chapter) for encouraging me to get the ladies together. To all of you, thank you very much.

Rhoda Kawamata and her sister were off to Las Vegas on June 7th. Good Luck!

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tatsumi “Tarush” Yamamoto and family on the passing of Tarush. I remember the earlier days of our Dog Co. statewide reunion, Tarush dressed in kimono as a woman and with plenty of make-up entertaining us—he was the life of the party.

The following info on the 55th anniversary was given to me by Kay Harada and Mary Hamasaki: Attending the functions from the Mainland—Lloyd Toda, M/M Ohira, M/M Abe, M/M Nakazawa, Steve Brinza; Maui: M/M Yamashige, M/M Hotta; Hilo: M/M Miyao & daughter Susan, M/M Tanaka & family, M/M Ishimaru & daughter Carole, Hiroo Funuya, M/M Miyazono, M/M Kodama & family, M/M Kawasaki; Kauai: Larry Sakoda, Muggsy Morikawa, Mrs. Teshima, M/M Senda, M/M Takiguchi and M/M Yotsuda; Oahu: Wally Chinen & daughter Karleen, Mary Hamasaki, M/M Harada & Annette & Robert, M/M Hosaka, M/M Kaya, M/M Kondo, Rhoda Kawamata, M/M Matsunami, M/M Mitsunaga, Saburo Nishime, M/M Tamashiro & family, M/M Teraoka, M/M Tsubo, M/M Tsukayama, M/M Yoshida, M/M Yoshioka, Francis Takemoto.

At the banquet, officers who served with the 100th were honored, among them were Dog Co. members Shigeru Tsubota, Conrad Tsukayama, Denis Teraoka and Francis Takemoto. Congratulations!

Saturday night chapter night was at the Pagoda. It was a heavy pupu affair. Donations received were fruits from Ben Tagami, chi-chi dango from Kauai, lychee and pickled mango from Jits Yoshida. Guardian angel pins were given to the ladies by Carole, daughter of M/M Ishimaru. Many thanks for your donations. To Robert Yoshioka a big Mahalo and Arigato for your hard work chairing the Saturday night affair. Everyone enjoyed socializing and had a wonderful time.

Michael Harada, son of M/M Ed Harada, was the M.C. for the banquet. He did a very good job and the members were very impressed.

**CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

By Warren Iwai

MEETING: Fifteen (15) members were in attendance at the June 16th meeting. The meeting was primarily concerned with the final preparations for the upcoming reunion celebration.

FUN NITE 1997: Our annual Fun Nite will be held on Friday, August 8, at the Nuuanu Onsen Teahouse. The cost is $25.00 per person. A flyer will be mailed in July.
South Carolina in 1943 and 1944, and flew over Italy in a segregated fighter squadron that earned a reputation that they had never lost a bomber plane they were protecting from enemy plane attack. They lost 66 men who were killed in action, and President Truman desegregated the Army Air Force shortly after the end of WW2.

The Club 100 55th Anniversary reunion was a four star event. Our thanks go to Kazuto Shimizu and Tommy Nishioka Co-Chairmen, and all the other men and women who made it possible for us to attend and enjoy this celebration. Following Maui Chapter members and their spouses attended this event and were taken care of by their Company friends: President Stanley Izumigawa, M/M Edwin Nakashima, (A) M/M Willie Goo, M/M John Miyagawa, M/M Tom Nagata, M/M Masao Sato, M/M Goichi Shimanuki, (C) M/M Kiyoshi Hotta, M/M Fred Yamashighe (D) M/M Eichi Endo, M/M Yeiho Higa, Akira Ishikawa, M/M Wataru Kaneshina, Hatsu Satoshige, Mrs. Lillian (Wallace) Maeda, and Mrs. Michie (Mitsugi) Moto (F). The Club house bash and the Chapter nights were the best time to talk story with old army friends. Met Kazuma Hisanaga from Hilo, - the last time we met was at our first Co. C reunion in Hilo years ago. Also met Honolulu Charlie Chapter members, Takeichi Miyashiro, Hideo Doi, Yoshio Anzai, Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Naoto Matsuura, and many more during the attendance at various events. During the combined B and C Chapter night on Saturday at the clubhouse, Tokuji Ono of B Chapter was the MC for the program and Raymond Nosaka led the Baker Chapter Ukulele Club in providing fine music and nostalgic Japanese children's songs of long ago. Anniversary Co-chairmen Kazuto Shimizu revealed a hidden talent when he sang a duet with a guest (Ellen Kunihiro) in Japanese karaoke style. Maui’s John Miyagawa upheld Maui Chapter’s pride when he presented a couple of songs with his ukulele and singing. Kiyoshi Uyeno was the hardworking member registering Charlie Chapter members and their guests. Our thanks go to all of the members and wives who worked hard for the Chapter night and the good food and desserts provided for us. Last but not least was the hula dance by a granddaughter (Taryn Yonaha), granddaughter of Torao Ichimura B, harmonica music and piano playing of old songs by members who entertained us during the evening. Our thanks go to Hideo Doi who drove the Shimanuki’s and me from the Pagoda Hotel on Friday and Saturday evenings to the clubhouse and back so that we did not have to worry about the taxi rides.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Seisaburo Tabas only son, Steven, age 44. Our sincerest condolences and sympathy to Seisaburo and his family.

Tom Nosse reports that at the Honolulu Country Club Tournament on May 20, “Tak Tak” Takahashi was the winner with net 68 and a stroke behind was Nosse with Akimoto and Takenouchi tied for “third” with net 70. At the Molokai Golf Fling on May 22, 13 members made the trip. Aki Akimoto shared a 3-way tie with Hamada and Kanemura; the next day he won again—another 3 way tie for high net with Hosaka and Tamashiro. Aki also won “high net team” with Tak Tak.

Frances Okazaki, although not as active as before, is doing much better and manages to get out of the house. Kengo Otagaki met her at the Prince Kuhio Hotel! Nancy Nakamura is okay and reports that Archie Kamisato is getting along with a cane (as most of us do these days) and his son is taking good care of him with professional “cleaners” coming in three times a week. Our best wishes to Mike Takahashi for a rapid return to good health. Happy to report that Margaret Higa is off chemotherapy and is playing as much golf as she wants! Bet she beats Marshall!!! Harold Tabata and wife are managing slowly—Harold with a pace-maker is taking things easy these days.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

First things first: We of Kauai know that a lot of hard work went into making the 55th reunion the huge success it was, and we really enjoyed every minute of it. Many thanks to the Sons and Daughters who worked so hard to get everything ready on time.

Those attending from Kauai were: Kazu and Norma Senda, Seigo and Hisae Kagawa, Masa and Ann Yotsuda, Choichi and Doris Shimabukuro, Mako and Lillian Takiguchi, Wally and Tsugi Takimoto, Chizu Teshima, Maggie Watanabe, Seichi Hoashi, Muggsy Morikawa and Larry Sakoda. Especially enjoyed was the tour of Waipahu Cultural Center, as I am a museum buff.
Roy Miyashiro, who has been laid up with shingles in 1995 and other physical problems, is finally back in shape. He is back playing golf and that is good news.

During the reunion celebration, I heard that Janet Kuwaye was ill and in the hospital, but upon checking with her son Steven, I got the good news that she is home and resting. Janet, we wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

Masayoshi Nakano died on May 27th in Japan while on a tour. He was on one of his semi-annual pilgrimages to the land of the onsen, his fountain of youth. The funeral and burial services were held on June 3rd. Masa now rests in peace with his wife in Punchbowl. They had no children. Our condolences to Masa's sister, nephews and nieces. Charlie Chapter assisted in the funeral services.

Here is Kazuto Shimizu's report on clubhouse clean up day:

Saturday, May 24, was clubhouse clean up day—more so a gathering place for old buddies. There were a dozen "C" chapter members showing off that they can still do their stuff. Our task was to clean the lounge area and the store room. Stanley and Oscar dispatched the store room like a "cup of cake". So, what was there left of the rest of C chapter's duties? Not so fast,- literally- Ken Suehiro (a spy from Hq) was smiling as he watched us from a couch in the middle of the Lounge. "What are you doing, Sue? I asked with no accusation intended. His fast answer was that he's gathering material for the Puka Puka Parade. I think he was observing our work-space. To illustrate: we had 3 overhead fans to clean, involving a six foot ladder. Hiromi Suehiro tackled the first one, gave way to Toshimi Sodetani for the second; Toshimi played it smart to pass the third fan, favoring his delicate back.

On Friday there were 80 golfers out at Kapolei Golf Course. Our Kazuto Shimizu was the grand prize winner and Stanley Akita also got a share of the loot. Everybody was a winner as there was a door prize for all, plus playing on a beautiful course under perfect weather and good company. The credit for this successful tournament goes to Cary Miyashiro with assistance from his father, Oscar, and mother, Hisako.

On Saturday, the banquet program was well planned and executed. "Old soldiers never die – they just fade away" they say, but we saw 2 who will be around for quite awhile. Major James Lovell and Captain Taro Suzuki, both in their 90's, are our inspiration. Over a dozen other officers of the 100th Bn were also recognized and honored for their leadership. "C" Co had 5 representatives: William Pye, Kanemi Kanazawa, Takeichi Miyashiro, Kazuma Hisanaga and Toshimi Sodetani. That evening, beginning at 5:30, Charlie Chapter gathered jointly with Baker chapter at the clubhouse. More reminiscing of the war – we could laugh about them today, but at the time of the happening, it was no laughing matter, rather, a matter of life and death.

Sunday morning was the Memorial Service. The Master of ceremonies was Dr. Franklin Kometani and the speaker was Colonel (ret) Albert Turner. I heard their voices but the faces I saw in my mind's eye was that of old "Doc" Kometani and our one and only "Old Man" Turner. Memories, memories. The invocation and benediction was given by Rev. Sidney Sumida, the son of our Goro Sumida. The Pearl City Community Church Choir sang beautifully and so did Jun Enomoto and Evelyn Oshiro.

The success of our 55th anniversary reunion rested in the hands of Kazuto Shimizu and Tommy Nishioka, co-chairmen, and they came thru beautifully. They were assisted by Mrs. Drusilla Tanaka, our executive secretary and countless other members, sons, daughters, wives, friends and supporters. The outcome of their joint efforts were wonderful – we laughed, we cried, we will always remember this celebration. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Mahalo, Mahalo nui loa.

Next Chapter meeting will be on Monday, July 21st.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

By June Kurisu

It is sad to begin with sad news, but it's the most important event since the last issue. On May 19, our coordinator of haute cuisine, Allen Dong, went to join his dear wife at the great banquet table in heaven where there is no pain, and he can eat as much as he wants without worry about cholesterol or salt content. Our good byes were said in the Church of the Hills at Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills which was filled. Eulogies were given by Harry Yamamoto and Henry Sakato representing the Commmadore Perry Post of the American Legion and by Henry Hayashi representing the 100th Battalion. Luncheon, following the graveside service, was in the packed banquet room of Pacific Foodsea Restaurant in Alahambra. The menu was excellent—almost as though Allen had planned it like he did our Valentine’s dinner there in February. When the lights went out briefly, Beverly Picazo, Allen’s daughter, said that Allen caused that to happen, he was telling us goodbye. Our sincere condolences to the Dong and Picazo families. Allen will be sorely missed by all whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace forever more with Kaza.

The 100th's Family Dinner was held at the Memorial Hall on April 19. A company cook in Europe, Ben Tagami, proved that he hasn't forgotten how by leading the preparation of a melv-in-your-mouth corned beef and cabbage accompanied by potatoes, carrots, celery, rice, salad and tsukemono. The luscious cake was given by Teri and Sam. Ben's kitchen crew included his always hard-working wife, Jean, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Hank & Fumi Sakato, Hank Hayashi, Carlos Picazo, Ted & Chiz Ohira, and Chuckie Seki. We had a nice cozy group sitting at tables in the back room off the kitchen. The tables were decorated with beautiful and fragrant roses from the Hayashi’s “back 40” (acres). It isn’t really 40 acres, it just seems so with all the work involved in planting and caring for all the fruit, vegetables, and flowers that they so generously share with us.

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Thanks to Toe Yoshino for the use of a microwave oven at the mini-reunion.

The annual Reverse Raffle to raise funds to pay the taxes on the Hall was held on May 10. The 100th was in charge of the luncheon consisting of barbecued chicken and steak and corn prepared outside by Ben Tagami, Sam Fujikawa, Hank Sakato, Hank Hayashi, Ed Nakazawa, Harry Fukasawa, Ted Ohiro, Ken Miya and George Kurisu. Kitchen crew consisted of Jean Tagami, Teri Fujikawa, Chiz Ohira, Hisa Miya, Amy Nakazawa, Fumi Sakato, Kaz Yoshitake, and yours truly. We prepared nasusbi (egg plant) and the salad. Even though we kept working in the kitchen, we managed to keep a sharp ear open when our names were called during the raffle, but Ted Ohira was the only winner in the 100th.

Following the May 17th meeting, Sam Fujikawa and Hank Sakato were the only 100th boys who made it to Torrance to participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade. The Sons & Daughters carried the colors for the 100th.

Lloyd Seki has recovered from angioplasty, his main artery was 90% clogged. Douglas Tanaka was looking well at Allen Dong’s service having recovered from his angioplasty. Mas Takahashi had cataract surgery and is recovering.

It was good to see so many 100th members at the Evergreen Cemetery Memorial Day service honoring the 100th/442nd soldiers who lost their lives in WWII. Attending from the 100th were Yeiki Matsui, May & Wayne Fujita, Elsie & Hank Hayashi, Jean & Ben Tagami, Chiz & Ted Ohira, Fumi & Hank Sakato, Doug Tanaka, Col. Young Kim, Harry Fukasawa, Nobie Okamoto, Kaz & Hank Yoshitake, Michi & Lloyd Toda, Bev & Carlos Picazo and their niece, Allen Dong’s granddaughter, Allison, and George & June Kurisu. Our 100th member and Congressional of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura, was the speaker. Coming all the way from Gallup, he was also the speaker for the Korean Veterans’ monument dedication on the Saturday before. With Allen's funeral service at the same time as the dedication, most of the 100th attended Allen’s services. George’s cousin, Patrick Hamada, is named on the monument. Hershey and Terry came over to our shady spot to give us hugs and handshakes. It is always good to see them.

Sad Tidings of Passings: Joe Hiranaka of San Jose and an original 100th member, Ellen Shiroma, widow of Francis, D Company.

So sorry that I neglected to mention that May and her son Wayne Fujita were at our Valentine’s
Dinner. If there are other omissions, please let me know. Is this an apropos place to tell you gentle readers that I changed careers because my mind wanders and I can’t keep focused. This isn’t a recent advent.

Is everyone who is going to the 100th’s 55th reunion counting the days until departure as I am? I dream of packing early just the clothes I need and of getting a full night’s sleep. Keoki, as he gets called as we approach the islands and while we are there, is always packed a week before. While I always have too many clothes, Keoki never takes enough and gets to buy new aloha shirts that never seem to return to Hawaii. I’lI have plenty of adventures to tell you about when we return from our outer islands tour. Is it going to be possible to cram all the sights into just two days on each island? Wait for the next issue. Aloha.

Printed next are the two winning essays in the contest sponsored by the Sons & Daughters. The winners were awarded their prizes at the Anniversary Banquet on June 21, 1997.

HATE
by Brent Nguyen
Washington Intermediate
Grade 8

Prejudice, segregation, and discrimination. These are great words of violence and hate. In the 1960’s, these words were common. In this time, there were only two kind of people: whites and blacks.

In the United States of America, the land of the free, prejudice, segregation, and discrimination was going on against African Americans, or Negroes, as they were called. Many, or in fact maybe all, African Americans did not feel totally free.

African Americans were discriminated by many white Americans. These Americans were prejudiced against them. African Americans had little rights, as if their civil rights meant nothing.

In this time of hate, many African Americans longed for their civil rights. They couldn’t do many things, that white Americans could do, such as voting, unless they could do something, which white Americans didn’t need to do, such as being able to read. And even if they could do that special requirement, sometimes they still couldn’t.

In public places they were yelled and teased at. In public shops, they were segregated. African Americans weren’t allowed to enter and shop in them. In restaurants they were only able to sit in a special section, away from white Americans. They were waited on, and sometimes they were not even served. There were separate bathrooms and water fountains for them. On buses, Africans Americans were to move to the back of the bus to sit, and if a white American needed to sit, then they had to move. Police officers were cruel too. While driving, some officers would pull them over for no good reason. They were singled out of society, outcasts.

African Americans were treated unequally and treated cruelly. I feel that they deserved better. As Americans, they should’ve had their rights, in the Constitution. I feel that people were rude to them, just because they were different on the outside and they should’ve saw them, for who they were in the inside.

During this time I could really do nothing, since hate is a strong thing. With so much prejudice and discrimination, it would be hard. However, I could always try. I could form groups to help stop prejudice and discrimination. I could hold meetings against these things and discuss issues against discrimination and why African Americans should be treated equal, to gain the support of others. Boycotts could be made against businesses that segregate African Americans and discriminated them. Those businesses would lose money and they may be able to see why African Americans are important. By doing these things, African Americans may be one step closer to be accepted in society.

The civil rights that enable me to take a stand is the First Amendment. With the freedom of speech, I could speak my own opinions without being jailed. With my right to gather peacefully, I would be able to hold these meetings.

Hate is strong, and even if I tried to change others, many would not change. But as long as people can try, there will still be hope for them.
HOW AFFIRMING IS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?
by Kimberly Bento
Hawaii Baptist Academy
Grade 10

“In order to get beyond racism, we must first take race into account,” former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackman wrote in reference to the Bakke case which involved a white male student who was denied acceptance into medical school because spaces were reserved for minority applicants (15). Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in regard to “race, color, religion, sex, or national origin”(13), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), established by the Act, created affirmative action, requiring companies and universities to hire or accept certain numbers of women and minority workers and/or students. Now many call affirmative action reverse discrimination. Affirmative action, in fact, does not abide by what is stated in the Civil Rights Act and should not be used to combat discrimination in businesses and universities because it does not offer equal opportunities for all.

Affirmative action is applied in a variety of situations, from hiring to promotions to college and job admissions test. Racial quotas have been established for many businesses and universities, whether discrimination is present or not. In order to fulfill their quotas, universities and companies have been accepting or hiring women and minorities despite their scores being lower than the scores of white males. As a result, qualified white males are denied jobs because companies have to fulfill a certain quota. Some are even told not to bother to apply for certain jobs or positions because they are reserved for women and/or minorities (23).

To prevent women and minorities from being rejected because of their test scores, EEOC attacked company testing requirements, saying the they were “irrelevant and unreasonable standards,” “the cult of credentialism,” and “artificial barriers” (19). Even in the Supreme Court case Griggs v. Duke Power, Inc., employment tests were declared unfair because blacks were more likely to fail them than whites (21). SATs were later accused of being race partial to white students (21). Thus, it seems that expecting women and minorities to pass tests is irrelevant as long as quotas are fulfilled.

Although created to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964, affirmative action is not discouraging discrimination. In fact the Act encourages discrimination by giving unfair advantages to women and minorities. They are accepted or hired because they are women or a minority, and not necessarily because they are the most competent. Since they are not expected to pass tests, the most qualified do not always get the position. In a way, the quotas actually discriminate against women and minorities, implying that they are given more breaks because they are incapable of succeeding on their own. Thus, if white males do not get accepted or hired, they blame affirmative action.

With revision, affirmative action can be effective. Instead of establishing and enforcing quotas, it should ensure that women and minorities have an elementary and high school education in a school with proper facilities and a solid college prep curriculum to prepare them for competition into college and later on, for jobs. Funds should be set aside to provide all children with schools such as these suggested. It may also mean requiring students to attend school until they are 18. Discrimination in the workplace should continue to be discouraged, especially in tests that can often be culturally biased toward white males. A committee could be set up to make sure tests are fair for everyone. With education, however, ignorance, along with discrimination, should disappear.

Sons and Daughters

A big MAHALO goes out to those sons and daughters and friends who helped to make the 55th Anniversary a big success...Corinne Akahoshi, Sharon Choy, Erika Doi, Joyce Doi (chaired the reception desk, centerpieces, leis), Nicole Doi, Cynthia Anzai Fukuda, Dan Futterman, Barbara Hanai, Shayna Hanai, Sophie Hatakanaka, Vicki Ho, Evelyn Honda, Kaydi Ichimura-Yonaha, Gail Ige, Richard Ige, Wayne Iha, Lynn Ikehara, Cheryl Inagaki, Joann Ing, Ann Kabasawa, Kevin Kabasawa, Suzan Kaninaw (created all the beautiful floral arrangements for the stage for the banquet), Mark Kimura, Tricia Kimura, Dan Mitchell, Cindy Morikawa, Kim Morikawa, Kristie Morikawa, Louise Morikawa, Sandy Nakamura, Russell Nishimura and his brother-in-law from Michigan (sorry we did not get your name), Pat Osebold, Avin Oshiro, MaryAnn Oshiro, Carole Ota, Gary Saito, Janice Sakoda, Candace Sakuda, Clyde Sugimoto, Karen Swisher, Sarah Swisher, Carolee Tanaka, Cecilee Tanaka, Drusilla Tanaka, Sharon Tanaka (chaired the registration table), Stanley Tanaka, Carl Tonaki (beautiful artwork on the cover of the Memorial Service program and the Legacy Corner), Kathy Uchida, Warren Yamamoto and Taryn Yonaha. As Bert Turner said, “Kaeru no ko wa kaeru.”
The Sons and Daughters received donations from the following:

- $1,000 Seiju Ifuku (C) and Rainbow Drive In for Scholarship Fund
- $50 Eichi Endo (Maui)
- $50 Mas Ishida (Mainland)
- $50 James Ishimoto (A) for the Oral History Project
- $50 Arthur Tamashiro (HQ)
- $100 Harry Oka (Rural) for the Oral History Project
- $1,500 Club 100 for the One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship
- $1,000 Warren and Millie Fencel (Honorary Charlie Chapter)
- $20 Thomas Kailhara (Mainland)
- $50 "otsuri" from Motoyoshi Tanaka (Hawaii) and William Omoto (Mainland)

Congratulations and best wishes to the following scholarship winners:

Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion Scholarship ($500 each):
- Jessica Temple
- Kakainahoe Puleloa

One PukaPuka Achievement Scholarship ($1,500 to a descendant of a WWII 100th Infantry Battalion soldier):
- Kelsy Yamane (grand-daughter of Hajime Yamane-B)

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Kuni Fujimoto (A), Club 100’s faithful videographer, has given the Club a set of tapes of the 55th events (so much to see and do, it took two tapes). Those who would like to have a set are asked to bring two unused VHS tapes (6 hour length) to the clubhouse office to exchange for copies of the tape. Please allow a few days for copying.

PHOTOS taken by House of Photography are available at the Clubhouse office during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call before you come to be sure the office is open. Stay tuned for more information on the “Souvenir Booklet of Photos.”

Thank you to all who sent cards and letters after the 55th. As you can see from the roll call of volunteers and contributors, it took nearly an army of volunteers to carry our three-day celebration. Your patience over boo-boo’s is appreciated. And your gratitude and encouragement make it all worthwhile.

Thank you to Gloria Tamashiro for taking the time to write the following which she entitled, “A Spouse’s Comments:"

Back in the early fifties, pre-Waikiki high rise days, the 100th Infantry boys used to celebrate their anniversaries with a luau. As families grew, so did attendance. In between, the chapter reunions also became a mainstay.

At the 55th Memorial Service Breakfast, a veteran from Hilo came to shake my hand. He and his wife were part of the Bob Jones Italian tour of five years ago. He is proud and happy that he can still play golf regularly. He has all his own teeth. That said, he flashed his Ipana smile. As they say, true happiness for real.

Another veteran who lost part of his leg in the war, who now walks minus his cane, told the story of his going on daily walks with his dog. The dog, at one time, was able to keep up with his master. Alas! Now, he can only go part way and needs to be carried. Fortunately, it’s a small dog.

The 55th just concluded has seen an increase in family members. The Sons and Daughters toiled in their efforts to carry on the legacy. And they are succeeding bit by bit, with “For Continuing Service” motto and attitude. How can they fail? The 4th generation being indoctrinated into the limelight, the legacy lives.

I applaud the Sons and Daughters on their oral history/video project. And the awarding of the scholarships to the community, plus one descendant of a veteran. It takes teamwork and brainstorming and help from the veterans and the families. Let’s support them any way we can.

The anniversary weekend is something to be talked about for a long time. Repeatedly, each anniversary celebration is getting better and better.

Honorary Club 100 Member, Don Asman, Pastor of Manoa Valley Church, said in his keynote address that “Remember Pearl Harbor” is an undeniable motto for the 100th, but in considering the future, we could be thinking along the lines of “Be of good cheer!” and such. I’d like to add, “Be of good health” and “Be there in 98!” -- Gloria Tamashiro.
IN MEMORIAM

Tatsumi “Tarush” Yamamoto (D-Hawaii)
May 23, 1997

Masayoshi Nakano (C)
May 27, 1997

Kenneth K. Kaneko (B)
June 19, 1997

Yoshikatsu Matsumoto (A)
June 23, 1997

Our deepest sympathies are extended to family, friends and loved ones of our departed members.

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Executive Secretary’s Note: The graveside committal service at Punchbowl is very impressive. I called Mr. Castagnetti’s office to inquire about the services provided through the US Army Mortuary for our veterans. I learned that usually the family’s mortuary/funeral director would make the arrangements in requesting a rifle firing squad, a bugler and an American flag. In case of cremation, the folded flag is presented to the next of kin. For a casket, bearers are provided if the deceased was retired from the Army. These services are available to all who received an honorable discharge. The “team” will travel to any cemetery, church, or wherever final committal services are held, for example on the beach. The presence of uniformed personnel, their precise movements, and the serene atmosphere of Punchbowl make the final ceremony a dignified and fitting tribute to all who served our country.

Punchbowl inspired another contributor to this month’s PPP. The following is from Kazuto Shimizu, C Chapter President and Co-Chairman of our 55th:

Watching the US Open early Sunday morning, Tiger Woods and Nick Faldo two-some in the spotlight, Ken Venturi came on to talk about his US Open win 33 years ago. He talked about his thoughts of giving up golf, but for his father’s advice, “don’t give up, it’s the easiest thing to do and it requires no talent.” Fathers’ Day!

Let’s go from top talents to Club 100 golfers. Tak-Tak (Stanley Takahashi) is my partner for Punchbowl Cemetery duty and I see him, often, walking to visit some of our departed golfers—Jimmy Oshiro, Joe Tengan, etc. This reminds me of Joe Tengan, who started late, but got into the game with fervor. But disaster struck in the form of lung cancer. He would continue to go to the golf course just for the ride and he said to me, “If I could just play another round before I die…” Another golfer, Fuzzy Fujimori, struggling with his weak legs and happily finishing his round, said, “Shimizu, I don’t mind playing with you again.” He appreciated my helping him locate his wayward balls and ease his walk to his next swing. To hell with the score. He passed away a few months later.

Golf is a crazy game. Amid character, frustration, victory, defeat, the best and worst, there is happiness and relaxation. Thank you to the Good Man above for giving us a game of enduring enjoyment beyond our years. “Arigatai” in thankfulness. -- K. Shimizu
CLUB 100  JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE ................................... Saturday, July 26 ............................... 8 a.m. .......................................... Lounge
BAKER ................................ Saturday, July 19 ................................ 1 p.m. .......................................... Lounge
CHARLIE ................................ Monday, July 21 ................................ 10 a.m. ........................................ Board Room
DOG CHAPTER ............ Saturday, July 19 ................................ 8 a.m. .................................. Board Room
HQ ........................................ Monday, July 14 ................................. 9:30 a.m. ...................................... Lounge
HAWAII ................................ No meeting in July
MAUI .................................... Friday, July 11, Family Night 6:00 p.m. KCC Groups I and II
RURAL .................................... Picnic at Yamaki’s....Sunday, July 20
KAUAI .....................................

BOARD .................................. Friday, July 11................................ 10 a.m. ........................................ Boardroom
S&D BOARD ................................ Friday, July 18 ................................... 7 p.m. ........................................ Boardroom
GREEN THUMB .................. Sunday, July 6 Annual Dinner Meeting 5 p.m. Parking at Ala Wai School
KARAOKE FUN NITE ........ Friday, July 11 .............................. 6:00 p.m ................................... Turner Hall
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE .... Wednesday, July 2 ............................ 10:00 a.m.

Collating for the August Issue will be on Thursday, July 31. Deadline for submitting news will be on Tuesday, July 22. Able and Charlie Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

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