FROM THE EDITORS’ PUKA

by Ray and Aki Nosaka

We have just returned from the 13th annual mini-reunion and we would say that those who did not attend this affair in Las Vegas surely missed out on a lot of fun, good food, and great fellowship. I know we say this every year, but how else can we put into words the warm feeling that one gets when you see one of your old friends smiling and hobbling along with a cane, or being pushed in a wheelchair—they have the courage to attend and to just be part of the fellowship. As the days go by, we really appreciate the memories and cherish the precious time that we spent together, knowing that there may not be a “next time” for some of us.

The Southern California Chapter truly went “all out” in sponsoring the hospitality room. That meant providing all of the food, drinks and manpower which was a tremendous undertaking. Many thanks to Ben and Jean Tagami and Sam and Teri Fujikawa who chaired the affair along with many other faithful hardworking people. Despite the poor crop of mushroom this year, Tom and Gladys Tsuda were able to provide us with enough to keep that large bowl of “matsutake gohan” going for all of the hospitality room attendees. And the banquet attendance was over 290 people, a capacity crowd for the Ohana Room. When the question was asked to the audience if the mini-reunion should be omitted in the year 2000, we did not hear a definite yes or no. So the decision rests with the So. California Chapter.

The Editors would like to sincerely thank Shigeru and Jane Oshita, who live in Kapaau, for their very sincere letter and generous donation to the PPP. We, along with the Executive Secretary and the Reporters, truly appreciate knowing that you enjoy reading every page of our newsletter.

Mahalo to the following PPP volunteers who came out on September 23 to collate and mail out the October newsletter: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Michael Hamamoto, Mary Hamasaki, Ted Hamasu, Tokuichi Hayashi, Kenneth Higa, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Lawrence and Regina Kamiya, Seiso Kamishita, Robert Kapuniia, Satoshi Kashimoto, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Philip Matsuyama, Joe Muramatsu, Roy Nakayama, Tommy Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Takeichi Onishii, Susumu Ota, Leo Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Martin Tohara, Masa Toma, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Ukichi Wozumi, Marie Yoneshige and Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa. Thanks also to Mary Hamasaki and Cecilee Tanaka for proof-reading and to Larry and Regina Kamiya and Philip Matsuyama for donating refreshments.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by President Joe Muramatsu

After the opening rituals, Don Matsuda, our Apartment and House Committee Chairman, gave his report. There are two vacant units now. He suggested that we pay any tenant or club member who finds a tenant the sum of $50 as a “finder’s fee,” provided the new tenant remains there for three months.

We are still looking for two good men to fill the positions of 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. If not, the President can use his power and appoint someone to fill those positions.

There were 369 friends and members at our memorial service on September 26. Also, there were about 40 next of kin present. We want to thank the 442nd Choral Group and the Royal Hawaiian Band for the wonderful music they provided. We also want to thank our Sons and Daughters and the Boy Scouts who helped decorate the graves. It was suggested by the Memorial Service Committee to look into the feasibility of having a canopy put up to shade the audience during the ceremony.
It is all systems go on the trip to Fort Benning for the unveiling of the 100th Inf. Bn. monument. Drusilla Tanaka has been working hard to see to it that we have a wonderful time. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 25, 1999. General Eric Shinseki has expressed a strong interest in attending.

The Spark Matsunaga VA Center is scheduled to open during the week of February 20, 2000.

So far, about 130 people have shown interest in attending the year 2000 anniversary in Las Vegas.

Mr. Allen Arakaki, our CPA, states that chapter subsidies for all active paid up members are allowable. Each chapter will receive a subsidy of $5 for each Club 100 member on its chapter roster. Please submit those to the office as soon as possible. Regarding “koden,” Mr. Arakaki advised that we do not make such payments. He suggested that we consider some other way to memorialize a deceased member. One suggestion is to ask the deceased family to pick their favorite charity, and the club would give a donation to that charity in his memory. If the family does not have a favorite charity, then Club 100 will donate it to the Sons and Daughters Scholarship fund in his name.

Tokuji Ono requested that we donate 10 copies of the book, “Remembrances” to Martin Tohara’s Speakers Bureau so that they can give the book to teachers or schools who show an interest in the nisei soldiers.

Invitations to participate in the DAV Massing of Colors ceremony on November 11 at Punchbowl and at the Hawaii State Veterans Day Ceremony in Kaneohe have been received.

Also, we have been asked to participate in the December 7, 1999, ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

Our tongues were hanging out because of hunger, so we adjourned for lunch at 11:45.

Only two more to go.

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54th MEMORIAL SERVICE SEPTEMBER 26, 1999

Since many of the chapter representatives wrote about the Memorial Service, we will not repeat the information, but express our thanks, again, to all those who worked to make it another successful and memorable event. The absence of TV cameras seemed to add to the solemnity and dignity of the service, and the words spoken in prayer and speeches and music offered all combined to make it one of the most memorable memorial services. Following the text of the speech by H. David Burge, Director of the local VA office, is an off-the-cuff speech by Congressman Neil Abercrombie who spoke at the DAV 40th Anniversary of the Keahi Lagoon Memorial that night following the memorial service. Mr. Burge challenges the sansei and yonsei and Mr. Abercrombie tells us why it is so important to keep holding these memorial services.

H. David Burge, Jr., Director
Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical & Regional Office Center
Memorial Address

I am very honored to have the privilege of being your speaker at the last Club 100 memorial service of the 20th century here at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. This memorial service commemorates the anniversary of the 100th’s first member to die in action on September 29, 1943, in Italy, Sergeant Joe Takata. We are also gathered to honor the other men of the battalion who died in battle and those who returned home and are no longer with us.

The Nisei soldiers, which we honor this morning, were true blooded Americans, born and raised in Hawaii. They were children of the depression, heroes in the greatest war in mankind’s history, and for those who returned as veterans, good husbands and fathers and brilliant architects of the prosperous society enjoyed by all of us today. Perhaps more importantly, their sacrifices like those of their Issei parents, provided the means for future generations of Japanese Americans to have improved access to a better life for themselves and their children here in America.

As President Truman said in personally welcoming home our Nisei veterans, “You fought not only the enemy, you fought prejudice, and you have won.” I would add to these comments, 53 years later, the
following: mahalo nui loa from your children and grandchildren for the great pride we enjoy today as Japanese Americans.

The battalion’s designation as number 100 seems most appropriate because in many arenas where performance is measured, the number 100 is often associated with excellence. As such, it is not surprising that the unit’s excellence in battle was carried forward after the war in terms of excellence in service to our community. This drive for continued excellence is reflected in Club 100’s motto - “for continuing service”. I congratulate you and your comrades no longer with us for your successes in providing outstanding services to your communities, State of Hawaii, and the nation in business, government, and voluntary work.

As we approach the next millennium, I say to our Sansei and Yonsei, now is the time for us to continue the work of and care for our Nisei parents and grandparents - the men who fought valiantly to restore our civil rights and their wives who stood tall beside them.

Over the last half century, we have grown accustomed to the generous support which they have provided us. They have shown us wisdom when we have failed to understand. They have been patient with us as we have impatiently struggled to solve our own problems. And they have continually expressed great pride in our accomplishments while we have often been too self-absorbed to recognize and acknowledge their remarkable accomplishments.

There are several ways for us to show our gratitude to our Nisei veterans. First, we should ensure that their story, a truly American success story, is not lost for future generations of Americans. We can ill afford to risk similar loss of civil rights for any other group of Americans.

The late Senator Sparky Matsunaga made this point eloquently clear in the following statement:

“We Americans, who were the victims of earlier growing pains in our nation’s history, can attest to the rewards of patience, faith and hope. Ours is a story that needs to be told and retold, for it is a story which can inspire other Americans of other minority groups to exercise the same patience and have the same faith and hope to live through difficult times.”

We can also show our gratitude to our Nisei veterans by instilling in our children great pride in their Japanese American ancestry. They need to know about the aspirations and successes of their Issei and Nisei forefathers in making America a better home for their families. They need to be exposed to the growing literature which captures their rich heritage.

When I left Washington, DC, last year for my new VA assignment in Honolulu, I was pleased with the announcement that the Smithsonian Museum had decided to make the exhibit about the Japanese American experiences in World War II a permanent exhibit in the Museum of American History. The exhibit chronicles a dark moment in our nation’s history when Japanese Americans were stripped of their rights as citizens with many forced into remote concentration camps.

But the exhibit continues by recounting the exemplary accomplishments of Nisei soldiers, who earned back the respect of their nation for themselves and their families by pouring their blood on the battlefields of Europe and significantly assisting to secure victory in the Pacific. The exhibit concludes by highlighting the accomplishments of many Nisei who attained major leadership positions after conclusion of the war.

Given that permanent exhibits are reserved for only the most important events in American history, this decision underscores the need for our children to understand their unique heritage here in America. In addition, there is no better time for such pride as we see increasing numbers of Japanese Americans rising to significant positions of responsibilities in our nation. For example, who would have thought on the battlefields of Europe, more than a half century ago, that a Sansei from Kauai would rise to be the general of all generals in 1999?

Finally, we can express our gratitude by being more aware of and more responsive to the needs of our aging Nisei veterans. They will not complain so we must be vigilant to subtle signs indicating the need for assistance. They will not ask so we must step forward as their advocates and spokespersons. And since they would rather give than receive, we must make them comfortable in letting us and others help them. In this regard, the men and women of the VA’s center in Honolulu stand ready to assist our Nisei veterans and their families in obtaining any needed benefits and medical services to which they are entitled.

I am pleased that the legacy of Club 100’s continuing service will be perpetuated into the next century in a most befitting and honorable manner. That is through the naming of the brand new VA medical
center at Tripler in honor of one of the 100th battalion’s most distinguished members - Spark M. Matsunaga.

The VA Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Center is a $60 million complex, which will be fully completed early next year. Portions of the complex already completed include the 60 geriatric beds in the new Center for Aging, administrative and benefit offices in the newly renovated E-Wing, an inpatient psychiatric unit, and a new three level parking structure. The crown jewel of the complex will be a three story ambulatory care clinic, which will be completed and occupied early next year.

The center fulfills Sparky’s dream of a full service medical center for current and future veterans residing in Hawaii and the Pacific. In pushing for the center, Sparky noted that Hawaii was one of the only states without a VA medical center and that the State at that time ranked near the bottom in terms of VA medical spending for veterans. Sparky told his colleagues on the floor of the Senate that “Hawaii’s veterans only seek access to the same type and level of care their more fortunate brethren on the mainland receive.”

The center was Sparky’s dream. However, having it named after himself was the idea of Sparky’s colleagues in Washington, Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Daniel Akaka.

Senator Akaka said, “It is eminently fitting that Spark Matsunaga’s name be forever associated with a veterans medical center. Aside from the fact that it is his advocacy that made the Hawaii veterans hospital a possibility, it is suitable that the war hero who preferred to be remembered as a peacemaker be recognized in this way. For the essential truth about Sparky was this: although he accepted that war was sometimes necessary, he never accepted the pain and tragedy that it engendered.”

Senator Akaka continued by saying, “It is therefore appropriate that a veterans medical center be named in his honor - a place where wounds and illnesses are mended, a place where those who have suffered the terrible experience of war can receive succor and comfort.”

I am honored to be the first director of the new VA Spark M. Matsunaga Medical and Regional Office Center at Tripler. I am proud that the new center exemplifies the goal of Club 100 and that of other veteran organizations here in Hawaii to provide the very best services to all veterans who have brought credit to our islands and nation.

In closing, this morning’s service is a time for memory and a time for celebration. It is a time of memory for members of the 100th infantry battalion who fell in battle and those who have left us since the end of the war. Through their unselfish sacrifices in battle and their dedication to serving their communities in time of peace, they have enriched the lives of their families, fellow veterans, and the people of Hawaii who have identified with and felt great pride in their accomplishments.

This is, also a time for celebration in that we are all blessed with a rich opportunity to perpetuate Club 100’s motto - “for continuing service”. Through the sustained efforts of the Club’s members, their families, and other supporters, Hawaii’s veterans and our community will continue to receive rich benefits.

God bless our Nisei veterans and their families. God bless our beloved Hawaii. God bless the America they fought for and their steadfast efforts to make our country a better place for all our people.

REMARKS BY CONGRESSMAN NEIL ABERCROMBIE at DAV 40th Anniversary Celebration of Keiki Lagoon Memorial, September 26, 1999, 6 p.m.

Reference was made earlier today to the Memorial Service that was held at Punchbowl. You may know that those of us who are privileged to serve in public life, particularly in the Congress, many of us have not served in the military of the United States and certainly have not served under combat conditions. I think there are more of us now in public life making decisions who have not been in military service than have been in previous years. As a result of that, people like myself find ourselves at services such as those held this morning. And I want to tell you that one of the things that has come to my heart: we have a great and noble legacy that is being given to us and we have an obligation and responsibility based on that which has been given to us by the selfless service of others, including the laying down of their lives. One of the things I’ve discovered is that ritual is the great conserving of values—the fact that all of you are here today are patient, when perhaps those of us who are in public life today are not so patient. Giving, when many of us see ourselves as deserving, rather than giving. Committed and dedicated. Setting an example for us. I can assure you that services such as those held this morning at Punchbowl, and memorial activities such as this one taking place this afternoon, are
vital elements in our civic life. Those of us who are now privileged to serve in public office will honor the legacy that you have given us. I can assure you on behalf of every public official here today, we will honor this legacy, we will do our best to live up to everything that you have bequeathed to us. Thank you very much.

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(free parking at Ala Wai School)

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CLUB 100 TOUR TO FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Phenomenal! Miraculous! Incredible! Wonderful! Awesome! All of these superlatives and more do not adequately express the kind of feeling we have about our experiences on this tour. From the very beginning when Col. Bill Pye approached Club 100 about installing a monument and exhibit at Fort Benning, your Executive Secretary was a little skeptical about the whole idea. But, Col. Pye prevailed and with the Club’s and Sons and Daughters’ support, the monument was built, the exhibit pulled together and the unveiling and dedication was accomplished. And the icing on the cake was the thoroughly enjoyable “ground tour.” How can you tell you have had a successful tour? When you find out that you spent more time exchanging culture than exchanging currency!

To tell you the WHOLE story about the tour would take up all the paper in the store room, so just believe me when I say that we did have to overcome some obstacles along the way. One of them being the lack of communication between Fort Benning personnel and Club 100 regarding the ceremony. But, an “angel” appeared, named Elsie (Ekimura) Jackson, herself related to members of the 100th and 442nd, and employed by the Public Affairs Office at Fort Benning. With Elsie on the spot, we were encouraged, our questions answered, and red-tape cut drastically. Another “angel,” and I mean this in the biblical sense of a “messenger,” for this is how we received our information, was Gerald E. Conner, first cousin of Lt. Cloudy Gray Conner, Jr. (D-KIA), who gave us wonderful suggestions for accommodations and sites to visit, including the name of a motorcoach company and a local travel agent who played an important role in all that we did. So, with these things in mind, here is a partial report of the tour:
The “tour” officially began on Thursday, October 21, when 12 of us left Honolulu and flew non-stop to Atlanta, Georgia. 10 boxes packed by Tokuji Ono containing “omiyage,” the battalion flag, club banner, wooden bowl, bottled water, vases, flowers, fern, leis, name tags, bulletins, favors, lapel ribbons, and a portable “office” were loaded onto the plane. The “red-eye” was on schedule and the flowers were put on a bus and shipped to Col. Lester O’Riley in Columbus. Col. O’Riley, a good friend of the Pye’s, received the flowers by mid-morning and kept the orchids cool until Monday morning. As instructed by Hachiro Shikamura, Col. O’Riley placed the anthurium in a bucket of water and did not chill them. And the orchid “vials” were re-filled with fresh water, as instructed by Slim Sakamoto. These arrangements explain why the flowers looked so fresh and beautiful as the centerpiece at the luncheon reception on Monday. If they had been lugged around during the ground tour, they would certainly look worn and tattered. Thanks to Slim Sakamoto (A) for the dendrobium and vanda, with each stem placed carefully placed in a vial of water; Hachiro and Chieko Shikamura (B/Rural) for the anthurium; Stanley Tanaka for flowers and fern; Takako and Tadashi Umamoto (C) for the fern, and Bernard Akamine (B), Mrs. Peggy Pye and Dixie Hagler (Col. Pye’s cousin) for the vases.

When the Honolulu group landed at Atlanta’s Hartsfield Airport, the group from Los Angeles had touched down just a few minutes before. Also waiting at the airport was Col. Young O. and Hanh Kim from Las Vegas. Our Kingsmen Motorcoach and driver Felix Lyons were waiting for us. After we boarded, first stop was the Sumner Suites, right next to the airport. The group which arrived the day before from Chicago and Ozzie and Sylvia Kawahara (F) from Florida, and the Hawaii group which went to the Mini-reunion and arrived at 5 a.m., boarded, along with Mike Doi (A) of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Mike was our “tour guide” for the morning, passing Olympic Park, Turner Field, and the Olympic Village, along with famous buildings, one of them coated with 24 carat gold, mined in Georgia. Our next stop was the William Breman Jewish Heritage Center in Downtown Atlanta to view the exhibits by the Japanese American National Museum, “Remembering America’s Concentration Camps,” and “Witness: Our Brothers Keepers,” regarding the 442nd’s 522 Field Artillery Battalion and their encounter with survivors of the Holocaust at Dachau, Germany. Mike and his wife Gene had been serving as docents for the exhibits, both having the camp experience, and Mike having served with the 100th/442nd. There is a sizable Japanese American community in the Atlanta area, and one of the most prominent is Sachi Koto, news anchor with CNN. She greeted the group and addressed the men in particular, thanking them for their service and sacrifices. Sachi, Mrs. Nakano, and Pat Pugrant were impressed us with her speech and exceptional poise. Sachi Koto, news anchor with CNN. She greeted the group and addressed the men in particular, thanking them for their service and sacrifices. We were touched by her genuine expressions and warmth. A lot of people remarked on how tall she is and “much prettier in person.”

Busy as she is, she stayed with us the whole time, signing autographs, speaking personally to many and waved goodbye as our bus pulled away two hours later. Mrs. Margaret Nakano, also of the Atlanta area, impressed us with her speech and exceptional poise. Sachi, Mrs. Nakano, and Pat Pugrant were the delighted recipients of double dendrobium leis that Janet Aoki labored to finish in time for our trip. What a nice touch that was, and if it weren’t for that lei, President Joe Muramatsu would not have had an excuse to give Sachi Koto a great big bear hug and kiss!

Our next stop was the World of Coca Cola, the most visited attraction in Atlanta, which is the corporate headquarters for the Coca Cola Bottling Company. There were hundreds of school children and other tourists learning about the history of the world’s most famous beverage. From viewing the film, one gets the impression that Coca Cola was welcomed more readily in foreign lands than were evangelists and missionaries. It seems it was easier to win converts to drinking Coke! A few of us took advantage of the ‘motorpool’ of free wheelchairs and were “chauffeured” through the complex. Tamo Shimizu (A/Rural) was offered a chair, but he shook his head and had that “kawai-sooo” look on his face when he saw Tokuji Ono being pushed around. But Tokuji was happy! After their visits, the children and their teachers gathered in the large plaza between Coke and the Underground shopping area for picnic lunches. The relaxing children and the park-like atmosphere in the middle of downtown Atlanta all seemed in contrast to the dark-suited workers carrying briefcases and walking by briskly. After sampling different beverages from around the world, we headed for shopping and lunch at the Underground, many finding the rocking chairs and lounging on the “porches” of the complex. The presence of uniformed security guards on bicycles kept the area clear of undesirables and relatively safe for tourists.

Friday afternoon offered three options: A) return to the hotel; B) visit CNN or C) visit Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. About half of the group decided to return to the hotel, but 12 went to see the CNN building and studios and 8 went to the MLK Center. The escalator at CNN is the world’s tallest, about 8 stories of moving stairs. The CNN complex is best described as a shopping mall and food court.
surrounded by 4 tall office buildings. Within the buildings are the corporate headquarters of CNN and its subsidiary cable services, as well as its broadcasting facilities. At the “Braves Clubhouse” souvenir store, I purchased a good quality baseball cap for my dad. It was one day before the World Series was to begin, and of course, I bought the cap embroidered with the “A” for Atlanta. (By the time I came home, the Braves had lost the series, so I told my dad it was a personalized cap for him--that the “A” stood for “Akamine.” Fast thinking, huh?) We toured the CNN studios and saw the insides from a different angle, learned how they do the “weather,” and the secret to “reading” the news without glancing at notes. Being on television every day might seem “glamorous,” but it is grueling work in 12-hour shifts, and high-pressure to perform flawlessly.

Kimi Matsuda reports on their visit to the MLK Center: “The Martin Luther King, Jr., Center in Atlanta is a sprawling center befitting one of the greatest Americans of this century. It was a highlight of our visit to Atlanta. Run by the National Park Service, a multi-tiered reflective pool reminiscent of Gandhi greets you. In the center of the pool lies the tomb of Martin Luther King, Jr., with the words, “Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty I’m Free at Last.”

“In the museum, there is a Rosa Parks room, a Gandhi room and a room containing memorabilia of Martin and Coretta King, including baby pictures.

“Across the street is the Visitors Center with a theatre that runs a 30-minute film on the history of the Civil Rights movement and several panels depicting the highlights of the Civil Rights movement and of Martin Luther King’s life with videos to explain the photos. There is a breath-taking statue, panorama of Americans from different walks of life, marching together with an explanatory video. Next to the Center is the new Ebenezer Baptist Church. The old Ebenezer Church where Martin’s father and he preached is still used occasionally.

“Unfortunately, there was not time enough to do justice to the well-organized and informative center. We could only quickly pass through some of the exhibits. Let’s hope some of us can revisit Atlanta and the Martin Luther King Center in the near future.”

Our bus driver, Felix, kindly returned to downtown after taking the others to the hotel and picked up the two groups at CNN and MLK Center. He saved us a huge cab fare!

The Sumner Suites was very comfortable, with sofa, a “snack” kitchen with sink, refrigerator, microwave oven, coffee maker, dishes, utensils, a desk and chair and a large-screen television in each room. Too bad we were going to be there just one night. The “extended” continental breakfast offered a variety of pastries and bagels, cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, juices, yogurt, and hot beverages. It was so convenient to go down in the morning and eat on your own. The better half of couples received “room service” from their partners—or was it the better half that gave the service?

Fast forward to Monday morning, the real reason for our trip: The unveiling and dedication ceremony for the 100th Infantry Battalion monument. There was frost on the ground when we left Warm Springs, but the forecast was for clear skies and warmer (48 degrees) weather in Fort Benning which is further south and at a lower elevation. We left the Meriwether Country Inn at 9:10 a.m., and arrived at Fort Benning about 10:20 a.m., in good time for the 11 a.m. ceremony. At Fort Benning, we were joined by overland travelers, Alfred and Paulette Arakaki and their Virginia hosts, Tom and Binky Evans; Mrs. Pye and Col. Pye’s cousins from Texas, Gary and Ed Ikuma, and Mike and Gene Doi. Corinne Akahoshi and her husband Dan Futterman followed us from the hotel, with Irving situated in the bus, watching for his son Stanley’s cameo appearance in “The Hunt for Red October.” (Did I mention that the bus was equipped with mini-tv screens so that we could watch videos on long runs? There was also a porta-potty aboard and a public address system. It also “kneeled” so that passengers could board and de-board without having to jump for the first step.) Alas, we missed seeing Stan’s part.

The MPs were directing traffic, the bleachers and folding chairs were set up, the band was arriving. It was cold, but the veterans were coat-less in their bright white club shirts, kept warm with two undershirts. What a handsome group! It was easy for MG John LeMoyne to spot them and greet each one with a firm handshake and warm smile. He was supposedly too busy to attend the ceremony and we were ready for his substitute, but by some twist of the tiger’s tail, he arrived early, shook hands with each veteran (24 in all), and stayed long after for picture-taking and to greet other guests and family members. Unfortunately, he returned to his duties instead of attending our luncheon. In his speech at the ceremony, MG LeMoyne thanked the men for their fine example of duty to country and said that our nation owes them thanks for their influence on our current Army Chief of Staff, General Eric Shinseki, and his commitment to the Army and to our country.
Joe’s speeches were well-delivered and well-received. Thanks to retired General David Bramlett, now residing on the North Shore, for being the “ghost writer” for Joe. Thank goodness that Joe is a “quick study,” for besides practicing his speeches, he and Don Matsuda performed the traditional Hawaiian blessing with ti leaves and water from a wooden bowl. Joe consulted with the Rev. Bill Kaina, Papa Kahu of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the United Church of Christ. It was a dignified blessing, as Joe and Don were serious about their work to properly bless each of the polished black granite slabs. Some of the spectators wondered later about the water and the leaves, but our answer was, “No, it’s not hocus-pocus. We always do this in Hawaii.” And the water? Menehune brand bottled water, purchased at Long’s Drugs Moiliili. The chaplain, LTC Scott New, served a few years at Schofield Barracks, so he was familiar with the Hawaiian blessing, and incorporated that ceremony into his blessing prayer without hesitation.

When we arrived at the ceremony site, the monument slabs were shrouded in blue tarp with red grossgrain ribbons. Sam Fujikawa, Mrs. Peggy Pye, and Joe Muramatsu untied the ribbons on each slab and with the assistance of uniformed personnel, pulled back the tarp. The polished American black granite monument was revealed to us for the first time, and the crowd burst into applause, a sure sign of approval. The granite is exceptionally beautiful. If you compare it with the black granite headstones at the local cemeteries, you will notice that the granite used in the monument contains “swirls” of white, rather than the common “speckles” of white. The monument granite looks more like black “marble,” and might be considered the reverse negative of the white marble from Carrara, Italy, which graces the clubhouse lobby. It is one of six monuments at Sacrifice Field and by far the handsomest. I believe it is the only monument for a battalion, the others being for regiments or divisions.

The 21-gun salute was a jolting reminder of the horrors of combat and the mournful taps produced many tears. Thanks to Sam Fujikawa for stuffing a package of Kleenex into my pocket that morning.

When we are asked why just the 100th and not the 442nd, we answer, “Because the 100th was the FIRST Japanese American unit in the armed forces.” Col. Pye knew and understood this. His vision for this monument and an exhibit at the National Infantry Museum drove this project to fruition.

Mr. Z. Frank Hanner, Director of the National Infantry Museum, told us that the museum had been trying since 1959 (the year it opened) to obtain artifacts and material from the most decorated battalion of World War II. Only with Col. Pye’s leadership was an exhibit made possible. The Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion and Archives Committee Chair Evelyn Honda worked feverishly to select and ship appropriate material to Mr. Hanner. The museum has extremely rigid standards for accepting articles, so it was not just a matter of shipping items to Fort Benning. For example, after Evelyn put out her plea for donations of artifacts, we received a German pistol. However, the donor wanted to remain anonymous. We thought Mr. Hanner would welcome the pistol, but, no, each item for the display had to be accompanied by documentation that it was actually used by a 100th soldier or if it were “enemy” equipment or property, how, when and where it was obtained. Because the donor wanted to remain anonymous, we could not furnish a written, signed statement with this information, and therefore, it was rejected. As the exhibit was being developed, Evelyn labored by e-mail, telephone, and US mail to see that the exhibit would meet the approval of the 100th veterans. Punchbowl Director Gene Castagnetti helped by providing photos of the 100th gravesites at Punchbowl; Clyde Sugimoto and Ann Kabasawa helped reproduce photos from the Archives; Stephan Doi found a professional photographer to shoot the battalion colors and crest and prepared the enlargements for the exhibit. Everyone was pleased with the display and Mr. Hanner received the donation from Club 100 of $500 from Joe Muramatsu. The museum now has a more comprehensive collection, dating back to the American Revolution, and, at last, an exhibit honoring the nisei soldiers of the 100th Battalion.

Picture-taking, greeting the officials and other attendees, and general merriment prevailed immediately after the ceremony which lasted 20 minutes in the cool sunshine. Then it was all-aboard for the ride to the Officers Club and a turkey dinner, complete with stuffing and a Georgia peach cobbler dessert. The banquet room is a large un-carpeted hall, but the flowers and fern which were arranged by Mrs. Pye and her family gave it the warmth and appeal of a backyard luau. Elsie Jackson transported the tropical arrangements from the ceremony to the banquet hall, so the red ginger and anthurium could continue to radiate their beauty. (There are beautiful flowers and trees in Georgia, but nothing can compare to the deep crimson splendor of our ginger and anthurium. For these bouquets, we asked Denham’s Florist in Columbus to special order the tropical flowers and make two “professional” bouquets. No problem, they said. They included polished ti-leaves and fern. Everything but the price tag looked just like Hawaii. The cost: $65 each. It was worth it! A single wreath of carnations would have cost a lot more.) Besides the centerpieces, which were given to anyone who lived within 2,000
miles of Fort Benning, the tables were decorated with favors—red pillows with an oriental tapestry design and filled with miniature chocolate bars, symbolizing the Japanese Americans, who looked Japanese on the outside, but inside were pure American. To this, Mrs. Pye added a color photo of the monument, taken by professional photographer Charles Butler. She presented Club 100 with a framed enlargement of the photo, which Joe promised would be hung in a prominent location at the clubhouse.

Many, many thanks to the ladies on the tour for putting so much time and effort into cutting, folding, pasting and filling the little pillows and to Corinne and Dan for placing them on the tables before the ceremony.

A touching moment was the presentation of a plaque to Col. Pye which was received by Mrs. Pye. The plaque was a remnant of the supply that Gary Ikuma had made in the Philippines. Ben Tamashiro (D), who was not able to make the trip, took on the job of composing the text for the inscription. Bored with the mundane expression of thanks that the Executive Secretary drafted, Ben returned with an eloquent declaration of gratitude and admiration from the men of the 100th. Before the tears could dry, Sam Fujikawa jumped up and presented Mrs. Pye with a woman’s wristwatch, engraved with the 100th’s crest as a token of appreciation for her stalwart role in the project after Col. Pye’s sudden, unexpected passing.

Gary Ikuma’s speech was straight from the heart and honored the men of the 100th for what they did not only for all the people of Asian descent in our country, but also for Gary personally, who gives credit to his successful career in the Navy to the men of the 100th Bn. Gary retired as a Captain, the equivalent of a Colonel in the Army. He now works as an “arms merchant” for Itochu Aviation Company, the US subsidiary of a large corporation in Japan. How proud we felt that “one of our own” could give the keynote address on this occasion. (Editors’ note: We’ll include Gary’s speech in the December issue of the PPP.)

The luncheon reception was a chance to publicly acknowledge the help of the Army, both civilian and uniformed personnel, and others outside of Club 100 in the entire project—monument construction, installation, foundation building, exhibit development, ceremony preparations, and ground tour coordination. The “omiyage” consisted of Kona Coffee and Macadamia nuts from Kuni-Maru Farms in Captain Cook, a copy of a book, either “Remembrances” or “Ambassadors In Arms,” and a box of chocolate covered macadamia nuts, packaged in a lauhala basket, decorated by the wives, daughters, and grand-daughters of the veterans.

The luncheon reception was also the debut of the GOMM Ukulele Trio and Chorus who should be honored for their bravery to perform for 80 guests! Fortunately, the audience was kind and seemed to enjoy the performance and participation. Our bus driver, Felix, begged us that night for an encore performance, but the tired musicians declined! You’ll just have to wait to buy the CD, Felix!

After a tour of the museum and a short “ceremony” to present the Club 100 donation to the museum, the bus-caravan headed for Newman, Georgia, where we were invited to tour the “City of Homes,” and have supper at the Central Baptist Church. The red-carpet was rolled out at the Coweta County Visitors Center, as we pulled into the parking lot. City and County officials, mayors from nearby districts, and commissioners lined up to greet us. Refreshments were served, brief speeches made, videos viewed, and photos taken. We were overwhelmed by the Southern Hospitality experienced here. The “windshield tour” of Newman was thoroughly enjoyable. During the Civil War, Newman was the site of field hospitals for both the North and the South, so it was untouched by Sherman’s firestorm troopers as they advanced to Atlanta, burning everything in their way. The antebellum homes are originals and not reproductions and have been listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Newman is a fast-growing community; it recently made the news as one of the towns that officially changed the date of Halloween to Saturday, October 30, this year. In all of Hawaii there are at least 18 people who know where Newnan, Georgia, is!

There was hospitality and more flowing at the Newnan Central Baptist Church. Jerry Conner, whose first cousin, Lt. Cloudy Gray Conner, Jr., was KIA at Cassino, hosted the group to a spread of Oven roasted chicken with spices, grilled ham slices from cooked ham, rice cooked in chicken broth, black-eye peas, vegetable medley, Squash casserole, potato salad, orange congealed salad, corn bread, brownies with pecans and ice cream. It was a fun, relaxing time to grind and “South the mouth,” as Gene Doi said.

We said our goodbyes to the Doi’s, Mrs. Pye, the Hagler’s, and returned to Atlanta for our final night. The Drury Inn’s hanging chandelier greeted us before we could get off the expressway, and I thought to myself, “nigaharu.” The accommodations were indeed the most comfortable and luxurious here. Spacious rooms, complimentary beverages, pop-corn, reclining chairs, an extended continental
breakfast featuring Belgian waffles, a large lobby with comfortable chairs and a reliable shuttle to the airport provided a fabulous finale to our tour. Some of the “boys” ended up having a bachelor party in one of the rooms, partying until near mid-night, I hear.

We left for the airport early Tuesday morning, having spent more time exchanging culture than currency and not wanting to go home “empty handed.” The array of shops at the Atlanta airport rivals any mall. Found some Pecan Pralines which were reasonably priced. But the most precious souvenir is the Georgia quarter, with the famous Georgia peach on its tails-side. Mr. Ono tried to buy some from me—I should have sold them to him for $5 a piece!

After a change in planes due to mechanical problems and a refueling stop in Los Angeles, we arrived safely home about 6 in the evening. The headlights of cars on the H-1 heading to Kapolei looked like a shimmering diamond bracelet and all of the city lights shining brightly in the twilight looked like precious gems—bringing our trip to an end with crowning glory.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

by Drusilla A. Tanaka

Mahalo nui loa to the following donors for their thoughtful and timely gifts to Club 100:

- Copies of the “original” Ambassadors In Arms from Steve Brinza (D/Mainland) and Denis Teraoka (D)
- Bound copies of the PukaPuka Parade from Mrs. Larry Tanimoto. She said she enjoys reading every page of the PPP.
- OD jacket and ribbons which belonged to the late Larry Mizuno (A) and cds of WWII music from his son Doug Mizuno
- 6 Aloha Airline Coupons from Cyrus Higa of City Travel
- $10 from Mr. and Mrs. Tsunekazu Nakano in memory of Goro Kawata
- $25 from Lorraine Young in memory of Kazuo Mito
- $25 from William H. Kaya (D)
- $100 from the One Puka Puka ’99 tour members in memory of Biffa Moriguchi
- $100 from Kazumasa Ichiyama (HQ)
- $10,000 from Takeshi Teshima (B/Japan)
- $100 from Judith Takehara in memory of Wallace Abe
- $100 from Sam Wagatsuma in memory of his former boss, Kent “Bonsan” Nakamura
- $500 from an anonymous Baker Chapter member
- $100 from Margaret Higa in memory of Marshall Higa
- $300 from Masaharu Saito (R)
- $25 from Eileen Nakano
- $25 from Kenneth Saruwatari (HQ)
- $500 from Frances Sakoki in memory of Robert Sakoki
- $50 from Hide Yamashita (HQ)

The PukaPuka Parade received the following donations:

- $100 from Kazumasa Ichiyama (HQ)
- $100 from Shigeru Oshita (F/HQ/Hawaii)
- $40 from Kiyomi Jane Seto Nagai

Donors to the Fort Benning, Georgia, Monument Project:

- $50 from Amy Muroshige (S&D)
- $50 from Rusty Nakagawa (C)
- $100 from Shigeru Inouye (Med)
- $48 from Gerald E. Conner
- $200 from Kazumasa Ichiyama (HQ)
- $100 from Hideo Nakamine (442/522)
- $50 from Gladys Kawakami

Many of the above donations came by way of the Sons and Daughters. If your donation (up through October 15) is not listed, please contact Drusilla Tanaka at 946-0272.

Otanjoobi omedetoo to the following Club 100 members who will join the Octogenarian Club when they celebrate their 80th birthday in November: Sumio Ito (C) and Shigeru Nakata (A).
INSCRIPTION ON PLAQUE TO COL. PYE
by Ben Tamashiro

From the veterans of the WW II 100th Inf. Bn.
To
Colonel WILLIAM SHERWOOD PYE, U.S. Army

In the brotherhood of fighting men, you came to trust and understand the Nisei soldiers of the 100th Inf. Bn.; together, we gave rise to a new and enduring relationship in the history of combat arms of the United States Army

ATTITUDE: The Clubhouse received a surprise visitor during the Dental Convention—none other than Dr. Harold Muschamp of Corning, Iowa. Dr. Muschamp is the former 34th Division soldier who is a champion of the men of the 100th. He served side by side at Cassino and even today speaks glowingly about their deeds and bravery. Dr. Muschamp roared into the clubhouse, shook everyone's hand and greeted each one with, “Ain’t it great to be alive?” Talk about attitude—one couldn’t help but smile and think good things when Dr. Muschamp was around. Too bad he couldn’t stay with us too long—but think positive, as he would say, and be grateful that we had a chance to meet him and his lovely wife! When Dr. Muschamp was at the clubhouse, someone lamented that the “good die young,” to which we added, “but they save the best for last.” Dr. Muschamp, you are an inspiration indeed!

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS
by Tommy Nishioka

If you didn’t see anything written by Able Chapter in the last PPP, it is simply because this writer didn’t have anything to write about. It is imperative that material of interest be forwarded to me, for I do need the members’ kokua or else you’ll find blank space for Able Chapter.

On September 25th, the day before our annual memorial service, our sons and daughters responded in huge numbers to help decorate the graves of our fallen comrades. They were so well-organized that the placing of the flowers on each grave of all chapters was done in record time. Members of Able Chapter who came out to help decorate even in moral support were: Paul Shirai, Isamu Inouye, Alfred Arakaki, Tokuichi Hayashi, Tom Nakamura, Nick Nakabayashi, and Tom Nishioka. Hopefully, more members will show up the next time.

The memorial service on Sunday the 26th was a tremendous success. Our MC for that day was Ms. Pauline Sato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sato of Able Chapter. Incidentally, Mr. Sato was the keynote speaker for last year’s service. Pauline did a magnificent job of MC and we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for a job well done. In 1997 and 1998, the MC was the son of another Able Chapter member—Kenneth Fukunaga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fukunaga. So, you can see that we have ample talent in our sons and daughters.

The refreshment detail was once again in the hands of Mr. Shigeru Inouye of Medics Chapter. For as long as I can remember, Shigeru has been the refreshment chairman for our Memorial Service and that goes as far as more than 40 years. Shigeru has aged and despite his handicaps, did a magnificent job with a minimum of cost. I hope I can rely on Mr. Inouye for years to come to be the chairman of the refreshment committee. (Tanomi masu, Shigeru-san.)

I was again responsible for the seating arrangement for the VIPs, under the canopy. With the tremendous help of Ms. Ann Kabasawa who was instrumental in escorting the VIPs to their respective seats, my job was a snap. Thank you, Ann, very much. The picture-taking of the ceremony with the video camera was the responsibility of Mr. Kunio Fujimoto. He’s been taking pictures for the past several years and we certainly will depend on him again.

This is a reminder that the Able Chapter Christmas party will be held on December 11. The reservation form was printed in the previous PPP, therefore, I am urging you members, wives and widows to submit the application as soon as possible. This will enable the chairman to order the food from the caterer without any problems. Since Able is the first to hold the Christmas party, we are responsible for the decorating of the hall, as well as the Christmas tree. This will take the savy of sons and daughters as well as the wives, so please come out to help decorate. More details of when to come will be forthcoming in the next PPP.

Just at the press deadline, we received word that Mavis Tomeno Hayashi, wife of Shizuya “Ceasar” Hayashi, passed away on Sunday, October 24. Our deepest sympathies to the Hayashi family.
Many thanks to Kimi Matsuda for submitting her report of the tour to Fort Benning: “Over 40 of us who went to Ft. Benning all agree that it was a most memorable, moving, and enjoyable trip.

“Two chicken skin moments stand out especially. First when Joe Muramatsu blessed the three part granite monument with ti leaves grown in his yard and dipped in a koa bowl with Menehune water held by Don Matsuda. Second when our 24 veterans stood proudly in front of the monument in their white shirts and caps.

“Ft. Benning is a busy post with many activities going on at the same time but Commanding General Le Moyne chose to attend and speak at our ceremony. The 100th exhibit in the National Infantry Museum is one of the largest and definitely the most attractive thanks to Z. Frank Hanner, Director and Evelyn Honda chair of the Archives Committee of the Sons and Daughters.

“Captain Gary Ikuma (USN Retired) did us proud with his keynote address at the Officers Club Luncheon. The 100th’s legacy will live on as long as our sons and daughters remember and can express their pride in their fathers as eloquently as Gary did.

“We thought we knew what southern hospitality was but were completely overwhelmed by the warmth, generosity, and all out effort shown us by Mike and Gene Doi, Gerald and Tippie Connor, Pat Willis and others recruited by them. Members of Jerry’s church, the Central Baptist Church cooked a delicious dinner for us and 3 women sang acappella the songs made popular by the Andrews Sisters during the war. They had picked and practiced those songs especially to honor the 100th men.

“Mike and Gene Doi arranged a tour of the Jewish Heritage Museum with a special section on America’s Concentration Camps and the 522nd liberation of Dachau. Sachi Koto, who appears on CNN was there to greet us. Mike and Gene also arranged our visit to Stone Mountain (largest single piece of granite on earth.). ‘A’ company members were invited to their lovely home in a country club setting for dinner.

“Other side trips included the Coca Cola headquarters, the Underground shopping Center, CNN, the Martin Luther King Center, Cyclorama, Roosevelt’s Little White House in Warm Springs, Newman Welcome Center and Parade of Homes (pre Civil War) and Callaway Gardens with the largest butterfly center in the world.

“Everything would not have gone so smoothly had it not been for Drusilla Tanaka who stay’ed up till 2 a.m. most days to make connections and arrangements with Georgia. She planned the entire program and handled all the details entailed in putting on such a big undertaking.

“Thank you posthumously to Colonel Pye for conceiving of the project and to Peggy Pye for continuing the effort. Thank you Drusilla, Stan and all the others who made this fabulous trip possible. The rich companionship during the tour was such that I can only say we must travel together again.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

I must apologize to Lefty Tanigawa for not giving him credit for helping set up tables and chairs for our August Family Night. Also I missed thanking Yasu Takata for his monetary donation of $15 and Masa Toma for $20 and Sophie Hatakenaka for her fried chicken. These donations were listed on a second sheet and I missed them for the last issue.

Uki Wozumi is in Phoenix, Arizona, participating in the softball tournament made up of senior citizens. This year, he is in the over 80 group, competing against teams from all over the country.

At our October meeting, we were informed that our koden policy will change because of the change in our club status. We will get more information on this matter later. It was also brought to our attention that some of the vases on members’ graves at Punchbowl need replacing and some of them have sunken so deep that grass has grown over them. It was suggested that we form a committee and inspect all the ground grave sites to determine how many need replacing and how many need fixing.

Our Christmas party will be December 12. Ann Kabasawa, with the help of our sons and daughters, will be in charge of the program. Robert Aoki will handle the food portion. Since Able Chapter will have their Christmas party the night before, the table and chairs should be in place so not much manual labor will be needed, but helping hands in the food preparation department is welcome. Bring a grab bag for the children, not to exceed $10 and print the child’s name in bold letters so Santa Conrad can see them.
Our son-in-law brought his surplus computer to our house and introduced us to it. He said the best way to get the hand and eye coordinated is by playing Solitaire on it. He showed my wife how and now she is hooked on playing solitaire Las Vegas style. I guess I am now in training to be a widower.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

Meeting: The usual dozen members plus Lawrence Masanobu Kamiya were present at the October 11th meeting. Lawrence is our latest new member and this was his first meeting with us. He was with Co. "C" original 3rd platoon, and was wounded on Hill 920 near Colli, Italy, on December 3, 1943. Lawrence and his wife, Regina, are the proud parents of two sons, Jason and Clayton. Jason Kamiya is a colonel in the U.S. Army and was recently appointed chief of staff for the 101 Airborne Division stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Jason graduated from St. Louis School in 1972 and went on to the University of Gonzaga in Spokane, WA, where he received his Bachelor's degree and a commission in the U.S. Army. Clayton works locally for Lockheed Martin and teaches computers part time at the University of Phoenix on the Fort Street Mall. He is the newest member of the Sons and Daughters Board of Directors.

"C" Chapter Fun Nite: 53 members, relatives, and friends attended our annual party at the Nuuana Onsen Teahouse on September 17th. There were 5 new faces in this group. Lawrence and Regina Kamiya, Clayton Kamiya, and Yoshiyuki "Papoose" and Skip Tomiyama. After the 9-course dinner, we had "talking story" time, followed by karaoke and group singing. Stanley Akita gave us his first-hand account of the capture of our litter bearer party by the enemy near Biffontaine, France. "Papoose" Tomiyama sang Lili Marlene in true Italian style. The grand prize of the door prizes was a Koa clock made and donated by Yoroku Ito. We all had an evening of relaxed enjoyment. The chapter wishes to thank all the donors who helped make this party a success and also wish to take this means to thank the following who donated generously even though they could not attend: Masa Kawamoto, Goro Kuwada, Shinko Nohara, Satoru Okamura, Kaoru Yonezawa, William "Shak" Inouye, Mrs. Florence Matsumura, Mrs. Alice Shiozaki, and Mrs. Marian Yamamoto.

On September 25, 12 men from Co. "C" decorated the graves of members who are buried at the National Cemetery at Punchbowl. It was a time of communion with our comrades, to recall the times when all of us had put our lives on the line as soldiers, and when each of us depended upon each other for survival through the war. Members of "C" Chapter have vowed that we will do this each year as long as we can walk.

Spark Matsunaga VA Center Commemorative Plaque/Exhibit Committee met on October 1st at the Clubhouse. The idea of having a bust of Sparky was abandoned due to the prohibitive cost. Instead, the committee settled for several portraits of Sparky to be displayed at different places of the Matsunaga VA Center. Stephan Doi (MBFT Media) was selected to study and recommend to the committee where the portraits should be placed, and the size and mounting of the portraits. Also, the location and arrangement of a display case. Stephan Doi is the nephew of our Hideo Doi, deceased and Mrs. Mieko (Kenneth) Muroshige. Matsunaga VA Center is scheduled for completion early next year.

Robert Sato (weapons platoon) from Mill Creek, WA, wrote me that Masao Sakagami passed away on September 16th in Seattle, WA. Mas is survived by his wife, Beulah and sons, Mark and Scott, and daughters, Karen and Vivian. Our sincere condolences to the family. Mas joined Co. "C" in Menton, France, and went through the last push in Italy with the 2nd Platoon. After the war, Mas had devoted much time, money and energy to a variety of patriotic and community services, mostly through the Japanese American veterans organizations. Mas has been a kind and generous friend to me and I will miss him.

Thanksgiving 1944: Making our way south from Bruyeres, France, Co. "C" spent about a week in the town of St. Etienne de Tinee, France. It was Thanksgiving Day and the army had provided us with the traditional turkey dinner which included candies. On this Thanksgiving Day all our candies were given to the children of the town. In appreciation, the children and the town's people brought to Co. "C" baskets of apples, and the children sang a song, a lovely song, to thank us. It was a beautiful scene—it made you feel real good. I think the person responsible was Lt. Saburo Maehara.

Someone said, "the most impressive example of tolerance is a Golden Wedding Anniversary." "Lefty" Takeshi and Louise Kimura celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7, 1999. Our congratulations and may you have many more happy years.
Now, here’s Hiromi Suehiro, our Las Vegas correspondent: “The mini-reunion was a huge success. Everyone had a grand time, and as always, Ben Tagami and his gang were the perfect hosts. Our kudos go to them.

“Charlie Chapter had a big turn out. Takeichi “Chick” and Lorraine Miyashiro, Oscar and Hisako Miyashiro and their two sons Cary and Earl, Roy and Mazie Nakamura, Yoroku and Edith Itō, Takeichi and Dorothy Onishi, Tad and Takako Umamoto, Stan and Doris Kimura, Kentoku Nakasone and his friend, Yoshio Anzai, Chester Hada, and Hiromi Suehiro from Hawaii, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Mas and Elma Takahashi and Bill Omoto came from L.A. Sam, Mas, and Bill were in the 3rd platoon.

“As we grow older, we become wiser (we hope) and learn to limit the losses. Ken Mitsunaga from Dog told me he comes to Vegas not so much to gamble, but come to enjoy the company of his wartime buddies. I, too, come for the same reason as does everyone else. There are no high rollers.

“If you want to find “Chick” Miyashiro in Vegas, you will find him at the Black Jack table. Have you noticed that certain people always win at the slot machines. They just seem to gravitate to the machine that pays off. We have two such people in Charlie—the Onishi’s. Every time I saw them playing the machines, their cups were full and they commuted to the cashier’s cage so often I didn’t have enough fingers to keep count. On the last day, I saw him put a $10 bill into a quarter machine, and twenty seconds later, the machine paid off 2,000 coins. I wanted to duplicate his feat, so I went looking for the same type of machine and inserted a $10 bill, but the machine credited me for two coins only. Ten bucks should have given me 40 coins, so I checked the machine closely and to my horror, I was looking at a $5 machine. Since I made the stupid mistake, I decided to go for the barrel and bet the two coins on one pull. I closed my eyes and pulled the lever, and heard the coins dropping in the tray. I opened my eyes and saw 3 bars—a Jack Pot—but hold your breath, the machine only paid off ten coins, for mine was the mini-jack pot.

“Some people have stamina—they can play all night. Tad Umamoto played the machines for eight straight hours—from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and slept all day and returned in the evening to repeat the marathon. On the second go-round, he played the dollar machine and won, so he advised me to play the dollar machine because the pay-off is better.

“Yes, we all had a great time... It was good to get away for a few days. When our plane landed at the Honolulu Airport, my thoughts were already on my next Vegas trip in June for the 58th anniversary banquet.”

Thank you, Hiromi, for your complete coverage. You did such a bang-up job that you are now our official Las Vegas correspondent.

**DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

by Helen Nikaido

Dog Chapter sends get-well wishes to fellow Doggie Eric Abe (our transplanted Kotonk from Hawaii). Please take care and gambatte, Eric.

Recently, I met Francis Takemoto as I was going into the clubhouse. He’s looking great, always smiling, and as jolly as ever. He must have enjoyed the last luncheon as he asked when the next one is going to be. We’ll be sure to let you know, Francis.

Club 100’s 54th Annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday, September 26 at the National Memorial Cemetery at Punchbowl. It was a beautiful, sunny day with gentle winds blowing. We had a good turnout of members, relatives, and friends attending. It was sad to see the long list of the members who passed away during the past year. MC for the program was Ms. Pauline Sato, daughter of Robert Sato (A). Placing the bouquet from the Sons and Daughters was Evelyn Honda and Harry Nakayama (son of the late Katsumi (D) and Stella). I understand that this “honor” is reserved for members of the Sons and Daughters whose father is deceased. The sound of the “taps” is always touching and gives you a feeling of sadness. So ended the last memorial service of the 20th century. Many thanks to all of you for your participation. Met Shigeru “Stu” and Mieko Tsubota at the memorial service. They were here from the mainland for a month, but were ready to go home. Ed and Kay Harada were in Las Vegas the latter part of September. Kay said this time it was disastrous, they kept depositing with no returns. Looks like you have to go back next February to reclaim your losses, Kay.

Reminder: Christmas party will be on December 19 (Sunday) at the clubhouse.
HEADQUARTERS REPORT by Kenneth Saruwatari

Our next social event will be the annual Christmas party for our children and grandchildren. Perennial Chairman Wally Teruya is planning to ask our sons and daughters to take over. Of course, as in the past, Medics Chapter members and their families are welcome. Keep December 18 free. More information next month.

The Club’s annual Memorial Service was super. Everything went off well. Our sons and daughters do a terrific job for us. Take pride in them. They sure are an improvement of the breed.

For Headsquarters Chapter members, it was a full day. Instead of the Clubhouse lunch that was scheduled, we went to Chan’s, 36 strong, for lunch. Among the faces, usual and pleasantly surprising were: Tom and Margaret Nosse, Yoshi Mugiitani, Ken and Janet Otagaki, Dorothy Tamashiro and son, Hisae Saito, Ethel Shimogaki, Nancy Nakamura with niece, nephew and grandnephew (Chester Hada’s daughter and family), Bob and Bessie Fukumoto, Albert and Jane Oki, Wally and Ethel Teruya, Elsie Oshita, Beatrice Shinoda and guest, Howard, Doris Aimoto, Arthur and Frances Komiyama, Aki and Patsy Akimoto, Edward Ikuma, Ruth Kajikawa, Akiyoishi Kuriyama, Hide Hiyane, Yuki Okamura, and Ken and Vivian Saruwatari. It was a big treat to renew acquaintances with many of these people.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER (via the internet) by Mitsuo “Ted” Hamasu

Our meeting was held on 17 Sep. ’99 at the Westgate Shopping Center’s Boardroom from 11:00 AM. A very disappointing turn out of members attended the meeting. I wish more will show up. I picked Michael Hamamoto up on my way to the meeting and after parking my truck, we headed for the Leeward Drive Inn for our lunch. As we waited for our order to be filled, Susumu Ota and Hachiro Shikamura came for their lunch. We gathered our lunch and headed for the meeting room and there we met Yukio Tanji, Walter Sekiya and Jerry Yamaki who is the General Manager of the Westgate Shopping Center. Jerry looked OK but he says, “he does not feel Ok, this cancer thing is no good”. As usual Jerry passed out the drinks and made sure that all were well supplied. We sat down to have our lunch and enjoyed the fellowship as we ate. It was 12:30 but since everyone was pau eating, the prexy started the meeting.

Some of the agenda for discussion was the decorating of our comrades graves at the Mililani, Punchbowl, Diamond Head, Nuuanu, Kaneohe and other cemeteries where our comrades rest, for the coming Club 100's memorial day. Walter Iwasa and Lefty Mizusawa volunteered to take care of Mililani, Susumu Ota and Bull Saito took care of Punchbowl, Ben Yamada took care of the Kaneohe Veteran’s Cemetery, Ted Hamasu took care of the Nuuanu, Diamond Head and Moiliili Cemeteries and Kiyomi Kaneshige took care of the Jodo Mission in Haleiwa, where Everett Umeda’s urn is located. We thank all these volunteers for their unselfish kokua year after year.

The Installation and New Years banquet will be held on 16 January Y2K at the Dot’s Drive inn from 10: 00 AM. The chairman for this affair is Walter Iwasa.

Since this banquet will be held in a new millenium, we will have the call of the Honor Roll of all the deceased members. I wish that all members make an effort to ask the wives of our former members to attend. If you have ideas that will improve this affair, please bring it up to the attention of the chair. His tel # is 621-8870 or call me at 455-3341. The sooner the better for we’ll have to work on the program.

Due to the change in our status from a Veteran's Org. to a civic org. the Long Range Planning Committee is working on the constitution and by-laws changes for the new organization.

The keynote speaker at the Ft Benning Monument is Capt. Gary Ikuma, son of Ed Ikuma, Hq. Chapter. The total cost of the monument is $34,784.26. Total donations from members and friends were $22,195.00. We are still open to receive donations for this monument, so step forward and make your contributions. All help will be much appreciated. We have about 42 people attending this unveiling ceremony.

Living wills: Anyone interested in attending a workshop on the New Hawaii changes in the Living Wills (advanced directives) introduced by Matt Matsunaga, call me at 455-3341 or call the Club Office # 946-0272.

National Japanese American Memorial Foundation in Washington D.C. is still open for donations. Send it to the Club 100 office with a note, for the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. Club 100 pledged $50,000.00 in 10 years to this monument.
Invitation to participate in the Dec. 7th Ceremony was received. Harry Kamikawa and yours truly will represent Club 100 at the ceremony. If any of you wish to participate in this ceremony, call me at 455-3341.

Department of Veteran's affairs sent an invitation for members to participate in the upcoming VA workshop on Benefits and Services scheduled on 12 Nov. in the Kyser Auditorium at Tripler from 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM. If interested call the Club Office at 946-0272. I understand that they will be talking about all the benefits that veterans are entitled to and also a chance for you to ask the questions that you may have and hopefully get the answers that you were looking for.

The Koden from Club 100 to the deceased families are illegal according to the IRS. Therefore the deceased families will be asked by the Secretary whether they want the Koden from the Club 100 to be contributed to the family's choice of charities or to the Club 100 Memorial Scholarship Fund under the deceased name.

We want to thank Hachiro and Chieko Shikamura for their donation of the beautiful anthurium flowers that was taken to Ft. Benning GA. for the unveiling ceremonies of the 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Monument. Arigatoo.

Hawaii Chapter's memorial service commemorating the 54th anniversary of the first man killed in action in Italy on September 29, 1943, was well-attended on September 26 at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1. Col. Robert Lee, Commanding officer, 9th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, from Honolulu gave the memorial address. His address was well-received by those present. Dwayne Mukai, sons and daughters AJA Veterans, was the MC. We extend sincere thanks to the other participants. The weather for the morning was overcast with some drizzle.

PERSONALS: Congratulations and best wishes to Barry Mizuno for his recent promotion as the manager for Puna Geothermal Venture. He is the son of the late Kazuo Mizuno (D) of Kauai. Puna Geothermal sells electricity to Hilo Electric so that we don't get blackout nights.

We were happy to welcome Joe Sugamura (C) to Hawaii Chapter's October luncheon meeting. Joe and his wife are now living in Hilo. There were formerly from the San Jose area. They are enjoying a quiet life here in Hilo.

Hawaii Chapter President Motoyoshi Tanaka and wife are now enjoying visiting relatives in Kumamoto and Fukuoka, Japan. A few days prior to their departure, Motoyoshi lost his sister, Shizue Abe, 84 and brother-in-law Toshio Abe, 89. A double funeral service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Abe on October 18. Our prayer of sympathy to Motoyoshi Tanaka and other members of the Abe family.

Virginia Chong Sakamoto died on October 13 at the Hale Anuenue Restoration Care Center in Hilo. She was 93 years at the time of death. The deceased was the mother of the late Hiroshi "Five Grand" Sakamoto (HQ/Hawaii). Our prayer of sympathy to son Jack Sakamoto; sister Pearl Tanimura and other relatives.

Schedule of Activities for the Rest of the Year:

Sunday, November 7
Special Veterans Memorial Service at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
8:45 a.m. Please wear club shirt #1

Thursday, November 11
Veterans Day Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. at Marriott, UHH Campus Center
$15 per person

Thursday, November 18
Hawaii Chapter regular meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 5
Christmas get-together, sponsored by Sons and Daughters AJA Veterans
Veterans Memorial Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Club 100, 442nd Club and Interpreters Club members invited.

Jimmy sent in the text from Col. Robert Lee's speech at Hawaii Chapter's September 26 Memorial Service. Col. Lee is the Commanding Officer, 9th Regional Support Command (Pacific Army Reserve) U.S. Army Reserve.

"Mr. Motoyoshi Tanaka, President Club 100 Veterans Club, Mr. Jimmy Maeda, Mr. Glen Taguchi, representing Mayor Yamashiro, Mr. Randy Hart, General Manager Kilauea Military Camp, distinguished guests and especially the veterans of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team
and other veterans of World War II and their families. It is my humble honor to address this gathering on your annual memorial service recognizing the anniversary of your first combat mission in Europe. I also want to recognize the following organizations for your participation in this memorial ceremony. The Boy Scouts of America for decorating the gravesites; the Hilo High School Color Guard—you all look sharp and snappy and the Hilo County Band for your fine musical renditions.

“Jimmy Maeda asked me to talk about today’s army, especially the part of the army based in the state of Hawaii. I can say from my 28 years of experience that a lot of today’s army is a result of your sacrifices and accomplishments during WWII. 56 years ago, on 29 Sep 1943, Japanese Americans from Hilo, Maui, Honolulu and throughout the Territory of Hawaii and across America commenced combat operations in Europe as the 100th Infantry Battalion followed by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. By the end of WWII, these brave ‘Go For Broke’ soldiers would endure unimaginable suffering and take tremendous casualties, but would accomplish every mission assigned beyond expectations and emerge as the most decorated unit in the United States Army. You fought and died for your country yet America at that time treated you and your families as second or third class citizens. You showed the nation and the world that patriotism is not linked to race or the color of a person’s skin. This will eventually lead to the integration of the army that is a true reflection of society.

“Today, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry is a proud unit in the US Army Reserve and is part of Hawaii’s 29th Infantry Brigade (Hawaii Army National Guard). The ‘Go For Broke’ soldiers represent Americans throughout the Pacific. You can find Go For Broke soldiers from all the islands in the state of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan. I can tell you that they are absolutely proud of their heritage and the privilege of being Go For Broke soldiers. Your exploits during and after WWII continue to serve as an inspiration for all soldiers that have followed you.

“This past summer, soldiers from the 100th Battalion and 29th Brigade were tested at Fort Polk, Louisiana, under conditions short of actual combat. At this “Top Gun” test for ground forces, units of the battalion scored above average in the live fire exercise when compared to all previous units. Additionally, two platoons from B Company posted the highest live fire score to date. Recon, raid, search and attack missions were all accomplished above standard. The final mission for the 100th Battalion tested their defensive positions. The defense of the 10th Battalion withstood the onslaught of the enemy forces without breaking. Generals and evaluators asked these soldiers what motivated them to do so well. They replied that Go For Broke soldiers are expected to be the best.

“Whenever you compare the infantry battalion of WWII and today’s unit, you will find longer range artillery and mortars, more firepower with machine guns and M-16 rifles, communications down to the squad level. High tech equipment such as night vision goggles give our soldiers a great advantage in darkness and global position devices help our soldiers figure out where they are....most of the time.

“Some things never seem to change for the infantryman. They still hump a heavy load on their backs and go on foot where HMMVVs and helicopters can’t get in. They secure key ground with muddy boots which air power cannot guarantee. Most importantly, they watch over and take care of their buddies at all times.

“Following the Gulf War, it seems that direct military confrontation on a grand scale will not be likely. However, Southwest Asia and Korea remain the focal points for our national security. While trained and prepared for violent conflict, our army is engaged in peacekeeping operations on many fronts. Two military intelligence soldiers from the Pacific Army Reserve have been called to active duty in Europe in support of the Kosovo NATO and United Nations peacekeeping force. Today, two of our civil affairs soldiers deploy to Darwin, Australia and Dili, East Timor to head the civil military operations center which will coordinate relief organizations for the refugees in East Timor. LTC Joe Uson, the Officer in Charge of the operations center, spent most of his career in the 100th Battalion. He assures all of you that the Go For Broke spirit and work ethic will be alive in far away East Timor.

“Again, I want to assure you veterans that current and future generations of soldiers treasure your accomplishments and sacrifices and will continue to sustain the Go For Broke spirit and work ethic. We are extremely proud of you and your families for your efforts following WWII in providing equal opportunity for all residents in the State of Hawaii. We owe you all a debt that cannot be repaid. Please accept my humble accolades as I quote Tom Brokaw. He is absolutely correct calling you the greatest generation in American history. May you find many blessings in the years to come. Go For Broke. Hooh-Ah and Aloha.”

Visit your Oahu Wal Mart Store or Barnes & Nobles at Kahala on November 11 (Veterans Day) and get your copy of “Japanese Eyes...American Heart” autographed by the author-veterans. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter held its Annual Memorial Service at the Maui Veterans Makawao Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, 2 p.m., September 26. Goichi Shimanuki was the Chairman and also MC for the program. He read the names of the 100th Inf. Maui members who lost their lives during WWII, including his brother-in-law Yoshito Masuda, who was KIA on July 7, 1944, near the vicinity of Castellina, Italy, when C Company went into combat. Rev. Ui Otani of the Paia Montokuji Mission conducted the service. Chapter President Stanley Izumigawa gave the Welcome Address. He mentioned that the 100th Inf. Bn. began with the AJA members of the Hawaii National Guard on June 5, 1942, when they were sent to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, during the Naval Battle of Midway. The second group was composed of volunteers from the 442nd RCT who filled in the depleted ranks of the 100th at Anzio and the third group that came to the 100th were from the mainland who were drafted and went through basic training at different Army centers. So, by the time the war had ended in Europe, the 100th Inf. Bn. had few men left from the original Hawaii National Guard. Refreshments were served after the service with Toshio and Thelma Iwami in charge. Akira Ishikawa and Hatsuo Satoshige brought the large picture frames from Wataru Kaneshina’s storage warehouse. Mrs. Sue Kaneshina has improved from her stroke, enough to attend the memorial service with her walking aid. Mrs. Mary Hamasaki was in attendance from Honolulu after going to the morning service at Punchbowl.

Friday evening, October 8, was family night at the Kahului Community Center. Tom Yamada and Akira Ishikawa, John Miyagawa and Eichi Endo of group 3 and 4, plus the wives of members were in charge of this delicious catered dinner. There were generous donations of kaki and protea flowers from Kula, and sashimi and side dishes and pastries from other members. Wataru Kaneshina blessed the food before dinner and it was ladies first at the buffet table. Masao Sato and Akira Ishikawa were in charge of the BINGO games after dinner.

There will be a luncheon meeting at Tasty Crust Restaurant on November 2, Tuesday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Satoji Arisumi families and Helen (Fred) Yamashige’s at the loss of their mother, 99 years, who died on September 24, 1999, at her residence in Kahului. Private services were held for Mrs. Masu Arisumi.

Our get-well wishes go to Mrs. Janet (Willie) Goo who was hospitalized following major surgery in early October at the Maui Memorial Hospital.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tsugi Takemoto

I am slow as usual, but when I got back in late September and found out that the person I had assigned to the PukaPuka news had not sent anything in, I thought, well, it is too late, now. That goes to show you what happens when the cat is away.

We are having a meeting on the 31st of October at Wailua Family Restaurant and hopefully we will plan next year’s activities. Hopefully the membership will show up. Special mention was made that all widows are welcome. I feel they are the most active group right now.

Back to our Memorial Service. Col. Myron Dobashi, commander of the Hawaii National Guard, was our guest speaker. It was wonderful to see six widows walk up with Motomi Shigeta and Kungo Iwai at the wreath presentation. They were Kazue Kawamoto, Grace Morimoto, Renee Moritsugu, Shimeyo Nakagawa, Chizue Teshima, and Tokiko Yoshioka.

Light refreshments were more than that as no one said they were in charge but the array was plentiful and included maki sushi and spam musubi. As much as I wanted to, I did not taste the cookies and cakes, as the doctor had me on a diabetic diet. (That paid off, as I brought my blood sugar down.) Serving were Doris Shimabukuro, Yoshio Nishio, Dorothy Matsushige, Kazue Kawamoto, and Mildred Iwai.

With the holidays coming up, the Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 6 in Kapaa. Hopefully more than the usual members will come. Also planned is our Christmas luncheon on December 12. More news later as it develops.

DIS & DAT

by Ray Nosaka

Since I do quite a lot of traveling, I found the following information on traveling interesting. According to “Bottom Line,” the safest seats on a plane are located next to the wing or in the rear section. For those of us who fly over water most of the time, as an added safety measure, sit as close
to an exit as possible. The most dangerous times, as far as flying goes, are during the "take-off" and the "landings."

It is very seldom that you hear of anyone getting air-sick anymore, but in case you do need to take something, ginger root (capsules) is recommended. Another thing that is listed in "Bottom Line" as a precautionary measure is not to sit next to wastebaskets in the airport (ideal place for hiding bombs) or don't touch any packages left in phone booths (notify security).

I must praise our newly formed "Da Aikanes" for singing before a capacity crowd in the Ohana Room with very little prior rehearsal time. (Someone remarked that with more rehearsing and training we could be pretty good!!) Regardless of how we sounded, we all enjoyed taking part, and look forward to our next performance (?). Thanks to Toe Yoshino, Ted Ohira, Mits Doi, Yeiki Matsui, June Kurisu, Evelyn Tsuda, Stella Tanigawa, Miyoko Hashimoto, Takako Umamoto and Aki Nosaka. In case anyone is interested in "signing up," just let me know. Also, many thanks to Doris Kimura for her powerful rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and to Joy Teraokoa for her touching rendition of "Wind Beneath my Wings." The surprise of the evening was a number rendered by the "Hanashi Gang"—all 3rd and 4th generation men and women.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Masao Sakagami (C/Mainland)  
September 16, 1999

Wallace Abe (A)  
October 4, 1999

Hirotoshi Yamamoto (A)  
October 5, 1999

Herbert Yamamoto (D)  
October 26, 1999

_May they rest in peace._

_The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathies to their families._

**FLASH:** Col. Young O. Kim (C/HQ) has been invited by Secretary of Defense William Cohen to serve as one of several distinguished experts for the review of allegations of the killing of civilians near Nokuen-Ri, Korea, in 1950, during the Korean conflict. Col. Kim said it is a tough assignment, but he will do his best.

**ANYONE FOR ITALY CEREMONY IN LATE APRIL?** Honorary Club 100 member Bob Jones writes: April 25, 2000, is Liberation Day in Italy and also the day that a memorial to the allies and your comrades who died there will be unveiled in the town of Pietra Santa, just north of Pisa. I understand that a central part of that memorial is a statue of Sadao Munemori.

What an opportunity, I was thinking, for some of you to consider taking a grandchild back to hear the story of the One Puka Puka on the sites where it all happened. Some of you went back when we did the television documentary. But many did not.

It would be my privilege to arrange a Back-to-Italy trip in late April that would include the ceremony at Pietra Santa on the 25th, and also unhurried visits to Milan, Pisa, La Spezia, Florence, Orvieto, Rome, Naples, Anzio, Cassino, Caserta, and Salerno. Easy stuff for old-timers and more adventurous stuff for younger travelers. But nothing boring. And I am asking to do a special photo-spread for MidWeek. My specialties are: keeping trips cheap, taking good care of my clients, finding the best food and the best wine!

I’ll price the trip and do an exact itinerary IF there’s enough interest. So would you please mark below and mail to the Clubhouse by the end of the month.

Yes, I’m interested. Number who might go on this tour to Italy in April, 2000:

Undecided, but keep me informed. Any suggestions?

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1999

ABLE ...................................... Saturday, November 27 ............... 8 a.m. ................. Lounge
BAKER ................................... Saturday, November 20 ............... 1 p.m. .................. Board Room
CHARLIE .................................. Monday, November 15 ............... 10 a.m. .................. Board Room
DOG ...................................... Tuesday, November 16 ............... 9:30 a.m. ............... Lounge
HAWAII ................................... Thursday, November 18 .......... AJA Veterans Memorial Hall
MAUI ...................................... Tuesday, November 9 .................. 11:00 a.m. ............... Tasty Crust
RURAL ...................................
KAUA'I ....................................
BOARD .................................... Friday, November 12 ............... 10 a.m. .................. Board Room
S&D BOARD ......................... Friday, November 19 .................. 7 p.m. ..................... Board Room
GREEN THUMB ........................ Monday, December 6 ............... 10 a.m. ................. Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE ...... Friday, November 12 .................. 6 p.m. ..................... Turner Hall
ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW ............. Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
TURNER HALL .......................... Sunday, November 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Clubhouse Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, so that the Executive Secretary can handle the flag detail for the two services and closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. The Clubhouse building will be open as usual from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Deadline for articles for the December 1999 issue Tuesday, November 23, 1999. E-mail articles to sllanstan@aol.com or fax to (808) 946-0273.

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on Thursday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m. Able and Charlie Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to help.

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