FROM THE EDITORS’ PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

The two big events for the year 2002, (the 60th Anniversary of the 100th Inf. Bn. and the annual legacy picnic), have just come to a happy and successful conclusion. We salute the hard working chair persons and all of the people who sacrificed so many months, days and hours in preparation for the many tasks that had to be done. The next event, which is the annual Memorial Service, will be held on Sunday, September 29th at Punchbowl National Cemetery. See below for further information.

The honor of your presence is requested at the

57th Memorial Service

of

the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Association

on

Sunday, September 29, 2002

9 o’clock a.m.

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific
Punchbowl

(Wear your Club Shirt. Please turn off your car alarm.)

REPORT FROM YOUR MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: The 57th Memorial Service Committee is pleased to report that Major General James Campbell will be the guest speaker at the memorial service on Sunday, September 29. This year, the date of the memorial service coincides with the anniversary of the first KIA (killed in action) of the 100th – Joe Takata and Keichi Tanaka, both of Company B—so the day holds special significance. The 111th Army Band of the Hawaii National Guard will provide the music; the 100/442 US Army Reserve rifle squad and honor guard will be there; the Boy Scouts will decorate the gravesites with miniature American flags; the Rev. Don Asman, Honorary Chaplain of our club and the Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani will officiate; Shigeru Inouye and his hard-working crew will prepare the refreshments; the Sons and Daughters will lend their assistance, and Ms. Pauline Sato will serve as Emcee. For the first time, we will experience sitting under the new canopies that were recently installed at Punchbowl. As is our tradition, the family members of the KIA will be recognized with gold ribbons.

If you know of someone who is a relative of a 100th KIA, please send their name, address and the name of the KIA to the clubhouse office as soon as possible so that invitations may be mailed to them.
On the Saturday prior to the memorial service, floral decorating of the 100th's gravesites will be accomplished. Report early, near the usual refreshment area—9 a.m.—and bring gloves, weeders, shears and a good hat. Sons and Daughters and grandchildren, we really need your help on Saturday!

Thank you to the following PPP volunteers for sending out the August issue of the PPP:

At this time, the editors and our co-editor Joy Teraoka, would like to give special thanks to the many readers who have sent in donations for the benefit of the Puka Puka Parade. Needless to say, with the rising cost of postage and other expenses, your kokua is greatly appreciated.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PHOTO ALBUM ORDERS

We are sorting through over 3000 photos from the four-day event, so for those of you who have ordered the albums, please be patient and we'll let you know when they are ready. Thank you.

NEW ZEALAND VET ENJOYS 100TH LEGACY PICNIC by Joy Teraoka

Former Lance Corporal Tom Hodgson of New Zealand was vacationing in Hawaii when he read the newspaper article announcing the 100th Infantry Battalion's Legacy Picnic at the Disabled Veterans picnic grounds on August 18. Immediately he determined this was a chance to again meet some of the veterans he had so admired since World War II.

Sixty years ago from 1940 to 1945, Tom Hodgson, a young lance corporal from New Zealand, was with the British 8th Army assigned to Egypt and Italy. When their troops reached the shores of Italy they had already heard of the extraordinary courage and feats of the 100th Infantry Battalion at Monte Cassino. When the 100th left, the British 8th Army troops then replaced them at this battlesite and fought for another four months, suffering many deaths and casualties in the fierce fighting.

Hodgson was with the ammunition supply unit. He explained that each rifleman on the front line had nine men back of him giving him ammunition support. He fought with the British troops all the way up the eastern flank of Italy to the Po Valley, ending in Trieste. The British fought on the eastern sector while the 100th/442nd advanced with the 5th Army up the western sector of the Italian boot.

It was his joy and pleasure to attend the picnic and exchange stories with the 100th Infantry veterans and their families.

The Nomination and Election Committee presents the following slate of officers for the year 2003:

President: Stanley Akita
1st Vice President: Bert Turner
2nd Vice President: Denis Teraoka
Secretary/Treasurer: Al Matsumoto

Additional nominations still may be made. If you are interested, please contact the office.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August 2002 Board Meeting.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence for our comrades who preceded us. The Club's Secretary's Report and the Secretary/Treasurer's Report were accepted as circulated. Dr. Denis Teraoka reported that the apartment management is doing a good job. A motion light recommended by the insurance company will be installed at the end of the apartment building by Don Matsuda.

The Board was encouraged to hustle the members to attend the Sons and Daughters Picnic. As a result of the article in the Mid Week about the 100th Inf. Bn. by Bob Jones, we received close to a hundred letters from the general public thanking us for what we did while in service.

Due to the dwindling membership it was suggested that we should try to combine the Annual Memorial Service with the 442nd. The chapters were to discuss the matter and report back at our next monthly meeting. In the event that the members agree to the joint service, an ad hoc committee will be formed by both veterans clubs to iron out the details.

Due to declining membership James Maeda and Yasuo Iwasaki of the Hawaii chapter, both of whom were co-custodians for the E Company club money decided to donate the remaining $871 to the 100th Infantry Battalion Scholarship fund. It was a very timely donation where we lost about 50% of our scholarship fund since the 9/11 disaster. Thank you to the remaining E Company members.

Finally a reminder: DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE on September 29th at 9 o'clock in the morning at Punchbowl Cemetery. We also want all the Sons and Daughters to help with the flowers on Saturday, September 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM and the Board enjoyed a bento lunch.

PARADE GRAND MARSHALL

I received a call from a Russel Imanaka of the Hawaii Lions Club who wanted to honor the 100th Infantry Battalion because of our 60th anniversary. He wanted a member of the 100th living in Hawaii Kai to be the Grand Marshall. It will be a community parade to be held after Thanksgiving or about early December. That's when Santa will also be in the parade. One person I could think of who is an active club member who lives in Hawaii Kai is Kiyoshi Uyeno, an avid golfer with the 100th Golf Club and the secretary of C chapter. I talked with Kiyo and he is looking forward to representing the 100th as the Grand Marshall of the Hawaii Kai Community Parade sponsored by the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. Thank you Kiyo. He will be riding a convertible with the 100th Inf. Bn. sign on the side of the vehicle.

EXCURSION TO COCONUT ISLAND (KANEHOE)

You members who frequent the club must have noticed the pretty young teenager, Nikki Tricas, who helps in the office. She is the granddaughter of a 100th Infantry Battalion Veteran (dec.) by the name of George S. Izuta (Hq). She is the daughter of Helen (Izuta) Tricas and Timothy Tricas. Her father, Tim, is a marine biologist and does work at the Kaneohe Bay Coconut Island. They do have excursions to the island by appointment. Mr. Tricas indicated that about November would be a good time to go. However, the road to the pier is not good and there's no parking area for automobiles.

I thought that many of our club families have not been on Coconut Island and that it might be a good idea to go on an excursion. We may have to hire a bus to take us to a certain area where there will be a shuttle to the pier to get on the boat.

Anyone interested in going to Coconut Island, please call the club and give us your names. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. I plan to arrange it so that we all meet at the clubhouse and take the bus. Be prepared to pay a bus fare. We will take the names of veterans and wives first.

RECEPTION FOR THE LETTER WRITERS

A heartfelt thank you to those who helped to make the reception on August 24 a huge success. To Robert and Nancy Arakaki, Ray Nosaka and his troop, Joy Teraoka and Doris Kimura for their beautiful voices, Ann Kabasawa for the dessert, Skip Tomiyama for her kokua and Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda for all of their help. To the many others who helped with the reception, “MAHALO!!!”
SPARKY: THE ENGINE THAT COULD

by Ben Tamashiro

First, thanks to all of you who contributed so much to the success of the 60th Anniversary celebration. Then a special thanks to Matt Matsunaga, Mrs. Helene Matsunaga and the Matsunaga Charitable Foundation for providing each veteran with a free copy of the book, Sparky: Warrior, Peacemaker, Poet, Patriot by Richard Halloran, a fascinating look at the all-too-short life of Spark Masayuki Matsunaga, an original member of the 100th, U.S. Senator, raconteur par excellence, visionary, humanist, impassioned evangelist of the Aloha spirit.

The Model T Ride

Halloran’s account explains how the young Matsunaga boy came onto the “Sparky” monicker. Sparky, or Sparkplug, was a hapless horse in the Barney Google and Snuffy Smith comic strip of the day, always coming in last in races. And Masayuki also being slow of foot, the linkage of boy to horse seemed a natural. And so the name stuck.

But my dip into that past takes a different turn. Like Sparky, I’m a Hanapepe boy. My father’s little tailor shop was situated off the right bank of the Hanapepe River, by the only vehicular traffic bridge linking east to west Kauai. But that single lane concrete bridge was only one of three spanning the river, the others being a swinging bridge about a mile above this main bridge and the third a railroad bridge about a mile below. The Matsunagas lived near the railroad bridge on the right bank of the river.

It was a time when Henry Ford had put America, and the rest of the world, on wheels with his Model T Ford. My father had one and I used to love to tink with it. For instance, whenever the engine began sputtering, the first thing I’d do was to clean the spark plugs. To me, it was as simple as that: If the spark plugs aren’t working right, the car won’t go. And it was in this youthful cerebration that I came to associate spark plugs with Sparky, a get-up-and-go, do-it type guy even in his early years at Eleele School. Others, too, saw him in the same light. And so whereas Halloran’s portrayal ties him to a flat-footed horse, we came to link him to the spark that made things go.

He was two years ahead of me at Kauai High School, ’33. And shortly he began taking off while in essence I was still playing around with Model T’s on Kauai. In the war our paths merged again as we both came to be assigned to Dog, 100th.

A Railroad Bridge

Halloran has opened up a whole bag of memories of my kid-time days on Kauai. Permit me, then, one more bit of glimmering from the past. Andrew is Sparky’s younger brother who used to run his congressional office in the Federal Building down Ala Moana way. Reminiscing one day in his office, we both recalled the times when as youngsters playing on the bridge, on hearing a train coming, instead of getting off the bridge, we’d quickly climb down the trestles to the river’s edge. And as the train came puffing and roaring overhead pulling its string of cane cars loaded with recently harvested sugar cane, headed for the nearby McBryde Sugar Mill - seemingly a thousand steel wheels grinding and grating over the steel rails - there as the trestle began to quiver and shake, we’d hang on for dear life. Oh, how daring the chances we used to take to get in our licks for some rip-roaring fun!

His Gift To Us - Idealism

Halloran takes us for a spin along the law-making trails of Congress where many of the things that come to shape our lives are fashioned. For instance, in Chapter 9 titled “The Creative Impulse: 1983-1987,” he portrays for us the tortuous paths that Sparky often faced in pursuit of his concerns and idealisms about humanity, his efforts to persuade Congress to accept his proposals to establish an Academy of Peace, his unceasing efforts to seek bipartisan support for The Mars Project and an International Space Year. The Space Year project, to quote Sparky, “won’t change the world but at the minimum, these activities help remind all the peoples of their common humanity and their shared destiny aboard this beautiful spaceships we call Earth.”

It’s the story of a young man rising from poverty to success through self-reliance and hard work; of a guy who was not afraid of sticking his head up for fear of having it pounded down.

It’s a story that rekindles the fires of our idealisms, imaginations and dreams for a more perfect world. Do not lay the book aside; be sure to read it.

Finis, 8/19/02
HAWAII: Trip of a Lifetime

The following essay was written by Lauren Richardson. She was one of the students who participated in the Spring Forum (in Indiana) and came to Hawaii with Leila Meyerratken and the 120,000 tassel tapestry in March of this year. The editors were touched by the spirit of aloha shown by the Kubota family and the words of appreciation by the recipient.

The 120,000 tassel tapestry project was the highlight of eighth grade for me. Some of us wished that someday we would be able to take the Tapestry to Hawaii because so many of the Japanese-Americans that contributed to the project live there. After many months our dreams came true and we were invited to visit Hawaii.

I was very excited, but also very nervous. I haven’t traveled much and I was afraid that I would miss my own family and be very homesick. I shouldn’t have worried because of the relationships I formed with other members of the group, veterans, natives of Hawaii and my host family. Everyone was kind, generous, and so happy that we were there.

I stayed with the Kubota family. At first, I thought I wouldn’t have time to get really close, but I did. The Kubotas became like a second family to me. Alan and Debbie made me feel at home and helped me have a lot of fun. Keri went swimming and shopping with me. Cameron played the ukulele and sang for me. Colin would hold my hand and sing to me. Grandpa, who from when I first got to the house to the day I left, was a real grandpa who would give me candy and gifts told me stories about WWII.

They all became like a second family to me, and their home felt like home to me. It was very hard for me to leave them, but I had to come home. I can’t wait until they come to Indiana and I can show them around Lafayette or until I can go back to Hawaii.

My trip to Hawaii was really the trip of a lifetime. The best part of my visit was the people. Hawaii now means home to me.

Memories of Pvt. Shinyei Nakamine  Submitted by Mrs. Anita Korenaga.

Are MOH recipients made of a special mold? I wish my parents were here today to tell me about my brother, Shinyei who died at the age of 24 in Italy.

I hardly knew him. He was born in 1920 and I came along in 1930. But I remember he left the simple sugar plantation life after graduation to become an apprentice cook in the city of Honolulu. This was a huge adventure and a major step for a country boy. Later he joined the CCC to plant trees on the island of Molokai. He returned to Waianae and worked at the Gaspro Company before being drafted into the army. I remember Shinyei sharing and teaching us new ideas and trends every time he visited home. He was a fascinating young fellow and explained the nutritional value of the miso soup and tofu to Mother (way before it was public knowledge); how good posture was very important for a growing girl, that weight-lifting was necessary for growing boys and brothers, and encouraged us with the use of other beneficial products.

In a small tight-knit rural community, he bought the first Indian motorcycle and caused quite a stir. He talked the town tailor into sewing his trousers with the wrong side of the fabric (introducing a new fad); entered a Japanese language school contest singing all 6 verses of an Okinawan song (it was not the thing to do in the 30’s) but he captured the hearts of the Okinawan immigrants with his dashing audacity and seriousness of purpose.

In late 1941, he came on his motorcycle to bid me farewell at the Elementary school. Did I ever shine! That is the last time I saw my brother. A few months later, someone said that Shinyei and the other soldiers were going to pass Waianae town in a train on the way to the boat harbor. I ran to Pokai Bay station just in time to wave goodbye to the blur of men’s faces. I cried all the way home.
A few months later, Shinyei sent me a snapshot of me waving. Was I thrilled that he saw me! I was in the 5th or 6th grade when my mother forced me to write a letter to the General in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, to buy a cake for Shinyei on his 22nd birthday. I don't remember the amount of money she put in the envelope, but the Medal of Honor picture of Pvt. Shinee Nakamine is the top half of a snapshot taken with him holding a huge birthday cake.

I remember a picture of Shinee and his buddy with two lovely Japanese girls in New York City. How did he get there? Before he passed away, he sent me a beautiful cameo in a simple envelope and it arrived unscratched. I was the beneficiary of all his war bonds. They financed my education at the U. of Hawaii (which gave me a wonderful career and life).

That he was special, daring, caring, brave and a courageous American from Hawaii - there is absolutely no doubt.

Thank you, Mrs. Anita Korenaga, for sharing Shinee's life with us. -Editors

MEMORIES LINGER, TRIBUTE TO BATTALION SCOUTS

by Hiroshi Minami

SUDDEN DEATH

A shell exploded
Midst pines of Vosges Forest
Death strikes suddenly,
ugly and brutal
Sergeant “Ginger” Minami
and Kubokawa
Were ripped to pieces
Along with seven prisoners
Who were being searched;
Lieutenant Boody
Had died the day before
On the muddy trail,
Battle to rescue
Texan “Lost Battalion,
At all cost, Fail Not!”
on bloody cross-trail
from Belmont to Biffontaine
On ridge driving East
To save the Texans

Was scary, deadly battle
Many soldiers died;
of battalion scouts
Abe and I survived
while three buddies died.
But to remember
Cho-co-late bambino,
They had handed out
on village streets
to smiling, shy youngsters
as they had passed through.
Generosity—
Smiles, laughter and sudden death
As bugle now sounds.

* Sgt. Yoshio “Ginger” Minami
** PFC James K. Kubokawa
*** Lt. James Boody

P.S.: Interestingly, years later at a Kauai Senior Citizens Reunion, Yoshio’s mother (not related to me) indicated that since Yoshio was my sergeant, and since my parents died, she would adopt me as her son. She lived to be 104 years old and just recently died.

In Memoriam

Benjamin G. Ishibashi C Company Passed away August 19, 2002
Mitsuru Doi B Company (Kauai) Passed away August 2?, 2002

Our deepest sympathy to their family members
LOOKING BACK . . .

by Joy Teraoka, Co-editor

(From May 13 - 27, 2002, my husband Denis, our daughter Denise and I joined Bishop Ryokan Ara's 100th/442nd Pilgrimage/Battle Sites/ Documentary Tour, covering Italy, Germany and France. "Absolutely wonderful and meaningful" can only describe our feelings about this journey. In this issue of the PPPParade, I want to share with you readers, our daughter's impressions of the trip. In the following issues of PPP, I will write of my own observations and feelings.)

MY IMPRESSION OF OUR 100TH/442ND PILGRIMAGE TOUR

by Denise Teraoka

I joined this pilgrimage seeking an up-close-and-personal sense of what my father and uncles experienced on the battlefields of Europe. I wanted to be able to tell my sons what it was like to have scaled the precipices to reach the fortress at Monte Cassino, hack through the forests and underbrush to rescue the Lost Battalion and dodge enemy bullets to reclaim Bruyeres for its townspeople. It was my intent to hear the vets, not just in their own words but also in the timbre of their voices, tell how they were able to make it through those incredible times.

The landscape of present day Europe, in all its warmth and bucolic serenity, makes it difficult to imagine what it was like riddled by bombs and in shambles. Still, 60 years ago, this was the terrain where Hawaii boys suffered through winters in freezing foxholes, not having been issued heavy overcoats and waterproof boots. This was where youngsters on the brink of adulthood came across ghostly living skeletons at Dachau and agonized over orders not to offer morsels of food. These quiet forests were killing fields where young men, some younger than my own sons, tried to find cover from shrapnel raining down from matchstick evergreen trees. A hillside covered with fields of wheat, grapes and canola, was where a medic saved a fellow corpsman from swallowing his tongue after being shot in the face. In no way can I imagine carrying these memories for 60 years.

So, these accounts made by my dad, Fred Ida, Don Shimazu, Stanley Serikaku, Arthur Nishimoto, Herbert Akamine, Ed Ichijima, Frank Kuroda, Harold Ueoka, Joe Okumoto, Richard Hashi, Roy Tsuya and Robert Fujimoto are priceless treasures. It must be difficult to unlock feelings and memories stored all these years, especially for these men, having been brought up in Japanese feudal culture and at a time, unlike now, when expressions of pain, fear and sadness were not articulated. How much courage it must take for these former soldiers, these men now in their 70's and 80's to find the words that can conjure up the images they saw when they were mere boys.

What struck me was how implacable and modest these vets are. Case in point, instead of revealing the details of his own battle experiences, my dad read a testament to the other men of the 100th who had given their lives at Monte Cassino and later, punched through the Gothic Line hastening the defeat of the German military.

They tell their stories like they were on a road trip. Catapulted back to 1944, Arthur Nishimoto poured his soul into the Italian song, "Mama," and I saw a manchild yearning for his mother's comfort. Most touching were Dr. Akamine's journal notes capturing his enchantment at the opportunity this war gave him to see places he had only read about, places like the Roman tower where a character in Tosca's opera jumped to her death. If there was a way to say that there is a spiritual, transcendent manner in which to see the war, this was it!

Seeing the almost imperceptible transformation in my father's demeanor as we revisited places where he eluded death while others fell victim to its cruelty help me better understand his dedication to the men of the 100th Battalion. When I asked how he could go into battle when the odds were stacked against them, when the U.S. didn't trust AJA's and perceived them as expendable, I anticipated a philosophical or political analysis. He replied, "We just focused on what we had to do. Someone had to do it." With these words, his personal motto and ability to hone in on an objective while the world swirled around him began to make greater sense to me.

In contrast to today's cynicism and egotistic arrogance, these men of the 100th, 442 and 522, possessed a deep abiding faith, commitment and trust in one another. Primary in their minds and hearts was the protection and salvation of the collective whole. Nowhere were these principles more evident than at Bruyeres and Biffontaine nestled in the Vosges Mountains. At the monument commemorating the 100th/442nd's rescue of the Lost Battalion located high on the barely accessible mountain top and at the Bruyeres' reception welcoming the veterans, four generations of residents of these French rural towns reverently welcomed these men back as if they were long-parted cousins and uncles. I got the clear sense that these men did more than liberate territory. With their aloha and decency, they captured the hearts of the villagers.
It was my honor and privilege to pay homage to the Nisei soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who survived. In the days of racist hysteria that beset the country following Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans could not speak out without retribution. But their actions spoke louder than words. Their focus, courage and heroic deeds forged a place for us, Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei, where we could live with relative success and access. For someone who has exercised liberty to protest against things I disagree with, I am compelled to thank them for giving me and my children full-fledged rights.

If I had to find a reason why some young men had to give their lives in the mountains and forests of Europe and some returned, I would say that there was a profound purpose. The 100th/442/522, composed of young men from the plantations and concentration camps, profoundly altered the course of history, not just for AJA’s but Americans in total. This is the legacy I tell my children to cherish and to pass on to their children. This epic history must endure forever.

I wish to thank Bishop Ara, my parents and all my newly-made friends for giving me the opportunity to join with you on this historic trip.

April 21, 2002

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Association
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

Dear President Akita and Association:

I wish to convey my deepest appreciation to you and your organization for the numerous community undertakings in behalf and support of our esteemed veterans. My father, Paul Tamura joined the 442nd, subsequently served in the 100th, was wounded in Italy and like many others carried the light of freedom for the world. He resumed his life following the war, raised a family and is enjoying his retirement years pursuing multiple interests. Though he doesn’t participate in your organization’s activities, he enjoys reading the PukaPuka Parade and often shares articles of interest to his family.

Our family has celebrated veterans days by sharing a meal with my dad and asking for reminiscences. Recently, his 17 yr. old grandson in completing a history assignment on the 100th and 442nd was in awe of grandpa’s memories, which he videotaped. Not only did he recount specific dates, names of people, and the prevailing political landscape with such clarity, he provided his grandson with the personal memories. “Like the most delicious musubi ever, a giant one, consumed while sitting in a foxhole all day. The cook risked his life to get them to the men, crawling from one foxhole to another.” My father is a humble man like many others of his generation who doesn’t think of himself as being a hero but to our family, he is our hero.

Thank you for your enduring efforts. Please accept this contribution as a small token of our appreciation.

With much aloha,

Paula Tamura Wong

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BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Joe Muramatsu

In recent times we have been hearing taps more frequently. As age creeps up on us, we should be more careful about our health. However, lousy guys like me need not worry too much as they say, "Good guys go first." Our most recent departees are Yoshiichi Ono, a long-time resident of Japan, Ernest "Candy" Tanaka and Roy Nakayama. Another person was Roy Nakada. Although he was not a paid-up member, many of us remember him as a person who went to Okinawa and prospered there because he had control of the Okinawan, English and Japanese languages.

Baker Chapter received a couple of generous donations this past month: $100.00 came from SharLyn Ono, in memory of Yoshiichi Ono, and $250.00 from Jim Metcalf, in memory of Poka Anamizu. We are grateful for their generosity.

When you read this, our 2nd Annual Legacy Picnic will be all pau. A gala time was had by all attendees. We have to give our Sons and Daughters accolades for running a very good show. Again, it must be the genes. Right, Dr. Otagaki? The meal was sumptuous, the games well run, and the lucky number drawings were well conducted. Our Sons and Daughters should be supported all the way.

I am a member of the Green Thumbs Club. so let me put in a plug for them. On August 11, we had a dinner get together attended by a very festive crowd. Our versatile president, Robert Aoki, again showed his prowess as a cook, concocting a very delicious meal. After dinner everyone went home happy, winning a few orchid plants through the raffle drawing.

Our next big event will be the annual memorial service to be held on September 29, the exact same day as our first casualty. Chapter members are urged to come out on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m., to help place flowers at the gravesites of our chapter members. Keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Campbell, Deputy Commander US Army of the Pacific.

It is early yet, but a reminder to all of you that our Christmas party will be held on December 14. Keep that date open for a fun night. More details will be passed on as I get them.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Hiromi Suehiro

Our regular reporter Warren Iwai and his wife Betty are in Seattle visiting their daughter and grandchildren.

Our monthly meeting attracted thirteen members. It was only a few months ago that we averaged sixteen to eighteen members per meeting. Old age with its pervasive aches and pains, fatigue, memory loss, and myriads of maladies which plagued our members has taken its toll.

Tad Umamoto is unable to come to the meetings because Takako no longer is able to manipulate the wheelchair in and out of the car. Seiji Adaniya, Kiyoshi Uyeno and Hideshi Niimi are recuperating from their recent illnesses and we are hoping they will be fully recovered for the Fun Nite in September and the Christmas Party in December. Chester Hada has been a no show for about six months, but get this, he has never missed a Thursday karaoke class. Philip Matsuyama of Kona made his appearance after being an absentee for about two months.

Lawrence and Regina’s son, Brigadier General Jason Kamiya was in town for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. I hope many of you had the opportunity to talk to him. Jason is quite an impressive young man.

Yoshio Anzai’s granddaughter, Charisse, (’92 graduate of Iolani) is employed by Nordic Construction, Ltd. which is erecting a building for Iolani across the street from our club house. Her parents are David and Cynthia Fukuda.

Mainland Charlies who came to the 60th were Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Mas and Elma Takahashi, William Omoto, Warren Tamura from Idaho, and Kiyoshi Shimizu of Denver. The four days went by so quickly it seems we welcomed them and said goodbye the same day.

The 60th was a milestone. It was a cause for celebration. Those opportunities to make small talk with someone you seldom see, to exchange a firm handshake with a special friend, to share beer with our mainland and home grown friends, and to take a walk down memory lane with our wartime buddies were added pleasures. Should we have another one? I do not think so. We cannot match the grandeur. It can only be anti-climactic.
The next big event for Charlie is our annual Fun Nite at Nuuam Onsen on September 19. Before I get a scolding from the ladies, I must make this announcement. The wives are inviting the husbands to a luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel on September 15. Then how come I ended up paying for two!

Warren Yamamoto of the Sons and Daughters has graciously accepted to chair the Christmas Party. He is fortunate to be able to call on Arlene Sato, Irene Anzai and Jack Mizushima’s sons to assist him. Perennial organizer Skip Tomiyama will be asked to provide the entertainment.

The following Charlie members have signed up for the Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas in October. Takeichi and Lorraine Miyashiro, Oscar, Hisako and Earl Miyashiro, Yoroku and Edith Ito, Takeichi and Dorothy Onishi, Stan and Yuki Akita, Stan and Doris Kimura, Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu, and Seichi Hoashi. Yoshio Anzai and I will be on a different flight as we are staying at the Golden Nugget.

E MAIL TO GORO SUMIDA

God gave us two ears but only one mouth. Some people say that’s because He wants us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it’s because He knew that listening was twice as hard.

What say you Sumida-san? Is GOD trying to tell you SILENCE IS GOLDEN?

This is all for now. Warren may give me a column in November.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

REMINDER: “OPU” HIRANAKA’S ONE PUKE PUKE JAPAN TOUR GROUP WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 3 (THURSDAY) AT 10:30 AT THE CLUBHOUSE.

Dog Chapter’s July meeting was attended by only four members: Saburo Nishime, “Jits” Yoshida, Denis Teraoka and Moriso Teraoka.

I called Robert Yoshioka to see how he was coming along. He wasn’t home so I talked to daughter Susan. She said that he had gone for his treatment. Hope you’re getting better. Take care, Robert.

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BAKER CHAPTER NEWS  
by Joe Muramatsu

In recent times we have been hearing taps more frequently. As age creep up on us, we should be more careful about our health. However, lousy guys like me need not worry too much as they say, “Good guys go first.” Our most recent departees are Yoshiichi Ono, a long-time resident of Japan, Ernest “Candy” Tanaka and Roy Nakayama. Another person was Roy Nakada. Although he was not a paid-up member, many of us remember him as a person who went to Okinawa and prospered there because he had control of the Okinawan, English and Japanese languages.

Baker Chapter received a couple of generous donations this past month: $100.00 came from SharLyn Ono, in memory of Yoshiichi Ono, and $250.00 from Jim Metcalf, in memory of Poka Anamizu. We are grateful for their generosity.

When you read this, our 2nd Annual Legacy Picnic will be all pau. A gala time was had by all attendees. We have to give our Sons and Daughters accolades for running a very good show. Again, it must be the genes. Right, Dr. Otagaki? The meal was sumptuous, the games well run, and the lucky number drawings were well conducted. Our Sons and Daughters should be supported all the way.

I am a member of the Green Thumbs Club, so let me put in a plug for them. On August 11, we had a dinner get together attended by a very festive crowd. Our versatile president, Robert Aoki, again showed his prowess as a cook, concocting a very delicious meal. After dinner everyone went home happy, winning a few orchid plants through the raffle drawing.

Our next big event will be the annual memorial service to be held on September 29, the exact same day as our first casualty. Chapter members are urged to come out on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m., to help place flowers at the gravesites of our chapter members. Keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Campbell, Deputy Commander US Army of the Pacific.

It is early yet, but a reminder to all of you that our Christmas party will be held on December 14. Keep that date open for a fun night. More details will be passed on as I get them.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS  
by Hiromi Suehiro

Our regular reporter Warren Iwai and his wife Betty are in Seattle visiting their daughter and grandchildren.

Our monthly meeting attracted thirteen members. It was only a few months ago that we averaged sixteen to eighteen members per meeting. Old age with its pervasive aches and pains, fatigue, memory loss, and myriads of maladies which plagued our members has taken its toll.

Tad Umamoto is unable to come to the meetings because Takako no longer is able to manipulate the wheel chair in and out of the car. Seiji Adaniya, Kiyoshi Uyeno and Hideshi Niimi are recuperating from their recent illnesses and we are hoping they will be fully recovered for the Fun Nite in September and the Christmas Party in December. Chester Hada has been a no show for about six months, but get this, he has never missed a Thursday karaoke class. Philip Matsuyama of Kona made his appearance after being an absentee for about two months.

Lawrence and Regina’s son, Brigadier General Jason Kamiya was in town for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. I hope many of you had the opportunity to talk to him. Jason is quite an impressive young man.

Yoshio Anzai’s granddaughter, Charisse, (’92 graduate of Iolani) is employed by Nordic Construction, Ltd. which is erecting a building for Iolani across the street from our club house. Her parents are David and Cynthia Fukuda.

Mainland Charlies who came to the 60th were Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Mas and Elma Takahashi, William Omoto, Warren Tamura from Idaho, and Kiyoshi Shimizu of Denver. The four days went by so quickly it seems we welcomed them and said goodbye the same day.

The 60th was a milestone. It was a cause for celebration. Those opportunities to make small talk with someone you seldom see, to exchange a firm handshake with a special friend, to share beer with our mainland and home grown friends, and to take a walk down memory lane with our wartime buddies were added pleasures. Should we have another one? I do not think so. We cannot match the grandeur. It can only be anti-climactic.
The next big event for Charlie is our annual Fun Nite at Nuuanu Onsen on September 19. Before I get a scolding from the ladies, I must make this announcement. The wives are inviting the husbands to a luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel on September 15. Then how come I ended up paying for two!

Warren Yamamoto of the Sons and Daughters has graciously accepted to chair the Christmas Party. He is fortunate to be able to call on Arlene Sato, Irene Anzai and Jack Mizushima’s sons to assist him. Perennial organizer Skip Tomyama will be asked to provide the entertainment.

The following Charlie members have signed up for the Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas in October. Takeichi and Lorraine Miyashiro, Oscar, Hisako and Earl Miyashiro, Yoroku and Edith Ito, Takeichi and Dorothy Onishi, Stan and Yuki Akita, Stan and Doris Kimura, Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu, and Seichi Hoashi. Yoshio Anzai and I will be on a different flight as we are staying at the Golden Nugget.

E MAIL TO GORO SUMIDA

God gave us two ears but only one mouth. Some people say that’s because He wants us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it’s because He knew that listening was twice as hard.

What say you Sumida-san? Is GOD trying to tell you SILENCE IS GOLDEN?

This is all for now. Warren may give me a column in November.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

REMINDER: “OPU” HIRANAKA’S ONE PUKA PUKA JAPAN TOUR GROUP WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 3 (THURSDAY) AT 10:30 AT THE CLUBHOUSE.

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There are two members still paying annual dues to Maui Chapter and upon the recommendation from the treasurer, members voted to award them Life Membership to Maui Chapter since during the past ten years when life membership was started they have paid the equivalent of the Life Membership dues. The two members are already life members of the mother chapter.

There were 13 members, 5 wives and 4 widows in attendance.

September 29, Sunday, 2 p.m., KIA Memorial Service at the Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao. Sons and Daughters of Maui AlA Veterans Club are conducting the service.

December 12, 2002: Christmas Party and Installation of Maui Chapter officers. Luncheon—location to be announced later. Same officers have volunteered for next year.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

by Ted Hamasu

Somehow my last PPP article was missed. It may have been the machine that dropped the ball. But it's not a total loss for I am trying again.

We held our bimonthly business meeting on 19 July 2002 at the Zippy's restaurant in Wahiawa from 11.00 AM. The turnout was pretty good with 10 members attending. The surprise show was Ed Nakano and he looked real good. He says he's been busy traveling to mainland hospitals trying to take care of his prosthesis (leg). Others present were Kenneth Higa who walks around with a cane, Mataki Takeshita, Yukio Tanji, Kiyomi Kaneshige, Mitsuo Nagaki, Harry Kamikawa, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito and Mitsuo Hamasu.

The meeting was called to order by the President at about noon and after a moment of silence in respect to our fallen comrades, we discussed the agenda of the day. Since two of our auditors Lefty Mizusawa and Michael Hamamoto became ill, we appointed Kiyomi Kaneshige and Mitsuo Nakano to replace them.

The 60th Anniversary celebration was a huge success with 800+ attendance and I noticed that it was a feel-good banquet. Mahalo to the chair Dr. Kenneth Otagaki and our S&D who planned and executed it. I thought it was the best anniversary celebration, so far.

The formation of a foundation was brought up at the meeting and it seemed that most of the members thought it is a good idea, but they were hesitant to agree because of many unknown operational details.

The 100th and S&D Legacy Picnic was a huge success with more people attending than the first one last year. It was a slam-bang affair with lots of ono foods and prizes galore. The GRAND PRIZE was A TRIP TO LAS VEGAS for TWO PERSONS, PAID PLANE FAIR AND HOTEL EXPENSES for 4 days and 5 nights.

We had lots of donations in $$$, prizes and manpower. It was held at the DAV Keehi Lagoon Picnic grounds. It's a nice place where some of our members left their mark, like the Tamotsu Shimizu Picnic Area, and there is a place called the Shizuya Hayashi Walk which leads you to a gazebo and there are many other places with names of our former and present 100th members. If you did not attend, you really missed a good get-together. From Rural Chapter there were Charles Nishimura and his daughter, Mrs. Kamishita with her daughter, Yukio and Thelma Tanji, Shizuya Hayashi and his family, Mrs. Shimizu, her daughter and granddaughter and Ted and Kitty Hamasu.

The nominee officers for the coming year are: President, Stanley Akita; 1st VP, Bert Turner; 2nd VP, Denis Teraoka; Sec/Treasurer, Al Matsumoto. If anyone is interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please notify me ASAP at 455-3341.

Rural Chapter expresses its deep condolence to the family and relatives of Isamu Tsuji. He passed away on 22 May 02. We were not aware of his passing until I read it in the August issue of the PPP. Rest in peace, Isamu.
Mainland Chapter

Sunday, July 28th found some of the "cooks" from the 100th helping at the Annual MIS Steakbake Fundraiser. Barbequeing the chicken on the grill were Ben Tagami, Toke Yoshibashi, Ted Ohira, Duke and Sam Fujikawa. The Maryknoll Church auditorium was filled to capacity with many who enjoyed a delicious lunch of prime roast beef or chicken, baked beans, salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, rice, sliced melon and assorted drinks. Many prizes were given out during the Bingo sessions and door prize drawings. Proceeds from the event are donated to charities including the Go For Broke Memorial Foundation.

Col. Young O. Kim is recuperating from problems with his war wounds in his legs and has been at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital for the past week. He has been having a stream of well-wishers visiting him and we all wish him well and hope to see him up and around very soon.

At our club meeting on August 17th, we had a good time making more plans for the October Mini-reunion. We had a deadline for September 1st for turning in the registration forms but the rooms allotted for our group at the California Casino have already been filled. Next month's Puka Parade will have a list of the people who have sent in their registration to us.

At this writing, we have just received the sad news that Mitsuru Doi passed away this week. We will miss his charm and expertise at our mini-reunions - especially all his generous help in the Hospitality Room and wonderful singing at the banquets. Those of us that were at the 60th Anniversary Celebration are so glad to have seen Mits and Masuko when he came to the Clubhouse Bash. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Masuko and family.

Stanley's Corner

A few minutes before the church services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?"
"Yep, sure do."
"Aren't you afraid of me?"
"Nope, sure ain't."
"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?"
"Don't doubt it for a minute."
"Don't you know I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical agony for all eternity?"
"Yep, sure do." was the calm reply.
"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.
"Nope."
More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"
The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."
SECRETARY’S REPORT
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E Company (IM of the men who served w/E Company) $871
*Aloha Shoyu Co, LTD $300
*Fred Itamoto (IM of the Warriors of the 100th) $50
Rural Chapter (IM of Isamu Tsuji) $20
*Mark James $25
Baker Chapter (IM of Hachiro Shikamura) $25
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Baker Chapter (IM of Roy Nakayama) $25
Baker Chapter (IM of James Oshiro) $25
Mr. & Mrs. Hirota $100
Betty M. Tokunaga (IM of Ernest “Candy” Tanaka) $50

(*these people were letter writers (Mid Week article) and attended the Thank You reception)

PukaPuka Parade

Frances H. Hirata $25

Miscellaneous

Thank you to Kunio Fujimoto who has recorded some great footage from the 60th Anniversary Celebration and footage from the picnic on VHS for members to enjoy.

Also, thank you to Gary Doi for giving the officer copies of the news coverage from the 60th Anniversary Celebration and news coverage from the picnic. Members may borrow a copy of the news footage.

Sons & Daughters donation report:

Anonymous $250 S&D
T. Yoneyama $50 S&D
Stanley Hamamura $500 S&D
Gladys Kawakami $50 S&D
Jack Hada $100 S&D
Warren Iwai (I.M. of Francis Kudo) $30 S&D
Saburo Tsukamoto $100 S&D
Florence Iwamoto (I.M. Francis Kudo) $100 100th Inf. Vets.
Nash T. Tahara $100 S&D
Francis Sogi $33 SAC
Baker Chapter (I.M. of Yoshiichi Ono) $25 S&D Scholarship Fund
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2002

ABLE............................ Saturday, September 28...............................8:00am
BAKER................................Saturday, September 21.............................1:00pm
CHARLIE..........................Monday, September 16.............................10:00am
DOG..................................Saturday, September 21.............................9:00am
HQ....................................no meeting...............................................
HAWAII.............................to be announced...........................................
MAUI.................................to be announced...........................................
RURAL..............................Friday, September 20.................................
KAUAI...............................to be announced...........................................
BOARD MEETING...............Friday, September 13.................................10:00am
GREENTHUMBS MEETING Monday, September 2.................................10:00am
BONSAI CLUB......................Monday, September 2.................................9:00am

Deadline for articles for the October, 2002 issue is on Tuesday, September 17, 2002.
(please submit your articles to the editors on time or it will not be included in the issue)

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on Thursday, September 26, 2002 AT 8:30am.
Headquarters, Dog & Medics chapters are responsible for providing the manpower & refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to kokua ©

Attention: Our new e-mail address for the PukaPuka Parade chapter news and articles is annkaba@aloha.net or joykiku@hawaii.rr.com (no attachments to joykiku please)

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