



PUKA-PUKA
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Denis Teraoka

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: The Board has accepted the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to have Bay Isle Financial manage our scholarship funds. The Committee will oversee the fund management, and the Board will continue to be responsible for the fund. The Board is grateful to Kazuto Shimizu for strengthening our resolve and placing the fund in the proper hands. Ted Hamasu will be in charge of the scholarship program and the award grants to deserving individuals for educational purposes.

APARTMENTS: Our apartments are completely occupied. Veterans Termite will try to eliminate the pesky and annoying cockroach problem.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Memorial Service Committee, under the helm of Hiromi Suehiro and assisted by Shigeru Tsubota, has been updating the Committee for the service to be held on September 26, 2004, Sunday. Brigadier General John Y.H. Ma, Commanding General, 9th Regional Support Command, will be our keynote speaker.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES: Christmas party dates have been chosen for December:

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| Dog, Sunday, the 19th | HQ/Medics, Saturday the 11th | Able, Saturday, the 18th |
| Baker, Sunday, the 12th | Charlie, Saturday, the 4th | |

Circle your calendars so you won't forget

DAVID BURGE RETIREMENT: Mr. David Burge was honored at a retirement luau on September 3, 2004, at the DAV Memorial Hall by the veterans' community. Representatives from the 100th Infantry were Stanley Akita, Robert Arakaki, Shigeru Tsubota, and Denis Teraoka. There were many from the 442nd, MIS and the 1399th also in attendance.

In appreciation the Board has unanimously agreed to send a gift to Mr. Burge for helping the WW II veterans register and apply for VA benefits to which we were entitled for our services during the war. We, veterans, are most appreciative to David and his staff.

IOLANI'S USE OF CLUBHOUSE: The Board granted Eddie Maruyama's request for the Iolani's wrestling and judo teams' permission to use the 100th Infantry hall for a practice site from Monday, February 14 to March 4, 2005, from 3 to 5 p.m. We enjoy Iolani's winning tradition.

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND: In passing, the Board has mentioned creating a reserve fund for building maintenance, a group recognition plaque or marker at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, and also, for changing our tax status.

PPP COLLATING VOLUNTEERS

by Joy Teraoka, Editor

First off, I would like to thank all those who so generously contributed to the Puka Puka Parade. We are encouraged by your show of support. Thank you, thank you and another thank you!

August collating volunteers were Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Mary Hamasaki, Kenneth Higa, Ed Ikuma, Shigeru and Fumi Inouye, Larry and Regina Kamiya, Susumu Kunishige, Arthur Komiyama, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Masanori Moriwake, Saburo Nishime, Tom

Nishioka, Kay Oshiro, Susumu Ota, Moro Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Dot Tamashiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Evelyn and Ricky Tsuda, Stu Tsubota, Tom Tsubota, Martin Tohara, Ukichi Wozumi, and Marie Yoneshige. Without their help, dear readers, you would not receive your PPParade. so to them, please say, "Thank you."

MIS VET, GRANT HIRABAYASHI, HONORED

From Terry Shima & Thomas Mukai

The following news was received from JAVA, Washington, D.C., July 23, 2004

Grant Hirabayashi, a World War II veteran of the famous Merrill's Marauders, the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 8, 2004. Hirabayashi, one of the seventeen 2004 inductees who served during WW II, Korean War and/or the Vietnam War, is a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland.

He was selected for his distinguished service as a military intelligence specialist with the Merrill's Marauders, which operated stealthily behind enemy lines in Burma to eavesdrop on enemy discussion of battle plans and to disrupt their communications and supply lines. Hirabayashi's citation for induction said: "he repeatedly operated under very adverse and dangerous conditions" to perform his mission.

Merrill's Marauders objectives were to neutralize the enemy and to open the Burma Road, a chief supply route to Chinese Nationalist forces. The 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), comprised of 2,997 men, was named after its commander, Brigadier General Frank D. Merrill.

The Ranger Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contributions of America's most extraordinary Army Rangers. The history of American Rangers goes back to the American colonial period and Rangers have been deployed in every war since then.

Our congratulations to another outstanding Nisei veteran who has won honor and distinction in the service of his country.



BRAVE MEN - THE PINE FOREST

Brutal and vicious
 Unrelenting battles raged
 In Vosges Mountains
 Memories linger
 of Bruyeres and Biffontaine
 From the Belmont trails;
 The dead and dying
 Lost Battalion to save
 On that wooded ridge
 Lieutenant Boodry
 the Sergeant Y. Minami
 and Kubokawa,

In that Battle died
 While Abe and I survived
 Of the scouts that day,
 As the cold winds blew
 The shattered pine branches swayed
 Lonely high above
 Spreading its fragrance
 To mark the lives, sacrificed
 And courage displayed.

By Hiroshi Minami
 HQ. Co., Battalion Scout

Lt. James Boodry, died 10/27/44; PH, BS, CIB, DUB; Massachusetts
 James K. Kubokawa, died 10/28/44; PH, BS, CIB, DUB; Honolulu, Hawaii
 Yoshio Minami, died 10/28/44; PH, BS, CIB, DUB; Kapaa, Kauai

<i>In Memoriam</i>		
Fred Kanemura	Company B	Passed away August 27, 2004
Seiji Ifuku	Company C	Passed away September, 2004
Hideshi Niimi	Company C	Passed away September 9, 2004
Toshio "Michael" Watanabe	Company D	Passed away September 9, 2004

29TH BRIGADE SOLDIERS WILL WEAR 100TH/442ND PATCH by Joy Teraoka, Editor

Recent newspaper articles reported on the controversy pertaining to the symbolic 100th/442nd patch worn by members of the Hawaii Army Reserve. On July 20, Brigadier General Joseph Chavez, commanding general of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (SIB), announced that every unit under his command would wear the 29th Infantry insignia except for the 100th/442nd Regiment which he believed had special authority to wear their unique patch. However, subsequent orders from senior leadership of the 5th Army, pressured General Chavez to change his initial decision and conform to the regulation that "members of a separate brigade, such as the 29th SIB, must wear the shoulder sleeve insignia of the brigade to which they are assigned." Chavez explained this decision to the soldiers. Although disappointed, the men's response was professional and supportive of his decision. This action stirred many others to respond to Chavez' decision with letters and news articles of criticism or suggestion.

When Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, visited Hawaii in August, he supported the position that the troops should be allowed to wear their historic 100th/442nd patch. However, it was not until September 4, during a photo session with Army Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker, MOH recipients Shizuya Hayashi and Barney Hajiro that General Chavez was finally given the authority to allow the 100th/442nd to wear their torch patch. During that visit, Hayashi raised the issue with General Schoomaker who then gave General Chavez the ultimate authority to decide which patch would be worn. General Chavez was able to revert back to his very first decision--allowing the insignia of the 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment to be proudly worn by this unit.

In Chavez' article, he states in closing: "The 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, also known as the "Lava Brigade Combat Team," is an army of one. Since our activation on Aug. 16 for a combat tour in Iraq, we no longer consider ourselves as 'guardsmen' or 'reservists.' Rather, we are part of the Army team. As a team of professional soldiers and warriors, our mission is to defeat the adversaries of today as we prepare for the challenges of tomorrow."

We hope and pray for the safety of our troops. We know they will uphold the tradition of honor, loyalty, courage and perseverance that is their legacy from the original band of brothers--the 100th/442nd RCT.

Regarding this matter, the following letters were exchanged between Denis Teraoka, president of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, and Brigadier General Joseph Chavez.

September 1, 2004

Brigadier General Joseph Chaves, Commander
29th Separate Infantry Brigade, D Quad
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857

Dear Brigadier General Chaves:

As the president of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, I am aware much interest has been aroused among the veterans and the public regarding which army patch the troops of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade should wear--the 29th patch or as some of its members wish, the 100th/442nd torch patch which represents their historical link to the famed WW II regimental combat team.

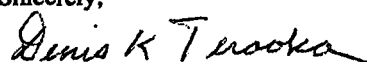
Your desire to have the men unified as "Together--one Army, one fight, one uniform"--is understandable in making a cohesive brigade. However, another simple suggestion which was carried out during WW II when we men of the 100th/442nd were also proud of our being a part of the 34th Red Bull Division, might help solve the present controversy.

In September 1944, the 100th Infantry became the 1st Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. From then on, the 100th Infantry troops wore the 442nd torch patch on their left shoulder and the 34th Division Red Bull patch on their right shoulder, thereby being identified with both groups.

Since Lieutenant General James R Helmly, Chief of the Army Reserve, has granted the men permission to wear the 100th/442nd patch, perhaps the troops can display the 29th Infantry Brigade patch on their left shoulder, and 100th/442nd one on their right side. I'm sure they would wear both proudly, feeling a genuine bonding and identity with both the 29th Infantry Brigade and their fellow soldiers of Hawaii's 100th/442nd. I hope this suggestion may be a worthy solution.

Our best wishes to you and the fighting men of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade. We pray for their safe return home. God Bless America.

Sincerely,



Denis K. Teraoka, President



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 29TH SEPARATE INFANTRY BRIGADE
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII 96857

September 10, 2004

Office of the Commanding General

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
502 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

Dear Mr. Denis K. Teraoka


Thank you for your letter dated September 1, 2004 regarding the soldier sleeve insignia (SSI) of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

On September 4, 2004 General Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Staff of the United States Army gave me the authority to make the decision regarding the soldier sleeve insignia of all units assigned/attached to the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom. Previous to the Chief granting me that authority; I was required to follow published Army Regulations regarding the wear of the shoulder sleeve insignia which had dictated that subordinate units wear the insignia of their higher headquarters.

I am happy to announce that I have decided to allow the soldiers of the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry to continue to wear the shoulder sleeve insignia "torch patch" of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team on their uniforms during their mobilization and deployment to Iraq. In my many discussions with the soldiers of the battalion, they are very proud of their historical roots and the shoulder sleeve insignia provides them a daily reminder of their proud history. They have also assured me that they identify themselves as a team member of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade and will serve the brigade colors proudly in Iraq.

Thank you for your suggestion which definitely was a great solution to my dilemma. I will do everything possible to ensure that we have the best trained and ready soldiers in the Army as we deploy to Iraq. I am committed to bring everyone home safely.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH J. CHAVES
Brigadier General, United States Army
Commanding

MILLIE FENCL ATTENDS 34TH INF. DIV. REUNION

The following letter of September 13, 2004, was received by Kazuto Shimizu from Millie Fencl. He wished to share the news with the PPParade readers.

Dear Kaz:

I attended the annual 34th Inf. Div. Reunion Sept. 9-12. It was held in Louisville, Ky this year. I am now one of the officers of the 34th Div. Assn. along with Darline Smith, widow of Charles A. Smith. We are the only ladies ever to serve as officers of the Association.

I was honored to receive the opportunity to read the names of the veterans who passed away since last year's Reunion. I keep a running list of the names listed in the Puka Puka Parade and the Go For Broke Bulletin. I seem to be the only one who can pronounce the Japanese names correctly. The man who read the list last year had so much trouble I offered to go over the list with him for this year's Memorial Service. He said, "I have a better idea, Millie, I'll let you read the list of all the names". I guess I did OK because I received many compliments on how easily I went thru the list. I was so proud and I am sure Warren would be happy to see me carry on for him.

I met a man at the Reunion who is compiling all the information he can get on the Nisei Soldier in the 34th Div. His name is Pat Skelly and I am enclosing his card. We would appreciate it if you could put his name on the mailing list to receive the Puka Puka Parade each month.

I hope you and Lynn are both doing well. Please give her my Best Regards.

I am enclosing a donation to the PPP in Warren's Memory.

Aloha,



FRANCIS SOGI, KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 61ST MIS ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Francis Sogi, prominent AJA attorney, was the keynote speaker at the 61st MIS Anniversary Reunion, held August 7, 2004, at the Ala Moana Hotel. During the war he served with the MIS. After his discharge he pursued his education in both Hawaii and New York, earning a law degree. For 50 years he has been an active law partner in New York and also has been licensed to practice law in Japan. Sogi still maintains those offices. The following is a condensed version of his speech.

. . . What is a Lawyer? A lawyer is popularly known as a conservative of the past, a liberal of the present, and a radical of the future. We rely heavily on the past. Precedents are the guiding light in our profession. History, or what is past, forms the basis of our future. We look to the past so that we can see the future.

What is Past is Prologue If you have been to Washington, D.C., you probably saw the inscription on the Archives Building on Pennsylvania Avenue. One day, a passenger in a taxi was passing by the Archives Building and asked the driver what is the meaning of the inscription "What is Past is Prologue." The driver, without hesitation, said, "It means "You ain't seen nuttin yet."

Japanese American Veterans That is exactly what the Japanese American veterans from the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineers said to Hawaii and America when they returned from the battlefields of World War II. For you younger generation of Hawaii, it should be your goal and ambition. Economically, many of you are successful and comfortable as professionals, educators, businessmen, and politicians. . . .

True Blooded Americans How did all of this happen? Our ancestors arrived from Japan, struggled and raised a solid second generation or nisei who took advantage of whatever opportunities that were available to them and proved themselves as true blooded Americans, notwithstanding the fact that some of them were incarcerated in American concentration camps in violation of their constitutional rights.

Never Be Forgotten That experience many went through during World War II will remain with us for a long time and it must never be forgotten. . . It is an important part of our history with a precedent that must never happen again to any minority in the United States. It is said that there were over 590 laws against Asian Americans.

Most Decorate Veterans Our veterans were not only the most decorate unit of its size, but they were highly honored by President Truman when he invited them to march down Pennsylvania Avenue for a private review from the White House. This was the only time in the history of America that it had ever happened. President Truman said, "On behalf of the United States of America, I can't thank you enough for what you have done, because you have fought not only the enemy, but you have fought prejudice and you won."

Military Intelligence Service On the Pacific front, to those 6,000 Military Intelligence Service veterans, General Willoughby, Chief of Intelligence under General MacArthur, said, "6,000 Nisei in the war in the Pacific saved over 1,000,000 American lives and shortened the war by two years." As a conservative of the past, it makes me proud to be a member of this group. The past must be made known to the general public by recording and preserving the stories of our veterans.

Veterans History Project of Library of Congress Motivated by a desire to honor our nation's war veterans for their service and to collect their stories and experiences while they are still among us, the United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in October 2000. The legislation calls upon the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to collect and preserve audio- and video-taped oral histories, along with documentary materials such as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies, of America's war veterans and those who served in support of them. The Veterans History Project covers World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars.

Knowing that this and future generations of Americans have much to learn from those who served, the Library of Congress and American Folklife Center have embraced this national effort. As a member of the Five Star Council of the Veterans History Project, I have the honor and pleasure of promoting the stories and experiences of Japanese American veterans in this great undertaking. The names of all veterans and civilians who are interviewed or whose letters, diaries and other documents are donated to the National Veterans History Collection will appear on the Library of Congress web site at www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/. The Library will also develop online presentations of selected portions of the collector for its popular American Memory web site as an educational resource for the American people. It has become one of the largest repositories of first-hand account of war.

Japanese American National Museum Web Site While this is going on, the Japanese American National Museum is also developing a web site under their "Nikkei Legacy Project" in which the Japanese American veterans will be included. To support this effort, the National Japanese American Veterans Council has become a partner of the project. The history of the 100th Battalion, the 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service, and other units will be made a part of this web site. At the same time, the University of Hawaii will also establish archival records of the military history of Hawaii at the Hamilton Library.

MIS Occupation of Japan Concurrently, the story of the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific

and the occupation of Japan is being developed. . from Command Historian Dr. James McNaughton his book on MIS history will be published within the next 12 to 18 months. However, it does not cover the work and activities of the MIS in the occupation of Japan, except for the first three months after the war ended in August 1945.

To complete his story of the MIS, the National JAV Council has been gathering information on the work and activities of the MIS in the occupation of Japan that ended with the signing of the peace treaty in 1952. . . .

Why Occupation of Japan was a Success The significance of the role played by MIS in the occupation of Japan was their knowledge of the language, the customs and people of Japan. Many Japanese Americans in MIS in Japan performed valuable and effective services.

Kan Tagami of Hawaii had an unprecedented experience when he was the personal interpreter of General MacArthur. Kan Tagami met with Emperor Hirohito alone to convey an important message from the General. To anyone's knowledge, no individual, even a Japanese, had ever met with the Emperor before in private audience, without any retainers. After Kan conveyed MacArthur's message, the Emperor expressed appreciation for the work of the Nisei in Japan. He said, and I quote: "You are a bridge between our two nations."

Other were involved in the implementation of the new constitution of Japan after it came into effect in 1947. . . James Furukawa was involved in rebuilding the educational system in Okinawa, as well as establishing a museum, Kojiro Kawaguchi was involved in the teaching of democracy under the new constitution. . . George Koshi, an attorney, was instrumental in establishing the judicial system and reviewing the validity and compatability of laws and regulations under the new constitution.

In addition to these official duties, many Japanese Americans in MIS were involved in many other unofficial activities. Albert Nakazawa of San Pedro, California, gave essential food and other items from post exchanges and his mess hall. . . (and) from the United States. Glen Fujihara of Waianae, Hawaii, provided penicillin to a gravely ill Japanese. Wymo Takaki from Hawaii and his group planted cherry trees in the village where they were stationed.

I also did a small charitable act in Sapporo, Hokkaido, where I served for about a year. . . (from) a weekly ration of candies and cigarettes, I saved the candies and sold the cigarettes and bought all kinds of toys and goodies for a Christmas party I hosted for a Catholic orphanage. These are the kinds of stories that will come out of the MIS occupation of Japan and will complete the MIS history.

In these and various other ways, we feel that the Japanese Americans in MIS contributed much to the success of the occupation of Japan. Recent reports from Iraq indicated that the occupation was not going well because of our inability to speak their language. There might be future pre-emptive strikes such as happened in Iraq, followed by occupation of the country. The successful occupation of Japan would be a good example that might be followed.

Cultural Baggage As a liberal of the present, I realize time marches on and it waits for no one. We must constantly be alert and make changes that will improve general conditions. For example, the cultural baggage that some of us may carry from our issei parents or plantation days may not fit into the mold of our modern times. And, if so, it behooves us to change our ways to conform. As Alexander Pope said, "Be not the last to lay the old aside."

Global Point of View As a radical of the future, I have always believed in moving ahead and making a change if it will be for the good of the whole. It is only in this way that we can move forward and keep up with the times and the rest of the world. The world is at our finger tips and it should always be in our minds with a global point of view.

Taking Stock of Ourselves For the younger generation of today, you have a great future based on the accomplishments of Japanese Americans during World War II and thereafter. They returned from the war, settled down and took stock of themselves and society in general. There was something drastically wrong in their past and with liberal outlook set out to make radical changes for the future. This is where you are. There is still much to do and I look forward to seeing you, the younger generation, making further radical changes for the good of Hawaii and our country. Hawaii is a "transcending culture" that goes beyond particular identities. We have a diversity that aims at unity to make our country a true United States of America.

Legacy of the Future During the next 50 years, there will be new challenges for you to meet and make this a better world. This is the past that we pass on to you as our legacy and as a prologue of your future.

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MINI-REUNION

by Ray Nosaka

In just about 6 weeks, the happy, hopeful "mini-reunioners" will be Las Vegas bound. The thought of seeing our mainland friends again and with our pockets full of quarters and nickels, why shouldn't we be excited.

We are reminding you to meet us at the check-in counter in LOBBY 6 OMNI Airlines on Sunday morning, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. The plane is scheduled to depart at 1:00 p.m. but we are asked to allow 3 hours boarding time. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO I.D. with you (suggest that you wear your I.D. on a chain around your neck so you won't have to dig in your purse or wallet at the last minute).

The following people included in this group are: Seitoku, Shizuko, and Alison Akamine; Martha Terao; Akira and Pat Akimoto; Robert Aoki; Catherine Fujimoto; Kunio Fujimoto; Matsue Furushima; Seichi Hoashi; Dorothy Kikuchi; Stanley and Doris Kimura; Kenneth, Florence, and Joyce Mitsunaga; Oscar, Hisako and Earl Miyashiro; Masanori Moriwake; Edna Nadamoto; Edwin and Helen Nakashima; Jessie Nakayama; Charles Nishimura; Norman Oda; Hiroshi Shimazu; Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu; Goro Sumida; Charles and Jean Tanaka; Carl and Jane Tonaki; Tom and Miki Tsubota; Takako Umamoto. and Aki Nosaka. Joining this group in Las Vegas will be: Robert and Nancy Arakaki, Kurt Akamine and Irene Umamoto.

I'm sorry to say that I will have to miss this reunion (doctor's orders), but there will be another one next year which I can look forward to. My sincerest thanks for all of the home visits, phone calls, and get well cards received over the past three weeks. I am truly blest with so many wonderful, caring friends.

We hope that you have all had your flu shot by now. If you haven't, there is still time to take it. Please take care of yourselves and don't forget to take your vitamins! We want to be a healthy bunch going over - and the same healthy bunch coming home!



MAINLAND NEWS

by Sam Fujikawa

The Go For Broke Foundation Hanashi group held their annual Volunteers and Veterans picnic on August 28 at Columbia Park in Torrance. Enthusiastic staff and Hanashi volunteers barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs to add to the huge spread of pasta salads, vegetable salads, Chinese noodles, chili, cut up fresh fruits, and an array of delicious desserts. Obviously it was a happy event for all who attended and enjoyed the great food, the good weather, and camaraderie of friends and families. Members of the 100th who enjoyed this event were Harry Fukasawa, Noby Okamoto, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Col. Young O. Kim, Ken and Hisa Miya, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Al Takahashi, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Toke and Rae Yoshihashi, Harrison Hamasaki, Sam and Teri Fujikawa.

Sunday, September 12, the 100/442 Association held their annual General Meeting Luncheon at the Golden Dragon Restaurant downtown. Steve Tagami, President, presided over a thorough meeting covering events that have happened during the past year. One of the subjects brought to everyone's attention was the description and explanation of the Go For Broke Foundation's plans and needs for a building to be located near the Monument downtown. Christine Sato-Yamaguchi, President, and Bill Seki, Foundation Executive, encouraged and apprised the luncheon attendees to support and help in promoting this very important enterprise. Among those enjoying the delectable lunch and informative meeting were 100th members, Steve Tagami, Toke and Rae Yoshihashi, Harry Fukasawa, Noby Okamoto, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Ken and Hisa Miya, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Shig Kuramoto, Bill Seki, Harrison Hamasaki, Stephen and Sonya Sato, Ted and Chizu Ohira, Duke and Dorothy Ogawa, Sam and Teri Fujikawa.

A few more people have signed up for our October Mini-reunion. They are Sharon Shimazaki, Gale Tanaka, Col. Young O. Kim, Tom and Mabel Yokoe. Also joining us will be Shizuya Hayashi and Mimi Nakano. Since we will be busy with last minute gathering of supplies, there will be no meeting in October. This coming Saturday, September 18, will be our last meeting before we leave for Las Vegas.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Helen Nikaido

Dog chapter luncheon get-together will be held on October 1, at the Pagoda Restaurant, 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person, balance to be paid by the chapter.

Chapter treasurer "Jits" Yoshida requests that you pay by check payable to "100th Inf. Bn., Co. D Chapter," otherwise have the exact amount of cash, \$8.00. September 15 was the deadline to notify

your attendance. Call "Jits" or Mildred Yoshida at 845-7753 or Helen Nikaido at 734-5552.

Mitsuko Kurisu just got back from Las Vegas and Oregon. She said it was a good trip; this time she was lucky at Vegas.

Kazu "Opu" Hiranaka's One Puka Puka 2004 Japan Autumn Tour meeting: Friday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. Payment for the tour will be collected.

Tour luncheon meeting: October 3, Sunday, 11:00 a.m., at the clubhouse. Be sure to bring your passport.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

by Ted Hamasu

Our Memorial Service was held at the Punchbowl National Cemetery on 26 September 2004 from 9:00 a.m. The graves were decorated with flowers by our S&D on 25 September 2004 from 8:00 .a.m. All assistance in decorating the graves was deeply appreciated.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Hazel Ishii. Her private funeral service was held on 16 September 2004 at the Mililani Mortuary.

I wanted to find out how my old golfing buddy Hamamoto was doing so I called him on the phone. He sounded like the same old self with a little slurring when he talks. He said that he is all right and moves around with a cane but was moaning about being grounded and not being able to drive, but the most distressing thing is that he was stopped from drinking beer. He says, "TOSHI TOTARA TSUMARAN," (when you age, no good).

No meeting next month.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

All of us were stunned by the unexpected demise of Betty Iwai on September 3, not long after she and husband Warren returned from a Mainland trip. ~~Our sincere condolences to Warren and his family. We will certainly miss her presence at club activities. Private services were held.~~

Another C Chapter member, Hideshi Niimi, passed away on September 9, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Private services were held.

ATTENTION! Because of the Las Vegas Mini-Reunion, Charlie Chapter's next meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, instead of following week.

F COMPANY NEWS

By Kenneth M. Higa

The annual gathering of the Foxes will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2004, at the Wisteria Restaurant. By the way, eat a very light breakfast or skip it because there will be lots to eat – nine delicious courses. The luncheon begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 2:00 PM so we will have ample time to enjoy the food and the "ohana" fellowship. Please come and join the gang in celebrating our year 2004 banquet. Don't pass up the 73% to 100% discounted bargain price. The nine-course menu cost per head is nearly \$19.00, including tax and tip, but the charge to attendees is as follows:

	<u>Oahu</u>		<u>Neighbor Island</u>
Member	\$5.00		\$0.00
Spouse	5.00		0.00
Widow		0.00	0.00
Guest	3.00		3.00
Children, 11 & over	3.00		3.00
Children, 10 & under	0.00		0.00

The chapter treasury will absorb the discount amount.

Neighbor islanders, please contact your respective coordinators. The coordinators are: Hawaii – Seitoku Akamine; Kauai – Choichi Shimabukuro; Maui – Wataru Kaneshina; and Oahu – Charles Nishimura.

The deadline for saying "I will attend" is October 14!

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Evelyn Tsuda

The Treasurer has reported that generous donations were received during the month through the Sons and Daughters organization. They were from the children of Sakae Tanigawa in his honor, and Marge Toma in memory of her husband Masa. We wish to thank them for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

We have good news for a change: Raymond Nosaka and Kenneth Muroshige have recovered from their surgeries. Because of the TLC that they're receiving from their wives and daughters, it won't be long before Ray will be strumming his guitar and Ken will be swinging his golf clubs and winning tournaments.

Fred Kanemura succumbed to pneumonia and passed away on August 27, 2004. His buddies said their farewell to him on September 3 at Punchbowl Cemetery. Fred was with the Third Platoon and received a field commission. He was the recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. The men who had served with him had nothing but praise for his bravery and caring nature. Some remember him as someone who got things done in a quiet sort of way. We extend our deepest sympathies to Fred's family.

BAKER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY - 2004

DATE: Sunday, December 12, 2004
TIME 4:30 - 5:00 PM Cocktails, talk story time and ?
5:00 PM Dinner
COST: Everyone over 6 years of age: \$5.00
Children 6 years and under: Free

PARKING available at Ala Wai School.

Please bring a gift for your child not to exceed \$10.00. Write the child's name in large legible print so Santa can read it.



Bernard Akamine has been asked to chair this event and Robert Aoki has again consented to be chief cook. You can be certain that Robert will come up with a scrumptious menu. Every year, we ask that you call to make your reservations so that we'll have enough food for everyone but sadly, only a fraction of you will take the trouble to call. Let's see if we can do better this year and give Robert a figure to work on. We need the headcount by December 5. Call Bernard at 734-8738.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be no meeting in October since some of the regular attendees will be out of town.

HEADQUARTERS/MEDIC NEWS

by Ed Ikuma

Delayed news of the recent 62nd Anniversary Banquet at the Ala Moana Hotel: A total of 67 Hq/Medic people attended, which included family members and guests. From Hilo and looking very spry were Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Ushijima. Shigeru and Gary Uchida were in deep conversation regarding their Army days most of the time during the event. Gary Ikuma, also a far-away attendee coming in for this event from Virginia, Akiyoshi Kuriyama from Waianae and Hidenobu Hiyane, together with Richard Hamada, appeared also to have had a real bull session about their time together in the Radio Section of the 100th.

For this anniversary function, credit goes to our Vice President Seisaburo Taba and his assistant Dot Tamashiro.

Also a belated "thank you" to Pat Akimoto and her committee members, Doris Aimoto and Dot Tamashiro, for the memorable Hq/Medic luncheon at the Willows recently. "Arigato: to Pat Akimoto for her generous donation toward this event. Our next get-together will be announced shortly so stay tuned.

Having taken a chapter meeting hiatus for August, we reconvened on Sept. 11 for the regular meeting, sans Secretary Jan Sakoda. Jan was hosting a Uchida clan trip to the Big Isle so Elsie Oshita bravely filled in. Discussed at length were the several proposals made regarding the future of our club. The Long Range Committee and the Board of Directors are in preliminary discussions regarding this matter and the club membership will eventually be informed as to their final decision. At this point, it appears there will be a long wait.

IMPORTANT! Note the date of December 11, 2004, Saturday, on your calendar. It is our Christmas party date. Details will follow in a future issue of the PPP. See you at our next meeting on October 9, Saturday, at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse.



STANLEY'S CORNER

Submitted by Stan Akita

Jim and Mary were both patients in a mental hospital.

One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Jim suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sunk to the bottom and stayed there.

Mary promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled Jim out.

When the medical director became aware of Mary's heroic act he immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as he now considered her to be mentally stable.

When he went to tell Mary the news he said, "Mary, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged because since you were able to jump in and save the life of another patient, I think you've regained your senses. The bad news is, Jim, the patient you saved, hung himself with his bathrobe belt in the bathroom. I am so sorry, but he's dead."

Mary replied, "He didn't hang himself; I put him there to dry."

March 9, 2004

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100th Infantry Battalion Veterans

Cynthia Fukuda, Irene Anzai & Bert Anzai	\$300	In memory of Yoshio Anzai
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Joycelyn K. Lau	\$125	In memory of Mikio "Mike" Takahashi
Kenneth T. Muroshige	\$150	Sons & Daughters Sch. Fund
Clara K. Nakano	\$20 [Mem. Service]	In memory of Albert G. Kawata

Puka Puka Parade

Mildred B. Fencil	\$50	In memory of Warren Fencil
Nagatoshi Roy Fujita	\$50	

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Robert H. Aoki (Aiea)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Jon J. Chinen (Honolulu)	
Arthur & Frances Komiyama (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Jeanne & Katsumi Maeda (Honolulu)	
Richard Hamasaki (Vacaville, CA)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Betty Murakami (San Francisco, CA)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Tommy & Barbara Nishioka (Honolulu)	In memory of Naoji Yamagata
Richard & Betty Omori (Annandale, VA)	In memory of Fred Kanemura

To \$99

Anonymous	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Stanley & Yukie Akita (Honolulu)	In memory of Betty Iwai
Robert & Nancy Arakaki (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Baker Chapter (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Dorothy H. Imamura (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Robert & Blanche Inouye (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Hajime & Helen Kodama (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Sonsei Nakamura (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Tommy & Barbara Nishioka (Honolulu)	In memory of Kenji Nikaido
Tommy & Barbara Nishioka (Honolulu)	In memory of Walter Moriguchi
Tommy & Barbara Nishioka (Honolulu)	In memory of Tsueno Morikawa
Kay K. Takaezu (Honolulu)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Ethel Y. Takahashi (Kaneohe)	In memory of Fred Kanemura
Denis & Joy Teraoka (Honolulu)	In memory of Betty Iwai
Thomas & Miyako Tsubota	In memory of Fred Kanemura

Thank you, Kitty Hamasu, for repairing the guide-on flag. It used to slip down the staff; now that you fixed it, it is secure and stops at the top of the staff.

Thank you to Mamoru Sato for all of his assistance with getting the new rope for the flag pole and for putting the flag up every day.

Special thanks to Evelyn Tsuda for all of her hard work as a volunteer and for her step-ladder donation to the office.

Also... ..we have received a good number of new members and we are elated they have joined the club.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2004

ABLE.....	Saturday, October 23.....	8:00 am
BAKER.....	Saturday, October 16.....	1:00 pm
CHARLIE.....	Monday, October 11.....	10:00 am
DOG.....	Saturday, October 16.....	9:00 am
HQ/MEDICS.....	Saturday, October 9.....	10:00 am
RURAL.....	No meeting	
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, October 8.....	10:00 am
GOLF CLUB.....	Wednesday, October 6..... Navy Marine.....	9:00 am
	Wednesday, October 20..... Pali.....	11:00 am
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, October 4..... Lounge.....	10:00 am
LINE DANCING/TAI CHI.....	Wednesday, October 6, 13, 20, 27.....	9:00 am
CRAFT/CROCHET CLASSES.....	Tuesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26.....	9:00 am
LAS VEGAS MINI-REUNION.....	Sunday to Friday, October 17 to 22	

*Deadline for articles will be October 19, 2004. (Please submit articles on time or they will not be included in the issue.) Collating will be on **FRIDAY, October 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m.** (For those bucking heavy traffic, 9:00 am.) Charlie and Able chapters are responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to kokua.*

For PPP chapter news and articles: joykiku@hawaii.rr.com (no attachments to joykiku, please) or vetsofthe100thbn@yahoo.com (attachments okay.)

IMPORTANT New e-mail address for club business, questions or correspondence: vetsofthe100thbn@yahoo.com

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