



Puka-Puka Parade



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President's Message

by Lloyd Kitaoka

Over the past month, I've given three of our Education Center presentations to various groups. As more of these presentations are given, I'm increasingly cognizant about the injustices that Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA) faced during the 1940s and specifically what our Nisei soldiers had to endure. It started with the removal of the AJA soldiers from the Hawaii National Guard, the unceremonial departure from Hawaii aboard ship without being told where they were going, then transported across country with train windows completely covered, and continued on during basic training with the audacity of Cat Island. A statement I heard recently gave more clarity to what happened: "...When there is **fear**, the Constitution and human rights go out the window." That makes it all the more reason (important) that we get the 100th's story out and educate as many as we can. More than once I've been approached after my talks by people who could not believe that injustice and discrimination happened, especially in our racially diverse State. In history, 70 years is really not a long time and if we don't keep our veterans' legacy alive, their story and its lessons will be forgotten. If you think about it, what happened to the AJAs could easily happen again today to any ethnic minority. Fear is a motivator and it is relevant today more than ever with the events of 9/11 and terrorism. I'm afraid that our youngsters are complacent, just as we once were, and this is where we should focus. I'm proud of what we have begun with the Education Center but there is so much more we can do.

Recently I gave a presentation to University of Hawaii American studies students and will host a group of high school students from Castle High School who will visit the clubhouse in April. Iolani School has also brought some of their seniors to "talk story" with our 100th and 442nd

Nisei vets to hear first-hand about their life experiences during and after WWII, as well as aging challenges they face (most are in their mid-to-late 90s). Talks were also given to middle-school students, senior citizens groups, a retired teachers sorority, the FBI, and to a world-wide young entrepreneurs convention. We are only touching the surface and I think we can make a real difference. Let us know if this is something you would like to help with or have a group that is interested in learning more about our Nisei American warriors.

Another way we can get our story out is to support relevant programs and events. A photo exhibition by **Eric Saul**, noted scholar of the Nisei Soldier, has been donated to the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center and will be exhibited in various venues on Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. The first venue is at the State Capitol at the end of March, followed by City Hall, and the Maui Veterans Legacy Center. Future venues, including our Clubhouse, will be announced in the near future. This is another way you can get involved as the NVLC is looking for docents and volunteers. Please let the office know if you can help.

Aloha...



Lloyd hosted the Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority during their visit to the Clubhouse

In Memoriam

Morris I. Kihara (C), 94 years

Passed away on January 4, 2014 in Hilo

Our deepest sympathies to the Kihara family.

Professor Edwin “Bud” Nakasone Visits Clubhouse



A recent visitor to our Clubhouse and Education Center was Edwin "Bud" Nakasone from White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Bud was born in Wahiawa, Oahu, and graduated from Leilehua High School. He was promptly drafted into the Army and after basic training in Alabama, was sent to Military Intelligence Service Language School at Fort

Snelling, Minnesota. He was deployed to Japan where he served 18 months during the Occupation of Japan. After discharge, Bud completed his education at the University of Hawaii and with the GI Bill education benefit, finished his schooling in Minnesota where he also received his master's degree. He became a professor of history at several colleges in Minnesota and also on US Navy ships. Some of you may remember Bud from his presentation to a packed Turner Hall in early 2000. He donned the uniform of a Japanese fighter pilot and began his monologue with visual aids about this pilot's participation in the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The audience was captivated by his impersonation. Many wished their own history teachers could have been as imaginative, creative, and dynamic. During his recent visit, Ed promised President Lloyd Kitaoka that he would do a repeat performance on his next visit. So, please keep your eyes on the PPP for an announcement about Professor Nakasone's presentation!



War Memorial Plaque - Neal S. Blaisdell Center

by Tanya Harrison

On September 12, 1964, the Honolulu International Center, now the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, was formally dedicated to honor Hawaii's war heroes. A Memorial plaque was placed there to commemorate this. The plaque is gone and knowledge of it and the Memorial dedication has been lost to the City & County of Honolulu and Hawaii State governments, and to society at large.

The text of the Memorial plaque is quoted in the Sept 13, 1964 Star-Bulletin & Honolulu Advertiser: *"Honolulu International Center: Dedicated to All the Sons and Daughters of Hawaii Who Served Their Country in Time of War and in Special Tribute to Those Who Gave Their Lives in Order That Freedom and Justice Might Prevail Throughout the World."*

This dedication ceremony was announced by the media and filmed by a news crew. The plaque was attached to a boulder probably located in the vicinity of the current Blaisdell Box Office. Likely gone by 1970, it may have been a victim of vandalism.

I am requesting oral history, photos, and other items regarding the dedication, Memorial plaque, and Blaisdell Center's planning and early history in general.

Blaisdell Center was dedicated to our honored war dead and that has been forgotten. Please help to document and preserve this history so it is not forgotten again. If you have any knowledge or material on this, please contact **Tanya Harrison** at harristb@eou.edu or (541) 969-0523. Mahalo!



Tanya Harrison (right) visited the clubhouse with Drusilla Tanaka (B Chapter)



100th Infantry Battalion Service Project

Would you like to volunteer a Saturday in the visitor center at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)? No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Two people work per shift and a partner can be provided to make a pair. Saturday shifts are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You will be taught a little history lesson about Punchbowl and how to help visitors find gravesites. You will be able to point out interesting areas in Punchbowl such as the walkway memorial, chapel, overlook area, columbarium area, and where scattering of ashes is permitted. You will meet visitors from all over the world who are there for sight-seeing and you will also meet families who have come to visit graves of loved ones. It's a valuable service that helps us to fulfill our Club motto, "For Continuing Service." Security and the maintenance staff are on site at all times. Contact **Bert Hamakado**, Descendants Chapter President at 391-5713 to sign up.



VA eBenefits Online

Now you can get information about VA benefits on line: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>

eBenefits is a central location website for Veterans, Service Members, and their families to research, find, access, and in time, manage their benefits and personal information. Go online and check it out soon!



Annual Mini Reunion in Las Vegas

When: October 19 - October 25, 2014

Where: California Hotel, Las Vegas

For more information, contact Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or diverseinnov@gmail.com



70th Anniversary Tour of France

6 day tour - July 12 - July 18, 2014

12 day tour - July 7 - July 20, 2014

For more information, contact Brian Yamamoto at brianyamamotodds@gmail.com



Collating News

Mahalo to the following that helped with collating the newsletter on Saturday, February 22, 2014: **Matsue Furushima, Dorothy Inouye, Kimi & Don Matsuda, Al Matsumoto, Velma Nakahara, Paul Nishida, Naomi & Atanacio Agustin-Nishida, John Oki, Elsie Oshita, Nancy Sakaki, Dot & Glenn Tamashiro, Gloria Tamashiro, Evelyn & Riki Tsuda, Isami Yoshihara, and Arlene Sato.** Due to the Iolani Fair, the next collating will NOT be on Saturday. It has been rescheduled **for Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am.** Please kokua. More hands make the work easier and quicker.



Green Thumb News

Little Fire Ants

At our last Green Thumb Club Meeting on Saturday, February 22, we viewed an interesting video about the Little Fire Ants. The orange-yellow ants were first found in Puna, Hawaii in 1999. It is as long as a penny is thick, about 1/16 of an inch. Each massive super colony has lots of queens and can span acres. It likes wet and shady areas and can make nests in trees. The intense bites can cover your body with welts that can last for weeks and can blind pets. It promotes garden pests such as aphids, white flies and scale insects, which secrete plant sap that the ants eat. It can infest houses, beds, furniture, classrooms, parks, beaches, and hiking trails. These pests can hitchhike onto your property in potted plants, mulch, hapuu, and soil. Besides Hawaii, the ants have been found on Maui, Kauai, and recently on Oahu.

If you suspect these ants on your property, here's what you should do. The ants are attracted to peanut butter so put some on a chopstick, leave it out for 45 minutes, and if any are caught, put the stick in a plastic bag and freeze it. Contact the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. They will be able to confirm it for you.

There is a bait that you can make to try to get rid of them but it takes months for it to work. The explanation is too long to be covered in this article. Check out the [Little Fire Ant](#) on the internet. A helpful site is: <http://littlefireants.com/>.

Reminder: We are visiting an herb garden in Kaneohe on Friday, April 25 at 3:30 pm. The cost is free and open to anyone. For more information or to reserve a space, call Arlene 387-1954.



Broccoli-Cauliflower-Crabmeat Salad

In the 1970s and 1980s the 100TH Infantry Battalion Veterans' wives had a Cooking Club. The following recipe from Nancy Sakaki (A) was demonstrated by Gladys Kawakami (A) at the cooking class on April 8, 1984. Nancy Sakaki has since retired as a cafeteria worker from Hahaione Elementary School. She is in good health and is a regular volunteer at our monthly Puka Puka Parade collating. Thank you Nancy, for sharing your delicious recipe!

Broccoli-Cauliflower-Crabmeat Salad

1# broccoli
 1/2 # cauliflower
 1/4 -1/2 # imitation crab meat, kamaboko, etc.
 2 eggs or more, hard boiled
 1/8 t. black pepper
 1/2 c. mayonnaise
 Optional: cucumber, celery

Wash and cut vegetables into bite-size pieces. Cook broccoli and cauliflower being careful not to overcook. A slightly crunchy texture should be maintained. Transfer into colander and run tap water to cool and to prevent further cooking. Place drained and cooled vegetables into a large bowl. Tear crab meat chunks in half and add to vegetables. Add eggs that have been diced. Cover and chill. Before serving, add mayonnaise and pepper and toss lightly. Serves 4.



Chapter News

Able Chapter News

by Stacey Hayashi

Kunio and Morran Fujimoto passed away on February 3 and January 23, respectively. Kuni, an original 100th Battalion member, will be sorely missed at our Chapter meetings. He helped with Puka Puka Parade collating and kept the clubhouse yard neat.

I bumped into **Senator David Ige** at the Japanese Cultural Center's New Year Ohana Festival in January and found out that this father was an Able Chapter vet!

The theme for our 72nd Anniversary Banquet is "*The One Puka Puka Marches On.*" **Bev Shiroma**, daughter of the late **Goro Sumida**, is the banquet chair. Please contact

her by leaving a message at the Clubhouse Office (946-0272) if you have donations or can help with the event.



Dog Chapter News

by Joy Teraoka

As we get older and our systems need replacement parts and repairs, we often despair and think, "What now, what next?!" That's what happened to me recently. I had cataract surgery... a simple and common outpatient procedure, which involves the removal of the eye lens and replacing it with an artificial lens. I opted to have my astigmatism corrected with a new eyeglass prescription rather than surgically. Following the surgery, my distance vision, which was fairly good, became an unfocused blur that resulted in eye fatigue from constant squinting. The unexpected stress of post-surgery blurred vision, coupled with chronic back pain, triggered a mini-heart attack that sent me to the hospital for four days. I am now recuperating and anxiously waiting for my new glasses so I can see the world clearly and beautifully again.

There is no chapter news to report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 9:30 am, at the Clubhouse.



Headquarters/Medics Chapter News

by Janice Sakoda – 737-7778

Daughter of Gary K. Uchida

Hope you can join us at our next Headquarters meeting on **Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am**. We'd love to see new faces (as well as the "regulars")!

Our Spring Luncheon, held at Camillia Stadium Mall, was very enjoyable. The staff was very warm and friendly, and the food was a combination of hot entrees, vegetable namool, different types of kim chee, and four different kinds of meat to grill on our table. Attending the luncheon were: **Pat Akimoto, Ken Akinaka, Bessie Fukumoto, Sophie Hatakenaka, Susan Morishige, John Oki, Elsie Oshita, Jan Sakoda, Alvin and Eleanor Shimogaki, Dorothy Tamashiro, and our President Lloyd Kitaoka**. Lloyd, thank you for taking time out of your schedule to meet and talk with us. Our next big function will be our Anniversary Banquet on June 22. Read the PPP for more details.



HQ members and Lloyd at Camillia Stadium Mall

We want to say a big “Thank you” to **Pat Akimoto** for her generous monetary donation to Headquarters Chapter in memory of her beloved husband and our long-time member, **Aki Akimoto**.



Rural Chapter News

by *Tsurumi Hamasu*

Join us in honoring the spouses of Club 100 veterans on **Saturday, April 26th** at the Leilehua Golf Club! We will celebrate over breakfast from 9:00am to 11:00am. RSVP to jthamasu@gmail.com or hanamimi@gmail.com. Veterans and spouses are free!

Rural Chapter's Shinnen Enkai was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately over half the celebrants became ill from the food after the event! We have been in touch with the caterer and if you have any questions or concerns, contact Tsurumi Hamasu.



100th Infantry Battalion Veterans' First Newsletter

In April 1946, 68 years ago, the first issue of the club's newsletter called the “**Bulletin**” was printed. This was one of the articles:

CLUB 100 April 1, 1946

This is the first issue of your monthly bulletin and we hope to follow this up with bigger and better issues. Our first problem is the name for this monthly so the executive council has appropriated \$10 as a prize to be won by a club member who submits the winning name. Details of this contest are announced elsewhere in this issue.

With a name selected Keichi Kimura will be asked to design a suitable masthead and with timely and interesting pictures it is hoped a dressy bulletin will make a regular appearance. In this conjunction we'd like help from members who have experience in this line of work. If you do – see your prexy. As yet no staff for this bulletin has been selected.

Each chapter in our organization will be asked to submit news of their doings. Sparky Matsunaga has consented to give us the low down on surplus property regularly and Kenichi Suehiro will have a column on veterans' affairs.

To make interesting reading for the members we are asking for your kokua. Let us know who's getting married or who's passing out cigars. And if you're going into business we certainly will be able to give you some free publicity in these columns. If any of you have correspondence from people like Kim, Pye, Grandstaff, Schoenberg, Plourde, et cetera, and our 'kontonk' friends, maybe you'd like to share it with the rest of us.

This sheet and the following issues will not cost you a penny. It is being put out by your territorial headquarters and distribution will be in the hands of your local chapter.

Complete issues of the Puka Puka Parade can be found at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Hamilton Library or on their website <http://evols.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/community-list>.



100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS 72ND ANNIVERSARY BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM

BANQUET INFORMATION

Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Pomaikai Ballroom at Dole Cannery Iwilei, 735 Iwilei Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
 \$40 per person (no children's prices available)
 FREE for 100th Infantry Battalion World War II veterans, their wives or widows
 There is an additional fee for venue parking

MENU (choice of one, no substitutions):

COMBINATION - Steamed Mahimahi Oriental Style, Teriyaki Steak with Ginger Soy and Scallions,
 Oriental Chicken Salad, Chocolate Fondue, Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea **OR**
 VEGETARIAN - Tofu Cakes, Oriental Chicken Salad, Sorbet, Whole Grain Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea

*Deliver or mail completed form with payment to the 100th Clubhouse by **June 1, 2014***

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NAME: _____ 100TH COMPANY: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

List all attendees below (please use another form if more than 10). Please circle appropriate choice in boxes.

FIRST AND LAST NAME	MEAL CHOICE	100th WWII VETERAN, WIFE, WIDOW?	WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT WITH?	SPECIAL NEEDS (ex: wheelchair,walker, high chair)
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		GRAND TOTAL \$		

Payment via cash or check payable to "Anniversary Banquet". Please do not send cash in the mail
 Mail completed form and payment to "100th Anniversary Banquet, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826"
 or deliver to 100th Office by **June 1, 2014**.

Registration fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** other than for extenuating circumstances.

All refunds will be processed after the conference.

QUESTIONS? Contact Banquet Chairperson Beverly Shiroma via the 100th at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com

Visitors to the Clubhouse

The clubhouse has been fortunate to receive a number of mainland and overseas visitors. Most recently, **Howard and Joyce Hieshima** stopped in and enjoyed talking with the veterans and descendants. Howard is former president of the Chicago Nisei Post #1183 American Legion and provided an impressive list of 100th veterans who were a part of the Chicago group.



Howard and Joyce Hieshima (top and bottom left) with Lloyd and Judge Takashi Kitaoka

Shinichi Sugiura saw a Japanese documentary on the 100th Infantry Battalion and Nisei American soldiers and decided to visit the clubhouse during his visit in Hawaii. He was fortunate to come by on a Thursday during the veterans' usual lunch get-together with the "Wine Gang" group and was thoroughly enthralled to hear their stories and humbled by their courage and longevity.



Shinichi Sugiura (left) of Sendai Japan with veteran Kenneth Higa

Thanks to all of our visitors, far and wide, for taking a keen interest in learning more about the 100th Infantry Battalion. We hope you'll share your experience and knowledge with others, thereby continuing to perpetuate the AJA legacy.



In Appreciation

Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful donations that were received between February 5, 2014 and March 15, 2014.

General Account

- \$200 Lorraine Miyashiro, in memory of Saburo Hasegawa, Louise Kimura, Stanley Kimura, Goro Sumida and Albert Oki
- \$50 Carol Kuroda
- \$200 Patsy Akimoto, in memory of Akira Akimoto

Education Center

- \$200 Patsy Akimoto, in memory of Akira Akimoto

Puka Puka Parade

- \$100 Patsy Akimoto, in memory of Akira Akimoto
- \$50 Louise S. Maehara and Miki Rothman (Philadelphia, PA)

Our sincere apologies if any donations were inadvertently omitted; kindly inform the HIBV office at 946-0272. Mahalo!

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April 2014 Calendar of Events

EBOD Meeting	Saturday, April 19, 8:30 am
BOARD Meeting	Saturday, April 19, 9:30 am
ABLE Chapter	Sunday, April 27, 8:30 am
BAKER Chapter	Saturday, April 5, 1:00 pm
CHARLIE Chapter	No meeting
DOG Chapter	Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter	Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am
LONG RANGE PLANNING	Saturday, April 19, 11:30 am
GREEN THUMB	No meeting
LINE DANCING	Wednesdays, 9:00 am
CRAFTS	Tuesdays, 9:00 am
PUKA PUKA PARADE	Collating on Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am

Note: Due to the Iolani Fair, collating has been changed to Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am

Dates and times subject to change. Please contact your Chapter President, Committee Chair, or the Office for more information.



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Please send your articles, comments or questions about the *Parade* via email to pukaparade@gmail.com

If you do not have access to email, please contact the office to discuss how best to submit content for the newsletter.

The deadline to submit articles for the
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April 9, 2014.

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