ELECTION OF THE 2017-2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

100th members, please remember that the election for the 2017-2018 Executive Board of Directors (EBOD) of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am** at the Clubhouse.

Election will be by ballot which will be distributed at the Clubhouse.

Parking on Election Day will be at Ala Wai Elementary School.

As the last day to submit a proxy ballot was November 2, you must vote in person on November 12th if you’d like to participate in the election.

This is the current slate of officers prepared by the Nominations Committee that will appear on the ballot:

- President - **Harry Nakayama** (Dog Chapter)
- 1st Vice President - **Beverly Shiroma** (Able Chapter, incumbent)
- 2nd Vice President - **John Oki** (Headquarters Chapter)
- Secretary - **Warren Yamamoto** (Charlie Chapter)
- Treasurer- **Tsurumi Hamasu** (Rural Chapter, incumbent)

If you have any questions about the upcoming election, please contact the Clubhouse Office at 946-0272 or e-mail club100vets@gmail.com.

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GRAVE DECORATING by Arlene Sato

Mahalo to all that helped with the annual grave decorating

**At Punchbowl:** The list too long to name all the people that volunteered at Punchbowl. Descendant **Gary Hayakawa** was able to get the help of the Kiwanis Clubs from UH Manoa, HPU, Roosevelt, Punahou, ‘Iolani, Kalani, St. Louis, and Farrington. They were a tremendous help this year. They were paired with our members and carried the flowers and water buckets and I was told they could spot the graves so quickly with their young eagle eyes. It made our job soooo much easier. A big **mahalo** to the Kiwanis. Thank you to Gary who is a Kiwanis Club member for getting the Kiwanis help.

**At Kaneohe:** Thank you to **Skip Tomiyama** for coordinating the grave decorating at the Kaneohe graves. Helping her were **Jan and Richard Yuasa**, **Mary Aoki**, **Harry Nakayama**, and Skip’s Senior Club friends. (Photo below by Jan Yuasa).

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UPDATE ON THE ‘IOLANI PROPOSAL

The Board of Directors was informed by ‘Iolani School on September 9, 2016 that the School has decided to build their student dormitory on the School’s existing campus and will not be building on the Club’s property. The Board was informed, however, that the ‘Iolani remains interested in supporting the Club to reach the objectives we sought to achieve in collaborating with ‘Iolani on the original proposal. The Board is currently working with ‘Iolani to determine the scope and terms of this support and will inform our members if and when a definitive agreement is reached.

GRAVE DECORATING
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At Diamond Head: Jean and Glenn Imada and Earl Kawaguchi decorated the graves at Diamond Head cemetery. Glenn Imada even went the day before to search for each grave. So efficient. Thank you.

At Mililani: Rural Chapter members took care of this cemetery as they have every year.

At Nuuanu: After helping at Punchbowl, these three energetic gals went to three smaller cemeteries on Nuuanu Avenue to decorate those graves: Karen Yamasaki, Marian Nakamura, and Teri Hee.

Dozens and dozens of empty buckets are needed every year. Thank you to Sophie Hatakenaka for acquiring these 2 gallon and 5 gallon buckets.

Trucks are also needed each year to haul all these buckets of flowers to Punchbowl. Thank you to Gary Hayakawa, Gary Mizushima, and Jim Nogawa for hauling the flowers and coolers at 6:00 am this year.

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK by Jayne Hirata

Apologies for the delay in sending out the November PPP. I got back from my long trip to the Las Vegas Mini-Reunion, my first college Family Weekend in Providence with my daughter and Williamstown with my son and a delayed flight in Seattle to be greeted at home with a bad case of jetlag and a younger son sick with the flu. It did unexpectedly snow in Williamstown so I think that froze my brain too. I should be back on schedule for December’s PPP.

DESCENDANTS CHAPTER WREATHS AND POINSETTIA PLANTS ORDER FORM

4” POINSETTIA PLANTS  # _____ @ $4.00  $_______
6” POINSETTIA PLANTS  # _____ @ $6.00  $_______
WREATHS  # _____ @$25.00  $_______

TOTAL  $_______

Name__________________________________________
Phone _________________________________________
Email__________________________________________

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM
AND MAIL WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:
100th INF BN DESCENDANTS CHAPTER
520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

Deadline for Orders: Tuesday, November 15

DESCENDANTS CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

The Descendants Chapter is having its annual fundraising sale of fresh holiday wreaths and poinsettia plants. Wreaths are $25 and poinsettia are $4 for 4 inch plants, $6 for 6 inch plants. Please complete the form and send with a check payable to “100th Inf Bn Descendants Chapter” to the Descendants Chapter via the Clubhouse by Tuesday, November 15.

Pick up of orders will be at the Clubhouse on Friday, December 3 from 3 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Please contact Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or diverseinnov@gmail.com or Jayne Hirata at 366-3148 or jayne.hirata@gmail.com if you have any questions.
IN APPRECIATION
Doomo Arigatoo Gozaimasu for the following generous donations which were received from September 22 to November 2:

EDUCATION CENTER
$30  Janice Trubitt in memory of Judge Takashi Kitaoka
$200  Mieko Muroshige in memory of Keichi Tanaka, James Kiyoshi Shiramizu, Fred Kaneyama, Eugene Kawakami, Susumu Kaneshige and Kenneth Muroshige
$2000  Chris, Lloyd, Rod and Don Kitaoka in memory of Judge Takashi and Yuki Kitaoka

GENERAL OPERATING FUND
$50  Elaine and Shigeru Tsubota in memory of Dr. Denis Teraoka
$100  Michael Yoshida and Family in memory of Jitsuri “Jits” Yoshida
$5,000  Ichiro Hashimoto
$98  Harumi Miyake in memory of her husband Howard Miyake’s birthday

PUKA-PUKA PARADE
$100  Tommy Tanaka

Our sincere apologies if any donations were inadvertently omitted or are listed incorrectly. Please let the Office know if your donation was not listed or if there are any corrections that are need to be made. Mahalo!

VOTE FOR HIROSHI “HERSHEY” MIYAMURA IN ONLINE “THE RARE LIFE HONOR” CONTEST (http://eaglerarelife.com)

100th veteran and Medal of Honor awardee Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura is one of the nominees for “The Rare Life Honor” award, sponsored by Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. The award honors those who lead rare lives of courage, leadership, survival, devotion, character and heroism.

If Hershey’s story wins the Grand Prize, the Hiroshi Miyamura Scholarship Fund will receive a check for $50,000. If he is the winner in his category of “Heroism”, the Scholarship Fund will receive $5,000.

To read Hershey’s story and vote for him, please visit http://eaglerarelife.com/content/hiroshi-hmiyamura. You can vote once every 24 hours.

100th INFANTRY BATTALION LEGACY ORGANIZATION 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

The 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization congratulates our three scholarship awardees and wishes them well as they begin their college journey. The three awardees are: Mitchell M. P. Evans ($3,000 - Kauai High School) attending Washington College Maryland; Kaylee Harmon ($1,000 - Lahainaluna High School) attending Western Oregon University and Thomas T.M. Hayashi ($1,000 - Seabury Hall) attending Santa Clara University.

The 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization Scholarships commemorate the service of the World War II 100th Infantry Battalion veterans whose bravery and steadfast loyalty brought them recognition as the “Purple Heart Battalion.” These scholarships continue to educate and perpetuate the legacy of the World War II 100th Infantry Battalion veterans.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

by Janice Sakoda

Our sympathies to the family of Francis Kamikawa, HQ member, who passed away June 2016.

I’m sorry to have to write that Patsy Akimoto (widow of Akira “Aki” Akimoto) passed away in September. I’m so thankful that Dot Tamashiro, my husband Ed Sakoda, and I were able to visit her after the Joint Memorial Service. A memorial service for Mrs. Akimoto will be held on Friday, November 18 at Hosoi; 10:00 am is visitation and 11:00 am services.

Dot Tamashiro has asked me to thank all the Mainland people for the warm reception and open arms they welcomed the Hawaii group at the Las Vegas Mini Reunion held in October. As she was telling me how wonderful the Mainland people were, she said, “Mere words cannot express how I feel.” So, on behalf of Dot Tamashiro and everyone from Hawaii who attended the mini reunion, DOOMO ARIGATOO for your warm aloha and all the goodies.

Reminder! The election of the Executive Board of Directors will be held Saturday, November 12. Please make every effort to come vote, hear the latest about what’s happening at the Clubhouse, and renew friendships.

In this Issue: Look for the registration form for our annual HQ/Medics/C Chapter Christmas party to be held Saturday, December 17. Sending in your payment ahead of time will greatly help in planning for the party as well as allowing us to deal with one less item.
HQ/Med/C Chapters Joint Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17, 2016
4:00 pm Registration; 5:00 pm Dinner
Parking at Ala Wai School

Cost:  
- C, HQ/Medics Veterans and Spouses/Widows: **FREE**
- Adults and Children 12 & Over: **$5**
- Children Under 12: **FREE**
- Outside Guests: **$10**

Santa’s gift to your keiki should be less than $10.

C/HQ/Medic Veterans/Spouses please indicate if you need transportation.

Any kind of donation (cash, bingo, dessert, *pupus*, etc.) will be very much appreciated!

Please bring some canned goods to help our annual Food Bank Drive.

*Want to help? Contact Arlene Sato (387-1954) or Jan Sakoda (351-2159).*

RSVP - RSVP - **Deadline December 10** - RSVP - RSVP

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**Donations are much appreciated!!!** 

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**C Chapter:** Make checks payable to **100th Infantry Battalion Veterans C Chapter** and mail to: Arlene Sato, 2241 Kauhana St., Honolulu, HI 96816

**Headquarters/Medics:** Make checks payable to: **100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Headquarters Chapter** and mail to Jan Sakoda, 1508 Ainakoa Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96821.

**Deadline December 10**
**RURAL CHAPTER NEWS**  
by Stephen Saito

Continuing our annual over 20 years tradition, Rural Chapter decorated the graves of 100th Infantry Battalion veterans at the Miliiani Memorial Park and Mortuary and Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission with flower arrangements for about 30 graves. Until about 10 years ago, this was initially mainly done by the veterans. Now both the remaining veterans and various descendants continue on this tradition. Mahalo to the Clubhouse for purchasing the initial flower arrangements; Masaharu Saito and family for the anthuriums; The Desa family, Stephen Saito’s neighbors for the red ginger; Joanne Ing and Dee Dee Saito for the variety of ti leaves; and Laine Okimoto for taking the group picture at the bottom of this page. Participants included: Masaharu Saito; David, Dee, and Stephen Saito; Kay, Trisha, and Laine Okimoto; Tsuruye and Tsurumi Hamasu; Diane Saito; Carole and Ron Ota; Joanne Ing; Jenny Kam; and Carl and Sheila Tonaki. With the help of all participants, we were able to accomplish our mission within one hour!

Rural Chapter will also be organizing a marching unit for Wahiawa Lions Club Veteran’s Day Parade that will start at Ka’ala Elementary School and end at Wahiawa District Park starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2016. We plan to extend the invite to the other various Japanese American World War II related groups to march with us. If anyone from the general membership of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization would like to march with us, please contact me at ssaitohi@gmail.com or contact the Clubhouse Office at 946-0272 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. At the moment, I am not sure if we can accommodate individuals who are not capable of marching in the parade and would instead like to ride in a vehicle. However, we will attempt to figure something out how to accommodate those individuals if they are still interested.

**DOG CHAPTER NEWS**  
by Joy Teraoka

Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to Mary Hamasaki. She was in the hospital recently for pneumonia and heart problems. Mary has always been an active member of Dog Chapter, even coming to meetings when she and President Harry Nakayama were the only ones there. Mary has often been the one to inform you about our Christmas parties. To Mary, please take care; we miss you.

We received word from Hilo that Jits Yoshida’s wife, Mildred, is currently residing in a private care home in there. Eva Ardo informed us that her mother, Mildred Hosaka, is living contentedly at the Manoa Senior Care facility. They take good care of her.

We still do not know whether we will have a Christmas Party this year. If we do, it will be on Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 12 noon to 4:30 pm at the Clubhouse. We tried to contact as many of you as possible to get your response as to whether or not you would be thinking of coming. For the final decision we will try to contact you by email or phone, or call Joy Teraoka at 218-7222 (please leave a message if I’m not home) to find out whether or not we will have a party.
ABLE AND BAKER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: December 11, 2016 – Sunday
Place: Clubhouse, 520 Kamoku Street
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 AM – Check-in, Happy Hour
      11:30 Buffet Lunch
      12:30 to ??? Entertainment, Santa’s Visit, Door Prizes Galore

Parking: Ala Wai School (Diamond Head end)

Cost: Able and Baker Chapter Veterans, spouses, widows Free
     All other Able/Baker Chapter Members $12.00
     Adult guests and children, 13 and over $14.00
     Children, 6 to 12 yrs. old $6.00
     Children, 5 yrs. and under Free

Santa’s Gifts: Please bring a wrapped gift for your child, cost not to be over $10.00 each.
(please print the name clearly on the gift tag.)

Donations of pupus, desserts, door prizes, or whatever will be appreciated.

Talent Hunt: We are looking for entertainers—sing, play an instrument, magic tricks, dance, stand-up comedy?

If you can help in any way to make this party a success, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or email diverseinnov@gmail.com.

Complete the registration form below. Make check payable to Baker Chapter and mail to Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

DEADLINE is Dec. 4, 2016.
See you on December 11!

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Names/Ages ______________________________________ Phone No.________________
E-mail Address: ______________________________________ Able Baker
Please Circle: Able/Baker Veteran, spouse, widow, Able/Baker member
Total Number attending: _________

Able/Baker Chapter Veteran, spouse, widow #_____ @ Free $_______
All other Able/Baker Chapter Members #_____ @ $12.00 $_______
Adult guests/children 13 years and older #_____ @ $14.00 $_______
Children, 6 to 12 yrs. old #_____ @ $6.00 $_______
Children, 5 yrs. and under #_____ @ Free $_______

Total Enclosed $________

Please send a check payable to “Baker Chapter” to Baker Chapter via the Clubhouse by December 4, 2016
UPDATE ON THE 100TH WEBSITE
by Susan Muroshige Omura

Since it's been awhile since I've written an article, I thought it was time to reassure Club members that work has continued on the website. Our accomplishments during the last year haven't been extensive, but we keep “plugging away” with our efforts to preserve the history of the 100th veterans. More photos and documents have been added and edits made where new information was available or errors had to be corrected. Due to the work of Jan Nadamoto, "Remembrances," published for the Battalion's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1992, will be available on the website shortly.

I have been remiss in not acknowledging the small group of descendants who have continued to contribute to this work. Jan Nadamoto, daughter of Isao Nadamoto (B), is the webmaster – the technical guru. She not only oversees the copying of photos and documents and their preparation for the website, but also does much of the work. She has to make sure they are identified, filed and saved according to standards that have been established. Jan keeps on top of new technology that is relevant to our work. After I review new documents or any edits, I send them to her.

Sandy Takishita, daughter of Isami Aoki (F/D), has helped Jan with the scanning of photos which take a lot of time. Each photo has to be set up in a separate file and any identification of the photo noted. Veteran Stanley Izumigawa (A) wrote many letters to his family. Jean Imada, daughter of Haruto Soma (C), read and typed all of these handwritten letters so both the handwritten and typed version will be available on the website. It is important to have a clear typed version, especially if names of other veterans have been mentioned in the letters. When a family member does a search on the website, that document will appear for them to read. Jan Sakoda and Arlene Sato continue to keep on the lookout for families who may have items of interest.

Please help preserve this important part of our history. Even if you have only one photo of a 100+ veteran from the war years, we would love to make a copy of it. Jan has set up a section for a gallery of individual photos.

We also want to add the company photos that were taken at Camp McCoy to the website. The ones mounted on wood in the clubhouse can’t be copied because they are laminated. After making a copy, we would return it. The Headquarters and F Company photos have been located, so we need A, B, C, D and E companies. Please send a message to club100vets@gmail.com or call the Club Office, 808-946-0272 if you have one of these photos.

“FIGHTING TWO WARS:
AJA VETERANS TRIBUTE”
by Mark Matsunaga

World War II veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 1399th Engineer Combat Battalion will be honored at "Fighting Two Wars: AJA Veterans Tribute", a gala luncheon and signature events of the Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration, on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Hawaii Convention Center Ballroom.

Each WWII veteran and one companion or escort may attend free of charge. Another three family members per attending veteran may attend for $75 each and additional family members over the first three may attend at $125 each. Discounted rates are also available for family members of deceased veterans or veterans who are unable to attend. Tickets for the general public are $200 per person. Tables of 10 are available for $2,000 (Bronze) and $4,000 (Silver).

If you are a 100th veteran who would like to attend the December 5 luncheon, please provide your name, contact information and number in your party to the Clubhouse Office at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com by Monday, November 7. Confirmation details and payment arrangements (if any) will be provided to you at a later date. Veterans who plan to attend are invited to provide one wartime photo of themselves which will be used in a photo montage to be shown at the luncheon.

The Navy would like to hear from World War II veterans, who will receive an invitation to the commemoration ceremony and other events, if available. Please contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at (808) 473-1173 or at navyhawaiipublicaffairs@gmail.com if you are interested. Veterans are asked to provide a short biography (photo if possible) and the following: name, mailing address, telephone, and email address.

For more information and to register for events (many do require tickets or advance registration), please visit http://pearlharbor75thanniversary.com, call (808)589-5592 or toll free (877)589-8898, or e-mail info@pearlharbor75thanniversary.com.
NOVEMBER 2016 100TH INF BN VETS CLUB CALENDAR

BOARD Meeting Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 am
ABLE Chapter No meeting
BAKER Chapter Saturday, November 5 at 1:00 pm
CHARLIE Chapter Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 am
DOG Chapter Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 am
MAINLAND Chapter To be determined
GREEN THUMB CLUB No meeting
LINE DANCING Wednesday, November 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

CLUB EVENTS
(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

EBOD ELECTIONS Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
DESC CHAP WREATH AND POINSETTIA SALE Orders due Tuesday, November 15, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAHIAWA LIONS Friday, November 11 at 10:00 am
CLUB PARADE Tuesday, November 8 for Election Day
Clubhouse CLOSED Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving

Dates and times subject to change. Please contact your Chapter President, Committee Chairperson or the Clubhouse Office for information or updates.
NOVEMBER 2016
PUKA-PUKA PARADE ADDENDUM
The following articles were submitted to be included in the November 2016 PPP but due to space restrictions, they were unable to be included.

VOTE FOR 100TH VETERAN AND MOH AWARDEE HIROSHI “HERSHEY” MIYAMURA IN “THE RARE LIFE HONOR” AWARD AND CONTEST (From the Eagle Rare website, http/eaglerarelife.com)

Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey has won its share of honors and awards. Now we’re honoring those who share our passion for excellence with The Rare Life Award.

Some nominees are heroic. Some are inspirational. Some just make an impact in their corner of the world. But all have one thing in common. They lead rare lives. Read their stories, vote on the ones that inspire you, and share them with friends.

Each story was submitted in one of six categories: Courage, Leadership, Survival, Devotion, Character and Heroism.

At the end of voting, the top five finalists to receive the most votes in each category will be considered for the category prize, the while top 30 nominees to receive the most votes overall, regardless of category, will be considered for the Grand Prize and the 2016 Eagle Rare Life Award.

The Grand Prize of $50,000 will be donated by Eagle Rare in the name of the winner to the charity of his/her choice. Eagle Rare will also host a local award reception for the Grand Prize award winner.

Eagle Rare will also award $5,000 to each of the six category winners/charity of choice, to be donated in his/her name.

LEAD A RARE LIFE STORIES:
“A TRUE AMERICAN HERO”

Hiroshi H. Miyamura
Date Added: October 24, 2016
Charity: Hiroshi Miyamura Scholarship Fund
Category: Heroism
Votes (as of November 2): 1271
Views (as of November 2): 9100

Hershey (as he likes to be called) is not only my hero, he is my best friend. Hershey (as he prefers to be called) has inspired me to be a better person and a better veteran and to do whatever it takes to help all veterans. Hershey has inspired an entire community to do the same, to become better people and to always have faith and no matter what happens always remember it is for a reason. Hershey received the highest award for Valor for his actions during the Korean War and has also been presented with the South Korean Medal of Honor and also our Congressional Gold Medal, making him one of the highest decorated Americans of all time, but Hershey has always remained such a modest hero. There are so
many in our community that look to him for advice and look up to him for his leadership qualities. Our community has honored our dead friend and favorite son by naming a high school, VA Clinic, Overpass and Park in his honor, but Hershey is most proud of the high school named for him. He knows that the students at Miyamura High School will continue his name and legacy long after he is gone by obtaining the best high school education available. This always brings a smile to his face. Even at 91 Hershey continues to share his story of the Korean War to anyone who wants to hear, to bring the recognition that those brave veterans deserve and has made it his mission to continue doing so as long as he can. This dedication to his fellow veterans is the most honorable dedication there is and makes me proud to be his friend and to nominate him for this award. (The photo from Hershey is from the Eagle Rare Life website).

HOW TO VOTE FOR HIROSHI “HERSHEY” MIYAMURA

Go to Hershey’s page at http://eaglerarelife.com/content/hiroshi-h-miyamura and click the box on the right of his photo that says “VOTE for this story”. You can vote once every 24 hours so please keep going back to support Hershey. Let’s win $50,000 for the Hershey Miyamura Scholarship Fund!

(From the Editor: Additional information you may be interested in about Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura.

The website for the Hiroshi Miyamura High School in Gallup, New Mexico is at http://hmh.gmcs.k12.nm.us/. There are some great photos and articles about Hershey and his ties to the school.

HONORING LEGACY OF HERSHEY MIYAMURA

GALLUP, N.M. — Three scholarships in the name of Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura were given on April 26 as part of the sixth annual Senior Recognition Night at Hiroshi Miyamura High School in Gallup, N.M..

The scholarship recipients were:
– Larry Belinte, who will be attending the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute.
– Kolton Sorrell, who plans to study engineering at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and was a member of a team that built robotics for competition.
– Shania N. Yazzie, who will specialize in welding at Tulsa Welding.

Miyamura High School offers students an opportunity to take vocational skills classes at the University of New Mexico as part of their high school education in addition to college preparatory courses. These technical
classes provide 70 percent of the skills to get into a career and include carpentry, plumbing, welding, baking, restaurant services, medical terminology, telecommunications and broadcast news media.

This year the school counselors encouraged the vocational studies students to apply for the Miyamura Scholarship.

Contributions to the Hershey Miyamura Scholarship Fund can be mailed in care of Gerald Herrera, Board Member, McKinley Education Foundation, 1127 Boggio Dr., Gallup, NM 8730

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR GARTH BROOKS AND TRICIA YEARWOOD CONCERTS IN SUPPORT OF THE 75TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

(Press release from Ron Gibson Entertainment)

The two Garth Brooks Salutes Pearl Harbor with Tricia Yearwood concerts set for Saturday, December 10, 2016 sold out in minutes. Garth Brooks then approved the addition of two more concerts to benefit the 75th Commemoration of the Attack on Pearl Harbor which will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 pm and Friday, December 9, 2016 also at 8:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Both concerts will be held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Ticket prices are $69.00 and are on sale NOW. There is an eight ticket limit per purchase.

Tickets can be purchased from the Blaisdell Box Office. There will be an additional service fee of $1.00 per ticket, bringing the total to $70.

Tickets can also be purchased from all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and Charge-By-Phone by calling toll free at 1-800-745-3000. There will be an additional service fee of $6.25 per ticket, bringing to total to $75.25. Special note: Select seats protected with paperless delivery.

GARTH BROOKS’ FIRST CONCERTS IN HAWAII WILL BENEFIT PEARL HARBOR PARKS by Elizabeth Kiwszkowski, Star Advertiser (October 12, 2016)


Country music star Garth Brooks, the highest-grossing solo artist in American history, will headline two consecutive concerts at the Blaisdell Arena on Dec. 10, making his first Hawaii appearances.

The concerts are in connection with the 75th Commemoration of the Attack on Pearl Harbor and will be similar to his shows at the Wynn in Las Vegas, with Brooks performing solo with an acoustic guitar.

Tickets for the “Garth Brooks Salutes Pearl Harbor” concerts, 6:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 10, are $69 for all seats. They will go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, online or by phone only through Oct. 24. There is an eight-ticket limit. Concert entry will be paperless: The credit card used to purchase seats and i.d. must be shown at the concert gates.

The concerts will also feature his wife, Trisha Yearwood. Details were announced at a press conference in Honolulu today.

The concerts will benefit Pacific Historic Parks, with all net proceeds from the performances going to four historical organizations who advance the legacy of Pearl Harbor and the Pacific battlefield arenas of World War II: WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument (USS Arizona Memorial); Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor; U.S.S. Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park; and Battleship Missouri Memorial.
“We were looking for someone who fit the theme of honoring the past, respecting the future,” said Admiral Thomas Fargo, chairman of the 75th Commemoration Committee. “We’re working to ensure that these historic attractions are improved, and their availability to the American public is improved.”

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, Brooks has sold more than 136 million albums in the U.S. since his solo debut in 1989, second only to The Beatles in total albums sold in the U.S.

Concert promoter Ron Gibson, who is organizing the event, said Brooks personally requested that all seats for the concert be sold at one price. “He’s so fan-friendly,” said Gibson. “He wanted to make every seat accessible.”

The arena will accommodate approximately 6,800 seats for each concert, Gibson said.

“This is the right person at the right time to honor all veterans who serve and protect,” said Tony Vericella, executive director of the 75th Commemoration Committee. “His heart and soul will be aligned with the spirit of the commemoration.”

In a written statement, Brooks said, “It is a privilege to be part of honoring our nation’s fighting men and women who have and continue to serve our great nation. We look forward to a night packed with music, laughter and respect. We invite all to join us and raise as much money as we can to support these memorials that honor our past and our future.”

Brooks largely retired from recording and performing at the turn of the millennium, though he continued selling millions of albums through a distribution deal with Walmart between 2001 and 2009.

In 2005, he began returning to the concert stage. Between 2009 and 2014, he did the Garth at Wynn shows in Las Vegas, and in 2014, he launched a world tour with Yearwood. His most recent album is 2014’s “Man Against Machine.”

There is no zip code restriction for tickets purchases. In order to prevent resales, organizers opted for credit card entry: Ticket buyers must have the credit card used to purchase tickets with them, along with proper i.d., in order to enter the concert arena.
A LITTLE BIT OF HAWAIIAN HISTORY:
REVOLT IN SOUTHERN JAPAN DROVE MANY ISSEI TO HAWAII by Bob Sigall  
(submitted by Bert Hamakado)

Recently I spoke to the Yamaguchi Heritage Club about *issei* and *nisei* people and the Hawaii companies they founded. Here are a few tidbits from that talk.

I’ve noticed that many of the Japanese in Hawaii have roots in southern Japan. While researching the history of the Honpa Hongwanji, I found out why.

There was a revolt against Emperor Meiji in 1877, when he modernized the country, called the Satsuma Rebellion. The Satsuma clan controlled the island of Kyushu. The rebellion devastated Kyushu economically as well as southern Honshu (Yamaguchi and Hiroshima). Many there decided to come to Hawaii because of that.

I also talked to the club about how someone from Japan came to Hawaii nearly four decades before someone from Hawaii went to Japan. The first person from Japan to come to Hawaii in 1844 was a 14-year old fisherman, named **Manjiro**, who was blown off course with several friends. An American ship picked them up and brought them to Hawaii. I’ll write more about him in the future. It’s a great story.

**King Kalakaua** was the first Hawaiian to visit Japan in 1881, on his around-the-world tour. Emperor Meiji’s band greeted him with Hawaiian music. The king offered Princess Kaiulani’s hand in marriage to a Japanese prince to seal a proposed alliance. They responded that he was already engaged.

**Emperors Taisho and Hirohito** donated $10,000 each, at different times, to Kuakini Medical Center, which was created to take care of aging Japanese in Hawaii.

**Sen. Daniel Inouye** was mistaken for the King of Siam at his first White House dinner in 1959.

**Ushi Takara**, who owned the American Cafe on King Street near Alakea Street in 1922, trained many of his countrymen in the restaurant business. Dozens went on to open their own local restaurants. Most were Okinawan, but they served local and American food.

Columbia Inn was named by brothers **Fred ("Tosh") and Frank Kaneshiro** for Colombian coffee in 1941. They felt good coffee made a good restaurant.

Zippy’s was named after the ZIP code. The postal service began the ZIP code in 1963; Zippy’s began in 1966 and wanted to let people know they were fast.

**Shiro Matsuo** turned *saimin* from a snack into a meal and had 60 different offerings on his menu. At one time he was **Gov. John Burns’** chef.

The founder of Highway Inn in Waipahu, **Seiichi Toguchi**, learned to cook in mainland World War II internment camps. He named his place for its original location on Farrington Highway.

Dillingham Saimin played a role in McDonald’s decision to serve *saimin*. **Ray Kroc** and several other McDonald’s executives came in to try it once, and soon it was on their menu.

**Steven Nagamine** renamed his Olympic Grill "Flamingo" after a trip to the mainland where he saw the iconic sign of the Flamingo hotel in Las Vegas.

**Robert Taira** was the son of Okinawan immigrants who came to Hawaii in 1906. He founded King’s Bakery in Hilo in 1950. It outgrew Hilo and moved to Honolulu in 1963. Then it outgrew Honolulu and moved to Torrance, Calif. It is famous for its Hawaii-style sweet bread.

Cafe 100 in Hilo is named for 100th Infantry Battalion World War II soldiers. The founder, **Richard Miyashiro**, served in the 100th, and he named his place for his buddies who never came home. Cafe 100 is famous for *loco moco* and offers more than 30 varieties.

**Jokichi Tasaka** originally called his Maui snack shop Tasaka Goodie Goodie, but many immigrant Japanese could not pronounce it properly. They called it *Tasaka Guri Guri*, and that became the name. Tasaka Guri Guri once sold mochi, manju, senbei and other Japanese snacks, but today the pineapple and strawberry "guri guri" sherbet is all they sell.

Arakawa’s store in Waipahu popularized *palaka*, selling 16 different colors. **Goro Arakawa** told me
"palaka" was a Hawaiianization of the word "frock."

Servco was founded by Peter Fukunaga in 1919 as the Waialua Garage. It moved to Wahiawa in the 1920s and changed its name in a contest won by an Army Air Corps sergeant. He believed "service was the heart of the company’s policy."

Sidney Kosasa, the founder of ABC stores, got a pharmacy degree from the University of California, Berkeley, before being interned on the mainland. A trip to Miami opened his eyes to what tourists were buying. His pharmacy evolved into a store with everything visitors might need.

Jiro Asato took over KC Drive-Inn from its founders, banker George C. Knapp and Realtor Elwood L. Christensen. They opened it in 1929 and named it after their initials. Knapp and Christensen sold it to Asato in 1934 for $100. He paid them $10 a month for 10 months.

Robert’s Hawaii’s logo is a waving rabbit. Robert Iwamoto chose the rabbit as the counterpart to his competitor’s greyhound dog. At a dog race in Mexico, he noticed that greyhounds chased but never caught a mechanical rabbit. When Greyhound left Hawaii in the 1980s, Robert’s put the rabbit on the back of their bus, waving goodbye to the greyhound dog.

Charley’s Taxi has more than 400 drivers and carries 2 million passengers a year. It is the only taxi company in the United States to provide 24-hour Japanese-speaking dispatch service. It was founded by Charley and Helen Morita in 1938, making it Hawaii’s oldest taxi company.

Of course, there are hundreds of other companies founded by local issei and nisei, and I will get to some of their stories in the future. If you have a favorite story, please send it to me. Bob Sigall, author of the "Companies We Keep" books, looks through his collection of old photos to tell stories each Friday of Hawaii people, places and companies.