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A MONKU-FREE NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I cannot believe that my first year as President of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization has come to an end. Time seemed to have just flown by, maybe it was because my husband **CLYDE SUGIMOTO** and I were on a lot of airplanes this year? I wonder how my second year will be?

2019 was a year of many challenges for the Club as well as many accomplishments, one of the biggest accomplishments being finally completing many of the badly needed repair projects on the Clubhouse that needed to be done. If you came to your Chapter Christmas party, I hope you noticed the new roof, eaves and motion detector lights that were installed this past year.

Unfortunately, there is a lot more on the Fix-It list for 2020 including replacing the French doors in Turner Hall, installing a security system for entire

Clubhouse and, the biggie, removing and replacing the railings at the apartment building, I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding with any inconveniences that may result from these upcoming projects.

Mucho mahalo to First Vice President **HARRY NAKAYAMA** for being the point of contact for the construction projects in 2019 and (keeping my fingers crossed) also for the work scheduled for 2020.

I am very grateful to Harry and all the Executive Officers, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Representatives who dedicatedly served on the Board of Directors (“BOD”) in 2019 and ask for their continued support in 2020. Your BOD members were hard at work over the holiday season, setting up for the Christmas festivities, preparing for upcoming

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activities in 2020, and meeting to examine options for the long-term future of the Club and Clubhouse. The photograph on page 1 was taken recently during one such meeting of the 100th BOD and the BOD of the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organizations ("IBLO"). Pictured in the front row of the photo are 100th Secretary and IBLO President **WARREN YAMAMOTO** and IBLO Officers **STEVE TAKUSHI**, **JAMES "JIMMY" NAKATANI** and **SHELLEY SANTO**; in second row next to me are Headquarters/Medics Chapter President **DOROTHY "DOT" TAMASHIRO** and 100th Treasurer **BEV SHIROMA**; in last row are IBLO officer **REID MIZUE**, Facilitator **JOSE BARZOLA** of the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, 100th Office Assistant **ALEX TAKASHY** and Descendants Chapter Representative **GARY HAYAKAWA**. (Photo courtesy of Clyde Sugimoto). More on this meeting can be found on page 3.

I hope you will join us for our first event of 2020, our Storytelling *Shinnen Enkai* with **ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG** on **Saturday, January 18 starting at 1:00 pm** at the Clubhouse. Alton will be performing three of his pieces including the one on 100th veteran **SENATOR SPARKY MATSUNAGA** which gave us all chicken skin when Alton performed it last year. More information and a registration form can be found in on page 7.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for making my first year as President a memorable one. I would like to make my second year even better than the first but need your help to do this. Please feel free to contact me via the Office at (808)946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com if you have any suggestions, any *monkus* or would like to learn about volunteer opportunities at the Club.

If you cannot volunteer, you can support the Club by becoming a 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans member or simply stop by the Clubhouse to attend Chapter meetings, special events, Craft Club, Line Dancing or to talk story with Alex and me. Donations are also much appreciated.

WISHING YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY 2020!!! HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CLUBHOUSE SOON!



100TH SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2020

If you are a student interested in the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Memorial Scholarship and/or the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans

STANLEY IZUMIGAWA Scholarship, please submit your application and all required supporting materials to the Hawaii Community Foundation by the deadline of **4:00 pm Hawaii Standard Time on Friday, January 31, 2020**. Applications are only accepted online via the HCF website at https://hcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=544. Please do NOT send your application packet to the 100th Clubhouse as we will NOT forward or deliver anything to HCF.

With Much Appreciation

Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu to the following for their generous donations in support of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans which were received between October 15 and December 15, 2019:

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

\$200.00	LAURITA TURNER
\$100.00	COLLEEN AND JEI MIYANO
\$100.00	C. MATSUNAGA in memory of ARTHUR KOMIYAMA
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\$2000.00	ALICE KAMI in memory of KIYOSHI KAMI
\$101.00	HARUMI MIYAKE in memory of HOWARD MIYAKE

EDUCATION CENTER

\$1000.00	JEAN AND GLENN TOMA in memory of ROBERT GENROKU TOMA and BEATRICE TOMA
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If there are any changes or corrections that need to be made to your donation as listed or if you made a donation during this time that was inadvertently omitted, please contact **JAYNE HIRATA** leave a message at (808)946-0272 or emailing pukapukaparade100@gmail.com.

Thank you to **ALEX TAKASHY** in the Office for providing the information included in this article.

Mahalo to everyone for their support of our annual Hawaii Foodbank holiday drive. The total number of non-perishable food items that we will be delivering to the Foodbank will be reported in the February 2020 *PPP* as we are still accepting donations until the end of 2019.

“MEETING OF THE MINDS” - BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT MEETINGS by REID MIZUE

On behalf of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization, this is a re-cap of the on-going strategic planning efforts for the future of the 100th Club. As many of you friends and family know, the love for our “Fathers’ Legacy” is paramount to everything the 100th stands for. “Legacy” is the active word in this statement as your leaders in the organization are embarking on planning sessions in 2020 to develop a future for the “Legacy” that so important to us all.

Over the past year, there have been multiple seminars presented to all-comers by the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution held at our Kamoku Street Clubhouse’s Turner Hall. This same organization will be donating the time of two facilitators to help our organization with strategic planning to revisit our mission statement, bylaws, decision-making, and succession plans. This is a key period in the organization as transition will need to be considered to ensure that the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion will be taken care of respectfully, professionally, and responsibly.

With that said, the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans’ Board of Directors will be sitting down with leaders of the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization along with our professional facilitators to guide a way forward for a common cause. Late this year at the end of 2019 we have already held two (2) joint Board of Directors meetings between the two boards with tremendous success. Breaking the ice, clearing the air, and moving forward (not backward or status quo), both boards are ready to seriously consider all options for the immediate future. Internal long-range planning has been difficult time and time again, and so with the assistance of the unaffiliated and unbiased third party facilitators from the Matsunaga Institute, both the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans and the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization will be striving for the first time **TOGETHER** for a sustainable and organized future.

We look forward to keeping all members of both organizations informed and updated throughout 2020. Please do let your Board representatives know if there are any questions or comments you may have, as your input is important to both boards.

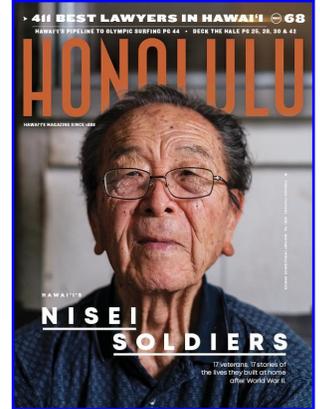
The 100th Infantry Battalion was first to form, first to train, first to encounter battle in World War II and justly so, will be the first to lead the way for other Hawaii-based Japanese American veteran organizations to make a positive and joint effort for a bright future.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Mahalo from the Board of Directors of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans and the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization.

WWII AJA SOLDIERS PROFILED IN HONOLULU MAGAZINE

December 2019 Honolulu Magazine “cover boy” and MIS veteran **REVEREND YOSHIAKI FUJITANI** is one of 17 World War II Japanese American veterans profiled in “Soldiering On”, an article written by 442nd granddaughter **JAYNA OMAYE** which takes a look at lives of these veterans after they returned home to Hawaii when wartime military service ended. The only 100th veteran featured in the article is 101 year old **HIDENOBU HIYANE** who attributes his good health to drinking Aloe juice prepared each morning by daughter, **JOYCE WALTERS**. (Both photos by **AARON K. YOSHINO** from the Honolulu Magazine website).



The article and additional material including a video on what it took to tell the stories of the 17 veterans can be found at: www.honolulumagazine.com/Honolulu-Magazine/December-2019/17-Nisei-Veterans-Share-Stories-of-the-Lives-They-Built-in-Hawaii-After-World-War-II/.

If you are an AJA World War II veteran in Hawaii who would like to share your story, please email Jayna Omaye at jaynao@honolulumagazine.com.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by **DAVID WATANABE**

In this season of miracles, another sort of miracle happened on December 7th at our Club's annual Xmas luncheon when seven of our very able-bodied *Nisei* veterans gathered for this joyous event. Led by our Club's long time mainstays, 100th veterans **TOKUJI "TOKE"**

YOSHIHASHI and **DON MIYADA**, they were joined by fellow World War II veterans **YOSH NAKAMURA**, **RALPH KANESHIRO**, **RALPH MATSUMOTO**, **BEN SUECHIKA**, and **ED NAKAMURA**. Actually Toke and Don are 'youngsters' as Ralph Matsumoto is 98 and Ben made 100 on December 6th. We gave Ben a robust singing of Happy Birthday. Not to be outdone **ELSIE HAYASHI** (widow of **HENRY HAYASHI** of Baker Company) was there too, and at 99, she is another living miracle! When she hits 100 next year we'll have to call her St. Elsie. (Photo on top is of Toke Yoshihashi with **AMY MIYA**, 2nd photo of the Don Miyada family, 3rd photo is of Elsie Hayashi with Ed Nakamura. All photos on this page are courtesy of **DAVID WATANABE**).

We were also happy to have in attendance Go For Broke National Education Center's CEO/President **DR. MITCH MAKI** as well as **GAVIN DO** of the GFBNEC staff. (Photo on bottom of Dr. Maki in the middle of **SUSAN TAKAHASHI** and Mainland Chapter Co-President **SCOTT TAKAHASHI**).

The Christmas gathering caps off another memorable year with social events – Valentines', Summer, Vegas reunion – highlighting the year. Our monthly meeting lunches are nothing to sneeze at either. These shared festive moments will not be forgotten.

Many thanks again go to our unsung heroes who worked behind the scenes to make these memorable events happen to celebrate the lives of the veterans to whom the younger generations are forever grateful. The many donors of door prizes, the beautiful cake, and the arrangements for the great food and service (Seafood Empress in Gardena) do not go unnoticed and are really appreciated.

Wishing everyone good health and a joyous holiday season as our 100th Mainland Club looks forward to another memorable year."



CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by ARLENE SATO

Thank you **SUSAN HASHIMOTO** and **RIC TABOR** for inviting us to their home for our breakfast meeting on Saturday, December 14. Ric with his apron on, cooked up eggs, bacon, fried rice, and coffee. We had a tour of their newly renovated home, all ADA compliant with wide doorways, big walk in showers, ramps, etc. Ric even had a man cave, all decorated with Seattle Seahawks stuff. The next breakfast meeting will be on **Saturday, January 25, 2020**, more information will be emailed.



Thanks to many, many people who volunteered to make our Charlie/Headquarters/Medics Christmas party a success. Saturday, December 21 was a very blustery wintery day. **GARY MIZUSHIMA**'s green papaya soup was just perfect and got raves from everyone. He grilled broke-your-mouth Korean short ribs, simmered the most *ono nishime* any *obaachan* would say, "*oishii, jyoozu!*", and slow cooked mouthwatering *kalua* pork. Thank you to Susan Hashimoto for donating the Chinese Gon Lo Mein noodles. Thanks to **ELLIE SHIMOGAKI** for keeping the kids busy at the children's craft table. Thanks to **DOT TAMASHIRO** and her gang for taking care of the reception table. Thanks to **SKIP TOMIYAMA** and her ladies who played beautiful Hawaiian music. Skip also made hats which were used as table decorations and then became bingo prizes. So creative. (Photo of Santa with the lucky ladies who won hats courtesy of Ric Tabor). Thanks to Ric Tabor, **BARCLAY**, **ED SAKODA**, **NEALSON SATO**, and Susan for running the bingo game. Thank you to all the people who donated prizes. Ric the Hawaiian Santa made all the children so happy. Thanks to Ed Sakoda for taking care of the parking lot. Thank you to all that brought desserts and for the monetary donations. And thank you to the angels who washed dishes.

Thank you and *okagesamade*. See you next year. *Rainen mo yoroshiku onegai shimasu.*

HEADQUARTERS/ MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by JAN SAKODA

Happy New Year, everyone!

On behalf of Headquarters President **DOT TAMASHIRO** and its members, we want to thank **GLENN NAGAMINE** for coming to help decorate the Clubhouse. Not only is it a busy time of year for everyone, Glenn has to come all the way from Ewa Beach so we are doubly thankful for Glenn's help.

The Headquarters/Medics/Charlie Chapter Christmas party again was enjoyed by all. We were thrilled to have veterans **ED IKUMA** (HQ) and **KAZUTO SHIMIZU** (Charlie) attend.

Thank you to all who helped out, in big ways and small. Every little bit helps. Thank you to **GARY MIZUSHIMA** and his helpers (including his son and two friends for his church) for not only cooking all the food, but all the preparation (shopping, cleaning, washing, chopping) that is involved to get to the final product. The *kalua* pork, *nishime*, *kalbi*, papaya soup (to name a few of the dishes Gary prepared) were so delicious; in addition, **ARLENE SATO** prepared her delicious *sekihan*. It was amazing that Gary was able to prepare food for 80+ people without a stove at the Clubhouse. Gary says he does this year after year in honor and in memory of his dad, who used to also cook for the Chapter functions.

A big, actually a HUGE *mahalo* to **SKIP TOMIYAMA** for being our MC, creating the beautiful centerpieces for table decorations and donating them for bingo prizes, playing the ukulele with her friends, and leading us in group singing of Christmas carols. She

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and her friends are very talented and we thoroughly enjoyed their music. We also enjoyed the music by **JONAH DOMINGO**, a senior at Kamehameha, who volunteered to play for our Christmas party. All in all, the music made our party so festive.

And we certainly can't have a Christmas party for the kids without Santa! After a brief panic when Santa couldn't find his Santa outfit, he decided he could use his Hawaiian Santa suit since, after all, we are in Hawaii! He did a great job (*hana hou*, Santa, for next year!!) and even had time to stick around and call out bingo for us. Our Christmas party wouldn't be the same without bingo. Seems like the young and young-at-heart all enjoy and look forward each year to playing bingo at our Christmas party.

I'd also like to thank **ELLIE SHIMOGAKI** who headed the kids crafts, Dot and **GLENN TAMASHIRO**, **VICKI SAKODA** and **KAREN GEARHART** for helping man the registration desk; **SUSAN MORISHIGE** and **JOHN OKI** for shopping for the bingo prizes, **SOPHIE HATAKENAKA** for arranging with SW Orchids for the beautiful orchid plants that was donated as bingo prizes, **SUSAN HASHIMOTO** for helping at the bingo table, **DAN UCHIDA** for helping out in the kitchen, and to all who donated either cash, dessert, and/or bingo prizes. Your help/donation is very much appreciated. And to any one I might have missed, please excuse my fading memory! And of course, we couldn't have our Christmas party if no one showed up so to all who came, thank you for continuing our tradition.

At the Christmas party, I found out that **BESSIE NAKASONE**, widow of **HENRY NAKASONE** (Medics), who used to sing at our Christmas parties, passed away a couple of years ago. Then, in November 2019, her daughter-in-law, **PHYLLIS NAKASONE**, passed away. Our condolences to the Nakasone family.

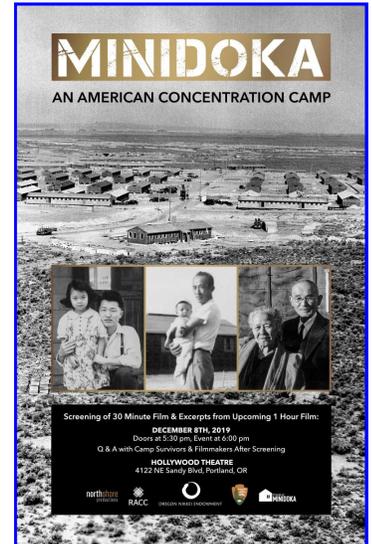


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I somehow survived my recent trip to Portland where, according to the natives, it was a "very warm" 35-45 degrees. Amazingly, I stayed healthy there but got knocked out by the flu once I got home to sunny Honolulu.

The highlight of my Portland stay was attending a sold out showing of a documentary called *Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp*. Thanks to the kindness of **MIA RUSSELL**, the Executive Director of the Friends of Minidoka, I had a great time at the Pre-Show get-together talking story with folks from the Oregon Japanese American community, many of whom had Hawaii ties or were descendants of veterans.

I was really excited to see the film as Co-Producer **HANA KO WAKATSUKI**, who was then the Chief of Interpretation and Education at the Minidoka National Historic Site in Idaho and is now the Acting Site Manager at Honouliuli on Oahu, gave us a sneak preview at the Clubhouse earlier in 2019. The documentary was very powerful and moving as it showcased the testimonies of survivors of the Minidoka Concentration Camp in World War II Idaho. I hope we will be able to show the film at the Clubhouse soon but until then, you can check out the trailer and make a donation at www.minidokafilm.com/.



Don't forget that the JN Productions documentary about the 100th and 442nd called *Dream Big! A Postwar Success Story: The Nisei Soldiers of World War II* will be airing on KIKU-TV on **Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9 pm to 10 pm** and on **Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**.



Everyone is invited to attend the MIS Veterans Education Society of Hawaii's Shinnenkai 2020 on Saturday, January 26 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Natsunoya Tea House in Alewa Heights. The cost is \$40 per person and you must RSVP by Friday, January 17. Registration forms are available at the MIS website at www.misveteranshawaii.com/events/ or at the 100th office. For more information, please email misveteranshawaii@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT OUR STORYTELLING SHINNEN ENKAI

Renown storyteller **ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG** will help us bring in the New Year with a special *Shinnen Enkai* once-in-a-lifetime performance highlighting the Japanese American story on **Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** at the Clubhouse. This event is suitable for all ages and is open to the public. Alton will perform selections from three of his popular pieces:

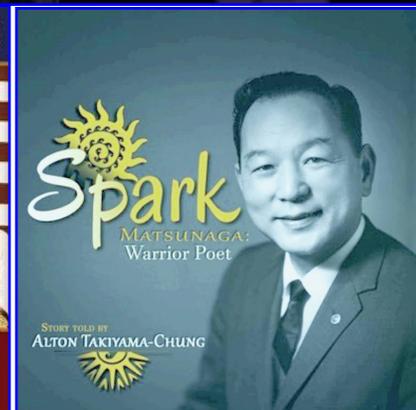
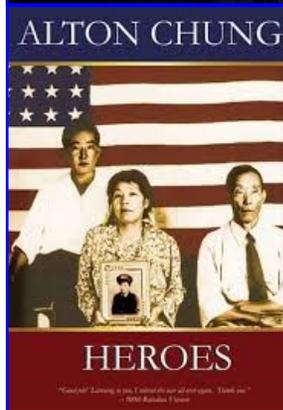
- 1) A yet unnamed story about early life of our ancestors on the plantations of Hawaii;
- 2) “Heroes” which tells the story of two brothers from Hawaii who join the 100th and 442nd to fight in Europe during WWII where they learn about courage and honor, how to be a part of a team, and the reality of war.
- 3) “Spark Matsunaga: Warrior Poet” which is a docudrama about Hawaii’s beloved son and 100th veteran, the late Senator **SPARK MASAYUKI MATSUNAGA**

Due to Alton’s generosity, admission to this event is **FREE** for all World War II veterans who served with the 100th, 442nd, MIS and 1399th. The cost for 100th members or students is \$5.00 and for all others is \$10.00. To receive these discounted rates, you must complete the registration form below and send it with payment (check payable to “100th Infantry Battalion Veterans”) to the 100th Clubhouse by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. “Walk-ins” on the day of the event will be accepted but the cost will be \$20.00 for everyone so make sure to register in time and get the discounted rate! Alton is also donating a portion of the proceeds to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans and our co-sponsor, the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Alton’s DVDs and CDs are available for purchase at the Clubhouse now and also on the day of the event.

Free parking at Ala Wai Elementary School, a few minute walk to and from the Clubhouse.

Please contact **JAYNE HIRATA** at pukapukaparade100@gmail.com for more information.



ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG SHINNEN ENKAI REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

List everyone in your party:

	WWII Vet	100 Member, Student	All Others
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1) Name _____	FREE	\$5.00	\$10.00
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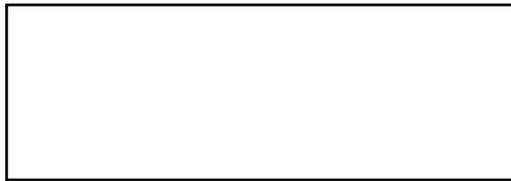
GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

Please send this completed form with a check payable to “100th Infantry Battalion Veterans” by **12:00 noon by Wednesday, January 15, 2020** to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

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JANUARY 2020 CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

BOARD MEETING Saturday, January 18
CHARLIE CHAPTER Saturday, January 25
CRAFT CLUB Tues, January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9 am to 1 pm
LINE DANCING Weds, January 8, 15, 22, 29 from 9 am to 11 am

CLUB EVENTS

RSVP FOR STORYTELLING Completed form and payment due by Weds, January 15 for discounted prices (**new date**)
OKINAWA PEACE MUSEUM EXHIBIT Open weekdays during office hours until Friday, January 17. Last showing on Saturday, January 18 during Storytelling *Shinnen Enkai*
STORYTELLING SHINNEN ENKAI Saturday, January 18 from 1 pm to 3 pm
\$20 walk-in on day of event
CEEDS OF PEACE WORKSHOP #3 Saturday, January 25 from 9 am to 1:30 pm
(www.ceedsofpace.org/workshops)
100TH SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION DEADLINE Must be received by Friday, January 31 at 4 pm
(https://hcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=544)

OTHER EVENTS

MIS VETERANS CLUB OF HAWAII SHINNENKAI Sunday, January 26 at 11 am at Natsunoya Tea House. RSVP by Friday, January 17
(www.misveteranshawaii.com/events/)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clubhouse and Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Years Day, Thursday, January 9, and on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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The opinions expressed in the *PPP* are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. All articles are written by PPP Editor Jayne Hirata unless otherwise indicated.

Please e-mail your articles, comments or questions about the *PPP* to pukapukaparade100@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, please mail or deliver your articles, comments or questions to the Clubhouse Office.

The deadline to submit articles for the February 2020 issue is **January 20**

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