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First Annual 100th/442nd/MIS/1399 Joint Memorial Service

**Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.
National Cemetery of the Pacific
at Punchbowl**

Please join us in this special day of remembrance we AJA veterans have been working toward a joint memorial service to honor all of our fallen comrades from the four units of service in which we served during World War II. Together we pay homage to those who have gone before us.



MEMORIAL DAY by Hiroshi Minami

The bright flowers sway
On this memorial day
To honor the dead,

In war and in peace
Those who have gone before us
May they rest in peace;

We realize
That war is a "brutal hell"
Midst death and dying,

With thousands wounded,
Many crippled in their lives
To struggle along

While their families
Wives, sons and daughters worry
Hoping for the best

While spouses have died
To rest along-side soldiers
Who gave of their lives;

Grant therefore that we
May memorialize this day
Peace so to sustain,

Keeping faith and trust
Granting that the good Lord may
Share his love and grace.

On Sunday, May 23, 2006, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Hiroshi Minami read his poem at a very special memorial church service honoring the veterans of the 100th Bn., the 442nd, the MIS, the 1399 and various branches of the current U.S. Armed Services. In a moving and enlightening speech, Major General Arthur Ishimoto, the main speaker, paid tribute to the veterans of all branches and especially to the actions of the Hawaii AJA veterans groups.

FLAG PRESENTATION AND CHAPLAIN YOST EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 9

Just a reminder that a special event celebrating the life of the late Chaplain Israel A.S. Yost and the publication of the book *Combat Chaplain* will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. Please call Amanda if you would like to order a paperback or hardcopy of the book, which is being offered at a reduced price. (see page 16 of the PPP for information on a 2nd Yost event).

If you can come down to the Clubhouse a little earlier, Sergeant Major Bert Hamakado and some of his troops will present a special American flag that was flown in Iraq to the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans (see *President's Report* for details on the flag). This will begin at 9:30 am.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Robert Arakaki

On the day of collating, July 28, 2006, Sergeant Major Bert M. Hamakado, son of Masami Hamakado (deceased) B Chapter, came to our clubhouse to express appreciation from his troops for receiving care packages from the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans while his men were deployed in Iraq. Hamakado presented to our club an Hawaiian flag that was flown in Iraq. The beautifully embroidered inscription reads: "Presented to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club Go For Broke - Flown at LSA Anaconda Balad, Iraq Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06, November 28, 2005". In the near future, the flag will be hung in Turner Hall by Bert M. Hamakado.

The board meeting was held August 11, 2006. All board members were present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by a moment of silence.

Our clubhouse reroofing was scheduled to be completed by August 24, 2006.

Joint Memorial Service chairman, Mike Harada, announced the keynote speaker will be Admiral William J. Fallon, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command.

Scholarship Committee chairman Kazuto Shimizu gave the Scholarship Fund balance in its Charles Schwab account 211K as of June 30, 2006.

Amanda Stevens offered to research and prepare a list of names for publication in the *PPParade* of all past 100th's scholarship awards recipients.

Unfinished business: There was a long discussion on the motion to create a descendants' chapter and to allow dual membership to the descendants. The board tabled the motion and referred the matter to the Long Range Planning Committee for further review.

Veterans and all of you, please read about events on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and pass the news on to other members.

PUKA PUKA PARADE VOLUNTEERS by Joy Teraoka, Editor

After our volunteers finished their tasks collating, and addressing our last *PPParade* issue, we had a wonderful surprise visitor, Command Sergeant Bert Hamakado whose troops served in Iraq. He presented the 100th Infantry veterans with an Hawaiian flag that flew with the American colors over Iraq in November 2005. (See President Robert Arakaki's report on this presentation.) Photos of this flag embroidered in honor of the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans along with Hamakado and our veterans are displayed on the bulletin board in Turner Hall.

With summer vacation here we had Megan and Natalie Muramatsu, granddaughters of Joichi Muramatsu helping with collation. Glenn Yamasaki, son of a Dog Company veteran, and another Doggie daughter, Denise Teraoka, on a visit to Hawaii, also joined our collators.

Our other volunteers were Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Eunice Dela Cruz, Kunio Fujimoto, Ted Hamasu, Ed Ikuma, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Philip Matsuyama, Masanori Moriwake, Joichi Muramatsu, Mitsuo Nagaki, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Kay Oshiro, Seiei Oshiro, Masaharu Saito, Nancy Sakaki, Mamoru Sato, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Dot Tamashiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Martin Tohara, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Takako Umamoto, and Ukichi Wozumi. If I inadvertently missed someone, please forgive me. We do appreciate everyone who helps. Also I must thank Amanda Stevens for taking our heavy mail bags to the post office.

Bernard Akamine cooked up his specialty, "S&S whatever" which doesn't stand for "S&S Saimin." They say it looks yucky, but it tastes sooo yummy. Ann Kabasawa treated us with her delicious home baked cake.

In September, Dog Chapter will be in charge of the refreshments. Remember, from now on only one chapter each month will be responsible for providing the refreshments.

WREATH PRESENTATION BY BOY SCOUTS by Evelyn Tsuda

On July 7, 2006, Paul Kusunoki (Able Chapter) and Riki Tsuda (Baker Chapter) represented our club at a wreath presentation at Punchbowl Cemetery by the boy scouts of Troop 23 from Pacific Palisades in California. The 20 scouts, ages 12 to 16, together with their four leaders, laid a beautiful red, white, and blue floral wreath from American Legion Post 283. Although the ceremony was short, it was beautifully conducted, ending with the haunting strains of Taps. After the ceremony, the group gathered in Section D, where the 100th and 442nd KIAs are buried; and here, the scouts learned of the accomplishments of the Nisei outfits. Paul, wearing his scoutmaster uniform, spoke about his scouts decorating the graves at our annual memorial service in September and reminded them that they have to be ever mindful of serving the community.

In Memoriam

NAME	COMPANY	DATE OF DEATH
Kanichi Nishi	Dog	June 16, 2006
Masato Tomihiro	Rural/B	July 14, 2006
Charles Sadami Nishimura	Rural/F-B	August 2, 2006

Our deepest sympathy to their families

CORRECTIONS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

We would like to share this lovely note from the students and staff of Indiana University Kokomo who recently visited with some of our veterans at the clubhouse.

Dear Gentlemen:

It was such a pleasure to meet you and have the opportunity to hear your stories. We are grateful for the sacrifices you have made, the lives you lead, and the examples you set for all of us. Thank you so much for sharing your time and your inspiration with us. You truly are heroes--men of honor and men of courage. We wish you all good things.

With much affection and appreciation,
The Students and Staff of Indiana University Kokomo

(J. Teraoka, Editor's note) In 2001 I wrote a *PPP* article on the eighth grade students at Tecumseh Middle School in Indiana and their teacher Leila Meyerratken. Inspired with a genuine desire to combat blind prejudice, Meyerratken's students embarked upon a project to honor the AJA veterans of the 442nd and 100th who fought two battles--one for their country and one against racial prejudice.

They learned about the plight of the Japanese Americans during World War II, the mass evacuation of those who had a trace of Japanese blood in their veins--not only men and women, but children and babies who were American citizens. For a better understanding of the Japanese culture, they undertook a project to create a beautiful Japanese garden on their campus. The students dedicated elements of their garden--the goldfish pond and fountain to the 442nd, the stone lantern and purple iris to the 100th's "Purple Heart" Battalion.

The following year Meyerratken's students created a 19' by 41' tapestry using memorabilia, clothing, photos, and other bits and scraps symbolic of the year 1941. Bordering the hanging were 120,000 tassels representing all those people who were interned in the concentration camps. The tapestry also commemorated the loyalty, sacrifices and heroic deeds of the 100th, 442nd and MIS fighting units.

The students completed this stunning tapestry by the end of their semester. So beautiful and inspiring were their efforts that it went on tour across the nation and eventually came to Hawaii where we were able to see it in all its splendor and to meet some of these students and their teacher, Leila Meyerratken. At that time they also visited the 100th clubhouse where we had a small reception for them.

I am wondering if some of these college students from Indiana University Kokomo had been students of Tecumseh High School and Ms. Meyerattken, and if their recent visit was not a "follow-up" to visit those veterans they learned about. What a wonderful, inspiring story of how her motto "a grain of rice can tip the scale" broadened the minds and hearts of her students. May I salute those students of the University of Indiana Kokomo who came to Hawaii to see and say "thank you" to these old gentlemen veterans in their twilight years. I'm sure it created a mutual glow of happiness for both parties.



Several months ago we featured in a *PPP* article, the chance meeting of Charlie Nishimura (Rural/F-B Co) and Steve Sato. They just happened to be seated next to each other in the Hospitality Room at last year's mini-reunion in Las Vegas. It surely must have been fate, as Steve had gone to this reunion wondering if he might meet a veteran who had known his father, Shukichi Sato, KIA. When Steve learned that Charlie was not only in F Company but was a good friend of his father's, his wishes were answered. Steve who was a mere baby never knew his dad. Through the years he yearned to connect with those who could talk to him about his father. A warm friendship developed between Charlie and Steve. Through our story in the *PPP*Parade, Steve also met another good friend of his father's--Jerry Sakoda.

The following is a letter from Steve Sato on the passing of Charles Nishimura:

Dear Joy,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness in letting me know about Mr. Nishimura. I was very, very saddened to hear about his passing. I took the liberty of speaking to his family (grandson) and introduced/shared how we had met recently at the reunion in Las Vegas last year.

Charlie and I had been in relatively close contact and his last phone call was to ask me if I was attending the reunion again in October. Unfortunately, I will be in Hawaii during that time period for my daughter's wedding and could not be there to see him. He was indeed looking forward to the reunion in Vegas. However, we made plans to see each other after his return. Unfortunately,...now,...that will not be possible. I was so looking forward to seeing him again. I believe that he was too....

Although I only met him recently,... I feel truly blessed that we had that "chance" meeting at the reunion last year. I know that meeting him was meant to be. He shared so many personal thoughts and insights about the night my dad died so many years ago. I was impressed with his excellent recollections of what happened that evening so many years ago. He indeed was a close friend of my dad and they shared many experiences together.

Again,...thank you for being so thoughtful and keeping in touch. He was a wonderful man and will truly be missed by all of us.

With our "Aloha," Steve and Sonia Sato

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAVA'S NEW EDITOR

Thanks to Terry Shima, Japanese American Veterans Association Executive Director, we have received JAVA's latest newsletter, and its "new look" is great! With colored pictures, new formatting and all, it is a very professional presentation. Our congratulations to its new editor, Major Kay Wakatake, who just received her gold oak leaf promotion. Her initial issue predicts a great future for JAVA's publication..

GRAHAM SALISBURY BOOKS ARE IN

The third book in Graham Salisbury's series featuring a fictionalized account of the AJA experience during WWII, "House of the Red Fish," is now in stock. Tomi and his friends (whom you met in "Under the Blood Red Sun") spend their summer vacation planning and plotting how to raise his father's sampan which the Army sank in the Ala Wai Canal. All three books, "Under the Blood Red Sun," "Eyes of the Emperor" and "House of the Red Fish" may be ordered by contacting Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

STAN'S CORNER by Stanley Akita

A fleeing al-Qaida guerilla, desperate for water, was plodding through the desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling neckties. The Arab asked, "Do you have water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water, but would you like to buy a tie? They are only 5 shekels." The Arab shouted, "Idiot Jew! Israel should not exist! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water! I should kill you, BUT I must find water first."

"OK," said the old Jew, "it does not matter that you do not want to buy a necktie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about five kilometers, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the water you need. *Shalom.*"

Muttering, the Arab staggered away over the hill. Several hours later he staggered back, near collapse - "Your brother won't let me in without a tie."

65TH ANNIVERSARY -- PLEASE SAVE THE DATES by Pauline Sato

If you have not already done so, please get your 2007 calendars out and circle the dates of June 22 - 24. The planning committee is meeting regularly to make the 65th anniversary truly memorable. The Clubhouse Bash will be a great time to socialize with friends from near and far, and the banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom will end the weekend on a high note. Other activities are being planned as well, and the committee welcomes your input. Please contact Joyce Doi at phone (808) 677-9398 if you have any suggestions. Also, we are looking for volunteers, especially from the Sons & Daughters (and their sons & daughters). Please contact Warren Yamamoto at daisyy@hawaiiantel.net to offer your help.

ANOTHER PEEK INTO THE PAST by Bernard Akamine

In the August 2006 issue of the *PPP*, we published two photos taken in 1948 that were submitted by Sakae Tanigawa of B Company. We invited *PPP* readers to send us any nostalgic photos that they would like to share. Bernard Akamine also of B Company took us up on our request and sent along this photo also from the 1940s. The photo is of Sam Furukawa receiving the Bronze Star Medal for Valor at a ceremony in Italy right after the War.

Bernard shared this wonderful "chicken skin" story about the connection between his family and Sam Furukawa's family: "Unbelievable circumstance. Alexandra Furukawa, the recent Warren Fencil scholarship winner who lives in Walnut Creek, California, and my granddaughter, Carolee Tanaka, who lives in Kaneohe, know each other. They got to know each other when Carolee was living in Oakland, California. Carolee was doubly surprised when she found out that Sam Furukawa and I were buddies in Co. B."

In case you were wondering, the inscription on the photo says, "To Sgt. Bernie Akamine, one swell guy. Sincerely, S/Sgt. Sam Furukawa".



If you have any photos from the past or the present that you would like to see published in the *PPP*, please send them to the *PPP* Editor or drop them off at the Clubhouse. All photos will be returned. Please provide any identifying information, if available. Mahalo.

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2006 LEI TRIBUTE MAHALO NUI LOA by Drusilla Tanaka

(Note to Editor: This is an addendum to the report by Joy Teraoka in the August issue. It includes the remarks made by Lt. Col. Colbert Low, Battalion Commander of the 100th Bn/442nd Infantry Regiment of the US Army Reserve, at the July 20 event at the clubhouse, Turner Hall.)

Mahalo nui loa to all the Lei Makers who gave their time to weave the 700 beautiful yarn ilima lei or in some way helped with the lei-making: Jeanette Akamine, Nobue Akashi, Yukie Akita, Fumi Ansai, Nancy Arakaki, Harriet Cherry, May and Henry Furuya, Anita Haban-Nakamaejo, Yukie Hamakado, Mary Hamasaki, Tsuruye Hamasu, Cheryl Hoffman, Dorine Ichikawa, Nancy Ichikawa, Sally Inouye, Yoshiko Ishikawa, Madeline Kageno, Grace Kam, Cheryl Kamihara, Sadako Kaneshiro, Nancy Kang, Young Ahe Keem, Lena Keeno, Clare Kim, Doris Kimura, Ruth Kunishige, Ann Lee, June Hee Lee, Toni Lee, Yong Hui Lee, Joo Ryoung Lim, Kimie Matsuda, Violet Miyahara, Vivian Nakamura, Stella Nakayama, Misayo Nihe, Barbara Nishioka, Akiko Nosaka, Kay Okimoto, Kay Oshiro, Violet Pahia, Olivia Reid, Shelley Santo, Alice Sasano, Yoneko Shimizu, Carol Sullivan, Dorothy Tamashiro, Annie Tamura, Kazue Tanaka, Stella Tanigawa, Joy Teraoka, Susan Tokuhama, Marge Toma, Skip Tomiyama, Mieko Tsubota, Miyako Tsubota, Evelyn Tsuda, Arlene Urada-Young, Jeanette Wong, Frances and Ukichi Wozumi, Masue Yamada, Jane Yamashiro, Marie Yoneshige, Emiko Yoshida, Yong Rye Yun. If the lei proved too difficult to make, the volunteer worked on another part of the project—whether to cut the string (2,100 pieces—exactly 7 inches long) for the tags or using a needle to fray the joined ends to make the yarn look like the feathers on the *mahiole* (the Hawaiian warrior's helmet that is part of the 100th Battalion's crest).

Mahalo nui loa to

- Claire Mitani, Carrie Miyasato and Earl Nishimura of the 442nd RCT Veterans Club for sharing helpful historical information about the event in 1943. Extra thanks to Claire for providing digital images for the slide show.
- Karleen Chinen and the Hawaii Herald for supporting and promoting the event.
- The Hawaii Nikkei History Editorial Board for giving a copy of "Japanese Eyes, American Heart" to each of the Lei Makers.
- Major General Robert Lee for his support; to Lt. Col. Colbert Low, Captain Ken Tafao, Lt. Vinluan, and Sgt. Aaron Nakashima for their efforts to coordinate and stage the event.
- Doris Kimura for singing the National Anthem and "Hawaii Pono."
- Skip Tomiyama for decorating the stage with floral arrangements and for leading the singing of "Hawaii Aloha."
- Bert Kuioka for serving as Master of Ceremonies.
- Photographers Clyde Sugimoto, Wayne Iha, Terry Takaki, Karleen Chinen, Steve Takushi and Ann Kabasawa for capturing the tribute in more than 600 photographs and on video.
- Warren Yamamoto for securing the curbside parking for the troop transport buses.
- Dorothy Tamashiro for arranging the lei.
- Everyone who brought the ono desserts.
- Members of the Delta Family Readiness Group for their hard work to set up the refreshments, serve lunch, and clean up. Under the leadership of Henry and Irlene Torres, they are: Sharleen Arcieto, Anne Marie Blecha, Carylynd Cintron-Ala, Kimeona Kalaulu, Pam Lau, Gay Lorch, Sheri Nelson, Liberta "Lee" Pacheco, Cheryl Tanaka, and Milton Tanaka.
- Amanda Stevens and Tyler Chun for their valuable assistance, before, during and after the event.
- Members of the press for coverage on television and in print.
- WWII Veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and of the 442nd RCT Veterans Club for their presence and participation.
- Men of Delta and HHC Companies of the 100th Bn/442nd Inf. Reg. Their rendition of the "442 Fight Song" with lyrics commemorating the original 100th's WWII battle cry, "Remember Pearl Harbor" and ending with the 442nd's battle cry, "Go For Broke," gave us "chicken skin."
- Members of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans for hosting the historic event where veterans of World War II and veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom-3 were able to thank each other for their combat service, for establishing and up-holding the good reputation of the 100th/442nd and for continuing their service to our community.

Spearheaded by the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 2006 Lei Tribute began in July 2005 with the purchase of more than 200 skeins of yarn and the first lei-making session. By January 2006, the 700 lei were completed and the tags were attached at the S&D Annual Meeting. **Mahalo nui loa** to the S&D volunteers who helped with the project and who contributed their time and talent at the Lei Tribute: Joyce Chinen, Karleen Chinen, Bert Hamakado, Cheryl Kimura Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Ann Kabasawa, Bert Kuioka, Randy Kuroda, Mari Matsuda, Egan Nakano, Mimi

Nakano, Stephen Nakano, Shelley Santo, Clyde Sugimoto, Steve Takushi, Carolee Tanaka, Cecilee Tanaka, Cheryl Tanaka, Len Tanaka, Milton Tanaka, Stanley Tanaka, Bert Turner, Vonnie Turner, Charlotte Yamamoto, and Warren Yamamoto.

REMARKS BY LT. COL. COLBERT LOW AT THE 2006 LEI TRIBUTE

I speak for all of the soldiers in our battalion when I say thanks to each and every one you here today and those of you who could not be here today.

To the veterans of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, without your legendary accomplishments and grit, our battalion would not exist today.

To the sons and daughters of these fine veterans: without your never ending support as boosters who are here today, the morale of our soldiers would not have been the combat-multiplier that it is today.

To the commanders and staff of the 9th Regional Readiness command and the Hawaii National Guard: without your efforts to support our soldiers with rice, noodles, SPAM, and Vienna Sausage, we would have lost too many pounds. That goes for everyone who has also participated in sending all of that good stuff to us.

To our family and friends, a simple word of thank you does not sufficiently express our gratitude for your love and support.

Rest assured that each soldier of today's 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry Regiment will always "Remember Pearl Harbor." We will "never make shame" and we always remember to "Go For Broke." Thank you.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS by Helen Nikaido

REMINDER: Kazu "Opu" Hiranaka's One Puka Puka tour meeting will be held on SEPTEMBER 28 (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Payment for the tour will be collected at that time. Please bring your check book.

The luncheon meeting will be on October 8 (Sunday) at 10:30 am at the Clubhouse. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PASSPORT. Other important information will be given, baggage tags, etc.

Jane Matsunami will be moving to Torrance, California in August. She will be living with son Dennis. All her sisters and grandchildren live in California. We will miss you, Jane. Take care of yourself; we'll be in touch.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by Drusilla Tanaka

Our deepest condolences to the family of Bessie Ichimura (widow of Torao). Bessie was 90 years old. She participated in the Baker Ukulele group and the Monday Ukulele Classes and brought her children and grand-children to Baker events. A favorite memory of her will be her singing the alto part of her alma mater, "Lahainaluna."

2006 Christmas Party: Save the date: Sunday, December 3, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii Manoa Ballroom. Details and a reservation form will be mailed out to all Baker Chapter members in October.

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Party Planning Committee to help plan the program, purchase the prizes and set up the games. Please contact Bernard Akamine, Chair, at 734-8738 or Drusilla Tanaka at 235-1343 or Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 if you can help or have ideas. We welcome help from veterans, spouses, sons, daughters, grandchildren, in-laws and live-ins. Note: We do not need anyone to cook or prepare the food or to set up tables and chairs or to clean up. We hope to have a party that is enjoyable for everyone, so please offer to help and share some of the responsibilities.

DIS AND DAT by Ray Nosaka

There are less than two months left before we will be Las Vegas bound. There were 40 people present at the pre-mini reunion luncheon/meeting on August 6. Since the meeting, the Transportation Security Administration has come out with new rulings for our safety which may or may not still be in effect by the time we go. Please keep this in mind when it comes time to pack. **DO NOT HAND CARRY** any bottled items like water, juice, shampoo, toothpaste, any kind of gelled items including any gel-filled heels, medications, and probably other items which might be listed at a later time. All make-up items should be stored in your regular luggage too.

It has been recommended that passengers arrive three hours before departure time. Wear slip-on shoes for your convenience at the checkpoint where you will have to take off your shoes and place them in a tray.

Most important of all, do not forget to bring a picture I.D. (driver's license) which can be worn on a chain around your neck (so you won't forget where it is). Departure time is 11:00 am, so please arrive at the latest by 8:30 am for Omni Air at Lobby 6 on Sunday, October 22.

We are sorry to say that our harmonica player, Charlie Nishimura, passed away last week. He was looking forward to entertaining us at the mini-reunion and we will surely miss him.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by Wayne M. Nagao

Meeting was held on July 29 at 10:10 am. In attendance were President Kazuto Shimizu, Secretary Skip Tomiyama, Treasurer Warren Iwai, Oscar Miyashiro, Hiromi Suehiro, Philip Matsuyama, Kay Oshiro and Wayne Nagao. It was very nice to see Oscar back in good health at this meeting.

Treasurer Warren Iwai reported no significant changes in the treasury checking account. Warren also recommended some funds should be transferred to a short term CD account from our current treasury, so we would have higher earnings from a better interest rate. The reason given by the Treasurer was the increasing interest rates in the current financial market which makes this move an intelligent and practical action to take at this time. President Shimizu agreed, and so did the attendees of this meeting.

These are the dates of upcoming "C" Chapter meetings for the remainder of this year: August 12, September 23, October 28; November's meeting has not been scheduled yet. There is no meeting in December because of Christmas.

This year's upcoming Christmas Party will be organized again by the sons and daughters of Charlie Company. Warren Yamamoto will be chairing the event. Thank you all very much for your hard work. This year's "C" Chapter Christmas is tentatively set for December 16.

President Shimizu went over the items discussed at the June and July Club 100 Board meetings. Items discussed were proposed revisions of the Club 100 bylaws. No decisions were made on any specific issues in the proposed revisions at this "C" Chapter meeting.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our veterans from Charlie Company. Noboru Sugahara of Maui passed away June 11, 2006. We would like to send our deepest condolences and sympathy to Noboru's family.

This year's 64th Anniversary Banquet had a great turnout. "C" Chapter alone had over 50 members in attendance. All the prominent and notable people in attendance were printed in the last *PPP* issue. One more notable attendee that I had recognized was Rep. Ed Case with his lovely wife. It was nice to see someone of his caliber in attendance from the island political scene.

The 65th Anniversary Celebration will be a three day event to be held on June 22 and 23, and the banquet on June 24 in the year 2007. Those of you who couldn't make it this year - we hope to see you at the next one.

Hope you all had a great summer!

(Editor's Note: C Chapter President Kazuto Shimizu has added the following content to Charlie Chapter news.)

C Chapter met on August 12, one day after our Board of Director's meeting and three days before this PPP deadline to submit our chapter news. I am adding a short supplement to our chapter news to keep our members informed.

Lorraine Miyashiro sez she had to come to our meeting to keep Sadako company in spite of her busy hours tending her "Miyashiro Hotel" on Keahi Street.

Larry Kamiya brought along his two sons, Major General Jason K. and Clayton K. - should I say vice versa? Thank you Regina for keeping together a fine family. Aren't you happy to have Jason back for a few weeks?

We also had a guest, Mike Harada, joining us and giving us an update on the "Descendants Chapter" proposal in the Long Range Planning Committee, some added info on the 65th anniversary planning and our Joint Memorial Service.

Warren Iwai suggested a proposal to revive an obsolete and long dormant mutual assistance policy. We had a good discussion and this proposal is ongoing. Mutual assistance is one of the fine points of our club, but we must not take things for granted.

Does all this make you want to come to our meetings? I hope so.

Other bits of info on our members:

Rusty Nakagawa has "good and bad days" according to Alice. He is unable to attend our meetings.

Robert Hashimoto has been in Hale Pulama Mau for the past year. Elsie sez he is "good and bad" but he looks forward to the C Chapter news and the PPP.

Hisako Miyashiro's name is listed among those going to the mini-reunion. Oscar sez son Earl takes good care of her.

Amy Ikeda passed away. I have no other info as of this writing.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS by Sam Fujikawa

Sunday, July 30, the MIS Service Club of Southern California had another one of their successful annual Prime Rib/Chicken and Bingo Fundraisers at the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center. Along with their hardworking members led by President Hitoshi Sameshima, and assisted by the *Nikkei* Bridge Club, we all enjoyed a huge delicious lunch, many prizes from door prize drawings and Bingo games. Even with the weather still continuing to be very hot, there was a full turnout of members, families and friends. Fortunately, the auditorium was air-conditioned so we were able to enjoy the afternoon visiting, eating and playing Bingo. Funds raised, help provide donations to non-profit organizations as Visual Communications, *Nikkei* Bridge, JANM, the Go For Broke National Education Center, and Hollywood High School ROTC John Aiso Scholarship Award.

The 100th/442 Association members who helped with barbecuing the chicken were Ted Ohira, Sam Fujikawa, Toke Yoshihashi, Ken Shigemitsu, Govan Yee, and Toe Yoshino. Henry Hayashi who made the special barbecue sauce marinade for the chicken had another engagement to attend but was there in spirit for all to enjoy the delicious chicken. Other 100th/442nd members supporting the fundraiser event were James and Yuri Ogawa, Chizu Ohira, Reiko Yoshihashi, Marie Yee, Rebecca Shigemitsu, and Teri Fujikawa.

The 100th/442 Association meeting was held on August 5 at the Go For Broke National Education Center Offices. Special guest was Cliff Tanigawa, who was instrumental in successfully arranging to have the Air Force name a C-17 troop transport plane as the Spirit of "Go For Broke," came to explain in detail all the steps that were needed to accomplish this very involved process that took eight years to complete. All the letters, proposals, endorsements that were needed showed what a tremendous undertaking it was. Each veteran in the group picture taken during the gathering at the Boeing facilities for the C-17 Globemaster III takeoff to Hickam AFB on August 5 was given a

copy. A second group picture with everyone, including wives and friends who attended that day, was given to each veteran. We are all grateful to Cliff Tanigawa for his expertise and dedication in accomplishing this great honor and tribute to the WWII Japanese American Soldiers.

Present at the special gathering was President of the 100th/442 Association, John Wakamatsu, who helped corral the veterans, with staff members of the Go For Broke National Education Center, Teri Kuwahara, and Gary, Julia Tomigawa, Wayne Osako, Ron Yamada, Ken Shigemitsu, Russell Nakaishi, Harrison Hamasaki, and veterans and family members, Tets Asato, Ken Akune, Henry Ikemoto, Frank and Nami Fukuzawa, Bob and Chris Ichikawa, Mas Takahashi, Don Seki, Ken and Hisa Miya and daughter Caolyn Fong, Yuk and Janice Hibino, Harry Sasaki, Nob Kagawa, Hiro and Amy Takasugawa, Mas Miyamoto, Mas and Kisao Chyomori, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa.

The 66th Annual *Nisei* Week Parade was on Sunday, August 13. It promptly began at 4 pm as scheduled with the leadoff banners and fanfare followed by the banners announcing the 100th/442nd Veterans with Bob Ichikawa (Co E) carrying the American flag, Toke Yoshihashi (100th, Co A) carrying the 442nd colors with the Distinguished Unit Citation streamers, and Sam Fujikawa (100th, Co C) carrying the 100th Colors with the Campaign Citation streamers. They were followed by a WWII vintage jeep driven by Govan Yee (HM 442, Co H), with a group of Korean War Veterans, the WWII vintage 2-ton truck with more WWII veterans including Harrison Hamasaki (HM 442, Co H and HM 100th). A second WWII vintage jeep driven by Major Russell Nakaishi had as riders veteran Ted Ohira (442, Co H, President), Don Seki (442, Co L) and Mike Takamine (442, Co E). Ken Shigemitsu, (HM 442, Co H), and his group of volunteer friends marched dressed in WWII Army attire. Many veterans of the *Nisei* Veterans Coordinating Council followed as did the many local groups of graceful dancers including a group from Okinawa, lively bands, and beautiful floats.

This past year's *Nisei* Week Queen, lovely Stephanie Tameshiro and her equally lovely court preceded the last float sponsored by American Airlines, with this coming year's very beautiful Queen Liane Kristen Takano, 23 year old USC graduate, and her chosen court of First Princess Lisa Emi Shimabukuro, Miss *Tomodachi* Chelsea Yoshie O'Neill, Stefanie Michiko Fujinami, Colleen Keiko Suyenaga as the grand finale to the parade enjoyed by large throngs of spectators lining the streets.

Spotted among the crowd were family and friends of the veterans, Chizu Ohira, Chris Ichikawa, Marie Yee, and little Gavin Yee, Wayne Fujita, and Nikki Kodama, granddaughter of the late Buddy and Lily Mamiya (100th, Co D) who was the *Nisei* Week Queen in 2005. Many thanks to Chizu Ohira for helping to gather information about the *Nisei* Week Parade as yours truly was busy marching in the parade.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS by Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter's meeting was held at the Asian Cuisine and Sports Bar restaurant in Kahului on Tuesday, August 1, at 11 a.m. There were seven members plus wives and three widows present. Members voted to close our mutual fund account and deposit the money in the American Savings Bank's savings account. Due to declining members' attendance, all future activities will be planned with that in mind.

The following members passed away this year: Isami Yamashiro, February 20, Co. C; Yeiho Higa, May 17, Co. F/B; Ben Takayesu, Co. C, May 24; and Noboru Sugahara, Co. C, June 11.

Maui Chapter members currently at Kahului Hale Makua Nursing Home are: Masao Sato in Room 67 of the old wing and Takeshi Omura in Room 150-A in the Weinberg Annex next door.

The opinions expressed in the Puka Puka Parade are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans association. We welcome readers to send signed, written comments to the following address: PPP Editor, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 or via e-mail to club100vets@yahoo.com or joyteraoka@mac.com.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS by Ed Ikuma and Jan Sakoda

NEWS FLASH! There is still time to RSVP to our quarterly get together, so call now to reserve a spot. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Treetops Restaurant (former Paradise Park) in Manoa.

Who: Medics and Headquarters Chapter members are invited.

We'll be having a short meeting before lunch. Call Elsie Oshita (734-2349) or Pat Akimoto (941-6577) to RSVP.

Ed Ikuma is giving plenty of notice to Headquarters that the Chapter will be having a change of officers starting January 2007 as he will not be running for another term as president. So be thinking about who you would like to nominate for this office.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Don Ishiki, who passed away July 8, 2006. Ed Ikuma recalled that Don, one of the originals assigned to the Communications Section, was the lone survivor of an ambush in Italy while laying telephone wires early one morning. Don is survived by wife Chiyo, daughter Dawne Lum and sister Lillian Taira.

Congratulations to Colonel Deborah Omori on her retirement from the U.S. Army. Col. Omori is the niece of the late Tony and Elsie Oshita and daughter of Richard (Major, USA Ret.) and Betty Omori of "B" Company and MIS. Col. Omori has such an impressive list of accomplishments, such as: Associate Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, and is also an Internal Medicine physician in the Department of Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). She has had the opportunity to travel extensively as a physician on Congressional Delegation trips. Her military awards are too numerous to list but include: the Army Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, and Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. Whew!!! I'm exhausted just thinking about all Col. Omori has accomplished! We as her extended *ohana* are so very proud of her and extend our congratulations to her and her family.

We have other accomplished members in the Headquarters Chapter. Ken Akinaka recently returned from Washington, D. C. where he serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest civil rights organization in this country. Ken's wife, Delores Akinaka, is enjoying her new position with Project Hope, an organization dedicated to helping disabled homeless register for disability with Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Income.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this column. It sure makes it a lot easier to write and more interesting for our readers. Please contact Jan Sakoda at 737-7778 if you have news to share.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS NEWS by Drusilla Tanaka

Mahalo nui loa to the following donors for their thoughtful gifts which were received between July 18 and August 13, 2006:

For the Building Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hosaka \$500

For the Puka Puka Parade:

Mr. Kenneth Mun \$50 in memory of Masayoshi Nakano (C)

For the Sons and Daughters:

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LEGACY OF THE NISEI by Mark Sakaki

(Editor's Note: Mark M.L. Sakaki is the recipient of the One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship for 2006. He attends Mililani High School and is planning to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa after graduation. Aside from his academic achievements, Mark is an accomplished soccer player and was a member of the Mililani High School Varsity Soccer Team which won the OIA Tournament Championship in 2004, 2005, and 2006 and the HHSAA State Soccer Tournament Championship in 2004. Mark is the grandson of John M. Sakaki of A Company. What follows is Mark's scholarship-winning essay).



The Nisei, "products of a complex social fabric and the beneficiaries of a cultural legacy that emphasized education, honor, loyalty, and honesty," as stated on (pg. 61 of Remembrances). During the time of World War 2 there was much racial discrimination going on, and the Japanese Americans were not looked upon as equal Americans. After Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese the 100th Infantry Battalion was formed. Composed mostly of Japanese Americans the 100th forged into war with the battle cry "Remember Pearl Harbor." Armed with pride and determination all members of the 100th Infantry Battalion fought bravely to fulfill their battle cry, and gain the respect, that they deserved; even after the war had ended it would not stop members of the 100th Infantry Battalion from continuing service.

When Pearl Harbor was bombed, it added tension to an already tense situation for Japanese Americans. Japanese Americans were being treated as inferior, because they were "nonhaole." In the real world the Nisei would work hard to prove that they were American, but it was to no avail because of society's disability to accept and change. With America now entered in the war many Japanese Americans living in Hawaii were drafted, or volunteered for the war. "Many of the members in the early years of the 100th Infantry Battalion were drafted, they had no choice," stated Robert Arakaki, president of the 100th Infantry Battalion's Veterans Organization at present. It was difficult to go into a war and fight for a country in which they believed in, who blamed them for being the enemy. Many Japanese Americans in Hawaii would be put together and formed into the 100th Infantry Battalion, they would go into war with the battle cry "Remember Pearl Harbor," for remembering how hard times were, and to prove to society that they were equal Americans. The members of the 100th Infantry Battalion fought bravely and received many honors, to help win the war and gain the respect they deserved.

After the war the 100th, formed the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization. "Club 100 participated in fund drives for the Honolulu Community Chest, Honolulu Advertiser Christmas Fund, Kuakini Hospital Building Fund and the American Red Cross" (pg. 161, Remembrances). Club 100 also gave monetary donations, and also "sponsored series of benefits" (pg. 163, Remembrances).

Members from the 100th Infantry Battalion also participated in politics, and public service. For the members of the 100th, World War 2 was a service to their country and even after the war had finished and for years to come they uphold their duties to this country and their communities, making "For Continuing Service" a perfect club motto.

As a descendant of a member of the 100th I see myself contributing to the legacy by upholding my duty as an American Citizen, to get a good post secondary education, and use my knowledge to contribute to the community. Also to conduct myself with an equal mindset, and stiff determination in whatever I do, the same mindset which the members of the 100th used to gain their respect. Many others can contribute to the legacy as well by upholding their civic duties to this country and the communities. If each is able to uphold his own, then the legacy of the 100th will continue to strive.

Did you know that September is National Rice Month? According to the USA Rice Federation, two-thirds of U.S. consumers eat rice once a week, 85% have rice at least twice a month, and 90% are eating rice in restaurants — up from 75% in 1992. Uncooked white rice will keep indefinitely if stored in a tightly-closed container in the pantry but brown rice has a limited shelf life of six months so it should be stored in the refrigerator. You may be shocked to know the Federation recommends NOT washing or rinsing rice as that only results in a loss of nutrients! For more rice information and lots of recipes, go to www.usarice.com.

ONE PUKA PUKA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2006

by Kyle Singson



(Editor's Note: Kyle K. Singson is the recipient of the One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship for 2006. He attends Iolani School and is planning to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa after graduation. Kyle has excelled in academics but is also a well-rounded young man who participates in a number of sports (wrestling, tennis, paddling and track) and has a knack for art. He is also active in community service – you may have seen him helping out at the Book and Bake Sale last year. Kyle is the grandson of Hayato Tanaka of B and C Companies. What follows is Kyle's scholarship-winning essay).

My Grandfather says the motto "Remember Pearl Harbor" is what kept their drive up. "*Gambatte!* Do your best and Go For Broke!" He said the soldiers had to bring honor to their families and Hawaii born Japanese fighting for America. There was no question of their loyalty and patriotism to America. The problem was that no one believed them. Everyone overlooked their character and focused on their ethnic background. This was the chance to prove themselves; they were set on earning the respect and dignity they deserved as American soldiers fighting for a cause.

The following essay looks at three periods of time: "Remember Pearl Harbor," which was the motto of the 100th Infantry Battalion soldiers; "For Continuing Service," which was the motto of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club, and lastly my role as *Sansei* in continuing the legacy begun sixty-three years ago by my grandfather Hayato Tanaka.

I. "Remember Pearl Harbor" was the motto of the 100th Infantry Battalion. The bombing of Pearl Harbor caused a dramatic change in how Japanese-Americans were perceived. The result was that the *Nisei* were put into a single battalion, and even though they were fighting for America, suspicion and doubt toward all AJA soldiers had formed. The motto, "Remember Pearl Harbor," gave soldiers a reminder of what they were fighting for. It was a large responsibility for them to take on because, "The stark reality that the future of the entire Japanese population in the United States now rests upon their shoulders is ever in their minds. Fate has appointed these *Nisei* to prove the patriotism of their people." To this end, the 100th Battalion singularly exemplified courage without hesitation, loyalty and dedication to America. The men had to prove themselves not only in fighting, but also in training at Camp McCoy, in order to gain the right to fight for America. With this in mind, they became an intensively trained unit of the army with each soldier mastering several weapons in order to be prepared for all situations. During the war, the 100th Battalion became known as the "Purple Heart Battalion" due to the massive amount of injuries the soldiers received. They fought with passion and in turn, the price they paid was the loss of many lives. The result of this persistent outpouring of loyalty in America earned them the respect they were searching for. Lieutenant (Spark) Masayuki Matsunaga was quoted as saying, "We wanted to prove our loyalty, to show that we could fight like true Americans. We are proud to be called Americans, and that is what made us fight like we did."

II. Adopting the motto "For Continuing Service" was a logical sequence in the lives of the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans. The values, loyalty, and honor of the soldiers demonstrated during their military service were equal in comparison to their post-war lifestyles. Individually, and as a club, the veterans of the 100th Battalion helped their community, friends, families, and country. During the past fifty-four years, the club has contributed to numerous causes of the community such as Honolulu Community Chest, Honolulu Advertiser Christmas Fund, Kuakini Medical Center Building Fund, American Red Cross, ROTC, Department at University of Hawaii, Ala Wai and Iolani School and providing scholarships.

In contrast to pre-war Japanese-American soldiers, the veterans of the 100th Battalion, now proven and respected American citizens, entered public service and political careers leading the direction of Hawaii. The members of the 100th have served Hawaii as leaders in business, law, education, the military and all aspects of the State.

The club continues its service to the State and Nation in publications which teach the younger generations and remind the nation of the danger of racism. Each Memorial Day, this club serves the nation by reminding it of the fallen comrades. In contrast to their WWII ties, this club has connected with current military events and supports the 100th Battalion National Guard deployed to Iraq.

III. WWII caused Japanese-American soldiers to be united and face adversity with bravery and honor, and in turn shaped how they lived the rest of their lives. The effects of these events have affected generations since. I am an offspring affected by these events. Although I do not have my life

figured out yet, I am happy to be near graduation from Iolani and am wondering what life will be like in college. I don't know yet what life I will create for myself, or how my career will benefit the community. What I know, however, is that in my everyday life, I can follow the legacy of the 100th Battalion's Veterans' Club motto "For continuing service." I think it is how you interact with people that is important. Maybe it is helping others that is more important than just thinking of yourself. I know that everyone wants us to get jobs and be able to have money to support ourselves, but maybe it is also important how we get there.

The morals that I live with such as: honor, doing my best, helping other people, respect for others, and perseverance were passed down from my grandparents. I learned perseverance mostly from my Grandfather. I always knew him as having only one arm. It was not anything unusual to me; I just accepted it. It was when my Mother explained to me about the things Grandpa had to endure, having only one hand that I began to understand perseverance and acceptance. Grandpa learned to write using his remaining left hand, to tie his shoe laces with one hand, to drive a standard shift car, and became a florist. He never grumbled, felt sorry for himself, or seemed to need help (except for cutting his steak). He just did what he needed to do. I think this is an important message, and I try to do this as well.

I believe the best way Club 100 continues its legacy is through teaching the generations removed from WWII of the values that the veterans followed back then, and still follow today. President Robert Arakaki shared some of the Club's vision of building a high rise, having apartments to support the Club and building a museum. It is important that people remember the 100th.

My Grandfather is eighty-eight years old, and lives in the veil of Alzheimer's. It is strange that though he is unable to remember the events of the previous day, yet he is vividly able to tell me the details of the 100th Battalion B Company, who later joined C (Charlie) Company. He talks often of the war, of being a soldier, of Camp McCoy, even though that three year period of his life was sixty-three years ago. It shows me the impact "Remember Pearl Harbor" truly had on his life and mine.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP EXCURSION TO POHAI NANI by Drusilla Tanaka

It was a beautiful summer day for a bus ride to the windward side of the island! Thanks to a wonderful gift from So. Cal. Members Tets Asato, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Henry Ikemoto, and Ted Ohira, we rode in air-conditioned comfort aboard a Polynesian Hospitality coach to Pohai Nani Good Samaritan Retirement Community in Kaneohe. Nestled in the hills overlooking Kaneohe Bay and with a sweeping view of the Koolau Mountain Range, Pohai Nani truly lives up to its name, which means "surrounded by beauty." We broke up into small groups and were given a comprehensive tour of the facility. We inspected a one bedroom apartment as well as a studio in the high-rise. The amenities are plentiful, including a heated pool and Jacuzzi, a fully equipped gym, craft room, artists' studio, library, chapel, club room, thrift shop, barber and beauty shop, shuffleboard, transportation service, and landscaped walking paths. The Wellness Center is a convenient place to get medical attention. There is a daily menu of activities, from exercise classes to card games to informational presentations. Our lunch was outstanding—hot, delicious and attractively presented. The Marketing Staff surprised us with a program that included door prizes. Three nutritious meals are provided daily, as well as housekeeping, linen and laundry services. For those who feel the urge to eat *chazuke* or *koko*, each apartment in the high-rise offers a snack kitchen, with a full-sized refrigerator, 2-burner stove and sink. Other appliances, such as rice cookers, microwave ovens and coffee makers may be brought in.

To familiarize our group with all of the comprehensive services for seniors that Pohai Nani offers, we also toured the ARCH or Adult Residential Care Homes and Care Center (or long-term care facility) which share the same campus. Thus, if one spouse needs a higher level of 24-hour assisted living or nursing care, he or she can reside in the ARCH or Care Center, while the other spouse lives in the high-rise. This is a great convenience for families and very comforting for the confined elder.

One misconception that was cleared up for many of us is that residing at Pohai Nani does not require a "buy-in" or a huge lump-sum payment. Month-to-month agreements are the standard rental arrangements and the monthly rent includes all meals, basic cable, electricity, water, limited transportation, all classes and recreational activities, housekeeping, linen and laundry.

We thank the gracious and kind staff of Pohai Nani—everyone we met was friendly, warm and caring.

This excursion fulfilled two of the highly requested activities in the survey taken last year—1) a visit to a retirement community and 2) a bus ride. The ride going to Kaneohe was via the H-3 freeway and trans-Koolau tunnels. The return trip was via Likelike Highway. The scenery on the windward side was definitely more beautiful than the congestion we encountered on the "town" side. Nevertheless, the view from the tall tour bus gave us a different perspective of the buildings and communities along the freeway. While it's sad to see the old, familiar places give way to new construction, it's encouraging to know that the economy can support such change and holds promise for good things to come.

MUST READ submitted by Stanley Akita

This is a statement that was read over the PA system at the football game at Roane County High School, Kingston, Tennessee, by school Principal, Jody McLeod. "It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games, to say a prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and Country." Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a Prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law.

As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it "an alternate lifestyle," and if someone is offended, that's OK. I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity, by dispensing condoms and calling it, "safe sex." If someone is offended, that's OK. I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a "viable means of birth control." If someone is offended, no problem...

I can designate a school day as "Earth Day" and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess "Mother Earth" and call it "ecology."

I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depicts people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as "simple minded" and "ignorant" and call it "enlightenment."

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor GOD and to ask HIM to Bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then Federal Case Law is violated. This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical.

Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except GOD and HIS Commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical... I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," and refrain from praying at this time.

"However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank GOD and ask HIM, in the name of JESUS, to Bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law----yet." One by one, the people in the stands bowed their heads, held hands with one another and began to pray. They prayed in the stands. They prayed in the team huddles. They prayed at the concession stand and they prayed in the Announcer's Box!

The only place they didn't pray was in the Supreme Court of the United States of America - the Seat of "Justice" in the "one nation, under GOD."

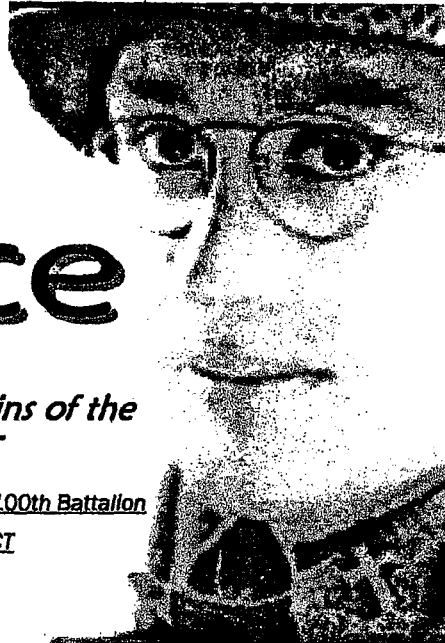
Somehow, Kingston, Tennessee remembered what so many have forgotten. We are given the Freedom OF Religion, not the Freedom FROM Religion. Praise GOD that HIS remnant remains!

JESUS said, "If you are ashamed of ME before men, then I will be ashamed of you before MY FATHER."

If you are not ashamed, pass this on.

The announcement below on the 100th/442nd Combat Chaplains is an additional event that follows our September 9, 2006 (10:00 am event at the clubhouse) celebration of the new publication on the life and dedicated service of Chaplain Israel A. S. Yost. (Please see page 1 of this issue.)

Their Legacy of Service



*Celebrating the Combat Chaplains of the
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Chaplain Israel Yost, 100th Battalion

Chaplain Hiro Higuchi, 442nd RCT

Chaplain Masao Yamada, 442nd RCT

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- ...The Chaplains' lives and service with their family and friends.
- ...The UH Press publication of Israel Yost's *Combat Chaplain: The Personal Story of the World War II Chaplain of the Japanese American 100th Battalion* with co-editor Michael Markrich.
- ...The gift of Chaplains Yost & Higuchi's papers to the UH Mānoa Library's Japanese American Veterans Collection.
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I'm so cared for; long-term care, eye care, dental care.
I'm not grouchy; I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids,
commercials, religious zealots, loud cell-phone users, barking dogs, politicians
and a few other things I can't remember.
I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.
I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?
I'm a walking storeroom of facts. I've just lost the key to the storeroom door.
Yes, I'm a senior citizen, and I think I am having the time of my life!

We acknowledge receipt of the following donations, with much thanks:

Scholarship Fund:

Sons & Daughters/100th Grant received \$ 50.00

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Sons & Daughters/100th Grant received 1,200.00

Puka Puka Parade:

Frances H. Hirata IM of Kent Nakamura 25.00

Tokuji Yoshihashi 50.00

Cedric Fujitani 30.00

Building Maintenance Fund:

Tom Sekimura 200.00

Sons & Daughters/100th Grant received 1,000.00



A note from Amanda.

On August 14, I met with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Community Services, about the CDBG - Community Development Block Grant. The club has been slated to acquire a grant for \$135 thousand dollars for repairs/plans and specs for the club's 3-story apartment building. John Uyemura from KMJ Realty (the club's property manager) accompanied me to this meeting. Mr. Uyemura is working on verifying that 51% of the tenants have low to moderate income and he is assisting me with other reports regarding tenant issues. There are many reports and deadlines that need to be met in order to get to the point where the funds will be released to the club. Later that same week, Evelyn Tsuda and I attended a mandatory training for sub-recipients of the CDBG grant for the year 2007. It was a long day of training and we learned so much. Regardless of the "red-tape" and time involved concerning compliance issues and such, we are truly blessed to be one of the sub-recipients of this grant and very thankful that the City & County of Honolulu has chosen the 100th as one of their potential awardees.

The club has been slated to receive two grants from the State, one for 500 thousand dollars for the apartment building and the other for 1 million dollars for the *Education Resource Center*. On August 21, I will be meeting with the State to review the process of "releasing the funds" to the club for the year 2007. The club is thankful to the State for being considered as one of the awardees for two Grants-in-Aid.

I was very fortunate to meet with Christine Sato-Yamazaki, Executive Director of the Go For Broke National Education Center and the new Hawaii Regional Director, Barbara Watanabe. We talked about the goals and objectives that the organizations share. Christine Sato-Yamazaki shared with me some of the highlights and obstacles they have faced pertaining to receiving grants and the arduous process that sometimes goes with the territory. She and Mrs. Watanabe expressed their support and I look forward to working with them in the future. During our meeting, Mimi Nakano spoke with Mrs. Sato-Yamazaki about the *Education Resource Center* grant from the State. They will both continue to be in contact with one another in the future and plan to meet during Christine's next trip to Hawaii.

There has been a great amount of interest in the Chaplain Yost book, *Combat Chaplain*. I am happy to report to you that the UH Press has given us a discount on the books and we are extending a discount on to you. The price of *Combat Chaplain* has been reduced from \$24.95 to **\$23 for the soft cover** and from \$39 to **\$35 for the hard cover**. If you have already pre-paid at the regular price, we'll be sending you a reimbursement for the difference following the **Combat Chaplain book event on September 9**. We hope to see you there. Also, check out the info on the UH event on September 10. Aloha, Amanda

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

ABLE.....	Saturday, September 23.....	8:00 am
BAKER.....	Saturday, September 16.....	1:00 pm
CHARLIE.....	Saturday, September 23.....	10:00 am
DOG.....	Saturday, September 16.....	9:00 am
HQ.....	Saturday, September 9	10:00 am
RURAL.....	Friday, September 15.....LCC.....	11:00 am
HAWAII CHAPTER	Memorial Service..... Sunday, September 24.....	11:00 am
MAUI CHAPTER.....	Memorial Service..... Sunday, September 24....Makawao Cemetery..	2:00 pm
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, September 8.....	10:00 am
LINE DANCING.....	Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27.....	9:00 am
EXERCISE.....	Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27.....	10:30 am
CRAFTS/CROCHET.....	Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19, 26.....	9:00 am
CHAPLAIN YOST BOOK CELEBRATION....	Saturday, September 9.....	10:00 am
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE.....	Sunday, September 24....Punchbowl.....	9:00 am

Deadline for the PPParade October issue will be September 19, 2006. (Please submit articles on time or they will not be included in the issue.) Collating will be on FRIDAY, September 29, 2006, 8:30 a.m. Dog Chapter is responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to kokuu.

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