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JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF ART AND CULTURE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

THE FIRST BATTLE

PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE MOVIE WITH
A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY WRITER/PRODUCER
TOM COFFMAN

FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON

GALLERY ONE PUKA PUKA

ART SHOW AND SALE FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM

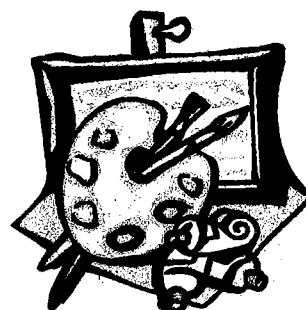
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

GALLERY ONE PUKA PUKA

ART SHOW AND SALE FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

ALL EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

PARKING AT ALA WAI SCHOOL



The showing of *The First Battle* is a private event for 100th Infantry Battalion veterans and their invited guests only. Seating is limited so if you would like to attend, please contact the Clubhouse at 946-0272 or e-mail club100vets@yahoo.com and leave your name, daytime phone number, and number of people in your party.

Gallery One Puka Puka is open to the public. An article on how you can help with this first-ever event can be found in this issue of the *Puka Puka Parade*.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Robert Arakaki

The Board meeting was held on September 14, 2007. It was called to order at 10:15 AM followed by a moment of silence.

The minutes of the August meeting and the office manager's report were approved. The Treasurer's report was tabled in the absence of Bert Turner, our Treasurer who was on a trip.

Apartment: There are no vacancies.

House: Everything is okay.

On September 12, 2007, the Development Committee met at the clubhouse to discuss ways to raise funds for the Education Research and Resource Learning Center. It was attended by Chairman Al Matsumoto, Amanda Stevens, Tom and Cheryl Hoffman, Lois Nakagawa, James Nakatani, Arlene Sato, Mimi and Stephen Nakano, Michael Masuda (Central Pacific Bank Senior Vice-President of Marketing). The Development Committee received fund development guidance and suggestions from Michael Masuda and James Nakatani. At a future meeting, the committee will discuss a business plan for fundraising.

The Elks Club has extended an invitation to the 100th veterans, spouses and widows to a luncheon on October 10, 2007. You may call Amanda Stevens to sign up.

"Gallery One Puka Puka" art and craft show will be held on November 3, 2007 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on November 4, 2007, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the clubhouse. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School. The show is free open to the public. Please attend.



On September 16, the "Thursday wine gang" was honored by the presence of several guests: Sig Kagawa, President of Occidental Underwriter of Hawaii; Douglas Goto, Executive Vice President of Pacific Guardian Life; Michael Masuda, Senior Vice-President of Marketing at Central Pacific Bank; and Robert Alm, Senior Vice-President for Public Affairs at Hawaiian Electric Co. These men have shown a lot of respect for the veterans and have pledged their support to our club activities.

As an added note, the wine gang enjoyed expensive wine which the men brought, unlike the wine we're used to drinking which costs about \$5.00 a bottle.

We have gone through some sad moments in the past few months. Stella Tanigawa and Kay Tanigawa passed away followed by their spouses a few months later. Then Yukie Akita passed away in early August followed by Stanley on August 27. They are now together forever and at peace. The Tanigawas and the Akitas were very active members of the club and we have very pleasant memories of the times we spent together.

PPPARADE VOLUNTEERS by Joy Teraoka

Because the *PPParade* was kept to 14 pages, we were able to bulk mail it as letter-size thereby saving considerable postage costs. Hereafter, more often than not, you may find your newsletter folded in thirds and limited to 14 pages or less.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Since many members will be in Las Vegas for the mini-reunion, the next issue may be limited to Christmas announcements, meetings, special activity dates and the monthly calendar. Therefore, to ensure informing your members in our November issue, we ask individual chapters to please submit your Christmas party announcements by October 12, 2007.

Hiromi Suehiro has finally been released from Kuakini Hospital after more than a 6-weeks stay. He has been transferred to Kapuna Wai Ola (care facility), 575 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, phone no. 674-9262. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Newcomer and guest volunteers were lovely Jeanette Akamine (Bernard's wife and Drusilla Tanaka's mother) and Douglas Mizuno (Larry Mizuno's son). Old faithfuls were Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Bob Arakaki, Akira Akimoto, Kunio Fujimoto, Mary Hamasaki, Ed Ikuma, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Masanori Moriwake, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Elsie Oshita, Seie Oshiro, Kay Oshiro, Susumu Ota, Nancy Sakaki, Mamo Sato, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Goro Sumida, Dorothy Tamashiro, Drusilla Tanaka, Joy Teraoka, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Martin Tohara, Shigeru Tsubota, Takako Umamoto, and Marie Yoneshige.

Company B's Bernard Akamine concocted the special treat called "S_____ and S_____" for the volunteers' refreshments. Despite its title, the toast topped with creamed chip beef was delicious. Thanks, Bernard.

PUKA PUKA PARADE MAILBAG:

A SALUTE TO DR. NADINE SHIGEZAWA by William Shinji Tsuchida

We received the following article from "ex-Pfc. William Shinji Tsuchida" paying tribute to Dr. Nadine Shigezawa. You may recall that Dr. Shigezawa submitted an article which was published in last month's *PPP* regarding Robert Miyazaki.

"I would like to write to you about an important person. The September 2007 issue of *PPP* featured an article about Ms. Nadine Shigezawa assisting a vet. Although you may already be aware, I would like you to know who she is and what she does for vets. Dr. Nadine Shigezawa works at the Mental Health Clinic at the Spark Matsunaga VA Medical Center at Tripler.

She assists vets with mental problems. As you know, many of us have mental wounds in addition to our physical wounds. Dr. Shigezawa's area of expertise is PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). Many vets, including me, are indebted to her and her staff for recovering from the demons of combat. I have seen this slim little lady handle with skill macho Marines in their effort to fight off the demons of PTSD.

I would be most pleased if you could honor her in the *PPP* for her work in helping vets, especially older vets like me.

Thank you. . . ex-Pfc. William Shinji Tsuchida, retired."

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HELP NEEDED FOR GALLERY ONE PUKA PUKA

We are all very excited about the 100th Infantry Battalion's first ever art show and sale, Gallery One Puka Puka, which will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 3 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, November 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds of the art sale will be contributed to our Educational Resource and Research Learning Center (ERRLC) Fund.



Already signed up as participating artists are veterans Bernard Akamine (B Company), Arthur Komiya (Hq) and Seisaburo Taba (Hq) and a number of crafters from the 100th Ohana. However, it is not too late for you to share your talents. If you would like to have your art work or craft items shown and/or sold at Gallery One Puka Puka or know of a veteran who may be interested in participating, please contact Amanda at the Clubhouse by calling 946-0272 or e-mail at club100vets@yahoo.com. Art must be dropped off on Friday, November 2 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and picked up on Sunday, November 4 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please price your artwork.

In addition to the art exhibit, we will be holding a silent auction with 100% of the proceeds going to the ERRLC. Amongst the items up for auction will be a number of art pieces, including a double-sided painting reported to be done by the late Bumpei Akaji (Hq). We are also planning to auction cartoon art by local and national celebrities in our special *Puka Puka Picture Parade* as well as autographed photos by veterans. If you would like to make a donation, please let Amanda know. If you have a connection to a VIP or celebrity, please leave a message for Jayne Hirata-Epstein at 366-3148 or e-mail to kichigai3MOM@aol.com and we will send them a packet.

We are so appreciative that students from Hawaii Pacific University have volunteered to serve as docents during Gallery One Puka Puka. We do still need help setting up the show on Saturday, November 3 and taking down the show on Sunday, November 4.

"SECRET" LETTERS OF THE FIRST REPLACEMENT GROUP AVAILABLE by Jon Jitsuzo Chinen (Company C)

The following notice was submitted by Jon Jitsuzo Chinen of Company C:

Notice to Members of the First Replacement Group from the 442nd Regiment to the 100th Battalion:

In March of 1944, on our way to join the 100th Battalion, we stopped at Casablanca, where I was assigned to collect money to send telegrams to the continental U.S. and to Hawaii. The money was turned over to a sergeant (stationed at Casablanca) in charge of telegrams. The telegrams to the continental U.S. were sent; however, none of the telegrams to Hawaii were sent. I was not aware of the latter situation until I was a patient at a hospital in Iowa. There, several of the men asked me about the telegrams to Hawaii. I told them that I did not know but that I would find out. As a result, in late 1944, I wrote to the Army and inquired about the telegrams.

It was several years later that I received several letters, all marked SECRET in bold letters. One of the letters stated that the matter was now out of my jurisdiction and, in effect, not to discuss the matter.

Several years after WWII was over, I wrote to the War Department to see whether the letters could be declassified. Unfortunately, I was referred to several different departments, each informing me that it did not have jurisdiction over the matter. Finally, after many years of "follow up", I finally received a letter saying that all the SECRET letters have been declassified and that I may now show them to those affected. If anyone of the First Replacement Group is interested, he may read copies of the letters at the 100th Battalion Clubhouse.

MANOA HOUSING REUNION by Joyce Chinen

The next Manoa Housing Reunion has been scheduled! It will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at Treetops Restaurant in Manoa Valley. Mark your calendars! Tell your family and old friends from the old neighborhood. Contact Ann Kabasawa to make your reservations at 734-0841 or by email at diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com.

If you have a memory (or two, or three) to share, send them to Joyce Chinen at c/o UH-West O'ahu, 96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City, HI 96782 or email them to chinenjoyce@yahoo.com.

See you in Manoa Valley, again!

In Memoriam

NAME	COMPANY	DATE OF DEATH
Tadao Murakami (Illinois)	Medics	May 28, 2007
Ronald Yoshioka (California)	D Company	July 24, 2007
Toshikatsu "Joe" Nakahara	B Company	August 11, 2007
Soko Higa	A Company	August 14, 2007
Shuye "Sue" Arakawa	C Company	August 21, 2007
Satoji "Butch" Arisumi	C Company (Maui)	September 6, 2007

Our deepest sympathy to their families

HISTORY OF 100TH AND RED BULL INSIGNIA WOOD CARVINGS by Drusilla Tanaka

During the recent observation of the 65th anniversary of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the wooden insignia that decorate the clubhouse received much use as background pieces in videos, newspaper photos and group photos.

The largest of these wood carvings replicates the battalion flag with the American eagle crest and the battalion shield of *ape* leaf and Hawaiian Warrior's feather helmet or *mahiole*. Mounted on a portable stand, it is easily moved and is a handsome addition to Turner Hall.

There are two Red Bull carvings, one larger than the other. One decorates the Lobby and the other is hanging in the Board Room. The three-dimensional red and black plaques representing the patch of the 34th Infantry Division are handsome and beautiful at the same time.

A limited number of smaller wooden shield-shaped plaques bearing the *ape* leaf and *mahiole* were produced. Most were purchased by members. One was presented to Gen. Eric Shinseki when he visited the clubhouse in 1999.

All of these beautiful hand-carved plaques were made in the Philippines. They were ordered by Navy Captain Gary Ikuma, son of Ed Ikuma (HQ) while he was stationed there. Now retired, Gary visited the clubhouse during the 65th anniversary reunion and related how he was inspired to ask the native wood carvers to produce the items for the club after he saw their detailed, high quality work. It's been more than 15 years since the items first arrived, but they are in excellent condition and very well used.

Thank you, Gary Ikuma, for your thoughtful, generous, useful and beautiful gifts.

STANLEY'S CORNER by Stan's Fan Lois Nakagawa

A couple in their nineties is both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks his wife. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" she answers. "Sure" he says. "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember?" she asks. "No, I can remember it" he responds.

The wife then says, "Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down so's not to forget it?" He assures her, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks. Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I got it for goodness sake!" He then toddles to the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "Where's my toast?"



PEEK INTO THE PAST: MY FRIEND, SADAO "SPUD" MUNEMORI by William Shinji Tsuchida

This is a story of my friend Sadao "Spud" Munemori, (*photo on right*) before he was assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Like me, he was a *kotonk*. Spud was from L.A., I was from Berkeley. Like many from the West Coast, we were determined to erase the stigma of being a "Jap", enemy aliens, as we were categorized by the Hearst newspapers. We volunteered for service early in the war.

In spite of our patriotism, we ran into difficulties proving our loyalty. We suffered suspicious stares and racial insults from our *haole* NCOs. The all-purpose pejorative for Asians was "chink". Of course the term "Jap" became a part of the American lexicon in a few more months.



In 1942, the Army on the mainland was at a loss as to what to do with us 18 and 19 year old Asians with no college degrees. So most of us were shipped to army bases located in the Midwest, away from the west or east coast (that would be a "no, no"). We were assigned all the menial jobs, where we had to endure - permanent KP, peeling mountains of potatoes daily, cleaning bed pans at the base hospital. Not my idea of patriotic duty.

Then suddenly, with much secrecy, we were shipped to a cold, forlorn place called Savage, Minnesota. The signs on the barns read - "Home of Dan Patch", a famous race horse. (How ironic I thought - back in California my parents were living in the horse stalls of Tanforan Race Track, and me in the horse stalls of Savage!).

We were all Asians - the pale faced *kotonks* and the sun tanned boys from Hawaii. Unconsciously, we grouped separately - the mainland boys and the Hawaii boys. The mainland boys were quiet and sad looking, the Hawaii boys loud and boisterous. This led to frequent fights, both on-base and in town. We west coast mainland boys grew up considering the white girl as untouchables (like the blacks in the south). The Hawaii boys had no fear and shamelessly picked up white bar girls!

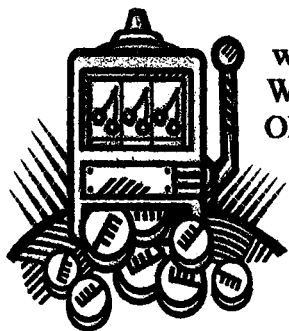
Spud was different; laughing, happy, cheerful. He called me "college boy" because I had completed the first four months of my freshman year at Berkeley. With the other *Nisei* boys, we swept out the stables, set up bunks, assembled big 55-gallon stoves, and prepared the stables into classrooms.

We queried the young *haole* officer, "What is this place going to be used for?" He looked surprised and answered, "You boys are going to teach Japanese to the rest of the Army." He looked at our puzzled faces and asked, "What's wrong?" "Sir, most of us can't speak or write Japanese!" He then pointed to the Hawaii boys and said, "But I heard you speaking Japanese!" It turned out what he heard were the Hawaii boys speaking pidgin (Japanese/English/Hawaiian) and he assumed that was Japanese!

A few weeks later, the regular cadre of linguistic experts arrived, including the despised "*kibeis*", who went on to be the mainstay of the program. So, for non-Japanese speaking *Nisei* like me and Spud, our job was done. I went on to a college engineering program. Spud went on to join the 100th, where he distinguished himself by earning the Medal of Honor posthumously.

DIS AND DAT by Ray Nosaka

How time does fly! It just seems like yesterday when I turned 89, and here I am 91 golden years old. We can't slow down Father Time to our liking, but we can live and accept each day with happy and grateful hearts. Be thankful for each new day!



Speaking of time flying, do you realize that only about three weeks remain before we will be Las Vegas bound? An important reminder for those of you going from Hawaii: We are to meet at the airport on Sunday morning, October 21 at 8:30 A.M., Lobby 6, OMNI Airlines check-in counter where you must show your picture I.D. Please do not hand carry anything that resembles a weapon.

And I strongly urge you to take the flu shot now if you haven't already done so.

Let us look forward to a real fun time reunion--- remember our motto...

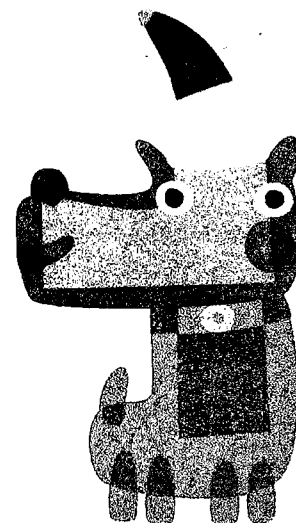
ENJOY YOURSELF. IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!!!!

P.S. As an original tenant of Manoa Housing (1945-1955), known then as Manoa War Homes, I sure hope to see all of you former residents at our reunion. This event will be a luncheon at the Treetops Restaurant in Manoa on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at 11:00 AM.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS by Helen Nikaido

DOG CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2007
Place: 100th Inf. Bn. Clubhouse
Time: 1:00 to 4:30 PM
Cost: Adults: \$10.00
Teens (13-18 yrs.): 5.00
Children under 12 yrs. Free
Menu: Buffet
Parking: Ala Wai School



Donations of desserts, pupu, soda, door prizes, etc. are welcomed.

Gift for child not to exceed \$10.00. Please label each gift with the name of the child.

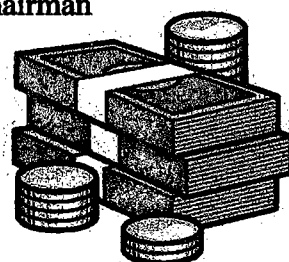
RSVP: For reservations, call "Jits" or Mildred Yoshida at 845-7753 or Helen Nikaido at 734-5552.

DEADLINE: December 1, 2007

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by Warren Iwai

Our last meeting on August 25 was attended by eight people: namely, Kazuto Shimizu, Skip Tomiyama, Oscar Miyashiro, Takako Umamoto, Toshio and Mitsue Miyamoto, Roy Miyamoto and me.

Our President, Kazuto Shimizu reported that Al Matsumoto was appointed chairman for the Learning Center Fund Raising Committee. This is our next major fund raising project. The total cost is estimated to be about \$1,700,000. The State of Hawaii has awarded us a \$1,000,000 grant and we must raise the balance of \$700,000. If you have any donation to make to the club, please make it to this project - every bit counts. If you know of any friend of the club who may be interested in helping, please confer with Al Matsumoto.



Charlie Christmas party will be on December 15, Saturday. More details to follow. Skip Tomiyama will be in charge of decorating Turner Hall for the Christmas holiday.

Charlie Chapter received a generous donation from Amy Nishibayashi in memory of Nick Nishibayashi. Amy lives in Chicago, Ill. Nick was in the 3rd platoon and Nick and I were in the same squad at one time. Nick was a friendly guy with a ready smile and was active in veterans' affairs in the Chicago area.

They say "old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

Shuye "Sue" Arakawa	August 21, 2007
Stanley Akita	August 27, 2007
Satoji "Butch" Arisumi	September 6, 2007

Aloha, *paesanos*, until we meet again.

We need more faces, more ideas, and more laughter at our meetings. So hustle your friends to *hele on* to the clubhouse for our next meeting on October 27. See you there!

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS by Stan Izumigawa



Satoji "Butch" Arisumi, long-time Maui Chapter Vice President, passed away earlier this month. He had recently collapsed and been diagnosed with inoperable cancer. He was an involved member and will be missed. As has been the club practice, members attending the service dressed in 100th Club's white shirts, offered a final tribute in the form of a group salute, accompanied by a recorded version of "Taps". Our condolences to the family.

September always seems to be a busy month. Some of our members have likely attended the all classes **Old Maui High School Reunion**; and in a couple of weeks The COUNTY FAIR follows. For the 100th-442nd community, of course, there is the annual MEMORIAL SERVICE on Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 pm at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS by Jan Sakoda

Our fall luncheon get together was held on Saturday, September 8, at 11:00 a.m. at Fook Yuen in McCully Shopping Center. Enjoying the leisurely luncheon and each other's company were: Bessie Nakasone, Doris Aimoto, Bea Shinoda, Elsie Oshita, Dorothy Tamashiro, Ken Akinaka and his aunt, Ed and Hazel Ikuma, Pat and Aki Akimoto, Seisaburo Taba, and Jan Sakoda.

The veterans' art show will be held on November 3 and 4. Please let Seisaburo Taba know if you will be able to help, even if just a little bit. And encourage all your friends and relatives to come and view the art pieces!

Did you mark your calendar yet? Our Christmas party will be held the evening of December 8, 2007 so make sure you save the date! More details to follow.

Have you ever wondered how Ethel Teruya stays so young? I've often wondered that myself! And I think I have found the answer! She travels a lot! This year alone, she has traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil; Chicago, Illinois; and Seattle, Washington. I managed to catch up with her the day before she left for Seattle and learned that she, along with two of her children and two grandchildren, were in Brazil the first week in August to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the settling of immigrants from Oroku village in Okinawa to Sao Paulo. Ethel met some of her relatives from Brazil when they came to Hawaii a few years back and was able to reconnect with them again, as well as meet new relatives. The official program, attended by well over 800 people, started at 10 a.m., followed by the entertainment which went non-stop until 10:00 that night! The delicious bento dinners sustained everyone into the evening. Ethel's son and grandson participated in the entertainment by singing and accompanying themselves on the sanshin (very similar to the shamisen).

After a fun-filled week with relatives, Ethel and her daughter and grandson flew to Chicago, to help her grandson get settled in before he started at Northwestern Law School this fall. Whew!!! And then, after only a month back in Honolulu, Ethel accompanied her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Kimberly, to Seattle where Kimberly is starting her first year at Seattle Pacific University.

Supporting my theory that traveling keeps us young, Dorothy Tamashiro, Pat Akimoto, and Doris Aimoto will be heading for Los Vegas for the mini-reunion in October. And don't you think they look youthful? See, it must be the traveling!!

And you, too, can take a trip! Jump in your car on Saturday, October 13, 2007 and join us for our next Headquarters meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

DESCENDANTS CHAPTER NEWS by Bert Hamakado

The future of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization is dependent upon us, the descendants. Let's continue to form that bond and togetherness that our fathers have held all these years. They lived the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. They were in harm's way and fought against prejudice for our democracy and freedom. They served our state and country proudly.

Issues that we are working on are:

- Descendants Chapter By-Laws.
- Working with other committees such as Long Range Planning and Scholarship.
- Perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans.
- Membership
- Schedule events for 2007-2008.



We encourage all descendants of 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans to attend our monthly meeting which is usually on the last Sunday of each month at 0900 at the clubhouse. Check the *Puka Puka Parade* for schedule and updates. Next meeting is scheduled for the 28th of October 2007 at 0900.



The opinions expressed in the *Puka Puka Parade* are those of the individual and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization.

We welcome readers to send written comments to pukapukaparade@yahoo.com for e-mail or mail to 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS by Sam Fujikawa

Time is flying by so fast now with the mini-reunion just around the corner! Our August club meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th, and we are looking forward to an enjoyable happy gathering in October with all our friends. Our local crew is becoming smaller but the rest of us will be there 100%. There are still a few loose ends to wind up.

Other items of interest at our meeting was a discussion of a possible 10th Anniversary celebration of the 100th Infantry Battalion Monument at Ft. Benning next year.

Also a reminder to support the GFBNEC fundraiser drawing for a Lexus in conjunction with the Evening of Aloha gala event on November 10.

We all need to continue to support the commemorative stamp petition that was featured at the Program on August 8 at the Alhambra Park Bandshell, hosted by Alhambra Mayor Gary Yamauchi and honored by the presence of Senator Adam Schiff.

The Annual Nisei Week Parade on Sunday, August 19 drew an enthusiastic crowd of spectators to watch the colorful parade led off by WWII vets Sam Fujikawa, 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, Co. C, carrying the 100th Battalion colors; John Wakamatsu, President of the 100/442 Association Veterans and son of the late Jack Wakamatsu, 442, Co. F, carrying the 442 RCT colors; and Bob Ichikawa, Co. E, 442nd RCT, carrying the American flag. Following close behind were Toke Yoshihashi and Harrison Hamasaki and other WWII vets riding with Govan Yee and Ken Shigemitsu driving WWII vintage jeeps. They were followed by a large group of Korean Vets this year that added greatly to the festivities. Of special interest was the spectacular Nebuta float (*photo on the right*) brought over from Aomori, Japan and assembled at the Centenary Methodist parking lot for the parade and the finale. A highlight was the appearance of the beautiful Nisei Week Queen and her court of lovely Princesses on their grand decorative float.



The quarterly meeting for the 100/442/MIS and all other vets and their spouses and friends was held on Friday, September 7. It was conducted by Jason Young, Team Leader and Counselor, and Lily Tisu, LCSW, at the Ken Nakaoka Center in Gardena. Christine Hach, Assistant Gardena City Manager, welcomed the group. Two excellent speakers presented a very detailed account on the subject of "Fall Prevention". Dr. Laurence Rubenstein, M.D. from WLA Medical Center and Anna Quyen Do Nguyen, OTDOTRL/L, from USC Gerontology Center explained that falls were the number one cause of injuries among older people; toddlers fall but are seldom hurt. Among other pertinent points, both speakers emphasized the need to be aware of good lighting in the home, reducing clutter, putting most items often used within easy reach, and the importance of regular exercise - such as Tai Chi being among the best. Handouts from Anna Nguyen included information on Specially Adapted Housing Grants and a compact disc from the USC UniHealth Foundation titled "The Helpful Home". As always welcome at our meetings, Ms Candace Lyle, LCSW, from ELA VA Clinic, gave us one of her encouraging talks and had the following quote from Epictetus: "Men are not disturbed by things but by the views they take of them". As always, we are grateful to Chiz Ohira, Chris Ichikawa, Sumi Seki, and Teri Fujikawa, and helpful regulars, Jean Tagami, Amy Nakazawa, Sets Miyada, Bonnie Horino, and other wives for an ample spread of lunch munchies enjoyed by all present. Spotted among the veterans present were 100th members Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Kiyoshi and Bonnie Horino, Nob Kagawa, Don and Sets Miyada, Harry Sasaki, Ben and Jean Tagami, Mas Takahashi, Toke Yoshihashi, Chiz Ohira, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa. All veterans are encouraged to attend these meetings as one of the speakers will likely have information you have been seeking.

We are stunned and saddened at the news of Stanley and Yukie Akita's passing. Our club extends its sincere condolences to their family. Those of us that made it to the 65th Anniversary Celebration in Honolulu are glad we had a chance to visit with Stanley who made it to the Banquet. Also, we are saddened to hear about the passing of Sonia Sato's father. She and Steve are two of our club's honorary members. Our club's sincere condolences to them and their family.

Everyone, please take care and keep well and safe.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by Evelyn Tsuda

Our chapter was responsible for furnishing the refreshments for the collators on August 31 and Bernard Akamine responded with a pot of SOS which everyone enjoyed. All veterans know what SOS is but you ladies who are not familiar with this acronym, ask a veteran. Thank you very much, Bernard -- it was most delicious. By the way, Bernard has joined the printing staff of the PPP to replace Hiromi Suehiro, who resigned about a month prior to his hospitalization. (Note: "Suey" is now residing in a care home in Kapolei.)

Our president Joe Muramatsu was absent from our monthly meeting on Sept. 15. We assumed he was still having some difficulty getting around but it was a relief to know that he was absent because he was in Las Vegas.



CHRISTMAS PARTY: Please go to page 13 of the PPP for an announcement prepared by Joyce Doi and Diane Ono, who are chairing this year's party. Please read it carefully and send in your registration form, with payment, before the deadline of Dec. 7. No further announcement will be made so please save the announcement.

Our grapevine will be revamped soon so that information to the members can be disseminated more efficiently. If your name is listed as a group leader and you no longer wish to serve, please inform Robert Arakaki at 737-5244, Sonsei Nakamura at 737-1027 or Evelyn Tsuda at 262-8285. On the other hand, if you wish to be a part of our communication system, please let us know. We will appreciate it very much. **This is an appeal also to the Sons and Daughters.**

The members of Baker Chapter send their condolences to the family of Toshikatsu "Joe" Nakahara, who passed away on Aug. 11, 2007. I have asked Bernard Akamine to write some of his memories about Joe. Here it is:

MEMORIES OF TOSHIKATSU NAKAHARA by Bernard S. Akamine

When I was a member of the Hawaii National Guard in the 50's and 60's, our Executive Officer was Lt. Joseph Kalanikau. When he learned that I belonged to the 100th Veterans Club, he asked if I knew Toshikatsu Nakahara. When I answered "yes", he asked if we still call him "Joe". "Yes", again; so he asked, "Do you know why his name is Joe?" "Nope, I don't know" was my reply. Joe Kalanikau was a squad leader and Nakahara was in his squad in the Guard in pre-Pearl Harbor days. Being a kibe, Nakahara had difficulty with English. One night, the squad was out on night compass training and they got lost in the dark woods,,,so lost that it took the whole company to find them. Once back in the Tent City area, Nakahara was so mad that he blamed Joe Kalanikau for getting them lost, so he started grumbling repeatedly "f*** em up Joe". Eventually, Nakahara was called "Toss em up Joe" and later just "Joe". Lt. Kalanikau said that in spite of all that, they remained good friends until the Niseis left the unit and were sent to the mainland.

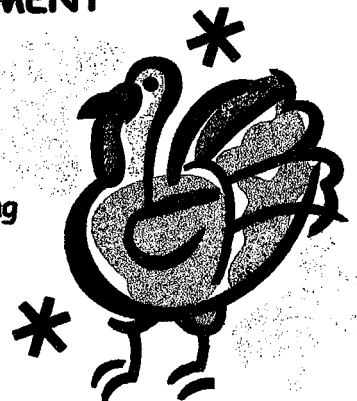
When I belonged to the 100th Fishing Club, our cook was Richard Oki and he brought a large wok to do his cooking for our weekend outings. One problem -- the wok did not have a lid. This is where Joe Nakahara came in. He was the Master Finish Carpenter at Tripler Medical Center in those days. We asked him if he could make a lid for us. He said sure, just give him the measurements. In less than a week, he called for us to pick it up at his home. No charge. It was a beautiful lid made with nicely grained wood. I wonder whatever happened to it.

We missed Joe the last few years due to his declining health; but when he was healthy, he and his family were regulars at our get-togethers. We send our condolences to Joe's family and pray that he is resting in peace.

NOVEMBER 2007 PUKA PUKA PARADE ANNOUNCEMENT

We don't mean to be turkeys but the November *Puka Puka Parade* will be a "mini-issue" as President Robert Arakaki and some of the *Puka Puka Parade* volunteers will be in Las Vegas in late October for the Mini-Reunion.

Accordingly, the only articles from non-PPP staff that we are accepting for publication for the next issue are Chapter Christmas party announcements or forms and events for the calendar. Please submit these items no later than October 12. All other articles will be published at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes anyone.



VA PROGRAM ASSISTS WITH LONG TERM CARE NEEDS

MOAA News Exchange - September 13, 2007

The VA's Aid and Attendance (A&A) program provides monthly financial help to wartime veterans or their surviving spouses who require long term care. Qualification is income-based, with those who have the greatest financial need taking priority. The A&A program provides a cash payment over and above other compensation or pension payments.

This special pension benefit is for eligible veterans, is not dependent on service-related injuries, and can help pay for in-home care, assisted living, or nursing home care. Payments are calculated to bring participants up to an established income level, which is referred to as the "income threshold." Although the benefit is tied to a person's current income level, people with large medical expenses, including nursing home costs, still may be eligible for payments due to the method used to determine financial need.

If a veteran or surviving spouse meets all eligibility requirements, the VA determines the A&A benefit by subtracting unreimbursed medical expenses from total household income. If this remaining net income amount falls below established annual income thresholds, the VA pays the difference between a veteran's net household income and the A&A income threshold amount, which changes every year. Current (2007) annual threshold amounts are:

- \$18,234 for a veteran only;
- \$21,615 for a veteran with one dependent;
- \$11,715 for a surviving spouse;
- \$13,976 for a surviving spouse and one child; and
- \$1,866 for each additional child

To qualify for the VA's A&A program, you must be a wartime veteran who has at least 90 days of active military service, served at least one day during a period of war, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Wartime veterans who entered active duty on or after Sept. 8, 1980, (officers as of Oct. 16, 1981) must have completed at least 24 continuous months of military service or the total period for which they were ordered to active duty.

Applicants must be incapable of self-support and be in need of regular personal assistance. The veteran or surviving spouse must require the aid of another person to perform functions of everyday living. This would include activities such as bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, transferring, and assisting in the adjustment of prosthetic/orthopedic devices. It also could include situations such as the inability to protect against hazards in the environment, being bedridden, blindness, various forms of dementia, or residency in a nursing facility due to mental or physical incapacity.

Applications can take months to process, and payments are retroactive to the date of receipt by the VA for applicants who are approved. The A&A payments are made by direct deposit to the beneficiary's account.

Applying for and receiving A&A benefits can be a complex process. Veterans may seek guidance with their applications by contacting a reputable Veterans Service Organization (VSO). The VA Web site has a list of chartered VSO's that can help you at: www1.va.gov/vso, and applications can be submitted online.

You may find it helpful to review the A&A Examination Worksheet, which can help you better understand the qualification requirements used to determine eligibility. You also can call (800) 827-1000 for additional information and assistance regarding A&A.

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED WITH NISEI STAMP CAMPAIGN

(information from www.minorityvetstamps.org and 9/5/07 article by Catherine Toth of the Honolulu Advertiser)

For the past five years, a California-based group called the Nisei World War II Soldiers Stamp Campaign had unsuccessfully petitioned the U.S. Postal Service to create a stamp commemorating the Japanese American World War II veterans. The group joined forces with other organizations seeking to honor the World War II veteran legacies of the Navajo Code Talkers (Native Americans) and the Tuskegee Airmen (African Americans). Similar stamps have been issued in the past for Latinos, "Hispanic Americans: A Proud Heritage," and African Americans, "Buffalo Soldiers." So far, only Arizona has passed a State Resolution for a series of stamps that include the Nisei soldiers. The goal is to get similar support from California, New Mexico, Utah and of course, Hawaii.

Letters of support are needed for a stamp proposal to be accepted by the U.S. Postal Service, which receives thousands of proposals each year and only approves very few. Please feel free to write your own letter or copy the form letter below which comes from the www.minorityvetstamp.org website.

Printed copies of the form letter are available at the Clubhouse. You can also send a postcard. All letters and postcards should be signed and sent to:

CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE - STAMP DEVELOPMENT
1735 NORTH LYNN STREET, SUITE 5013
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22209-6432.

You can also download a petition to support one, two or all three groups to the same address. However, the Stamp Committee apparently prefers individual letters to petitions.

Wayne Osako, campaign coordinator of the Nisei World War II Soldiers Stamp Campaign and the nephew of five Nisei veterans, also encourages people to contact their state and congressional lawmakers to get their support and push for the commemorative stamps. As Mr. Osako stated, "We believe that the contributions and sacrifices of Nisei World War II soldiers are a shining example of patriotism that deserves commemoration on a U.S. stamp. These are living legends."

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Date: _____

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
United States Postal Service
1735 North Lynn Street, Room 5013
Arlington, Virginia 22209-6432

RE: Minority World War II Veterans Stamp Series Support
Honoring the Proud, Diverse Legacy of Our Armed Forces:
Tuskegee Airmen, Navajo Code Talkers, and Japanese Americans of World War II

Dear Postmaster General, Chairman Robinson, and Honorable Members:

I support that a series of United States commemorative stamps be created with the theme Honoring the Proud, Diverse Legacy of Our Armed Forces. The series should honor at least the following three groups which have never before been recognized through stamps: The Tuskegee Airmen, Navajo Code Talkers, and Japanese Americans of World War II. These three groups are historically the most widely-recognized among minority veterans for their prominent contributions to World War II.

Twenty years before the Civil Rights movement, young American men of diverse backgrounds served with great distinction in the Armed Forces during World War II in special units that would impress upon the public that a soldier's patriotism in America is above one's ancestry. The unit records of the Tuskegee Airmen, Navajo Code Talkers, and Japanese Americans of World War II are unparalleled in military history. The Tuskegee Airmen, the first black military airmen in history, distinguished themselves as one of the top aviator squadrons of the war. The Navajo were the creators and translators of an unbreakable military code using their language which was once-forbidden by the government but of critical importance in Pacific Theater battles like Iwo Jima. The Japanese Americans were the most highly decorated unit for its size and length of service in American military history served by men whose families were locked up in internment camps due only to their Japanese ancestry.

Influenced by these minority veterans' outstanding service, President Harry Truman ended segregation in the Armed Forces in 1948 with Executive Order 9981. Despite such achievements, their legacies remain largely untaught in public school classrooms. Similar stamps have been approved in the past for Latinos, "Hispanic Americans: A Proud Heritage" and for African Americans, "Buffalo Soldiers." With the dedicated service of our current armed forces in Iraq and around the globe being served by minorities in ever-increasing numbers, we believe that the diverse heritage of our military should be recognized again. We urge the postal service to act now, while World War II veterans are still alive.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Printed Full Name: _____

Address: _____

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

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans:

Martin Fujimoto		\$50.00
Alfred & Paulette Arakaki	IM of Michael Miyake	50.00
Don & Kimi Matsuda	IM of Yuki Akita	25.00
Leonard & Sandra Suan	IM of Stanley & Yuki Akita	25.00
Amy Nishibayashi	IM of Nick Nishibayashi (25 th Anniv.)	100.00

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Scholarship Fund:

Tom & Barbara Nishioka	IM of Naoji Yamagata	100.00
Kenneth Higa (S&D Grant)	IM of Col. Young Oak Kim	100.00
Kenneth Higa (S&D Grant)	IM of Michael Hamamoto, Roy Honbo & Miyako Yoshida	150.00
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Mitsuko Higa & Raymond Higa (S&D Grant)	IM of Yeiho Higa	200.00
Michiko Yamamoto (S&D Grant)	IM of Motomu Yamamoto	100.00
Elizabeth Takahashi	IM of Joe Nakahara	50.00
Elizabeth Takahashi	IM of Stanley & Yuki Akita	100.00

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Building Maintenance Fund:

Kenneth Higa (S&D Grant)	IM of Yoshikiyo Mugitani	100.00
Robert Takashige (S&D Grant)	IM of M/M Seiji Tanigawa, M/M Sakae Tanigawa, BJ Kimura, Yoshio Takenouchi	150.00
M/M Ernest Yasuda (S&D Grant)		100.00

Puka Puka Parade:

Masako Hamada (S&D Grant)		25.00
Florence Matsumura		50.00
Gloria Tamashiro	IM of Yuki & Stanley Akita	40.00
Tommy & Barbara Nishioka	IM of Tsuneo Morikawa, Monte Fujita) Kenji Nikaido, Richard Pluto Arakaki) Edward Harada, Kenneth Mitsunaga)	150.00
Tomio & Seiko Nakayama		100.00
Kenneth Higa (S&D Grant)	IM of Amy Ikeda & Sakae Tanigawa	40.00

Education Research & Resource Learning Center:

Alice S. Nakagawa	IM of Rusty Nakagawa	300.00
Shizuko & Seitoku Akamine	IM of Stanley & Yuki Akita	50.00
Baker Chapter	IM of Toshikatsu Nakahara	25.00

Various:

To Baker Chapter – from Priscilla Hirose	IM of Robert Aoki	25.00
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Special thanks again to Kuni Fujimoto and his son-in-law for providing us with DVD's of the 65th.

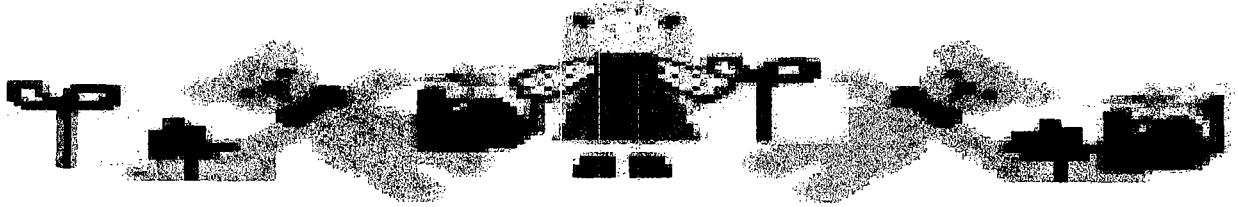
GRANT UPDATES: (Apartment Project) -The Community Development Block Grant project is moving forward. The "Notice to Contractors" ads ran in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin twice in August. Plans and specs were picked up by contractors and Avin Oshiro is diligently following through on the bid process. (Education Research & Resource Learning Center) -The Development Committee met this month to work on the ERRLC fundraising project. Many terrific ideas were shared by the members of the committee. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEARNING CENTER PLEASE COME TO THE ONE PUKAPUKA ART GALLERY SHOW ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4. THE MISSION OF THE CENTER, AS WELL AS THE PLANS FOR THE ENCLOSURE, WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THAT TIME.

**Are you interested in seeing the Blue Angels and much more
at the Kaneohe Marine Base on October 13, 2007?**

If so call Amanda and reserve a seat on the bus today!!!

Thanks to the Pacific Aviation Museum, for just \$8 you will be provided with an entrance to the new Pacific Aviation Museum (regular price is \$14) transportation to K-bay and an opportunity to see the show. It is an all-day event. Bring your grandchildren. For more information on the day's activities visit the website www.bluesonthebay.org The Flying Portion of the show is between 12pm-4pm

BAKER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



It's almost that time again. You'll soon be taking out those boxes filled with your treasured ornaments and decorations, getting ready to decorate the tree, shopping for all those gifts and getting in the holiday mood. So get your calendars out and mark the date for the Baker Chapter Christmas Party.

Please bring a wrapped Christmas grab bag for all children 12 years old and under. Cost to be no more than \$10. Make sure to tag the gift with the child's name to ensure that this gift reaches him or her.

Date: December 16, 2007

Time: Crafts: 11:00 am – Noon
Lunch: Noon

Place: 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse

Parking: Ala Wai School

Cost: \$8 for Baker Chapter Member, Spouse, Widow
\$10 for Adult Guest
\$6 for children 6 yrs - 12 yrs
Free for children under 6 years old

RSVP Deadline: December 7, 2007

It is very important that you return this registration form on time so that the committee will know how much food to order!

Donations are welcome! Door prizes, desserts, pupus.

Questions? Call Diane Ono at 554-6251 or Joyce Doi at 677-9398.

Hurry and complete the registration form below. Make check payable to Baker Chapter. Mail both to: Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku St., Honolulu, HI 96826

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Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Number of Guests Attending:

Member(s) / Spouse: _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Children 6 – 12 yrs: _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) 13 yrs & older: _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please list the names and ages of all children 12 years old and under attending this party:

**Please send form and payment to Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826
by December 7, 2007**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2007

(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

ABLE.....Saturday, Oct. 278:00 am
BAKER.....Saturday, Oct. 20.....1:00 pm
CHARLIE.....Saturday, Oct. 27.....10:00 am
DOG.....Saturday, Oct. 20.....9:00 am
HQ/MED.....Saturday, Oct. 13.....10:00 am
RURAL & MAUI.....No Meeting
MAINLANDNo Information
HAWAIIThursday, Oct. 25...(AJA Vets Memorial Hall).....11:00am
DESCENDANTS.....Sunday, Oct. 28.....9:00am
BOARD MEETING.....Friday, Oct. 12.10:00 am
LINE DANCING.....Wednesdays.....9:00 am
UKULELE.....Wednesdays.....(except Mini Reunion week).....9:30 am
CRAFTS.....Tuesdays.....9:00 am
LONG RANGE PLANNING.....TBA
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE....Wednesday, Oct. 10.....6:00 pm
BLUE ANGELS SHOW.....Saturday, Oct. 13...(see Office Mahalo Report for more info.)

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ATTENTION: Article deadline for the November *PPP* will be **October 12**. We are only accepting Chapter Christmas party forms/announcements and calendar listings. All other articles will be published at a later date.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Collating for this month will be on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31** at 8:30 am. Dog Chapter is responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to *kokua*.

Please send Chapter news, articles, comments or anything to do with the *PPP* to pukapukaparade@yahoo.com.

For Club business, questions or correspondence, address to: club100vets@yahoo.com.

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Association
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, HI 96826-5120

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