



PUKA-PUKA

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# PARADE

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FROM THE EDITORS PUKA:

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

All good things come to an end, as did the Mini-reunion, but the memories of the good times had by all will be cherished and relived until the next reunion. Each hug and handshake seemed to be more precious, each greeting more meaningful, and each "hope to see you next year" more sincere.

Again, the credit for the whole success of this reunion, which should no longer be called a "mini", goes to Ben and Jean Tagami, Chairpersons for this event. They were ably assisted by Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Henry and Fumi Sakato, Henry Hayashi, Allen Dong, and other hard working people from the Southern California Chapter. We sincerely thank all of you. Also, many many thanks to Mas Abe, Kay Kobashi and Shig Nagao ( all from Central California) for their very generous donations of crates and crates of fresh fruits. We were even treated to fresh apples while waiting at the San Francisco airport enroute to Las Vegas.

One of the special treats at the hospitality room was the "matsutake rice" cooked by Fumi Sakato and made with the fresh mushrooms brought for the occasion from Wyoming by the Tom Tsudas. Tom told us that he goes out and digs for the mushroom when they are available and then wraps each one individually and freezes it. That is how he is able to give us all such a treat. Thank you Tom! We look forward to this again next year!

Judge Larry Miyasato did a fine job of emceeing. He introduced the following people each of whom had a short message to deliver: Sam Fujikawa, President of the Southern California Chapter; Ben Tagami, Reunion Chairman; Young O Kim, Chairman of the Memorial Monument; and Henry Yoshitake, Coordinator of the Camp Shelby Reunion. Also introduced were the Honorary members, Warren Fencil and Allen Dong. Then the four DSC recipients who were present were introduced and recognized: Young O Kim, Shizuya Hayashi, Jesse Hirata and Masato Nakae.

Henry Sakato gave the invocation after which the buffet lines were opened.

Entertainment was provided by Ray Nosaka and the "Holo Holo Singers & Dancers" (Mike & Bea Takahashi, Evelyn Tsuda, Bessie Ichimura, Tom & Chieko Tanaka, Takako Umamoto, Aki Nosaka) and Toe Yoshino and his Karaoke singers, namely, Marge Toma, Stu Yoshioka and Arthur Komiyama. Special numbers were a comic hula by Jean Tanaka (Charles) and a solo rendition by Johnny Miyagawa who accompanied himself on the ukulele.

The clanging sound of quarters and dollars falling out of the slot machines is just a pleasant memory now. It was announced that the next reunion will be held in October of 1995. Let's all look forward to meeting up again with our buddies from all over the U. S. A.---if necessary, bring your walking cane or wheel chair. You won't be alone!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 49th Annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday, September 25th at Punchbowl National Cemetery. A very impressive message was delivered by Dr. Kaoru Oguri, Curator, Japanese American National Museum. A copy of her speech will be printed elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Doris Kimura sang the beautiful "Lord's Prayer" and the Pearl City Community Church Choir, under the directorship of Ms Estrella Larioza, rendered a medley of patriotic songs and an anthem "Now Go in Peace". Refreshments were prepared and served by Shigeru and Fumi Inouye and the Medics Chapter members and spouses.

Many thanks to Paul Kusunoki and Ysuihiro Takeno, Scoutmaster of the Boy Scout Troops #216 and 117, who placed flags on each grave of our deceased comrades. And mahalo to the Sons and Daughters who came out early to place flowers on the graves as requested, and to help with the ushering.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -- REUNION AT CAMP SHELBY**

Plans are now being made for a "Homecoming and Monument Dedication Reunion" at Camp Shelby on June 17 and 18, 1995 for the 100th, 442nd, MIS, and 171st Inf.

Various itineraries are being offered, but we of the 100th are looking into the possibility of forming a group which will include Camp McCoy as a stop-over to relive some of those pre-battle days and possibly meet some of the people whom we met 50 years ago. Among other stops suggested are Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Disney World and Epcot Center.

If you are interested and have other suggestions, please let Ray Nosaka know. The Sons and Daughters have expressed an interest in joining their fathers in taking this tour. An itinerary will have to be finalized soon and we want to consider all possibilities. Leave a message at the club house or call Ray at 737 -4864.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no collating in this month of October for the Puka Puka Parade. (The Editors will be in Europe.) The December issue will be collated on November 17th and HEADQUARTERS, DOG, and MEDICS chapters will be providing the manposer and refreshments. The January issue will be collated on December 22nd with ABLE and CHARLIE Chapters responsible for the collating.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to the Charlie and Able Chapter members and spouses, and the regular Puka Puka volunteers who turned out to collate on August 25th. In alphabetical order they are:

Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Chester Hada, Tokuchi Hayashi, Kenneth Higa, Edward Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Sally Inouye, Robert Katayama, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Jack Mizushima, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Roy & Maizie Nakamura, Masa Nakano, Hideshi & Beatrice Niimi, Tommy Nishioka, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Takeichi Onishi, Seie & Evelyn Oshiro, Kazuto Shimizu, Toshimi Sodegami, Stanley Takahashi, Mike Tokunaga, Kiyoshi Tokunaga, Kiyoshi Ueno, Iris Yamato & Marie Yonishige.

Punchbowl volunteers for September were: Al & Paulette Arakaki, Masa & Marge Toma, Jesse Hirata & Ken Kaneko, and Robert and Frances Sakoki.

### **SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT**

By Arthur Tamashiro

Current Assests - August 31, 1994	\$231,45
Less Tenants Security Deposits	10,112
Withheld payroll taxes	663
Net Increase 1993	43,861

\$10,000 was loan repayment from Sons/Daughters

#### **Donations and Financial Items**

To: DAV for Weinberg Hall	1,000
S & D Scholarship program	3,000
To JCCH for 5 years	5,000
A & D Golf Tournament Fund raiser	2,875
President Kimura-Representative at Bruyeres/Biffontaine	2,000

Passed: 100th Inf Bn Scholarship Fund of \$11,000 per year in trust account. Committee members are Stanley Akita, Don Matsuda and Henry Nakasone, Chairman.

We netted \$33,861 in 1993. We will net about \$30,000 in 1994.

Our deepest sympathy to Ruth and the family of the late Hideo Kajikawa. He passed away on August 20, at Kuakini Hospital. He was our battalion warrant officer and was very active in the club as well as in the HQ Chapter. He will be sorely missed.

HQ Chapter held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 13 in the clubhouse lounge. A sizeable group of 14 members turned out. They were: Ken Suehiro, Tadayoshi Hirai, Mike Takahashi, Charlie Miyashiro, Ken Saruwatari, Toshio Kunimura, Arthur Tamashiro, Ed Ikuma, Frank Nishimura, Archie Kamisato, Ken Otagaki, Wally Teruya, Bob Katayama, and Gary Uchida.

Tadayoshi Hirai made his first appearance in a long while, and it was good to have him join the group.

Bob Katayama brought a group photo of the ammunition and pioneer gang taken at Camp McCoy, in 1942. A few of those pictured are: Tadayoshi Hirai, Lt. Koga, Ken Otagaki, Frank Nakasone, Robert Toma, Robert Fukumoto, Makoto Tanimura, also Ralph Ikeda, First Sgt. of HQ Co. If any former A & P members of anyone else is interested in obtaining a copy of this photo, please contact Bob. His phone is 946-6846, or call him at the club lounge, phone 946-4286.

#### **FISHING IN ALASKA**

Ken Suehiro had a great time fishing in the Juneau area last month. How different it was from last year when he did not catch a single salmon in the Glacier Bay area. Ken says he was just lucky this year being in an area where the salmon were passing on their way to the north, returning to the place of their birth. Twice Ken caught his limit of six silvers a day, bog ones too. He also caught his limit of two kings, two halibuts, cods and other fishes. Being the oldest in his group, he was accorded every consideration. Willing hands were especially extended to him when getting on and off the boat. Ken is seriously thinking of going again next year and asks if anyone else is interested. He admits that the plane ride is long and tiring, but the fishing is fun.

HQ Chapter Christmas Party will be held on Friday evening, December 16.

The next HQ Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 9:30am at the clubhouse. Don't trust your memory-- put these dates on your calendar right away.

#### **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

There were 12 members and 6 wives in attendance at our Tuesday, September 6 Maui Chapter luncheon meeting at Sizzlers in Kahului. The wives withdrew to a corner of the annex after lunch and the members, with President John Miyagawa presiding opened their third meeting of the year at 12 noon. Minutes of the last meeting, and the financial report of the past 3 months were reprinted and distributed to members prior to the meeting. Akira Ishikawa, group leader of our July family night at the kahului CC Park gave his report. There were 28 members, 25 wives, 4 widows, 4 sons and daughters with families. President Miyagawa gave a report of our August family picnic that was held at the Kahului Kanaha Beach Park. There was a good turnout of our sons and daughters with their families. Lionel Miyagawa and Michael Kaneshina were the picnic co-chairmen and deserve much credit for a very successful picnic. Williw Goo gave a report of the last golf tournament sponsored by Maui Chapter golfers for the Maui Nisei Veterans clubs. There were 34 golfers including 7 from our club. Goichi Shimanuki, chairman of our annual KIA Memorial Service next passed out leaflets concerning the coming September 25 service. The Rev. Vernon Tom will conduct the service, and members are asked to come an hour before the 2 pm service with flowers and plumeria leis, if available, to help decorate the graves.

There will be a family night on Friday, October 14, at 6pm at the Kahului CC Park. Groups 1 and 2 will be in charge. Our last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, November 1, at Sizzlers. Couples will be assessed \$5.00, and singles \$2.00.

Shiro Yamato, active member, died on September 7, 1994. He was in the Medics. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Fusae Yamato, and daughter Iris. Iris is our Club 100 Executive Secretary. Funeral services over ashes was held at the Kahului Union Church on September 10, and inurnment at the Maui Vets. Cemetery, Makawao.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Warren Iwai

**MEETING:** The September meeting was held on the 21st with ten (10) members present. It was a good turn out considering the number of members attending the mini-reunion and being away on vacation trips. Robert Takato, taking a day off from his work, was there to greet the boys. Saburo Ishitani was also present to tie up some loose ends for our outing to Punchbowl cemetery to place flowers on the graves of our boys on Saturday, September 24th. Members of Co. "C" feel we will never be too old for this.

Mike and Betty Tokunaga will be leaving on September 28 for their 24-day journey through Europe. Their stops include Bruyeres, France, as well as Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Cassino, Italy. We should have a first hand account of his trip when he returns.

Kanemi Kanazawa was the grand prize winner in our recent Fun Nite door prize at the Nuuanu Onsen Teahouse. He has donated the prize (\$50) to "C" Chapter.

**GOLF:** Oscar Miyashiro is a regular golfer at the Ala Wai Golf Course. On a Tuesday morning in August, he took out his favorite 5 iron on the 15th par 3 hole. As usual he made his slow deliberate back swing and hit a perfect shot. The result-- a hole in one! An "ACE"! It was a day to celebrate for Oscar!

On September 9 the Oahu AJA Veterans Council Tournament was held at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. Twenty-three (23) Club 100 members played of which seven (7) were from Co. "C". In the "A" flight, Stanley Akita place 4th for a nice cash prize. In the same flight Oscar Miyashiro, yours truly and 3 other players tied for 5th place. Toshimi Sodehani also played in the "A" flight but his was a bit off and couldn't come in the prize. In the "B" flight, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Roy Miyashiro, and Roy Nakamura gave a good try but could not make the winners circle.

Recently you may have seen the name Percy Higashi in the news. He is the general manager of Hapuna Beach Hotel, a luxury hotel on the Kona Coast of Hawaii. He is the son of the late Ronald Higashi and Mrs. Shizu Higashi. Shizu is now living with Percy and his family in Kona. Percy--- Congratulations!

## THE LADIES CORNER

The gathering scheduled for September 17 was cancelled and rescheduled as follows:

Date:	October 29, Saturday	Time: 11:00am
Place:	Kamigata Restaurant, Manoa Marketplace	
Cost:	\$7.50 -- \$8.75 plus tax and tips	
RSVP:	By Monday, October 24	
Call:	Beatrice Niimi	732-4288 or
	Lillian Sodehani	734-4288
	(Please call in the evenings.)	
Special Program:	1:00pm	Meet at Seiju Ifuku's home 2701 Aolani Place.

After living as a citizen of this country for three quarters of a century, I received a summons for jury duty from the First Circuit Court on Punahou Street for the first time. The summons instructed me to appear on June 6, 1994, at 9am with instructional materials on jury duty, locations of parking structures, etc. One of the instructions was to call a telephone number on the eve of my reporting date to ascertain whether the group I was assigned will be needed the following day. I was assigned to Group "C" and was told that we are required to be there. With mixed feelings, I got up bright and early thinking about the traffic and the parking which they said was hard to find. By 7am, I was on the road and arrived at 777 Punchbowl Street by 7:30. Since it was my first drive in this part of town, I followed the instructions blindly. I exited Punchbowl and entered South Street, where a parking garage should be, and sure enough I arrived at the entrance to the parking garage. I got a ticket at the entrance, parked my car, walked through the back and found myself lost for a brief moment. I walked around this huge structure, arriving at the front entrance to the Kaahumanu Hale, the building that I was looking for. I sat out in the lobby, watching people come and go until the doors were opened. I passed through the security check, like the kind that you have at the airports and reported to the jury lounge, where all prospective jurors assemble before being assigned to a judge. The clerks checked my name and grouped us by our assigned litters to await the arrival of the bailiffs who are to be our go-between with the courts. Group "C" was originally assigned to Judge Del Rosario but was changed to Judge Simms. We were told to be back here by 1:30pm. Since it was close to lunch, I bought a spam musubi at the canteen, found a soft easy chair, got a cup of coffee which was free for the taking and sat down to have my lunch. At about 1:30 the bailiff arrived and gave us instructions on our behavior in and out of the courtrooms. He emphasized that everything you need, must go through him, for he is our mother hen between the jurors and the court system. Later we were herded up to the 4th Floor to await further instructions. This edifice with many, many room must be the courtrooms because there were a number of groups like ours waiting in the hallways and lobbies. Guess this building is about 2 football fields in length and 4 stories high. It was getting close to pau hana time, when our bailiff appeared and informed us to report back here at 9 am tomorrow. So this is jury duty, eh, justice must take a very slow pace, I thought. The next morning, the bailiff informed us that the present case is taking much longer than expected, so make yourselves comfortable. We lingered in the lobby looking down at the people going in and out of this building. Some dressed in suits, some dressed casually like us and some with working clothes, etc. Ladies with short skirts, long skirts, muumuus and other attire were busily doing whatever their chore was. Well, another day is going by without any action, I thought. Then bailiff appeared about 11 o'clock and ushered us into a room. Ah, this must be it, for in the back of the room sat Judge Simms, clothed in a black robe, looking at us with a slight grin as we entered. She sat on a high bench in one corner of the courtroom where she had a vantage position to view whatever is taking place in this room. The prosecutor sat at her left front while the defense attorney and the accused sat to her left. After every one was seated, Judge Simms welcomed us and reminded us of the importance of the reason that we were here. She apologized for the delays and said, "As you can see, justice is a time consuming process. The jury box was located across the room from the judge and rose gradually from the floor level, like the bleachers in an old stadium. We were finally in the process of jury selection and it was getting interesting. A clerk sat just left of the judge on a raised platform with a basket containing the names of the prospective jurors and pulls the names out of it like some one calling out a lucky number from a hat. As your name is called you fill the seats in the jury box from the highest level. Before you are seated, the judge asks you if there is any reason that you will not be able to render a just verdict for the accused. If there is a reason, you are asked to approach the bench and discuss the reasons in the presence of the judge and the two attorneys. If your reasons are accepted, you are thanked by the judge and excused; if you say that you are able to be fair in judgement, you get seated in the box. At this point, the process changes. The judge asks the prosecuting attorney to cross-examine the jurors, then the defense has its turn. If both of the attorneys are satisfied with your attitude and answers to their questions, you get to stay in the jury box. If either one of the attorneys did not like your answers or attitude, they will approach the bench and the judge will excuse you from your duty and you are pau for the year. If a juror is dismissed, the clerk draws another name from the basket until you have twelve jurors finally seated in the jury box. I was not fortunate enough to experience the complete justice system because I was not even pulled out of the basket. My mid-day the selection process was

over and the remainder of us were thanked by Judge Simms and dismissed from our obligation for this year.

Well, all was not lost, for I got paid \$30.00/day plus mileage. This will be my first pay check in almost 10 years. Not only that, I gained a healthy respect for our justice system by sitting and observing the system in operation. Although I did not experience the whole process, it was a good experience. I wish that everyone has their chance.

We wish to express our deepest condolences to Haruo, his family and relatives for the passing away of his beloved wife, Mrs. Tsueno Carol Hayakawa. Her memorial service was held at the Downtown Mililani Mortuary on 18 August, 1994. May she rest in peace.

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Helen Nikaido**

The August meeting was attended by "Mahut" Kondo, "Doc" Hosaka, Ken Mitsunaga, Saburo Nishime, "Fuzzy" Fujimori, "Jits" Yoshida, Martin Tohara, Conrad Tsukayama, and Mary Hamasaki. Breakfast was prepared by Mildred Yoshida, Yoshi Tsukayama, and Helen Nikaido. Wondered why Rhoda wasn't at the meeting, she was in Las Vegas trying to make a fast buck.

The following members, wives, and guest enjoyed the buffet luncheon at the Pacific Beach Hotel on August 26th: "Fuzzy" and Lillian Fujimori, Richard Kondo, Tami Hara, Saburo Nishime, Mary Hamasaki, Martin and Dorothy Tohara, Conrad and Yoshi Tsukayama, Robert and Kay Yoshioka. Although the group was small, "Mahut" reported that they had a nice time. Goodie bag with candies from "Mahut" and pen from Martin was given to all the ladies.

From Dog Chapter the following members and wives will be at the mini-reunion: Andy Urabe, "Doc" and Mildred Hosaka, Ed and Kay Harada. Lots of luck, bring back money besides your dirty laundry.

"Biffa" Moriguchi's Japan Sea Coast tour will be having a luncheon meeting on October 9th (Sunday), 11:00am at the clubhouse. Be sure to be there as final instructions will be given out.

## **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Evelyn Tsuda**

Tom Tsubota's older brother James passed away suddenly on August 22. Then on September 1, Roy Nakayama lost his older brother Jack after a long illness. We send our deepest condolences to the Tsubota and Nakayama families.

About 80 members and their families attended the Family Night affair on August 28. The family best exemplifying the spirit of family togetherness was Sakae and Stella Tanigawa's family of 10. It was nice to see Robert Kadowaki and other whom we hadn't seen for a long time, and hopefully we'll see many other at our get-togethers in the future.

Our master chef Robert Aoki, assisted by Masa Toma, whipped up some delicious dishes-- roast beef done to perfection, miso butterfish and teriyaki chicken for the entrees, bean sprouts and watercress served with either miso or Korean sauce, tossed salad, and a bowl of assorted melons. These were supplemented with chirashi-zushi made by Evelyn Tsuda, cucumber tsukemono made by Stella Tanigawa, nachos and cip from Bessie Ichimura, and desserts donated by Stella, Bessie, Nancy Arakaki, Marie Yoneshige, and Aki Nosaka.

During dinner, the ukulele club entertained with a few songs and the surprise of the evening-- a hula dance by the ladies. (Tom Tsubota had offered to grease their joints with WD-40 but fortunately it proved to be unnecessary.) After dinner, some door prizes were given out, followed by bingo games conducted by Tokuji Ono and his "brain trust" (Isao Nadamoto, Billy Takaazu and Rikio Tsuda). They warned us at the outset that the games will be played according to their rules which will be subject to change at any time. They managed to confuse us at times but we all had lots of fun. There was one blackout game which was to be the jackpot game. The brain trust expected only one or two winners at the most but there were 4 winners which sent them into a tizzy.

Sonsei Nakamura and Jimmy Inafuku did a terrific job coordinating the get-together. Roy Nakayama, the original honcho, had to go to Kauai to take care of his grandkids but he did lay out the groundwork which made it easier for Sonsei and Jimmy. The chairmen would like to thank Conrad Kurahara for emceeing, all those who helped set up and clean the hall, the kitchen cres, and the following for donating cash and merchandise for prizes: Conrad Kurahara, Joe Muramatsu, Robert Arakaki, Robert Kadowaki, Billy Takaezu, Marie Yoneshige, Tom Tsubota, Hiromi Fujimura, James Inafuku, Roy Nakatani, Richard Yamashina, Sakae Tanigawa, Masa Toma, Mugitani.

Someone conspicuously absent from the get-together was Yasuo Takata so I called him to find out how he's doing. He says he is feeling real good, now that his body has gotten accustomed to the weekly dose of chemotherapy, and that he can eat anything now. He goes to the clubhouse every Tuesday night to play bridge, but no longer pursues his favorite pastime of playing poker. Yasu promised to be at our Christmas party.

While on Kauai, Roy Nakayama had the pleasure of seeing his granddaughter Sheila, age 8, perform at the All-Hawaii talent contest held in Lihue. She placed second in the 13-and-under group. You may remember how terrific she was when she sang at our Christmas party last year. She is the daughter of Dean Nakayama, who manages the Sidewalk Cafe in Kapaa. Roy says to drop in at the restaurant whenever you are on Kauai and be sure to tell Dean who sent you.

Chapter President Joe Muramatsu has served notice that he will call it quits at the end of this term. Election of new officers will be held during the meeting on November 26, 1994. The following is Joe's message regarding the election:

During the meeting, nominations will be entertained from the floor for the various offices. Conrad Kurahara has offered to serve as president in 1995, and possibly in 1996, if the members will accept the partnership concept which he will explain in a 20-minute presentation during the meeting. Afterwards, members will be encouraged to ask questions and, after the discussions, will be asked if they favor the concept or not. It is very important that as many members as possible be present at this meeting so that the voices of many instead of the usual few will be heard in deciding the direction the club will take in 1995. I look forward to seeing all the members at the November 26 meeting.

Our chapter will hold its Christmas party on December 11, Sunday. Again, Ann Kabasawa (daughter of Ray Nosaka) had been asked to serve as chairman. Please save all plastic 6 pack rings for the Christmas Party.

## FOX COMPANY NEWS

by Kenneth M. Higa

Like fine aged vintage wine, the F Company annual reunions are getting "mo bettah dan bettah" as the years go by. This year's reunion held in Honolulu during the weekend of September 9 -- 11 was another "vintage" gathering of the Fox crop -- er, clan.

The festivities for the weekend blasted off with the tea house party on Friday night, September 9, at the Natsunoya Tea House. There were lots of pupus and beverages to enhance the joyous mood of the Friendship Hour. By 5:30pm the buzzing sound of chit-chat, mixed with the vibrant sound of hearty laughter, echoed throughout the spacious banquet room as the guys and the gals happily greeted one another. Then at 6:30pm, Ted Hamasu, emcee for the night, reluctantly called and end to the Friendship Hour -- it was time to begin the program. He called on Kiyoshi Jinnohara, the Tea House Party chairman, to give the welcoming address. The next person to come up front and center was Hakaru Taoka, to conduct the moment of silence in memory of our fallen comrades, and to give the invocation.

Kiyoshi, the hard-working chairman, arranged for a sumptuous feast for the first function of the reunion. The 9-course menu consisted of three kinds of sushi, sashimi served in individual



bowls, shrimp tempura with pumpkin agemono, shoyu chicken with eggplant, teriyaki top sirloin, duck with mushroom gravy, snow crab legs, somen salad, and miso soup. There was enough food left for almost every couple and single to take home their share. Guess our stomachs have shrunk quite a bit because in our younger days there was hardly any leftovers. One of the waitresses commented that the reason for so much leftovers was because quite a number of the guys ate too much pupus -- hmmm, maybe she is right.

The success of the entertainment program was largely due to the concerted efforts of Ted and Kitty Hamasu and Sally Nakano. Ted came prepared with his karaoke machine, tapes, ukulele, and song sheets for group singing. He led the gang in singing some of the popular oldies. He sang solo and also teamed up with Yasuto and Helen Furusho. The trio strummed their ukes and sang a beautiful Hawaiian song. Kitty and Sally, properly dressed in kimono, danced to the tune of "Shiretoko Ryojo", a song about the memories of the pre-war townspeople who live on an island situated above the northernmost part of Hokkaido, which was taken over by Russia following the end of World War II. Later, Sally led a group of ladies and two brave Foxes, Jockey Ishikawa and Rudy Yoshida, in dancing the popular "Tanko Bushi".

Some of the other performers were Mitsuru Omori, Albert Shimizu, and Hakaru Tao. By the way, no one suspected that Mitsuru, the long-time-no-see Fox, was quite a jokester. He surprised everyone with his repertoire of funny jokes, which kept the audience in "stitches". Albert sang a Japanese song of yesteryear. He is a good sport -- never refuses to go on stage when called upon to sing or to tell stories. Hakaru Tao, the elusive Kauai Fox, was very persistent to sing "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here", which the gang had sung earlier. Poor Ted, he tried his best to persuade Hakaru to sing another song but it was to no avail. He simply ignored Ted's plea and sang "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here".

The party ended at 11:00pm on a merry note with everyone looking forward to the Saturday night banquet for more fine dining, good entertainment, and wonderful fellowship.

The Saturday night banquet started at 6:00pm. Emcee Kenneth Higa's opening remarks was suppressed(?) to stay "low keyed", that is, to refrain from stealing the "thunder" from Ted Hamasu, F Company President, who was scheduled to give the welcoming address. Ted, as always, did a good job of welcoming everyone to the main function of the reunion. And he gave recognition to the widows of our fallen comrades who received beautiful ginger leis Hawaiian style. The wives from the outer islands and the mainland, and the island coordinators also received ginger leis Hawaiian style. Ted, Ken and the remaining outer island Foxes received ti leaf leis. How? Of course! Hawaiian style. No other way, Brah.

The beautiful ginger leis were strung by Yoshie Kubota and the ti leaf leis by Humi Iha. Mitsue Amano made the pretty ribbons for all the leis. Ladies, thank you very much for your contribution to the success of the Saturday night banquet. The leis made a big hit. The gang, especially the womenfolk, oohed and aahed when they saw the beautifully made garlands.

Next, Ted called out the name of comrades and wives who had passed away since the 1993 reunion held in Kahului, Maui during October 8 -- 10. Then he called upon Kenneth to conduct the "moment of silence" and to give the invocation.

The dinner buffet included the salad bar with eleven varieties, and the entree selections of pot roast of beef, lemon chicken, beef broccoli, and mahimahi saute. Also, rice, potato du jour, chow mein noodles, Chef's garden vegetables, rolls, assortment of cakes and pies, coffee, tea and fruit punch bowl. There was plenty to eat but so sorry no can take home the leftovers.

The formal program resumed with an address by company president Ted Hamasu and ended with addresses by island coordinators Hayato Tanaka, Choichi Shimabukuro, and Eichi Endo representing Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui respectively.

Before turning over the mike to Charles Nishimura, the emcee for the entertainment program, Ted and Ken did a humorous skit and Ken also did a "fun kind" language session. The gang got a big laugh out of both acts.



Charlie, the seemingly never aging octogenarian emcee, gets better each year, with his witty ad-libbing and coaxing technique of getting people to perform. He had no problem coaxing seasoned performers Shizu Akamine, Ted Hamasu, Sylvia Kawahara, and Sally Nakano to sing a song or two. And a new personality made her debut as a karaoke singer and she passed with flying colors. Sally Taoka also sang a duet with Sally Nakano. Do not get confused with the S and S duo and the S and S saimin. The S and S duo is smoother and better than the other S and S for entertainment purpose. Ha, Ha.

Sally Nakano also danced the hula but with Japanese music instead of Hawaiian. Regardless of the kind of music, the essence of hula dancing is the same. The movement of the hands and body tells the story of the song. Charles, witty as ever, remarked that it was the first time he saw the front and the back views of a hula dancer at the same time. You see, Sally danced in front of a mirror wall background.

Charles came prepared for group singing. He passed out song sheets and led the gang in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "Hotaru No Hikari". Unlike Ted, he said, "You can keep the song sheets."

The banquet came to an end around 11:00pm with the singing of "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha 'Oe" led by Ted Hamasu and Beatrice Higa. By the way, we certainly missed the singing of Mary Kagawa, Kazue Kawamoto, and Nobu Okinaka who were not able to attend the reunion due to illness and other reasons. Hope you three can join us next time.

A big mahalo to Ted, the banquet and program chairman, for a very enjoyable and memorable evening. The entire program for the evening was a tremendous success. Thanks a lot also for bringing your karaoke machine.

The Sunday Luncheon held at the Club 100 clubhouse started around 9:00am with the Friendship Hour. Then at 10:00am, prexy Ted Hamasu presided over the business meeting. Two of the six items on the agenda were the election of officers and the reunion for next year. The officers for 1995 are Kenneth Higa, president; Michael Hamamoto, vice-president; Seiso Kamishita, secretary; and Hakaru Taoka, treasurer. Ted refused to emulate "FDR" in accepting a fourth term. Nevertheless Ted, we thank you for your faithful and diligent services as president for three terms. Regarding the reunion for next year, the members decide to go together as a group on a tour of the mainland instead of holding it in the islands.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, emcee Kenneth Higa conducted the "moment of silence" and gave the invocation. The "moment of silence" was an integral part of the formal portion of the program for each function -- the Tea House party, the Saturday night Banquet, and the Sunday Luncheon. It was the time for us to take a few minutes to pay tribute to our fallen comrades and spouses and to pledge our commitment that we shall never forget them.

For lunch there were two kinds of bento -- butterfly and salmon. However, there were so much pupus and other goodies that many took their bentos home for dinner. There were dry pupus, sekihan, tsukemono, desserts, and watermelons to name a few. And there were plenty of siu mai, har gau (elephant ear), kok jai (half moon), and fried chicken wing parts purchased with the monetary donations received from members and widows.

After lunch, it was time for more "shooting the breeze" until the outer islanders headed for the airport according to their flight times. And so, the 1994 reunion ended with everyone home with a feeling of much happiness and satisfaction for having attended the reunion. They all had a wonderful time.

We thank the following for the generous monetary contributions: Seitoku Akamine, Hawaii Foxes, Yeihō Higa, Lillian Maeda, Michie Moto, Mitsuru Omori, Shinsuke Shimabukuro, and Ken Yoshimoto.

We also extend thank to the following for donating cake, cookies, beer, dango, party mix, dry pupus, soda, and other goodies: Mitsuo Amano, Kiyoko Aoki, Eichi Endo, Jane Fukino, Helen

Furusho, Kitty Hamasu, Beatrice Higa, Kenichi Iha, Kay Kamishita, Jane Kawaguchi, Helen Seo, Choichi Shimabukuro, Shizue Takeshita, and Sally Taoka.

And special thanks to the Jinnoharas and the Niimis. The Jinnoharas brought two cases of delicious grapes for the tea house party and six large sweet watermelons for the Sunday luncheon through the generosity of their son-in-law Dennis Ishikawa, who manages the family-owned produce company. Mary also made lots of sekihan and tsukemono for the Sunday luncheon.

The Niimis donated coffee, tea, pupu, paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic spoons, and forks for the Sunday luncheon.

In addition to their generous contributions, Kiyoshi and Hideshi did a terrific job as chairman of their respective committee-- the Tea House Party and the Sunday luncheon.

The reunion committee members were Kenneth Higa-- chairman; Kiyoshi Jinnohara-- Tea House Party; Ted Hamasu-- Pagoda Banquet; Hideshi Niimi-- Sunday Luncheon; Ted Hamasu-- Program; Charles Nishimura-- Entertainment; Michael Hamamoto-- transportation; Seiso Kamishita-- Hotel Reservations; Hakaru Taoka-- Finance; Hayato Tanaka, Shigeru Ito, and Charles Nishimura--Hawaii Coordinators; Choichi Shimabukuro-- Kauai Coordinator; Eichi Endo-- Maui Coordinator.

We were very sorry that Satoshi and Alma Kashimoto had to cancel their commitment to attend the reunion. They flew to Hilo to attend the funeral service for Hachiro Kawauchi who died on August 30, 1994. Hachiro was the brother of Tatsuo "Poker Joe" Kawauchi of Hilo and the brother-in-law of Satoshi.

Robert Kapuniaia also had to cancel out and fly to Kauai to attend the funeral service for his brother Lawrence, of Kaumakani, who died on September 2, 1994.

Masakichi Yamane of Honokaa, Hawaii, died on August 24, 1994. He was a member of the fourth platoon.

Tsuyoshi Santo of Honolulu, formerly of Pahoa, Hawaii, died on September 9, 1994. He was the brother of Tsukasa Santo of Hilo.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Kapuniaia, Kawauchi, Santo, and Yamane families and relatives for the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace.

F Company Reunion Supplement  
by Hakaru Taoka

The Company F annual reunion has come and gone and I'm confident that Kenneth M. Higa, whom I shall refer to as "Mike" from here on, will cover the reunion matters very adequately. But I feel that I should write just a little bit about Mike's part in the reunion, for I feel that he would give others their due credit but will write very little, if any, of the yeoman's job he did.

The F Company reunions have always been special, very entertaining and the fellowship enjoyed by the participants. But, I feel, this year's reunion was one of the better ones in comparison with all of the other reunions we have had over more than 20 years. Credit should be given to Mike for much of the work he has done as general chairman.

Mike put in a lot of hard work to organize and plan the affair which account for the success of the reunion. In addition, he took over the financial aspect for which I was responsible due to the fact that I was incapacitated because of the open heart surgery.

Mike and his wife, Beatrice, were visiting me when the doctor came in to talk with me and my family to discuss about my case. I interpreted the doctors prognosis of my situation as not so good, but I had already made up my mind to go through with the surgery since I had a "balloon" procedure done only about one and a half years prior. I assume that Mike had interpreted the

doctor's prognosis in the same lute for he graciously and quietly assumed my responsibility although he had medical problems of his own. He had taken over another big hunk of work when he already had so much to do.

I am deeply grateful to him. It gave me that time to take things easy and recuperate without the worries. Thanks, Mike.

## **S.A.W.A. UKULELE CLASS NEWS**

**by Ted M. Hamasu**

The S A W A (Sing along with Art) ukulele group held its Tenth Anniversary shindig at Art Wong's beautiful home in Niu Valley on 29 August 1994 from 5:30 pm. It was about three months ago that someone said, to no one in particular, "Aye, its ten years already, since we first started this class." Then somebody piped in, "Hey, we gotta celebrate, yeh?" So, I approached Art and asked him, when is the best day and time for a party? He suggested that the party be held at his home and he should be home from his trip to Washington by the 29 of August, so everything was settled except the food and the participants. Evelyn Oshiro took the ball from there and organized everything, culminating in a wonderful get-together. We thank Evelyn for doing an outstanding job. Mahalo, Evelyn. The participants were Emma and Art Wong, Evelyn and Seiei Oshiro, Helen and Yasuto Furusho, Janet and Robert Aoki, Kimi and Don Matsuda, Margee and Masa Toma, Elsie and Tony Oshita, Nancy Nakamura, Beatrice Shinoda, Betsy Ichimura and Kitty and Ted Hamasu. Esther Sekine was not able to join us but generously donated ten dollars to the cause. Ken Kaneko was absent due to business dealings in Las Vegas, but sent some cool beers as he promised. Thank you Ethel, we put your donation to good use, and Ken, we enjoyed the cool ones. Emma Wong participated in the celebration by singing a couple of Hawaiian songs by request from Art and was well received by all. Before partaking of the sumptuous food, Art led us in singing the Queen's Prayer and the La Hanau O Ka Na'i Aupuni, written by Kihei Brown. After the 'ono dinner, Art led us in singing several of the Hawaiian numbers that we have learned, accompanied by a surprise accompanist by the name of Robert Aoki on his harmonica. We found a hidden talent that night. After our singing, he entertained us by playing some old sing-along tunes like, "You Are My Sunshine", "Koko Ni Sachi Ari", "I've Been Working On The Railroad" and others too many to mention here. After a fun evening, we parted about 9pm.

Many contributions were received from the members and guests. We received from M/M Aoki, sashimi, poki; M/M Furusho, leis, lemon cake, banana fruit cake, cantaloupe; M/M Hamasu, leis, soft drinks; M/M Matsuda, paper goods; Ken Kaneko, beer; Mrs. Shinoda, bottle of wine; Mrs. Ichikawa, grapes, takuan; Mrs. Sekine, ten dollars. We thank all of you for your generous donations.

The S-A-W-A method of singing is a simplified way of playing ukulele and singing Hawaiian songs. If you love Hawaiian songs, come and visit us in the conference room in the clubhouse on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7pm. It's a fun class, no home work or tests and you may advance at your own speed. Ask Bea Shinoda, Tony Oshita, or Ken Kaneko; they were charter members of this class and they are still continuing. See You There.

## **FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE OF PLAY**

On Wednesday, September 28, 1994, members of the Club 100 Executive Board of Directors met with Mr. Kay Tamaribuchi, Director of Principal Gifts for the UH Foundation; and Dr. Judith Hughes, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, UH. Mr. Tamaribuchi and Dr. Hughes informed the Executive Board about a special fundraising performance of the play, "Our Hearts Were Touched With Fire". The proceeds will benefit the University of Hawaii's Department of Theatre and Dance and will also endow a scholarship named for 100/442 veterans. They will be inviting members of Club 100, along with members of other community, civic, and veterans organizations, and interested individuals to make a donation for this purpose. They will also be accepting corporate and large donations from individual sponsors to underwrite the cost of the reception. The special performance on November 11, will feature a reception and short program. Senator Daniel Inouye will be a speaker, as will UH president Kenneth Mortimer.

## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

Our sincerest MAHALO to Warren Fencel for his generous donation of \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund. You are so generous and are always thinking about the sons and daughters.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of the late **Shiro Yamato**. Iris Yamato, his daughter, is the Executive Secretary of Club 100.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Many, many thanks for all those who came out to help place flowers on the graves on Sunday, September 25th. Thank you to Reggie Tamashiro, Sara Swisher, Kaydi Ichimura-Yonaha, Vicky Ho, Steve Takushi, Benton Kamimoto, Warren Yamamoto, Stanley Tanaka, Sharon Tanaka, Roger Nakano and his son, Sheila, Wade and Kimberly Tonaki, Noreen, Calvert and Mitchell Hung, Sara Swisher, Louise and Cindy Morikawa, Bert and Vonnie Turner and Ann Kabasawa for taking their time out to help. Thank you also to Drusilla Tanaka for placing flowers on the graves at Hawaii Veterans Cemetery.

Thank you to Gary Saito for taking the pictures at this service.

Also, thank you to Ben Fujimori for supplying us with fourteen dozen doughnuts complements of Holsum Bakery and to Steve Takushi for picking them up.

## **ALOHA WEEK PARADE FLOAT**

This year, thanks to all of you who came out to help and who donated your foliage and flowers, we won the MAYOR'S AWARD-first place in the non-commercial division. Thank you to Sharon Tanaka, Danny Uchida, Stanley and Yukie Akita, Warren Yamamoto, Steve Takushi, Stanley and Drusilla Tanaka, Carl, Sheila, Wade and Kimberly Tonaki, Joyce, Gary, Nicole and Erika Doi, and their friends, Sharon Kakesako, Brian, Kimberly and Andrea Chung, Michi Iwata, Francene and Kristal Loo, Heather Oshita, Daphne Kajikawa and Ann Kabasawa for coming out to help on Friday evening. Many thanks to all of you for bringing foliage and flowers: Stella and Sakae Tanigawa, Bernard Akamine, Takako Umamoto, Yasuo Takata, Ben and Gloria Tamashiro and many others. It was a fun time and a time of working together with all generations.

## **ARMY DAY**

The "Army Day" celebration is Saturday, October 15, 1994 from 10:00am - 2:00pm to Fort Shafter Flats. The event promises to be a day full of learning and "hands on" experimentation designed for every to become exposed to "Army life - then and now". Demonstration booths will feature areas such as food preparation, military attire, weaponry, communication and simulation activities.

We need your help to man demonstration booths. If you'd like to help in any way, please call Louise Morikawa at 836-4880.

## **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!!**

We are very fortunate to have two new board members: **MIMI NAKANO** (daughter of Shizuya Hayashi), is very interested in helping with the Oral History and Archives. **JAN NADAMOTO** (daughter of Isao Nadamoto), is the new Social Committee chairman and has many ideas already in the making.

## **SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE**

Remember the survey/questionnaire that was mailed to you? We are still waiting for many of your responses. We'd really would like to know what your ideas and opinions are. Please mail them back.

## **FUN!! FUN!!! FUN!!! FOR EVERYONE!!! CRAFTERS AND PICNIC GOERS ALIKE!!!**

The Sons and Daughters are planning a CRAFT FAIR/PICNIC for all the generations of families to enjoy.

DATE: Sunday, November 27, 1994

TIME: 9:30am - 3:30pm

PLACE: Tommy Kakesako Rehabilitation Center at Keehi Lagoon Memorial for the Disabled American Veterans

COST FOR LUNCH: \$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 children (4-10 years of age)

Please come and join us for good food, games, prizes, fun and laughs and shopping. Donations are welcome also. If you are planning to participate with your crafts, whether you just want to display them or sell them, or if you want to volunteer to help Jan Nadamoto, please call her at 487-8539 or just leave a message on her answering machine.

### **LEGACY COOKBOOK**

"LEGACY COOKBOOK" will be in production and ready for sale by June, 1995. It will be a very unique recipe book. It will not only contain recipes, but also stories of experiences of the veterans accompanied by photographs. You can submit your own stories or have Ann Ishida-Ho conduct an informal interview with you. If you'd like to contribute any stories or need more information, please call Ann Ishida-Ho at 395-8236. The deadline for contributions is November 30, 1994.

### **CAMP MCCOY/CAMP SHELBY REVISITED TOUR**

In conjunction with our fathers, we are planning a tour to Camp McCoy, Camp Shelby, Mississippi Steamboat Riding (it's also a gambling boat), Washington, DC, the Smithsonian Institute and Las Vegas from mid-June to the end of June 1995. There will be a two-day celebration at Camp Shelby on June 17-18 also. This tour will give us the opportunity to see where our fathers trained before being shipped out. The Smithsonian has an excellent exhibit on the 100th/442nd. This tour will be a learning as well as a fun experience for all generations. If you have any questions or suggestions or are interested in going, please call Carl Tonaki at 623-7402 or Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

### **COUNTRY LINE DANCING**

Miriam Mita of Manoa Valley Church said she would be very happy to teach us LINE DANCING. It's a lot of fun and you get a lot of exercise at the same time. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Jan Nadamoto at 487-8539 or Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841. All ages are welcome!!

### **"OUR HEARTS WERE TOUCHED WITH FIRE"**

Tickets are still available for the special Sunday matinee performance, November 13, at 2:00pm. Please call Iris at 946-0272 during business hours to reserve your seat. This play, featuring the wartime experiences of the Nisei is suitable for all ages. A good family activity!!

### **ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

Hope your reading of "Ambassadors In Arms" is progressing well. Next on the reading list is: "Kodomo No Tame Ni" by Dennis Ogawa. If you're interested in helping with the Oral History Project, please contact Iris at 946-0272, during business hours. Training and practice sessions will be offered, so please call.

### **1995 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

Copies of the 1995 Entertainment Book will be available for purchase at the Club 100 office beginning the first week of October. Those who took advantage of the pre-sale bonus will receive their coupons at this time. The book features handy discount deals for travel, hotels, restaurants, athletic events, movie tickets, some retail stores, and much more. Makes a great birthday or wedding gift, a good corporate "incentive" gift, etc.

The following is the Memorial Address presented by Dr. Kaoru Oguri, at the 49th Annual Memorial Service held on Sunday, September 25, at Punchbowl Cemetery. She was an excellent speaker, and her speech was very well-received by the persons gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the first 100th Infantry Battalion men to die in battle. Dr. Oguri is currently preparing an exhibit on AJA and the military, scheduled to open at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles in September 1995.



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Curator

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to speak with you today and I want to thank you for that. You know, when I was first contacted to speak I wondered what in the world I could possibly say that would be relevant at a memorial service to remember those of you who fought in World War II. I am a curator at the Japanese American National Museum and I knew about the 100th and the 442nd but when I began to work on exhibits dealing with Japanese Americans in the military, I had to be patiently educated by some of you veterans on what's a regiment, what's a battalion, and so forth. But as I began to work with you, both on the mainland and here in Hawaii, so many memories were awakened and so many new things were learned that I want to take this opportunity to say thank you and to tell you why I am so grateful.

Today I want to talk with you about tomorrow and I'm going to start by talking about yesterday. This is a kind of homecoming for me because, you may not realize it from my mainland accent, but I was raised here. My mother is a local girl. I have an uncle who served in the original 100th and other uncles both from the mainland and Hawaii who served in the 442nd. And even though I may speak funny now, Hawaii still runs in my blood because it was an important factor in shaping who I am today.

Yesterday, so many years ago, I grew up in Hawaii proud to be an American of Japanese ancestry. I couldn't imagine wanting to be anything else than what I was and, in fact, as a child, I felt sorry for those unfortunate haoles who had only one cultural background to draw from. As I grew up and went out into the world I sometimes encountered racism directed against me because I was Asian. It was never pleasant but I feel, because I grew up in Hawaii and the society you helped to create, I never doubted or devalued myself because I was Japanese American.

Now as a curator at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, as I work on exhibits on Japanese American history and culture, I realize some of my strength and sense of security is a legacy from you. As a child, my mother told me about the 100th and 442nd -- she told me what you accomplished as a group on the battlefield. Then later on I was to learn about what you accomplished in the Military Intelligence Service for America. And I remember my mother telling me how you all came back changed and determined now to change society. And yesterday, so many years ago, you did. And today, I am a beneficiary of what you did.

I've sometimes thought of what might have been if you did not do what you did. If, when your country called, you did not answer. If, you had happily taken that job of guarding the supply lines rather than insisting on being sent into combat. If, when sent in to rescue the Lost Battalion you said, "Let someone else do it, we're too tired."

If you did not do what you did yesterday, so many years ago, -- this country would be a different place today. I don't think we could have an institution like the Japanese American National

Museum -- an organization of the people, by the people and for the people, dedicated to preserving and telling the stories of the history of the Japanese Americans as an integral part of American history. If you did not do what you did, perhaps there would still be segregated units in the military, most of the officers would still be haoles and the official belief would still be that people of color won't make good officers and won't be good combat soldiers. If you did not do what you did just yesterday, so many years ago, the return of the mainland Japanese Americans from America's concentration camps would have been more difficult than it was and perhaps today there would be no redress, no apology from our government for a grievous and unconstitutional wrong done to her own children. If you didn't do what you did yesterday, perhaps there would have been no Senators Daniel Inouye and Sparky Matsunaga and no Governor Ariyoshi and no General Colin Powell and no Chief Justice Clarence Thomas and no Cabinet Minister Elizabeth Dole.

It is ironic that yesterday, even as you were fighting overseas for democracy, democracy was being destroyed at home. But some of you were aware of that and because of what you did, first abroad and then at home, you helped to restore democracy, to show to the world that democracy works and to make America a more democratic nation. Because of what you did yesterday, the definition of Who is an American has widened to truly include all colors, all creeds.

As I've learned more and more about yesterday, what amazes me is how young you all were when you began the process of shaping history. I look at your photos and I listen to your stories and I realize that who came to fight for American was her children -- so full of life, so full of hope, so full of dreams. And I realize, too, that who prepared you for your battle was not just your drill sergeant but also you Mom and Dad who labored so hard, sacrificed so much, and poured in so much love into you so that you could have a better tomorrow. And yet, when it came time, they let you go so that American could have a tomorrow and many of you, like the great baseball player, Joe Takata, met a today when there were no more tomorrows for you and you didn't come home.

And yet, yesterday, not so many years ago, even though some of you had run out of tomorrows, others of you still had the foresight to look beyond the battles of today to tomorrow. You understood the importance of what you were doing today but you also realized that after the battle abroad was won, there was still another battle at home you had to win. You could have gone home and rested on your laurels but you didn't. And because you didn't you changed both the military and society. Because of you, the military was integrated and became an institutional leader in integration. Because of you politics and then economic opportunity became more democratic. Because of you, many young Japanese American children for the first time had a real American hero of Japanese ancestry -- you were the Japanese American John Waynes. And because of you, your parents were given a tomorrow in American -- they were finally allowed to become naturalized citizens.

I've been told soldiers fight to survive. Soldiers fight because they are ordered to. They fight so that there can be a tomorrow for their families and their country. You have done all that in such an incredible way and you've done that so that there can be a tomorrow for all of us as Americans.

Before I close I'd like to tell you a story that a Japanese American Vietnam vet told me. One very hot afternoon, in a clearing on a nameless jungle top somewhere in the central highlands of Vietnam, he watched a young American soldier slowly bleed to death. And as the word got out that he was dying, the other men in his squad began to gather around him, to offer the only thing they could-- their physical presence. One of his buddies held out a canteen and said, "Do you want some water?" and the young soldier said, "No." Then another friend lit a cigarette, held it out to him and said, "Can I give you a smoke?" That young soldier said "No." The his best friend knelt down and said, "Is there anything we can give you?" And that your boy, 19 years old, opened his eyes and said, in a surprisingly clear voice, "Yeah, give me tomorrow."

As a mother of three boys, I've thought of that story often for no mother wants to know that the precious lives of her children have too few tomorrows. And I realize why I am here today and that is to simply to say Thank you for tomorrow.



# CLUB 100 OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE.....	Saturday, October 22.....	8 am.....	Lounge
	✓ Saturday, November 26.....	8 am.....	Lounge
BAKER.....	✓ Saturday, October 15.....	1 pm.....	Lounge
	✓ Saturday, November 26.....	1 pm.....	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Monday, October 17.....	10 am.....	Boardroom
	Monday, November 21.....	10 am.....	Boardroom
DOG.....	Saturday, October 15.....	8 am.....	Boardroom
	Saturday, November 12.....	8 am.....	Boardroom
HQ.....	Tuesday, December 13.....	9:30 am.....	Lounge
HAWAII.....	Thursday, October 27.....	11 am.....	AJA Vets Mem. Hall
	Thursday, November 17.....	11 am.....	AJA Vets Mem. Hall
KAUAI.....	Sunday, October 9.....	12 noon.....	Wailua Marina
	Sunday, December 11.....	12 noon.....	Green Garden Restaurant
MAUI.....	Friday, October 14.....	6 pm.....	Kahului Comm. Center
	Tuesday, November 1.....	11 am.....	Sizzler's Restaurant
	Friday, November 11.....		Veterans' Day Dinner
RURAL.....	Friday, November 18.....	11 am.....	Westgate Mall
BOARD.....	Thursday, October 13.....	7 pm.....	Boardroom
	Thursday, November 10.....	7 pm.....	Boardroom
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, October 3.....	7 pm.....	Turner Hall
	Monday, November 7.....	7 pm.....	Turner Hall

NEW COLLATING DATE: Next Puka Puka Parade collating will be on Thursday, **November 17, 1994, at 8:30am.** HEADQUARTERS, DOG, and MEDICS Chapters are responsible for the manpower and refreshments.



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