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*Please come to a community meeting at Club 100*

*on*

*Saturday, December 4, 1999*

*at 2:00 p.m.*

*Parking available at Ala Wai School*

*to hear an up-date about  
the National Memorial to Japanese American Patriotism during World War II  
which will be built in Washington, D.C.*

*Club 100 has pledged \$50,000 over 10 years to this project  
which will cost over \$8 million.*

*It is your opportunity to let the foundation know how you want  
Japanese Americans to be represented by this memorial.*

## **FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA**

**by Ray and Aki Nosaka**

We sincerely hope that all of you had a joyful Thanksgiving. We've said it before and we say it again, "Count your blessings and give thanks! Be thankful for what you have, for your families and friends and for the pleasure of living here in Hawaii. Let us all be grateful for the gift of life."

As the 20<sup>th</sup> century comes to a close, we hope and pray that the new year will bring to Club 100 a closer knit family of active members and those who have not been around much the past few years. As you know, we sadly have to admit that our comrades are leaving us one by one. Let us resolve to enjoy the comradeship in the time left for us in the new millenium.

MAHALO to the following PPP volunteers who showed up on November 4<sup>th</sup> to collate and mail out the November edition: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Tokuichi Hayashi, Richard Hosaka, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Lawrence and Regina Kamiya, Etsuo Katano, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Y. Mugitani, Joe Muramatsu, Roy Nakayama, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Takeichi Onishi, Susumu Ota, Leo Sato, Kenneth Saruwatari, Hiromi Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Denis Teraoka, Masa Toma, Riki and Evelyn Tsuda, Ukichi Wozumi, Marie Yoneshige, Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa. Thanks to "Saru" for the pastries and to Mary Hamasaki and Cecilee Tanaka for proof-reading.

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## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by President Joe Muramatsu

After approval of the October minutes, acceptance of the Executive Secretary's Report, and the CPA's report, we went right into our committee reports. Don Matsuda, Apartment and House Committees Chair reported that we have one vacancy and anticipate another vacancy in December. The reason for the tenant moving is that there is no parking stall available.

The Nominating Committee is still looking to fill the slate with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer. Matsuda has asked some people to consider serving in these slots and is hopeful that they will reply favorably.

We are still awaiting word from the Department of Defense regarding the up-grading of DSC medal recipients. No action was taken on the Long Range Planning Committee's proposals for amendments to the Charter and By-Laws because there were too many questions that could not be answered at the meeting. Chair Warren Iwai will be asked to attend our next board meeting to answer these questions.

The Fort Benning Monument Dedication went on very well. When you drop the names of Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and General Eric Shinseki, everything will fall into place. Major General John Le Moyne, Commanding General of Fort Benning, LTC Scott New, chaplain, and a real live band were there to help dedicate our monument.

Regarding Martin Tohara's request for funds to purchase lunch for his committee members was approved with some reservations.

There is a suggestion that Rev. Don Asman be named Club 100's Chaplain.

If you returned the survey indicating that you are interested in attending the Y2K anniversary in Las Vegas next June, you should have received the registration form in the mail. The deadline for signing up for the Vacations Hawaii package or for the hotel room (if you live on the mainland or are traveling by another airlines) was November 26. However, deadline to register for the anniversary celebration which will be from June 18 through 21, is April 1, 2000. A word to the wise is don't delay, as seating for the banquet is limited.

Chapter Presidents, please turn in your chapter roster so that we can send you your chapter subsidy.

Regarding the portable defibrillator—our insurance agent cautioned us against this purchase because of many other problems that may arise.

The Board approved the purchase of a video-cassette player/recorder, fans for the lobby, color printer for the office and instructed the Executive Secretary to look for a good quality computer scanner.

A request to consider issues that have been raised regarding the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation provoked many unfavorable comments. It was requested that both sides of the issue be aired at the December board meeting, but instead of just Club 100's board, the issue will be presented at a community-wide meeting to be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 4, at 2 p.m. All interested persons may attend. It will be a chance to get an up-date of the memorial to Japanese American patriotism during World War II and to give some feedback to the foundation representatives.

An invitation from the Hawaii National Guard to attend their Birthday ball was declined due to lack of interest. The National Guard is also seeking the names of men who were in the Guard on December 7, 1941. Please contact Major Jeffrey Pang at 734-1266 or write to him at P. O. Box 12033, Honolulu HI 96828 if you were in the 298<sup>th</sup> or 299<sup>th</sup> Regiment then. Who knows, they may name a street or building after you!

An ad in the Christmas issue of the Hawaii Herald was approved.

We had a request to hold a combined memorial service with the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club, but the conditions were not acceptable to the 442<sup>nd</sup> VC, so the idea was dropped.

A request from the AJAWARVETS association to review a list of KIA's for the memorial to be built in Los Angeles was received. No action was taken on this request.

Bob Jones is interested in coordinating a tour to Italy for the dedication of a memorial to fallen soldiers of the allied forces during World War II. The memorial will include a statue of Sadao Munemori (A-KIA). If interested, please return the survey which was in the November PPP.

Only one more.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CAPTAIN (R) GARY IKUMA AT THE LUNCHEON RECEPTION AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA:**

Good afternoon. Veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and their families, friends, what a great honor it is for me to be here on the podium today.

The story of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion is an American story that is one of the greatest of this century. Theirs is a story of tremendous hardships, very difficult circumstances, personal suffering and sacrifice, and remarkable achievement.

I think that their generation could be considered the generation of the century. It's hard for people even in my generation to imagine what they went through.

Many of the veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> were born to immigrant parents and while they were born Americans, they grew up raised in the culture of their ancestry in addition to that of mainstream America. And many of them came from poor, hardworking families and they grew up in the worst depression the US had ever experienced.

The original members of the 100<sup>th</sup> were already soldiers in the Army, mostly at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii when the war started. My father told me that his father told him on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, as did many of the immigrant parents of the other Nisei soldiers that: Now you must do your duty for the country. Go and do your best.

That they all did.

They answered the call to fight. They were given the opportunity to prove themselves in combat, and they went on to make history as one of the greatest fighting units of World War II and in all Army history. They gained fame among allied troops and respect from enemy forces for their tenacious fighting spirit.

Characteristically, the esprit, camaraderie, pride and allegiance of the 100<sup>th</sup> still exists today through their Club 100 veterans organization.

Because of what they did on those battlefields of Italy and France over a half-century ago, the soldiers of the 100<sup>th</sup> bought for me and my generation, and all future generations our full rights and privileges as American citizens.

The 100<sup>th</sup> inspired me to a military profession. I figured that flying jets in the carrier Navy seemed like a great way to go. Not exactly the combat infantry, but nonetheless, it was my way of continuing the legacy of the 100<sup>th</sup>.

During World War II, Americans of Japanese ancestry could not serve in the Navy. I had the opportunity to make it a career. But one of the proudest things I can say is that my father is a veteran of the famed 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

There is a small amount of irony in that, during my Navy service, my younger daughter was born at DeWitt US Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The hospital is named after General John DeWitt, the general who was so instrumental in putting people of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii and on the West Coast into internment camps during the war.

The monument here at Fort Benning serves as a reminder to all Army infantry soldiers, that in World War II there was a unit known as the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, whose motto on their battalion colors was "Remember Pearl Harbor" because they had something to prove—that they were just as American as others despite doubts about their loyalty to this country. And that they proved it many times over, fighting in 32 battles in 21 months of combat, suffering enormous casualties in the process, and earning so many individual and unit awards that no other single battalion can match their record.

As you all know, the Defense Department is currently reviewing and considering the upgrading of their awards of the Distinguished Service Cross to the Medal of Honor. We'll know the results in the near future, and I am sure that the 100<sup>th</sup>'s record of glory will be even greater.

Now, I would like to recognize Mrs. Peggy Pye, who has graciously joined us here with other family members to represent the man who was the driving force behind the monument, Col. William Pye, who served in Companies B and C. It was Col. Pye who envisioned that a monument to the 100<sup>th</sup> be erected at Fort Benning.

Col. Pye just wanted a monument to what he believed was the best fighting outfit during World War II, and he was especially proud to have been a part of it.

Col. Pye passed away recently, but I'm sure that he would have been mighty proud of today's dedication of the monument. We owe special thanks to him and to Mrs. Pye for their wonderful efforts.

Who would have thought back then in mid-1942, when the 100<sup>th</sup> was formed, that the men of the 100<sup>th</sup> would be so honored as a fighting outfit, that a monument to them would be erected at the home of the US infantry and at a time when the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Shinseki, is an American of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii, and a nephew of a 100<sup>th</sup> member.

I think that all of the veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> would feel so proud to be here today to see the dedication of the monument in their honor.

The 100<sup>th</sup> was the defining experience of their lives and it will always be a part of them and the history of the US.

The 100<sup>th</sup> is so well-deserving of their place of honor on Sacrifice Field. This is the place for a monument to these brave American soldiers of a legendary outfit, the very best of the best, because all future US Infantry soldiers can be inspired by their courage and dedication to duty.

Thank you for coming and thank you for allowing this Navy guy to be a part of this great Army ceremony.

#### **CLUB 100 TOUR TO FORT BENNING – “GEORGIA ON MY MIND” – PART II (Saturday and Sunday) Part I was printed in the November 1999 issue.**

On Saturday morning, our first stop was the Cyclorama. A lot of people thought we were going to see an exhibit about bicycles, but the Cyclorama is only one of four such paintings in North America. Located in Grant Park, near the site of the Battle of Atlanta, the Cyclorama is a 360-degree painting of the Battle of Atlanta. Imagine a wall 42-feet high, with a circumference of 358 feet and full color painting on the inside of it, with additional figures and landscaping at the base. In the center of this, place a revolving platform of theater seats. As you sit in your seat, you begin a slow rotation, listening to the narration and sound and light-effects. It is a very effective way to learn about one of the famous battles of the Civil War. A technological marvel; everyone enjoyed this stop.

Next stop, Stone Mountain Park. Mike and Gene Doi were waiting for us, as this famous park is in their “backyard.” First on our agenda here was lunch at The Commons restaurant. Generous portions and delicious. It was a good thing that we were going to do something “active” after lunch, because with our full stomachs and cozily bundled up, it was very tempting to take a nap. But, Mike and Gene scheduled the tram ride to the top of the mountain. The lines moved quickly, but it was a good time to talk story with the others on the tour. One could spend as much time on the top of the mountain, which is the largest out-cropping of granite in the world. On one face of the mountain, the Confederate Memorial Carving of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and Gen. Robert E. Lee and their horses is sculpted into the rock. It's an amazing feat of artwork, similar to the sculptures of Mount Rushmore. It was a beautiful day, and our guide told us that we could see not only downtown Atlanta, but all the way to Chattanooga, Tennessee. On the way back down, as Yoneko Shimizu and I waited in line for the next tram, she mentioned that she'd like to stand near the window because she heard there's a good view of the carving. By looking at the group in front of us, I doubted that we would be able to stand next to the window, so just said some nonsense in reply. When we boarded the tram, sure enough, I was squeezed into the center of the tram, and could barely see the carving by peering between the taller passengers' heads. I wondered how Yoneko was faring, as she is barely as tall as my chin, and I am only 4'11". When we arrived at the landing gate, Yoneko was out before me and smiling happily. I asked, “Were you able to get a good view?” “Oh, yes,” she cheerfully replied, “They put me in the corner with the little kiddies.”

Gift shops are so attractive with their variety of souvenirs and postcards with photos an instamatic camera cannot replicate, so that was our next stop. I couldn't resist the Christmas ornament and bought it for the clubhouse Christmas tree. Hopefully, others will add to the collection so that years from now we can say that the 100<sup>th</sup> was at all of these places represented by the ornaments on the tree. The Doi's had given each of us a postcard from Stone Mountain, so I decided to mail mine back to myself, and hoped to have a “Stone Mountain” postmark on it for my scrapbook. When I received it at home, the postmark was “Atlanta.” Oh, well, it was a good idea anyway.

We bid a temporary good-bye to Mike and Gene and left for our drive to Warm Springs and our next hotel, the Meriwether Country Inn. The drive through the country-side was so peaceful, with nothing but trees and grass lining the interstate. As we got closer to Warm Springs, we saw farms with livestock and bales of hay, good inspiration for napping. The roads got narrower as we left the interstate for the country roads with mailboxes marking the route. Pat Willis, our travel agent, had informed me that the hotel was sold out for the weekend because of the "Hoedown Festival." As we entered the town, there were decorations on the light poles, flags and banners on storefronts and a band playing as we rounded the corner of the main intersections. A couple of the veterans on the bus looked at me as if to ask, "Did you arrange this for us, too?" We did enjoy this evening at dinner and all the festivities afterwards. On a usual weekend, I think everything is closed up early. The Bulloch House, where we enjoyed a Southern Buffet, including "fried green tomatoes," is usually closed for dinner, but because of the festival, we were able to make reservations. It was at the Bulloch House that we finally met Jerry and Tippiie Conner in the flesh. Joe presented him with a 100<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn wristwatch as a small token of appreciation for all the help he had given us and as "comedy relief," I gave him the universal souvenir from Hawaii--a T-shirt. Jerry immediately put it on over whatever he was wearing and gave everyone a good laugh! Going through the little shops was very interesting, too, although with our AJA faces, we got as many curious looks from the customers and clerks as the merchandise did. Walking in the cool evening air was invigorating, and gave us energy to work on the decorations and favors for the luncheon. Many of the women, Pat Norikane, Hanh Kim, June Kurisu, Kimi Matsuda, Evelyn Honda, Teri Fujikawa, Jean Tagami, Mich Hashimoto and Sylvia Kawahara (if I left anyone out, please forgive me) helped fold and glue the little "pillows" that were painstakingly cut by Fumi Inouye, Regina Kamiya, Stanley Tanaka, and Yoneko Shimizu. It was fun working while just outside there was a square dance going on. The ladies with their full crinoline skirts were a pretty sight. Now we know why they are called Southern "Belles."

Warm Springs derives its name from the subterranean heated water which is said to have curative powers. After contracting polio, Franklin Delano Roosevelt visited the springs and found relief and good therapy there. He built the only home he owned, naming it "The Little White House" after he was elected President. It was here that he died on April 12, 1945, and the house and its contents are preserved just as they were on that day. Open daily from 9 a.m., we arrived at the locked gate at 8:50 a.m. Someone muttered, "This is what we get for not going to church on a Sunday morning." But, rather than just sit and wait, it was a good opportunity for our first official group photo, right on the lawn in front of the sign. In Honolulu, it would have been a sight to stop traffic, but in the backroads of Warm Springs on a Sunday morning, it didn't cause any kind of commotion. After getting all the cameras untangled, we boarded the bus just as the park worker unlocked the gate and raised the American flag. In the "parlor" of the museum, we were greeted by an actress impersonating Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Stu Tsubota spoke with her later, explaining that while he was hospitalized during WWII, Mrs. Roosevelt visited him and shook his hand as she encouraged him. The huge tapa cloth that was hanging in the museum was from Hawaii, but the docents could not tell us about the donor or the occasion for the gift. The black and white reel-to-reel film showed just how handsome a man Roosevelt was. His photos and the unfinished portrait do not do justice. The films also revealed his charismatic personality as he played and relaxed with other polio patients, especially with children. I wondered how a man who was so liberal and progressive could have signed Executive Order 9066, interning 120,000 Japanese in 1942. Of course, there was no mention of this in any of the exhibits or memorabilia displayed. The walk through "The Little White House" was surprising as well, for on the outside, it looks similar to the White House in Washington, D.C., with its huge white columns, but on the inside, I felt like I was in my grandparents' old Manoa home, complete with the long porcelain sink and aluminum pots and pans. The simplicity and modesty of this President's home was very surprising, too. The rooms were small and practical for heating in the winter and just ordinary in its furnishings, with chenille bedspreads and nothing "high-tone," as my grandfather would say. The preserved automobiles got a lot of attention and provoked a lot of comments from the gentlemen. All of the efforts to preserving the house and its contents must require a lot of money and expertise. I wondered about the items that Club 100 has that are just as old now, kept without a lot of fuss and bother and how they will be in 50 years. Hope it's not too late to start something.

As we exited the mansion, we were surprised by Ed Ikuma and his son, Gary. They followed our bus for a bit and joined us for lunch at Callaway Resort. But, before that, we had to have a group picture, veterans only, right in front of the mansion. A news reporter from a local newspaper was there, too. Such VIP treatment and attention!

We had some time, so we visited the therapeutic pool, which was HUGE and empty, and felt the buoyancy of the Warm Springs water which was spouting up into a small trough. This facility is probably the first building built without architectural barriers and completely wheelchair accessible, including the pool which was built with low sloping ramps into the water, rather than steps or ladders.

Seeing the exhibit of equipment used to treat polio patients brought back memories of the polio hysteria of the 50's. I remembered being a "guinea pig" and getting the Salk vaccine at UH when I was 7 years old, as part of a mass trial for the vaccine. It is amazing that no matter how advanced modern medicine is, people's reactions to health crises remain the same. If it were not for the courageous pioneers in treatment and research for cures or vaccines, we would be a society of isolated care centers for various diseases instead of our current attitude of maintaining dignity and quality of life for the ill and disabled by including everyone in mainstream America. We certainly have come a long way, but in many respects, we still have a long way to go.

We went from the past to the future with our visit to Callaway Gardens. At one time it was a flourishing plantation, but it has been dedicated to preservation and conservation so that future generations of visitors can enjoy the beautiful plants and animals that live in this region. In addition to the native flora and fauna, the horticultural center displays plants from around the world. It was fun to see the Hawaiian Chili Pepper, with its red and yellow fruit as part of the Autumn Display. We also visited the Day Butterfly House with its collection of thousands of butterflies from around the world and the Vegetable Garden where "The Victory Garden" is filmed. When we discussed a "picnic lunch" here, I told the travel agent that it would be difficult for our group to "rough it;" we must have tables and chairs and a sheltered area. She assured us that all of these conditions would be met. Surprise! It was too cold in the shade of the pavilion, so most of the group ended up seated on the grass in the bright warm sunshine, munching on their Southern Fried Chicken and scrumptious potato salad. It is a great place to visit again, perhaps during spring or the winter holidays.

We left the resort and began the drive back to Meriwether Country Inn. This is a fairly new motel, a real bargain for us. The manager was very accommodating and gave preferred room locations to those who needed to be on the ground floor (no elevator) and close to the lobby. Our first impression showed us just how laid back they are and treat all guests like visitors to their home. When we checked in on Saturday afternoon, the manager handed me a list of names and room numbers and a bucket of keys. I asked, "Is the list in alphabetical order?" He said, "Don't know if those are last names or first names, but it's in some kind of order." Now I know how the nisei were treated by their Caucasian school teachers and then by their Army officers—especially when pronouncing names! It's a big joke now, but back then it just added to the humility when someone mangled your name.

Pat Willis told us that most restaurants are closed on Sunday evening, but she was able to make arrangements at a barbecue place for us. Little did we know that they opened just for us. The barbecue place was just a small building, no bigger than a lunch wagon in Kakaako. But the owner also ran the steak house next door, so he had all of us seated and served there. As I walked to the restaurant, a woman looking lost and forlorn asked me if I knew of any open restaurants in the area. I told her that we had reservations for the barbecue place. She said, "No, they are closed, too." As we approached the steak house, I nodded toward our group seated inside, and said, "Yes, they are open, see?" She said, "You must have made advanced reservations because everything in this town is closed up." Trying to be helpful, I said, "Why don't you go in and ask if they can serve you. I'm sure they could squeeze out another portion for you." She said, "That's okay, I've got 17 in my group," turned and walked away, very disappointed. The food was ono, something different, and certainly appreciated when we realized that we were very fortunate to have a travel agent who was really on the ball. The Brunswick Stew was good, too, but without rabbit meat.

Back to the hotel for a stand-up meeting and last-minute instructions for the dedication ceremony. The lobby was our meeting hall, our craft shop, and our rehearsal room, as well as our breakfast nook each morning. And the ever present front desk clerk was there to help us with whatever we needed. On Sunday night, I asked for an iron to press my muumuu for the ceremony. I placed it on top of the box of name tags for the ceremony and luncheon and by the time I arrived at our room, the water in the iron had spilled out and ruined dozens of name tags. It was about 10:30 p.m. and I thought I would be sick to my stomach when I saw the ruined tags. Stan helped me squeeze the water out, but the ink had already started to run. In a panic, I called Teri Fujikawa whose calligraphic skills are put to good use for every mini-reunion. She had her special pens with her and said, "Come on over." They were already in pj's, but Sam went to work drying the wet name tags over the heater/a/c. Teri patiently made new tags with the extra blanks, and I reassembled them as they dried. We worked for more than an hour to salvage the tags and made as many new ones as we could. But, in the end, some went without tags, not knowing why and polite enough not to ask! Thanks, Sam and Teri! You saved me from disaster. And I still don't believe that it was a coincidence that you packed your pens!

Mahalo to the following tour members whose cooperative spirit helped to make this such a memorable trip. Elsie Jackson told me that Mr. Hanner, Director of the National Infantry Museum, remarked to her that our group seemed especially "close," something he does not notice with other groups. Elsie surmised that he experienced "ohana" in the truest form. So, here is our ohana: from Hawaii: Kunio

Fujimoto (A), Yasuto and Helen Furusho(F/B), Evelyn Honda (S&D), Shigeru, Fumi and Clinton Inouye (MED), Larry, Regina and Clayton Kamiya (C), Don and Kimi Matsuda (A), Joe and Katherine Muramatsu (B), Tokuji Ono (B), Tamotsu and Yoneko Shimizu (A/Rural), Stanley and Drusilla Tanaka (S&D), and those who met us at Fort Benning, Al and Paulette Arakaki (A), and Ed Ikuma (HQ). From the mainland, Irving Akahoshi (HQ), Corinne Akahoshi and Dan Futterman (S&D), Mike and Gene Doi (A), Sam and Teri Fujikawa (C), Harry Fukasawa (B), Mark and Michi Hashimoto (A), Gary Ikuma (S&D), Ozzie and Sylvia Kawahara, Young and Hanh Kim, George and June Kurisu (D), Ken and Hisako Miya, Mino and Pat Norikane (C), Ben and Jean Tagami (A), Masao and Elma Takahashi (C), Shigeru and Mieko Tsubota (D), and Hank Yoshitake (A), and from Texas, Mrs. Peggy Pye and Col. Pye's cousins. Aloha, y'all!

No trip is complete without a "disaster" story or a "hilarious" story. Well, Mark and Michi Hashimoto take the prize for having both. Here is their story as written by Mark:

We thought we were in pretty good shape, but is this a sign of old age or what? I got up on the last day of our Fort Benning Tour, thinking what a wonderful time we had shared with the 100<sup>th</sup> group. I got ready for breakfast and then I noticed my vision had changed drastically overnight. I mentioned this to Mich and friends at breakfast who urged me to check my eyesight as soon as possible. The day after we returned to Chicago, I went to the VA Hospital emergency room. The nurse who gave a cursory examination found my blood pressure was elevated to a point where she said I was a walking time bomb. She assured me that as my blood pressure returned to normal, my eyesight would also correspond to my prescription. I then had an appointment with the optometrist. When he examined my eyes and my glasses, he said, "I can't understand why your eyes have changed so much and just overnight!" He said he didn't know everything, but that this was his first experience with such a change. That evening as Mich and I were watching TV, she said she also was having a little difficulty with her vision. She said she could not read with her glasses and had taken them off. I picked up her glasses and put them on and lo and behold, I could see again! Then realization struck that we had inadvertently switched glasses from the nightstand upon awakening in the hotel. After 50 years of marriage we are now resigned to such hilarious episodes. Now I have to return to my optometrist to explain and apologize for his conundrum.

After receiving this e-mail from the Hashimoto's, I wrote back to Mich and asked her who did the driving to the hospital and optometrist, etc? Her e-mail reply was, "Don't laugh, but I did the driving (with Mark's glasses!)"

From time to time, especially after a good visit at an interesting place, tour members would ask me if I had been there before, and the answer was usually, "No, never." Well, how did you know to come here? My usual answer was, "Jerry Conner suggested it." The members of the GOMM tour have nick-named him, "Momotaro," after the legendary Peach Boy who was God's gift to a poor farm couple. Jerry "Momotaro" Conner, living in the Peach State of Georgia, is the newest hero to members of Club 100!

## **NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA** **by Evelyn Honda, Chair, Sons and Daughters Archives Committee**

Mission accomplished! A project started in November 1998 was finally completed in October 1999. With the help of Mr. Z. Frank Hanner, Director of the National Infantry Museum, an exhibit honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion veterans and their achievements was ready for public viewing. It was completed to coincide with the unveiling of a monument commemorating the achievements of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. The exhibit is located on the fourth floor of the museum and is set up in a display case about six feet long, four feet high and three feet deep. It seems to be the largest size available for displays. Mr. Hanner put together an exhibit which is attractive and informative with personal and German artifacts, photos, books, shirts and an Eisenhower jacket which were all mailed to him from Hawaii.

The focal point of the exhibit is the 24" x 24" reproduction, thanks to Stephan Doi, of the battalion colors and crest hanging in the center of the back wall of the display case. It draws people to the exhibit and hopefully they will not only look at the contents, but also read the captions to the photos and explanations about the artifacts. Some of the photos displayed are of Sadao Munemori, Medal of Honor recipient; Takeichi Miyashiro receiving his Distinguished Service Cross from General Mark Clark; Taketoshi Chigawa whose Purple Heart Medal and dog tags are on display; Tatsuo Honda whose Khaki shirt with the Red Bull shoulder patch, Bronze Star, campaign medals and few personal items are on display; Bernard Akamine whose Eisenhower jacket with a Distinguished Unit Badge and other ribbons is on display; men of Company E taken shortly after the first crossing of the Volturno

River in November 1943 (includes Kunio Fujimoto) and which was published in Time Magazine; President Truman reviewing the troops at the ceremony presenting another blue Presidential Unit Citation ribbon for outstanding performance of duty in breaking the Gothic Line; Lt. General Mark Clark tying the first blue ribbon for outstanding performance of duty in the vicinity of Belvedere and Sassetta, Italy; Akira Miyamoto examining a German soldier at the 5<sup>th</sup> Army enemy concentration area near Breacia, Italy in May 1945; very early photo of the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), showing where many of the 100<sup>th</sup>'s war dead were buried. Besides the photographs and aforementioned shirt and jacket, are the following items: a surrendered German helmet, German compass, Nazi belt buckle, a plaque presented to 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. HQ Chapter by the people of Bruyeres for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vosges Mountains Campaign and an Aloha Shirt designed with the 100<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup> emblems, donated by Elsie Jackson.

It is a simple, informative and striking exhibit. It most definitely pays tribute to the men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion!

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No trip is complete without a "disaster" story or a "hilarious" story. Well, Mark and Michi Hashimoto take the prize for having both. Here is their story as written by Mark:

We thought we were in pretty good shape, but is this a sign of old age or what? I got up on the last day of our Fort Benning Tour, thinking what a wonderful time we had shared with the 100<sup>th</sup> group. I got ready for breakfast and then I noticed my vision had changed drastically overnight. I mentioned this to Mich and friends at breakfast who urged me to check my eyesight as soon as possible. The day after we returned to Chicago, I went to the VA Hospital emergency room. The nurse who gave a cursory examination found my blood pressure was elevated to a point where she said I was a walking time bomb. She assured me that as my blood pressure returned to normal, my eyesight would also correspond to my prescription. I then had an appointment with the optometrist. When he examined my eyes and my glasses, he said, "I can't understand why your eyes have changed so much and just overnight!" He said he didn't know everything, but that this was his first experience with such a change. That evening as Mich and I were watching TV, she said she also was having a little difficulty with her vision. She said she could not read with her glasses and had taken them off. I picked up her glasses and put them on and lo and behold, I could see again! Then realization struck that we had inadvertently switched glasses from the nightstand upon awakening in the hotel. After 50 years of marriage we are now resigned to such hilarious episodes. Now I have to return to my optometrist to explain and apologize for his conundrum.

After receiving this e-mail from the Hashimoto's, I wrote back to Mich and asked her who did the driving to the hospital and optometrist, etc? Her e-mail reply was, "Don't laugh, but I did the driving (with Mark's glasses!)"

From time to time, especially after a good visit at an interesting place, tour members would ask me if I had been there before, and the answer was usually, "No, never." Well, how did you know to come here? My usual answer was, "Jerry Conner suggested it." The members of the GOMM tour have nick-named him, "Momotaro," after the legendary Peach Boy who was God's gift to a poor farm couple. Jerry "Momotaro" Conner, living in the Peach State of Georgia, is the newest hero to members of Club 100!

## **NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA** by Evelyn Honda, Chair, Sons and Daughters Archives Committee

Mission accomplished! A project started in November 1998 was finally completed in October 1999. With the help of Mr. Z. Frank Hanner, Director of the National Infantry Museum, an exhibit honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion veterans and their achievements was ready for public viewing. It was completed to coincide with the unveiling of a monument commemorating the achievements of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. The exhibit is located on the fourth floor of the museum and is set up in a display case about six feet long, four feet high and three feet deep. It seems to be the largest size available for displays. Mr. Hanner put together an exhibit which is attractive and informative with personal and German artifacts, photos, books, shirts and an Eisenhower jacket which were all mailed to him from Hawaii.

The focal point of the exhibit is the 24" x 24" reproduction, thanks to Stephan Doi, of the battalion colors and crest hanging in the center of the back wall of the display case. It draws people to the exhibit and hopefully they will not only look at the contents, but also read the captions to the photos and explanations about the artifacts. Some of the photos displayed are of Sadao Munemori, Medal of Honor recipient; Takeichi Miyashiro receiving his Distinguished Service Cross from General Mark Clark; Taketoshi Chigawa whose Purple Heart Medal and dog tags are on display; Tatsuo Honda whose Khaki shirt with the Red Bull shoulder patch, Bronze Star, campaign medals and few personal items are on display; Bernard Akamine whose Eisenhower jacket with a Distinguished Unit Badge and other ribbons is on display; men of Company E taken shortly after the first crossing of the Volturno

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Then, considering that the Chief of Staff serves as the principal military advisor to the Secretary of the Army and also represents the Army on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, imagine these extensive responsibilities now concentrated in the hands of the 34<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff who was born here in Hawaii, in Lihue, Kauai! This is surely an American story of the most mind-boggling order. Do you wonder that wonders never cease?

So it was that some months ago, when, along with many of you, I sent him a congratulatory message, I said that "your rise shall ring from the shores of Kauai to wherever men might gather to share their moments of fears and hopes." And quoted briefly from one of my favorite poems, Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach" which speaks of personal faith and love as a means to overcome any pessimism about the future. Also told him about the short vacation we had taken at Poipu Beach this past summer with three of our grandchildren: there I could almost "hear" Arnold's sea of faith, it's "grating roar/Of pebbles which the waves draw back, and fling,/At their return, up the high strand."

Scribbled onto his reply of thanks from the Pentagon was this pen-and-ink note: "I am returning the favor of your recall of Matthew Arnold's 'Dover Beach' with this less well known composition from the late 30's by a soldier about soldiers and soldiering. Aloha!" Enclosed was a poem in iambic tetrameter entitled, "Soldier" by C.T. Lanham, Captain, Infantry. It is reprinted herewith:

#### Soldier

The stars swing down the western steep,  
And soon the east will burn with day,  
And we shall struggle up from sleep  
And sling our packs and march away.

In this brief hour before the dawn  
Has struck our bivouac with flame  
I think of men whose brows have borne  
The iron wreath of deadly fame.

I see the fatal phalanx creep  
Like death, across the world and back,  
With eyes that only strive to keep  
Bucephalus' immortal track.

I see the legion wheel through Gaul,  
The sword and flame on hearth and hone,  
And all the men that had to fall  
That Caesar might be first in Rome.

I see the horde of Genghis Khan  
Spread outward like the dawn of day  
To trample golden Khorassan  
And thunder over fair Cathay.

I see the grizzled grenadier,  
The dark dragoon, the gay hussar,  
Whose shoulders bore for many a year  
Their little emperor's blazing star.

I see these things, still I am slave  
When banners flaunt and bugles blow  
Content to fill a soldier's grave  
For reasons I shall never know.

The poem will take you back to your own fighting days with the 100<sup>th</sup> – from Salerno to Cassino, Anzio to Rome, the Arno; France, Bruyeres and Biffontaine, the rescue of the Lost Battalion; return to Italy to Hills Florida and Ohio, the Po Valley and finally the surrender of the German troops in Italy on May 2, 1945 . . . and all the other places in between, from the snowy mountaintops of the Lower Apennines, the river valleys and the towns and villages on the plains, to the times spent in hospitals. You, too, can say, "I see these things...."

The final verse, a homage to that which has been the lot of soldiers down through the ages, makes one wonder how or why it's always been this way. Think about it. Perhaps, Duty-Honor-Country are the only inspirations, the only reasons, man has ever needed. No rhetorical flourishes. And out of this

abiding sense of patriotism have come the heroes of the generations. But times are changing. Then maybe not.

However or whatever, General Shinseki says that he has taught poetry in school and this gives us the feeling that beneath the outward veneer of shiny medals and sparkling uniforms, he is at once heartwarming and imaginative, temperaments he will need in beaucoup quantities as he leads the Army into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In this continuing development of a soldier's story, we shall be with him all the way. And wish him well, and Aloha! – Ben Tamashiro

## **Y2K – 58<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN LAS VEGAS**

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, if you indicated an interest in attending the Y2K 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Las Vegas by returning the survey in the August issue, you should have received a registration form. Because we wanted to lock in the Vacations Hawaii package, we had only one week to pay a deposit to hold the airline seats. Unfortunately, once the deadline is passed, we cannot accept any more. The cost of the Anniversary Celebration, including the registration fee, banquet, access to the hospitality room, and the seminar and business meeting is \$60 and is due by April 1, 2000. Although there seems to be time to sign up for this portion, please keep in mind that the banquet hall has limited seating (320) and once the capacity is reached, registrants will be placed on a waiting list. Optional tours and activities will be scheduled according to demand. If you live on the mainland or if you will be making your own travel arrangements or if you will be traveling with Ray Nosaka's group, contact the Clubhouse office to receive a registration form for the Anniversary Celebration. Hotel accommodations, including meal tickets, are available at the California Hotel for \$105 double occupancy. You may use the same registration form to reserve your hotel room. Feel free to call Club 100 if you have any questions.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**by Drusilla A. Tanaka**

*A thank-you salute* to Don Matsuda for representing Club 100 at the DAV's Massing of Colors Ceremony at Punchbowl on Veterans Day and to Chester Hada for representing the Club at the Governor's Ceremony at State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. They carried the colors proudly.

*Mahalo nui loa* to the following donors for their thoughtful and timely gifts to Club 100:

- 2 sets of "nenju" prayer beads from Tommy and Barbara Nishioka (to be used for the Annual Memorial Service)
- 2-cassette video of the GOMM Tour and Dedication Ceremony of the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn Monument at Fort Benning, Georgia, from Kunio Fujimoto (A)
- \$100 from Hinae Okinaka in memory of Nobuo Okinaka
- \$94 from the students at Honpa Hongwanji Mission School in honor of Veterans Day and the visit to the school by Martin Tohara and Tokuji Ono
- \$200 from James and Wilma Lovell (HQ)

**The PukaPuka Parade** received the following donations:

- \$25 from Seiko Arakaki (A/Mainland)

**Donors to the Fort Benning, Georgia, Monument Project:**

- \$100 from Yasuto Furusho (F/B)
- \$400 from Ben Tagami (A) in memory of Curly Nakae, Marshall Higa, Tak Tak Takahashi, Yutaka Inouye, Biffa Moriguchi, Arthur Tamashiro, Larry Miyasato, Col. Bill Pye, Stanley Nakamoto, Ken Kaneko, Bill Miyagi, Buddy Mamiya, and Chick Furuye.
- \$200 from Sueo Sakamoto (A)
- \$50 from Marian M. Hayashi
- \$200 from Edna K. Sakamoto in memory of Samuel Sakamoto (HQ)
- \$1,000 from the Law Firm of Galiher DeRobertis Nakamura Ono and Takitani

To date \$26,068.00 has been donated toward the cost of \$35,000. Although the monument was dedicated on October 24, the club will keep the "fund" open for future donations. If you need a tax-deductible receipt for your donation, please read the item below.

**Note to donors who itemize deductions on tax returns:** Due to the change in IRS tax code status, donations to Club 100 made after July 1, 1999, are not tax deductible to the donor. In the future, please make donations to the Sons and Daughters of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and enclose a note that specifies that the gift is to support a project of Club 100. For example, a gift may be made to support

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All donations made to Club 100 are tax-exempt to the club, so if you do not need a receipt for income tax purposes, you may make donations directly to Club 100.

We will continue to acknowledge all gifts to Club 100 in the PukaPuka Parade.

**Welcome to the Octogenarian Club to the following who will celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in December:** Tom Ibaraki (A), Walter Iwasa (B/Rural), Thomas Kadota (Hawaii), Roger Kawasaki (HQ/Hawaii), Koyei Matsumoto (B), Sakae Takahashi (F/B), Robert S. Toma (A). *Many happy returns!*

✚**ATTITUDE:** A couple of months ago we announced that helpful information about what to do when a veteran dies was available. Kiyoshi Uyeno (C) called to request that a copy be sent to him. He is usually full of jokes, but he was particularly serious in his request. So in a "sing-song" voice, I asked playfully, "You aren't planning to use it soon, are you?" "Well," he answered thoughtfully, "I look at it as 'taking an umbrella to the ball-game.' If you have it, you don't need it; but when you don't take it, then it pours." Acknowledging that he's positive he's going to die someday, he wants to avoid pilikia for himself or for his family. Kiyo wants to be prepared. That's really thinking positive in my book.

## **REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE NIKKEI HONOR GUARD**

by **Alfred Arakaki (A)** (Actually, the report is going to the board first; he wanted this article in the PPP and we'll include the report next time.)

Our trip to Fort Benning, Georgia, was very moving at times, exciting most of the time, informative and good fun the rest of the time. The part that I would like to mention is after reaching Drury Inn, near Atlanta airport. Tom and Binky Evans, our ohana from Virginia insisted on getting beer for the 100<sup>th</sup> men... "One case will do, Tom." "You sure? 100<sup>th</sup> guys are all big drinkers." "Not anymore; most of them have over here sore, over there sore, Doc said two only." They left to purchase beer. None around this neighborhood, so they drove miles into Atlanta for beer. They returned with case and a half. The 100<sup>th</sup>'s thirsty ones met at Tokuji Ono and Kuni Fujimoto's 305. I knew Tokuji doesn't drink, so I offered him a Pepsi. "Nah, I'll have beer tonight," said he. In the mean time, Drusilla entered with a message for Tokuji and Joe (about carrying some boxes back to Honolulu). By this time word got around that this exact day was her fourth anniversary working for our club. We handed her the only Pepsi in the room and congratulated her for being the very best secretary ever. Quoting Stanley Akita, "Bar none." Only time Stanley made a right remark. Joe Muramatsu usually sports the grumpy look, but he was going around with almost a smile. He had a good reason to be up on Cloud Nine, for he was bragging about having kissed Sachi Koto. Pays to be the President. One more year, Joe? Thinking about our fun night in 305, we apologize to Ben Tagami for our mis-cue. Everyone knows he loves beer. Then again we did his wife Jean a favor, for she is very concerned about his well-being. Hershey Miyamura's message to Ben was: Due to other commitments, he couldn't be at Fort Benning. When we were at the Evans' Tree Farm, I asked Tom to rename Pinus Arakakis to Pinus 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. "If I did that, I won't be able to fool anyone." Loblolly Pine (pinus Taeda) was discovered by a Japanese forestry fellow named Taeda. College forestry students know that. Therefore, Pinus 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. will not fool them, but Pinus Arakaki did." "After the kidding, I tell the students about the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. The seedling we transplanted from Camp Shelby about four years ago is now about ten feet tall and doing well. I couldn't leave out this historical fact. Binky's ancestors came over on the Mayflower. The Potham family could curl their tongue and whistle like an owl, so their first assignment at the settlement was "Look out for the Indians." Binky demonstrated the curled tongue and whistle, too. Tom Evans' start in America was somewhat like that of the Issei and some of us nisei. Remember the Sears catalog, old newspapers and magazines? No need to flush because there was no flusher? Most of us didn't have shoes until the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Him, too. The first Evans came from Wales, England. A wealthy person paid their ship fare to America. They in turn must work to re-pay the fare. Since the bookkeeping was done by the rich man, it took them years and years to finish payment. There is some similarity in his and our upbringing. Like many of us, he also sports battle scars. Got them from the advancing Chinese army who were then supporting the north Koreans. Having spent ten years in Japan doing a special assignment for the army, his knowledge of Japan, Hokkaido to Kyushu is uncanny. He is 100<sup>th</sup>'s good will ambassador on the east coast.

## HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER REPORT

by **Kenneth Saruwatari**

Flyers were sent to members and friends concerning our Christmas Fun Night. If you didn't get one, here's the dope.

It's scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 1999, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School. If you're unloading in front of the clubhouse, please don't double park. For each grandchild, please wrap a gift costing not more than \$10 and label the gift with the grandchild's first and last names.

If you are attending, please call the Saruwatari's at 373-4050. Please call before December 13, 1999. Please tell us how many will be attending. The cost to you will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for school children above 10 years. Let us know what you can do to help out, like setting up and cleaning up. Tell us what you would like to contribute to the buffet.

I heard a golf story, an old one. I'm not sure if it was Aki who was involved. Anyway, he took a friend from Japan out to the course. This friend went home and was bragging about learning a new game. You hit a ball with a stick and try to put it in a hole. When asked the name of the game, he said, "I think it's 'Aw Sh-t,' because each time a player made a lousy shot, that's what he said." I said, it MIGHT have been Aki, but Aki uses words more colorful than smelly. O.K. laugh.

## ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by **Tommy Nishioka**

This is the final reminder to all Able Chapter members, wives, and widows that if you haven't submitted your reservation form for the Christmas party, please do it immediately. The Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 1999, and because Able is the first chapter to hold a party, we are responsible for decorating the tree and the hall. Therefore, if you sons and daughters as well as wives could come to help with the decorations, we will be truly grateful. We will be decorating on the morning of the party, so please come out and help. We are willing to serve you breakfast as we have pretty good cooks among our members. Chairman Richard Ishimoto and Co-Chair Louise Morikawa are working very hard to make this Christmas party a every enjoyable one, so please hele on and submit your reservation as soon as possible.

Once again, Able Chapter wishes to convey our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Shizuya Hayashi family in their tremendous loss of Mavis, wife, mother and grandmother.

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by **Bernard S. Akamine**

Our condolences to the families of Hakaru Taoka and Namie Takaki. May they rest in peace.

Thank you, Hachiro Shikamura, for the persimmons. We really enjoyed them.

Jimmy Inafuku had surgery recently. Speedy recovery, Jimmy.

A reminder about our Christmas Party on December 12. The committee welcomes soft drinks, beer, and desserts. Rev. Don Asman will perform his magic for all young and old. Parking is free at Ala Wai School.

I experienced something that was very frightening. While I was driving one day, it started to rain, and I didn't know how to turn on the windshield wiper. I had to park the car and get oriented. I have been driving this car for the past 6 years, but no matter what I tried, I could only get the rear wiper to work. After calming down, I realized the lever had to be pushed down and not twisted. With this incident, I decided that I am getting too old and need a replacement for the Baker Chapter News. Please someone, step in and take over.

*Mahalo, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.*

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by **Hiromi Suehiro**

Two important announcements:

- Regarding the Christmas Party: Deadline to call Warren Yamamoto for reservations is December 8. Bring a wrapped gift for children with each child's name clearly printed on the gift.
- Charlie Chapter monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Warren Iwai, our regular correspondent, and his wife are traveling in Southeast Asia, so I was asked to take over for this issue of the PPP. So here goes.

Betty Iwai is such a nice lady, I wanted to do her a favor, so I told Warren to take plenty of money and buy her a ruby or an emerald while they were on tour.

We all dream about traveling to faraway places with strange sounding names, as nothing excites the soul as much as becoming a tourist in different parts of the world. Traveling not only helps us to re-live history, but it also enriches our lives. Warren and Betty must be having a great time and we can look forward to having them share their experiences with us when they return.

Speaking of travel, a bunch of us were in Las Vegas for the mini-reunion. Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu were in Japan with Opu Hiranaka's tour. Toshimi and Lillian Sodetani were also in Japan, but they prefer to travel on their own to enjoy flexibility and having the advantage of being foot-loose. They have become some sort of world travelers, but their favorite place is where they can melt into the culture and feel at home.

For the first time in quite a while, we had a turn out of less than a dozen members at our meeting. Philip Matsuyama who lives in Kona always makes an effort to attend whenever he is in town and indicated that he will become a life member of Charlie Chapter.

I will summarize some of the things we discussed. Young Oak Kim was named to sit on the panel to investigate atrocities committed against civilians in Korea by American servicemen. Everyone who indicated an interest in attending the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet in Las Vegas from June 18 to 22, 2000, will be mailed a registration form. Those who did not respond can still make known their interest by filling out the forms available at the Clubhouse. We will fly directly into Vegas on Hawaiian Airlines, which is good news to those walking with canes and those on wheelchairs. The mother club was given the go-ahead to subsidize each chapter according to the number of members in the chapter, provided that the monies are used for exempt purposes. Also, subsidies for Christmas parties are okay and will not incur the wrath of the IRS.

They say death and taxes are the only sure things. We can now add our annual election of officers to that list. We smelled a "vast right-wing conspiracy" as the same officers were re-elected in a landslide. Are you curious to know who the officers are? They read like a Rogue's gallery:

President	Kazuto Shimizu
Vice President	Toshimi Sodetani
Secretary	Hiromi Suehiro
Treasurer	Roy Nakamura

I am constantly asked what made me want to live in Japan. So here is my story. In the fall of 1947, I was on my way home to enroll in the U of H after spending a year at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. In case some of you don't know where Peoria is, that is where Al Capone ran away to when chased by Elliot Ness. My cabin-mate on the USS Lurline was an elderly Chinese gentleman who worked as a bus boy in New York for 30 years. He said he saved \$25,000 and he was going to take the money to Shanghai and live like a king for the rest of his life because China was a poor country and that money was going to make him a millionaire. He told me I should do the same, as Japan was also a poor country. One day, and I hope not too soon, when I meet up with the Chinese gentleman in Heaven (Readers, please note, I said Heaven, not Hell), I am going to tell him, "Hey Man, I took your advice and lived in Tokyo for 26 years, but there wasn't a single day I lived like a king. I was screwed, lassoed and tattooed by the Japanese."

Here is one for you, Warren, "Success has many parents, but failure is an orphan."

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Helen Nikaido**

Our deepest sympathy to Gladys Yamamoto, son, grandchildren and family on the passing of their beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Met Tony and Violet Kinoshita at the funeral. Violet was recuperating from her knee replacement surgery recently. She was using a cane, but was looking good. We wish you well, Violet.

Stella Nakayama was in Japan with the Marukai tour (kau kau tour). She said towards the end they were sick of looking and eating the food. No wonder you couldn't button your blouse. Dog Chapter gals on "Opu's" tour were Rhoda Kawamata, Mildred Yoshida and Helen Nikaido. Sue Kondo was in Japan the same time we were, was on the same plane going and coming home, but she stayed in Tokyo and Niigata visiting friends and relatives.

Christmas party is on December 19, Sunday afternoon at the clubhouse. Please call in for your reservation by **DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** to Denis Teraoka at 734-3842 or Helen Nikaido at 734-5552.

October 14 (Thursday) the One Puka Puka 1999 Autumn tour escorted by Kazuo "Opu" Hiranaka left for Japan on a two-week trip. There was some confusion at the Honolulu International Airport security check. Our bags and boxes kept backing up instead of going forward, and I thought, "Oh, no, don't tell me we are going to have problems before we even get started." Someone must have pressed the wrong button. Our 7-1/2 hour flight was smooth. We were seated upstairs and practically had the whole place to ourselves. After lunch, we had mango bread which "China" Yamashina baked for Nancy Nakamura's birthday which was in early October. Happy belated birthday, Nancy. After crossing the international dateline, we arrived at Narita International Airport on Friday afternoon. After government procedures, we were met by JTB guide Ryunosuke "Rudy" Yamashita to transfer to the Shiba Park Hotel. Saturday was a free day, so "Opu" took whoever wanted to go to see the Tokyo Tower, Ginza, Asakusa shopping district and go on a delightful cruise down the Sumida River.

October 17, we boarded the Shinkansen "bullet train" for Kyoto. We visited the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Temple of the Golden Pavilion). Visited Nishijin Textile Center to enjoy a kimono show. The models were beautiful and tall and the kimono were just gorgeous. We continued to Kiyomizu (clear water) Temple, one of the most famous temples.

October 18, bussed to Kameoka to "shoot the rapids" of the Hozu River in flat bottom boats. Too bad the tide was low, not much action. Visited the Nijo Castle built in 1603 by the first Tokugawa Shogun Ieyasu to serve as his residence.

October 19, boarded a "bullet train" for Hiroshima. Upon arrival, taxied to the Peace Memorial Park which contains monuments and a museum related to the atomic bomb explosion in the last days of WWII. The ruins of the Municipal Industrial Promotion Hall topped by its skeleton dome has been left as a stark reminder of the atomic holocaust. At the museum, the display was horrible and sad to see what the atomic bomb could do.

October 20, excursion to Miyajima Island, one of Japan's scenic trio. The two others are Amano-No-Hashi-Date and Matushima Islands. We had a short walk to the ferry terminal to board JR Ferry to Miyajima Island. We saw some Axis deer. One was following Nancy, so she gave her name tag, which he ate. Must have been hungry. I wondered what was tugging at my newly purchased handbag, and it was this big, old Axis deer. He kept following me. I took a bite of the apple which "China" gave me and gave it to the deer. But he still kept following me. "China" told me to throw the whole apple at him. I wasn't about to part with the apple, but the old bugger kept following and bumped his horn on the side of my butt. When I ran to Rudy the guide for a shield, the pesky deer finally went away. The rest of the guys kept laughing, thought it was funny. It wasn't to me—I was scared and sore, too. Good thing the deer's horn was cut short. Itsukishima shrine stands in the sea and at high tide seems to be floating on the water. The vermilion colored "O-Torii" (grand gate) is the symbol of Miyajima. I was happy to see my grand-nephew who joined us for dinner that night. He's in Hiroshima teaching English.

October 21, left Hiroshima to board a "bullet train" to Aioi. Bussed to Banshu Ako to visit the ruins of the Castle, the home of the famed "47 Ronin" who avenged the unfair death of their lord. The Ako Historical Museum displays statues of these heroes and other artifacts. At the Ako Aquamarine Science museum, we learned about the Ako clan's salt industry.

October 22, Okayama, sight-seeing visiting the beautiful Korakuen Garden which covers an area of about 15 acres. It features a tea ceremony house, several ponds, a small waterfall and elegantly designed landscapes. Okayama Castle was constructed in the 16th century and is also known as "ujo" or Crow Castle since its walls are painted black. We bussed to cross partly the Seto Ohashi and to Yoshima Island. From Yoshima Island one can view the awesome bridge which was completed in 1988. It connects Honshu Island with Shikoku Island and the eleven bridges span a distance of 8 miles, accommodating both automobiles and trains. When Kazuto Shimizu, a retired engineer, was asked if he saw any flaws, his reply was "none."

October 23, at Okayama station, we boarded a "bullet train" to Tokyo and to Nasu-Shiobara Onsen. This resort area is a favorite vacation spot for many from all over Japan. Here the autumn colors were just beginning. It was cold in Shiobara, we had futon for our bedding. Robert Sato thought the futon was very heavy; didn't realize he was under both futons—the one you lie on and the one you cover yourself. No wonder it was so heavy. Rhoda Kawamata and Mildred Yoshida went to the onsen at 5:30 in the morning and were surprised when three men walked in whom they promptly chased out. Same thing happened to Kazuto—in walked nude ladies who dashed right out. Actually what happened was during the night the curtain to the bath was switched. The orange for the women and blue for the men. Without checking, the "regulars" just went right in. What a surprise—or a threat!

October 24, left Shiobara by bus for Nikko. Enroute, visited the Ikari Lake and Ikari Dam which was constructed for hydroelectric production. Visited the Tobu World Square to see our world in "miniature" scale. Very interesting square, fabulous. Walking through here is like you're in Italy, Paris, Holland, China, Taiwan, Germany, U.S., England, etc. Met Thomas Yamamoto, brother of the late Herbert, while waiting of all places for the "john." The line for the ladies was long, so he was nice to let me use the men's "john." I seem to be the last in line because when the restroom is kind of stinky, I go and spray the "Ozuim" (air sanitizer which I carry) for the ladies so when they squat over the Japanese type toilet, the whiff will not be over-powering. Just a few places were smelly, but most were nice. The ones that were clean also had automatic soap dispenser, water and dryer.

October 25, more sight-seeing in Nikko, visiting the Kegon Falls which plummets 100 plus feet into a wide basin. The water creates a beautiful mist making it one of the most spectacular falls in Japan. The second is the Ryuzu Cascade which is a series of pretty cascades through a forest of maples. The water resembles a dragon head. Visited the Tsukamoto Kiln which produces the Mashikoyaki Pottery. Arrived at the Shiba Park Hotel in the late afternoon.

October 26, free day in Tokyo. "Opu" took us to see the Kamakura Daibutsu, China Town for lunch and the Landmark Tower in Yokohama.

October 27, free day. We went to Tsukiji and Ginza to do shopping. Sukiyaki dinner in Nihonbashi. The "Mama," the owner of this restaurant has this restroom where you stand on a platform and above it a sign reads, "Stand close, honest John may not be as you think it is." The "sake" is extra "ono" because the dispenser looks like the "op-pai" (woman's breast). The guys really enjoyed it.

October 28, more last-minute shopping to do in the morning. Left Narita International Airport for Honolulu at 8:35 p.m. There were 24 people in our group: Tomiko Asato and her daughter, Paula, niece Jo-Ann Clavaria, Alex and Taeko Fujise, "Opu" and Mildred Hiranaka, Sumio Ito, Rhoda Kawamata, Nancy Nakamura, Helen Nikaido, Robert and Setsuko Sato (from the mainland), Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu, "Pro" Tanaka, Sadame Tsuda, Sue Tsuha, Amy Tsutsui, Pamela Uchima ("Opu's" daughter), Jan and Terry Yamane ("Opu's" daughter and son-in-law), "China" Yamashina and Mildred Yoshida.

It was fun traveling by Japan Rail Pass. Caught so many shinkansen (bullet trains). It was nice having the young ones like Paula, Jo-Ann, Pamela, Jan and Terry. They were so friendly and caring to us senior citizens. Thank you very much. To "Opu," our sincere thanks and appreciation for an enjoyable trip and taking good care of all of us.

## **RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER (via the internet)**

**by Ted M. Hamasu**

We express our deepest condolences to Shizuya Hayashi's family and relatives for the passing away of Mrs. Tomeko Mavis Hayashi. The memorial service was held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1999.

We express our deep and sincere condolences to Mrs. Judy Mizusawa, her family and relatives for the death of Torao. His memorial service was held at the Mililani Mortuary on 23 Nov. 1999.

The members of Rural Chapter express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Sally Taoka, family and relatives for the death of Hakaru. The memorial service was held at the Mililani Mortuary on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1999.

The Chapter held its meeting on 19 Nov. 1999 from 11:00 AM. There were 9 members and a spouse present. We thank Mrs. Shikamura for representing her husband by attending our meeting. I understand he has spring fever after going to Las Vegas. I hope he is not allergic to the green stuff. One of the agendas we discussed was the coming Installation and New Year's banquet on 16 Jan. 2000 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Dot's of Wahiawa. Since this affair is being held in the new millenium, we are planning a special program that will memorialize the members that passed away, by calling their names in an Honor Roll. We want to encourage all the widows of our former members to be with us on that day. You will be our guests for the day. The cost of the banquet will be \$10.00 per person, S&Ds inclusive, with their children admitted free regardless of age. Our treasurer Bull Saito feels generous at the beginning of this new millenium, so he is willing to subsidize some of the cost of the food and expenses. We will have some door prizes and bingo games. We promise that every one attending will win at least one prize.

To the members who are paying dues yearly, don't forget your Chapter and Club 100 dues of \$6.00 and \$10.00 respectfully.

All donations are welcomed and appreciated. If there are any questions, please call Walter Iwasa at 621-8870 or call me at 455-3341.

Participation in the Anniversary shindig being held in Las Vegas in Y2K is still open and it is first come first served, so hurry and submit your name to the Club office. They have a good deal because the total cost/person will come to \$500.00. It covers airplane fare, hotel, banquet and hospitality room.

Rural Chapter will comply with the provisions of the IRS just like the mother chapter on the Koden policy. We will henceforth ask the deceased person's family for their preference of charity to donate the Koden to, or we will donate it to the S & D scholarship fund in the decedent's name.

Donations to the Club's Ft. Benning Memorial Monument fund continues to be received by the Club.

Bob Jones, honorary member of our club is trying to organize a tour to Italy in April 2000 for the dedication of the monument of fallen soldiers including the statue of Sadao Munemori. Fill in the application in the PPP and send it to the office.

Club 100 received a generous donation of \$10,000.00 from Takeshi Teshima (B) from Japan. We are deeply appreciative. Mucho Gratias.

No meeting in December. See you at the Installation and New Years banquet on January 16, 2000 at 10:00 AM.

We thank all the members, wives and friends that attended the unveiling of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion's Memorial Monument in Ft. Benning GA. After reading the excerpts by our Exec. Sec in the PPP and hearing stories about the trip, I find that they were treated royally by all concerned in GA. That is after the officers there found out that General Shinseki was interested in being present at the ceremony. Joe Muramatsu did an authentic blessing of the monuments with all the paraphenalia brought over from Hawaii. The whole affair went very smoothly and in the back of it all is our never tiring Executive Secretary, Drusilla's guiding hands. Gokuroo Sama Deshita. Rural chapter member present at the unveiling was Tamotsu and Yoneko Shimizu. To all of you who represented all of us on that occasion, Mahalo Nui Loa.

Joe bragged to me saying, he kissed Sachi Koto the TV announcer of Channel 15. He said that she looks better personally than on the TV. Wow, the trip was well worth it, yeh, Joe.

It's nearing the end of the year, so we in Rural Chapter wish all the Club 100 ohana members a very Happy New Year with health, happiness and prosperity in the Y2K. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

## **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter members held their last meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 2, at the Tasty Crust Restaurant. There were 16 members, 8 wives, and 6 widows present at the 11 a.m. luncheon meeting. President Stanley Izumigawa called on Vice President Satoji Arisumi for his report on the nomination of officers for next year and was told that all the current officers had agreed to serve another year. They will be installed in December during the Christmas and Installation party. Maui Chapter has pledged \$7,500 in donation to the Maui Sons and Daughters of Nisei Veterans toward their museum building fund and will honor that pledge as soon as construction begins on their museum. The treasurer will need enough time to convert our investment assets into cash to make the payments. Also, due to the changes from Veterans Club to Civic Club, the treasurer will have to find out from our CPA in Honolulu what Maui Chapter can spend legally from our assets. Our schedule of activities for next year will be finalized as soon as we find out from the CPA.

Chapter President Stanley Izumigawa represented Club 100 at the Veterans Day Luau that was held on Saturday, November 6 at the VFW Hall in Kihei and also at the Kaahumanu Shopping Center where the Maui Sons and Daughters of Nisei Veterans displayed WWII souvenirs on Veterans Day, November 11.

The following members will be installed as Officers of Maui Chapter on Friday, December 17, at Kahului Community Park, starting at 6 p.m.: President, Stanley Izumigawa (4<sup>th</sup> year); Vice President, Satoji Arisumi; Secretary, Edward Nishihara; Treasurer, Tom Nagata; Director, John Miyagawa and Auditor, Goichi Shimanuki.

## HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Jimmy Maeda

Shigeru and Jane Oshita were mentioned in the November PPP. They live in Kapaau, Kohala, Island of Hawaii. Shigeru is about the only Puka Puka-ite living on the northern end of the Big Island.

During the months of April and May this year the lychee crop was very poor. However, the citrus crops are very plentiful. Oranges, navel, juice and other varieties, lemons, tangerines—are loaded on trees. This year the tree owners are having problems getting rid of the fruit. The warning is “be careful, don’t fall when you climb the tree or the ladder.”

**AJA VETERANS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The new date for the Christmas Party is Sunday, December 12, at the AJA Veterans Memorial Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is Adult \$8, Children under 12 \$4, under 5, Free. Bring \$10 grab bag for each child with name of child clearly printed on the gift. Pupu and desserts welcomed. Games, crafts, prizes and fun for all. The Sons and Daughters of AJA Veterans is hosting this party. Deadline for reservations is December 4, 1999. Make check to: Sons and Daughters of AJA Veterans and mail to Barry Taniguchi, P. O. Box 4353, Hilo HI 96720.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2000:** At the last monthly meeting of Hawaii Chapter on November 18, the election of officers for next year was held. Motoyoshi Tanaka was again re-elected as President for the Club. Others elected to serve were: Vice President, Toshimitsu Kondo; Secretary, Eugene Eguchi; Treasurer, Roger Kawasaki, and Auditor, Hiromu Kobayashi. The installation of new officers will be held early next year.

**SICK BAY:** George Taketa is temporarily confined at the Spark Matsunaga Center for Aging on the grounds of Tripler Medical Center in Honolulu. We wish him speedy recovery.

**SEASON’S GREETINGS:** The Holiday Season is upon us. It is a special time when families draw together, reaffirming well-loved customs and fundamental beliefs. It is a joyful, eager time for the children, rich with make-believe and laughter—for the elders a time of pride and pleasure, of things past and imagining of things to come. It is a time of gratitude, compassion, hope and faith. **WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tsugi Takemoto

For our last meeting held Sunday, October 31, 1999, there were 16 members present, with 11 women joining in. That was a big improvement over other meetings. Also there was Sakae Watanabe who has recovered from his stroke and Chizue Teshima, and we were happy to see them.

The Veterans Day Parade on November 6 found two new faces. The 100<sup>th</sup> is still a small group, but Motomi Shigeta, Muggsy Morikawa, Jack Hada, Monty Kazuma Nishio, Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, and Larry Sakoda did their best. Nevertheless, the 442<sup>nd</sup> unit with grandchildren and all won the trophy for the best walking unit. This year’s Grand Marshall was Mrs. Toshi Minami who became 106 years old on November 4. She is the only Gold Star Mother alive from the 100<sup>th</sup> on Kauai. A birthday party was given by her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at Mahelona Hospital Long Term Care where she resides. She sat in a convertible and was scarcely visible because she is a tiny lady. Also seated in the back of the same convertible was Jill Dobashi, Miss Veterans Day. Jill is the daughter of Major General Myron and Jean Dobashi who is head of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

(Editor’s note: A writer from Kauai who wishes to remain anonymous sent in the following item.)

The military museum at the Kauai Veterans Center in Lihue was formally dedicated and opened on Veterans Day, November 11, 1999. Memorabilia from all the various military organizations, the Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn., 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, MIS, Navy, Marines, Korean War, Vietnam War, Air Force and Merchant Marines have been donated by veterans.

If any of you are planning to visit Kauai, do take the time to visit the museum. You’ll be really surprised at all the items on display. The 100<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn section has all the names of the veterans who served in the outfit and the names are readily readable. The battalion flag and the banners of the different companies are displayed in a large showcase. Also, souvenirs brought home from the war front are on display. Two ship models, a PT boat and a WWII destroyer built by Larry Sakoda are on display in the Navy section of the museum. I’m sure the wives are happy now that the closets and drawers have been cleared out of all the “junks”!!

The Veterans Center is located not far from the Lihue Airport.

On Thursday, November 18, 1999, the Grim Reaper struck a heartrending blow to the members of F Company. Hakaru Taoka, affectionately called the Chief of the Fox Clan, passed away in Wahiawa General Hospital. Hakaru was truly a remarkable person. I don't know how he managed to find time to pursue a college degree as a part-time student at the University of Hawaii while raising a family of three children, working full-time in responsible management analyst positions, and serving as President and Chairman of various committees in civic and veterans organizations.

After he received the Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in management from UH in 1969, Hakaru continued his education in other fields, taking courses in real estate, mutual funds, and life and auto insurance courses. Needless to say, he received a license for each field.

On December 10, 1940, Hakaru started military service at the training center in Schofield Barracks. After completing basic training, he was assigned to Kauai, C Company of the 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and later to F Company, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. In mid-December 1943, when E and F Companies were inactivated, the remaining men were used to fill the depleted ranks of the other companies. Hakaru, platoon sergeant of the first platoon, was transferred to B Company. After serving nearly five years in the army, he received his honorable discharge on November 8, 1945.

Hakaru was a true-blue member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion organization. He served as the President of Club 100 in 1972 and 1973. He was instrumental in organizing Rural Chapter and served as its president. Over the years, he served as committee chairman and member of various committees for Club 100 and Rural Chapter. Above all, I believe that his "pet project or baby" was F Company. He was instrumental in organizing the veterans of F Company, therefore, figuratively speaking, saved the endangered species of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion from becoming extinct like the dodo bird and the dinosaur. Remember? F Company was inactivated in December 1943, therefore, there was no formal F Chapter in Club 100. Thanks to Hakaru, F Company is a viable and contributing "unofficial" chapter of Club 100. Consequently, the death of Hakaru is a tremendous loss to the Fox Clan. He will be missed beyond words can say.

Evelyn Shimizu, wife of Albert Shimizu, passed away on October 24, 1999, in Straub Hospital. She was a retired Honpa Hongwanji Mission School teacher. Tsuruo Sumida of Kau, Hawaii, brother of Yoshiyuki Sumida and Itsue Hiraoka, widow of the late Waichi Hiraoka, passed away on October 17, 1999. Born in Pahala, Hawaii, Tsuruo was a retired supervisor of the former Kau Sugar Company.

To the Taoka, Shimizu and Sumida families and relatives, we extend deepest condolences for the loss of your loved ones. May they rest in peace.

Halleluia! With help from the Sons and Daughters, we managed to finish decorating the graves of our fallen comrades and spouses at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on time. Thank you very much, Sons and Daughters, for your kokua. Fox Company's faithful bunch who showed up at Punchbowl on Saturday morning, September 25, were Michael Hamamoto, Ted Hamasu, Kenneth Higa, Seiso Kamishita, Satoshi Kashimoto, Charles Nishimura, Tadao and Helen Seo, Mataka Takeshita and Hakaru Taoka.

Every year, in addition to picking up the box of flowers at the airport post office and bringing it to Punchbowl, hardworking Ted Hamasu decorates the graves at the Moiliili Cemetery, Nuuanu Memorial Park, and Soto Mission of Hawaii. Another Fox deserving of recognition is generous Ben Yamada. He provides the flowers and also decorates the graves at the Hawaii Memorial Park and the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. A special thank you to Hayato Tanaka for shipping the dozens of anthurium year after year.

Thirty-one persons attended the luncheon held at the Wisteria Restaurant on Friday, October 15. It was nice to see that the widows were having a wonderful time. They were Mitsue Amano, Grace Endo, Thimat Enga, Hinae Okinaka, and Mary Jinnohara. Hinae Okinaka, formerly of Pahala, Hawaii, and widow of the late Nobuo Okinaka, has relocated to Honolulu. We were glad that Thelma Tanji, who underwent major surgery last December, was well enough to join us. A first-timer to our function was Alsie, daughter of Grace and the late Kengo Endo. In the past years, she has helped us decorate the graves at Punchbowl, but was never able to attend our luncheon or banquet. Ladies, join us again when we hold our next shindig. Lunch was enjoyed by all. The ladies said the teishoku lunch which consisted of yakitori, shrimp tempura, sashimi, namasu, tsukemono, miso soup, rice, dessert and beverage was plentiful. Majority of the ladies were carrying "doggie containers" as they left the restaurant. Some remarked they were not going to cook dinner—they were going to eat the leftovers in the "doggie containers." Entertainment was no problem. Emcee Charlie Nishimura, Ted Hamasu and Sally Taoka sang solos and led group singing. The talented Japanese classical dancer, Kitty Hamasu,

performed superbly as usual. She was appropriately dressed in a beautiful kimono befitting the dance. Everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable time and are looking forward to the next gathering of the Foxes.

*A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.*

### Club 100 Karaoke Kai

by Ted Hamasu

The Club 100 Karaoke Kai expresses its deep condolences to the family by the passing away of Mrs. Namie Takaki.

A great loss was dealt to the Club 100 Karaoke Kai in the death of Mrs Namie Takaki on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1999.

I met Mrs. Takaki through our Karaoke Kai and got to know her for the past 8 years. She had a personality that was outward looking and was fun to be with. She was a leader when things had to be done. Even when she was ill, she came to the karaoke gatherings and enjoyed singing. She was really a fun person to be associated with. She was a strong willed lady until the end. We will all miss you. May you rest in peace, Namie.

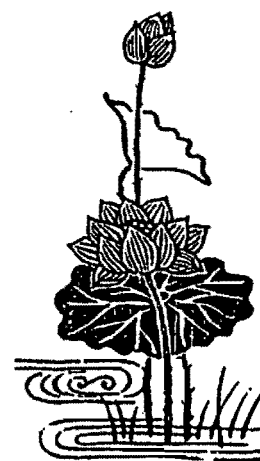


## IN MEMORIAM

Torao Mizusawa (B/Rural)  
November 14, 1999

Hakaru Taoka (F/B/Rural)  
November 18, 1999

*May they rest in peace.*



*The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathies to their families.*

### DIS 'N DAT

Ray Nosaka

The Baker Ukulele Club has been asked to entertain at the Maunalani Nursing Home on December 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be a pleasure to do this community service as there are two 100<sup>th</sup> veterans residing there—Mike Tokunaga and James Noji. Betty Tokunaga (Mike's wife) cheerfully spends every day of the week there with Mike. We think she is especially courageous because it is quite a drive up and down that hill to Maunalani.

Regarding the Y2K 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Las Vegas next June: If you would like the package deal, which includes direct Hawaiian Airlines air fare, hotel room, meal tickets, bus transfer, Anniversary Registration, please contact Drusilla at the office, 946-0272. If you would like to stop over in Los Angeles via United Airlines, please contact Ray Nosaka at 737-4864. If you do not need flight arrangements, but need hotel accommodations, you may contact Drusilla for reservations. No matter how you are traveling or where you will be staying, if you want to participate in the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from June 18 through 22, you must register through Club 100. Contact Drusilla to have a registration form mailed to you or stop by the clubhouse and pick up a form. The Committee is hard at work already to ensure a grand time for all.

### A PLEA FOR HELP FROM SONS AND DAUGHTERS and GRANDCHILDREN

Your help is needed to help Able Chapter decorate Turner Hall for this season's parties. Any ornaments or decorations that you no longer use will be welcomed to our collection.

The fun starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 11. *Deck Turner Hall with boughs of holly...fa la la ..*

**CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 1999**

ABLE.....	Saturday, December 11 .....	8 a.m. ....	Lounge
Party.....	Saturday, December 11 .....	5:00 p.m.	
BAKER.....	Saturday, December 18 .....	1 p.m. ....	Lounge
Party.....	Sunday, December 12.....	4:30 p.m.	
CHARLIE.....	Monday, December 13 .....	10 a.m.....	Board Room
Party.....	Friday, December 17.....	6:00 p.m.	
DOG.....	Saturday, December 18 .....	8 a.m. ....	Board Room
Party.....	Sunday, December 19.....	1 p.m.	
HQ.....	Tuesday, December 14 .....	9:30 a.m.....	Lounge
Party.....	Saturday, December 18 .....	6:00 - 9:30 p.m.	
HAWAII.....	Party, Sunday, December 12 .....	11 a.m.-2 p.m...	AJA Veterans Hall
MAUI Christmas & Installation...	Friday, December 17 .....	6 p.m.	Kahului Community Park
RURAL			
KAUAI			
BOARD.....	Friday, December 10.....	9:30 a.m.....	Board Room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, December 17.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Board Room
GREEN THUMB .....	Monday, December 6 .....	10:00 a.m.....	Lounge
KARAOKE FUN NITE.....	Friday, December 10.....	6 p.m. ....	Turner Hall
Turner Hall Decorating.....	Saturday, December 11.....	9 a.m.	

The Office will be closed all day on Friday, December 24 and all day on Friday, December 31 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Deadline for articles for the January 2000 issue is Tuesday, December 21, 1999. E-mail articles to [sillanstan@aol.com](mailto:sillanstan@aol.com) or fax to (808) 946-0273.

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, December 30, at 8:30 a.m.** Able and Charlie Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to help.

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