



# 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB

PUKA-PUKA

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

The 54th Anniversary Luncheon/Reunion on June 22nd proved that the members of the 100th still have that close-knit feeling of camaraderie. Changes in physical appearances and "silvering" of hair made the reunion even more meaningful.

The keynote speaker, Rev. David Turner, grandson of "Old Man" Turner, delivered an inspiring address after which the Sons and Daughters presented a video of excerpts taken from some of the oral history interviews done over the past several months. The cocktail hour music, the food and table decorations were all good, but the fellowship was great! It was especially great and encouraging to have the 442nd, MIS and 1399 join us as a group.

All of the members look forward to the next anniversary reunion --we just hope, by the grace of God, that we will all be here to give a hug or handshake then.

### BOARD HI-LITES

by Stanley M. Akita, President

At the June 14 Board of Directors meeting, the floor was given to Mr. Ted Toguchi from the 100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation in Los Angeles who gave a brief summary of the AJA Monument at LA and of the future fund raising.

The Board agreed that any minor repair work should not be brought to the Board level and that the work should be done when necessary. The subject of converting an existing closet space near the Board Room to store trophies was also left up to the House Committee.

After the meeting, it was decided that "A" Tom Nishioka and "C" Kazuto Shimizu will Co-Chair next year's annual luncheon. Their committee will decide whether next year's event will be a regular luncheon or a mini-type gathering. You will be notified ASAP.

It was the concern of the Board that "A" chapter form a committee to collect the monetary gifts for Paul Kusunoki, whose home was destroyed by fire. Paul Kusunoki is a member of A Chapter and as a Scout leader has done a lot for Club 100. Every Annual Memorial Service day, Paul and his scout troop place flags on all Club 100 members' graves.

The MIS Veterans Club has extended an invitation to all Club 100 members to attend its Memorial Service on June 20, 1996, at 8:40 a.m. at Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery.

Our Executive Secretary, Drusilla Tanaka, will be on vacation from July 4 through 12, 1996. Aki Nosaka has graciously consented to substitute in the office. In observance of the Independence Day, the office will be closed on the 4th of July. Weekdays between July 5 and 12, office hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Sons & Daughters request for an undetermined cash amount not to exceed \$500 to be presented to a Big Island student who applied for a scholarship was denied.

A sum of \$300 was donated to the Go For Broke Association.

One member, Ted Hamasu, was designated<sup>4</sup> to participate in the Hawaii Army Museum Golf Tournament at Leilehua Golf Course on June 21. The \$140 entry fee was paid for by the President's contingency fund. A sum of \$200 will also be donated to the AJA Golf Tournament at Navy-marine Golf Course in August for prizes. The AJA Council and the other members (442 VC, MIS VC, 1399 VC) will also donate a proportional share toward the prizes.

The Board approved the renewal of Notary Public Commission for Drusilla in the amount of \$85.00. Notary service for Club 100 members' personal documents is free of charge.

A request for donation to the Toro Nagashi was denied.

Any veteran of World War II who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) medal is eligible to apply for an up-grade to the Congressional Medal of Honor. The 100/442 has more than 50 DSC recipients. The AJA Veterans Council will meet and will try to make a concerted effort to submit all the recipients names to be up-graded. The Council will meet in early July to discuss the procedures.

The National Japanese American Memorial (NJAM) Foundation whose original name was Go For Broke Inc. is now soliciting membership for its organization. The name was changed to a foundation for fund raising purposes.

"The mission of the NJAM Foundation is to create, under Congressional statute, a memorial to the loyalty, courage, sacrifices, and contributions to the greatness of this nation made by Americans of Japanese Ancestry and their immigrant parents during World War II, despite injustices rooted in ethnic prejudice." The quotation is from a Board meeting of the NJAM Foundation held in Queen Anne Hotel, San Francisco. Club 100 members were invited to become members of the NJAM Foundation.

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council presented a going away plaque and a gift to Lt. General and Mrs. David Bramlett. The general will be promoted to a 4-star general. General Bramlett was constantly in contact with the members of the AJA Veterans Council to make the 50th Anniversary of the End of World War II (1995) a huge success. He also mentioned that he will do whatever he can to help with up-grading the DSC recipients to the Medal of Honor. He will be stationed somewhere in Georgia. The Oahu AJA Veterans Council is proposing to make a concerted effort to submit all the names of the DSC recipients.

Finally, Rural Chapter mentioned that hereafter, they would prefer that other chapters take turns to attend the Memorial Service held annually at Haleiwa. Any volunteers?

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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla Tanaka

**Thank you** to all who helped with the 54th Anniversary Banquet! To quote the "Acknowledgments" page of the program bulletin: "Dr. Kenneth Otagaki, Chairman, and Saburo Nishime, Co-Chairman for their valuable advice and leadership in coordinating the Banquet Committee. Sons & Daughters Co-Chairpersons, Joyce Doi & April Yukitomo with the help of Gary Doi, Nicole & Erika Doi (grandchildren), Noreen & Calvert Hung, Ann Kabasawa, Mimi Nakano, Avin & MaryAnn Oshiro, Pauline Sato, Stanley Tanaka, Danny Uchida, and Alan Yukitomo. Evelyn Oshiro for sharing her talents and insuring that the Banquet room looked as beautiful as it did by creating the guidons and floral garlands. In addition, we would also like to thank the Club 100 Green Thumb Club for generously donating the flowers for the garlands (Mahjong Yoshimura, Chicken Miyashiro, Slim Sakamoto, Fred Kanemura, Ted Hamasu, Kunio Fujimoto, Robert Aoki, Arthur Komiyama, Richard Hosaka). Jun Enomoto for giving the invocation. Mike Harada for his excellent services as Master of Ceremonies. The Kanikapila Gang: Horace Awa - piano, Fred Shimizu - bass guitar, Kiyoshi Uyeno and Alan Yukitomo - guitar, Kimi Matsuda, Evelyn Tsuda, Elaine Nakamura, Ted Hamasu and Stanley Akita - ukulele, Anela and Zachary Shimizu - hula and Irene Brunn - soloist. Reverend Harry Suga for providing the 54th anniversary banquet banner. The Board of Directors and Officers for all their support through the past year. Floral table centerpieces from Glenn's Flowers & Plants in Waimanalo.

**Welcome to new life members:**

- Donations received by Club 100:**

- Mr. Takeichi Onishi (C) donated \$25 to the Puka Puka Parade.**

***Mahalo to the following volunteers:***

- The Club Shirts have arrived.** If you ordered a shirt, you may pick it up at the Clubhouse Office. Please call before going to the office to be sure that someone will be there to help you.

**Clubhouse Clean Up** Thanks to the more than 70 volunteers (veterans, wives, widows, sons and daughters) who came to work early on the morning of June 1, 1996. The windows sparkle, the trophies shine, the nooks and corners are free of cob-webs, the weeds are gone, the bush is trimmed, the kitchen drawers are neat and clean, the stove and oven are spic and span, the cupboards are organized, the couch covers have been laundered, and the a/c filters are breathing clear. Everyone worked hard and enjoyed a hearty lunch from Pee Wee Drive In.

Here is a puzzle for you. Can you translate the following line? Hint: Wingdings Font

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**MAHALO to the following PPP volunteers who collated the June issue on May 30, 1996**

Bernard Akamine, Akira Akimoto, Otomatsu Aoki, Tom Fujise; Ralph Fukunaga, Mits Furumoto, Chester Hada, Mike Hamamoto, Ted Hamasu, Saburo Hasegawa, Satoshi Hashimoto, Tokuich Hayashi, Jesse Hirata, Ed Ikuma, Saburo Inamasa, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Walter Iwasa, Masaru Kadamoto, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Lefty Mizusawa, Walter Moriguchi, Joe Muramatsu, Ed Nakano, Roy Nakayama, Tom Nishioka, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Takeichi Onishi, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito, Kazuto Shimizu, Kenich Suehiro, Stanley Tanaka, Masa Toma, Benjamin Yamada, Jerry & Carol Yamaki and Marie Yoneshige.

## **ABLE CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Tommy Nishioka**

We are sorry to report that on Sunday, June 9, 1996, disaster struck our good friend and comrade Paul Kusunoki. His family residence was completely destroyed by fire.

Paul is a very dedicated Scout Master and every year at the time of our Annual Memorial Service, he has his Boy Scout Troop placing flowers and flags on the graves of our fallen comrades. Able Chapter feels that it is most appropriate to show our gratitude by conducting a fund raising drive to help defray some of the expenses caused by the fire. We ask that you please send your donation to "Able Chapter - Kusunoki Fund" c/o Club 100 520 Kamoku Street Honolulu, HI 96826

Edna Sakamoto recently attended two memorable events on the mainland.-- in Chicago where granddaughter, Carla received her MA in Fine Arts from the Art Institute of Chicago, and in Hanover New Hampshire where granddaughter, Stephanie, performed in the Spring Dance (ballet) Concert. Carla is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Sakamoto, while Stephanie, a junior at Dartmouth College, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Chun.

During the week in Chicago, Edna attended the Marlins-Cubs game, saw action movies "Twister" and "Mission Impossible" and cruised on the Chicago River with its magnificent skyline. She also visited her alma mater, University of Chicago from where she earned her MA in social work 55 years ago!

Edna had a wonderful time with her children and grandchildren, but is happy to be home.

## **KARAOKE KAI NEWS**

**By Namie Takaki**

It has been a long time since the Club 100 Karaoke Kai has broken into the pages of the Puka Puka Parade.

During our existence, 13 years to be exact, we've been meeting in the conference room practically every Monday night and on Saturday afternoons for fellowship, socializing and enjoying karaoke singing. We've had some wonderful experiences and I thought I would share one special event with you.

On Friday evening, 23 May '96, we hosted about 10 karaoke singers and dancers from Kumamoto, Japan, led by Ootsuka Sensei whom we befriended about four years ago. He is a very talented person-- a "Enka" singer for the King Recording Company, a "Shigen" no sensei, an ordained priest, and he also teaches Karaoke in and around Kumamoto City. He is tall with platinum hair and very good looking. He is the cousin of Kitty Hamasu (Ted). His students were mostly women and they were dressed in Kimono and wore "Geta" and they looked so feminine and graceful. I sure wish that we could all wear kimonos and look as feminine as they did.

We wanted to have an early start so we asked our guests to be ready for pick\up at the Pacific Beach Hotel at 3:30 p.m.

Ed Ikuma and Stu Yoshioka were co-chairmen of the program and Bob Sato was asked to MC this function. The food was catered by the Leeward Drive Inn of Waipahu, to be delivered by 4:30 p.m. We started the program promptly at 4:30 p.m. when the MC introduced Ootsuka Sensei. He then expressed his thanks for their invitation and explained that this get together was a good will gesture from Kumamoto to our Karaoke Kai, and proceeded to introduce his students. As each guest was introduced, he or she was draped with a lei made from Soda can tabs which were expertly and beautifully put together by Kay Tanigawa. Naturally the leis were given Hawaiian style, so the men folks had a field day, kissing all of the guests. After the presentation of the leis, the MC introduced the officers of the Club 100 Karaoke Kai: President, Kaoru Yonezawa, V.P. Namie Takaki, Secretary/Treasurer Bea Shinoda. The President welcomed our guests in Japanese and I believe they were surprised at his fluent Japanese. Ootsuka Sensei was asked to bless the food and he did it in Japanese, which sounded very solemn.

We ushered the guests to the serving table to help themselves with the food, but the question of when to start the singing was brought up because of the difficulty in singing on a full stomach. After a brief discussion it was decided to sing while you eat in order to save time which was our prime concern.

The song fest progressed nicely with our members starting first followed by our guests. Both groups sang beautifully. We even had Japanese dancing done by our guests and also by our members, Mrs. Yonezawa and Mrs. Sato. I didn't realize we had such talent in our Kai. It was an enjoyable evening and by the time it was over, some of our guests expressed their desire to return again. We exchanged gifts as a token of friendship. We were very happy to learn that our guests had enjoyed our company and hospitality. These gatherings of ordinary people helps in fostering good will between countries and it is always nice to show our aloha spirits to our visitors whenever possible.

In closing we want to express our heart felt appreciation to Mrs. Kay Tanigawa for the 12 beautifully made leis, to Mr Stanley Nakamoto for the pineapples, the soft drinks and chocolate macadamian nuts, to Kitty Hamasu for her sliced pineapples, to Frances Okazaki for the ono pretzels, to Mrs. Miyashiro for the jello dessert and pomelo and monetary donation, and to Lefty and Ted for the beer donations. Lastly, we appreciate and applaud the can do attitude that our members showed in organizing this affair.

## **HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Kenichi Suehiro**

A big thank you to those who remembered and came out to help clean up our clubhouse. I do not care to list names, but I deviate this time. Those who came out were Ken Otagaki (Prexy) Tom Nosse, Otomatsu Aoki, Mugi Mugitani, Kikuji ( a non-member who spends his time at our clubhouse--he did a terrific job cleaning the stove and its parts--I hope more non-members will help like Kikuyi), Ed Ikuma, Arthur Tamashiro, Ken Suehiro, Robin Otagaki (Prexy's son), Aki Akimoto, Wilfred Fujishige and Dorothy Tamashiro, only widow from HQ.. Many thanks!

A big thank you to our Sons and Daughters who managed the 54th Anniversary party at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel. The party was well attended and HQ was well represented. No table service but we had excellent service due to Akira Akimoto's efforts. He brought over free beer (compliments our Mother Club) and pupus. Thanks, Aki. I had my share of free beer (2) and I believe the club can furnish us our beer hereafter since we do not drink as much as in the past..

Ed Harada's son, Mike was the MC for the event. This young man is a natural--sign him up for all future events. Sure good to have him on our list.

At the party, K. Otagaki, Albert Oki and I had the pleasure of meeting Vance Akinaka, son of former HQ member who died a few years ago. Vance would like to meet all HQ members who knew his father, Isaac. If you did know Isaac or if you have a photo of him, please let Vance make copies. Vance is a contractor on Maui and has 8 children. He wants to prepare a history of their grandfather and his exploits during WWII. Please help Vance.

After our Memorial Service on September 29, 1996, Headquarters members are asked to meet at the clubhouse for a get together/reunion. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Team Captains are asked to phone their group and report to Ken Saruwatari with the number of members who will attend.. Ken's phone number is 373-4050. So let your family know that you'll be at the clubhouse after the Memorial Service and will have lunch there.

Reminder that the HQ Christmas party will be on Saturday, Decmber 7th. Mark your calendars now if you haven't already done so, and let your team captain know that you plan to attend.

Hopefully, no news is good news --I have tried to contact several members and either no one was home, or there just wan't anything new to report.

## **MAUI CHAPTER**

**By Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter Vice-president Stanley Izumigawa attended the Club 100 54th Anniversary luncheon at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel on June 15, 1996. He had earlier, on Friday, attended the Board of

Directors monthly meeting. Since the men of One Puka Puka Battalion sailed from Honolulu Harbor on the sunny morning of June 5, 1942 and became part of our American history, those of us who survived that war, including those men who volunteered to step into the shoes of our fallen comrades, pause a minute to count our blessings. What were we doing on subsequent Anniversary days?

On June 5, 1943, the Louisiana maneuvers was almost over, and most of the men had chigger bites during the months of April, May and June. Meantime, in late April, about 2900 men from Hawaii had arrived in Camp Shelby to form part of the 442nd RCT.

On June 5, 1944, the 100th Inf Bn trucked through Rome, Italy, which was not defended but declared an "open city". Earlier, from May 24th to June 2, four Maui soldiers died from exploding mines as the big push to capture Rome began. Lei Yamashiro is buried in Punchbowl Cemetery, but David Suda, Richard Magarifuji and Douglas Otani are buried at the Maui Veterans Cemetery in Makawao. During our recent Memorial Day Service on May 27, Maui Chapter president Jack Gushiken represented Club 100 during the floral presentation ceremony.

On June 5, 1945, the European War had ended in early May, and the One Puka Puka Bn with the rest of the 442 RCT felt a great sense of relief and also pride in what it had accomplished. Plenty of rice to eat now because they were in Northern Italy's Po Valley, a major producer of rice

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS**

**By June Kurisu**

If the success of an event can be judged by the attendance, the 100th's Family Dinner on April 20 was a roaring success with a full house. Not in alphabetical order but in order of signing the sign-in sheet passed around were members, family and friends: Ken & Hisa Miya, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Ben & Jean Tagami, Harry & Harumi Sasaki, May Fujita & Wayne Fujita, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Henry Ikemoto, Young O. Kim, Al & Connie Takahashi, Henry & Fuji Sakato, Mas & Elma Takahashi, Hank & Kaz Yoshitake, their daughter Carol and four grandkids, Russell Nakaishi, Mark Susuki, Lika Takayanagi, David Sunahara & Family, Don Kochi, Ken Fong, Takeo Susuki, Ted & Chiz Ohira, Ed & Amy Nakazawa, Lloyd & Chuckie Seki, Eric & Irene Abe, Kenneth Dong and four little Dongs besides Grandpa Allen and Uncle Carlos Picaso, Toe Yoshino, Lloyd & Michi Toda, Edward McCabe, Michi's brother-in-law visiting from Ohio, and lastly, George & June Kurisu. If any attendees names were missed, go-men-nasai--liberally translated-you no sign da kine papah and this scribe was too busy eating the kau kau. As usual, Allen Dong got a big, big round of applause for arranging the food. The faithful wives brought the desserts which made a spectacular display. Folks had a difficult time deciding which dessert to choose. Some didn't tax their brains making a decision and took a taste or several. Elsie Hayashi's ono lemon pies had to be cut into smaller pieces so that more people would have a slice. Even then, pokey people missed out. Amy Nakazawa's chocolate trifle melted in our mouths. I hope Amy will share her recipe. Ted Ohira, Toe Yoshino, Al Takahashi, Eric Abe and Sam Fujikawa provided enjoyable vocal entertainment for us. The beautiful roses on the tables were grown by Hank & Elsie Hayashi in the "back 40".

Doug Tanaka, Sam Fujikawa and Hank Sakato represented the 100th Inf. Bn by joining 442nd vets and the Sons and Doughter who participated in the Torrance Armed Forces Parade.

The Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery was attended by Ben & Jean Tagami, Lloyd & Chuckie Seki, Hank & Kaz Yoshitake, Lloyd & Michi Toda, Doug Tanaka, Yeiki Matsui, May Fujita and Wayne, Hank & Elsie Hayashi, Kei & Chisato Yamaguchi, Hank Sakato (Fumi was in Las Vegas), Ted & Chiz Ohira, Young O. Kim, Teri Fujikawa, Allen Dong, Carlos & Beverly Picazo, and George & June Kurisu from the 100th. Our president, Sam Fujikawa, carried the 100th Inf. Bn Colors on this occasion as well as in the Torrance parade. It's good to hear that Lloyd Toda is okay and will be going to Las Vegas for the H Company reunion on June 10.

The speaker at the Memorial Service was Chancellor Neil Yoneji of the Los Angeles Community College District, the largest college district in the U.S. He was technically my big boss, although I hadn't met him before. Like my husband, he was born on Kauai where his father owned the Yoneji store in Lihue. Sadly, the Board of Trustees voted not to renew his contract. He told George and me tht he is undecided about what he will do next and that he was pleased to learn of the large group who was behind him. He is a good speaker and a very personable man.

We wish Ken Miya a speedy recovery from his operation.

A good crowd of vets, their wives, families, and friends will gather on June 8 to celebrate Father's Day at a dim sum luncheon at the Pacific Seafood Restaurant in Alhambra. More about this in the next issue.

Remember the July 10 deadline to get your reservations for the 100th's mini reunion (Las Vegas) to the treasurer Harry Fukusawa. The dates are October 14 - 18, 1996 at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Helen Nikaido**

There are a few Doggies that are not in retirement. Eddie Harada is a cost estimator of buildings for the architects and is semi-retired. After a day's work, he enjoys playing his poker machine while sipping on a cocktail. Dr. Denis Teraoka goes to his dental office taking care of our dental problems. For relaxation, he golfs and tends to his vegetable garden. Hideo Kaya operates his Kaaawa store with his wife Ethel.

There's another TV celebrity among the Doggies. Martin Tohara starred in "Looking Like the Enemy"--he's pretty good in talking pigeon English. Sadashi & Jane Matsunami, who hardly miss any Dog Co. reunions, will be in Las Vegas just about the time of the Dog Co. reunion for their family reunion.

Talked with Mildred Yoshida and she said that Dog Chapter had five members with their wives enjoying the 54th anniversary luncheon on Saturday, June 15th at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel. Those attending were Jitsuri & Mildred Yoshida, Richard & Mildred Hosaka, Kenneth & Florence Mitsunaga, Conrad and Yoshi Tsukayama and Tony & Violet Kinoshita. Also there were Mr. & Mrs. Andy Matsunaga, brother of the late Spark Matsunaga, Mako & Lillian Takiguchi from Kauai and Mr & Mrs. Motoyoshi Tanaka from Hilo. The M.C. was Michael Harada, son of Eddie & Kay Harada.

Biffa Moriguchi's 1996 One Puka Puka Autumn tour: First payment will be due on July 1, 1996. Contact Biffa at 737-7008 or 946-4286 for any questions you might have.

## **KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Tsugi Takemoto**

What with summer going full blast, many are off to reunions and family gatherings. The upcoming Company D reunion at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, June 21 to 23 will see the following from Kauai joining in: Mako and Lillian Takiguchi, Kiyo and Chizue Teshima, Masao and Ann Yotsuda, Maxie and Shmoe Mukai, Kazu and Norma Senda, Larry Sakoda, and Jack Hada. To me, reunions are happy times as well as sad ones.

Kazu and Kinue Mizuno are taking off for Hilo to visit their daughter and family on June 20. Kinue says it is just for the weekend, but it will give them time enough to enjoy.

Mayor Maryann Kusaka will be the guest speaker at our annual Memorial Services on September 29, 1996. Missing will be Mrs. Toshi Minami who is our only Gold Star Mother. She just entered Wilcox Long Term Care Center. after falling outside her home the latter part of May. At the age of 101, the family decided that she would get better care at the Care Center. Also at Wilcox is Masao Yotsuda's mother who is now 100. Longevity must be part of the key along with the Hawaiian weather as two others of Japanese ancestry over 100 years are also confined there. What amazed me about Mrs. Minami is that she is a Nisei.

Right now I am preparing last minute details for the Department of Hawaii, American Legion Auxillary Convention which will be held on June 26 -28 at the Pagoda. Good thing there is a secretary who does all the nitty-gritty work. I just conduct the meetings.

We shall have more on the Memorial Service later as the rest of the plans gel.



Clubhour Cleanup: Twelve Charlies showed up to clean up the assigned area (Lounge). Being well trained by their wives and led by a fearless leader, Chick Miyashiro, the cleaning chore was finished in a jiffy. There was plenty of time to talk story, meeting some long-time-no-see friends and enjoying the refreshments while waiting for the bento lunch. Some personal observations: (1) the annual clean-up is fine while we have enough members physically able to do the work but for how long? (2) clubhouse looks rundown and could stand the services of an interior decorator and (3) Turner Hall can be put to more uses.

Sick Call: Kentoku Nakasone was operated on for throat cancer on Friday, May 24 at Queens Medical Center. The surgery required removal of the larynx (voice box) so he cannot talk. He now faces a long period of healing and therapy. GAMBARE, Kentop - we are all pulling for you.

Earlier this year I said I hoped to get an exciting account of Toshimi and Lillian Sodetanis cruise from Bombay, India to Africa. Well, here it is:

"Enjoy a memorable upscale cruise from Bombay, India to Mombasa, Africa via Pristine Islands that sparkle in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea--ends with an unforgettable three-night African safari--read an ad in a travel brochure. Commercial puffing, perhaps, but the words stirred in us more than a passing interest. A few telephone inquiries by my wife, and we were hooked and committed,

After experiencing a few anxious moments caused by the lateness in receiving our visas and a last minute notification of inoculation requirements, we began our long air journey to Bombay by way of Los Angeles and London. There was a six hour layover in London, and, mercifully, we were taken to a nearby hotel where we took a nap and showered before returning to the air terminal.

We arrived in Bombay at around noon and were transported by bus to the pier where the Star Odyssey was docked. Although the distance between the airport and the pier didn't appear great, it took the bus about 2 1/2 hours to negotiate it. The weather was hot and humid and the non-airconditioned bus crawled at a slug's pace in an unbelievable tangle of traffic. But the drive was not altogether boring; it gave us an opportunity for close-up views of shops, markets, crowded tenements and incredible throngs of people.

It was a refreshing relief to board the cool and immaculate ship with its luxurious amenities. After being checked in and as we headed towards our cabin, we relished the prospect of not having to repack our suitcases for the next two weeks. The all-inclusive vacation which provides travel, accommodations, meals, entertainment and excursions without frequent transfers to different hotels, is in our aging years, probably the most appealing aspect of a cruise holiday.

The first night on board ship was spent at dockside, and the following morning we went on a bus tour of the city. Bombay is the financial and industrial hub of India and its largest city. Some of the interesting places we visited were the Hanging Gardens of Malabar Hills, Jains Temple and Gateway to India memorial arch. But, again, the overwhelming impression made on me was the diversity of peoples and their massive numbers.

The ship left Bombay that evening and headed toward our first port stop at Goa, India. Unfortunately, however, four hours after leaving Bombay, the ship turned around and returned to Bombay because of a medical emergency on board ship. We were later informed that the resulting delay necessitated the cancellation of the visit to Goa. Though disappointed by the unexpected turn of events, we found solace in the various shipboard activities and the life of self-indulgence.

After two days of cruising, we arrived in Male, Republic of Maldives. This nation of islands consists of more than 1,000 coral islands scattered across the equator. Seasonal heavy rainfall brings lushness to the islands with dense green vegetation spreading up to the beautiful white sand beaches. Shallow turquoise lagoons surround the islands.

The capital island covers an area of approximately one square mile and is no more than six or seven feet in height. The ship anchored offshore and we were tendered to the pier. Before we left the ship we were advised to dress conservatively in deference to the inhabitants' Islamic religion.



The Maldivians are generally small in stature and somewhat reserved. The town of Male is small enough to cover by foot. The focal center in town is probably the Grand Friday Mosque which can accommodate over 5,000 worshippers at a time.

That evening we sailed on to the Seychelles, a republic made up of over 100 islands, 75 of which are coral and the rest granite. These islands are also surrounded by beautiful white sand beaches and crystal clear water. They are referred to as the water lovers' paradise.

Our ship docked at a pier in the natural harbor of the main island of Mahe where the capital town of Victoria is situated. Because of a slight stomach discomfort, I did not go on the bus excursion, but my wife did. She returned impressed with the beauty of the natural wildlife. I did, however, go into Victoria in the afternoon and browsed through some interesting shops and market places. I came upon the legendary Coc-de-Mer nut--the largest seed in the vegetable kingdom. This strange double coconut has an uncanny resemblance to a woman's pelvis.

After an overnight stay in Victoria's picturesque harbor, it was on to Madagascar.. Madagascar, lying off the east coast of Africa, is the fourth largest island in the world with a population mainly of Afro-Indonesian origin.

Our ship anchored off Nosy Be, satellite island of Madagascar, and we were tendered to the jetty near the capital town of Hell-ville. Again, because of the mainly Moslem inhabitants of the island, we were advised to dress conservatively. The bus tour of the island was unexciting but interesting. The uplands are dotted with crater lakes and familiar plants and fruit trees--sugar cane, banana, guava, ylang-ylang, etc---cover the country side. The roads are narrow and poorly paved. Motor vehicle travel is slowed and hampered by ox-carts pulled by the beloved "zebus". At the numerous roadside stands, beautiful hand embroidered work is sold. To my dismay, my wife purchased a large tablecloth. I wondered how we were going to squeeze it into the suitcase. I should also mention the lemur, found only in Madagascar. There are approximately 50 species of this rare animal. It is totally fearless of human beings because it is held sacred by the natives and, therefore, unmolested.

Approximately 350 miles west of Madagascar lies the isle of Zanzibar, few miles off the coast and a part of Tanzania, Africa.. We walked through Old Stone House Town in Zanzibar, considered one of the most fascinating places in the world and declared by UNESCO as one of the world's 100 most historical towns. Honeycombed narrow streets with run-down whitewashed limestone houses suggest an Arabian life of centuries ago. Women and children in colorful garb peering from dark doorways would pose for our cameras for a small gratuity.

The following day we sailed into Mombasa, Kenya---our last port stop. One of the more interesting tour stops in Mombasa was at the Akamba Handicraft Cooperative where hundreds of native craftsmen create intricate animal figures and other objects out of tropical woods of Africa. The tools used by the craftsmen may be considered antiquated by western standards. I saw no power tools; only hand saws, wooden mallets and chisels were visible. The workers' pace of work is lethargic, typifying their "pole-pole"(unhurried) lifestyle. But the work product is superb.

The last evening on board ship was spent in Mombasa harbor. At dinner, the passengers seemed more exuberant and festive than usual; even the maitre d' and the waiters appeared more attentive. Before retiring, we exchanged cheerful goodbyes with shipboard acquaintances who would be leaving for home the next day.

After breakfast, the following morning, we walked off the gangplank for the last time. I looked back wistfully at the gleaming white ship. The gluttonous and excessive (but enjoyable) existence had ended; The odyssey on the Star Odyssey had simply become a pleasant memory"

Note: The Sodeltanis' cruise ended here, but not their trip. In the next issue, you will read of their African safari.

There is no report on the June 17th meeting as I was away on the mainland. I'll see you at the July 15th meeting. Until then, take care..

**REUNION UPDATE:** Good news. The list of Fox Clan members who are planning to attend the reunion is getting longer and longer. Additions since the last listing are as follows: Florida: M/M Oswald Kawahara; Hawaii: M/M Seitoku Akamine, Shigeru Ito, Shinsuke Shimabukuro, Yoshiyuki Sumida and M/M Kazuma Taguchi; Oahu: M/M Sakae Takahashi, and Albert Shimizu. We would like to see the list keep on growing so to those who have not responded yet, there is still time to do so. Simply pick up your telephone and call your coordinator today. Join your fellow comrades for an memorable weekend of good fellowship, food and fun.

**Cost data:** The total reunion cost per person for

- (A) All three functions, hotel, bus fare and incidental charges:
  - (1) Single occupancy \$197.00. This rate applies only if the person requests he or she wants to room alone. If no such request is made, then the double occupancy rate applies
  - (2) Double occupancy \$136.00
  - (3) Triple occupancy \$114.00
- (B) All three functions and incidental charge only, excluding hotel and bus fare, \$72.00.

**Note:** The incidental charge of \$10.00 listed as the last item in the June Puka Puka Parade should have been shown as a separate item. As done in past reunions, this item is charged regardless whether a person attends one, two or three functions. It is used to cover the cost for beer, soda, pupu, paper plates, cups, etc.

**OAHU MEMBERS NEWS FLASH!** Reunion Chairman Ted Hamasu reported that the next general meeting for members, wives and widows attending the reunion will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. By the way, don't forget to bring "da moola" or your checkbook.

**54th Anniversary banquet:** This reporter did not attend this year's event because Bea is still not quite up to par to go to such a long affair. However, I wanted to at least mention the foxes who were able to attend, so I called Honcho Hakaru Taoka and was given the following names: M/M Ted Hamasu, M/M Tadao Seo, Sakae Takahashi, M/M Yukio Tanji and M/M Hakaru Taoka. From Hawaii were: M/M Seitoku Akamine, Yoshiyuki Sumida and his family. Hakaru said the gang did not sit together as a group like the other companies so if you no see your name, so sorry please. No hu hu, brah.

Ciao for now. See you all at the general meeting.

## **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Bernard Akamine**

On the Clubhouse Cleanup Day, my job was parking lot attendant at the Ala Wai School. It was easy identifying members' and sons' and daughters' cars by their license plate holders...Baker Chapter had 10 tables at the anniversary banquet at the Hawaiian Regent, two tables just for Sakae and Lefty Tanigawa families...It was nice to see Hilo residents Seitoku and Shizu Akamine...We extend our deepest sympathy to Masa and Marge Toma in the loss of Marge's mother, Kana Nakamatsu, on June 14, 1996. She was 96 years old...In early England when a policeman arrested a couple making love in a public place, he had to write on his report sheet, "For Unadulterated Carnal Knowledge." In time, they got lazy and just used the first letter of each word. The profane four-letter "F" word was born. Looked up the word "knowledge" in the dictionary, and one definition is sexual intercourse. Learn something new everyday...A reader offered some "Beauty Bits" to go with the "Health Tips" in this column: Blue foods help erase wrinkles. Before singing the blues about wrinkles, varicose veins, or bruises, start eating the blues--fruits with large amounts of red, purple, or blue pigment. Proanthocyanoidins (PACs) produce these rich colors and help our skin. Look for red, purple or dark blue shades--the darker the better...Beauty and the Bird--whoever thought the emu, a flightless bird, could hold the key to younger skin? A recent study reveals that kalaya oil, which is derived from the emu, helps trap moisture in the skin, thus lessening the sign of aging...Thank you, nameless and wrinkle-less reader. I have just one question, where is the nearest emu?...Since so many of you enjoyed reading previously published articles, here is another one, but shorter than the original. So, if you want to read it in its entirety, look for your August 1978 issue of the PPP. Thanks to Ben Tamashiro for his permission to print excerpts.

Excerpts from "Ken Kaneko: 'I had no choice!'" by Ben Tamashiro

It is in the heyday of University of Hawaii basketball, that period when the "Fabulous Five" practically owned the basketball court of the then-named-HIC auditorium. I'm at home watching a telecast of one of their games from the HIC. Timeout is called.

The TV camera swings its lens to the officials' table and sweeps its eye from one end to the other. At about the middle of the table sits Ken Kaneko, happily chomping away on a bag of peanuts, totally unconscious of the camera's eye. At his feet is a pile of peanut shells about half as high as a basketball is round! What a sight! But the camera's eye does not linger. It moves on. And 'tis just as well because the passing over is indicative of Ken: unless you stop to look closely, whatever he does seems to be of an ordinary cut. And yet...

As Yozo Yamamoto likes to put it, "That bugga get guts!" To which Ken responds that guts is really a reflection of team effort: not so much an individual performance as it is a matter of the team fighting together for an objective. Or, to put it in another vein, not letting a member get caught "out there" by himself; and if that should happen, the team going to the rescue, to die together, if necessary. The cardinal rule in such instances is never to let your buddies down. If, out of actions such as these come this matter called guts, well and good. But the men are not prone to talk of things like that.

So it is that with a dash of that old reticence still clinging to him, I nevertheless got to "unshell" Ken a bit in a taped oral interview (in 1978) as he told of some of the exploits of his platoon, the 2nd of Baker Company....

And in the telling, Ken touches upon an aspect of behavior of the men of the 100th: how they were always fighting their way ahead of units on their flanks; their determination to keep moving ahead whatever the risks or odds. And because of this, how they often found themselves at the point of the attack. Ken makes no offer as to the reasons why. But we all know the words - loyalty, honor, identity, prove, recognition, minority, discrimination, and the others - the meanings of which, as they relate to the men of the 100th, will have to await the moment when they, of their own volition, decide to open up their souls. And this will come about, albeit, late, with the progress of mankind. And progress in the advancement of the dignity of the human soul is what life is all about.

Ken was drafted in November 1941. After completing his recruit training in Schofield's "boom town," he was assigned to Company E, 298th Infantry Regiment of the Hawaii National Guard, then guarding the Windward Oahu coastline from Kahaluu to Kualoa. His stint with the 100th followed.

Unlike the majority of us who immediately returned to civilian life after the war, Ken stayed in, spending the years 1945-48 as an MP in Tokyo and then as a Special Services Officer with the 8th Army. He was discharged from the army in October 1948, but then joined the Reserve program. With the outbreak of the Korean War, Ken was recalled to active duty in May 1951. He was first assigned to training troops at Schofield Barracks, then was shipped to Korea where he became a Company Commander in the 45th Infantry Division. But this was during the last two weeks of the war so his actions consisted mostly of patrol duty. After the end of that war, he continued with the Reserve program, retiring in 1965. (Ken shares the distinction of being one of the first enlisted men to receive Officers' commission during World War II.)

Ken's forte is athletics - basketball, baseball and softball. He's been coaching youngsters in these fields all his adult life; has gained some prominence as official for the Little League, Pop Warner, high school, and collegiate associations - which explains his presence at the officials' table that night at the HIC.

*F\*L\*A\*S\*H* Save the date: Baker Chapter Family Night will be on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, at the Clubhouse. More details (cost, time, donations, etc.) in the August PPP.

## MINI REUNION LAS VEGAS OCTOBER 13 - 18, 1996

As of this date, the following people have signed up for the Mini Reunion leaving Honolulu on October 13th at 9:25 p.m. We have not yet received the mainland list of "gamblers" but it will be printed in the next issue. Looking forward to a great fun time are: Sada & Jane Matsunami, Oscar & Hisako Miyashiro, Cary Miiyashiro, Earl Miyashiro, Hiroshi Shimazu, Masao Yoshioka, Stanley Takahashi, James & Carol Inafuku, Fred Yamashige, Mako Takiguchi, Shigeru & Kazuko Ushijima, Shinichi Kamisato, Helen Yamashige, Irene Nakagawa, Sonsei & Elaine Nakamura, Larry & Sumiko Kodama, Richard Ishimoto, Roy & Maizie Nakamura, Frances Okazaki, Dorothy Kikuchi, Fusako Murai, Matsue Furushima, Kazuto & Lynn Shimizu, Jesse Hirata, John Kihara, Shizuya & Mavis Hayashi, Kazuma & Ichiko Hisanaga, Dorothy Tamashiro, Patsy Akimoto, Charles & Ethel Nishimura, Akira Akimoto, Marshall & Margaret Higa, Kunio Fujimoto, Leighton Smida, Kenichi Suehiro, Ernest Tanaka, Masato Nakae, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Mildred Takabayashi, Jane Shim, James Maeda, Wilfred Fujishige, Motoyoshi & Shizue Tanaka, Takao & Chieko Miyao, Takashi & Takako Umamoto, Bessie Ichimura, Susumu & Margaret Ota, Arthur Tamashiro, Yutaka Inouye, Betty Ajitomi, Harriet Nakamura, Patsy Hayashida, Kenneth Mitsunaga, Yoshiichi Ono, Yuko Kaneko, Katsumi Yamamoto, Seichi Hoashi, and Kazuma & Yasako Taguchi.

Our L. A. reporter, June Kurisu, has consented (?) to arrange some tours in Las Vegas, such as (1) visiting some of the new, fabulous casinos, (2) going downtown to visit Fremont Street, (3) factory outlets (4) any other suggestions? Call Aki Nosaka if you have. There will be a nominal fee of \$2.00 for the use of the private bus and driver.

In lieu of, or in addition to our Hawaiian entertainment, we are hoping to get in some line dancing after the banquet. We will leave that up to the Los Angeles group.

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### SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION ESSAY CONTEST 1996 JUNIOR DIVISION WINNER

#### The Hardest Assignment by Timmy Nozaki (Washington Intermediate School, Grade 8)

To me, the hardest thing about writing this essay was reading Lieutenant Colonel James M. Hanley's letter. I guess it wouldn't have been as big of a burden if I weren't a Japanese American myself. I could literally feel the pain of the soldiers as I read every single painful and gruesome word in Lieutenant Colonel Hanley's letter.

The first excruciating dose of pain struck me while reading the second paragraph. "They (the Japanese Americans) are American soldiers--and I know where some of them are buried." This sentence alone already described the majority of the tough situations that Japanese American soldiers had to go through. Most people, like Charlie, had to be reminded that these soldiers were loyal Americans and not back-stabbing stray-dogs they found in some back alley.

Many Japanese American soldiers sacrificed their lives to protect a country that didn't even allow them proper citizenship or rights. The popular saying, "*umi no oya yori sodate no oya*," (meaning that they supported the people who "raised" them rather than the people who gave "birth" to them) was about the only thing the Japanese American soldiers could bring themselves up with. This was mostly because the environment around them was like a living hell. As if the killing and the blood from the war weren't enough, some of the American soldiers had nothing better to do than to discriminate or make racial and prejudiced comments about the Japanese American soldiers.

"I remember one Japanese American ...A German shell took the right side of his face off." "I recall another boy...the bloody meat from the middle of the thighs hung down over the end of the stretcher and dragged in the dirt--the bone parts were gone." Again and again I read these sentences. And each time, a shivering chill ran down my spine. It's really hard to understand why the most intellectual species on this planet has to create stupid problems like wars...It's really hard for me to even imagine what real war must be like.

"They (Japanese Americans) are good soldiers in spite of the type of racial prejudice shown by your paragraph." When I read the rest of the letter and found sentences like this one, it made these people, their published items, and their prejudiced comments seem like a bunch of garbage.

All in all, it comes down to this...Going to war for your own country and coming back as a victorious soldier might be the act of a courageous man. On the other hand, going to war and risking and sacrificing your life for a country that doesn't even grant full-citizenship to you is the act of a typical Japanese American soldier. These warriors all sacrificed something truly important to them to protect this country. Their friends, their lovers, their families, sometimes their lives. They also had to live through a great deal of prejudice, even after winning the war, maybe even now....So Lieutenant Colonel Hanley might have been right when he said, "Come over here, Charlie, I'll show you where 'some good Japanese Americans' are buried." Maybe Charlie *should've* gone to the bloodlusted battlefields and seen for himself what the Japanese American soldiers had to go through to protect their country.

### 1996 SENIOR DIVISION WINNER

#### Prejudice by Stanton Richard (Hawaii Baptist Academy, Class of 1996)

Our campfire was over and I walked amid Boy Scouts from all over the United States back to our cabin. Campfire was an important event that brought us together to sing songs, watch skits, joke and laugh together. But as I walked along with my friends, I heard from behind the conversation of two fellow boy scouts. One remarked off-handedly to the other how many "chinks" there were. That night as I lay in the bunk, those words were all I could think about. I wondered how a racial remark could be said so easily after a campfire of bonding and fellowship. I wanted to confront the person who had said it, but held back. I didn't want to cause any conflict. Now, though, when I look back, I realize that is holding back that lets prejudice continue. People need to stand up against it to stop it and reveal how wrong it is.

Prejudice hurts everybody. In Ireland, brother fights against brother, dividing families, because half the family believes in one religion and the other half in another. America was driven to Civil war dividing the nation in two, taking different sides on not only slavery but prejudice. Even today in Hawaii, there is a prejudice among some locals against Caucasians, blaming them for actions of other foreigners many decades ago.

Throughout history, man has shown why he fell short of God. Repeatedly, he fought against his brother because of differences. The senseless loss of lives such as in the almost slaughter of the Jews is overwhelming. We wonder how it continues when there have been so many heroes like Martin Luther King who fought against it. During a speech, King made one of the most well-known quotes: "Free at last, free at last, I thank God Almighty, we're free at last." People cheered in response to this statement, because it recognized the bondage that prejudice has on everyone who uses it and whom it is used upon. King brought about major human rights for the African Americans of the United States and started a change in thinking throughout the world.

But you don't have to be a great speaker and lead thousands to change the minds of others. You only need to stand up against and confront those who have prejudice toward others. Many today aren't willing to confront those who use racial slang. They don't think it is important, but by sitting back, they give the message that racial slang and ultimately, prejudice is acceptable. J.M. Hanley, by writing that letter of response, stood up against prejudice. He recognized the valor and value that those Japanese Americans have, by showing examples of their courage and sacrifice for their fellow Americans of all ethnic backgrounds. He showed that they are humans too, that they are men who loved their country, enough to die for it.

We are all people of the human race. Unique in how we look, act, we all have the same feelings. And we are all hurt by prejudice and racial labels which divide us unjustly. If we sit back, we let it continue its destructive nature to put American against American and brother against brother. But by standing up to it we declare how unjust and wrong it is, and we bring about a change in the minds of others, acting as men and women who can move mountains by confronting a label.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

**MAHALO** to the following for their donations and gifts:

- \$1,000 from Warren and Millie Fencel for scholarship and for the beautiful customized clock
- \$100 from Able Chapter for the Oral History Project
- \$200 from The 34th Division for scholarship
- \$30 from the family of the late Betsy Saito
- \$5 from Kenneth Kaneko
- \$100 from Tom and Fumiko Nagata for scholarship
- \$100 from Toshio "Lefty" Mizusawa
- \$100 from an anonymous golfer
- \$25 from Seie and Evelyn Oshiro
- \$25 from Larry and Susan Sakoda
- \$100 from Adam A. (Bud) Smyser
- \$50 from Amy Muroshige

**Welcome to all new members:** Denis Tanigawa, Marcia Tsue, Paul Tanigawa, Robin Otagaki, Rod Kimura, Kathleen Hishinuma, Norine Hung, Kent Kuriyama, James Kawashima, Jr., Sandy Nakamura, Lynn Ikehara, Suzan Kaninau, and Ronald Kawashima.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at Club 100. This will give you an opportunity to meet the other sons and daughters, elect the Board of Directors, and find out what the sons and daughters are all about. We'll share with you information about the long range planning and other committees and upcoming events. We also want to hear your ideas and suggestions. Please circle your calendar. A flyer will be sent to you in the mail concerning this meeting and membership dues. The slate of board of directors are: Avin Oshiro, Drusilla Tanaka, Danny Uchida, Amy Muroshige, Sophie Hatakenaka, Carl Tonaki, Warren Yamamoto, Alan Nakamura, Steve Takushi, Mimi Nakano and Ann Kabasawa. If you have any questions or if you are planning to attend, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 or e-mail her at 76102,2654@compuserve.com or call Sophie Hatakenaka at 524-5538. Pupus and refreshments will be served. Parking at Ala Wai School.

**REMINDER!! PLEASE SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1996-97.** Due to the rising costs of postage and paper, only those who have paid their dues by July 31, 1996, will continue to receive the PukaPuka Parade and Sons and Daughters Newsletter.

## ORAL HISTORY by Mimi Nakano

Sorry about the glitches that disrupted the presentation of the video and erased the first few minutes. I hope that what you saw reflects how hard the Oral History Project Team--Ben Fujimori, Kunio Fujimoto, Ann Kabasawa, Avin Oshiro, Steve Takushi, Drusilla and Stanley Tanaka, Carl Tonaki, Robert Yamaguchi have been working.

Kunio has been a tremendous asset in operating the camera, and helping the veterans feel at ease. We sincerely appreciate his support. When we are in need of an extra hand or a replacement, his son-in-law, Robert Yamaguchi, has also been a life saver. Thank you, Bob.

Two other people deserve recognition for producing the video. Dennis Sekine, who appears on the Hawaii Dental Services commercial, responded to the need for an effect male voice. Dennis is so talented that he recorded his parts in one take (normally three or four are the average). The other person who deserves a huge applaud is Irwin Yamamoto, media specialist at Leeward Community College (LCC). Irwin volunteered his time. Because Irwin had to edit and splice after work, he spent many nights camping out at LCC. Irwin did a superb job of incorporating the moving image and still life photos with the oral history excerpts!!

There are many other people who have helped us, such as Evelyn Tsuda, Lynne Masatsugu, Rural Chapter, Able Chapter, Matt Matsunaga, and all who contributed to Monte Cassino Day (sons and daughters and veterans) and others.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the veterans who have participated in the Oral History Project: Mr. Stanley Akita, Mr. Bernard Akamine, Mr. Kunio Fujimoto, Mr. Michael Hamamoto, Mr.



## IN MEMORIAM



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| Kinzo Hamano      | Baker Chapter | Passed away March 28, 1996 |
| Albert Nitta (B)  | Baker Chapter | Passed away April 17, 1996 |
| Noboru Kaneko     | Baker Chapter | Passed away April 28, 1996 |
| Yoshiichi Okazawa | Dog Chapter   | Passed away June 17, 1996  |

Our deepest sympathies to all of the family members.

Continuation of Sons and Daughters news...

Ken Kaneko, Mr. Lefty Mizusawa, Mr. Kenneth Muroshige, Mr. Ray Nosaka, Mr. Tokuji Ono, Mr. Masaharu Saito, Mr. Goro Sumida, Mr. Taro Suzuki, Mr. Martin Tohara, Mr. Mike Tokunaga and Mr. Ted Tsukiyama. Due to the limited time, although, I originally had a spot for everyone was not featured. I apologize.

I hope that the video demonstrated how the oral history interviews can be combined to convey the beliefs, culture, experiences and messages of the veterans to the present and future generations. As technology makes it easier for us to record these presentations on CD's they will be able to reach larger audiences and will perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The following is an excerpt of a letter received from one of our newest members, Kathleen Hishinuma (daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi, A):

Thank you for the very kind words in the May Issue of Pukapuka Parade regarding my appointment to President of GTE Mobilnet - Hawaii Area. Much of my success is attributable to my parents and the self-esteem they instilled in me. My father constantly challenged us with whether we wanted to be a "follower or a leader." He explained how the Japanese-Americans in Hawaii chose to be leaders and to "make a difference" so discrimination and oppression would cease and desist. I am very proud of my dad and the 100th Infantry for all the sacrifices made to make a better life for the next generation, "Kodomo No Tame Ni."

Thank you, Kathleen for a very moving letter.



**CLUB 100**

**JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|              |                        |               |               |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ABLE.....    | Saturday, July 27..... | 8 a.m.....    | Lounge        |
| BAKER.....   | Saturday, July 20..... | 1 p.m.....    | Lounge        |
| CHARLIE..... | Monday, July 15.....   | 10 a.m.....   | Board Room    |
| DOG.....     | Saturday, July 20..... | 8 a.m.....    | Board Room    |
| HQ.....      | Monday, July 15.....   | 9:30 a.m..... | Lounge        |
| HAWAII.....  |                        |               | AJA Vets Hall |
| MAUI.....    |                        |               |               |
| RURAL.....   |                        |               |               |
| KAUAI.....   |                        |               |               |

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| BOARD.....                          | Friday, July 12.....      | 10 a.m.....   | Boardroom   |
| S&D BOARD.....                      | Friday, July 12 & 19..... | 7:00 p.m..... | Boardroom   |
| S&D GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING..... | Saturday, July 20.....    | 7:00 p.m..... | Turner Hall |
| GREEN THUMBS.....                   | Sunday, July 7.....       | 5:00 p.m..... | Turner Hall |
| KARAOKE FUN NITE.....               | Friday, July 12.....      | 6:00 p.m..... | Turner Hall |
| HOUSE COMMITTEE.....                | Friday, July 5.....       | 10 a.m.....   | Boardroom   |

Collating for the August Issue will be on **Thursday, July 25.**  
 Able and Charlie Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1996.**

The Clubhouse Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 1996, in observance of Independence Day.

The Executive Secretary will be on vacation from July 5, through 12, 1996. The Clubhouse Office will open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on these days.

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