

PUKA-PUKA

## PARADE

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55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

This will be the final reminder of the up-coming events for the big 55<sup>th</sup> reunion.

We would like to thank our Executive Secretary, Drusilla Tanaka, for the many, many extra hours that she has spent scheduling, re-scheduling, confirming, re-confirming, attending meetings, printing, etc, etc. to see to it that this will be a successful celebration. Thank you, Drusilla.

All registered participants have or will be receiving in the mail a **confirmation sheet** with all of the detailed instructions regarding time and place of the events, and in the case of the tours, time and bus information—so please read the sheet carefully. You will probably find the answer to any question you might have on that sheet. If you registered but did not receive the confirmation form, please call the clubhouse immediately. If you have not registered yet, there is still time to do so. Do not delay and regret it later.

You can pick up your packets and tickets on June 18, 19 and 20 (Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday)

June 20 (Friday) Golf Tournament at Kapolei

Tours "Back to the Future" & "3 M"

Open House at clubhouse for all registered participants 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clubhouse Bash - 6:00 p.m.

June 21 (Saturday) Anniversary Luncheon - starts at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Beach Hotel

Chapter Night

June 22 (Sunday) Memorial Service and Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 Pacific Beach Hotel

**SPECIAL TAXI RATES FOR REUNION PARTICIPANTS:** SIDA Taxi Company has offered a special rate for reunion participants who are staying at the Pagoda and Pacific Beach Hotels. One way between Pagoda and Pacific Beach Hotel will be \$7 per trip per cab. Between Pagoda and Club 100, \$8 per trip per cab. Between Pacific Beach Hotel and Club 100, \$7 per trip per cab. This means that if two couples or 3-4 persons share a cab, the trip would come to about \$2 per person. That's a good deal. SIDA has promised to have plenty of cabs on hand before and after an event. Be sure to tell the dispatcher that you are with Club 100 so that you get the special rate.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The Ala Wai School Parking Lot has been reserved for the weekend of June 20, 21, and 22. If you are attending an event at the Clubhouse, you may park at the Ala Wai School parking lot.

**PLEASE KOKUA:** Suzan Kaninau (daughter of James Kawashima, B) will be decorating the stage for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet. She needs donations of the following: **Ti-Leaves, Dendrobium Sprays, Lauae Fern, Anthuriums, Ginger and Small Heliconia.** These items should be dropped off at the Clubhouse on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

**SOUVENIR PHOTOGRAPHS** of members (and families if desired) for the memory booklet will be taken before the luncheon banquet on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The veterans are requested to bring an old war-time photo with you so that it can be reprinted and placed along side of your current picture. The cost of the booklet and any additional pictures will be announced later.

The following is an updated list of the out-of-state guests registered to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion: Eric & Irene Abe, Irving and Stan Akahoshi, Seiko & Sumi Arakaki, Steve Brinza, Harold Dode, Ben & Mary Doi, Warren & Millie Fencel, Cynthia Fujikawa, Leslie Martin, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Mitsi Fuchigami, Richard & Setsu Hamasaki, Tosh & Sue Hamataka, Henry & Elsie Hayashi, Mas Ishida, Kow & Betty Ito, Rick & Janet Geary, Noboru Kagawa, Thomas & Lynn Kaihara, Oswald & Sylvia Kawahara, Young

O & Hanh Kim, George & Florence Kinoshita, George & June Kurisu, Frances M. & Hisako Kudo, Ben & Elaine Matsui, Yeiki Matsui, James Metcalf, Takami & Yo Misaki, George & Mary Miyahara, Ken & Yoshiko Muranaga, Mark & Amy Nakagawa, Frank & Haru Nishimura, Richard & Betty Omori, William Omoto, William & Peggy Pye, Henry & Fumi Sakato, William & Irene Sato, Ben & Jean Tagami, Albert & Connie Takahashi, Steve & Gladys Uyehara, Douglas Tanaka, Frank & Mariko Wada, Paul Yasaki, Dave & Shigeko Yoshimura, and Hank Yoshitake.

**Mahalo** to the following PPP volunteers who came out on April 24 to help collate and mail out the May issue: Bernard Akamine, Stanley Akita, Otomatsu Aoki, Florence Fuchigami, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Mitsuru Furumoto, Chester Hada, Tokuchi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Warren Iwai, Gladys Kawakami, Masaru Kadomoto, Ken Kaneko, Arthur Komiyama, Al Matsumoto, Y. Mugitani, Joichi Muramatsu, Roy Nakamura, Tom Nakamura, Masa Nakano, Hideshi Niimi, Tom Nishioka, Aki Nosaka, Ray Nosaka, Kazuto Shimizu Ken Suehiro, Stanley Tanaka, Masa Toma, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Ukichi Wozumi, Marie Yoneshige, and Kaoru Yonezawa

## **MAY BOARD HILITES**

**by President Joe Muramatsu**

The Board convened a few minutes late because of some distractions, but no one made any disparaging comments. All reports and minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. In the absence of Sus Ota, our Temporary Apartment and House Committees Chairman, the Clean Up Assignments were discussed and approved. Kazuto Shimizu has everything in control for the 55th Anniversary Banquet.

The proposal to hold a joint banquet and memorial services in 1998 with 100th, 442nd, 1399th, and MIS was approved. It will be held during the 4th of July weekend next year.

The Long Range Planning Committee's proposal to appropriate \$100,000 for scholarship was approved, pending a proposal to be presented by Sakae Takahashi, Chair of the Scholarship Committee. He will be invited in July or August to give his views.

Christmas party dates have been set by all chapters

It was approved that \$14,000 for two years be appropriated to the Sons and Daughters to defray the cost to transcribe the audio tapes for the Oral History Project.

It was also approved that \$1,500 be appropriated to the AJA Veterans Council toward a reward fund for the apprehension and conviction of the vandals who spray-painted graffiti at Punchbowl and at the State Veterans Cemetery.

A proposal by 442nd Veterans Club President Robert Katayama to form a Coalition Transition Committee to look into the possible formation of one nisei veterans group was rejected. With Club 100's change over to a civic organization, we won't have the problems that his letter mentioned. So, it was felt that their proposal should be referred to our sons and daughters.

The Board approved a retirement plan be established for our Executive Secretary by setting aside \$125 per month.

Your President refused the proposal that his trip with Japan'97 be paid by the Club. Instead, he proposed that he be sent to Los Angeles for the unveiling of the AJA Monument there.

President Joe Muramatsu will attend both the Hongwanji's and the Mayor's Memorial Services. Chester Hada will represent Club 100 at the Governor's Memorial Service at the State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Rural Chapter President Ted Hamasu will recruit a representative to the Haleiwa Lions Club Memorial Service.

There was no report from the sons and daughters -- they're too busy painting the apartment building.

Because hunger dictated it, the meeting was adjourned after 12:00 noon.

It's about half way into the year, and I just want to remind you that if you have any complaints, suggestions, questions, go to the appropriate Committee Chairman, your Chapter President or see me. If you are going to write a note or letter, please sign it. Otherwise.....

**Club 100 Member Benefit:** \$10 Member's discount for the 55th Anniversary Reunion Banquet. According to the statistics, 242 members in good standing took advantage of this discount for the banquet on June 21.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla A. Tanaka


**Mahalo to the following donors for their thoughtful and generous gifts to Club 100:**

- \$100 from Annie S. Masaki in memory of Mack J. Masaki (F and Rural)
- \$300 from Shirley Kawashima in memory of her father, Kazuto Roy Izumi (HQ)
- \$100 from Bernard Akamine (B) in memory of his mother, Kame Akamine
- items for our Archives from Tokuji Ono, Alfred Arakaki, Kenneth Mitsunaga, and Bernard Akamine
- color reprint of a portrait of Ernie Pyle, framed in koa wood from Seisaburo Taba (HQ)

Thank you to Kenneth Mitsunaga, Goro Sumida, Etsuo Katano for offering several items for the France/Hawaii Exhibit at JCCH. We need more pictures of you G.I.s and the French "locals."

**Welcome to new Life Members:**

- Paul T. Yasaki (A-California)
- James Metcalf (B-Mainland)

**The Octogenarian Club welcomes:** Hayato Tanaka (C-Hawaii), Yeiho Higa (F/B-Maui), Horace Awa (A), Yasuyuki Kurokawa (F/B-Hawaii), Minoru Murakami (C), Harry Oka (A/Rural) -- Happy 80th June Birthdays to you! 

**Thanks to all of you who responded to the requests for help that we keep receiving!** We have another request, this time from Richard Halloran. Mr. Halloran is writing a book about Sparky Matsunaga. He has already interviewed many Club 100 members and he plans to interview more, but he needs more information, especially if there is anyone out there who served with Sparky in the 299th, K Company on Molokai before December 7, 1941, and men who knew Sparky when he was in the hospital and when he was with the 7th Replacement Battalion. Please call the Clubhouse office, 946-0272, if you can help.

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## Reunion Reflections

by Kazuto Shimizu, 55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration Co-Chairman

Recently, I visited Tad Umamoto at the hospital--he was undergoing tests for his heart condition. Tad is normally very quiet, comes to our chapter meetings with a walker and sits through the meeting with hardly a word spoken. But, in the hospital, he was in a good mood and we had a long chat, Takako listening quietly. I found out that, like me, Tad was an early replacement from the 442nd who survived through the Italian campaign, France and back to Italy.

Arthur Tamashiro, my worthy golf and Board of Directors adversary, recently asked me, "Shimizu, I know I have met you before, but I can't place you." My answer, "We went over seas together, you son-of-a-gun! First replacement, remember?"

During my contacts with members to put together this 55th reunion, I have had many one-on-one talks with fellow vets over a cup of coffee, telephone and other odd places. These chats start with as simple a question as, "What platoon were you with?" and we find many common things to talk about. (This is contrary to the evasive stall I've been putting on Mimi Nakano as she tries to get me on the oral history project.)

The point I want to bring out is that there are many who want to be in contact with their old buddies. It is difficult to talk about a most trying period of our lives with our wives and family. It is more comfortable to relate these suppressed feelings and experience among us old buddies.

With this thought in mind, I hope some of you may accomplish this true meaning of a reunion. And, I hope some of you can extend this reunion beyond June 21st. A simple question is, "Where were you.....?" and scribbling a phone number may bring you together again on another island or maybe in Las Vegas over a cup of coffee. Happy Reunion!

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Bernard S. Akamine

Tokuji Ono, Vice President of Baker Chapter, conducted the May Chapter meeting because our Chapter President Hajime Yamane was in Kona. Many think he attended the Republican party convention, but our spies couldn't confirm or deny it! Tokuji said no chapter meeting in June due to our 55th reunion.

Our Chapter meeting in April was after the deadline for the PukaPuka Parade, so I was not able to acknowledge the \$300.00 donation made to B Chapter by Mrs. Mildred Kuioka in memory of her husband, Jack. Sonsei Nakamura also made a \$100.00 donation to B Chapter in memory of his mother, Kami Nakamura. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Three Baker Chapter Members received awards from the U.S. Army for heroic action during World War II in the Military Intelligence Service. They are Thomas Kewpie Tsubota, Ben Yamamoto and Kazuo Yamane. I was able to get a copy of Tom's certificate and Ben's certificate. Parts of them are reprinted here. One of the speakers was Edwin I. Kawahara who was an original 100th with Headquarters. He transferred to MISLS in December 1942 and ended up as an instructor and eventually served in the Pacific. He described a typical day at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling and mentioned that the top training NCO was Tom Tsubota. It was a very moving ceremony, with many ranking officers and enlisted personnel present, as well as the all-service color guard and the 25th ID Band.

Mark August 23, 1997, on your calendars. That is a Saturday. This is our next family night. Details will follow in up-coming issue of the PukaPuka Parade.

Also, B Chapter has chosen December 14 for our Christmas Party. This is a Sunday. More information in up-coming issues.

Our household is bursting with pride. First, our grandson, who graduated from Kapiolani Community College, was awarded the Outstanding Food Service Student Award and he was also chosen KCC's Class of 1997 Valedictorian and gave a speech at their graduation ceremony. Second, our son-in-law, Karl Sakuda, received his Master's in Business Administration from UH Manoa--all in the same week!

From Tom Tsubota's certificate:

This is to certify that the President of the United States of America authorized by Executive Order, 24 August 1962, has awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to THOMAS KIYOSHI TSUBOTA (then Technical Sergeant, United States Army) for heroic action while serving as a volunteer Military Intelligence Linguist with the 5307 Composit Unit (Provisional) during the Northern Burma Campaign that resulted in the re-establishment of the Burma Road to China. Technical Sergeant Tsubota displayed outstanding leadership and bravery at the Battle of Walawbum, Northern Burma, engaging enemy troops, obtaining intelligence and withdrawing to relay the information to the Command Post. Technical Sergeant Tsubota's dedication to duty is in keeping with the highest military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Ben Yamamoto's certificate reads:

This is to certify that the President of the United States of America authorized by Executive Order, 24 August 1962, has awarded THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL to BEN I. YAMAMOTO (then Technician Third Grade, United States Army) for outstanding meritorious service while assigned to duty to interrogate prisoners of war at a highly classified military installation at Byron Hot Springs, California. Concluding that assignment, he joined the 4th Marine Division and landed on Iwo Jima under heavy firing and provided essential information extracted from prisoners. Technician Third Grade Yamamoto's dedicated service reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



Both certificates were handsomely framed and signed by Earl M. Simms, Adjutant General and Secretary of the Army Togo A. West.

The Baker Chapter Kodon Policy, dated April 19, 1997, is reprinted here by request:

Death of a member*	Kodon of \$25.00 will be presented
Death of spouse of member	Kodon of \$15.00 will be presented
Death of parent of member (siblings are not included)	Kodon shall be \$15.00
Death of children of member (grandchildren not included)	Kodon shall be 0

\* All references to member will mean paid up (chapter dues) members only.

Any situation not covered by the above will be resolved by a committee consisting of the President, Treasurer and the Mutual Assistance Chairman.

The Baker Ukulele Club celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel Restaurant on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were: Elaine & Sonsei Nakamura, Stella & Sakae Tanigawa, Takako & Tad Umamoto, Fred Shimizu, Irene Brunn, Tom & Miki Tsubota, Horace Awa, Marie Yoneshige, Harry Katahara, Bessie Ichimura, and Ray & Aki Nosaka.

**CHAPTER NIGHT**  
**for**  
**BAKER AND CHARLIE CHAPTERS**

as part of the 100th Infantry Battalion's

55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration

**DATE:** Saturday, June 21, 1997

**TIME:** 6 PM to 9 PM

**PLACE:** Club 100 Clubhouse  
520 Kamoku Street

**COST:** Adults and children over 12: \$5.00 per person  
No charge to all out-of-town participants  
Children under 12 are free

**PARKING:** At Ala Wai School Parking Lot

**MENU:** Shoyu Chicken, Nishime, Noodles, Sushi, Macaroni Salad, Fruit Salad  
**Donations of dessert and soft drinks appreciated**  
(There will be plenty of beer donated, so please do not bring any beer.)

**DEADLINE:** June 9, 1997

**CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS** (Pay at the door)

**BAKER MEMBERS CALL:**

Sonsei Nakamura	737-1027	Robert Arakaki	737-5244
Rikio Tsuda	262-8285	Roy Nakayama	734-6542

**CHARLIE MEMBERS CALL:**

Hiromi Suehiro	941-3582	Toshimi Sodegami	734-4288
Kiyoshi Uyeno	395-2517		

Chapter meeting: 14 members were present. Discussions were principally about the clubhouse cleanup schedule on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and the "Chapter Nite" gathering at the clubhouse on June 21<sup>st</sup>. All former Co C members and their guests from the mainland and neighbor islands are invited, courtesy of "C" chapter.

Reunion News: There is still time to join in the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion celebration. Sign up, you won't regret it. Minoru "Kako" and Lillian Murakami are on a 2 month vacation trip to the mainland. They will be visiting their daughter in Virginia. They will also attend the commencement exercises at New Haven, Conn. When their grand-daughter graduates from Yale University with a doctorate in bio-chemistry. Congratulations to the new doctor and also to granpa Kako and granma Lillian.

If you mention Egypt what comes to my mind is the mysterious Nile River and the fabulous pyramids, but I do not have the urge to go and see them. Maybe its because I know they will always be there since they have been there for centuries. But Dr. Kanemi Kanazawa did and here is his impression on his trip to Egypt:

"The trip to Egypt was most enjoyable and interesting. It was awesome and unbelievable to see the pyramids, sphynx, the Nile River Sahara Desert and the camels. The pyramid of Giza must be over 30 stories tall and the base is so huge. It's been sitting there in the Sahara desert for over 5,000 years. The rocks stacked one on top of each other must weigh over 20tons each. It would be a treat for an architect or engineer to see the pyramid and think of how it was put together without machinery and with human muscles alone. It was like seeing the Great Wall in China. There is only one wall in China but in Egypt, there are about 80 or 90 pyramids.

The light from Kennedy Airport in New York to Cairo was over 11 hours. Cairo is a city on the Nile with a population of over 16 million people and it is everything you've read about or heard of like crowded places, huge market places, people dressed in robes, and it is hot, etc. Cairo is a city of extremes. You have the best, most elegant hotels, living quarters, etc and just across the street you find filthy, broken down homes and stores. But the people live well and they help each other. There are no homeless people. Crime is on the low side and there is no drug problem. Anyone involved in using or dealing with drugs is executed within 24 hours like in Singapore. Almost 90% of the people are Muslims. Their religion creates a sense of individual and group responsibilities. The farmers help each other and harvest their crops as families.

The climate was good, chilly in the morning but hot during the day. We sailed up the Nile River for 5 days, stopping at temples and tombs along the way. The ancient Egyptians were so knowledgeable that they used the rays of the sun to build the sharp angles of the pyramids. Astronomers today are astounded at the accuracy of their direction of north or east. We traveled from Cairo down south to Karnak, Luxor, Aswqn and Abu Simbel. We saw the statues, tombs and temples. We spent 12 days in Egypt, but the trip was not boring because throughout the trip we had lectures by an in-country resource person all the time and staff members of the Cairo Museum gave us lectures on ancient Egypt, Egyptian religion, pharaohs culture and on contemporary Egypt. This was an enrichment and fun trip. But the best thing about the trip was that bottled water kept me from getting diarrhea - and I rode a camel."

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 16. Come and hear the latest on the reunion.

LADIES CORNER: Lillian reports on the last ladies gathering.

Charlie Chapter wives May luncheon was held at the Kapiolani Community College Ohelo dining room. For most of the wives this was the first time dining there. Many said they had wanted to go but had not had the opportunity and they looked forward to the luncheon with must anticipation. No one was disappointed.

The diners had a choice of appetizer, soup or salad as the first course. Many chose the seafood-stuffed shiitake which they thought was excellent. For the entrée the group opted for either the salmon with lilikoi sauce or the lamb chops. These entrees came with exotic names that had to be explained to them. The dessert cart with so many tempting "no-nos" made the choice of dessert very difficult.

Throughout the entire meal the staff was friendly, helpful and infinitely patient. Everyone had a wonderful time and would like to go back again.

Present at the luncheon were Ai Kawamoto, Maizie Nakamura, Hisako Miyashiro, Doris Kimura, Takako Umamoto, Lorraine Miyashiro, Gertrude Uyeno, Fukuko Ishitani, Alice Nakagawa, Yuki Akita and Lillian Sodetani.

Since this group generally goes on vacation during the summer months, no plans have been made for the next luncheon.

#### **ABLE CHAPTER NEWS:**

**By Tommy Nishioka**

Able Chapter is holding a "Chapter Night" on June 21<sup>st</sup> as part of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The event will take place at the Pagoda Restaurant Penthouse starting at 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. We have many guests arriving from the mainland as well as from the outer islands, therefore, we would like to greet them all and have a good time talking about old times. In order to have enough food and drinks, we need to know how many of you are planning to attend. Please call Chairman, Goro Sumida at 488-5375 or the co-chairman, Sus Kunishige at 734-3340 as soon as possible. Let's all come out and show our guests that we care and want to show them a good time. Goro says that any donations like desserts or drinks would be most welcomed.

#### **A Chapter "Chapter Night"**

Where: Pagoda Hotel Pent House

When: Saturday, June 21

Time: 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Food will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: Food and drinks will be free

Parking: Validation will be provided for those who park in the Pagoda Hotel  
Parking Garage

Donations and desserts are welcome at the Pent House.

Come all!

We haven't seen Richard Arakaki for a while. We heard that he was under the weather and hope that he is fully recovered by now so that he can attend our monthly meetings and turn out for collating the PPP.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, our comrade Mr. Larry Mizuno passed away. Services were held at the Pearl City Community Church on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Able chapter will miss Larry. We wish to convey our sincerest sympathy and condolences to the Mizuno family.

An additional note from Paul Shirai: "Mr. Roy Ono called me on May 1<sup>st</sup> to let me know that he and his wife, June, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 5, 1997. Roy is a former Maui boy (Co A) now living in Monrovia, California"

#### **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter members treated their wives to a delicious Mothers Day dinner at the Maui Beach Hotel poolside restaurant on Monday evening, May 12. All of the widows were invited guests, including Mary Hamasaki of Honolulu. Hardworking Ben Takayesu was the chairman of this social event. Wataru Kaneshina said grace before dinner and it was ladies first at the teppan yaki buffet table. Chapter president, Stanley Izumigawa, presided over a short meeting in a nearby conference room after dinner. The rest of the evening was spent in playing bingo with Akira Ishikawa and Haruo Ikeuchi in charge and Eichi Endo assisting with the prizes. A total of 63 members, wives, widows and guests were in attendance. The Ben Takayesu donated beautiful yellow protea flowers from their Kula home to each couple and guests as they departed. Our thanks go to the following members who assisted in gathering the proteas: Ben Takayesu, Akira Ishikawa and son Lloyd, Haruo and Sueno Ikeuchi, and Stanley Izumigawa.

Arthur Shinyama, age 77, died on May 3, 1997. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Carol Shinyama and her family. Arthur was the Maui Chapter president in 1947, and was a life member of Club 100, and also of Maui Chapter. He held a mechanical engineering degree and at the time of his retirement, was manager of Eaves and Meredith Co. There was a good turnout of members and wives for his funeral service at the Iao Congregational Church in Wailuku. Club member Satoji Arisumi gave the eulogy and

Sue Kaneshina and Thelma Iwami were among the wives serving at the food counter after the service. His ashes were inurned in the columbarium, Maui Memorial Park, Wailuku.

Maui Chapter will be in charge of this years Memorial Day Service at Makawao Veterans Cemetery. President Stanley Izumigawa will be the MC for the 11 a.m. service on May 26, 1997.

A reminder of up-coming events: 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Honolulu – June 20 to 22; Chicken hekka dinner at KCC Park, Kahului, - July 11 (Firday) Group 1 & 2 in charge.

## HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

Hawaii Chapter's annual ladies luncheon was well attended on Thursday, April 24 at the AFA Veterans Memorial Hall. There were about 55 people in attendance. The men were on the porch shooting the bull. The women in the inside sitting and talking about more serious matters. Our thanks to the ladies who donated desserts and other foods. Kazuma Taguchi was in charge of the food.

Our thanks to Takeshi Teshima of Japan for donating the 100/442 World War video tape. Hawaii members please contact Motoyoshi Tanaka if you wish to see the tape.

The 1997 annual Hawaii Chapter memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

We are sorry to learn about the recent desecration and vandalism which occurred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), the State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, and the other cemeteries on Oahu. The damages amounted into thousands of dollars. We just hope that the culprits will be caught and punished. Recently in the County of Hawaii, the parents of three juveniles who burned down the Japanese ceremonial tea house at Liliuokalani Park, had to pay about \$80,000 for the replacement of a new building through their home insurance. A new law recently enacted makes the parents of juveniles liable for damages.

Our prayers of sympathy go out to Shigeru Ito on the death of his daughter, Susan Otani, due to illness. She was a retired elementary school teacher and 54 years old at the time of death. Also, our sympathy goes to Melvyn Otani, husband, and Barret Otani, son.

## HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

By Kenichi Suehiro

Our May meeting will be held on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be present to greet our prexy, Toshio Yoneyama who was recently hospitalized from eating "rotten" salmon. I thought that he would have some dried fillets for us to try—(maybe it is just as well that he didn't).

Here are the results of the phone calls I have made for news:

Nancy didn't have news except that she was in Vegas for the first time in years. She stayed at the Main Street Casino and sure had plenty to eat.

Art Tamashiro was at golf trying to make like Tiger Woods when I called. He later returned my call and had this to say. He wants the scholarship program revised to insure interest of our children and grandchildren. He feels that the total amount designated for available loans should be up to \$15,000 a year and the selection of applicants should not be on a competitive basis, but on relationship. The program would be subject to review and change as the need arises. I agree with Arthur on his feelings and feel we have the means to support a good program

Archie is still convalescing at the Rehab Center. I guess he still can't have his favorite beer. At least I'm having my one bottle of beer or some wine served with pupus prepared by Carol. I'm thankful that both Earl and Carol have not yet become tired to taking care of me. At least I do not golf but stay home. Only they must drive me around since I'm not able to drive. Most inconvenient not being able to drive to the store.

Fred Takahashi – no news

Kunimura – no news except that he is in good health.



## RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

Our meeting was held on 16 May '97 at Jerry Yamaki's office from 11 a.m. with 23 members and wives present. Guest speaker, Marlene Coach from the Veterans Center at 1680 Kapiolani Blvd, was invited to give us a spiel on their duties and how she can help us veterans who are in need of assistance. The Vet Center is affiliated with the VA but is a separate funded organization and caters to all vets regardless of which war you were involved. She advised that anyone that is bothered in any way, either physically or mentally, should visit her or the VA to establish your identity with them. For instance, you may not realize that you might have post traumatic disorder at this late date, but by talking to her, she can help you if you need further counseling. She is very much aware of the Japanese customs of "no rock da boat or gaman syndrome" But it does not help you in this case, she said. Example; Many of us have suffered from trench feet and it still bothers you and hurts you, but you "gaman" and suffer, or some of you are suffering from war wounds but you just visit your doctor. She says those of you that are suffering may be able to have your disabilities up graded to a higher percentage and be able to draw more compensation. So, the important thing is to go and talk with her. She can recommend you to meet with a doctor if needed or meet with any other specialist that might be able to help you. She ended by saying that you must take the first step.

Yes, we had a very productive session and enjoyed her talk. After she finished, we invited her to have "bento" with us which she enjoyed and said it was very ono. After thanking her for the fine presentation, I assured her that she would be hearing from some of our members. Anyone interested call Marlene Coach, phone #566-1764 Hono Vet Center Suite F-3 1680 Kapiolani Blvd. Honolulu, Hi 96814

Our annual picnic will be held at the Yamaki's residence on 20 July '97 from 10 a.m. The menu will be the "oishii" stew and rice with all of the trimmings. We will have Bingo and lucky number door prizes. Sons and Daughters are cordially invited to join us and will pay the full price of \$5.00 per person, but their children will be free of charge. Once again we are asking our ladies to make some desserts to satisfy our sweet tooth. Yoroshiku. Come on over and enjoy the once a year outing. See you all there!

Margaret and Sus Ota are off to their annual safari to Virginia to visit their daughter Christine and her family. Have an a nice trip!

Susumi Ishii is presently resting at home after a long stay at a rehab center in Pearl City. "Gambatte, Sus".

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

No regular meeting in June.

"Fuzzy" Yoshimasu was in Las Vegas the latter part of April. She's busy going to Las Vegas, volunteering at Kuakini Medical Center and going to the UH baseball games to watch grandson, Troy, play.

Ed & Kay Harada and Helen Nikaido were in Vegas in early May. Kay said she missed the royal flush and said she really got busted up this trip. I thought I was going to be lucky as I hit four-of-a-kind on the poker machine twice the first night. But it was only a teaser. The winnings went right back, plus, into the hungry machines. You don't realize how much you put in the machine just to win a few bucks. At least, my girlfriend and I went to see the shows at the Mirage and at Treasure Island, and we went shopping at the Meadows Mall and went on a tour. We had fun but it was hot.

"Biffa" Moriguchi's Hokkaido tour group will meet on June 4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please have your deposit ready. "Biffa" will call you about the deposit before the meeting.

The following article was printed in Ann Lander's column. I found it interesting and good advise to us seniors: A Prayer for Later Years

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming too talkative, and particularly keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point. Give me grace, dear Lord, to listen to others describe their aches and pains. Help me endure the boredom with patience and keep my lips sealed, for my own aches and pains are increasing in number and intensity, and the pleasure of discussing them is becoming sweeter as the years to by. Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I might be mistaken. Keep me reasonably

sweet. I do not wish to be a saint (saints are so hard to live with) but a sour old person is the work of the devil. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful, but not pushy, independent, yet able to accept with graciousness favors that others wish to bestow on me. Free me of the notion that simply because I have lived a long time, I am wiser than those who have not lived so long. If I do not approve of some of the changes that have taken place in recent years, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut. Lord knows that when the end comes, I would like to have a friend or two left. Author Unknown.

## KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

Tsugi Takemoto

Ben Morimoto, who was always regarded as the historian of the Kauai 100<sup>th</sup> group, passed away on May 7, 1997 at the age of 84. Funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Eleele, on May 12, 1997, with burial at Kauai Veterans Cemetery, in Hanapepe. Our condolences to his wife, Grace, and son, Roy and family. Muggsy Morikawa gave the eulogy.

Mothers/Fathers Day luncheon was held with 38 in attendance at Conrad's Restaurant, Hanapepe, with Jane Sugawara in charge, assisted by Hisae Kagawa, Matsue Morikawa, Tomoe Shimatsu and Ann Yotsuda. Fun games included a guessing game with all items nicely wrapped and the tie breaker was something which took us way back. It was an eyelash curler. Even if the men did not play, they were given door prizes. All went home happy.

The small number who attended got me to wondering. I talk to the wives when I see them and found out more and more they are the caregivers. Longest is Tomoe Shimatsu who keeps a constant eye on Hisa. They are fortunate to have a son and daughter who does the driving and he still gets to our social events. It gives Tomoe a chance to see us.

Kinue Mizuno says it is too hard to take Kazu anywhere except to see the doctor. After 22 days in a Honolulu hospital, Kazu came home then went to Wilcox as his medication had to be adjusted. At home now, he is on oxygen all the time. Kinue has to mix the medication and see that he takes four doses a day. She herself is on insulin twice a day so just medicating keeps her very busy. Otherwise she says she is healthy so it is fortunate that Kazu has her.

Another 100<sup>th</sup> veteran on constant watch is Kelly Fujimoto. When I talked to Miyoshi she said they only go out to family gatherings...like having breakfast with the three others. She says she has to stay with him constantly.

Dorothy Tao has her hands full caring for Hakaru. Sometimes he wakes in the middle of the night and pounds the walls and yells. He also wanders so she is constantly on the alert.

Being a bachelor, Ko Takemoto was placed in the Wailua Care Home on Opaekaa Road. He enjoys it and says he will stay there. When Wally and I visit we always find him sleeping. As he does not put on his hearing aid or when he does, it is not put on right, conversations with him is difficult. I hate to touch it as I probably would not do it right. At least I can walk there and it gives me exercise that I need. Ko uses a walker now and also has a cane as he cannot see too well with glaucoma in one eye and a cataract in the other, although corrected, still bothers him. His glasses are no help.

Mako is asking all members to bring in any memorabilia from the war days so the 100<sup>th</sup> display can be set up. Mako is the chairman and just interested in things relating to the war days. Some of you must have brought home something and that includes medals.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Sizzlers so put it on your calendar and stay healthy so we can all get together. The group who is making it to the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary seems small with so many on the sick list. We who can make it have our plans to go. See you.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

**MAHALO** to Seiji Ifuku © for his generous donation of \$100

**Mahalo** to the Scholarship Committee and the Essay Contest Committee. They have selected the winners who will be invited to the 55<sup>th</sup> Banquet. The Scholarship Committee had some tough decisions to make, given the high caliber of scholarship applicants.

We are using the PPP to send our thank you to the Board of Directors and Members of Club 100.

Dear Board of Directors and Members of Club 100,

The Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion Oral History Committee and the Board of Directors of the Sons and Daughters extend our deepest heartfelt gratitude to the Club 100 Board of Directors and Club 100 members for your decision to give the Sons and Daughters Oral History Project \$7,000 for 1997 and 1998. Three-fourths of the funds appropriated will be used for transcribing the oral history interviews and the remaining one-fourth will be used to purchase needed equipment and supplies. This money will be put to good use, will benefit the members and descendants of Club 100 and future generations of Americans.

Although transcripts are a part of an oral history, because of the age, health, number of surviving veterans and the fact that transcribing is costly, labor and time intensive, the oral history committee chose to forgo immediate transcription and to focus primarily on collecting the interviews. However, opportunities to perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) through sharing materials from the oral history interviews have arisen and these opportunities impress the need for transcriptions.

The recent requests by several History classes from different high schools preparing projects for the History Day competitions are an example. The Sons and Daughters responded by permitting viewing of the tapes. However, without transcripts, locating information is cumbersome. A person needs equipment, needs the time to locate and view the material. To do this one must rewind and replay the tape several times. On the other hand, transcripts enable the researcher/student to skim through the interview and locate the information needed in a timely manner. This is why museum, universities and foundations ask that transcripts accompany taped materials and why foundations look favorably at awarding grants to projects with transcribed materials.

Another opportunity which emphasizes the need for transcriptions is Bishop Ara's project--a book about the Nisei soldiers. (Bishop Ara is the director of the Tendai Mission. to demonstrate his appreciation of the Nisei soldiers, he is underwriting the cost of publishing the book.) As members on this Editorial Board, Drusilla (Tanaka), Cary (Miyashiro), and I have identified many experiences and perceptions of the 100th Infantry Battalion for inclusion. The members of the Editorial Board agree. The problem is that although the stories have been recorded, few have been transcribed. The moneys awarded to the Oral History Project will enable us to resolve problems like this so that we can perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The Sons and Daughters have asked for volunteers to assist in transcribing. Three professional transcribers volunteered their expertise: Amy Muroshige, Lynne Matsusugu and Evelyn Tsuda. Amy and Lynne transcribed Martin Tohara's interview. Evelyn (bless her) completed Ken Kaneko's and Ray Nosaka's interviews. Few are willing to volunteer because, depending on the clarity of the recording, the pace of the speaker and the complexity of the material, transcribing a one hour recording can easily take eight hours. Each utterance, word, phrase, clause and/or sentence must be typed accurately and precisely as text. The decision of the Club 100 Board of Directors is timely because, due to professional and personal reasons, these volunteers will not be able to continue to transcribe the interviews. Thank you for appropriating funds for this endeavor.

In addition to generous funds you have appropriated, the Sons and Daughters are grateful for your participation in our Oral History Project and the immeasurable education we are gaining from your stories. We appreciate Kuni Fujimoto who assists us in collecting and who supports the veterans interviewed. The Sons and Daughters who have participated in collecting the oral history interviews--Ben Fujimori, Sophie Hatakenaka, Melvin Inouye, Ann Kabasawa, Bert Kuioka, Avin Oshiro, Drusilla and Stanley Tanaka, Steve Takushi, Carol Tonaki and Robert Yamaguchi--agree that each interview presents a range of unique perspectives. From your stories, we have learned about our grandparents. (Perhaps, this is how your great, great, grandchildren and our great, great grandchildren will learn about us?) From your stories, we have learned about how the values and traditions of our culture, the need to assimilate, the need to prove your allegiance, and how to age gracefully have produced extraordinary characteristics that can best be described as daring, noble,

bold, proud, determined, valiant, honorable, courageous, gallant, unselfish, altruistic, etc. We have learned that in each of you lies a hero. You are our heroes. You are the role models we want our children to emulate.

Mimi Nakano  
Oral History Project Director

**Hawai'i History Day:** This annual competition was held at the University of Hawaii Campus Center on April 19, 1997. We provided awards of books and cash prizes for outstanding research on the history of World War II, particularly the Nisei soldiers, Japanese American experience, or matters relating to peace. Judges this year were: Susumu Ota (D and Rural), Martin Tohara (D), and Evelyn Honda, Carole Ota, Joann Ing, Avin Oshiro, Sophie Hatakenaka, Karleen Chinen, Rod Kimura, and Drusilla Tanaka. The following students won awards: Junior division awards went to Doug Ota, Waiakea Intermediate School, for his essay on "The Atomic Bomb Tragedy;" Erin Tanaka, Kalama Intermediate School, for her display entitled "Okage Sama De;" Brett Furutani, Waiakea Intermediate School, for his display, "The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Japanese-Americans;" Diana Underwood and Renee Underwood, Kahuku Intermediate School, for their performance, "The Courage of Corrie ten Boom;" and Losaline Lautaha, Savani Tolutau and Brandi Nihipali, Kahuku Intermediate School, for their media program, "The Holocaust." Senior division awards went to Kische Kumura, Charlayne Claunan and Zion Kawahakui, Waialua High School, for their media program, "The Bomb: Social and Political Tragedies and Triumphs;" David Lau, Joshua Lee and Jonathan Yoshimura, Kahuku High School, for their media program, "The Land of the Free;" Karen Ancheta, Lahainaluna High School, for her essay, "John Burns is Triumphant;" Garret Taira and Alison Taira, Pearl City High School, for their display, "Evictions and Reparations: Healing the Wounds." Honorable mention went to Steven Hayama and Keane Ishii from Mililani High School for their display "The Purple Heart Battalion." A special congratulations to this team as they go on to the national competition in Washington, D.C. Keane is the grandson of Susumu Ishii (C and Rural). As part of his research, Keane came to the Clubhouse to interview several veterans. We wish you the best, as the eyes of the nation will be upon you and your display project.

#### **CLEAN--UP DAY MAY 24, 1997**

There were 81 volunteer workers cleaning windows, polishing trophies, cleaning the kitchen cupboards, cleaning the light and fan fixtures, and doing what else needed to be done to spruce up the newly painted clubhouse for its 55th birthday. It was a wonderful sight to see a veteran using a cane and working side by side with a son or daughter.

Susumu Ota is the Temporary Chair of the House and Apartment Committees in VP Don Matsuda's absence, so he was the Chair of the Clean-Up Day. He did such a super job. One of the wonderful things he did was to procure the use of a rolling scaffold for the day. No more up-down-up-down with the ladders to clean the fans and light fixtures or to re-hang the pictures!! Not only did the scaffold help us get the work done faster and safer, but it also added interest and excitement to spectators as it moved around the hall.

In case you're wondering, one of the display cases was left empty so that the Sons & Daughters Archives Committee can put up a new "educational" display.

Some changes will go into effect as a result of the new paint and clean-up jobs: Decorations will no longer be allowed on the walls or pillars. No masking or other kinds of tape, staples or tacks may be used on the walls. Tables must be covered with paper when used for parties or to serve food. The flower vases that were stacked near the memorial plaque are now stored in a cupboard.

Thoughtful donations were sent in by Wally Teruya (HQ)--2 cases of juice and one case of beer; \$25 from Takeshi Kimura (C), and Bernard Akamine (B) loaned his shop vac. All three men apologized for their absence, but each certainly helped in his own way.

With the new lounge lights, the new paint job in the hall and lobby areas, freshly laundered drapes and upholstery, an a thoroughly cleaned clubhouse, wouldn't you say we are ready for the "okiaku-san" who will be coming for the 55th celebration?





## IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Shinyama (C-Maui)  
May 3, 1997



Benjamin Morimoto (C-Kauai)  
May 7, 1997

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

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### Continuation of Clean-Up Day

The following "laborers" turned out to help and have fellowship: (not in alphabetical order) Roy Nakamura, Stanley Akita, Ken Higa, Hideo Doi, Yoshio Anzai, Cecilee Tanaka, Warren Yamamoto, Tom Nosse, Ken Suehiro, Bob Takashige, Art Tamashiro, Lefty Tanigawa, Jack Mizushima, China Yamashina, Sophie Hatakenaka, Dorothy Tamashiro, Vern Mizushima, Roy Mizushima, Avin Oshiro, Kengo Otagaki, Robyn Otagaki, Akira Akimoto, Mary Ann Oshiro, Arthur Komiyama, Horace Awa, Tommy Nishioka, Biffa Moriguchi, Richard Koizumi, Richard Ishimoto, Sadayoshi Sato, Seiko Kishimoto, Leo Sato, Kaoru Matsumura, Takeichi Onishi, Oscar Miyashiro, Hideshi Niimi, Saburo Nishime, Hiromi Suehiro, Stanley Takahashi, Toshimi Sodehani, Etsuo Katano, Ray Nosaka, Aki Nosaka, Ann Kabasawa, Kazuto Shimizu, Tom Fujise, Stanley Tanaka, Y. Mugitani, Shigeru Inouye, Ted Hamasu, Sharon Tanaka, Drusilla Tanaka, Kikuji Tojio, Goro Sumida, Masaru Kadomoto, Richard Arakaki, Isamu Inouye, Evelyn Oshiro, Seie Oshiro, Robert Sato, Kiyomi Kaneshige, Shizuya Hayashi, Masa Saito, Jerry Yamaki, Walter Iwasa, Joe Muramatsu, Martin Tohara, Ken Muroshige, Sus Ota, Sonsei Nakamura, Tokuji Ono, Masa Toma, Robert Arakaki, Takeo Azama, Mits Furumoto, Richard Hosaka, Ken Mitsunaga, Jits Yoshida, Otomatsu Aoki, and Amy Muroshige. We apologize to anyone we may have inadvertently omitted.

**Two more inquiries that need your help:** The first comes from the Hawaii Army Museum--they want to know why the World War II dog-tags have a "V" notch in them. Dog tags that were issued after World War II do not have the "V" notch. Call Judy at 438-2822 if you have the answer. The second request comes from Texas--Mr. Thomas Hight wants to get in touch with John Ohye who served with C Company. Call the office if you have any information. **Mahalo!**

ABLE.....Saturday, June 28.....8 a.m.....Lounge  
 BAKER.....No meeting in June  
 CHARLIE.....Monday, June 16.....10 a.m.....Board Room  
 DOG.....No meeting in June  
 HQ.....Meeting on the call of the President  
 HAWAII.....June 26.....AJA Vets Hall  
 MAUI.....  
 RURAL  
 KAUAI  
 BOARD.....Friday, June 13.....10 a.m.....Boardroom  
 S&D BOARD.....Friday, June 13.....7 p.m.....Boardroom  
 KARAOKE FUN NIGHT.....Friday, June 13.....6 p.m.....Turner Hall  
 GREEN THUMB.....Monday, June 2.....10 a.m.....Turner Hall  
 55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration Packet Pick Up.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wed, June 18.....Turner Hall  
     And 55th Anniversary Merchandise Pick Up.....9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Thurs, June 19.....Turner Hall  
     for those who sent in orders.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, June 20.....Turner Hall  
 55th Anniversary Golf Tournament.....6:15 a.m. check in.....Kapolei Golf Course  
 "Back to the Future Tour" and "3 M's Tour".....Friday, June 20.....details on confirmation sheet  
 Open House at the Clubhouse.....Friday, June 20.....9: a.m. - 5 p.m.....Clubhouse  
 Welcome Bash.....Friday, June 20.....6 p.m.....Clubhouse  
 Reunion Luncheon.....Sat. June 21.....10 a.m. doors to banquet hall open at Pacific Beach Hotel  
 Chapter Night.....Sat. June 21.....Check with your Chapter President  
 Memorial Service and Breakfast.....Sun. June 22.....8 a.m.....Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom

MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.....Wednesday, July 2.....10 a.m.....Clubhouse

Collating for the July Issue will be on **Thursday, July 3, 1997, 8:30 a.m.**

Dog, Medics and Headquarters Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, June 24

**The Clubhouse Office will be closed on Friday, July 4, in Observance of Independence Day**

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