

Puka-Puka Parade



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PRESIDENT'S YEAR END MONKU

If I had to pick a theme for my first year as President of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization, it would have to be "And Away We Go" as my husband and "First Man" **CLYDE SUGIMOTO** and I were very busy attending World War II Japanese American veterans events here in Hawaii and on the Mainland.

November was especially busy as the Club receives many invitations to attend Veterans Day commemorations. (*PPP*)

Editor's Note: Photo of Ann and Clyde in November 2003 photo from **CLINTON K. INOUE**'s Facebook page).

On November 8, Clyde and I headed up to the Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where the staff, families and our 100th/442d soldiers honored all of the veterans residing there with a beautiful ceremony as they do each year. There was a lot of media coverage of this event including several video and print pieces on our very own 100th veteran **EDWARD IKUMA** of Headquarters Company. You can watch an interview with Eddie talking about his wartime experiences at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o0LWpad2bI.

We also accepted an invitation to attend the Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor on Veterans Day, November 11. We were happy to have Mainland Chapter member and always in motion volunteer



JASON KUSAGAYA and his girlfriend, **NANCY FUJISHIGE** who were visiting from Southern California keep us company. Like Clyde and I, Jason is an avid photographer so please ask him to show you his photos from the Sunset Ceremony which I know will be incredible.

On the morning of November 15, we drove back up the hill to Maunalani as Edward Ikuma was being honored by a representative of the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu in celebration of

Japan's Respect for Aged Day. Following their 100th birthday, Japanese nationals (Eddie has dual citizenship in Japan and the United States) receive a silver sake cup and a personalized certificate from the Prime Minister of Japan honoring them for their longevity and prosperity in their lives. Eddie's silver cup was beautifully engraved but unfortunately, none of us Buddhahead descendants could read the elaborate *kanji*, and his certificate was signed by current Prime Minister **SHINZO ABE**. Eddie actually was 101 years old as we gathered at Maunalani last year to celebrate his big *one-puka-puka* birthday which you may remember reading about in the *PPP*.

Other 100th well-wishers at Eddie's celebration included **KEN AKINAKA, KATHY HAYASHI, JAYNE HIRATA, LLOYD KITAOKA, JOHN**

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OKI, ED SAKODA and Headquarters Chapter President **DOT TAMASHIRO**. Eddie's daughter **JOAN NAGUWA** and granddaughter **CARLY IKUMA** were also there to join in the festivities.

Hours after the event at Maunalani, Clyde and I caught a plane to Maui to attend the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center ("NVMC") Annual Fundraiser Dinner on November 15th. Almost every seat was taken. The guest speaker was **KAREN KOREMATSU**, daughter of **FRED KOREMATSU**, who shared many touching stories about her history making dad. It was so nice to see former NVMC Executive Director **DEIDRE TEGARDEN**, NVMC Interim Director/Research Archivist **MELANIE AGRABANTE** and other 100th sons and daughters there. Of course, I didn't go home without a few *omiyage* as I was the lucky winner of a few silent auction items but sadly, we did not win the grand prize of a round trip for two to any destination that Alaska Airlines flies to.

Once we got back to Oahu, we took the long drive out to Wahiawa and attended the 25th Infantry Division Pass and Review and Change of Command ceremonies at Schofield Barracks. The sight of several thousand soldiers there was very impressive.

If you go into the kitchen at the Clubhouse, you will notice that the gas stove is missing. Due to safety concerns, the lack of regular use and the cost of removing and replacing the vent hood (the estimate was for several tens of thousands of dollars), it was highly recommended by the sheet metal contractor who worked on the big Clubhouse roof project that we replace the gas one with an with an electric stove. Thank you so very much to Charlie Chapter descendant **GARY MIZUSHIMA** who donated the gas stove to the Club. Gary is also the "chief cook" for the Charlie/HQ/Medics Christmas Party and we know his food will be just as *ono* cooked with electricity rather than gas.

Speaking of the Christmas parties, don't forget to sign up for your Chapter's Christmas party. Forms are included in this issue of the *PPP*.

Please also support our first event of the New Year, our *Shinnen Enkai* featuring storyteller **ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG** at the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 pm. One of the works Alton will perform is about 100th veteran, the late Senator

SPARKY MATSUNAGA of Dog Company. This event is open to the public and family-friendly, a good opportunity for the kids and grandkids to learn about the 100th. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated back to the Club and the Matsunaga Institute so please attend if it fits in your schedule. A registration form is also in this issue of the *PPP*.

As 2019 draws to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during my first year as your President. It has been 365 days of big changes to the Club and Clubhouse. Mahalo to 1st Vice President **HARRY NAKAYAMA** for coordinating the many repair and renovation projects that happened this year at the Clubhouse including work on the roof, eaves, motion detector lighting and the upcoming railing replacement at the apartments which is set to begin in 2020.

The biggest change to the Club was the long desired opening of 100th membership to the current and former soldiers of the 100th/442d. I've been told that over a decade ago, when a survey was done in the *PPP* inquiring whether the Reservists should be invited to become members, the results were 70% in favor by all members with 100% of the veterans in support. While it took a long time for this wish to be achieved, I am so grateful to all of the reservists who are now officially Lifetime Members of the 100th.

I would like to thank **IRENE ANZAI, BERT HAMAKADO, TSURUMI HAMASU, GARY HAYAKAWA, KEITH HORIKAWA, BRYCE KAINA, APRIL NAKAYAMA, Harry Nakayama, BEVERLY SHIROMA, Dorothy Tamashiro, MARY ANN TANABE, BEAU TATSUMURA, WARREN YAMAMOTO** and **MATTHEW WONG** for serving on the Board of Directors for Year One and Year Two of my term. Thank you also to 100th/442d soldier **ALEX TAKASHY** for his hard work and dedication in the office.

The prediction for the 2020 Year of the Metal Rat is that it will bring great opportunities for those who choose to take them, including spending time with others who like to have a good time. I hope that all of you will make this prediction come true by taking the opportunity to get involved the Club by volunteering your time when we need some helping hands, attending our events, making an in kind or monetary donation, booking the facilities for your party or meeting, or even just stopping by for a visit or a tour. Happy New Year to everyone.



DOG CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

by **APRIL NAKAYAMA**



Just a reminder from that the annual Dog Chapter Christmas Party will be on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** from 12 Noon to 4:30 p.m. at the 100th Clubhouse. Please park at Ala Wai Elementary School.

The deadline to RSVP for the party has already passed.

If you haven't already sent in your payment, you may pay at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children age 12 to 17 and free for children under 12. Please bring the exact amount in cash or check for your party.

You may also pay for your annual Dog Chapter dues of \$10 at that time (all on one check is fine).

Please bring a door prize which cost less than \$12. Donations of *pupus* and desserts are welcomed.

If you have a gift for Santa to deliver at the party, please make sure it cost less than \$20. It should be wrapped with the recipient's name attached by a tag or a label on the outside.

If you have any questions, please contact Dog Chapter President **APRIL NAKAYAMA** by calling or texting her at (808) 255-7125 or emailing her at adnakayama@gmail.com

Hope to see you at the Party!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HAWAII FOODBANK

The 100th will once again be conducting a food drive for the Hawaii Foodbank from now until the end of the year. Please bring your donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the Clubhouse from on weekdays during office hours or during your Chapter Christmas Party.

The following are the most wanted items by families in need:

1. Canned proteins like tuna or chicken.
2. Canned meals like stew, spaghetti or chili.
3. Canned vegetables.
4. Canned fruits.
5. Rice.

Monetary donations to the Hawaii Foodbank are also welcome. Please give them to **ALEX TAKASHY** in the office rather than putting them in the donation box in the Turner Hall.

For more information on donation guidelines, please visit www.hawaiifoodbank.org/donate-food.

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR 100TH SCHOLARSHIPS ENDS ON JANUARY 31

by **HARRY NAKAYAMA**

The deadline for current Lifetime Members of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization and/or their direct descendants to apply for the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Memorial Scholarship ("Memorial Scholarship") and the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans **STANLEY IZUMIGAWA** Scholarship ("Izumigawa Scholarship") is **4:00 pm Hawaii Standard Time on Friday, January 31, 2010**.



This change in application criteria expands the pool to include 100th/442d soldiers who are members of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization and their children and also makes the finalist vetting process easier.

Both scholarships are administered by the Hawaii Community Foundation ("HCF") and not by the 100th Club.

The only way to apply for the Memorial Scholarship and the Izumigawa Scholarship is to submit an application online at the HCF website at this link: https://hcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=544.

Once you are there, you will need to create an account which will allow you to access HCF's 2020-2021 Common Application. You will be considered for the Memorial and Izumigawa Scholarships once the Common Application has been completed and required supporting documents have been received by HCF. Please do **NOT** send any application materials to the 100th Clubhouse as they will not be forwarded to HCF.

Please direct any questions or requests for information on either scholarship directly to HCF and **NOT** the 100th Office.

ABLE, BAKER AND RIFLE CHAPTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Date: **Saturday, December 14, 2019**
Place: 100th Clubhouse, 520 Kamoku Street
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - Check-In, Happy Hour
11:00 a.m. - Buffet Lunch
12:00p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Entertainment, Santa's Visit, Door Prizes Galore
Parking: Ala Wai School (Diamond Head end only)
Cost: Free for Able and Baker Chapter WWII Veterans, their spouses or widows
\$18.00 for all other Able, Baker and Rifle Chapter members
(*membership in the Chapter will be verified and you will be contacted if you do not qualify for this price*)
\$22.00 for adult guests and children age 13 and older
\$12.00 for children age 5 to 12
Free for children 4 and under

Donations of pupus, desserts, door prizes, or whatever will be appreciated.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the holiday drive for the Hawaii Food Bank

Santa's Gifts: Please bring a wrapped present no more than \$10 in value for any child in your party. Please put a gift tag on the outside of the present with the child's first and last name printed clearly on it.

Talent Hunt: We are looking for entertainers—sing, play an instrument, magic tricks, dance, stand-up comedy?

Volunteers Needed: If you can help in any way to make this party a success, please contact

BEVERLY SHIROMA (Able) at 754-8447 or bshiroma77@yahoo.com

ANN KABASAWA (Baker) at 781-8540 or diverseinnov@gmail.com

BRYCE KAINA (Rifle) at 397-1561 or bryce.kaina@gmail.com

ALEX TAKASHY (Rifle) at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com

Please complete the registration form below and send it with a check payable to "Baker Chapter " to Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 by **Saturday, December 7, 2019**.

See you on December 14th!

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NAME: _____ **CHAPTER** Able Baker Rifle

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Number Attending:

Able/Baker Chapter WWII Veteran, Spouse, Widow	_____	x Free	= \$	_____
Able, Baker or Rifle Chapter Members	_____	x \$18.00	= \$	_____
Adults and Children Age 13 and Older	_____	x \$22.00	= \$	_____
Children Age 5 to 12	_____	x \$12.00	= \$	_____
Children age 4 and younger	_____	x Free	= \$	_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please include a list of the full names of everyone in your party and indicate if there is a Able or Baker WWII veteran on your list as well as the ages of all of the children attending.

Please send this form with check payable to "Baker Chapter" by **Saturday, December 7** to Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by **ARLENE SATO**

Twelve of us met at Honolulu Coffee for our Charlie Chapter breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 2. The food and coffee was great and by the lively conversations and laughter, you could tell we all had a nice time. The next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, December 14 at **SUSAN HASHIMOTO** and **RIC TABOR**'s new home in Pauoa Valley, 9:00 am.

On Saturday, November 9, a group of Charlie Chapter 'ohana participated in the Walk To End Alzheimers at Magic Island. Thank you to Ric Tabor for organizing this. Our fathers would be proud of us for living up to our Club's guiding principal: For Continuing Service.



Our Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 21, 5:00 pm dinner. The RSVP form is in this newsletter.

DESCENDANTS CHAPTER NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual holiday fundraiser with their purchase of poinsettia plants. Mahalo to **ALEX TAKASHY** for handling all of poinsettia paperwork. Big thanks to our volunteers **GARY HAYAKAWA**, **ANN KABASAWA**, **SHELLEY SANTO**, and **MARY ANN TANABE** who handled everything from set up to clean up of the poinsettia then switched to setting up and decorating Turner Hall for the Chapter Christmas parties.



If you haven't finished your holiday shopping, please stop by the Clubhouse as we still have lots of 100th logo items like shirts, tumblers, cooler bags on sale with proceeds supporting the Descendants Chapter.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

JOY TERAOKA

hosted a lunch at Kahala Nui for **ERIN AOYAMA** (formerly of No-No Boy) who was in Honolulu to attend a conference at the Convention Center. Joy graciously invited **JAYNE HIRATA** and **RYSEN HIRATA-EPSTEIN** to join them.



Everyone had so much fun talking story that they almost forgot that Erin had to catch a flight back home that night.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by **DAVID WATANABE**

Sad news last month from our Mainland club. Unexpectedly we lost fellow member **NORM SAGAWA** on October 22. Norm was an active member and participated in almost all of our Club's activities



including this year's Vegas reunion and the Evening of Aloha. He was always engaging and fun to talk to so we will sorely miss him. Norm's service is scheduled for November 30th. (*PPP Editor's Note:* The photo is from his obituary page at <https://www.fukuimortuary.com/obituary/norman-sagawa>).

About ten members flew to Plano, Texas on November 15th to attend a Go For Broke National Education Center event, the traveling exhibit "Courage and Compassion", that was on display at the Toyota Experience Center in Plano.

Our Club's annual Christmas Luncheon will be on December 7th at a restaurant in Gardena. Our secretary, **SHIRLEY TANAKA**, is taking care of the invitations. RSVP was due on November 22nd. We will have the normal large turn out for this fun event. We wish everyone good health and a wonderful holiday season.

HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS/CHARLIE CHAPTERS JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 pm Registration; 5:00 pm Dinner

Parking at Ala Wai School

Cost: C, HQ/Medics Veterans and spouses/
widows: **FREE**

Adults and children 12 & over: \$15.00

Children under 12: Free

Outside guests: \$20.00

Santa's gift to your *keiki* should be less than
\$10.00



RSVP - - RSVP - - Deadline December 15 - - RSVP - - - RSVP

Contact Info: Name	chapter	phone #	email
C/HQ/Medics Veterans, Wives/Widows	_____	x \$0.00	FREE
Children under 12 (ages _____) (Ages are helpful for game planning)	_____	x \$0.00	FREE
Children 12 & older & Adults	_____	x \$15.00 =	\$ _____
_____ Guests	_____	x \$20.00 =	\$ _____
Donations are much appreciated!!!			\$ _____
Total amount of check			\$ _____

Charlie Chapter: Make checks payable to **100th Infantry Battalion Veterans C Chapter**
and mail to **ARLENE SATO**, 2241 Kauhana St., Honolulu, HI 96816

Headquarters/Medics, Make checks payable to: **100th Infantry Battalion Veterans**
Headquarter Chapter and mail to **JAN SAKODA**, 1508 Ainakoa Avenue, Honolulu, HI
96821.

Any kind of donation (cash, bingo, dessert, pupus, etc.) will be very much appreciated!
Want to help? Contact Arlene at 387-1954 or Jan at 351-2159.

Please bring some canned goods to help our annual Food Bank Drive.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: IMPACT OF FAMED, ELITE NISEI SOLDIERS LIVES ON AT HOME AND ABROAD by LAURA RUMINSKY, West Hawaii Today

<https://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/2019/11/11/hawaii-news/against-all-odds-impact-of-famed-elite-nisei-soldiers-lives-on-at-home-and-abroad/>

KAILUA-KONA — Today we honor patriots who served our country, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

Established originally as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, Veterans Day pays recognition to the millions of soldiers who served and fought for freedom across the world.

But one group of vets who stand out in our state's conscious — as well as the nation's — were honored last month for their valor.

In the wake of World War II and the attack on Pearl Harbor, Nisei were not allowed into the military until political pressure forced the Army to establish a single regiment of the second-generation Japanese-Americans, forming the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Those two teams were later combined, forming a unit whose valor is forever stamped in American history.

The segregated 100th was mostly comprised of

members of the Hawaii National Guard, while the 442nd included volunteer soldiers from Hawaii, the mainland and those who were sent to internment camps.

The 442nd became the most decorated unit of its size in U.S. military history. Between 16,000 to 17,000 Nisei US citizens served in the war.

Their achievements are all the more profound considering the sacrifice the troops displayed fighting for freedom came at the same time that they were suffering from prejudice and unfair treatment at home.

Seventy five years ago a group of Nisei from the 442nd liberated the towns of Bruyères, Belmont, and Biffontaine, France, from the occupying Nazi forces. They also rescued the "Lost Texas Battalion," 275 Lone Star state soldiers who were cut off by German forces in the Vosges Mountains.

The mission to rescue them was seen as a death

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trap. But the 442nd, which carried with it a reputation that they were fighting to prove their patriotism to America, was up to the challenge.

Historian **TOM GRAVES** explained that after five days and nights of combat, sometimes hand-to-hand, the 442nd reached the surrounded soldiers, but at a high cost in dead and wounded. One 200-man infantry company had only eight men still able to fight; another had but 14.

“You fought not only the enemy, you fought racism — and you have won,” **PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN** told the remaining soldiers upon their return home.

It was an act of heroism that should never slip away from our nation’s memory.

In October, a group of people, including Kona District Court Judge **MARGARET MASUNAGA** and her husband, travelled to France to ensure it wasn’t. (Top photo of Judge Masunaga and her husband, **GAIL**).

(*PPP Editor’s Note*: Among the group were three generations of the family of 100th veteran **KAZUMA TAGUCHI** of Baker Company in the middle photo with the Mayor of Biffontaine **DENIS HENRY**, Bruyeres Mayor **YVES BONJEAN** and Honolulu Mayor **KIRK CALDWELL**).

Representing the 100th/442d were **CSM BEAU TATSUMURA**, **SGM JERRY WALDEN**, **CSM JOSHUA MASON**, **SGT BRYCE KAINA**, **MAJ ROBERT KEPÄ**, **PFC ALEX TAKASHY**, **SGT JUDAH SILVA**, **SGT JOSE VILLA** and **SGT MATTHEW WONG** shown with Mayor Caldwell,

Honorary Consul of France in Honolulu **GUILLAME MAMAN**, and Mayor Bonjean in the bottom photo.)

They were on hand to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberating battles.

Their uncles **KIYOSHI MASUNAGA** and **JACK TANIGUCHI** were members of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd.

“My Uncle Jack served in the 442nd while his

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sister, my mother, **LILLIAN TANIGUCHI KURODA**, was interned in Jerome, Arkansas, for committing no crime,” said Masunaga.

They visited Epinal American Cemetery and Lorraine American Cemetery, the largest American cemetery in Europe where over 10,000 American soldiers from World War II are buried. (Photo on right of Mayor Bonjean, Judge Masunaga and Mayor Caldwell at Epinal).

Nestled in an undergrowth clearing near Bruyères is a monument dedicated to the members of the 442nd and the 100th, which the group also visited.

In Bruyères the group was met with a parade and temporary museum for the 442nd.

“They loved us,” said Masunaga of the locals. “They (the 442) rescued their citizens.”

The locals have volunteers who will come and place flowers at the graves of the Nisei on every anniversary in October.

“When we were at these graves they introduced me to somebody from the town that said this person takes care of this grave. That gave me chicken skin,” she said.

In a speech Masunaga gave about the 100th Battalion in Bruyères she talked about “Uncle Kiyoshi,” a Konawaena graduate who was a paniolo on Greenwell Ranch.

“We honor and remember Kiyoshi and everyone who died in military service for the United States of America,” she said.

She said hearing the French band playing The Star Spangled Banner and seeing everyone with their hands over their heart renewed her patriotism.

“We will remember what happened 75 years ago,” Yves Bonjean, Mayor of Bruyères, said in a speech.

“We will remember the terrible fights and the courage of all those fighters who liberated us from the

enemy while sacrificing their lives.”

Family members of **ERWIN BLONDER**, one of the Texas Lost Battalion rescued by the 442nd, also attended the anniversary and delivered a speech full of gratitude for the brave men who saved him.

“If not for the bravery and courage of the 442nd, I would not be standing here today,” one of the Blonder children said. “Without the determination of the Band of Brothers, the Lost Battalion would have perished at the hands of the Germans. Our family wants to thank those who fought so bravely. We want to acknowledge the wrong that was done to the Japanese American community during WWII. We regret that it took so long for the heroism of the 442nd to be recognized by our country.”



“Dad’s lifelong sense of gratitude, compassion, and philanthropy lives on in us and in our children. We owe our very lives to the heroes who ‘went for broke’ on these mountains 75 years ago.”

In his book, “Just Americans,” **ROBERT ASAHINA** said that by segregating Japanese Americans in the 100th and the 442nd, the Army had “unwittingly created what amounted to elite fighting units.”

“Most of them were volunteers, older and better educated than the average troops, and they were highly qualified with even the most qualified serving as riflemen because they had been barred from transferring to specialized units elsewhere in the service,” he explained.

Seventy-five years later, the results of that elite squad lives on, here in Hawaii, across America, and thousands of miles away in France.

“Long live peace! Long live freedom,” said Bonjean. “Long live the United States! Long live Hawaiian Islands!”

*(PPP Editor’s Note: Photo on page 7 and of the 100th/442nd from the Consul General of France in San Francisco website at <https://sanfrancisco.consulfrance.org/spip.php?article4110>. Photo of the Taguchi family from **SHELLEY SANTO**. Photo of the Masunagas and Epinal are courtesy photos from West Hawaii Today).*

FROM DA EDITOR'S DESK

During my recent visit to my doctor, my blood pressure and my sugar levels were sky high so my doctor put me on a restricted diet which meant while my family was happily enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving meal while I was *habute*-ly chewing on vegetables and berries. My doctor also wanted me to lower my stress which is why I've been AWOL from the Clubhouse for a while and will be flying to Portland for another "dead dog class" to prepare for the inevitable stress bomb that will hit me when the twins come home for six weeks of Winter break.

THANK YOU PPP WRITERS

Even though I still have some residual habeteru emotions from Turkey Day, I would like to say *doomo arigatoo gozaimasu* to **ANN KABASAWA, JAN SAKODA, ARLENE SATO** and **DAVID WATANABE** without whom all you would read in the *PPP* are my mindless ramblings like the paragraph above. Thank you also to **ALEX TAKASHY** for always helping with any *PPP* crisis that arises!

BRUYERES TRIP ON MIXED PLATE THIS MONTH

Mahalo to **SHELLEY SANTO** for letting me know that **PAMELA YOUNG's** Mixed Plate special on the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine will air on KHON-TV on **Thursday, December 5 from 9:30 pm to 10 pm**. For Mainland folks, the show should be available online at www.khon2.com/community/mixed-plate/. Her short segments that aired in October can also be seen at www.khon2.com/back-to-bruyeres/

DREAM BIG DOCUMENTARY AIRS IN JANUARY 2020

Don't forget to turn on the tv to KIKU to watch the documentary *Dream Big! A Postwar Success Story: The Nisei Soldiers of WWII* about the 100th and 442nd on **Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9 pm to 10 pm** and on **Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**. The documentary was produced by **JOANNE NINOMIYA** and features a segment on our 100th/442d Army Reservists including **2LT CHRIS ARAKAWA** on one of the clean up days at the Clubhouse.

CONGRATULATIONS, HERSHEY

I didn't wake up early enough to catch 100th veteran and Medal of Honor awardee **HIROSHI "HERSHEY" MIYAMURA** in the 2019 New York City Veterans Day Parade but I was able to see an interview with him conducted after the parade is over that you can see too at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3a84KybNFng>.

CONGRATULATIONS, CALLIE

I am so happy for author **CALLIE TRAUTMILLER** whose new book about the 100th, *Becoming American*, has taken the number one spot as a new release on Amazon's list of teen and young adult military and historical fiction. To learn more about the book or purchase a copy, please visit her website at <https://callietrautmiller.com/>.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH STORYTELLING

Bring the whole family and all of your friends for what will surely be a fun and chicken-skin afternoon of storytelling by **ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG** on **Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 1:00 pm** at the Clubhouse. This event is suitable for all ages and open to the public.

Alton will perform selections from three of his popular pieces about the Japanese American experience in Hawaii including:

- 1) A yet unnamed story on the early lives of our ancestors on the plantations of Hawaii;
- 2) *Heroes* which tells the story of two brothers from Hawaii who join the 100th and 442nd;
- 3) *Spark Matsunaga: Warrior Poet* which about 100th veteran, the late Senator **SPARK MASAYUKI MATSUNAGA** of Dog Company.

Tickets are FREE for World War II veterans who served with the 100th, 442nd, MIS and 1399th; \$5 for 100th members and all students (including college and grad schools); and \$10.00 for anyone else. Please fill out the Registration Form in the *PPP* and return it with payment (check to "100th Infantry Battalion Veterans") to the Clubhouse by **12:00 noon on Friday, January 10, 2020**. "Walk-ins" on the day of the event will be allowed but the cost will be \$20 for everyone. Alton is generously donating a large portion of all ticket fees to the 100th and the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution so please come and support the Club.

A selection of Alton's CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase at the end of the event and for his signature.

Please contact me via the Office at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ALTON TAKIYAMA-CHUNG SHINNEN ENKA/ REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ATTENDEE NAME	100TH, 442ND, MIS, 1399TH WWII VETERAN	100TH MEMBER	STUDENT WITH ID (please include photocopy of student ID)	ALL OTHERS	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
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Please send this completed form with a check payable to “100th Infantry Battalion Veterans” by **Friday, January 10, 2020** to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

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Happy Holidays from the PPP



DECEMBER CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

BOARD MEETING CHARLIE CHAPTER

Friday, December 20 (No Saturday Meeting)
Breakfast meeting on Saturday, December 14 at
9 am at Susan Hashimoto and Ric Tabor's home
Tues., December 3, 10, 17, 24 from 9 am to 1 pm
Weds, December 4, 11, 18 from 9 am to 11 am

CRAFT CLUB LINE DANCING

FOODBANK DRIVE OKINAWA EXHIBIT ABLE, BAKER AND RIFLE PARTY CHARLIE, HEADQUARTERS AND MEDICS PARTY DOG PARTY MAINLAND PARTY

CLUB EVENTS
All December
Open all December during office hours
RSVP due by Saturday, December 7
Party on Saturday, December 14 from 10 am
RSVP due by Sunday, December 15
Party on Saturday, December 21 from 4 pm
Party on Sunday, December 8 from 12 noon
Party on Saturday, December 7 in Gardena, CA


442ND PARTY MIS VETERANS CLUB OF HAWAII SHINNEN ENKAI

OTHER EVENTS
Saturday, December 7
Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 11 am at Natsunoya
Tea House
(<http://www.misveteranshawaii.com/events/>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clubhouse and Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas
and Tuesday, December 31 for New Years Eve

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