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**THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

by Denis Teraoka

Yeiki Kobashigawa: It is with deep sadness we have lost another hero of the 100th Infantry Battalion. On March 31, 2005, one of the last two of our Medal of Honor recipients passed away. Yeiki Kobashigawa of Company B fought with distinction above and beyond the call of duty. His tactical feats, carried out with utmost precision and skill, were looked upon with awe and respect by fellow soldiers. His natural athleticism and grace served him well throughout the many campaigns in which he fought. Yeiki earned a field commission to second lieutenant after Lanuvio. On June 21, 2000, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Bill Clinton.

From a past issue of the Puka Puka Parade in which we saluted Kobashigawa, we would like to reprint these few words:

. . . in the loving words with which Yeiki's daughter, Jill, describes her father, he is a man dedicated to his family. His quiet, soft-spoken nature, his humbleness and generosity toward others are endearing traits that his family cherishes. He worked hard never complaining, undertaking "labor intensive jobs" during his working years. Yeiki never spent money on himself, but gave generously to his family. He handily repaired what needed fixing around the house or his cars. Yeiki eagerly helped others, even without their asking, encouraging and supporting his family and friends in their undertakings. To many Kobashigawa has been an unassuming and inspiring mentor and role model.

. . . Yeiki has slowed down and the glories of his past feats are becoming a dim memory to him, but his family and friends will never forget the legacy of courage, loyalty, strength and sacrifice he has given to all of us.

We are proud to salute and honor Yeiki Kobashigawa, a true hero of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Farewell, Yeiki, and may you rest in eternal peace.

Special Plaque to Mamoru "Moro" Sato and Kikuji Tojio: For rendering valuable, generous and unselfish service to the 100th Inf. clubhouse, "Moro" and "Kiku" will each be presented a plaque in the near future. They have been putting away the tables and chairs after parties and stacking them in the storeroom. Each morning, Moro also has been hoisting the American flag fronting the clubhouse. After the PPParade has been collated and bundled, "Moro" takes the sacks to the airport postoffice for mailing. "Kiku" looks after the security of the clubhouse when everyone has left.

**PPPARADE VOLUNTEERS FOR LAST ISSUE**

by Joy Teraoka, Editor

Thanks to all who came to collate the Puka Puka Parade on February 25, 2005. Besides being a service to the club, it is a great time to get together and talk story with fellow veterans, wives and widows. Those who volunteered were Stanley Akita, Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Akira Akimoto, Kunio Fujimoto, Mary Hamasaki, Richard Hosaka, Ed Ikuma, Shigeru and Fumi Inouye, Ed Kubota, Arthur Komiyama, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Philip Matsuyama who donated soft drinks, Masanori Moriwake, Joichi Muramatsu, Mitsuo Nagaki, Tom Nishioka, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito, Robert Sato, Hiromi Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Dorothy Tamashiro, Denis and Joy Teraoka, Ricky and Evelyn Tsuda, Shigeru Tsubota, Martin Tohara, Ukichi Wozumi, and Marie Yoneshige. If I missed anyone, please know we appreciated your help.

We will miss Ed Kobata from now on as he has decided to return to Arizona to live. Can Arizona be

better than Hawaii? No way! (Except for the cost of living.) Maybe Ed will be back.

Thanks for the month of respite--we finally moved into our new apartment at Kahala Nui, and we never want to move again--no more boxes to pack and unpack, please.



### **MEDAL OF HONOR HERO, YEIKI KOBASHIGAWA, PASSES AWAY**

In the President's Report, Denis Teraoka has expressed the sorrow the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans feel toward losing another hero of their outfit, Yeiki Kobashigawa. Please read Teraoka's fitting tribute to this humble hero. Now the only remaining 100th Infantry Congressional Medal of Honor recipient is Shizuya Hayashi. In the past month, the 100th Infantry veterans have lost so many of their comrades. It reminds us that the time is short and the legacy of their history and their clubhouse will soon depend upon the sons and daughters to carry on.

Our condolences to the Kobashigawa family and to the other families listed in our "In Memoriam" column for the loss of their beloved ones.



### **KENNETH OTAGAKI HONORED BY UH COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE**

On April 21, 2005, the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, honored Kenneth Otagaki, PhD, as its Distinguished Alumnus. We would like to extend our hearty congratulations to Kenneth for his outstanding career in the field of Tropical Agriculture and other areas related to the environment.

Not only has Otagaki distinguished himself among his peers at the University of Hawaii, but he has also served his fellow 100th Infantry veterans with outstanding service in leadership roles on projects and activities pertaining to our organization.

At the gala dinner both Governor Linda Lingle and U.H. Chancellor Peter Englert acknowledged Kenneth's service with the 100th Inf. Bn. and praised him for his determined effort in pursuing a higher education despite the debilitating injuries he suffered during the war. Lingle commented that at the 442nd RCT's 62nd Anniversary Luncheon she was given the book *Japanese Eyes, American Heart*. She was so moved by the stories of the veterans that it changed her whole perspective and outlook on the socio-economic history of the Islands after World War II. Lingle and Englert expressed their utmost respect for the veterans of the 100th/442nd RCT. The 100th Inf. veterans present at the dinner were given a standing ovation.

Thank you, Kenneth. You are an exceptional role model for the 100th motto "For Continuing Service." We salute you.



### **442ND RCT CELEBRATES ITS 62ND ANNIVERSARY**

On March 20, 2005, the 442nd RCT Veterans Club celebrated its 62nd anniversary with the theme "Our Brother's Keeper." The event was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort with many city, state and federal officials present. Both Major General Robert Lee and Governor Linda Lingle were the main speakers of the event.

Congratulations to the 442nd RCT Veterans for another year in which to recognize and perpetuate the legacy of these heroes.



### **WWII ALBUMS OF BISHOP MITSUMYO TOTTORI DONATED TO 100TH INF.**

On Wednesday, April 13, 2005, the 100th Inf. Bn. Veterans organization received two priceless albums, *Bishop M. Tottori - Hawaii AJA: 1943-1958* and *Bishop M. Tottori - WWII Hawaii Nisei Casualties: 1943-1949*, from Mrs. Sadako Kaneko, daughter of the late Buddhist Reverend Mitsumyo Tottori. She was accompanied on her visit by the Reverend Jitsunin Kawanishi of Liliha Shingon Mission and Allen Tamura of Co. B/100th Inf.

The significance of these albums is that they contain the names of Hawaii Nisei soldiers who were killed in combat during WWII and also those who served or died in the Korean Conflict. Reverend Tottori, at that time minister of Shingon Shu Koshoji in Haleiwa, Oahu and then of Liliha Shingon Mission, recorded the names in notebooks he entitled *File of Prayers Dedicated to Deceased World War II Japanese American Soldiers*. These notebooks were maintained solely for the purpose of his making *toba* and *ihai* as he personally prayed to honor and memorialize these men. In the seven Korean Conflict books he listed the names of those who volunteered or were drafted into military service at that time. He did not intend for them to be made public nor did he question the veracity of the information he received from families and friends of the deceased, or from the newspapers.

After Tottori's death in 1976, his successor at Liliha Shingon Mission, the Reverend Kawanishi, found many of the Bishop's religious artifacts and notebooks. These notebooks were a testament to the countless prayer services Bishop Tottori conducted as his personal tribute to all the Hawaii Nisei soldiers who served their country. With Reverend Kawanishi's help in reading the beautiful and sometimes difficult Japanese calligraphy listing the requests by families and relatives for prayers and tablets to their loved ones, he urged the Tottori family to compile all this information into albums. These albums would serve the purpose of comforting those family members, relatives and friends of these deceased men in knowing that Bishop Tottori continued to pray and memorialize these Nisei soldiers of Hawaii long after WWII was over.

Of interest and the reason for Bishop Tottori's mission was that at the outbreak of WWII all the Buddhist priests in Hawaii were interned except for him. He believed it was because, prior to WWII, he had explicitly stated that the Nisei owed their allegiance to the United States of America and not to the country of their ancestors.

As the sole Japanese Buddhist minister remaining in the islands, the Reverend Tottori was the only one left to serve the Japanese Buddhist community. Because he was not permitted to hold regular group services at a temple, he conducted private memorial services for bereaved families.

Sadako Tottori Kaneko stated that her family has dedicated the album to the Reverend Kawanishi as he was instrumental in revealing and sharing the ministerial experiences of their father. She also acknowledged with gratitude her sister-in-law, Vivian Higashihara Kaneko, who used her computer skills to compile, arrange and index the album in a format that facilitates finding the names of those therein.

These albums have been placed in the reception area of the clubhouse, in front of the marble memorial wall that lists the 100th's KIA. Take a moment to peruse these precious books. For those families, relatives and friends of Hawaii's Nisei killed in WWII or during the Korean Conflict, it may be a heartfelt moment discovering your loved one's name.



## IDENTITY OF THE "TOY GUN"

by Saburo Nishime

**(Editor's note:** In the last issue of the Puka Puka Parade, we asked if any of the veterans could identify a toy gun we pictured. Someone thought such a gun might have been issued to the 100th Inf. Bn. troops when they first trained at Camp McCoy. None of our veterans knew of such a gun. We received an interesting response from Saburo Nishime, and have sent it to the Public Affairs Officer, Linda Fournier, at Fort McCoy. The following is Nishime's report.)

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Where in hell did this person "recall correctly when members of the 100th arrived at Camp McCoy, they were given wooden guns, and not real ones."

Remember--when the 100th Inf. Bn. (Sep.) first arrived at Camp McCoy, the soldier members were not raw recruits, but they had previously gone through basic training and were serving in combat status as well-trained soldiers and well experienced in the use of military firearms, and were issued firearms while on duty with the activated 298 and 299 Regiments in wartime Hawaii.

The 100th Inf. Bn. (Sep.), being a newly organized activated battalion, for training purposes all members were issued the WWI vintage 0-3 rifle. In the first and only full dress parade by the 100th Inf. Bn. (Sep.) at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, it was with the 0-3 rifle.

Don't anyone ever dare say that Col. Farrant Turner, Commander of the 100th Inf. Bn. (Sep.), initially

trained his troops with wooden rifles!!

Now Read This: This may clarify some of the issue in question of the "wooden gun."

*Club 100 Puka Puka Parade* - July-August - 1980. Ben Tamashiro's interview with Hershey Miyamura (CMO) - The Korean War, Pg. 7, regarding the Chinese Counteroffensive Across the Yalu; The Long Retreat; The Fight Back:

I don't recall how many days later it was when they started the attack. They came down like they were ants off a hill. Looked like millions of 'em. At that time we didn't know it but only one in ten had a weapon; the others were carrying wooden rifles! They didn't have enough weapons to arm all their troops.

Anyway, we were told to withdraw from our entrenched positions. One of the reasons we had to withdraw was that our own planes were strafing us so we had to get out of there. It was everyman for himself. We were snow covered. We finally regrouped after moving many miles backward. There we were told that we were to evacuate so find a ride back. As tanks went by we climbed aboard and rode them back, to Hungnam. At that port city, we were told to guard the supply depot there. We were the last to leave. The depot was destroyed. Then we boarded ship and went south again, all the way to Pusan. There we regrouped, then started north. . . .

It could have been very possible the wooden rifle shown on page 3 of the March 2005 *Puka Puka Parade* was brought back as a souvenir by a soldier in the Korean War. Maybe Hershey Miyamura could identify the wooden rifle?



**THE SENATOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA PAPERS by Ellen Chapman, MLS, MA, CA**

(Editor's note: Ms. Ellen Chapman of the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library, is curator for the Senator Spark M. Matsunaga Papers. She graciously consented to submit an article on this important collection. Sparky was with Co. D of the 100th Infantry Battalion.)



Spark Matsunaga was a saver--some might say a "pack rat." He saved papers and memorabilia from his childhood, from University of Hawaii days, from service in the 100th Infantry Battalion during World War II, from Harvard Law School, from the Hawaii Territorial Legislature, and from Congress--14 years each in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate. Sparky was well known for many things and his legacy will endure because he recognized the importance of documenting every aspect of his rich life.

From his service in the 100th Infantry Battalion he saved, among other things, an Army-issue writing kit, photographs, his insignia, Bronze Star and Purple Hearts, boxing gloves and an Italian phrase book. Other personal items in the collection include Lions Clubs pins from many dens (Sparky was a longtime member), a congressional shaving mug with his name on it, harmonicas he played, and poems he wrote.

The wide variety of papers and other items make this a particularly interesting collection. Sparky's major legislative concerns are represented by large numbers of documents about renewable energy, space exploration, peace, civil rights, and reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. His devotion to Hawaii constituents is partly reflected in the large monthly bills from the House and Senate dining rooms--he was famous, in Hawaii and on Capitol Hill, for treating more visitors to lunch than any other member of Congress!

In 1997, Sparky's family generously donated his papers and other material to the University of Hawaii at Manoa where they form a cornerstone of the Library's Hawaii Congressional Papers Collection. The papers are now fully processed and available to researchers.

The processing of this collection took seven years--that meant arranging the material from 1200 boxes into series and sub-series; labeling everything; cleaning some of the items; removing damaging paper clips, staples and rubber bands; and placing documents into acid-free archival folders and all folders into acid-free archival boxes. The archival folders and boxes, along with temperature and humidity control in the repository, insure that the collection will be preserved for generations to come.

The final step was to prepare a "finding aid," a kind of user's guide, so that researchers would be able to decide which parts of the collection would be most useful for their study. The finding aid gives a brief biography of Sparky, a general overview of the collection, lists and descriptions of the different series and sub-series, and inventories which have even more detailed information. Please contact archivist Ellen Chapman to set up an appointment: email her at ellen@hawaii.edu or phone 944-7656.

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## **BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF THE AJA VETERANS COLLECTION, UH ARCHIVES**

The University of Hawaii Library recently established the AJA Veterans Collection to document the rich heritage of Hawaii's Japanese American veterans and their families, including members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Hawaii Territorial Guard, Varsity Victory Volunteers, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineers, and Military Intelligence Service. The stories of these veterans and their families emphasize the importance of democracy and civil liberties in American society, and the AJA Veterans Collection will help to ensure that this vital part of history will be preserved and passed on to future generations.

But how will the University Archives & Manuscripts Department preserve these important historical resources and share them with the public? As the AJA Veterans Project Archivist, I frequently encounter the question, "What really goes on in the Archives?" Although many people understand that an archival repository stores historical documents, most are unaware of the work involved in preserving archival collections and making them available for researchers. In order to shed some light on what really happens in the archives, and to provide a better understanding of how archivists care for the papers, photographs, oral histories, and other materials under our protection, I am going to describe the work that actually takes place.

The first step in the process is to acquire new collections that document the experiences of Hawaii's Japanese American veterans and their families. Typically, a collection is defined as the papers and other materials created or gathered together by an organization or a person, such as those of Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga. The AJA Veterans Collection obtains most of its resources through donations—and we're always happy to work with anyone interested in making a donation! As part of the donation process, we ask donors to sign a Deed of Gift transferring ownership and rights associated with the collection to the University of Hawaii Library. This Deed of Gift is important because an archival repository can only invest supplies and labor in preserving collections that it owns, in order to make the materials available for educational and outreach purposes.

Once a donation is made and it arrives at the library, we take steps to protect it—and the entire library—from insect infestation. Collections are either hand-inspected or frozen using special equipment in the library's state-of-the-art Preservation Department to kill any living insects or eggs. The inspection and freezing processes are important because insects such as beetles, silverfish, and cockroaches feed on paper and can cause a great deal of damage when left undisturbed.

After the collection has been inspected or frozen, it is ready to be organized, i.e., "processed." Processing is a very important step in the archival sequence because it allows archivists to arrange the contents of the collection into a logical and usable order, making it easier for researchers to use the collection. It is much more efficient to look through boxes of papers neatly arranged into labeled folders than it is to dig through boxes containing unorganized piles!

The first step in processing is to assess the condition of the collection and get an overview of its contents. Collections come in all shapes and sizes. They can range from a handful of letters to hundreds of boxes filled with papers, posters, pictures, videos, films, and other materials. The physical condition of the collection can also vary greatly. Some collections arrive at the Archives already organized into neatly labeled folders, while others are very disorganized. I have seen collections that were stuffed into garbage bags or even crammed into 5-gallon buckets that originally held pickles! The Archives staff is professionally trained to handle any and all types of collections, and we make sure that each collection receives professional attention.

To clarify how processing works, I'll use as an example a box of wartime correspondence. As the first step in organizing the letters, I carefully remove them from their envelopes and unfold them. This helps prevent the letters from being torn by repeatedly taking them in and out of the envelopes, and it makes

them easier to use. Next, I file the letters in chronological order from the earliest date to the last date. This helps researchers understand the flow of communication, as writers often discuss the same subject in several consecutive letters. After putting the letters in order, I place them into acid-free folders to protect them and help keep them organized, and I then label each folder with the contents. Finally, I put the folders into acid-free boxes, which are stored in a secure, environmentally controlled storage area.

While I'm processing the collection, I take several steps to help preserve it. I flatten any papers that have been folded, and I carefully brush off any dirt and remove any metal paper clips and rusty staples. If I find a piece of highly acidic paper that's crumbling (such as an old newspaper clipping), I photocopy it onto acid-free paper. Sometimes I find an item that is severely damaged or highly fragile, so I consult with the Preservation Department to determine the best method to safely repair the item.

After the papers have been organized, the next step is to create a research tool called a "finding aid," which helps users know what's in the collection. The finding aid contains background information and outlines the contents of the collection, helping researchers find what they're looking for without having to browse through rows of boxes on the shelves—a difficult and time consuming task! Finding aids for the AJA Veterans Collection are available on our website (<http://libweb.hawaii.edu/libdept/archives/>), and a paper copy is also available in the Archives Reading Room in Hamilton Library.

After I finish organizing that collection of wartime letters, I'd then write the finding aid; it would contain a brief biographical outline of the soldier who wrote the letters, and information on how these letters came to the Archives. The finding aid would also describe the major subjects discussed in the letters, such as training, army life, the European front, and the soldier's daily activities. Additionally, the finding aid might contain a list of all of the folder titles, so that a researcher interested in seeing a letter from a particular date would know which folder to look in. After the finding aid is completed, the collection is ready to be used by researchers.

Using a collection in the Archives is different from finding books in a library, but *anyone* can do archival research, including scholars, students, families or any individual interested in learning more about a subject. When you go to a library, you look for books by searching in the library's catalog or browsing the shelves. The process of finding what you want is much different in the Archives: researchers interested in using a collection typically make an appointment to meet with an archivist, who will help them decide what boxes of materials they want to use. First-time users fill out a registration form and read the rules established to protect the collections—no food or drink, and pencils only (pens could permanently mark the materials). Following registration, a staff member from the Archives retrieves the requested boxes from storage so that the researcher can use the materials in our supervised reading room (for security purposes, the public is not allowed into the storage area). After the researcher is finished, the boxes are returned to the shelf where they wait for the next user.

As you can see, numerous steps are involved in preserving archival collections in the AJA Veterans Collection and making them available for research. The process begins when archivists work with a donor to obtain a new collection. Archivists then organize the collection and create a finding aid for it in order to make the collection usable. These steps, however, are just the beginning of the collection's lifecycle in the Archives, as archivists maintain the collection in a monitored, secure environment, make it accessible to researchers, and actively promote its use. The University of Hawaii Archives is committed to preserving the rich heritage of Hawaii's veterans of Japanese ancestry and their families through acquiring and protecting the AJA Veterans Collection, and to sharing their unique story with researchers for generations to come.



#### **LETTER FROM A 100TH BN/442ND INF SOLDIER IN IRAQ**

This is an excerpt from an email sent to Anne Marie Blecha, wife of CPL Kevin Blecha, who is a member of Delta Company, 100BN/442nd INF, deployed to Iraq for the next year. He is with the 100th BN at LSA (Logistical Supply Area) Anaconda in Balad, Iraq, about 50 miles north of Baghdad.

Kevin has been a US Army Reservist with the 100th BN since 1992. In "real life" he is a grocery manager at Hickam Commissary and is a great dad to his 3 kids.

This email is about his journey into Iraq. Delta Company made the 3-day trip by convoy on February 21, 2005.

"Delta Company has 5 platoons, made up of 16 personnel. It took us 3 days to convoy from Camp Buehring, Kuwait to LSA Anaconda. 1st and 3rd Platoons were the last in the Battalion to convoy north. Our missions changed daily while at Camp Buehring, but we finally got the go ahead to roll by ourselves up north.

The first day was uneventful; we arrived at the closest FOB (forward operating base) before the border. My commander and I rode in the front vehicle. We let the drivers and gunners get plenty of sleep before the next two days spent going into Iraq.

The next day we got our Intel brief and instructions as to what roads were open or closed. We were told to remember to take a turn at the "tank" from the first Gulf War and not to go into the town. We started our journey and made our way past the electric fence and crossed into Iraq. It was weird hearing the words "LOCK and LOAD" and looking out to see if anything was going on.

All Intel said was that we would not have any trouble. We were told not to give food or water to anyone asking and we should be all right except for the town just beyond the border. Just looking out the bulletproof windows, we could see just how bad these people live. The kids coming out to beg for food and water, dressed in rags for clothes and bare feet. Just terrible.

Most of the food comes from anything but pork and water if it rains, or rivers that are running from the rain. A lot of sheep and goats around. The worst part was all of the dead animals everywhere. You can imagine the smell was not pleasant at times. The surroundings sometimes reminded me of Vegas and Palm Springs with palm trees in patches and sand dunes everywhere.

The sad part driving was that we were not allowed to stop for anything and people will push the kids out in front of the vehicles to see what we will do, but we are not allowed to stop. Seems like a game when a convoy drives by, all the kids run to the side of the road.

At the end of day two, we spent the night on top of the Humvees at a kind of truck stop. Since they had only been mortared twice, we decided to take the chance and slept under the stars. They had a bazaar for the locals to sell things; camel rides or you could take a picture of a baby camel. A bunch of the guys bought dvd's. Most of the stuff is pirated and they have 5 movies on a disc. You can watch movies that have just come out in the theater - not bad for 5 bucks.

On day three, we got the Intel brief and some Intel from a female officer who had just been hit by an IED. She was with a transportation company, but everyone survived with minor injuries. Talking with her, she was still shaken by the whole thing, but we got some good Intel on what the enemy was doing. It could have been us, because we would have been on the road if we had not decided to spend the night at the truck stop. We also heard three guys got killed the same day a little north on the same road.

We waited until the route cleared up and moved north at night. We got the call from the rear that one of the trucks had a flat tire. So in the dead of night, we pulled security on the road. Talk about using our night vision devices a lot! The order came to do a 10-minute change. Ten minutes is a very long time in the dark when you are looking out and waiting for tracers to come in. Luckily, there was not a lot of traffic on the road. Then all of a sudden, the dogs started to bark. Not just one, but like a whole pack was out there giving our position away. Shadows were moving everywhere. Our adrenaline really got pumping. We finished up and got moving again without incident.

Since the enemy is putting IED's in dead animals, and there are dead animals everywhere, you wince every time you see sheep, cattle, or anything along the road as you drive by. We continued north with a few more intense moments, but luckily made it to LSA Anaconda without any incidents, just the stories we have to tell when we're older, or just when we finally get to have that Bud Light!"

**(Editor's note:** The PPParade is pleased to print this letter from the front--today's front in Iraq and Afghanistan. The troops from the 100BN/442 RCT are carrying out their military duties with the same loyalty, valor and sacrifice as our own veterans did during WWII.)



## **60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP LIBERATION**

To honor the 45th and 42nd Infantry Division of the American Army which liberated the Jewish prisoners of Dachau Concentration Camp at the end of April 1945, the KZ Gedenkstaette Dachau (the concentration camp memorial site administration) held a 60th Anniversary memorial celebration from

April 29 - May 1, 2005. The KZ issued an invitation in March in an attempt to contact many of those veterans who participated in the 1945 liberation. (The PPParade was on "spring break" and could not print the announcement.)

Dachau, situated near Munich, was the first Nazi concentration camp. It was founded by Himmler in 1933 and later became a training camp for camp personnel. Here is where the "true origins of the Nazi concentration camp system" began

US Military, international VIPs, the media including a German television station were present. Many American veterans were interviewed.



### **JAVA BOOTH AT CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL ATTRACTS THrong OF VISITORS**

Washington, D.C. A rare combination of perfect spring weather, peak cherry blossoms, and a parade brought a massive number of people on Saturday, April 9, 2005 to Washington, D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Parade, the climax of the two week Cherry Blossom Festival. The Japanese American Veterans Association booth, located at 11<sup>th</sup> St and Pennsylvania Avenue near the parade route, was thronged with visitors who wanted to learn about Japanese American military contributions from the Spanish American War of 1898 to the present Gulf Wars and their internment experience. The previous week of April 2, JAVA joined the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation Freedom Walk Committee "A Salute to Patriotism" program at the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, located near the US Capitol.

Eight of JAVA's WW II veterans described their combat experiences in Europe and France and in the Asian-Pacific theater as well as the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans in ten internment camps. The display table contained books and posters for visitors to browse. Flyers on the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, written by the 442<sup>nd</sup> Hawaii Sons and Daughters, the Military Intelligence Service, written by Dr. Stanley Falk, and JAVA were passed to interested visitors.

Visitors who were familiar with the Nisei WW II experiences thanked the veterans for their wartime role to preserve freedom. Some wanted to know how the veterans fighting in the Asian Pacific theater felt about fighting against Japan whence their parents immigrated to America and where some of their own families and relatives lived. Their unequivocal response: we are Americans, loyal to our Flag. Others asked for bibliographies. Several extended invitations to speak at their schools and clubs.

JAVA sold over fifty copies of its book, *American Patriots*, the story of the Japanese Americans in the MIS. Some said they would buy them for their collection, others said they would give them to their relatives, friends in college and in the teaching profession. Some young Japanese Americans, *sansei* and *yonseis* or third and fourth generation, said they had heard about the heroism of the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. However, they appeared surprised that the Niseis also served in the Asian Pacific theater.

The JAVA committee responsible for the booth was headed by Dr. Warren Tsuneishi (MIS) and Grant Hirabayashi (MIS-Merrill's Marauders), who served at the booth the entire day. Others who served on shifts were Dr. Falk (MIS), Joe Ichiuji (442<sup>nd</sup>/522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery), Colonel Jimmie Kanaya, Ret. (442<sup>nd</sup> Medic), Kelly Kuwayama (442<sup>nd</sup> Medic), Colonel Hank Wakabayashi Ret. (U.S. Army Engineers) and Terry Shima (442<sup>nd</sup> Public Relations).

The JAVA booth was located in the *Origami Tent* of the Japan America Society of Washington, D.C. The *origami* (paper folding) demonstration was headed by Marcia Mau, JAVA member and an *origami* artist, and Ms. Joy Aso of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple. This area was blocked off for Japanese martial arts demonstration, crafts, *taiko* drummers, pop singers, *koto*, calligraphy, doll making, *origami* and food. (Article submitted by Terry Shima)



### **INFORMATION SOUGHT ON LT. DANIEL J. ANDERSON**

Jim Yamashita who is helping to compile a complete list of 100th/442nd soldiers during WWII, is

asking for information on 2nd Lt. Daniel J. Anderson, ASN 0-493658, Company B of the 100th Inf. Bn. The ABMC (American Burial Memorial Cemetery) has listed him as being with the 133rd Inf. Regiment, 34th Division, date of death Feb. 5, 1945. His date of death is in question. Yamashita would like to know if the year should be 1944, which is about the time of the Anzio battle. He is listed in the Tablet of Missing at Sicily-Rome.

Does anyone know whether Lt. Anderson was KIA or missing in action. If someone can provide information on Anderson, please let your editor, Joy Teraoka know, ph. (808) 218-7222.

In the previous issue of the PPParade, we asked about Lt. Harold C. Ethridge of Company B. Kazuto Shimizu provided some information which has been forwarded to Jim Yamashita.



**Veterans Medical and Benefits  
Informational Session  
for 442, 100th, & MIS Veterans  
Saturday, May 14, 2005**

**9:00 am**

**Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium**

**(Located in the Basement of the State Capitol Building)**

**Presented by**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

*The Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT present a second informational session about the benefits that may be available to you as a veteran. A panel of experts from the VA will be there to give you information about these benefits. Come with questions and get answers to your questions from these experts. Wives, sons and daughters are encouraged to attend.*

*Free parking in the basement of the capitol building.*

**RSVP to the 442nd Clubhouse at 949-7997**

*For more information, please call and leave a message for Jan Kawabata at 383-2090.*

**Sponsored by the Sons & Daughters of 442nd RCT**



**Family Support Group Meeting**

**Sunday, May 15 (please note: it's the 3rd Sunday!)**

**Topic: "Preventing & Coping with Falls"**

**Presenters: David and Anita Nakamaejo of Comforting Hands Hawaii**

**100th Inf. Bn. Clubhouse**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Bento Lunch is \$6.00**

**Parking at Ala Wai School**

**Please call:**

**Kimi Matsuda (988-6562), Bernard Akamine (734-8738),**

**Robert Arakaki (737-5244) or Marie Yoneshige (536-9921)**

**to reserve your \$6 bento lunches.**



## **RON YAMADA'S MEMORIAL ADDRESS IN LOS ANGELES**

(Editor's Note: The following address was recently delivered at the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles in honor of our fallen AJA soldiers of WWII.)

... I would like to thank the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance for the honor of addressing you today.

There are 36 members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team who are interred or memorialized in various European cemeteries. Thirteen rest at Epinal. In Italy, 13 men rest at the Florence Cemetery and seven at the Sicily-Rome Cemetery. These were the sites of three of the costliest campaigns in which the Nisei fought.

At the Lorraine Cemetery near St. Avold, France, two brothers are buried side-by-side in a special section where 26 brothers are buried next to each other.

The final soldier is memorialized at the Netherlands Cemetery.

In addition to those 36, another Nisei is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines. He was serving in the Pacific Theatre with the Military Intelligence Service when he died.

Of these 37:

- There are two sets of brothers. One soldier died in a German prisoner of war camp. Ten were Caucasian officers. Four of their remains were never recovered and are memorialized on the "Tablets of the Missing" at their respective cemeteries. And,
- On this "Day of Remembrance" it is especially important to note that 11 of the Nisei enlisted from incarceration camps.

Last summer, I had the honor of accompanying 11 veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup> to France and Italy to revisit the areas where they fought during World War II. Our journey brought us to two of these American cemeteries, Florence and Epinal.

At the Florence American Cemetery, I watched an act of honor that I shall never forget.

Immediately upon our arrival at the cemetery, one of the veterans, Sadaichi Kubota, asked the cemetery director to locate the grave of one of his buddies. Upon reaching the grave of PFC Tadao "Beanie" Hayashi, Sada fell to his knees. He pulled out a silk lei from a bag he was carrying and carefully laid it around the cross. Then he lit some senko before clasping his hands together in prayer. None of us approached him. This was a sacred moment. Upon finishing his prayer, Sada placed his right hand on top of Beanie's cross and told us the tale of Beanie's death.

Beanie volunteered to accompany Sada during a reconnaissance detail. Sada had insisted that Beanie stay behind and watch over the rest of the platoon but Beanie was adamant on escorting Sada. While the two advanced through the hills, a single shot rang out and Beanie fell dead. If Sada had gone out alone, the sniper would have had but one target. Sada never forgot about Beanie's sacrifice and he promised himself that he would one day pay his respects at Beanie's grave. Fifty-nine years later, Sada was able to fulfill that promise. Sada had told me he lived his life for two people, his and Beanie's. Sadly, Sada passed away four months later. He must have died in peace knowing that he could now face Beanie with honor.

A week later, on Memorial Day, we visited Epinal American Cemetery. Although it was Memorial Day none of the 100<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup> graves that we visited had flowers. In fact, only a handful of floral arrangements dotted the entire cemetery of 5,255 graves. I was saddened to think that these fallen were seemingly forgotten.

While at Epinal, I searched for the grave of PFC Teruo "Ted" Fujioka. Ted was the first student body president of Heart Mountain High School. He volunteered for the 442<sup>nd</sup> immediately upon graduating. I learned about Ted from a friend of his who had been interned in Heart Mountain with him. She gave me a letter that Ted's sister had penned in the weeks following Ted's death. A small group of my fellow tour members and several of our new found French friends accompanied me as I looked for his grave.

Once we found his grave, I laid a bouquet at the base of his cross. Then, I quietly read his sister's letter. I would like to read you a portion of that letter today:

Dear Joy,

It is difficult to realize that Ted, the boy in whom we held so much hope, is gone; it is difficult until we receive letters from the War Department, his chaplain, and closest buddy—and more recently, when the Christmas packages we sent him come back to us

stamped, "Deceased, Return to Sender." When such things come there is no recourse but to accept the bitter and painful truth, however unwillingly. The futility of war is never more keenly felt when those we love are taken away from us. I know better now than I ever did before.

Ted died to preserve those ideals he loved and believed in; in a larger sense, he died so that the rest of us could live more securely—in dignity and peace. We owe it to him, and to the thousands of others who have given their all, to carry on from where they left off until victory is won. And it would be so little, so insignificant in comparison. It is a challenge, to say the least—and believe me, we can't let them down.

Most sincerely, Peggy Fujioka

I was crying as I read this letter. Reading such heartfelt words while standing on that holy ground before the cross of a man, who at 19 was a far greater person than I could ever imagine I could be during my lifetime, was overwhelming.

When I looked up after reading the letter, I was surprised that the entire group was sharing in my tears. Only one of the French spoke English, yet, though they may not have understood the words I read, they surely "felt" the words and they cried along with us.

Every one of these 37 men shares similar stories and backgrounds to Ted's and Beanie's. All of them made the ultimate sacrifice, not only to America's freedom, but the freedom of the world.

Because of this, I embarked upon a mission to have floral tributes placed at every one of their graves on Memorial Day 2005. In order to do this, I needed to raise \$1,100. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I sent an email to my friends and family telling them about these forgotten heroes and explaining my idea for a floral tribute. The response was overwhelming. Within 48-hours, I had received cash and pledges exceeding the amount required. Significantly, all of those initial pledges were from non-veterans. Since then, I have received more than \$3,500 in contributions. The contributions have come in from across the country. New York, Maryland, Texas, Oregon, Hawaii, Kansas, D.C. I have received contributions from people I don't even know! Friends of friends who had the email forwarded to them and who wanted to help honor these heroes.

I originally intended for this to be a one-time deal. However, due to this outpouring of support, all additional contributions will be used to establish a perpetual fund for future floral tributes so these heroes will never be forgotten again.

A couple of days ago a veteran sent a letter to me stating what I was doing was a "noble act." With all due respect, nobility rests beneath those white marble crosses.

Thank you.



*In Memoriam*

Takuichi Okajima	Company F/Hilo	Passed away March 1, 2005
Tokio "Bobbi" Ige	Company A/Rural	Passed away March 4, 2005
Masao Ogawa	Company C	Passed away March 17, 2005
Richard L. Maeda	Company B	Passed away March 20, 2005
Kow Ito	Company B/Mainland	Passed away March 24, 2005
Kaoru Yamasaki	Company D/Kauai	Passed away March 26, 2005
Yeiki Kobashigawa	Company B	Passed away March 31, 2005
Robert S. Toma	Company A	Passed away March 31, 2005
Seitoku Hanashiro	Company A	Passed away April 7, 2005
Kenneth Harada	Company A	Passed away April 17, 2005

*Our deepest sympathy to their families*

## DIS AND DAT

By Ray Nosaka

The Hui Hanele Aikane Ukulele Club, otherwise known as the Company B Ukulele Club, celebrated its 19<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on April 13 at the Tree Tops Restaurant. A buffet luncheon, held in a private room arranged by Ann Kabasawa, was enjoyed by the 17 members and guests who were able to attend.

Co-Chair ladies for the event were Marie Yoneshige and Kimi Matsuda. Many of us were delightfully surprised at the talent Evelyn Tsuda has at telling jokes—all clean ones at that! She also conducted games which had us all thinking and testing our memories. (Can you name 26 candy bars?) Prizes were awarded and a yummy favor was made by Marie to give to each one present.

We were sorry that one of our “charter” members, Stella Tanigawa, was unable to attend. She is confined at Maunalani Nursing Home. Our prayers are with you, Stella, and we hope you will be able to join us at our next reunion. Among those who enjoyed the get-together were Don and Kimi Matsuda, Tom and Miki Tsubota, Takako Umamoto, Marie Yoneshige, Harriet Nakamura, Yori Inouye, Bernard Akamine, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Evelyn Tsuda, Sonsei and Elaine Nakamura, Stanley and Doris Kimura.

In one of the conversations at the luncheon, it was brought up that four of the senior men in our group are all 90 years old or just about there--Ted Hamasu, Tom Tsubota, Ray Nosaka, and Sonsei Nakamura. It could be that playing music is good for the heart. Personally, I know that when I feel kind of depressed, I pick up my guitar and sing the blues away.

For those attending the Las Vegas Mini-reunion in October, there will be a luncheon meeting in August at the clubhouse--the date will be announced in the July PPP.



## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Sam Fujikawa

The 100th members were busy participating in many veteran related activities during the month of March. We held our monthly meeting on March 19 with the following members present: Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Mas Takahashi, Toke Yoshihashi, William Sato, Toe Yoshino, Wayne Fujita, Harrison Hamasaki, Yeiki Matsui, Douglas Tanaka, Steve Sato, Harry Fukasawa, Ken and Hisa Miya, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Ben and Jean Tagami, May Fujita, Sam and Teri Fujikawa.

The Go For Broke Foundation is holding its Poker Tournament Fundraiser on April 10 and the staff and volunteers are working hard organizing what will probably be another of its many successful and enjoyable events for all who participate. Reminders also to members to get busy and sell their raffle tickets for the June Anniversary of the Foundation Monument drawing. Toe Yoshino made a motion that our club donate a 1/2 page ad for the Karaoke Journal at the Keiro Fundraising program. An affirmative vote was passed and recorded. We also voted to send a donation to the Maui Memorial which is being built to honor the WWII Veterans.

Wayne Fujita has been busy ordering and obtaining items to be used towards our October Mini Reunion. So far, the tour bus has been reserved and paid for so the rise in gasoline prices will not affect us. The list of Hawaii attendees registered was passed around so we could look forward to seeing many of our friends again in October.

Harrison Hamasaki presented a commemorative ceramic mug (designed by Wayne Fujita) with all the vital statistics of the 100 awards and honors, to all the vets attending the meeting .

Ron Yamada gave a talk on the importance of remembering the JA KIAs buried in the cemeteries in Europe - especially when Memorial Services are held. He hopes to generate enough interest to be able to send enough funds to cover the cost of flowers to be placed on the graves of the 100/442 Veterans. After a discussion, our club voted to support Ron in his quest for some funding towards his project.

We are saddened by the news that Kow Ito (Co. B) passed away on March 24. All their family and many of their friends and 100th members Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Toke and Reiko Yoshihashi, Harry Fukasawa, Ben and Jean Tagami, Mitzi Okazaki, Sam and Teri Fujikawa joined the family at his funeral service at the lovely First Baptist Church in Chino on Wednesday, March 30, followed by an impressive Military Burial Service at the Bellevue Memorial Park in Ontario. We extend our sincerest condolences to Kow's wife, Betty and their loving family.

On Saturday, April 16, Ken and Hisa Miya, Toke Yoshihashi, Ted and Chizu Ohira, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Wayne Fujita, May Fujita, Ron Yamada, Fumi Sakato, Chuckie Seki, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Yeiki Matsui, Ben and Jean Tagami, Harry Fukasawa, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa attended

our monthly meeting.

Ron Yamada explained in detail about the many responses he has received for the Floral Memorial Fund of the JA WWII KIAs buried overseas. The amount needed for this year's Memorial tribute was collected and will be sent in time for this year's Memorial Service. Since there was such a good response for donations, the overflow collected is to be turned over to the Go For Broke Foundation to be earmarked for the Floral Memorial Fund. Any further donations to this cause should be sent to the "Go For Broke Foundation" with reference to this project.

All veterans were reminded that the annual Armed Forces Day parade is Saturday, May 21. Dr. Mizushima, who yearly provides the vintage WWII vehicles for the veterans to ride in the parade has already been alerted. Hopefully there will be as many veterans as possible to join and be recognized as the most decorated outfit of WWII. The parade announcer identifies each group as it approaches the grandstand each year.

The 100/442 Association has a new mailing address: 100/442 Veterans Association, P.O. Box 53262, Los Angeles, 90053-0262.

### **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter members held their first meeting of the year at the Asian Sports Restaurant in Kahului on Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. Vice president Satoji Arisumi called for a minute of silence in memory of Wataru Kaneshina, who unexpectedly passed away in February. Wataru was a very active member of Maui chapter, and we will miss him. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sue and family. Funeral services were held at the Iao Congregational Church in Wailuku. Burial was to be held later at a location not yet decided to date.

Satoji Arisumi, Mother's Day dinner chairman, has picked Tokyo Tei as the site of our annual Mother's Day party on Tuesday, May 10, at 11 a.m. He will call you prior to this date. If he has not contacted you and you wish to attend this luncheon, call him at his home before May 10. There will be a \$5.00 assessment per person.

### **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Bernard Akamine**

At our April meeting it was okayed by the members who attended the meeting to send a care package to Command Sgt. Maj. Bert Hamakado from Baker Company, 100th Bn. Vets club. He is stationed in Iraq with the Hawaii Army National Guard. Bert is the only one we know of who is deployed.

### **CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Warren Iwai**

Meeting: Nine members, Kazuto Shimizu, Skip Tomiyama, Hiromi Suehiro, Oscar Miyashiro, Rusty Nakagawa, Toshimi Sodetani, Saburo Ishitani, Takeichi Onishi and Warren Iwai, were present at the April 18 meeting.

Alan Yukitomo, Stanley Akita's son-in-law, spoke to the members about the importance and necessity of an Advance Health Care Directive and Durable Power of Attorney for health care. He gave us a copy of an Advance Health Care Directive Under Hawaii Law for us to study and take action immediately. To many of us this directive is known as a living will. This is an important document which, I believe, we should all have. If you suddenly become terminally or irreversibly ill or injured and you can no longer communicate your health-care decisions or other wishes, this document expresses your desires and also names someone to carry it out. If you want a copy of this directive please call the club. Do it today.

Nuuanu Onsen our old hang out for our "Fun Nite" is not in business any more so we are gathering at the clubhouse for a *hekka* party.

### **CHARLIE CHAPTER "DOUBLE WOK" HEKKA PARTY**

May 21, 2005 - Saturday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM 100th Bn CLUBHOUSE

Parking: Ala Wai School

Cost: No Charge

Donations appreciated -- Call Skip Tomiyama 263-5824 or Warren Yamamoto 732-5216 if you have any donations or questions. You will receive a flyer soon.

Saburo Ishitani is now 90 years of age. He is the senior member of Charlie Chapter. Sabu recently experienced some heart problems and was hospitalized, but he has now recovered. However, he is not the

old Sabu who ran up and down Diamond Head with ease. He has to slow up a bit. Drop in to see him -- he loves to have company.

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 10:00AM MAY 16 at the CLUBHOUSE**

Lunch will be served. See you there.

### **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Evelyn Tsuda**

Two of our chapter members passed away recently. They were:

Richard L. Maeda passed away on March 20, 2005. He was originally a member of F Company but was transferred to B Company where he was assigned to the fourth platoon. (For more information about Richard, please read Kenneth Higa's F Company News.) The members of Baker Chapter send their condolences to the Maeda family.

Yeiki Kobashigawa passed away on March 31, 2005 at the age of 87. He is well remembered as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was awarded this highest military honor for his extraordinary heroism in action on June 2, 1944, in the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy. Baker Chapter members send their deepest sympathies to Yeiki's wife and family.

Baker Chapter recently received a donation of \$100.00 from Jessie Nakayama in memory of her late husband Roy, and we take this means to thank her for her support.

### **F COMPANY NEWS**

**By Kenneth Higa**

Good news! The upcoming event you don't want to miss is the 63<sup>rd</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Anniversary Banquet to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2005, at the Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Ballroom. The luncheon registration form attached to the covering letter from the Banquet Committee Co-chairpersons Joyce Doi and Shigeru Tsubota dated April 2, 2005, was mailed to everyone on the PPP mailing list. The deadline is May 6, 2005; but why wait until the last hour? Please submit your completed registration form and payment ASAP. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated by the Banquet Committee co-chairpersons and members.

We bid fond Aloha, goodbye, and sayonara to Wataru, Takuichi and Richard.

Wataru Kaneshina of Wailuku, Maui, passed away on February 10, 2005, at the Maui Medical Center. He was born in Waihe'e, Maui. Wataru served in F Company as one of the squad leaders of the second platoon. When F Company was disbanded, he was transferred to B Company. Wataru was a good athlete excelling in baseball and golf. He was a catcher for the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion baseball team. Memorial service was held at the Iao Congregational Church in Wailuku on February 23, 2005.

Takuichi "Taku" Okajima of Hilo, a retired welder for the former Honiron in Hilo, passed away on March 1, 2005, at Hilo Medical Center. Taku, a native son of Hilo, was a member of the first platoon. When F Co. was disbanded, he was transferred to C Company. Memorial service was held at Dodo Mortuary on March 6, 2005.

Richard Lyoichi Maeda, a retired mechanic foreman at Fort Shafter, passed away at St. Francis Medical Center on March 20, 2005. Prior to the formation of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (Separate), Richard, affectionately called "Joe", was a member of F Company, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Hawaii. He served as a rifleman in the third platoon of F Company and later was transferred to B Company. Joe was a meticulous person. He was also known as the guy with the neatly trimmed mustache -- and he looked good with it. Memorial service was held at the Diamond Head Mortuary on April 11, 2005.

We extend deepest sympathies to the Kaneshima, Okajima and Maeda families.



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**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON.....by Amanda Stevens**

On Saturday, March 12, 2005, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Club ohana held a Membership Luncheon to welcome and entertain its new and existing members. It was an incredible event which would not have been possible without the hard work & heartfelt dedication of the event coordinator, Joy Teraoka. Joy had everything planned down to the last egg-roll. She is ever so grateful to the many volunteers who showed up for the food preparation, food contributions and set-up.

Speaking of the food, it was delicious and the entertainment was exhilarating and very "touching". With the assistance of Sandy Zook and the energetic Country Line Dancers the event was off to a fun start. So many of us "non-dancers" got up to do the "Electric Slide". The place was truly hopping. The talented Kazue Sato did a terrific Japanese dance and our lovely songstress, Doris Kimura amazed us all, as she always does, with her superb operatic voice. Joy & Denis' son, Douglas Teraoka and his dance partner, Amy Doh, entertained us all with their exciting salsa dancing. But lastly, Joy Teraoka was the treasure of the day. She sang up-beat songs, patriotic songs and transitioned each act so flawlessly. I'm sure a favorite moment of the day was Joy's rendition of, "Wind Beneath My Wings," which she dedicated to the men of the 100<sup>th</sup>. There weren't many dry eyes in the clubhouse during that song. Thank you to all who were there, for being a part of such a special event.

*Below, is a presentation I made to the new members at the Membership Luncheon about our new Time Treasure & Talent program.*

My name is Amanda Stevens, and I humbly come before you today, not only as an employee of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans, but as someone who has been touched and forever changed by the veterans, their wives & widows. Please allow me to share some thoughts with you. But first of all, let's go over some of the perks of membership.

- Membership Benefits --
  - Puka Puka Parade Newsletter car decal
  - Turner Hall & Clubhouse usage for parties at a reasonable price
  - Notary Public services (by appointment only)
  
- Club house activities-
 

Green thumbs (first Monday of every month)	Craft Class	Tuesdays
Line Dance	Wednesdays	Tai Chi Class
Ukulele	Wednesday	Thursday
		Karaoke (\$)
  
- Committees/activities:
 

Long Range	Apartment	House	Memorial Service
Scholarship	Puka Puka Parade contributing writer and more.		

Now that you are familiar with what club membership has to offer, I'll share with you how YOU may be able to give back to the club. As new members, I'm sure that most of you joined the club with the intention of carrying on the Legacy of the 100<sup>th</sup> and to "give back" to the men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans, along with their wives and widows. Although there are descendant members who do take an active role in the club, the veterans whole-heartedly welcome the assistance from more descendant members. I've been approached by descendant members who've asked me, "What can I do for the club?" I have a three-point reference to go by that will answer this question; it is the concept of **Time Treasure & Talent**

- Time** -- volunteering to be a committee member/ activity volunteer.  
Assisting during various events such as the annual Clubhouse clean-up, the 60<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Banquet and other events.
- Treasure** -- Monetary donations are much-appreciated and may be directed towards the Building Maintenance Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the Puka Puka Parade Newsletter, the General Operating Fund or to the Sons & Daughters. Also brand new needed items would be greatly appreciated as well.
- Talent** -- Sharing of your expertise. We appreciate assistance from carpenters, electricians, plumbers, photographers, videographers and any others with special skills who are willing to share your time.

Those who would like to be a part of this program, please fill out the **Time Treasure & Talent** card (below) so we may get this worthy program started. To the veterans and their wives/widows, please write to the club and address it to the **Time Treasure & Talent Program**. List your name, phone number and your need (below). I will match your need to someone who can assist you. If needed, I will list your need anonymously in the newsletter. All requests are absolutely confidential and I will contact you concerning the right person who may fulfill your need. We are keeping this project purely between members, their families and our most trusted close friends. To the veterans, thank you very much for your service to our country and to our community. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Ohana. Aloha!....Amanda

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## Time Treasure & Talent

Send all cards in to: 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans (Time Talent & Treasure) 520 Kamoku St. Hon. HI 96826

- I am a member in need of assistance \_\_\_\_ (check) (attach your need to this card and send it in)
- I am a member who would like to help \_\_\_\_ (check) (attach your *Time Treasure or Talent* to this card and send it in)

Name:  
 Address:  
 Telephone number: e-mail address: (all information is confidential)

**100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans**

Roy Baker	\$100	(100 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Memorial Plaque to be placed at Punchbowl)
Paul Kusunoki	\$50	In memory of Joyce Kusunoki
Rural Chapter	\$20	In memory of Shiro Maki
Robert Sato	\$100	In honor of Takeshi Teshima

**Puka Puka Parade** (\* correction made to a past Puka Puka Parade listing)

Joel de la Fuente	\$20	
James Johns	\$20	
Sam & Teruko Fujikawa	\$100	
Masao Sato	\$50	In memory of Ben Tamashiro
*Shinako Takata	\$25	

**Building Maintenance Fund**

Susumu Ota	\$100	
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**100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

**\$100-\$499**

Seiji "Lefty" & Kay Tanigawa

**To \$99**

Company F, Oahu Chapter		In memory of Beatrice Niimi
Company F, Statewide		In memory of Beatrice Niimi
Kenneth Higa		In memory of Beatrice Niimi
Susumu & Ruth Kunishige		In memory of Fred Kanemura
Masaharu Saito		In memory of Fred Kanemura
Masaharu Saito		In memory of Henry Sakato
Kazuto & Lynn Shimizu		In memory of Beatrice Niimi
James Tanabe		In memory of Kaoru & Mitsugi Moto
Yasuko Tanaka		In memory of Fred Kanemura
Nash Tahara		In memory of Fred Kanemura

**Sons & Daughters Donation Report**

**100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans**

Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	
Albert & Jane Oki	\$100	In memory of Janet Otagaki
Arlene Sato	\$500	In memory of Hideshi & Beatrice Niimi
Kazue Tanaka	\$100	In memory of Haruo Kawamoto
Mike & Betty Tokunaga	\$100	

**Building Maintenance Fund**

Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	
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**Puka Puka Parade**

Katherine Baishiki	\$50	In memory of Haluto Moriguchi
Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	
Mike & Betty Tokunaga	\$100	

**100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

**\$500-\$999**

Company F, HI Chapter		
Margaret, Gaye & Nola Miyasaki		In memory of Robert M. Miyasaki, DDS

**\$100 - \$499**

Kunio & Morran Fujimoto		
Larry & Fumie Isono		In honor of Lefty Tanigawa
Mike & Betty Tokunaga		
Shigeru & Mieko Tsubota		In memory of Janet Otagaki
Dr. & Mrs. Coolidge Wakai		

**To \$99**

Katherine Baishiki		
Hajime & Helen Kodama		In honor of Lefty Tanigawa

**Sons and Daughters**

Company F, HI Chapter	\$750	Sakae Takahashi Scholarship Fund
Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	
Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	S&D Scholarship Fund
Kunio & Morran Fujimoto	\$100	for oral history
Seiji "Lefty" Tanigawa	\$250	
Betty Tokunaga	\$100	
Tom & Miyako Tsubota	\$50	In honor of Lefty Tanigawa

**Miscellaneous "Mahalo's". Thank you to following folks listed below:**

Mark Arakaki (Robert Arakaki's son) donated a large refrigerator for the boardroom.  
 Kuni Fujimoto donated a video from Camp McCoy (1987.). Please check out our video library.  
 May Furuya, the Tues Craft class and Gladys Kawakami's daughter, Joanne, created many beautiful craft items for the office.  
 Kay Oshiro donated a *George Foreman* roaster to the club for the lucky number drawing at the Membership Luncheon.  
 Bernard Akamine continues to take the flag/colors to many memorial services.

**STAN'S CORNER**

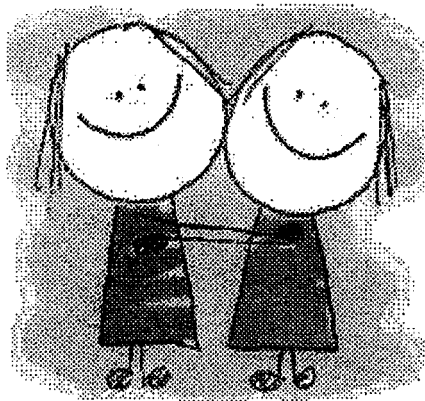
**Submitted by Stanley Akita**

At this Middle School, all the young girls started using lipstick. The custodian noticed that the girls started to leave lip prints on the mirror in the girls' rest room. It got so bad that the every inch of the mirror was covered with lip prints.

One day, the principal gathered all the girls in the rest room and explained to the girls how time consuming it was for Joe the custodian to wipe off all the lip prints. He explained further for the girls to see how hard Joe worked. So the principal turned to Joe and said, "OK, Joe, show the girls how hard you work to get the lip prints off."

Joe then puts on long rubber gloves, then goes to the nearest toilet bowl and throws in the washcloth and slashes it in the toilet to get the cloth soaking wet, wrings it to get the extra water off and starts to wipe the mirror.

Needless to say that there were no more lip prints on the mirror after that.



Me And You Is Friends . . .  
You Smile, I Smile . . . .  
You Hurt, I Hurt . . .  
You Cry, I Cry . .  
You Jump Off A Bridge . .  
I Gonna Miss You

(This was so cute, but author unknown; and submitted by?)



**WIVES, WIDOWS WELCOME TO THE 100TH INF. BN. VETS ORGANIZATION--FREE!**

Hurrah! The wives and widows who have been the backbone of the 100th Infantry Battaliion Vets' organization for so long, are now eligible to become full members, and at no cost as membership fees have been waived. Please fill out and submit your application for membership. Mail it to the clubhouse

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**WIVES, WIDOWS 100TH INF. BN. VETERANS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2005**

ABLE.....	Saturday, May 28 .....	8:00 am
BAKER.....	Saturday, May 21.....	1:00 pm
CHARLIE.....	Monday, May 16.....	10:00 am
CHARLIE HEKKA PARTY.....	Saturday, May 21.....Clubhouse.....	5:00 pm
DOG.....	Saturday, May 21.....	9:00 am
HQ.....	Saturday, May 14.....	10:00 am
RURAL.....	Friday, May 20.....Leeward Com. College.....	11:00 am
HAWAII CHAPTER.....	Thursday, May 26.....? place and time.....	
MAUI CHAPTER.....	Tuesday, May 10.....Tokyo Tei, Wailuku.....	11:00 am
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, May 13.....	10:00 am
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, May 2.....Lounge.....	10:00 am
LINE DANCING.....	Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18.....clubhouse.....	9:00 am
	Wednesday, May 25.....Maunalani Hospital.....	9:30 am
TAI CHI.....	Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18...May 25.No class.....	10:30 am
CRAFTS/CROCHET.....	Tuesday, May 4,11,18, 25.....	9:00 am
FAMILY SUPPORT.....	Sunday, May 15.....Clubhouse.....	11:00 am

*Deadline for articles will be May 17, 2005. (Please submit articles on time or they will not be included in the issue.) Collating will be on FRIDAY, May 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m. Charlie/Able chapters are responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to kokua.*

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