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PUKA PUKA PARADE MARCHES ON EIGHTY YEARS LATER

By Karleen Chinen [*daughter of Wally Seiko Chinen (D)*], 100th IBV Dog Chapter Secretary

Glance over at the number just below the capital “D” in the word “PARADE” in the masthead at the top of this page and you’ll see that this is Volume 80 of the *Puka Puka Parade (PPP)*. In other words, this marks the 80th year since the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans club began publishing its *Puka Puka Parade* newsletter. Volume 1 was published in April 1946, following the December 1945 incorporation of Club 100 in the then-Territory of Hawai‘i — four years after the AJA boys left their island home to begin training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, as the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), and less than three years after they became the first group of Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA) to enter combat at Salerno, Italy.

These dates are important because they demonstrate how the three-plus years that the 100th soldiers trained and fought side-by-side with each other bonded them forever. That was evident within months of their arrival at Camp McCoy in June of 1942 to begin training for war. The One Puka Puka soldiers were giving up \$2 from their monthly pay toward the dream of a future 100th Infantry Battalion clubhouse that over three hundred men never lived to see.

“As the years rolled by and the battalion moved farther and farther away from Hawai‘i, the clubhouse became more than a dream. We planned it and talked about it and saved for it,” **Sam Sakamoto (A)** wrote in the club’s first newsletter in 1946.

With the 100th Battalion constantly on the move in Europe, the decision was made to send the funds to Charles R. Hemenway

for safekeeping until the men returned from the war. Hemenway was a prominent business and community leader. The Vermont native and Yale grad arrived in Hawai‘i in 1899 to teach at Punahou School. He was a longtime member of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents and an ardent supporter of the AJA soldiers and the Japanese American community. Charles Hemenway was also among the 100th’s first three honorary members, elected in September 1944, while the battalion was near Naples, Italy, before moving into France.

Sam Sakamoto wrote that most of the 100th veterans had contributed approximately \$60 of their pay to the clubhouse by the time they returned home. Their dream was to build a clubhouse — not a “boys only” clubhouse — but one where the One Puka Puka



Dedicated 100th veterans, wives and widows work on *Puka Puka Parade* collating day in the early 2000s.

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veterans could bring their families for chapter and club activities and celebrations. The men envisioned building “a clubhouse with a bar, a bowling alley, dancing pavilion, ping-pong tables, a cozy room for bull sessions and a nice soft bed to lie on after a hard night.” The bowling alley never came to pass, but the Turner Hall floor in the current Kamoku Street clubhouse was smooth enough for ballroom dancing. The clubhouse was completed in 1952, and dedicated by the 100th veterans to their comrades who lost their lives in the war.



100th veterans and wives enjoy dances and celebrations at the clubhouse in the 1970s.

The club’s inaugural newsletter issue, dated April 1, 1946, was an aspirational one, full of dreams for their clubhouse and for future monthly newsletters that, according to Sakamoto, the club members hoped to follow up “with bigger and better issues.”

The newsletter was searching for a name at the time. But not for long. The club’s executive council voted to award a prize of \$10 to the club member submitting the winning name for the newsletter. Sakamoto said Headquarters Chapter member **Keichi Kimura**, who studied art at the University of Hawai‘i and in New York City, would be asked to design the newsletter’s masthead. With photos, Sakamoto wrote, “it is hoped a dressy bulletin will make a regular appearance.”

Two months later, a panel of judges selected *Puka Puka Parade* as newsletter’s name. Charlie Company veteran **Arthur Itsuo Shinyama** from Maui had

suggested “Puka Puka,” derived from Club 100’s “One Puka Puka” moniker. The judges felt that “Puka Puka” was incomplete so they considered several additions to complete the name, including, “Peeps,” “Bulletin,” “News” and “Monthly,” before finally settling on “Parade” because of its military connotation. And thus was born *Puka Puka Parade (PPP)*, or “club organ,” as some refer to the newsletter.

It was hoped that each “chapter” — “company” during the war — would share a few paragraphs about their activities and their members every month. “Let us know who’s getting married or who’s passing out cigars,” wrote Sakamoto. “And if you’re going into business, we certainly will be able to give you some free publicity in these columns.” He also noted that Dog Chapter member **Spark Matsunaga** planned to submit information about surplus property and that **Kenichi Suehiro (HQ)**, who worked for the Veterans Administration, would write a monthly column about veterans affairs and benefits.

In another article titled, “Keep Businesses in the 100th,” Kenichi Suehiro urged the members to patronize their fellow veterans’ businesses. “Do you know that you can get practically all services to make life bearable — from a haircut to buying a car or home and their upkeep and insurance for them — and still contact only members of the 100th Club?” he wrote. Since returning from the war, the members had found careers in a variety of fields, including construction, automotive businesses, insurance and retailing. “We’d like to keep a business index so as to know what businesses all the fellows are in. Perhaps we can throw a little business your



Historic Puka Puka Parade mastheads.

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way every now and then,” Suehiro added.

In a few paragraphs every month, the veteran “reporters” summed up the goings-on in their respective chapters. They reported on who had attended the chapter meeting and the snacks they had enjoyed; along with graduations, weddings, births, other achievements and vacations. And, as the years passed, they said goodbye to their wartime brothers in arms in the pages of the *Puka Puka Parade*.

In a July 6, 2012, *Hawai‘i Herald* feature story, Susan Muroshige Omura [daughter of **Kenneth Muroshige (B)**], who has overseen the club’s Education Center website (<https://www.100thbattalion.org/>) for many years, noted that the *Puka Puka Parade* editions contain valuable historical information about the battalion and its postwar years as Club 100, much of it written by the veterans themselves.

“The PPPs are primary source material, so they are important to preserve for researchers,” said Omura, who had used grant monies to digitize the issues that were in the Education Center collection so that they can be accessed online. The complete collection of *Puka Puka Parade* issues can be read online through the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Hamilton Library website: <https://hdl.handle.net/10524/11835>.

For many years, the *Puka Puka Parade* was printed as a booklet format, then from 1989, on 8.5 x 14-inch paper using the clubhouse mimeograph machine. The

first page was always printed on blue paper. As the years went by, the veterans’ wives and even their children,

began contributing to the *Puka Puka Parade* issues. They also helped to proofread each issue. And, as the veterans began to pass, their wives and family members took their places as chapter reporters.

The blue mimeographed *Puka Puka Parade* was retired in 2010. But not the newsletter. A commercial



Puka Puka Parade issues from various decades.

printer was contracted to print Club 100’s news on white 11-by-17-inch paper. The flat, unfolded sheets were picked up and brought to the clubhouse, where the veterans, some by then in their 90s, and usually their wives, continued to gather on “collating days” — the fourth Saturday of each month — to manually collate and fold the big sheets. They worked quietly and diligently, using small wooden blocks to crease the folds into 5.5 x 8.5-inch rectangles. Volunteers then attached



Puka Puka Parade collating day in the early 2000s.

preprinted adhesive address labels to each newsletter. An efficiency expert would declare the operation “totally inefficient.” But he or she would be totally ignorant of its humanity. “It’s for camaraderie and connecting veterans to new volunteers. A lot of people look forward to it,” said Pauline Sato [daughter of **Robert Sato (A)**] in the 2012 *Hawai‘i Herald* story. Collating days came to an end in August 2016.

Today’s *Puka Puka Parade* is a totally digital effort directed by the club’s office manager, Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**]. As the newsletter’s volunteer editor, she plans, designs and distributes each month’s issue. And, like most editors do, she chases after the “reporters” — now made up of 100th Infantry Battalion descendants and family whose bylines you see in each issue — with reminder texts that their article is due. When most of the issue has been laid out, she emails the draft layout to a team of proofreaders to help move the production along. When the issue is ready for distribution, Amy emails the issue, usually 16 pages to close to a thousand Club 100 Lifetime members and non-member friends. About 200 printed black and white copies are also mailed to members who prefer to read a paper copy.

From a humble Volume 1 *Puka Puka Parade*, typed on a clickety-clack manual typewriter, to a silent, totally digital Volume 80 eight decades later ... the dedication to keeping the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion soldiers who fought for America in World War II lives on in the *Puka Puka Parade*. 🇺🇸

YEAR OF THE SNAKE – LOTS OF UPS AND DOWNS [PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE]

By Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*], 100th IBV President; Education Committee Chair

Last month, I noted that 2025 is the Lunar Year of the Snake bringing wisdom, transformation and rebirth. Wow, I didn’t expect March to bring highs and lows, like roller-coaster tracks outlining the snake’s structure.

Some of the highs: Lynn Mariano, with the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) and the Military Order of Foreign Wars called to share an opportunity for a photo shoot by the U.S. Army Field Band. They are preparing for a holiday tour across the nation and wanted to interview a 100th veteran for a video montage to show between musical renditions.

Being a good sport, **Dr. Takashi Manago (A)** and his daughter, Bev Yoshioka, joined Lynn and me to welcome the team that came all the way from Washington, DC. Sergeant First Class Courtney Martin, Master Sergeant Jared Morgan and Master Sergeant Pamela Daniels said they didn’t know about the 100th story and felt the warmth, Aloha spirit and enjoyed interviewing Dr. Manago and Bev. The holiday tour of the U.S. Field Army band will not come to Honolulu this year, but the team was excited to include Hawai’i in future tours. We taught them the “shaka,” and they loved it – came as strangers and left as friends. They said Hawai’i truly has a unique



[L to R] Master Sergeant Jared Morgan, Sergeant First Class Courtney Martin, and Master Sergeant Pamela Daniels from The United States Army Field Band in Washington, D.C. learn to flash a *shaka* with Kathi Hayashi.

energy and feeling they’ve never seen anywhere. We told them it was the “Aloha Spirit!”

Another high is welcoming new members and interested parties that want to learn more about the 100th. It is always amazing that the Clubhouse has such a wonderful vibe, making people feel comfortable about chatting and sharing.

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Talk Story video. In last month’s PPP, Karla Farmer Stouse, Indiana University Kokomo professor (retired) wrote a special article about the university working with Club 100 to record oral histories (Read the article here: <https://www.100thibv.org/post/indiana-university-students-bond-with-100th-infantry-battalion-veterans>). Much appreciation to Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**] for editing the interviews with **Kenneth Higa (C)**,

Edward Ikuma (HQ), COL (Ret) Albert Farrant “Bert” Turner [son of LTC **Farrant L. Turner (HQ)**] and **Jack Nakamura (B)** to create a very powerful message about the 100th Infantry Battalion. Please click here to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/YLWuo5Mjzh8>




100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Talk Story video with oral history interviews conducted in 2013 by Indiana University Kokomo students.

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Happy Birthday to our 100th Infantry Battalion veterans born in March!

Hau’oli lā hānau
Happy Birthday!



Enoch Haruo Kanaya (Charlie) (100)

Ikuro “Ike Mano” Kawahara (Able) (101)



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Visit by Mayor Hikaru Sato of Chigasaki City.

We were honored to welcome Mayor Hikaru Sato of Chigasaki City and his staff to the 100th Infantry Battalion Clubhouse on March 7. Tarō Kōno, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defense of Japan, visited the Clubhouse in 2018 and shared his experience with Mayor Sato, which inspired him to request a visit. We had a delightful morning of sharing about the history and legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion, Club 100's bond between Hawai'i and Japan, and sharing about Honolulu and Chigasaki cities. Honolulu and Chigasaki, Japan became sister cities in 2014.



[L to R] 2nd VP Joyce Doi [daughter of **Joichi Muramatsu (B)**], Naoya Kakuta (Chigasaki City Council Office Director), President Kathi Hayashi, Masaaki Kishi (Chigasaki City Council Chair Person), Mayor Hikaru Sato (Mayor of Chigasaki City), Isami Yoshihara [brother of **Hisashi Yoshihara (A)**], Yuki Kaneko (Senior Supervisor, Honolulu Chigasaki Sister City Planning and Policy Department Secretarial Section), Rika Hirata (Ambassador Extraordinary, City of Chigasaki Sister City Exchange), and Amy Kwong.

We were touched to see Mayor Sato enter the Clubhouse wearing a 100th Infantry Battalion 10th Anniversary Aloha Shirt for the occasion. Mahalo to Mayor Sato and our visitors from Chigasaki, for spending time with us at the Clubhouse!

Scholarships. Reminder to share the great scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and college/university students offered by JAVA, celebrating the legacy of World War II Nisei Military Service. Descendants of those who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, and the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion; and descendants of Japanese American soldiers who served during World War II in other United States military units to include

the Women's Army Corps or Army Nurses Corps are eligible to apply for a JAVA Scholarship. More information is available on their website. (<https://java-us.org/scholarship/>).

Club 100 also offers four \$3000 scholarships for 100th Infantry Battalion descendants. Our scholarship is administered through the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF). We were excited that they reported receiving a large pool of applicants this year. Good luck to all candidates and thank you for your interest in what your 100th patriarch did for our country, how they are still remembered as liberators in the villages of Italy and France, how they planted seeds of positive change for our socioeconomic status, equality, political leadership, and how they put importance on giving back to the community and even reaching out to Japan to help them recover post-war. The 100th legacy is a most amazing one to learn about, to improve on how we too, can become high performance achievers, despite obstacles or temporary setbacks endured on our life journey.

Another high: I was invited by General (retired) James Hirai [son of **Toshiyuki Hirai (MIS)**] and Waianae Community advocate, Glen Kila, to meet **Mrs. Anita Korenaga** [sister of **PVT Shinyei Nakamine (B)**]. She is an intelligent, beautiful, articulate and vibrant 95 year old. We discussed plans to have a dedication ceremony for the Waianae Gymnasium Complex and possibly other areas named in honor of PVT Nakamine of 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep) Baker Company. He was killed in

action on June 2, 1944, and

thanks to Mrs. Korenaga's donation, his Medal of Honor is proudly displayed in the Clubhouse. She was so excited to hear the proposal to remember her brother in such a meaningful way. PVT Nakamine is



Kathi and General (ret) James Hirai in front of plaque honoring Private Shinyei Nakamine at the Waianae Gymnasium Complex.

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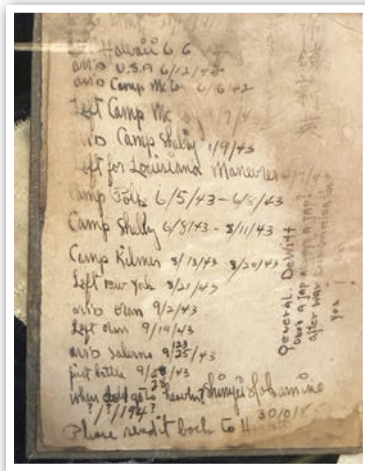
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a son of Waianae: born and raised in a time when 67% of the Waianae Community was comprised of Japanese and Japanese Americans.

Anita recalled that she was in 5th grade when her mother told her that the train filled with soldiers was leaving. Her mom said to run and say goodbye to Shinyei. The 100th men were sent off in secrecy without a chance to say goodbye to their families or without any kind



Anita Korenaga with Kathi Hayashi.



Page from Shinyei Nakamine's journal.

of ceremony with well-wishers. Shinyei would be one of the fallen, who never had a chance to say his final goodbyes, since he never returned. It made me cry to read his bloodstained journal, "when do I go to heaven? ??/194?" Shinyei was born January 21, 1920 and would have been 23 years old when

the 100th landed in Salerno, Italy to start combat in September 1943. He was 24 years old when he was killed, 9 months after arriving in Italy.

At age 95, Mrs. Korenaga remembers like it was yesterday, how she waved at every train not knowing if her brother could see her. She remembers crying all the way home. Later, she received a photo from Shinyei from Camp McCoy to tell her he saw her and someone had taken her photo. She was so happy. Post-war, the story with the photo of Anita waving was written in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.



Anita Korenaga waving to the train in June 1942.

Brenda Ryan of Malama Ola Cares Services and volunteer at "We Honor Veterans" invited us to visit Bert Hamakado [son of **Masami Hamakado (B)**] at his home.



Kathi Hayashi (left) and MaryAnn Tanabe (right) visit Rose and Bert Hamakado.

100th members MaryAnn Tanabe

[daughter of **Harry Katahara (B)**], John Ichikawa [nephew of **Kazuma Hisanaga (C)**] and I joined many family and friends to honor Bert, who has done for much for Club 100 over the years. I personally recall Bert volunteering to bring the company guidon and battalion colors to my dad's funeral service and burial. He had helped so many families to say goodbye with honor. In addition, he was always at the Clubhouse to help with whatever needed to get done. He was a proud soldier of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, and many reservists, including John Ichikawa, joined the gathering in his honor.

So, those are the highs.

March 13 was one of the lowest lows, hearing on Hawaii News Now that the U.S. Army website removed a page dedicated to describing the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. I spent the entire day taking calls, texts, and emails from folks upset that something like this could happen. In speaking to officers of the local 442nd clubs, they have a similar policy to ours, where we do not comment on religious or political issues.

Our focus and mission is to perpetuate the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion by remembering what they achieved in battle and how they accomplished their goals. To honor those that were killed in action or died in service, and those that have since passed. To honor their desire to give back to the community, which we do via our public service and via the students participating in our 100th IBV *Legacy2Action* education initiative. So, we do not

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depend on any websites beside our own.

We have a wonderful digital 100th Infantry Battalion Education Center – www.100thbattalion.org with a vast compendium of historical knowledge including individual soldier stories, speeches, memoirs, letters, Puka Puka Parade articles, photos and descriptions of battle experiences.

We have a 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) official Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/100thIBV/>

We also have a Club 100 website with resources on the 100th and updates on our organization initiatives – <https://www.100thibv.org/>

We have our *Puka Puka Parade* newsletter, with 80 volumes filled with photos and articles that capture the voices and stories straight from our 100th Infantry Battalion veterans. Over time, it has also been enriched by contributions from their wives/widows, descendants, and families.

Although it is disappointing, we depend on our Congressional delegates and other organizations to address the political changes. That said, good to hear that the 442nd web page was reposted on March 15.

Back to high notes, the universe has blessed us with someone that can take the name of the Hawai‘i-born 100th Infantry Battalion, and all it stands for, to the level we envisioned 3 years ago when we made plans to keep the 100th rooted in Hawai‘i. We visualized that the 100th Infantry Battalion name would be well-known and values appreciated, similar to the Hōkūle‘a. I am not Hawaiian, but I am proud of the Hōkūle‘a and all that it stands for. We felt

education outreach via a Problem Based Learning platform would bring in more young people to keep the 100th name and values alive. *Legacy2Action* has successfully achieved this goal in partnership with ‘Iolani School, the University of Hawaii Center on Aging and Central Pacific Bank.



Steve Sue (right) and crew with Dr. Takashi Manago (A) in center. [Photo by Bev Yoshioka]

Last month, I was invited to meet Steve Sue by a mutual friend (<https://stevesue.com/>). Steve is the silver lining to the dark cloud of removing knowledge and open dialogue. Steve Sue, who created the “Shaka, A Story of Aloha” documentary film, marketing, educational materials, license plate, legislative approval for shaka gesture, and more, is passionate about keeping the 100th, 442nd, and MIS story alive with a movie about the Hawai‘i units – not just a battlefield story, but one of overcoming obstacles and planting positive seeds of change during and after the war.

We can’t control everything, but this is something where we can design and contribute toward something that will give longer legs for wider strides to spread the good news of the 100th Infantry Battalion. It is up to us to spread the word. Like the curves of the snake, life will have ups and downs, but like the 100th, we “carry on” steadfast toward our goals and shake off temporary setbacks. Stay tuned – time to step forward to make a difference, in a positive way. 🍀

83rd Anniversary Banquet – June 28, 2025

Registration Begins!

By Joyce Doi [*daughter of Joichi Muramatsu (B)*], 100th IBV 2nd Vice President; Banquet Committee Chair

Included in this issue of the *Puka Puka Parade* on page 15, is the registration form for our upcoming 83rd Anniversary Banquet. We hope that you’ve already saved the date (June 28th) on your calendar and are ready to send in your completed registration.

We look forward to seeing all of you and urge you

to send in your registration form as soon as possible. While we would like to accommodate all of you who decide to attend, please remember that seating will be somewhat limited in the Clubhouse so registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you! 🍀

EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], 100th IBV Secretary; Events Committee Chair

WAIT! Don't Die Yet!

As humans, we all have one thing in common: death.

But are you prepared for it?

How about your parents and your spouse?

You may not like to think about it, but avoiding it will not solve the problems you or your loved ones leave behind.

Please join us at the Clubhouse on **Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** in Turner Hall, to hear Annette Kam share her experience.

Annette Kam retired in 2015 after 42 years as a registered nurse (RN) at Kapiolani Medical Center. She is the past president of iFoG (informed Fibromyalgics on Guafenesin — pronounced GWY-FEN-EH-SIN), a non profit organization she founded in 2001 to help Fibromyalgia sufferers regain hope.

In 2020, she stepped down as President after experiencing 2 years of unforeseen heart-wrenching

challenges that could have been avoided when her father-in-law and subsequently her mother-in-law passed away. Feeling the calling to educate others to help them avoid what she had experienced, she pivoted her focus to assisting others in preparing for the passing of a loved one for a smoother transition and to allow time for grieving. She wrote her book “WAIT – Don't Die Yet!” that has been featured on TV, radio, podcasts, and in numerous publications. She has also been doing talks for the last 4 years that have impacted change by educating the public. Her book to date has reached 44 states and 18 countries.



Guest speaker, Annette Kam.



Scan to register:

***** Wait! Don't Die Yet! RSVP *****

You may also EMAIL this RSVP form to: info@100thibv.org

OR mail it to: 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans - Events Committee 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

Member's Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

____ **Attending**

Refreshments are welcome.

Questions/concerns? Contact Jan Sakoda at Janice.sakoda@outlook.com

RSVP will be very helpful for planning purposes. However, due to this important subject, please join us even if you don't RSVP.

Parking will be available at Ala Wai Elementary School.

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Men's Day Celebration featuring **ROY SAKUMA!**

(Event open to men, women, and keiki members & guests)



**Event day:
May 10, 2025**

**Time:
10:00am-12:00pm**

**Place:
100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse
520 Kamoku Street**

**Note:
A donation of 5 dollars will be
appreciated!**



(QR code to join the event!)



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Please save the following dates:

Saturday, May 10 (10 a.m.) – Roy Sakuma will be our “Special Guest Inspirational Speaker and Entertainer” for our first “Men’s Celebration Event” that is open to men, women and keiki members and their guests.

Saturday, May 24 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) – Hekka/ Family Day sponsored by Baker Chapter.

Sunday, June 8 – Hurricane preparedness (11 a.m.) followed by refreshments. Scam awareness presentation (1 p.m.).

Saturday, June 28 – 83rd Anniversary Banquet. 🍷

GIRLS’ DAY TEA TIME EVENT

By Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], 100th IBV Secretary; Events Committee Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Girls’ Day Tea! It was an enjoyable, low-key time to gather and enjoy the morning and each other’s company.



Nova Hanai makes musubi at the Girls’ Day Tea Time event.

Several people donated little touches to create a festive atmosphere. Thank you to Jean Imada [*daughter, Haruto Soma (C)*] for donating the *tsuru* (cranes) and Girls’ Day *kakimochi* (rice crackers), Donna Teshima [*niece, Michio Teshima (C)*] for the beautiful fruit salad, Lynda Asato [*niece, Thomas Miyamoto (C)*] for the Girls’ Day doll that graced the tea cup table, and Arlene Sato [*daughter, Hideshi Niimi (C)*] for the *laua ‘e* fern (which is reported to keep flies away) and helping put together the floral decorations. Lynda also donated a \$25 gift card to Asato Shave Ice. A historical overview about the 100th was read which was followed by questions about the 100th. Each person who answered correctly received a lucky number ticket. Congratulations to Sharon Tanaka [*daughter, Al Matsumoto (A)*] on winning this much desired gift.



Sharon Tanaka receives prize from Lynda Asato. [Photo by Nova Hanai]

Special thanks to Nova, Shayna and Barbara Hanai [family of **Yoshio Saito**

(A) and Sophie Hatakenaka [*daughter, Roy Hatakenaka (Medics)*] for preparing the *kamaboko* sandwiches, individual servings of salmon sushi, making the *tako* (octopus) hotdog – and demonstrating the musubi-shaker complete with *nori* punched with eyes and mouth to make a cute face.



Attendees enjoy Girls’ Day tea event. [Photo by Nova Hanai]

Thank you to Nova who was also our photographer and the designer for the Girls’ Day poster. We’re so lucky to have her as a One Puka Puka Youth Leader! Thank you, Arlene, for the variety of delicious cookies, making the sushi rice and overseeing the kitchen. We appreciate everyone who stepped in to help in the kitchen, including Susan Hashimoto [*daughter, Robert Hashimoto (C)*]. Everyone seemed to enjoy the microwave mochi so I’m including the recipe here. Thanks to my sister-in-law, Kathy Uchida [*daughter-in-law, Gary Uchida (HQ)*], for sharing this recipe decades ago. It is still a family favorite!

MICROWAVE MOCHI

- 2¼ cup mochiko
- 1¼ cup sugar
- 1 can coconut milk plus enough water to equal 2¼ cups liquid
- (Optional: Add a few drops of food coloring if you like)

Mix mochiko and sugar. Add coconut milk mixture and pour into a 3 quart microwavable mochi dish. Cover and microwave for 12 minutes. Cool slightly and invert mochi onto cutting board dusted with kinako. Cut and dust with kinako. 🍷

HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], 100th IBV Secretary; HQ/Medics Chapter Vice President

Reminder: HQ/Medics meetings will start at **9:30 a.m. (instead of 9 a.m.)**. We will continue to meet the fourth Wednesday of the month.

If you remember, last month we welcomed Neil Horikoshi [son of **James Horikoshi (HQ)**] to our Headquarters Chapter. It turned out that Neil was in town recently and we got a chance to meet at the Clubhouse. Neil was the top Asian with IBM, working with global strategy. We are thankful that he has agreed to help come up with ideas for the club.

I invite you to join us for our Spring luncheon at Shabuya at Ala Moana Shopping Center on Monday, April 21. Shabuya is an all-you-can eat hotpot restaurant with a wide selection of vegetables, seafood and meat. Very healthy for us seniors! We'll meet there at 10:00 a.m.; doors open at 10:30 a.m. <https://www.shabuyarestaurant.com/honolulu-online>

It would be helpful (but not necessary) if you RSVP. Let me know if you have any concerns or questions. 🍷

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Shayna Hanai [*granddaughter of Yoshio Saito (A)*], Able Chapter President

Welcome to new member Bruce Sakaki [son of **John M. Sakaki (A)**]!

Our wonderful Office Manager, Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**], found this Broccoli-Cauliflower-Crabmeat Salad recipe from **Nancy Sakaki** [wife of John Sakaki (A)], published in the April 2014 Puka Puka Parade (PPP) newsletter. The recipe was demonstrated by Amy's grandmother, **Gladys Kawakami** [wife of Eugene Kawakami (A)] at the Club 100 Cooking Class on April 8, 1984.

Wash and cut vegetables into bite-size pieces. Cook broccoli and cauliflower being careful not to overcook. A slightly crunchy texture should be maintained. Transfer into colander and run tap water to cool and to prevent further cooking. Place drained and cooled vegetables into a large bowl. Tear crab meat chunks in half and add to vegetables. Add eggs that have been diced. Cover and chill. Before serving, add mayonnaise and pepper and toss lightly. Serves 4.

[Published in PPP (April 2014 issue)]

Broccoli-Cauliflower-Crabmeat Salad

*In the 1970s and 1980s the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans' wives had a Cooking Club. The following recipe from **Nancy Sakaki (A)** was demonstrated by **Gladys Kawakami (A)** at the cooking class on April 8, 1984. Nancy Sakaki has since retired as a cafeteria worker from Hahaione Elementary School. She is in good health and is a regular volunteer at our monthly Puka Puka Parade collating. Thank you Nancy, for sharing your delicious recipe!*

I didn't notice it initially, but I find it interesting that cooking class took place on my grandmother, **Betsy Saito** [wife of **Yoshio Saito (A)**]'s birthday in the year I was born. She was also a member of this Club 100 Cooking Class. It feels a bit serendipitous since the



Club 100 Cooking Class (1985).

cooking demonstrations seem to be a big draw for club events this year. I would love to do more recipe sharing with the membership as a whole. Let me know if you try this recipe out, too!

- 1 lb. Broccoli
- 1/2 lb. Cauliflower
- 1/4 - 1/2 lb. Imitation crab meat, kamaboko, etc.
- 2 Eggs or more, hard-boiled
- 1/8 tsp. Black pepper
- 1/2 c. Mayonnaise

Optional: Cucumber, Celery

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 10 a.m.** at the Clubhouse and on Zoom. Feel free to email me at club100chaptera@gmail.com anytime if you have any questions, suggestions or any news you would like to share. 🍷

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Jan Nadamoto [*daughter of Isao Nadamoto (B)*], Baker Chapter President; 100th IBV BOD Director, Baker

WARNING! The following message may be considered CORNY and casual...

All, as you can tell from the flyer on our agenda for the next few months is the Hekka Day, where all who come will be guaranteed to have one Hekka of a fun day (Sorry – I know that some of you find my humor stupid but you gotta learn to laugh and have fun!), Emergency Preparedness and Movie Day.

We hope to see a lot of you who don't normally

show up! Yes, that's a big hint, if you didn't get it! However, with that said, I'm just happy if you are even reading this!

Our next meeting will be on April 5 at 9 a.m.!

So, with all of that said, if you're up to having some "good fun" please contact Jan at jannadamoto@gmail.com or (808) 347-3127. And, if you're not getting the meeting information but would like to, please contact Jan! 🍷

Yummy for the Tummy!

May 24, 2025

10AM - 1PM

OPEN TO ALL CLUB 100 MEMBERS!

HEKKA DAY!

Featuring... Make your own Hekka!

(Or at least be a part of the process of cooking it!)

Come and play and socialize Baker style!

You'll have a Hekka of a good time!



Parking at Ala Wai School

Please register at: <https://foxly.link/1U2Q9f>

Got questions? Contact Jan Nadamoto at jannadamoto@gmail.com or 808-347-3127

(Receive an additional chance to to win a prize when you donate prizes and/or desserts!)

\$5 donation appreciated

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Arlene Sato [*daughter of Hideshi Niimi (C)*], Charlie Chapter Treasurer

February's Charlie Chapter meeting was canceled. Sixteen of us met for breakfast at the new Liliha Bakery in Pearl City.

Thanks to Earl Kawaguchi, nephew of **Hideo Akiyama (C)**, on February 18, 35 Charlie Chapter members and friends got to enjoy the Admiral's Barge



Charlie Chapter members enjoy breakfast at Liliha Bakery.

(Commander US Pacific Fleet's boat) Remembrance Tour. This special fully narrated 2-hour tour is limited to 35 people and reservations have to be made way ahead of time. We met at the Admiral's dock and got a tour of the museum. Then the barge took us on a long ride

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around Ford Island with a stop at the Arizona Memorial. It was scheduled after the regular hours, so we had the Arizona Memorial all to ourselves. Gary Mizushima [son of **Jack Mizushima (C)**] was thrilled because he worked at the Shipyard for 37 years and never had this opportunity. He pointed to the building he worked at as a welder and explained that the oil tankers docked there were the ones being used to drain Red Hill.

The next Charlie Chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, March 22, at 9 a.m.**, at the Clubhouse. 🇺🇸



Admiral's Barge Remembrance Tour.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Joyce Chinen [daughter of **Wallace Seiko Chinen (D)**], Dog Chapter President

Greg Kuwazaki [son of **Eddie Kuwazaki (D)**], Alvin & Mary Tsukayama [son and daughter-in-law of **Conrad Tsukayama (D)**], and I met on Saturday, March 1st for the D Chapter Meeting.

Mary shared highlights of the 100th Board meeting. Most important to “Doggies” — our annual big gathering, D Chapter Christmas Party, will be a luncheon, held on **Sunday, December 14th**.

Please pitch in and get involved in planning!

In the meantime, we are planning several activities. Our first is to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration by visiting the two displays at Hamilton Library (Bridge Gallery and the Asia collection on the 4th floor). We will meet on **Sunday, March 30, at 1 p.m.** outside Hamilton Library on University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa campus.

Our next Dog Chapter meeting is **Saturday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m.**, at the Clubhouse. 🇺🇸

CLUBHOUSE OFFICE UPDATE

By Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**], Office Manager; 100th IBV BOD - Director, Able Chapter; 100th IBV Communications & Membership Chair; *Puka Puka Parade* Editor

NEW MEMBERS. Welcome to our newest 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) members: Bruce Sakaki [son of **John Masami Sakaki (A)**], Hugh Lee, Alexandria Lee, and Francesca Lee [nephew and grandnieces of **Fred Hosokawa (HQ)**], and Ronald Tobara [nephew of **Eddie K. Higa (C)**]. We look forward to seeing you all at the Clubhouse.

We were happy to meet Ronald Tobara when he came to the Clubhouse to hand-deliver his Lifetime Membership application to our office. His uncle, Eddie Higa, was an original member of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep), and killed in action on July 9, 1944, near Leghorn, Italy. Ron’s visit just happened to coincide with our monthly B.Y.O.Bento gathering, and so I was able to introduce him to attendees



[Left (back) to Right (back)] Janice Trubitt [daughter of **Albert Yokoyama (Medics)**], Arlene Sato [daughter of **Hideshi Niimi (C)**], Ronald Tobara [nephew of **Eddie Higa (C)**], Jan Sakoda [daughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], Gail Nakamura [daughter of **Roy Nakamura (C)**], Sophie Hatakenaka [daughter of **Roy Hatakenaka (Medics)**], Ken and Delores Akinaka [son and daughter-in-law of **Isaac Akinaka (Medics)**], Earl Kawaguchi and Linda Kamimoto [son and daughter-in-law of **Hideo Akiyama (C)**].

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from Charlie and other chapters. Earl Kawaguchi immediately shared with Ron that his uncle, **Hideo Akiyama (C)**, was wounded in action on July 9, 1944, and died the following day. We had a nice chat with Ron, shared with him information about his uncle, and gave him a short tour of our Clubhouse, including locating his uncle on our Memorial Wall and in the Company panoramic photo. We look forward to seeing Ron at future gatherings.

CLUBHOUSE VISITORS. We were happy to welcome several visitors at the Clubhouse this past month. We had a nice visit in February with Neil Horikoshi [son of **James Horikoshi (HQ)**] and friend, Randall Hayashi [nephew of **Mitsuo “Richard” Yamane (A)**]. I first met Neil in 2022 at the Punchbowl Memorial Walk 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Plaque, and it was great to be able to welcome him to the Clubhouse for a tour and visit.



[L to R] Randall Hayashi, Kathi Hayashi, and Neil Horikoshi.

I also assisted Isami Yoshihara [brother of **Hisashi Yoshihara (A)**] and Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**] with hosting a PowerPoint presentation on the 100th Infantry Battalion and Club 100, to members of a Japanese American interest group on Facebook. Members of this group included Club 100 members Ann Ishida-Ho [daughter of **Seiso Kamishita (B)**], Linda Fujikawa [daughter of **Michael Enga (A)**], and Adele Sugawara-Ching [daughter of **Yoshito Sugawara (A)**].

I was also honored to join Isami in delivering a



Japanese American interest Facebook group, following a presentation on the 100th Infantry Battalion.

presentation on the 100th Infantry Battalion to Mayor Hikaru Sato of Chigasaki City and his staff. Honolulu and Chigasaki, Japan became sister cities in 2014. President Kathi Hayashi and 2nd Vice President Joyce Doi [daughter of **Joichi Muramatsu (B)**], joined us in welcoming our honored guests.

PUKA PUKA PARADE (PPP). Thank you to Mary Tsukayama [daughter-in-law of **Conrad Tsukayama (D)**], for donating PPP newsletters from the 1940s-1980s! We were able to find a few issues that were missing from our files. Thanks to our office volunteers Ada Akimoto [daughter-in-law of **Akira Akimoto (HQ)**] and Jeanne Harada [niece of **Harry Kida (A)**], the missing issues have been scanned and submitted to the PPP digital eVols repository housed by University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (<https://hdl.handle.net/10524/11835>). We also thank Leilani Dawson, manuscript collections archivist at UH Mānoa, for her help in receiving and processing the submitted issues.

We are still missing a few PPP issues from the 1950s, 1967, and 1970-1974, so if your family has any of these and would be willing to let us scan them, please contact the Clubhouse office.

I am honored to serve as editor of this newsletter, which now spans 80 volumes filled with stories about the 100th Infantry Battalion and Club 100, written by veterans and their families, as highlighted in our cover story. The PPP has a very special place in my heart. I have vivid memories of watching my grandfather, **Eugene Kawakami (A)** write PPP articles on our manual typewriter at home, and occasionally helping my grandmother, **Gladys Kawakami** on PPP collation days as a child. I am deeply thankful to the past PPP editors, as well as both past and current team members, for their dedication, love, and hard work in keeping this publication alive for 80 years.

The PPP is primarily sent by email in color, but a small group of members receive a black and white printed version by USPS, due to limited email access or difficulties in reading the digital version. If you’d like to receive a hard copy by mail, please let the Clubhouse office know. Spots are limited, and members will be added from the wait-list as space becomes available. Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to read our PPP! 🇺🇸



100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS ORGANIZATION

83RD ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Please join us for the upcoming 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization's 83rd Anniversary Banquet. Your attendance will help to commemorate this event and make it a very special occasion. Sign up today to make sure you have a seat for this banquet as seating will on a first come, first served basis.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

100TH IBV CLUBHOUSE

520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

10:00 AM - Doors Open/Check-in

11:00 AM - Program Begins

11:15 AM - Buffet Lunch

1:30 PM - Pau

Cost: \$40.00 per person **(WWII 100th IBV Veterans, Widows, and Wives are Complimentary)**

\$20 for Children 5-12 years Free for Children under 5 years

Payment: Check payable to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization

Mail check to 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

No refunds after June 13, 2025

RSVP by: May 30, 2025

Parking: Ala Wai Elementary School

Guest Registration Information: Provide the following information **for each guest**. If more than one person, please write names, contact information, membership status & chapter on a separate sheet and attach to this form. *If you or your guest need wheelchair access or any other special needs, please note this information in the comment section below.*

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Number Attending:

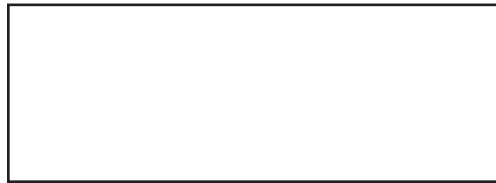
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (2025)

(All events at the 100th IBV Clubhouse and all times are HST unless otherwise indicated)

- Mar. 22 (SAT)** Charlie Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
Events Committee Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- Mar. 26 (WED)** *Office Closed* in observance of Prince Kūhiō Day.
HQ/Medics Chapter Meeting. 9:30 a.m. (Clubhouse and Zoom)
- Apr. 03 (THU)** **B.Y.O.Bento.** 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. All members welcome.
- Apr. 05 (SAT)** Baker Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
Dog Chapter Meeting. 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- Apr. 12 (SAT)** Able Chapter Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
Annette Kam Event. 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. (See pg.8)
- Apr. 18 (FRI)** *Office Closed* in observance of Good Friday.
- Apr. 19 (SAT)** 100th IBV Board of Directors Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
Banquet Committee Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.



100th Infantry Battalion 83rd Anniversary Banquet
June 28, 2025 (SAT) 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
RSVP by May 30, 2025.
RSVP Form on page 15 of this PPP issue.



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