



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

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Robert Arakaki**



The Board meeting was held on May 10, 2007. It was called to order at 10:00 AM, followed by a moment of silence. The minutes of the April Board meeting, Office Manager's report, Treasurer's report, and the CPA financial report were approved.

The following Memorial Day ceremonies are scheduled:

Mayor's service at Punchbowl and Governor's service at the State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe: Stu Tsubota and Robert Arakaki will represent the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Waialua Lions Club service: Masaharu Saito will represent our club

Honpa Hongwanji service which will be attended by Tommy Nishioka

REMINDER: The annual cleanup day will be on June 16, 2007, Saturday, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Families may have their photos taken at the Clubhouse during the Bash on June 23, 2007.

## **ALA WAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN SERENADE PPP VOLUNTEERS by Joy Teraoka**

Our volunteers received a special treat during our last collation. Children of the Ala Wai Elementary School chorus, led by choral teacher Tricia Kimura (daughter of Stanley and Doris Kimura, Co. C) delighted us with a program of wonderful music. It gave the children an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience, and they did so with poise and great stage presence. We congratulate and thank them and their dedicated teacher, Tricia. Some of the children's parents even brought some refreshments to add to our pastry table.

During this collation, we had a few "guest" volunteers including Doris Aimoto, Doris Kimura, Elaine Yagawa, Mychale Inagaki. Our faithful volunteers were: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Akira Akimoto, Mary Hamasaki, Ed Ikuma, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Masanori Moriwake, Saburo Nishime, Seie Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Nancy Sakaki, Mamoru Sato, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Dot Tamashiro, Joy Teraoka, Martin Tohara, Shigeru Tsubota, Ukichi Wozumi, and Marie Yoneshige.



### **Attention Descendents:**

On Saturday, June 9, from 9:00am – 11:00am (at the clubhouse), we are videotaping brief statements from sons, daughters, and grandchildren of 100th Infantry Battalion veterans about their thoughts on being a descendent. These recordings will be used for educational purposes. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Cal Hirai at 779-7617 or [diveandtrek@yahoo.com](mailto:diveandtrek@yahoo.com).

## 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE - SPECIAL ALERT

The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee is planning a very special ceremony to recognize all veterans and widows of our veterans who attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration luncheon on June 24. This ceremony will be our way of recognizing each one of you who supported our country during the war and though many of our veterans are no longer with us, recognizing their widows during this ceremony will be another way of saluting them. **Please note that the luncheon will now start at 10:30 am.**

We hope that you have already registered for this very special event as well as the other fun activities for you and your family to participate in like casino and craft classes. Don't want casino? Not into crafts? Then just come to talk story and eat!

If you have not already registered, there is still time! Please complete the registration form and get it to the Clubhouse (with payment) by **June 5**. Be sure to include your family members because we'd like them to assist with the ceremony at the luncheon. Forms are available at the Club office or by e-mail (contact Joyce Doi at [jmdhawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:jmdhawaii@yahoo.com)).

Please see the description of activities below and join us! Parking for all Clubhouse activities and the Memorial Service will be available at 'Iolani School and Ala Wai Elementary School.

1. **Registration Packet Pick Up** Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, June 22, 2007  
Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, June 23, 2007  
Where: Clubhouse  
Pick up your name tag, event entry passes, souvenir booklet, and commemorative tote bag (for veterans only). Please be sure to wear your name tags as they will be your entry ticket to all events. Since the Saturday Arts and Crafts classes are on a first-come, first-serve basis, please also sign up for this at the registration desk if you are interested.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** If you will ONLY be attending the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Luncheon, please pick up your packet at the check-in table on the day of the Banquet (Sunday, June 24, 2007).
2. **Hospitality** Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, June 22, 2007  
Where: Clubhouse  
The "Hospitality Room" will be a common site for you to meet your family or friends, get information on daily events, check for messages. ~~Join the 100<sup>th</sup> Crafters and make crocheted ID tags (no sign-in required)~~ from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.  
Fee: Voluntary contributions are welcome.
3. **Memorial Service** Saturday, 10:00 am, June 23, 2007  
Where: St. Alban's Chapel, 'Iolani School  
Memorial services at St. Alban's Chapel in remembrance of our departed loved ones.  
Fee: No charge, but we do need a head count for planning purposes  
Chapter and Battalion photos will be taken at 'Iolani School after the memorial service and may be purchased for a fee. They will be available for pickup that day or at the banquet on Sunday.
4. **Bash/Casino/Crafts** Saturday, 11:30 am - 5:00 pm, June 23, 2007  
Where: Clubhouse  
After the Memorial Service, return to the Clubhouse to join all for an informal get together. Find out who else has come to the celebration and the latest going on for them. Good food and good fun are being served. Arts and Crafts will be from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm (see page 3 of the PPP for details and schedule) and the Casino activities will be from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Informal photos will be taken at this event.  
All donations are welcome, including flowers and desserts.  
Fee: \$25 per person
5. **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Luncheon** Sunday, 10:30 am, June 24, 2007  
Where: Coral Ballroom III, IV & V, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel & Resorts, Waikiki.  
The main event, our annual banquet, should be quite a show befitting this memorable year. Five course Chinese menu. Formal family/friends pictures will be taken (for a fee) in an 8"x10" format with the 100<sup>th</sup> logo and title on them. They will be available to you at the end of the banquet.  
Fee: \$75 per person
6. **Transportation Request**  
Transportation will be provided to and from some of the activities listed above. Complete the transportation form if you wish to use this service.  
Fee: \$5 per person/per day

## 7. Souvenir Sales

Souvenir items will be available for sale on all the three days of our celebration.

## 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - ARTS AND CRAFTS SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 22

#### 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM- Crocheted rosette luggage ID's:

Join the ladies of the 100<sup>th</sup> Arts and Crafts Club who will help you to make crocheted rosette luggage identification tags. All supplies will be provided. No registration required – just join in the fun!

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Please sign up at the Registration Table as space is limited

#### 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM - Rubber stamp cards and envelopes:

Create beautiful cards by using rubber stamps. Come and join us in making some one of a kind greeting cards and envelopes!!! Inexperienced? No problem! Experienced? No problem! No matter at what level you are, you'll definitely enjoy yourself! Please see the sample photo on the right.



#### 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Plastic canvas needlepoint creations:

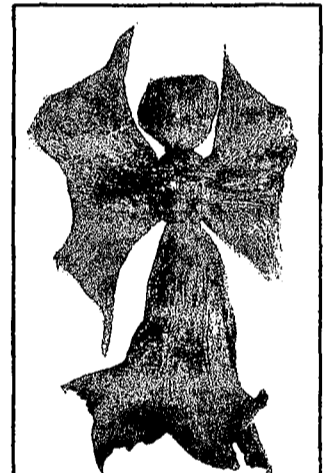
The 100<sup>th</sup> Arts and Crafts Club will help you to make various refrigerator magnets, air fresheners, and recipe/letter holders. These will be needlepoint creations on plastic canvas. All supplies will be provided.

#### 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM - Flower lei:

Skippy Tomiyama and Na Wahine U'i (a hula halau) will be teaching how to make lei – ku'I (needle and thread), haku and wristlets. She is looking for donations of plumeria flowers, orchids, bougainvillea and other garden flowers and greenery. Please drop off your donations at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 22 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm or on Saturday, June 23 before 10:00 am.

#### 2:00 PM to 4:00PM – Hawaiian Angels:

Hawaiian Angels (*photo on the right*) will be crafted from dried philodendron spathes, grown in local neighborhoods. The Lacy Leaf Philodendron is a favorite of landscapers for its showy shiny leaves. The spathe protects the young emerging leaf, dries up and falls off. The section of the spathe that was connected to the mother plant becomes the “wing” of the angel. Bring an empty shoe box or something similar to safely take home your creation. All supplies will be provided. Wear durable clothing or an apron— you will be working with water and natural plant material found on the ground. Each creation is unique; finished angels may not look exactly like the one in the photo. Class size is limited, so please sign up early



## PHOTO TAKING SESSION OF THE COMPANIES AND BATTALION

**ATTENTION!!!!** Photo taking of the various Companies and also the Battalion will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 23**, prior to or just after the Memorial Service. Pictures will be taken on the 'Iolani School grounds. These will be 8 inches by 10 inches in size. Pre-orders will be taken during the registration/hospitality activities on Friday, June 22. Photos will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, June 23 or at the Luncheon Banquet on Sunday, June 24. If you would prefer taking the photos before or after the Memorial Service, please contact Ann Kabasawa.

If you forget to bring your own camera, don't worry as photos will be taken at all 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Photos will be taken on Saturday, June 23 at the Bash/Casino/Crafts event at the Clubhouse (ready to pick up that day or at the Banquet) and as stated earlier, more formal photos will be taken at the Banquet on Sunday, June 24 (ready that day).

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding any of the photo sessions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 or e-mail at [diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com).

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## **MANOA HOUSING REUNION by Joyce Chinen**

The next Manoa Housing Reunion has been scheduled! It will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Treetops Restaurant in Manoa Valley. Mark your calendars! Tell your family and old friends from the old neighborhood. Contact Ann Kabasawa to make your reservations at 734-0841 or by email at [diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com). If you have any pictures or newspaper that you would be willing to share, please call or e-mail Ann Kabasawa or drop them off at the Clubhouse. All originals will be returned so please bring them as soon as possible so copies can be made in time for the reunion.

If you have a memory (or two, or three) to share, send them to Joyce Chinen c/o UH-West O`ahu, 96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City, HI 96782 or email them to [chinenjoyce@yahoo.com](mailto:chinenjoyce@yahoo.com). See you in Manoa Valley, again!

### **MARTY HIGGINS BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS**

**Japanese American Veterans Association Press Release ([www.javadc.org](http://www.javadc.org))**

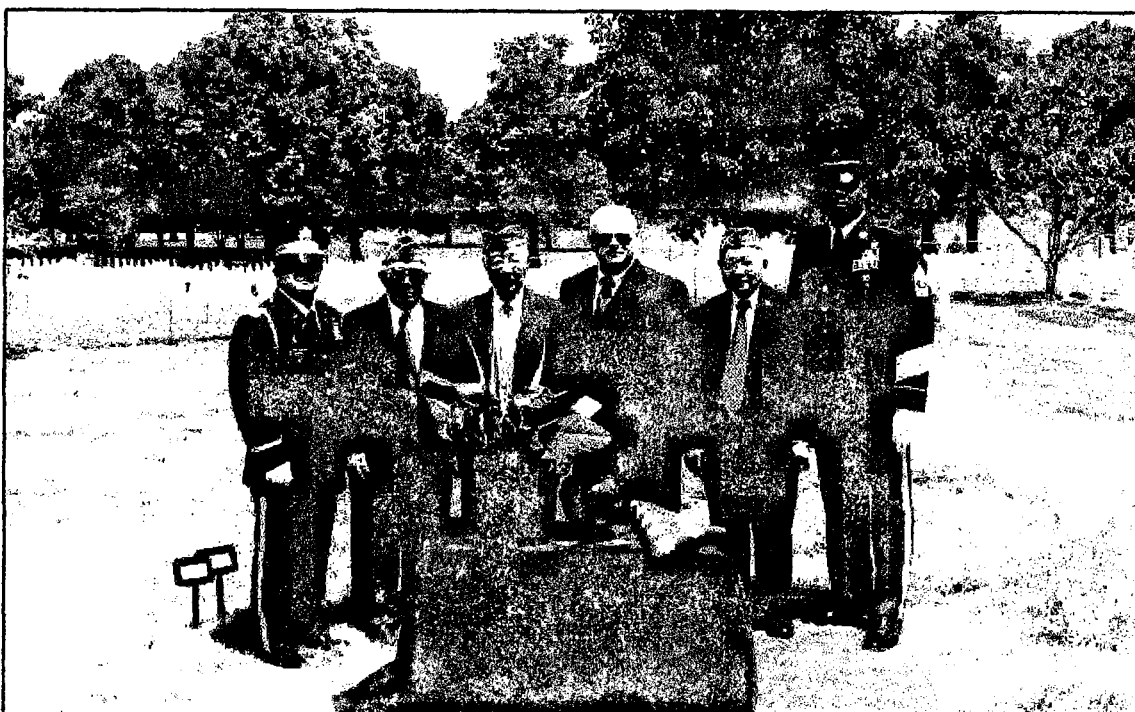
Washington, D.C. Captain Martin Joseph Higgins, 90, and his wife, Marjorie, who died on October 1, 1997, were buried at the Arlington National Cemetery on May 15, 2007 with full military honors. Higgins passed away on February 26, 2007. Three veterans of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team representing the Japanese American Veterans Association and two representatives of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division participated in the funeral program. The 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club Hawaii sent a box of red anthuriums which were displayed at the chapel and at the gravesite. The 442<sup>nd</sup> representatives were Joe Ichiuji, Kelly Kuwayama and Terry Shima. The 36<sup>th</sup> Division representatives were CPT Edgardo Limbo, USANG, and 1SG John F. Sampa, TXARNG.

Higgins' contact with Japanese Americans began on a fateful day, October 31, 1944, when elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 141<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the 36<sup>th</sup> (Texas) Division, were rescued by the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team (RCT), a segregated Japanese American unit, which included the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. Higgins was selected by his peers to command 278 men, who had been encircled by German forces in the Vosges forests of eastern France and was being annihilated. After both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions of the 141st regiment failed to break through the enemy's iron circle, the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT was assigned the tough job. The 442<sup>nd</sup> pierced the German stranglehold after fighting for five days and nights and sustaining casualties two to three times the number of the 211 soldiers left to be saved in the 141st. This rescue operation was subsequently characterized by the US Army as one of the ten most fiercely fought battles in US Army history.

From that day onward, Higgins was a steadfast friend of his Nisei rescuers speaking on their behalf at every opportunity to contribute to the breakdown of prejudice and discrimination. He also supported the passage of legislation which provided citizenship for the Issei, the first generation Japanese residents in the US.. He was invited to various Nisei veterans' reunions, where he paid his respects to the rescuers both living and the fallen. He used his personal funds to visit schools to educate them on nationalism and the bravery of the Nisei.

Full military funeral for Higgins contained the following elements: service at the Fort Meyer chapel, a horse drawn caisson, caparisoned (rider-less) horse, a color guard, an escort platoon., a military band, a military chaplain, three rifle volleys by seven soldiers, military bugler, the formal folding of the

flag, and the presentation of the flag to a member of the family



(L-R) CPT Edgardo Limbo (36<sup>th</sup> Div., USANG), Joe Ichiuji (JAVA), Kelly Kuwayama (JAVA), Michael Higgins; Terry Shima, JAVA; 1SG John F. Sampa (36<sup>th</sup> Div., TXARNG).

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS by Helen Nikaido

**REMINDER!!!!** One Puka Puka 2007 Japan Autumn Tour Meeting: Friday, July 20, at 10:30AM at the Clubhouse. Please check your passport for the expiration date. Should you need to renew your passport, I advise you to do so right away. See you at the meeting.

### *In Memoriam*

NAME	COMPANY	DATE OF DEATH
James K. Izumi	B	July 5, 2005
Yonebo Kuwabara	C/Mainland	November 14, 2006
Stanley Jitsuo Nakanishi	A/Mainland	December 26, 2006
Yoshio Takamoto	A	April 1, 2007
George Saichi Zakimi	Medics	April 9, 2007
Noboru Ashida	A/Mainland	April 12, 2007
Kaoru Yamamoto	D/Mainland	April 13, 2007
Hideo Toyama	B	April 14, 2007
Isamu Harold Kamiya	D	April 23, 2007
John H. Emoto	C/Mainland	May 8, 2007
Michael M. Miyake	B	May 10, 2007

*Our deepest sympathy to their families*

## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS by Sam Fujikawa

The 100<sup>th</sup> club meeting on April 21 was called to order by President Sam Fujikawa. Present were Treasurer Harry Fukasawa, Secretary Amy Nakazawa, and members Ed Nakazawa, Ken and Hisa Miya, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, Chuckie Seki, Fumi Sakato, Mas Takahashi, Harrison Hamasaki, Toke Yoshihashi, Toe Yoshino, Stephen Sato, Teri Fujikawa. Members were reminded to mark their calendars for the May 19th Armed Forces Day Parade. Govan Yee, Russell Nakaishi and Ken Shigemitsu are organizing a pre-parade barbeque luncheon at the north end parking lot starting at 10 AM. White shirts with logo should be worn and the veterans should wear the red, white and blue overseas caps.

Helpful information from Jill Yamashiro, committee member of the Sons and Daughters working on the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Honolulu in June - we are told there are 33 people registered so far from the mainland. Since we are all making our travel arrangements individually, we are glad to hear that good piece of news. With all the Sons and Daughters working so hard to organize the big event, we should participate and support their many events.

Getting back to our meeting, a surprise keepsake was presented to the ladies attending our meeting by Harrison Hamasaki. Large colorful platters with a floral design made in Japan and designed by artist Mori were given out at the end of the meeting. Also, Hank and Elsie Hayashi brought a jar of homemade persimmon jam for everyone which we will all enjoy.

It was decided we need to have a meeting on May 26 after all to discuss upcoming events involving our club. We hope to see everyone there.

Sad news of the passing of Michael Miyake, Co. B, on May 10 has reached us. He will be remembered as an active and loyal spokesman for the 100th who worked with the group of veterans who helped Col. Young Oak Kim, (ret.), lay down the groundwork for the successful building of the Go For Broke monument. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife, Doris, and family.

The opinions expressed in the *Puka Puka Parade* are those of the individual and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Association. We welcome readers to send signed written comments via mail to PPP Editorial Committee, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 or via e-mail to [pukapukaparade@yahoo.com](mailto:pukapukaparade@yahoo.com)

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by Warren Iwai

Major General Jason Kamiya is now Director of Joint Training for U.S. Joint Forces Command and is stationed at Norfolk, VA. On May 13, 2007, he received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Gonzaga University, his alma mater from where he graduated 31 years ago. He was the speaker at the commencement exercises where there were over 900 graduates. He spoke of the fine work of the men and women in the armed forces and nothing of himself. The president of Gonzaga University commented that General Kamiya was a man of humility. Present at this occasion from Hawaii were his proud parents, Larry and Regina Kamiya, and brother, Clayton. Larry was hospitalized for ten full days in April but he wasn't going to miss the big occasion so he just made up his mind to get well and was able to make the trip—with a big assist from Regina.

At our May 28 meeting Kakuto "Cracker" Higuchi was present. He was the platoon sergeant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon on our last push in Italy in April 1945. He was wounded in this action and was able to get to the aid station with the assistance of two men he did not know. They were from another company and to this day he has not been able to thank them. Kakuto and Evelyn have moved to the Plaza (at Punchbowl), an assisted living community. Evelyn is not well and will be having surgery soon. Drop them a note—I'm sure they will appreciate your support.

No meeting in June. But be sure to join the gang at our last hurrah—our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. It will be a sukiyaki luncheon meeting at the Clubhouse. There will be music, games and bingo. Skip Tomiyama and Takako Umamoto are in charge. Call Skip at 263-5824 if you are interested. Donations (of any kind) are welcome. More details in the next *PPP*.

That's all for now.

## HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS by Jan Sakoda

Another chicken-skin moment... After Shigeru Ushijima's story came out in last month's *PPP*, I received a call from Drusilla Tanaka, daughter of Bernard Akamine. A few days before the article appeared in the *PPP* about Boon Takagi, Drusilla had received an inquiry from the mainland trying to get more information on four men who were killed in action, and Boon Takagi was one of those men. Imagine Drusilla's astonishment when she read about Boon in Shigeru Ushijima's article. Such timing! I understand there is an organization that is trying to do a profile of those killed in action and was missing information on Boon Takagi and three others. The goal is to disseminate information about the KIA to all the schools.

Clean up day is June 16, starting at 8:30 a.m. Headquarters is in charge of "whatever else that needs to be done". So far, the following have volunteered to help: Elsie Oshita, Dorothy Tamashiro, Aki and Pat Akimoto, and Mac Moriwake. Let me know if you're planning to come so we can have a bento lunch for you!

Sometime in November, there will be a Veterans' Art Gallery at the Clubhouse, showcasing arts and crafts. Among the veterans exhibiting their talents will be Bernard Akamine and Headquarters' own Seisaburo Taba.

Please join us for our next Headquarters meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse Boardroom.

## STANLEY'S CORNER by Stanley Akita

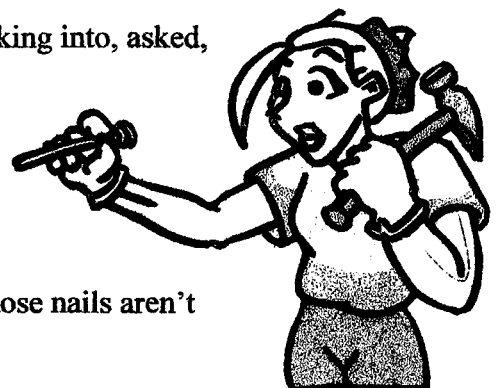


Two blondes with hammers, Becky and Sally Ann, were doing some carpentry work on a house.

Becky, who was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Sally Ann, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?"

Becky explained, "When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end and I throw them away."



Sally Ann got completely upset and yelled, "You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!"

## MAUI CHAPTER NEWS by Stan Izumigawa

In previous issues we listed the names of the veterans in our chapter and this being May, which includes Lei Day and Mother's Day, we want to list the names of the lady members, most of them regulars, who were at our May 15 lunch gathering at Tokyo Tei Restaurant. Spouses' names in *italic* represent those who are deceased.

Thelma (Toshio) Iwami	Sue ( <i>Wataru</i> ) Kaneshina
Lillian ( <i>John</i> ) Miyagawa	Carole ( <i>Arthur</i> ) Shinyama
Helen (Fred) Yamashige	Helen ( <i>Edwin</i> ) Nakashima
Fumie (Katsumi) Hanada	Helen (Tsukio) Yamagata
Fusae ( <i>Shiro</i> ) Yamato	Marie (Edward) Nishihara
Matsuko ( <i>Charles</i> ) Mizoguchi	Kay ( <i>Tadao</i> ) Sato
Lillian ( <i>Wallace</i> ) Maeda	

Several of the ladies sported flower lei, with Sue Kaneshina's woven orchid and Lillian Miyagawa's (not too often seen nowadays) red carnation ones garnering the most attention. Judging from the camaraderie and lively chat everyone enjoyed themselves

Since we are scheduled to get together only twice a year due to declining participation, the question of whether to join up with the 442<sup>nd</sup> for the activity schedule was kicked around and more felt that we should, rather than should not. So next year, we will be getting together with the 442<sup>nd</sup> for several lunch meeting socials, and our club will need to fund our share of the costs and be responsible for taking care of one of the sessions.

### REMINISCENCE - IN MEMORIAM THE 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION, FORGOTTEN CHAPTERS CIVITAVECCHIA TO THE ARNO RIVER by Saburo Nishime

When it reached the area of Civitavecchia to the Arno River, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion was one of the three Battalions of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, under the 14<sup>th</sup> Division. From the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 1944, the following is the listing of the KIA.

1)	Akimoto, John	Company C	2 August 1944
2)	Akiyama, Hideo	Company C	10 July 1944
3)	Doi, Haruo	Company A	9 July 1944
4)	Eaton, Kenneth E.	Company C	9 July 1944
5)	Ebata, Tetsu (1 Lt.)	Company A	3 July 1944
6)	Ethridge, Harold C. (2 Lt.)	Company C	27 June 1944
7)	Higa, Eddie K.	Company C	9 July 1944
8)	Hiramatsu, Kazuo L.	Company C	7 July 1944
9)	Hotta, Kihachiro	Company C	20 July 1944
10)	Ikeda, William K.	Company B	14 July 1944
11)	Kinoshita, Francis T.	Company C	9 July 1944
12)	Koda, Kiichi	Company A	9 July 1944
13)	Masuda, Yoshito	Company C	7 July 1944
14)	Matsui, Masao	Company C	9 July 1944
15)	Mekata, Thomas	Company D	21 August 1944
16)	Miyabe, Charles M.	Company A	9 July 1944
17)	Mizutari, Yukitaka	Company C	23 June 1944
18)	Morisaki, Harold	Company A	12 July 1944
19)	Murakami, Toshio T.	Company A	9 July 1944
20)	Nagaji, Grover	Company B	26 June 1944
21)	Nagao, Goichi	Company C	30 August 1944
22)	Nishi, Takanori	Company C	12 July 1944
23)	Nishitani, Chieto	Company A	15 July 1944
24)	Onodera, Satoru	Company C	5 July 1944
25)	Sadayasu, Herbert K.	Company C	9 July 1944
26)	Sahara, Atsuo	Company A	22 August 1944
27)	Saito, Kinji	Company HQ	22 August 1944
28)	Takagi, Boon E. (1 Lt.)	Company C	12 July 1944
29)	Takeo, Robert M.	Company C	7 July 1944
30)	Tanaka, Matsusaburo	Company C	26 June 1944
31)	Tomita, Isami	Company C	9 July 1944
32)	Yamashita, Kazuo	Company D	11 July 1944
33)	Yasuda, Joe R.	Company C	9 July 1944

This list will continue in the next issue of the *PPP* with the members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion who were KIA in France, The Vosges Mountains.

## **A PEEK INTO THE PAST by Jayne Hirata-Epstein**

### **Playing Cards at the Clubhouse**

Thank you to Goro Sumida (A Company) for sharing this wonderful photo of some of “the boys” at the Clubhouse taken years ago. Mr. Sumida has an amazing collection of photographs that span decades and even more impressive, knows who is in each photo and the story that goes with it. If you are looking for information about someone in A Company, make sure you “talk story” with Mr. Sumida and he will definitely be able to help you and may even have an accompanying photograph somewhere.

Standing (from left to right) in the photograph below is Masaru Kadomoto (A Co.), Mitsuru Doi (B Co.), Eddie Ikuma (HQ) and Leo Sato . Playing cards (from left to right) are Masato Nakae (A Co.), Kikuji Tojio, Charlie Kawamata (with his back to the camera, D. Co.) and Kengo Miyano (B Co.).



### **Japanese-Americans in Italy. The War Department Wrote “Proved”**

Mahalo to Ruth Kunishige (wife of Susumu Kunishige) for sending this well-preserved photo from her husband’s scrapbook of the men of E Company, after Hill 600 in Italy to the *PPP*. The photo appeared in an Army and Navy publication along with the following article:

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### **No Problem**

From a cautious experiment, the Army had received an unexpectedly rich reward. A group of sinewy oriental soldiers, only one generation removed from a nation that was fighting fanatically against the U.S., was fighting just as fanatically for it. Last week, the War Department wrote “proved” on the experiment. It added a unit citation (for outstanding performance of duty in action”) to the already remarkable collection of medals held by the Japanese-American 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

For almost two years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, young Japanese-American soldiers trained hard and all but unnoticed at a camp in the U.S. Then the news began to spread – they looked so good that the War Department began to recruit more from Hawaii.

The first group soon got a real test. Formed up as the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, they were sent to North Africa, attached to the 34<sup>th</sup> Division. To keep them a racial unit the War Department sent along

500 reserve Nisei to augment the 100<sup>th</sup>'s normal battalion strength of 800. The reserves were soon needed.

**Coming Through.** From the day of their first action - the 100<sup>th</sup> had one tough fight after another. The stocky brown-skinned boys, with their curious Hawaiian English, showed themselves good shots, doggedly resistant in combat.

Fifteen enlisted men won battlefield promotions. After Cassino, where they had spearheaded the crossing of the Rapido River and had clung to a corner of the town for many days, their combat strength was down to 120 men.

In the action at Belvedere, for which the 100<sup>th</sup> was officially cited, the divisional commander had to commit the battalion sooner than expected, to outflank a tough German position. With little artillery support, the Nisei cut behind the position of some 500 Germans, knocked it to pieces, killed, wounded and captured 271 Germans.

After the capture of Rome, the 100<sup>th</sup> was joined by its recently trained counterpart, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Combat Team, also Japanese-Americans. Both units are exceptionally popular in the Fifth Army, have a wonderful knack for organizing little comforts, cooking up tasty un-Army dishes.

More recently the Japanese-Americans have seen action at San Luce and Postina. Last week, their versatility was further recognized. They had pitched in with the Engineers to help rebuild the post of Leghorn. Said their commander, Major General Charles W. Ryder: they're the best troops in the Division.



The caption accompanying the photo above reads: Japanese-Americans in Italy. The War Department wrote "proved". Standing in the photo (from left to right) are Yozo Yamamoto (B Co.), Henry Shiyama, Yoshikatsu Matsumoto (A Co.), Kaoru Yamamoto (D Co.), Charles Okimoto (A Co.) and Takeshi Kimura (C Co.). Kneeling (from left to right) are Kunio Fujimoto (A Co.), Susumu Kunishige (A Co.), Ray Yokoyama (D Co.), Katsui Jinnohara (C Co.), and Kaoru Yonezawa (C Co.).

If you have a photo or a news article from long ago (or even not so long ago) that you would like to share with your fellow *PPP* readers, please send it to the *PPP* along with any information you may have about the people, places or event pictured. You can drop off or mail the original photo or article to us at the Clubhouse and we will scan it and return it to you. You can also e-mail a copy to us at [pukapukaparade@yahoo.com](mailto:pukapukaparade@yahoo.com).

## OFFICE "MAHALO" REPORT (6/07) by Amanda Stevens and Evelyn Tsuda

We acknowledge receipt of the following donations, with much thanks:

### 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans:

Kay K. Oshiro	IM of Seiji "Lefty" Tanigawa	\$20.00
Frances Marie Tannen	IM of Paul Tamura	10.00
Larry & Ann Higashi	IM of Paul Tamura	25.00
Ronald & Patricia Siu	IM of Paul Tamura	25.00

### 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Scholarship Fund:

Ann F. Honbo	IM of Tadao Honbo	100.00
Warren Iwai	IM of Mieko Tsubota	50.00
Kazuto Shimizu ( S&D Grant)	IM of Seiji Tanigawa	30.00
* Allan Tanigawa, Ann Imamura, & Glenn Tanigawa (previous list was incomplete)	IM of Kinuye "Kay" Tanigawa	500.00

### 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Building Maintenance Fund:

Rikio & Evelyn Tsuda	IM of Mike Miyake	100.00
Stanley & Doris Kimura	IM of Stella Tanigawa, Kay Tanigawa, & Lefty Tanigawa	100.00
Larry & Fumi Isono (S&D Grant)	IM of Seiji Tanigawa	50.00
Takeshi Teshima	IM of Mike Miyake	200.00
Robert Takashige	IM of Mike Miyake	100.00

### Puka Puka Parade:

Fusako Murai		25.00
Otoe Ebisu		20.00

### 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

Warren Iwai	IM of Ben Takayesu	100.00
Stanley Izumigawa		100.00
Councilmember Ann Kobayashi		100.00
Robert Arakaki (S&D Grant)		300.00
Jerry Manin (S&D Grant)		500.00
Sons & Daughters		3,500.00

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## INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MONETARY DONATIONS

As a non-profit organization, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Association depends on monetary and material donations and the work of volunteers for the success of all of its programs and activities. Our tax status is 501(c)4, which means we are exempt from paying taxes on donations that we receive. However, donors may not claim a tax deduction for the donations they give us because monetary donations given to this veterans' organization is not tax deductible. **If a receipt for tax deduction is not requested, checks may be made to "100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans" and, in the Memo portion of the check or in a separate note, indicate the fund to which the donation is made (see the list of funds below) and if it is being made "in memory of" or "in honor of" or other remark.**

If you desire to make a tax-deductible donation, please make your donation check payable to the "Sons & Daughters of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion" and specify the information as outlined above. The Sons & Daughters of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion is a 501(c)3 organization which can accept tax deductible contributions as allowed by law. Because part of its mission is to support the programs and activities of our veterans' organization in several ways, including making monetary grants, donors who designate the veterans' organization are assured that their donations will be used according to their expressed intentions. All donations of more than ten dollars are acknowledged with a receipt.

### Funds to which donations may be made:

100 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans	Sons & Daughters of the 100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn Veterans
100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Building Maintenance Fund	S&D Scholarship Fund
100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Scholarship Fund	Sakae Takahashi Scholarship Fund
<i>Puka Puka Parade</i>	James Lovell Scholarship Fund
Various chapters (Able, Baker, Charlie, etc.)	Moichi & Frances Okazaki Scholarship Fund
Other Programs of the 100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Vets, specify such as "Memorial Service"	Oral History Program

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Amanda Stevens at the Clubhouse at 946-0272.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

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## **CLUBHOUSE OPENHOUSE**

Help us to share our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Community  
A FREE event for the whole family

We are inviting the public to come and talk story with veterans and their families, browse through our historical archives, watch videos about the Japanese-American experience during World War II, enjoy a photo exhibit of the early days of the Clubhouse and hear plans for an Education Resource Center. As we are promoting our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we want to take this time to include those who won't necessarily be able to attend our banquet and bash. This will be a unique and special opportunity to share our history and vision of the future with our friends in the community.

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007, 10 AM - 2 PM**

**100<sup>TH</sup> INF. BN. VETERANS CLUBHOUSE**  
**520 KAMOKU STREET**

**Free parking at Ala Wai Elementary School**

Bring the keiki for storytime. Relax with some ono refreshments.

For more information, please call 946-0272

or e-mail [club100vets@yahoo.com](mailto:club100vets@yahoo.com)

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### **Reminder!!!! Annual Clubhouse Clean-up**

**Saturday, June 16, 2007 Starting at 8:30 am**  
lunch to follow

(Parking will be available at Ala Wai School beginning at 8 am)

Attention 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Ohana:

Let's get the place in great shape for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. Please bring your children and grandchildren.

The Hawaii Housekeeping Association (The Miramar at Waikiki) will mop after everyone has left. Also, we are so fortunate that a few of our Military volunteers (Army, Navy Seabees and Marines) will be helping us. This year, we'll be dividing the work to include the clean-up of parts of the apartment building

Please call Amanda at 946-0272 for more information.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2007**

*(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)*

- ABLE.....No Meeting because of the Clubhouse Bash
- BAKER.....No Meeting because of the Annual Clubhouse Cleanup
- CHARLIE.....No Meeting
- DOG.....No Meeting because of the Annual Clubhouse Cleanup
- HQ/MED..... Saturday, June 9..... 10:00 am
- RURAL ..... No Meeting
- MAINLAND CHAPTER..... Thursday, June 14
- HAWAII CHAPTER..... Thursday, June 28...AJA Vets Memorial Hall..... 11:00 am
- MAUI CHAPTER..... No Meeting
- BOARD MEETING..... Friday, June 22 (new date)..... 10:00 am
- LINE DANCING..... Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27..... 9:00 am
- CRAFTS..... Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26..... 9:00 am
- JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Tuesday, June 12..... 10:30 am
- ANN. CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP...Saturday, June 16..... 8:30 am
- 65<sup>th</sup> AC - REGISTRATION..... Friday, June 22.....9:00 am – 6:00 pm
- 65<sup>th</sup> AC - REGISTRATION..... Saturday, June 23.....9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 65<sup>th</sup> AC – MEMORIAL SVC..... Saturday, June 23...St Alban’s Chapel, ‘Iolani School 10:00 am
- 65<sup>th</sup> AC – BASH/CASINO/CRAFTS...Saturday, June 23.....11:30 am – 5:00 pm
- 65<sup>th</sup> AC – BANQUET/LUNCHEON....Sunday, June 24..Coral Ballroom, Hilton HI Village..10:30 am

**ATTENTION --:** Article deadline for every issue of the *PPP* will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month. (Please submit articles on time or they may not be included in the issue.)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Collating for this month will be on Friday, June 29 at 8:30 am. **CHARLIE** Chapter is responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to *kokua*.

Please send Chapter news, articles, comments or anything to do with the *PPP* to [pukapukaparade@yahoo.com](mailto:pukapukaparade@yahoo.com).

For Club business, questions or correspondence, address to: [club100vets@yahoo.com](mailto:club100vets@yahoo.com).

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We love you  
Grandpa !!

