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This email version of the **Puka Puka Parade** contains full-color photos as well as uncropped and "bonus" photos that we could not include in the mailed version. Thus, if you plan to print this out, be warned that a lot more of your own paper and ink supply than usual may be consumed.

As a reminder, the deadline for the 69th Anniversary Banquet is June 10, 2011. Be sure to send in your completed registration form and payment, as well as any special requests (seating, transportation) by the deadline. The form was included in the April 2011 issue.

Aloha,

The Puka Puka Parade Editorial Committee



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pauline Sato

When I was a child, I had a t-shirt from Japan that my aunt gave me that had a somewhat awkward phrase in English on it: "Summer has come from where?" But I understand the feeling completely as it's almost summer and my first year as President of this organization is nearly halfway through. Where does the time go?

Time, indeed, marches and we move forward with it. On behalf of the Club, I want to congratulate our friends from the 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment who have recently reached new milestones. Lieutenant Colonel Kimo Dunn has been promoted and will leave his position as Battalion Commander. Beau Tatsumura is being promoted to Battalion Command Sergeant Major and Sergeant Major Dean Shackles is retiring. Best wishes and thank you for upholding the legacy of the One Puka Puka!

Another milestone, in a sense, is that descendant representatives from the four Nisei veterans organizations – 100th, 442nd, MIS, and 1399th – have been meeting regularly, along with people from the Go For Broke Association and Go For Broke National Education Center, to plan for the Congressional Gold Medal celebration in Honolulu in December. While I represent the Club, I also know my first duty is as a daughter of a veteran, since that is what I have always been and always shall be. This kind of collaboration among descendants bodes well for the future of our respective groups and our ability to work together in the future.

Speaking of working together, thanks to the support of so many people who worked largely as volunteers, we were able to keep the Club office open and functioning during the past six weeks. I cannot express my gratitude enough for these amazing people (Arlene, Amy, Lynette, Colleen, and Janice). As of May 1, we welcomed our new Office Coordinator, Monica Coldwell (see article on page 11). She has stepped in seamlessly and already brought joy, efficiency, and stability to our organization. Thank you for making her feel so welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their continuing generosity toward relief efforts in Japan. We received an additional \$1,150 for the American Red Cross and \$500 for the Japan America Society of Hawaii. That brings our total to \$6,370. Mahalo nui loa!

As always, if you would like to share any ideas that would benefit the Club, please contact me at (email) 100thpresident@gmail.com. Mahalo and aloha, *Pauline*

Right: Pauline is honored to meet Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, at the Go For Broke Association's annual dinner on May 7.





In Memoriam

Jon Jitsuzo Chinen (C)
Passed away April 14, 2011

Shoichi Harada (B)
Passed away April 23, 2011

Our deepest sympathy to their families

COLLATING REPORT FOR MAY ISSUE

by Arlene Sato

The following helped on April 23: Doris Aimoto, Bernard and Jeanette Akamine, Drusilla, Stanley, and Cecilee Tanaka, Robert and Nancy Arakaki, Kenneth Higa, Susumu Kunishige, Seie Oshiro, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Dot Tamashiro, Bert Turner, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Takako Umamoto, Shelley Santo, Bert Hamakado, Aki Nosaka, Margaret Ota and her three daughters- Chris DeRosa, Lillian Helton, and Carole Ota. We were treated to a variety of goodies. Jeannette's homemade mango bread was full of nuts and raisins and sooo delicious. Ann Kabasawa brought her famous ono chocolate chip brownies. Drusilla Tanaka's cherry cake was so yummy. Bert Hamakado brought fresh mochi and chichi dango straight from Nisshodo. Margaret Ota's family brought two delicious pies from a famous Wahiawa bakery. Chris DeRosa hand-carried a big box of freshly roasted peanuts straight from Virginia. Shelley Santo donated a can of coffee grounds. The next collating will be on Saturday, June 25, at 9:00.

While we worked on collating the newsletter, four Army Reservists worked quietly sweeping and mopping the inside of the building. They made the bathrooms smell fresh and sparkling clean. Then they even did yard work outside in the hot sun. Thank you, Reservists, for your continued support!

A NOTE ON THE JAPAN DISASTER

by Joy Teraoka

At the clubhouse, someone passed around a Japanese magazine showing detailed pictures of the recent earthquake/tsunami/nuclear disaster. There was unbelievably shocking destruction as the tsunami washed its way over miles and miles of homes, roads, buildings, trees and anything in its pathway.

It made me think of my relatives living in Iwaki City, Fukushima-ken. Soon after the catastrophe, I tried to phone them, but no land line phones were in operation. Finally, I emailed a relative in Tokyo and asked him to try to contact our relatives in Iwaki to see if they were safe. Finally, he succeeded in contacting them by cell phone. We were relieved to learn that since they lived on higher ground, their home was spared destruction even though here and there, many other buildings suffered damage. One family of relatives lives about 15 miles from the Fukushima nuclear plants and the other about 30 miles away.

I was able to write to my relatives recently and they responded. They were touched by our concern for their well-being. They said they were trying to wear a smiling face, persevere, and carry on as best they could as Japan recovers from this catastrophe. That positive attitude in the face of such a disaster is what has brought much admiration and praise toward that nation. Instead of looting, rioting and other negative behavior that has happened in our own America after a destructive disaster, in general, the people of Japan showed consideration and respect toward one another and their property. Remarkably, they extended a helping hand or offered water or tea to weary walkers when public transportation was cut off. They have literally "picked themselves up, dusted themselves off, and started all over again." These thoughtful, spontaneous gestures reflect favorably on their values and behavior.

It is also impressive how generously and willingly the people of Hawaii have responded by donating time and money to the Japan Relief Fund drives. It gives us hope to know that compassion and caring are still very much alive in a world fraught with wars, calamities and suffering.



69th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Thanks for the Memories

**Honolulu Country Club, 1690 Ala Puumalu Street
Saturday, July 2, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

This year's banquet promises to be particularly memorable. Grandchildren will have significant roles in the program, and children and grandchildren will be featured in a video that will be shown at the banquet. Shelley Tualla, granddaughter of Sakae and Stella Tanigawa (B), has joined the creative team designing unique program booklets, centerpieces and favors. *Na Wahine U'i*, comprised of Skip Tomiyama (Yoshiyuki Tomiyama/C), Barbara Martin and Gladys Nakoa, will greet you with beautiful Hawaiian music when you enter the banquet facility. Under the direction of Instructor Sandy Zook, the Line Dancers will be performing "God Bless the USA."

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Aaron Oshita, grandson of the late Mitchell "Tony" Oshita (HQ) and Elsie Oshita. Assisting him will be Mari Galihier, granddaughter of Tokuji and Toshiko Ono (B). The keynote speaker will be Dr. Cass Nakasone, grandson of the late Jack Nakasone (B), and son of Jackson Nakasone.

As usual, our faithful volunteer photographers will be there taking pictures. They are bringing equipment to develop the pictures on site so they can be purchased, by cash or check, at the end of the banquet. An album with photos from last year's banquet will be available and orders can be placed for those photos. Don't forget a group photo of the veterans is scheduled for 10:30.

Please do not hesitate to ask for transportation. Volunteers will pick you up and take you home and the Reservists are willing to help as well.

Some volunteers, no skills necessary, are needed on Saturday, June 25, at 1:00 at the clubhouse. A few more volunteers are needed on the day of the banquet, July 2. We will be asking descendants that have registered for the banquet to fulfill those needs.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Arlene Sato (387-1954 or arleneksato@yahoo.com) or Amy Muroshige (285-2105 or amuroshige@hawaiiantel.net).

ENTRÉE SELECTION

- A Roast loin of pork
- B Sauteed filet of mahimahi
- C Vegetarian Pasta

NEED A REGISTRATION FORM? CALL THE CLUBHOUSE OFFICE TO REQUEST ONE.

REQUESTING INFORMANTS AND POSSIBLE INTERVIEWEES

Professor Joyce Chinen (daughter of the late Wally & Kay Chinen, D Co.) is researching Okinawans who were interned and/or held as POWs at the Honouliuli Internment and POW Camp in the 'Ewa-Waipahu-Kunia area. If you have any recollections of Okinawans at Honouliuli or other confinement sites in Hawai'i, or know of persons who would be willing to share information, please contact her at 454-4720 or by email at chinen@hawaii.edu. Dr. Chinen is part of a multi-disciplinary research group studying Honouliuli and other confinement sites in Hawaii. Their research is partially funded by a grant from the National Park Service.

CHANGE IN ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 2011 PUKA PUKA PARADE

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the August 2011 issue is **July 11, 2011**. We are making this one-time change in order to accommodate our volunteers' schedules. Your understanding and cooperation in submitting your articles and photos earlier than usual for the August 2011 issue is greatly appreciated. There will be plenty for the Chapter correspondents to write about soon after the 69th Anniversary Banquet on July 2, so the quicker it's in writing, the better!



A word about photographs: The Puka Puka Parade emailed version contains full-color photos. The photos in the mailed version are black and white. The emailed version will sometimes have extra photos that will not appear in the mailed version. If you'd like to be added to the email list, send in your request to pukaparade@gmail.com or contact Amy Muroshige at 285-2105. You must provide us with your email address. By saving us paper and postage costs, you will receive the newsletter earlier and the bonus photos, too!

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL UPDATE

by Pauline Sato

Progress is being made on the design selection for the Congressional Gold Medal. Front and back designs selected by various veterans' groups including the 100th have been proposed by the U.S. Mint to the Commission of Fine Arts and approved. The next step is to go to the Citizen Coinage Advisory Commission for approval. The clock is ticking as the U.S. Mint needs to produce the real medal and at least 1,000 replicas by the time of the event in Washington, D.C., this fall. The celebration date is still undetermined, but all are keeping fingers crossed for early November.

Thanks to generous donors, including BAE Systems, replica medals will be given free to an eligible veteran* if he attends either the Washington, D.C., or Honolulu event. If he is unable to attend either, every effort will be made to provide a replica at his home, if replicas are available after the Hawaii event in December. Widows of KIA and family of deceased veterans may also receive a medal free if there are any remaining. Medals can be purchased.

The key point to note, and this is important, is that if you are a veteran eligible to receive this medal, please REGISTER on the National Veterans Network even if you are not planning to go to Washington, D.C. This is the only way the organizers will know that you want a medal. A deadline has not been stated, but it would be best to do it sooner than later. You may register online at nationalveteransnetwork.com and click on "registration." If you need help with this, please ask the office.



*Members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) who served during World War II are eligible for this award. The Department of Defense has determined that World War II covers the period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946. Any Nisei who served in the MIS, overseas or domestic, with an MIS MOS, in direct support of translators, interrogators, communications interceptors, special operations personnel, or cave flushers are eligible.

POST WWII ITALY--OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH A BIDET

by B.S. Akamine

In early summer of 1945, we moved to Marina De Pisa from Leghorn. There, we occupied a small resort hotel. Marina De Pisa was called the Riviera of Italy with a wide, sandy beach and a gentle sea.

When we entered the hotel building, all the rooms were empty. There was no furniture except this white porcelain fixture on the floor, like a toilet bowl. but no tank. Everyone wondered, "What the heck is this thing?" Every room had one. In our room, finally, one guy leaned over and when he turned the valves, he got a shot of high pressure water on his face, and when he stepped back, the stream of water hit the ceiling. Everyone had a good laugh, but no one knew what the heck it was. Some years later, I learned the name of this fixture-bidet-but I still wasn't sure what it was for.



In early 1980, my wife and I went on a trip to South America. I had 13 cousins residing in the city of Campo Grande, which is located in the southeastern corner of Brazil. Every one of my cousins' homes had a bidet in the bathroom. When I asked one of my cousin's sons what is that thing used for, he said that it is used for feminine hygiene and it can also be used to cleanse the *okole*.

Later that year we visited Okinawa. My cousin's home had a urinal, a toilet bowl, a bidet, plus a wash basin and a *furo* in his bathroom. When I asked if all the homes in Okinawa had a bathroom like his, he said yes. End of story.

TWO ELITE US ARMY AIRBORNE DIVISIONS COMMANDED BY JAPANESE AMERICANS from Japanese Americans Veterans Association (JAVA)

There's no doubt that opportunities for minorities in America have come a long way; it's no different for those who serve in the military. In the past there haven't always been the same opportunities for minorities in the military as there are today.

You can find proof of the large strides that have been made by looking at two of the U.S. Army's most legendary combat units; the 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are both commanded by an American of Japanese heritage.

Major General John F. Campbell, commanding general, 101st Airborne Division, based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, has Japanese ancestry that comes from his mother's side. The Fairfield, California, native is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, class of 1979. He joins the ranks of other famous commanders of the 101st "Screaming Eagles," to include Generals Maxwell D. Taylor, William Westmoreland and David Petraeus.

Major General James L. Huggins, Jr., commanding general, 82nd Airborne Division, based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, has Japanese ancestry that also comes from his mother's side. The Honolulu, Hawaii, native, a Leilehua High School graduate, entered the Army via Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Georgia. He follows in the footsteps of famous former 82nd "All-American" commanders such as Generals Matthew B. Ridgeway, James M. Gavin, Maxwell D. Taylor, and Omar N. Bradley.

Having Japanese heritage isn't the only thing these commanders have in common; they both have impeccable credentials for their respective positions. They are close friends having once served as Brigade Commanders in the 82nd Airborne at the same time and are known for their outstanding leadership qualities and caring for the welfare of their men, women and their families. The two officers (photos at right) are well respected by their subordinates, peers, and superiors.

During World War II, both elite divisions launched a massive air invasion, the largest air assault in history, to secure landing zones for the infantry forces on June 6, 1944, Normandy Invasion. They both contributed to Germany's defeat in the historic Battle of the Bulge.

MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL REVISITED

On May 20, 100th veterans Sonsei Nakamura, Kenneth Higa, Masaharu Saito, and Robert Arakaki along with Mrs. Carol Saito were guests of the Mililani School Kupono Grade 6 students and teachers.

The veterans were the featured speakers for the Peace Garden Ceremony, the culminating event for the students' study of peaceful conflict resolution. The group was welcomed by Teacher Keri Coloma. Other teachers in the Kupono 6 team are Diane Kagawa, Sera Castillo, Cristina Capasso, and Debbie Wilson.

The first year of the program, back in the late 90's, Mrs. Harriet Carmody, now retired and niece of the late Kenneth Kaneko (B), contacted the Clubhouse office to request veterans to speak on their WWII experiences. When Martin Tohara, Tokuji Ono, Don Matsuda and Joe Muramatsu first shared their World War II experiences at the initial "planting of the painted rocks" in the Peace Garden, they emphasized that war is no solution to conflict. Mr. Ono said he painted the Latin word for peace, "pax," on his rock with the "hope that the emphasis on peace would help us shape a better world than we've had so far." (Honolulu Star-Bulletin)



Photo courtesy of Christina's Gallery on Picasa Web



MG John F. Campbell, USA
Commanding General
101st Airborne Division



MG James L. Huggins, USA
Commanding General
82nd Airborne Division

Photos courtesy of Terry Shima

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Joy Teraoka

If you haven't sent in your reservations for the 69th Anniversary Banquet, this is a reminder to do so as soon as possible. The deadline is June 10.



We appreciate the members who came to our May 7 Dog Chapter meeting. Their participation is helping to keep our chapter alive. Their input, exchange of ideas, and questions are vital to the chapter and to the club in their preparation for near and future activities. Therefore, please make the effort to come to our meetings.

In the April 2011 issue of the *PPP*, I stated that at one of our meetings, Moriso Teraoka introduced the idea of having annual joint luncheons with the 100th/442nd/MIS/1399 organizations. He hoped our chapter president would propose to the Board of Directors that it spearhead the planning of such an annual event. Moriso emphasized that this would not in any way be connected to the Gold Congressional Medal award, but simply an annual get-together to perpetuate the bonds among these World War II veterans and their families.

Although Dog Chapter will have a meeting on the first Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m., at the clubhouse, there **will be no Dog Chapter meeting in the month of July** because of the banquet.

DESCENDANTS CHAPTER NEWS

by Bert Hamakado
(club100dc@gmail.com)

Due to popular demand, we have ordered license plate frames with the 100th logo and are hoping they will be available for sale at the banquet.

Mahalo to Tom Tsubota for his donation of \$30 in memory of Kenneth Muroshige.



BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Evelyn Tsuda

I'm happy to announce that Baker Chapter has added three honorary members to our roster. They are:

- Robert Ozaki, nephew of Sgt. Robert Ozaki, KIA, who was recently inurned at Punchbowl (see the previous issue of PPP).
- Judge Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr., (ret.), a very close friend of the Ozaki family.
- Ralph Steensen, Jr., also a very close friend of the Ozaki family

These men have expressed their interest in supporting the veterans of the 100th and we feel very fortunate to have them as part of our ohana.

We were sad to hear that Shoichi Harada, a Company B veteran, passed away on April 23, 2011. Bob and Nancy Arakaki, Bert Hamakado, Bert Kuioka and our new honorary member Ralph Steensen attended the memorial service on May 11 at Hosoi Mortuary. They were treated with great warmth and appreciation and were seated up front with the family and were introduced to the congregation. Shoichi's granddaughter, Chris Ito, related how proud her grandfather was of the 100th Battalion. Shoichi was from Kauai and his parents owned the Harada Store in Mana, Kauai. We extend our deepest condolences to Shoichi's family.

Our May meeting was a lively one with 22 members in attendance. We started off with a delicious lunch of huli huli chicken (donated by Aki Nosaka), nori musubi and salad (Evelyn), and ono desserts (Bert Kuioka and Jeanette Akamine). We also enjoyed crab and shrimp-flavored chips made by Rose Hamakado (Bert says he helped her). During our lunch, Bernard (looking real well) conducted the door prize giveaways which consisted of a *gomitori* which was won by Elaine Nakamura and a decorative "Hemo Da Slippa" door sign won by Robert Arakaki. The giveaways are handcrafted by Bernard and are coveted by everyone. Thank you, Bernard, for your generosity.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on June 4, 2011. If you plan to attend, please call Robert Arakaki at 737-5244 or Evelyn at 262-8285.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

By Sam Fujikawa

Greetings from the mainland. It seems we are so very busy attending meetings, volunteer sessions at Go For Broke and keeping up with many appointments, that we end up feeling like we need to stop and REST a while.

At many of the gatherings, the 100th members participate and help so faithfully with other members and friends. It is so gratifying that we are still able to see and visit with everyone and, at the same time support, whatever project that needs attention.

On Monday, April 18, our Go For Broke CEO, President Don Nose, had another one of his famous Barbequed Hamburger and Sausage luncheons - with all the trimmings - for a huge turnout of volunteers and friends, assisted by his wonderful hardworking staff. 100th members spotted among the happy group were Ken Miya, Ed Nakazawa, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Toke Yoshihashi, James and Yuri Ogawa, Chiz Ohira, Duke Ogawa, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa. Everything was delicious and enjoyable and certainly a welcome event amid all the very sad and tragic happenings all over, especially in Japan.

There have been many discussions about the maintenance issues of the Go For Broke Monument in downtown L.A. that are of great concern to the veterans and families. Lighting fixtures situated around the monument need vital repair and replacement and updating. We are grateful to the dedicated docent veterans who go every week to "spread the important story" of the WWII Japanese American Units. A campaign dedicated solely to the maintenance of the monument has been started, and we hope many people will be responding to the worthy cause.

The celebrations for the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal have been the topic of great interest at our meetings and we are being kept up to date on various aspects of this very important historical event. All veterans and their caregivers have been urged to sign up for the trip to Washington, D.C., and those family members that need to be added to the trip have also been urged to register as soon as possible with Metta Tanikawa (Congressional.GoldMedal@gmail.com or www.nationalveteransnetwork.com.)

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS, continued



Our saddest bit of news this month is about Yaeko Chuckie Seki, our beloved, treasured member, wife of the late Lloyd Seki, 100th, Co D. After a long, brave struggle with her illness, she passed away on April 26. The very lovely service at the Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, attended by at least a thousand of her family and friends, was highlighted by her daughter, Lorraine, and son, Bill, who presented their mother's wonderful history and eulogy. All of us will certainly miss her presence at all of our events, meetings, and volunteer projects, but know that we are so fortunate to have had her with us for all these many years. Among the 100th members attending the service were Harry Fukasawa, Henry and Elsie Hayashi and daughter Sharon Shimazaki, Don and Sets Miyada, Ed Nakazawa, James and Yuri Ogawa, Chiz Ohira, Yoko Sakato (daughter of the late Henry and Fumi Sakato), Ben and Jean Tagami, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Howard Tanaka, son of the late Douglas Tanaka, Kei and Chisato Yamaguchi, Kaz Yoshitake, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa and Teri's sister, Mitsi Fuchigami.

Our next event is the upcoming Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance on Saturday, May 21st. Association VP Govan Yee announced that all veterans should try to participate in this year's special recognition of the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal for the 100/442/MIS during the parade. Those planning to participate should gather in the usual parking lot area near the grandstand for the "parking lot picnic." The veterans will be driven to the start of the parade area at 12. Those planning to participate should turn their names in to Ken Shigemitsu at 626-292-7066.

Of course, let's not forget our Annual Mini Reunion in Las Vegas!! Our reunion will begin on Sunday, October 23, 2011, and continue through Thursday, October 27, 2011. This year our Banquet will be on Monday, October 24th, and we'll have a wonderful buffet. We will have our slot tournaments, too, as well as the Hospitality Room. The mainland gang will be getting their registration form in the mail soon. The Hawaii people will be able to get the form from Ann Kabasawa (808) 781-8540 or e-mail: diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com. More details to follow. Hope to see all of you there!

ABLE ANTICS
by Jayne Hirata-Epstein

Your Able Chapter reporter apologizes for being AWOL in the May PPP, but I missed the publication deadline because I was hard at work on Mommy duty at the Iolani Fair. *Gomenasai*.

Able Chapter donated \$500 to the Japan America Society of Hawaii (JASH) to support earthquake and tsunami relief efforts by the Japan Red Cross. An additional \$50 was donated by 442nd veteran Isao "Roy" Takiyama, a good friend of Goro Sumida. Thanks, Roy, for your generosity. If you are interested in making a donation via JASH, please visit their website at www.jashawaii.org or call 524-4450.

Turnout for the past few Able meetings have been very low, so much so that Goro had to get on the phone and call people to see if they were coming to the April meeting. This has put quite a strain on the veterans who do attend because they feel they must personally bear the brunt of cleaning the Clubhouse and doing the yard work. If not for the manpower provided by the 100th/442nd Army Reservists (who also keep an eye on the "boys" to make sure they are okay), the many tasks could not be accomplished. Even if you are not a member of Able Co., we invite you to come and help. If you are helping with collating, just stick around. This would be a great opportunity for groups like the Scouts or school kids who need community service hours since they will interact with veterans from WWII and current soldiers. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all volunteers!

WHAT'S UP WITH THE WINE GANG
by Jayne Hirata-Epstein

If you are looking for something to do on Thursdays at lunchtime, why not *hele* on to the Clubhouse to have lunch with the Wine Gang? Regulars and semi-regulars include Akira "Aki" Akimoto (HQ), Robert Arakaki (B), Chris Arakawa (100th/442nd), Martin Fujimoto, Jayne Hirata-Epstein, Wayne Iha, Edward Ikuma (HQ), Takashi Kitaoka (B), Tammy Kubo, Major General Robert Lee, Colleen Miyaki, Bob Ozaki, Russell Park, Jan Sakoda, Mamoru Sato, Dean Shackles (100th/442nd), Charles Scheck (100th/442nd), Leighton "Goro" Sumida (A), Isao "Roy" Takiyama (442nd), Beau Tatsumura (100th/442nd), Kikuji Tojio, Shigeru "Stu"

WINE GANG, continued

Tsubota (D), Betty Tsukiyama and Paul Watanabe (442nd). You don't need to be a 100th member to attend or make a reservation. No need bring nothing, just come on down!

A lot of people have asked me, "How did the Wine Gang get started?" According to Robert and Goro, the Wine Gang began decades ago when the participants in the first One Puka Puka Tour to Japan wanted to stay in touch upon their return to Hawaii. They would get together for lunch and, yes, actually did drink wine. This morphed into several incarnations including mini-mini gatherings at restaurants, a quarterly birthday celebration (I still can taste the onolicious rum cake baked by the late Richard "China" Yamashina) and the current weekly get-together.

The Wine Gang would like to thank Robert Arakaki for his \$25 donation in memory of Shoichi Harada and Betty Tsukiyama for her \$50 donation. All donations go directly to the purchase of lunch. There are so many people who bring food every week, that we are unable to list them individually. Please know that the boys deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness.

The Wine Gang is supporting tsunami and earthquake relief by helping Iolani School sell T-shirts. 100% of the proceeds of the sales will go to the American Red Cross. The shirts say "Ganbare - one love one world" in the front and "Ganbare" in Japanese on the back. The T-shirts are white and are available in youth small (6-8), youth medium (10-12), and adult extra-large. Other sizes may be available upon demand. The cost is \$15 (cash or check payable to American Red Cross). Shirts will be available for purchase and pickup on Thursdays during Wine Gang. If you would like to place an order or need more information, please contact Jayne at 366-3148 or kichigai3MOM@aol.com or stop by on Thursdays.



HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

by Janice Sakoda – 737-7778
Daughter of Gary K. Uchida

First things first... don't forget to turn in your registration for the anniversary banquet! Deadline is June 10, but registration may be closed earlier if the maximum number of 300 persons is reached.

As I write this, our May Headquarters meeting took place yesterday (May 14th), and we were so happy to see old friends. Ed Ikuma has had some health issues which kept him from joining us these past few months, but he looked to be in great health yesterday! Also joining our meeting after many months' absence was Arthur Komiyama and his daughter, Carol Matsunaga. Arthur also looks like the picture of good health; his speaking, hearing, and vision are all excellent. We were so happy to see him, that we ended our meeting early so we could visit with each other. Arthur shared with me a few tidbits about my dad's days at the Halekulani, and I was happy to stroll down memory lane with Arthur. Aki Akimoto has for some months been the lone HQ veteran attending the meetings despite his bad back. He was very happy to have his buddies join us. Robert Arakaki and Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu also stopped by to chat with "the boys".

Since the official part of the meeting was rather short, we were able to spend a good bit of time visiting with each other. I learned from Pat Akimoto that she ran into Ken Suehiro's daughter Carol Yasui recently at the hairdresser's where they hurriedly caught up on six years' worth of history. Elsie Oshita mentioned that she had house guests recently. Her sister Marian Kubota from Culver City and Marian's daughter Carolyn Morinishi from St. Louis were visiting for a week. If their names sound familiar, both Marian and Carolyn contribute to Culture Kids in the Hawaii Herald.

Congratulations to Ken and Delores Akinaka who will soon be welcoming their 18th grandniece/ grandnephew any time soon (Ken's brother will soon have 18 grandchildren!). One grandniece, Megan Akinaka, originally from Maui, but more recently of Washington, D. C., and Houston, Texas, will be moving back to Honolulu to teach at a charter school in Pearl City. Megan hopes to start her master's program in a few years. Another grandniece, Erin Akinaka, is graduating from high school in Shingle

Springs (Colorado?) and will be moving to the islands to attend BYUH Laie in the fall.

As for me, I am enjoying working for the Education Center. It has opened up a whole new world for me as I'm getting to meet more and more veterans. Last month, I wrote that I met four veterans and two widows from Hilo. This month, I got a chance to talk with Kakuto Higuchi, C Chapter. Kakuto wrote his memoirs of Biffontaine for his children about 15 years ago, and he recently donated a copy to the Education Center (thank you, Mr. Higuchi!), which we will be adding to the 100th website. Kakuto was part of the third replacement, along with Dr. Teraoka and Sadao Munemori. He retired from the Navy as a Fire Captain at age 50 and was able to accompany his wife on her numerous business trips all over the world before she passed away a year ago. Kakuto expressed his gratitude to Home Hospice for the good in-home care they provided his wife so she could pass away at home.

Thank you, Mr. Komiyama, for your donation to the HQ chapter. We appreciate your generous and continued financial support over the years.

Now that you've read this HQ/Medics column, don't forget to turn in your banquet registration!



ANNUAL 100TH MINI REUNION IN LAS VEGAS

There is still room for you folks if you want to go with us to the Mini Reunion in October. This year we are leaving on Saturday, October 22, 2011, and will be returning on Thursday, October 27, 2011. For a change, we'll be able to greet the Mainland Chapter group coming in to Vegas on Sunday. Contact Ann Kabasawa for registration forms for the banquet. We will have our annual pre-departure luncheon on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at the clubhouse at 11:00 am. That's when the final payment will be collected. Please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or e-mail her at diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com if you can make it. More details will follow. We hope that more of you can make it to Vegas !!!



MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Stan Izumigawa

A slightly diminished group of less-than-the-usual thirty gathered at

the Tokyo Tei Restaurant for our Mothers' Day-related lunch on Saturday, May 7. Thirteen ladies (moms), six veterans (the usual ones), and a few sons and daughters, who accompanied a parent, comprised the group. Being that it was a special time for *okasans*, I asked them to sign in because I wanted all their names to be included in this article so that their 100th friends elsewhere reading this would get an indication that they are still involved and presumably all right. They were: Carol Shinyama, Helen Nakashima, Lillian Miyagawa, Kiyono Endo, Fusae Yamato, Fumiko Nagata, Janet Goo, Marie Nishihara, Fumie Hanada, Tomiko Yamagata, Lillian Maeda, Helen Yamashige, and Violet Moto.

100th and MIS veteran Tom Yamada, at 96, is the senior member of the club. He walks briskly without using a cane and still does trips. He spoke about the highlights of the many places he has visited (Japan 15 times) and shared mementos. Our thanks to Jill (Izumigawa) Ross and Francine (Nishihara) Lee and Treasurer-Secretary Ed Nishihara for taking care of arrangements which included flowers for the ladies and other goodies for all. The event concluded with the membership unanimously voting to make Dave Fukuda, son of former 100th commander Major Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, an honorary member of the club. He is active with the Maui Sons and Daughters of Nisei Veterans Club and is also a contributing board member of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, both of which are dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 100th and 442nd. The club currently meets twice a year and the next session will be in December.



The Story of Colonel Young Oak Kim

On May 17, 2011, a group of veterans met with Mr. Woo Sung Han, investigative journalist, biographer, and author "The Beautiful Hero, Young Oak Kim," which was published in Korea in 2005. The English version entitled "Unsung Hero – The Story of Colonel Young Oak Kim" was published only two weeks ago and copies were made available to the veterans who were present (and two copies were donated to the Club)*. Mr. Han is presently working with a Korean television station on a video which will focus on the heroic accomplishments of the 100th Infantry Battalion and Colonel Kim's role in achieving them based, in part, on the information gleaned from the veterans. The following veterans were present: Judge Takashi Kitaoka, Robert Arakaki, Don Matsuda, Goro Sumida, Sonsei Nakamura, Rikio Tsuda, Bob Takashige, Tokuji Ono, James Hirai and Oscar Miyashiro.

In his capacity as a member of the Board of Young Oak Kim Center for Korean American Studies at UC Riverside, Mr. Han was instrumental in publishing a book which is used by all 5th graders in Korea and which includes several pages devoted to the 100th Infantry Battalion and Colonel Kim.

*If you would like to order a copy of the biography, please go to this website: <http://yokcenter.ucr.edu/>.

Below, left to right: James Hirai (C), Sonsei Nakamura (B), Rikio Tsuda (B), and Judge Takashi Kitaoka (B) enjoyed the session with Mr. Han (shown standing in top photo).





OFFICE REPORT

by Monica Coldwell

As your new Office Coordinator, please allow me to introduce myself. I grew up mostly in Mililani and Pearl City with my mom, dad, and two sisters. In case you're guessing about my background heritage -- my paternal grandparents were both Hawaii-born Koreans, my maternal grandmother was a national from Japan and my maternal grandfather was Hawaiian-Chinese, born in Hana, Maui. Today I live in Honolulu with my husband, Squire Coldwell. I went to high school at Pearl City and got my Bachelor's in Theatre at UH-Manoa. I've done professional theatre locally and toured to Chicago, Seattle, L.A., and throughout the State of Hawaii doing theatre and improv. Theatre is definitely a passion of mine.

I recently quit my job as a Community Outreach Director at Read To Me International, a children's literacy non-profit, because it was time for a change. I learned about the Office Coordinator position from a friend and am pleased to be selected. With assistance from Arlene, Colleen, Jayne, Lynette, and Pauline, I've been learning how to carry out the office duties. I'm not quite sure what my calling is, whether it's working for a non-profit, with children, or in education, but I'm honored to be working part time at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Organization, and I'm looking forward to getting to know the members. My grandfather, Wallace Cho, was in the 442nd and I feel right at home.

My normal office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the exception of alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays when I leave at 12:00 noon so as not to exceed the part-time hours allotted.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Thank you very much for your thoughtful donations which were received between April 13 and May 13, 2001:

General Fund

\$50 Art Komiyama in memory of
Hideo Yamashita
\$100 Walter Ozawa
\$150 Gen. (Ret.) David Bramlett
\$200 Carol Yoshida in memory of Shoichi Harada
\$5000 Saburo Nishime

Puka Puka Parade

\$20 Jun Shiosaki
\$50 Harry Kawamura
\$100 Ronald & Michiko Oba

Donations to the American Red Cross

\$300 Roy A. Baker
\$350 Mieko Muroshige
\$500 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans,
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Education Center

\$100 Lucy Sato in memory of
Robert Satoshi Sato (C)
\$100 Lucy Sato in memory of Warren Iwai (C)
\$50 Thomas K. Tsubota in memory of
Helen Nikaido
\$50 Dog Chapter in memory of Helen Nikaido
\$25 Baker Chapter in memory of Robert Ozaki

Donation to Japan America Society of Hawaii

\$500 Able Chapter (for Japan Relief)

CORRECTION TO DONATIONS

We apologize for not mentioning that the \$500 donation from Tommy Kaulukukui, Jr., was in memory of Robert Ozaki.

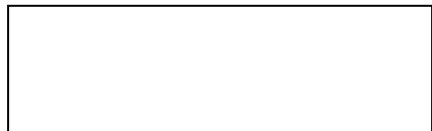
JUNE 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events in the TV Lounge at the Clubhouse unless otherwise stated

EBOD Meeting	Saturday, June 18 at 8:30 am
BOARD MEETING	Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 am
ABLE Chapter	Saturday, June 25 at 8:00 am
BAKER Chapter	Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 am
CHARLIE Chapter	Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am
DOG Chapter	Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter	Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 am
RURAL Chapter	To be announced
DESCENDANTS Chapter	Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 am
BANQUET Committee	Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 a.m.
BY-LAWS Committee	Saturday, June 11 at 11:30 am
LONG- RANGE PLAN.	To be announced
NOMINATING Comm.	To be announced
SCHOLARSHIP Comm.	To be announced
LINE DANCING	Every Wednesday at 9:00 am
CRAFTS	Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

PUKA PUKA PARADE Collating on Saturday, June 25 at 9 am, Turner Hall

Dates and times subject to change. Please contact your Chapter President, Committee Chair, or the Office for more information.

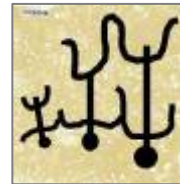


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JUNE 2011

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Mr. Han interviewing 100th veterans about Colonel Young Oak Kim. See story on page 10.



Mr. Woo Sung Han and Crew

(photos courtesy of Pauline Sato)



Collating Day, April 23, 2011 (photos courtesy Bernard Akamine)

From top: Stanley Tanaka, Bert Turner, Carole Ota, Drusilla Tanaka, Dot Tamashiro, Cecilee Tanaka



Left to Right: Kazuto Shimizu, Takako Umamoto, Lillian Helton, Bert Hamakado, Chris DeRosa



Collating Day, April 23, 2011, continued
Left to Right: Evelyn Tsuda, Rikio Tsuda, Jeanette Akamine and Aki Nosaka



Surprise Guest at May Baker Chapter meeting: Gold Dust Day Gecko
Thanks to Sonsei Nakamura for corralling the Geico Gecko look-alike.
(photo courtesy of Cecilee Tanaka)



Left: Elaine Nakamura and her door-prize, gomitori. Above: Robert Arakaki (left) who won a door hanger which reminds visitors to "hemo da slippah" and Charles Tanaka (r) See Baker Chapter News on page 6. Thanks to Bernard Akamine for the door prizes and the photos.



Left to Right: Chuckie Seki, Teri Fujikawa, Chiz Ohira Taken shortly before Chuckie fell very ill. (photo courtesy of Teri Fujikawa)