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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

The veterans organizations of the World War II soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineering Construction Battalion will be remembering those who died in service during World War II, and those who have since passed on. We invite you to join us in honoring these men.

19th Annual Joint Memorial Service
at the
National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl
Sunday, September 29, 2024
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



19th Annual Joint Memorial Service committee members gather at the Clubhouse for their August 7 meeting. Pictured from left to right are Gregg Takayama (1399th), Karl Okemura (442nd Veterans Club & Legacy Center President), Jan Sakoda, Wayne Kuwata (Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT President), and Amy Kwong (100th IBV Communications Chair and Office Manager).

Exactly 81 years ago, on September 29, 1943, **Sgt. Shigeo “Joe” Takata (B)** was the first Japanese American soldier to be killed in action in Europe. The men of the racially segregated 100th Inf Bn, 442nd RCT, MIS, and 1399th, would endure the loss of many of their comrades as they overcame tremendous obstacles on and off the battlefield, proved unquestionable loyalty to their country, and achieved civil rights changes that have had an enormous positive impact on society.

We are honored that Rear Admiral Stephen D. Barnett, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Commander of Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill, will be the keynote speaker at this event. RADM Barnett will share how segregated units proved with their blood that Americans are represented by many skin colors. He is very familiar with President Harry Truman's 1948 Executive Order 9981 issued after the war ended, which desegregated the military. It is the first act of civil rights in America, which led to further equality with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The program will also include a presentation of colors, laying of wreaths, musical performances, a rifle salute, participation from the 111th Army Band, and youth descendant presenters from the 100th, 442nd, MIS and 1399th.

We hope you will join us at this Joint Memorial Service to honor the trailblazers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd RCT, the MIS and the 1399th for their courage and sacrifice to make life better for us and future generations.

Banquet Note Cards. At our Anniversary Banquet,

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19TH ANNUAL JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE



100th Infantry Battalion



442nd Regimental
Combat Team



Military Intelligence Service



1399th Engineer
Construction Battalion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC AT PUNCHBOWL

Please join us in honoring the men that served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, who died in World War II or have since passed on.

Program features presentation of colors, floral and song offerings, rifle salute, and Memorial Address by Rear Admiral Stephen D. Barnett, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Commander of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill

Presented by

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) / 442nd Veterans Club / 442nd Legacy Center / Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team / Military Intelligence Service Veterans Hawai'i

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all attendees were encouraged to write notes on poster-sized cards to our then-nine known living veterans. We were heartened to hear that the cards were well received. 100th Battalion veteran **Ikuro “Mano” Kawahara (A)** texted me the following:

Jan, received the news about the successful 82nd Anniversary of Club 100. Sure would have been nice to be here. I just wanted to thank you and all the families of the 100th veterans. The signatures of so many wishing me good health and joy was so inspiring. Again, thank you all for thinking of me. It just made my day. Thank you, Jan and all the hard-working people of the 100th. Mahalo and Aloha. Mano Kawahara



Poster cards signed by 82nd Anniversary Banquet attendees were mailed to our nine known living veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

We received the following from Lydia Barrett, daughter of **Yukitsugu Nishimura (A)**.

Dear Jan Sakoda, Kathi Hayashi, Amy Kwong,

I'm writing on behalf of my Dad, Yukitsugu Nishimura to extend a heartwarming thank you for thinking of my Dad. Today, we received your letter and poster with messages from the recent 82nd Anniversary banquet attendees.

My Dad was touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness and always keeping him in your thoughts. It was extra special and touching to see messages from Jan, Kathi and Amy acknowledging Dad's visit to the Clubhouse last year too. It took some convincing to bring him to the Clubhouse but he surely appreciated the warm welcome and an opportunity to exchange stories. It also was an

opportunity to share part of his experience with his grandchildren and the significant contribution of the 100th Infantry Battalion as well as the 442 RCT.

Our family sincerely appreciates all the efforts to remember and include my Dad in the Club 100 activities.

Sincerely,

Lydia Barrett

Condolences. We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Frank Shuzo Nakamura (C)** on July 31, 2024. We now know of eight veterans who served with the 100th Infantry Battalion. Now is a good time to recall a portion of my speech at the anniversary banquet.

This is a reminder how fleeting life is and how important it is to tell, not only the accomplishments of the 100th and Nisei soldiers, but how they paved the way for a better life for us. Again, if we, the descendants of these men, don't step up to share their stories, who will?

I encourage you to help us tell their stories. Please email info@100thibv.org to learn how you can keep alive our dads and grandfathers' legacies.

Replica of the Italy Croce al Merito di Guerre medal. We were honored to receive a replica of the Italy Croce al Merito di Guerre (Cross for Merit of War) medal in a shadow box presented to us



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by Jeff and Yoko Morita. Jeff explained to us that the 92nd “Buffalo Soldiers” Infantry Division was awarded the “Croce al Merito di Guerre” Italian military unit decoration, for its World War II combat accomplishments. The 442nd Infantry Regiment,



Jeff Morita gifts a Croce al Merito di Guerre replica medal shadowbox to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans to display in its Education Center.

including the 100th Battalion, was attached to the 92nd Infantry Division (ID) in 1945. As such, the 100th and 442nd as sub-units of the 92nd ID also received the unit

decoration for its participation in the North Apennines (Gothic line breakthrough), and Po Valley Campaigns. The Croce al Merito di Guerre was personally awarded to the 92nd Infantry Division by His Royal Highness Prince Umberto, Lieutenant General of the Realm, and later King Umberto II of Italy. King Umberto was the last reigning King until Italy became a republic.



Jan Sakoda receives the shadow box with replica medal on behalf of the club.

Movie Day. Thank you to Baker Chapter for showing “The Gallant Men.” We had a good turnout (over 30 attendees) at the Clubhouse on Saturday, August 3. It was great to talk story with old and new friends after the show, while munching on all the

goodies too.

Pacific Aviation Museum.

Thank you to Lynda Asato [niece of **Thomas Miyamoto (C)**] for organizing a wonderful and educational

trip to this museum on Ford Island. She is organizing another tour on October 20. Better sign up quick (you can email info@100thibv.org) before it gets filled up.

Clubhouse Education Center Tours and

Presentations. We continue to receive requests for Education Center presentations on the 100th Infantry Battalion. In July, we welcomed Dr. Andrew Lam, author of “Repentance” and his daughter, who were in town for a visit. We were also happy to meet with Kimberly Terasaki [granddaughter of **Sam Terasaki (A)**], her fiance Griffin and his mother Suzanne

Guzaitis. We had a nice chat with everyone following the presentation. Thank you to Communications Committee chair Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**] and lead docent Isami Yoshihara [brother of **Hisashi Yoshihara (A)**] for providing PowerPoint presentations to our visitors. 🙏



Isami Yoshihara with Dr. Andrew Lam.



From left to right, Suzanne, Isami, Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**], Griffin, Kimberly, Shayna Hanai [granddaughter of **Yoshio Saito (A)**], and Amy

ANNUAL GRAVESITE DECORATING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

One of the purposes of the club, as written in the bylaws, includes holding the annual memorial service on the Sunday closest to September 29, when **Sgt. Shigeo “Joe” Takata (B)** became the 100th’s first KIA. This year the service will be held on **Sunday, September 29, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.** at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

The veterans placed flowers on the graves of their comrades the day before this service. We are proud to carry on our fathers’ tradition to this day.

Here are a few dates that volunteers are needed:

- **Friday, September 27, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Twelve volunteers are needed to unpack the flowers and place them in buckets of water. Please RSVP to arleneksato@yahoo.com, as we may need to contact you if we have enough volunteers or if the FedEx delivery is delayed.

- **Saturday, September 28, 7:00 a.m.**

Two vans/trucks are needed to transport the buckets of flowers from the clubhouse to Punchbowl cemetery. A truck/van is needed to bring back all the buckets to the clubhouse and they need to be rinsed, dried and put back into storage. RSVP to arleneksato@yahoo.com if you can help transporting in the morning or returning the buckets.

- **Saturday, September 28**

- ※ **Saturday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. until pau:**

[Punchbowl] Volunteers are needed to place flower bouquets and flags on over a thousand 100th Infantry Battalion soldiers’ graves at Punchbowl. Look for buckets of flowers under the large tent. Wear sunscreen, a hat and comfortable walking shoes. We also suggest that you bring an empty pitcher to carry water to fill the vases. Do not arrive earlier than 8:30 a.m.

- ※ **Saturday morning, September 28:**

[Kaneohe] A dozen volunteers are needed to

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
ANNUAL GRAVE DECORATING

When: Saturday, September 28, 2024
(Decorating at Punchbowl begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Who: Everyone
You do not need to be a 100th IBV member or affiliated with a 100th veteran to volunteer.

Task: Decorating graves of 100th Inf. Bn. soldiers interred at Punchbowl Cemetery, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, and Mililani Memorial Park.

Volunteers also needed on
Monday, September 30, 9:00 a.m.
at Punchbowl Cemetery
to remove flags which were placed on Saturday.

place over a hundred flower bouquets at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe on Saturday morning. Please RSVP to arleneksato@yahoo.com. You will be informed where and when to meet.

- ※ **Saturday, September 28:**

[Mililani] Volunteers are needed to help decorate graves at Mililani Memorial Park. Please contact Tsurumi Hamasu at jthamasu@gmail.com to sign up to help.

- **Monday, September 30, 9:00 a.m.**

Help is needed to remove the thousands of flags at Punchbowl Cemetery which were placed on Saturday.

Please note that an RSVP is requested for some of the tasks. Should there be a change in the time or location, we can contact you.

Finally, thank you to the anonymous donor who had donated a generous sum which was used to purchase over a thousand anthurium bouquets every year for almost 15 years. These funds will be depleted soon so we are starting to accept donations for future years. 🙏

**CANDIDATES AND UPCOMING ELECTIONS 2025-2026
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By Jan Nadamoto [*daughter of Isao Nadamoto (B)*], 100th IBV Nominations and Elections Committee Chair

The Nominations Committee received petitions by the due date of July 31, 2024, at noon, for the individuals listed below. All individuals are qualified 100th Infantry Battalion Members in Good Standing.



Personal profiles of each candidate will be published in the September 2024 *Puka Puka Parade*.

Proxies will be published in the September and October *Puka Puka Parades* and will also be available for pick up at the Clubhouse.

The **elections for the 2025-2026 Executive Board of Directors (EBOD)** of the 100th Infantry Battalion

Veterans will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. The ballots for 2025-2026 EBOD officers **must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024.**

Who can vote: As set forth in the By-Laws of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club, only Lifetime Members in Good Standing as of March 31st of this current year shall be eligible to vote. If you are uncertain of your membership status, please contact the Clubhouse Office at info@100thibv.org. An updated roster of current Lifetime Members will also be available on Election Day **Saturday, November 9, 2024.**

How to Vote: You may either (1) vote in person or (2) vote by official proxy. Proxies may be **HAND-DELIVERED, MAILED, OR EMAILED** to the Clubhouse Office and must be received by 12 p.m. (12 noon, HST) on **Saturday, October 30, 2024**, at the Clubhouse, seven business days prior to November 9, 2024.

The Clubhouse office’s email address is info@100thibv.org and is located at 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826. 🇺🇸

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

October 30, 2024

PROXIES ARE DUE!

November 9, 2024

**ELECTION DAY!
1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

FORD ISLAND AVIATION MUSEUM AND DISNEY EXHIBIT OF ANIMATED ART IN WWII

By Donna Teshima [*niece of Michio Teshima (C)*]

The Ford Island Aviation Museum and Disney Exhibit of animated art during World War II was an intense, informative, awesome tour experience! Highly recommended and I encourage my fellow 100th IBV club members to sign up for the second tour on October 20th. I understand there are only 7 seats left (13 have already signed up). For more information or to sign up, email the club at info@100thibv.org.

The Disney animation exhibit will be disassembled and the art returned to their owners after this Hawaii exhibition ends on December 31, 2024 so we were so lucky to see this exhibit. If you haven't seen it, the highly educational, guided tour is a must see! And the cost is only \$15 (regular price with guide is \$55.99). At this exceptional price, the remaining seats will be snatched up fast so sign up now!

My three highlights:

- 1) Hearing the fascinating World War II story of the Japanese pilots on the December 7 bombing of Pearl Harbor, their strategy which included Windward



Our guide Alex gives us an informative tour.



From left to right: Renee (Adaniya) Chung [daughter of **Seigi Adaniya (C)**], Susan Morishige [daughter of **Toshio Morishige (Medics)**], Bob and Juanita Brown, Lynda Asato [niece of **Thomas Miyamoto (C)**], Barclay Brown, Donna Teshima [niece of **Michio Teshima (C)**], our guide Alex, Teresa Rushing, Ken Akinaka [son of **Isaac Akinaka (Medics)**], Dan Uchida [son of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], Ed and Jan Sakoda [son-in-law and daughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], Sarah Murakami [granddaughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], Eric Tsukamoto [son of **John Tsukamoto (HQ)**], Earl Kawaguchi and Linda Kamimoto (nephew and niece-in-law of **Hideo Akiyama (C)**).

side, Kailua, Waimānalo, which I never had heard of; particularly the story of the Japanese pilot who landed on Ni‘ihau island — a story of his survival, death, and courage of islanders who fought him for their survival.

2) The Disney animated artists, many of them women (including some Japanese women who worked from the internment camps) as the men went off to war; interjection of politics, anti-Hitler animated art which won the studio an Oscar, complete with viewing of the gold Oscar displayed at the exhibit.

3) Going out for lunch with fellow club members and guests, enjoying Ruby Tuesday salads and other lunch dishes, as friends. We're not just an 'organization' - we're friends.

Much aloha and mahalo to Lynda for organizing. Had a great time! 🍷

STUDENT SUMMER INTERN WITH THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS

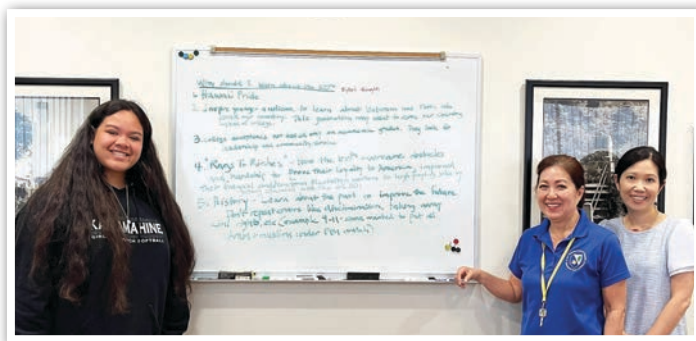
By Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*], 100th IBV Treasurer; Education Committee Chair

The 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) has been thrilled to welcome a summer intern through ‘Iolani School’s KA‘I program this year! This program, led by Allison Blankenship and Kirk Uejio, is ‘Iolani’s institutional partnership with Pālolo Valley. They work with students from underresourced backgrounds in a long term commitment to improve their life outcomes.

Our intern, Kylee, has shared her ideas on why people should learn about the 100th Infantry Battalion, and helped with projects such as scanning a booklet of oral history of the 100th veterans that were interviewed by second graders from ‘Iolani School in 2008. She has also assisted with our 82nd Anniversary Banquet and our Legacy2Action project, where she’s helping to put together our playbook to store all our information and background of the 100th for future generations. Mahalo to Kylee for volunteering at the Clubhouse. We all appreciate you and the amount of support you have given us.

The following is a reflection from Kylee on her experience with us this summer.

During my internship at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse, I learned about the history of the veterans and the clubhouse. One fact that I learned was how the veterans took \$2.00 from their \$30.00 paycheck to build the clubhouse. I thought it was really interesting how they all took part in building the clubhouse and it shows how much they care about each other. They grieved together, had memorable times together, and relaxed together in the clubhouse.



Kylee’s ideas on why people should learn about the 100th Infantry Battalion.

I also learned about how the Japanese veterans were short, small guys (5 feet 4 inches, 125 lbs on average.) They fought hard for our country and with the 100th/442nd it became the most decorated in U.S. Military history.



From left to right, Kylee, Kathi Hayashi and Amy Kwong [granddaughter of Eugene Kawakami (A)].

The veterans loved Hawai’i, where they were born and they were shocked with the surprise attack by the homeland of their parents, Japan. Their parents told them to be loyal to America and when the 100th created their motto, they chose “Remember Pearl Harbor” as they fought to protect freedom for Hawai’i, America, and the world. It really shows no matter what you look like or where you came from, you can always do big things. At the clubhouse, they honored and supported the families of the soldiers killed in action. The veterans found comfort in talking to their fellow soldiers about the horrors of war. They never shared war experiences with their family. It was too hurtful. They also had a poker room, where they enjoyed each other’s company and sometimes they would “go for broke” and bet all of their money. They shared a room with bunk beds, and always had each other’s back.

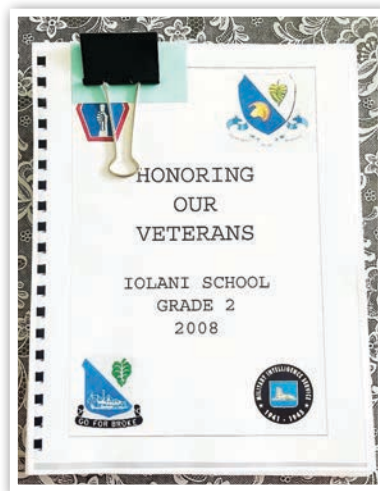
The first thing I helped with was brainstorming ideas on why people should learn about the 100th.

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I talked about Hawai'i pride and how students or people should learn about them because they started in Hawai'i and it's our home. Another idea was about the younger audience - this generation may want to serve our country rather than go to college. I talked about how college acceptance isn't based only on academics. They look for leadership and community service. The 100th overcame obstacles and hardship to prove their loyalty to America, they improved their financial condition from plantation workers to high paying jobs by getting educated with the GI Bill. The last idea was history, we should learn about the past to improve the future and don't repeat errors like discrimination, taking away civil rights, etc. For example, 9/11. Some people wanted to put all Arabs and Muslims under FBI watch which isn't right.

I helped with projects, the first one was scanning a booklet of oral history of the 100th veterans as they were interviewed by second graders from 'Iolani School in 2008. It was called "Honoring Our Veterans." It included background information of the different veterans along with pictures with elementary school students from 'Iolani. While scanning it, I couldn't help but read a few sentences from each individual paper. I enjoyed reading all the interesting things the veterans went through. Such as, what they thought about war and how they went through so many different obstacles.



Oral history booklet about honoring the veterans. (Photo courtesy of: Kylee)

I am helping with the Legacy2Action project and we're currently trying to figure out how we could get younger people involved and interested in the 100th. We are trying to put together a "playbook" to basically store all the information and background of the 100th for future generations at the clubhouse.

I helped set up for their 82nd anniversary banquet, such as decorating tables, etc. and I also helped scan cards that people signed for the living 100th veterans so we could also have a copy of them.

Time is moving really quickly and it's already my last week in the clubhouse. I learned so many new things and had so much fun. I'm really sad and I will definitely miss it here. I do hope I find time throughout my senior year to stop by and help with anything. Thank you so much for making my last summer of KA'I and my first internship experience so memorable and fun.

Love, Kylee

Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**] attended Kylee's graduation from the KA'I program that she started as a 6th grader at Jefferson Intermediate school. She is now a senior and we are all so proud of Kylee. She said as a 6th grader, she was so nervous around adults and could not look them in the eye. Now, she is so outgoing, fun-loving and loved by all the volunteers she worked with at the Clubhouse, including Jan Sakoda [daughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], Joyce Doi [daughter of **Joichi Muramatsu (B)**], Arlene Sato [daughter of **Hideshi Niimi (C)**], Joyce Chinen [daughter of **Wallace Seiko Chinen (D)**], Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**].



Kylee and Kathi at the KA'I program graduation ceremony.

Through a little love and guidance, the possibilities for any child are endless. Thank you to Kurt Uejio, Iolani's KA'I program and all their partners, for this wonderful opportunity. 🙏

HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

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

Pacific Aviation Museum/Disney Exhibit. Ken Akinaka [son of **Isaac Akinaka (Medics)**] and friend, Teresa Rushing, Ed and I represented HQ/Medics when Club 100 members visited the Pacific Aviation Museum and the Disney Studio Exhibit. (Delores, sorry you had a conflicting appointment and couldn't join us.) We all learned something new, thanks to our very knowledgeable guide, Alex. I understand there are still a few slots open for the October 20 tour; if

you're interested, you can contact Lynda Asato by emailing info@100thibv.org.

Save the date. November 13 is the date we've selected for our Fall Luncheon. More details to follow.

Rising Utility Bills. Don't be like me and open your water and electricity bill at the same time. I was shocked... SHOCKED I tell you!!! (haha...just checking to see if you read this column!) 🙄

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Elsie Yoshimura [*daughter of Thomas Taro Higa (A)*]

On Saturday, July 27th, Able Chapter members held a Meet and Greet at the Clubhouse to allow current and new members to socialize in a fun manner!

Samuel Higa [son of **Pfc. Thomas Taro Higa (A)**], provided music, singing and playing on his guitar, as guests arrived.

President Shayna Hanai [granddaughter of **Yoshio Saito (A)**] introduced the speakers representing descendants of Pfc. Thomas Higa, starting with daughter, Elsie Higa Yoshimura, and great grandchildren, Ellysha, Hannah, Brianna, Ellison, Olivia, Caroline, and Arianna, who shared short stories from their great grandfather's journals during World War II through years following the war.

Hannah shared, "Great-Grandpa Higa shared what life was like for him and his comrades in 1941. When they entered Schofield Barracks in June 1941, they were supplied with almost everything they needed

such as clothing, military shoes, and blankets. Thus, they didn't have to spend money on base as they did on the outside. He said his salary was \$21 a month. It is said that the average Nisei or Japanese American soldier's salary was \$30, but Great-Grandpa's salary may have been lower as he was a Private First Class in rank. He used his money for a 50-cent haircut, and \$1.50 for laundry. The rest was used as pocket money, including bus fare."

Brianna shared, "early Sunday morning on December 7, 1941, my Great-Grandpa

woke up at home in Kahaluu to the furious sounds of airplanes. He heard a thunderous sound coming from the direction of Kaneohe Air Base. The eastern sky, which should have been bright with the sunrise, was covered with thick, black clouds of smoke...When a shell from an anti-aircraft gun exploded not far from where he was standing, he became angry thinking it



Able Chapter Meet and Greet gathering at the Clubhouse.

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was too dangerous to conduct such joint drills in a populated area. Little did he know that this was the beginning of World War II for America.”

Ellison shared, “soon after the 100th arrived at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin for training, some local people saw the armed Nisei soldiers going through drill practice and thought that a Japanese parachute troop had landed! They made emergency phone calls to military headquarters. It was quite natural for them to do this since about fourteen hundred Japanese American soldiers had arrived there without notice.”

Liv shared, “the average height of a Nisei soldier was 5’4” tall. Great Grandpa Higa was only 5’2” tall. But, he never saw his height as a disadvantage. When the soldiers needed to dig a fox hole or defensive hole to protect themselves from enemy fire, Great-Grandpa could be resting comfortably while his taller friends were still digging their fox holes. Also, during one of the battles, Great-Grandpa had a bullet go right through the top of his helmet. If he was just one inch

taller, he would have been killed instantly!”

Callie shared, “while fighting in Italy, during the Volturno River mission, my Great-Grandpa talked about marching onward for hours in complete darkness. He said that they walked through mud, step by step, following



Elsie Yoshimura and the great-grandchildren of Thomas Taro Higa, present to the members.

closely the person in front of them so as not to lose sight of him. They had to move in total silence, making it even harder to follow. Though their feet moved mechanically, their conscious minds were asleep due to extreme exhaustion and drowsiness. It is difficult to imagine that people can sleep while



Able Chapter members gather with their newest members for a fun-filled Meet and Greet summer event.

walking, but after an hour or so, he said it was possible to regain his strength. Great-Grandpa said that was the first time he had experienced that!”

Arianna shared, “after the war, from 1957-1970, my Great-Grandpa ran a Boat Rental business on the Ala Wai Canal. It was a business where customers could go and rent electric powered boats and steer them up and down the canal from the McCully Bridge until almost the Kapahulu Library. My own Grandpa Sam and the rest of his brothers and sisters helped Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma Higa to run the business. Grandpa Sam often helped to bring joy with his singing and playing of the guitar. My Auntie Popo could help carry the heavy electric batteries into the boats. When my Auntie Elsie was about my age, she thought that Great Grandpa owned the entire Ala Wai Canal! My Grandpa and Aunties told me that the Boat House was where family bonds were emphasized and to this day, family ties are important to all of us.”

After the presentation, everyone enjoyed an educational Bingo game about the 100th Infantry Battalion followed by a fishing card game for the children incorporating similar information. It was a fun-filled event for all which included a ‘talk story’ time with newly made friends together with the delicious refreshments provided. Thank you to the family of Thomas Taro Higa for leading our chapter in a fun summer event that was well enjoyed by all. 🍷

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

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

The movie day that Baker Chapter sponsored went well! With 100th IBV President Jan Sakoda’s help to get the word out, there were about 45 attendees! All enjoyed the One Puka Puka episode of “The Gallant Men” series. Thank you again, Ann Kabasawa [*daughter of Ray Nosaka (B)*] for providing the DVD!

It was decided to not skip a meeting this month so our next chapter meeting will be held on **August 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Clubhouse and via Zoom. We will be discussing the Poinsettia Fundraiser and Christmas Party.

On that note, please participate and support your



Movie day at the Clubhouse, sponsored and organized by Baker Chapter. [Photo courtesy of: Clyde Sugimoto (nephew of Nolan Miyazaki (B))]

chapter by sending in your check and order form (included on the next page) for potted poinsettia plants. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help wrap the plants in foil and assist during the pick up days. Please email 100thcob@gmail.com if you have any questions about the fundraiser and especially if you can help out. Feel free to share the order form with your family and friends, too.

Meeting notices, minutes of the previous meeting, the agenda and Zoom link are sent via email. If you are not receiving these emails please let Jan know, as she will add you onto the monthly meeting emails. 🙏

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

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

Mary Ann Kobayashi, head of the Genki Ball Project, asked C Chapter if we’d like to continue to help clean the Ala Wai Canal. We made Genki balls last year. At our July meeting she demonstrated how to make the Activated Effective Microorganisms (AEM) solution. We poured it into the Ala Wai on Monday, August 12. Our plan is to make 5 gallons of this at our monthly meetings and pour it into the Ala Wai two weeks later. We all got to take home a pint of the AEM to use at home. We learned that it can be used to wash clothes, to take away odors in the trash cans and on our pets, in ponds/water features, to clean the garbage disposal, toilet and to keep plants healthy.

August 8 was world EM day. On Zoom we got to see people from many other countries tossing Genki balls and pouring the AEM solution into their rivers. Some of the countries that participated

included Croatia, Thailand, Peru, Chile, Columbia, Okinawa, Japan, Philippines, Russia, Poland, Slovenia, Italy, U.S. (Hawaii), and many others.

Our next C Chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m.**, at the clubhouse. We will be making our second five gallon batch of AEM. 🙏



C Chapter members making AEM with Mary Ann Kobayashi. (Photo courtesy of: Arlene Sato)



POINSETTIA PLANTS ORDER FORM
100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
BAKER CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

All pickups will be at the Clubhouse on either
 Friday, November 29, 2024 from 2:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. or by
 Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Name: _____

Email or Phone number: _____

4" POINSETTIA POT w/Foil - Amount # _____ @ \$ 7.00 = \$ _____

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TOTAL = \$ _____

Please pay with **Check** - paid to the order of
"100th Inf Bn Baker Chapter"

(All cash orders should be taken directly to the Clubhouse)

Payments and order forms will be accepted in an envelope at the Clubhouse Office. Please direct all questions to: *100thcob@gmail.com*

Please complete this form with your payment then either drop off or mail to:

Baker Chapter Poinsettia Fundraiser
 % 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Building
 520 Kamoku Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

*****Receive 2 gift tags and 2 gift holder cards for every 5 pots ordered with all payments received by the Early Bird Deadline on Saturday, October 12, 2024.*****

The Final Deadline for all orders with payments must be received by Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Joyce Chinen [*daughter of Wally Seiko Chinen (D)*], Dog Chapter President; 100th IBV BOD - Director, Dog Chapter

D Chapter can report we have two new members. Thanks to Charlotte Unni [*daughter of George Yamamoto (A)*] of Able Chapter, Casie Azuma [*granddaughter of Paul Satoru Azuma (D)*] is one of our new “doggies.” The other new member is Alvin “Al” Hirata, nephew of **Shigeru Tokuuke (D)**, who informed Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*] of his relationship to his 100th uncle during a visit to the Clubhouse. He is the Executive VP at Fisher Hawaii and assisted us in securing the new stage for the 100th Clubhouse at a special price. Al will also emcee the 19th Annual Joint Memorial Service in September this year.

Good news! Greg Kuwazaki [*son of Eddie Yoshiharu Kuwazaki (D)*], has agreed to be our Dog Chapter representative on the Club 100 Membership Committee, and staff the D Chapter email distribution list. This means that Doggies will be able to receive notifications by email in a more timely manner. Please add club100dogchapter@gmail.com, our new chapter email address, to your address books.

Lastly, Able Chapter, which typically holds its meeting at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of every other month, has invited us to join in and hold our chapter meetings at the same time. Please let me know your thoughts on this. ☺

CLUBHOUSE OFFICE UPDATE

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

NEW MEMBERS. Welcome to our newest 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) members, Gregg Nishime [*nephew of Saburo Nishime (D)*], Ryan Moriguchi [*grandson of Goro Moriguchi (A)*], Jesse Hatakenaka [*son of Roy Tadashi Hatakenaka (Medics)*], Casie Azuma [*granddaughter of Paul Satoru Azuma (D)*], Tara Kaneshiro [*great-granddaughter of George S. Yamamoto (A)*], Genna Kaneshiro [*great-granddaughter of George S. Yamamoto (A)*], Gary Hisaoka [*nephew of Gary T. Hisaoka (C)*], and Al Hirata [*nephew of Shigeru Tokuuke (D)*]. We are grateful for your support, and are happy to welcome you all to the Club 100 family.

It has been two years since I joined the *Puka Puka Parade* team, and I am honored to be following in great footsteps as its current editor. A huge *mahalo* to everyone who regularly reads what the veterans referred to as our “club organ” — our *Puka Puka Parade* newsletter. I am grateful to be working with such an experienced, dedicated team of reporters and photographers, and we appreciate the warm words of encouragement and compliments (as well as the “constructive criticism” to help us improve) that we receive from our members and readers. Thank you to all of you who join us in doing our parts to fulfill the vital role of connecting the 100th to the

future generations, in whatever capacity your current lifestyle allows.

Summer is flying by, and the Clubhouse has been busy with meetings, visitors, Education Center tours, and occasional rentals. Clubhouse key holders are informed when rentals are scheduled and paid for by members. Thank you for your consideration in being mindful to keep the Clubhouse tidy and access to a minimum during these periods.

A warm mahalo to *Lighthouse Hawaii* (ライトハウスハワイ) magazine for featuring our 100th Infantry



Yoko Osawa, editor of *Lighthouse Hawaii*, meets with Kathi and Amy.

Battalion Legacy2Action program as the cover story in their August issue! As a Hawai‘i community life free magazine published in the Japanese language, *Lighthouse Hawaii* provides useful information to enrich the lives of their readers,

including Hawai‘i residents from Japan and long-stay Japanese travelers. We are grateful for their support in helping us to bridge the story of the 100th Infantry

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Battalion and introduce our Legacy2Action program to new audiences. Along with our partners, ‘Iolani School, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center on Aging and Central Pacific Bank, through this problem-based learning initiative, we have challenged students to identify a problem or issue facing Hawai‘i and develop a creative solution using the values of the 100th Infantry Battalion. The August issue of Lighthouse Magazine is now available at news stands locally, and the article can be viewed online in Japanese at https://issuu.com/lighthouse-hawaii/docs/lh_0824. A limited number of copies are available at the Clubhouse, along with an English translation done by Keisuke Kwong [great-grandson of Eugene Kawakami (A)].

In late July, we were visited by Warner Hoshide and his grandparents Leslie and Donna Hoshide, who were interested in visiting the Clubhouse to learn more about the 100th Infantry Battalion. Leslie Hoshide served in the 100th Battalion during the Vietnam War, and they shared with us that they are related through marriage to **Yoshinao “Turtle” Omiya (D)** and **Hiram Hagiwara (HQ)**. Warner’s great-grandfather, **Akio Hoshide (MIS)** also served in World War II. Currently interning at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-

Pacific Center for Security Studies for the summer, Warner is a student at Yale University. Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**], Jan Sakoda [daughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**] and I had a nice visit with the Hoshide family.

We were recently contacted by a student named Sōhei from Osaka, Japan in his final year of high school, who is deeply interested in Japanese American history and the impact of World War II on Japanese Americans. While on a brief stay in Honolulu through the *Tobitate* program supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), he met with us at the Clubhouse. Office



From left to right, Leslie and Warner Hoshide, Amy, Jan S., and Donna Hoshide.

volunteer Ada Akimoto [daughter-in-law of **Akira Akimoto (HQ)**], Jan Sakoda, and I had the pleasure of meeting with



From left to right, Ada, Sōhei, Jan S., and Amy.

Sōhei to answer his questions about the experience of Japanese Americans in Hawaii and U.S. mainland during World War II, and to share about the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Thank you to those who have reviewed our proposed amended and restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Written questions and comments received by the office have been forwarded to the 100th IBV Board. Proxies will be distributed in the September PPP, with voting taking place on **Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Annual meeting. The proposed documents and current Articles & Bylaws files are available for review on our 100th IBV website at <https://www.100thibv.org/members>.

IN APPRECIATION. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to those who have donated to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization and would like to acknowledge the following generous donations received between July 13 and August 9, 2024.

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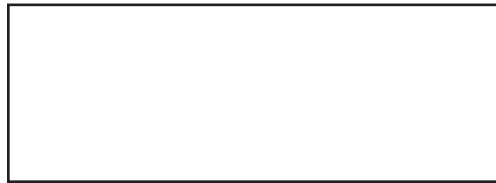
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If your donation sent during this period was inadvertently omitted from this list, or if there are any errors to your donation that need to be corrected, please accept our sincere apologies, and kindly inform the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans clubhouse office at (808) 946-0272 or info@100thibv.org. Mahalo for your continued support of the club. 🙏

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (2024)

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

- Aug. 16 (FRI)** *Office Closed* in observance of Admission Day.
- Aug. 17 (SAT)** 100th IBV Board of Directors Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- Aug. 24 (SAT)** Charlie Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
Baker Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
- Aug. 28 (WED)** HQ/Medics Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
- Sept. 02 (MON)** *Office Closed* in observance of Labor Day.
- Sept. 03 (TUE)** *Club 100 Italy/France Tour departs. (Office Manager returns Sept. 25)*
- Sept. 05 (THU)** **B.Y.O.Bento.** 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. All members welcome.
- Sept. 07 (SAT)** Baker Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
- Sept. 14 (SAT)** Able Chapter Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.

- Sept. 27 (FRI)** **Gravesite Decorating Flower Preparations.** 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse.
- Sept. 28 (SAT)** **Annual Gravesite Decorating at Punchbowl Cemetery, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, and Mililani Memorial Park.**
Decorating at Punchbowl begins at 8:30 a.m. (see pg. 5 for details)

19th Annual Joint Memorial Service on Sept. 29, 2024 (SUN)
9:30 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.
More information: <https://www.100thibv.org/post/19th-annual-joint-memorial-service>



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Mahalo!