



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

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## THE EDITOR'S PUKA

by Joy Teraoka

Today, the 100th Infantry Battalion has only two surviving recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award given for exceptional valor. It is awarded by the President in the name of Congress to a person who was a member of the Armed Services while distinguishing himself or herself "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States . . . the deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life. . . ."

In this issue I have dedicated a salute to Shizuya Hayashi whom I was able to interview recently in a delightful meeting at the DAV Memorial Park. In the next PPP issue I hope to feature our other surviving MOH recipient, Yeiki Kobashigawa.

Sam Fujikawa and Ben Tagami of the Mainland Chapter and C Company's Hiromi Suehiro have submitted reports in this issue on the October Mini-reunion in Las Vegas. It seems to have been another great get-together for the veterans and their families.

By the time this Puka Puka Parade is delivered in the mail, Thanksgiving will be over, and the next holiday season will be upon us--why does Christmas and New Year's Day come so fast? With each chapter planning Christmas get-togethers, we already have to wish all of you a Merry Christmas! Our next collation of the PPP will sneak upon us the day after Christmas. Please save some energy for that. Your help is sincerely appreciated because there would be no mailing without you.

## PPP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCT 31, 2002

Mahalo to the following PPP collating volunteers: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Mary Hamasaki, Ted Hamasu, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Shigeru Inouye, Isamu Inouye, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Philip Matsuyama (who donated a case of cold drinks), Y. Mugitani, Joichi Muramatsu, Fred and Nora Morihara, Saburo Nishime, Charles Nishimura, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Takeichi Onishi, Leo Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Masa Toma, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Martin Tohara, Ukichi Wozumi, and Marie Yoneshige. Also helping was a first timer, Sam Kakuyo Higuchi. Thank you one and all!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Stanley Akita

The meeting opened with a moment of silence for our deceased comrades.

The October meeting minutes were approved as circulated. The Secretary/Treasurer's report was tabled to the December meeting due to the absence of Bert Turner, who is on a trip.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Apartment Committee: Nothing to report.

House Committee: Akita reported for Dr. Teraoka that an estimate was received from a Winston Ogata for work to be done outside where the boardroom air conditioner is situated to increase storage space. The proposed new area is to provide a place to move the chairs outside in order to make more space available within the hall. Akita will meet with Ogata to discuss the scope of work involved. The bid price is \$3,568.

The Board also approved to install the Dual Zone Air Conditioner. This Dual Zone Air Conditioner will be able to cool the boardroom and the office with a single compressor unit.

The old boardroom air conditioner will be replaced by the new one to provide space for the chairs.

### COMBINING THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

With regard to the proposal to combine the Annual Memorial Service with the 442nd Vets Club, the three ad-hoc members who will represent the 100th are Bernard Akamine, Tom Nishioka and Ted Hamasu. The earliest they will be meeting will be on or about April of 2003 after the 60th celebration of the 442nd Vets Club.

### PURPLE HEART

The 100th Infantry Battalion also known as the "Purple Heart Battalion" was given the distinction of being honored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart to place a monument wherever the 100th would like to have it placed. The Board decided that they would like the monument to be placed in the vicinity of the Army Museum at Ft. DeRussy. The Military Order of the Purple Heart organization will follow through to get the necessary approval for the project. The MOPH organization in respect to the 100th Battalion will be responsible for the entire cost of shipping and placing the monument.

### METHOD OF VOTING TO ALLOW WIVES TO BECOME MEMBERS

A discussion was held on the procedure of the method. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded to table it to the December meeting.

### KAIMUKI/KAISER COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

The Board decided to allow the Kaimuki/Kaiser Community School for Adults to use our Turner Hall for one school semester next January to April. This group had their classes at the Ala Wai School; however, that classroom is scheduled for renovation. Adult students attending classes will continue parking at the Ala Wai School. Class hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for about 25 students. Allowing them to use the hall was based on our motto, "For Continuing Service."

### HAWAII KAI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE HONORS 100TH INFANTRY

On November 30, from 9 a.m., the Hawaii Kai Community Association will feature a Christmas Parade in which they will also honor the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. Kiyoshi Uyeno, a 100th veteran, will be the Grand Marshal. Several other 100th veterans will be participating in the parade as it proceeds down Lunalilo Home Road.

After a few announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

NOTE: We've noticed that members forget to call the 100th's office on pertinent messages such as deaths. Please inform the office or leave a message on such matters.



### *In Memoriam*

William Takayesu	B Company	Passed away October 26, 2002
Bumpei Akaji	Hdq. Company	Passed away October 27, 2002
Richard Endo	D Company	Passed away October 30, 2002

Our deepest sympathy to their family members

**SALUTE TO SHIZUYA HAYASHI, MOH RECIPIENT**

As we pulled into the parking lot of the beautiful DAV Veterans Memorial Park, we were greeted by Shizuya Hayashi who had been stuffing weeds into a large plastic bag. Every Thursday and Saturday he can be found working in the gardens where he volunteers his skill in operating the large hop-toe crane or in taking care of the many pieces of equipment necessary to maintain the park. He also weeds, trims or attends the plants as needed. With other DAV veterans he looks forward to serving the community in this way and at the same time getting together with his buddies to talk story.

Shizuya still glows with good health and physical strength, looking much younger than his eighty plus years. His soft-spoken manner and modesty hide the strength, courage and character that are at the core of his being and the attributes that helped him win the Medal of Honor on the battlefields of Italy.

Shizuya was born in Puuiki, a short distance from the Waialua Sugar Plantation, to Toichi and Noka Hayashi. He was the youngest of three boys. A sister died as an infant in a tragic accident on the sugar plantation where their mother worked. In the early days, often the women who worked in the cane fields had no choice but to bring their infants with them. Noka and the other mothers devised a sheltered area of sugar cane leaves where they placed their babies to protect them from the hot sun. Unfortunately, one day a strong gust of wind carried embers from the cane fire to the area where the women left their babies. Before they realized what was happening, the raging fire reached their babies' shelter and burned their children to death. Sadly, the Hayashi's never had another daughter.

From elementary through high school, barefooted Shizuya attended schools in the little country town of Waialua. On the plantation, being isolated from the city, Shizuya wasn't aware of other job possibilities away from the rural scene. So, after graduation he worked long hours, with minimal pay and no promise of advancement on the sugar plantation as a *happaiko* mechanic for the harvesting equipment.

As he approached the age of 22, yearning for more freedom from the confines of the plantation, Shizuya ran away from his job. He found work on Ford Island. Saving his money, he finally purchased a small motorcycle. Then he sold that and bought a larger Harley Davidson, the joy of his new-found life. It represented to him the antithesis of the confining plantation.

In March of 1941, Hayashi was drafted into the Army. After basic training he was assigned to the 65th Engineers. Unlike many other AJA draftees who were restricted from certain areas, his outfit of mixed nationalities was not restricted and they enjoyed the freedom to move about even after the Pearl Harbor bombings. However, when the Hawaii Provisional Army composed of AJA was secretly shipped to Oakland in June 1942, Hayashi and most other Nisei draftees, were included in this contingent. Historically, thereafter they became known as the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). From there, as a private in Company E, Shizuya experienced the winter cold of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and the sweltering heat of Camp Shelby, Mississippi in the South. From the very start, with purpose and determination, the 100th set outstanding records in both training on the field and in sports outside the army post. Hayashi recalls a comment made by Capt. Alex MacKenzie praising the Nisei soldiers. He said they were the best, even though they spoke in pidgin English much of the time, they were literate, highly intelligent and could follow written directions, something that posed a big problem with other units.

August 11, 1943, the 100th left Camp Shelby to begin its historic overseas journey--first to Oran, Africa and then on to the battlefields of Italy. As one of Maj. Gen. Charles W. Ryder's personally selected units, the 100th was assigned to the 34th Red Bull Division. One of their first battles was near Salerno. Wrinkling his nose as he recalled the stench of death and destruction, Hayashi said it was their first revelation of the devastating effects of war. As they marched all day and all night to reach their bivouac area, they could hear the harassing threat of German artillery fire--its booster shells bursting in repeated succession and its rapid gunfire ripping the air--terrifying and unnerving to the uninitiated.

In the heat of battle, Shizuya pensively stated that one's initial instinct is for "survival," to just keep moving, charging, going on-- Remarkably, despite several close calls, he did not suffer any direct injuries. A bullet just grazed the back of his neck, another whizzed right between his legs (ouch) and in another incident, he felt the zing of a bullet across his back. To this, he shook his head incredulously. But, finally, it was trench foot suffered in Bruyeres that sent him to an army hospital.

As an E Company brownie automatic rifleman under Capt. Alex MacKenzie, Hayashi recalled the first

crossing of the Volturno River when he spotted the dark helmets of the Germans downhill from where his platoon was advancing. Because of the trees, there was hesitancy about throwing grenades at the enemy, but Hayashi took a chance, jumped from his foxhole and threw his grenades at them. All the while, the Germans were watching him, they then retaliated by throwing two grenades that landed in his foxhole and blasted their machine pistols and rifle grenades at him. The earsplitting noise was so great, his hearing was permanently affected. In one incident, a German threw a grenade directly at him, but it didn't explode--fortunately, it was a dud. To this day Hayashi marvels in disbelief that he escaped injury or death during the many times he was directly exposed to danger.

One battle that lives vividly in his memory is when his unit discovered German enemy positions at close quarters. He fired his BAR killing several Jerries. He was about to aim his gun at another, when he noticed the soldier was a terrified youngster, crying for his mother, too paralyzed by fear to fire his own weapon. Even in the midst of fierce fighting for survival, Hayashi could not kill this child. The young German was then taken prisoner and saved from death. Astounded that a mere child was forced to fight for the Fuehrer, Hayashi still displayed feelings of compassion for another helpless human being.

In November 1943, the men of E and F companies were assigned to other companies as replacements for those depleted forces. Hayashi joined Company A under Capt. Mits Fukuda.

Hayashi's heroism on November 29, 1943, near Cerasuolo (Colli), Italy, was where he distinguished himself in battle, earning the Distinguished Service Cross which was upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor in the year 2000, the *Medaglia al Valore Militare* (Italy) and the awe and respect of top military officers. To quote the Medal of Honor citation:

*. . . During a flank assault on high ground held by the enemy, Private Hayashi rose alone in the face of grenade, rifle, and machine gun fire. Firing his automatic rifle from the hip, he charged and overtook an enemy machine gun position, killing seven men in the nest and two more as they fled. After a platoon advance of 200 yards from this point, an enemy antiaircraft gun-position opened fire on the platoon. Private Hayashi returned fire at the hostile position, killing nine of the enemy, taking four prisoners, and forcing the remainder of the force to withdraw from the hill. Private Hayashi's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.*

Hayashi fought throughout the 100th's campaigns, continuing up the boot of Italy and on to France. In France, Hayashi was reassigned to Headquarters Company to guard prisoners. Finally, a victim of trench foot, he was hospitalized and sent to Camp Carson, Colorado, from where he was discharged.

In 1945, Shizuya returned to Hawaii on the converted SS. Lurline. After a spell of just resting and recuperating, Hayashi found work with a construction company, manning heavy equipment and becoming an expert crane operator and unbeatable pile driver. Some of the projects he worked on were Tripler Army Hospital and the Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center, the Sheraton, Ilikai and other hotels in Waikiki. Another one of his jobs was driving pile off Waikiki. Everyday he was taxied to his crane in a skiff. In addition, he helped construct about 90% of the water tanks on Oahu.

In 1947 he married Mavis Tomino Imamura, who saw in her handsome husband, a quiet, unassuming hero who rarely called attention to himself. Mavis was the family cheerleader who eagerly shared the story of the 100th and their heroic part in WWII that earned Shizuya the Distinguished Service Cross citation. Unfortunately, Mavis passed away in October 1999 before knowing that Shizuya's citation had been upgraded to the highest military honor of all--the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Asked if he ever thought of using the GI bill to go to college, Shizuya responded that he considered it but changed his mind when he learned his brother-in-law (a 442nd vet) wanted to go to medical school. Even with the GI subsidy, it was not enough to cover all the expenses of medical school, so Shizuya returned to work to help his brother-in-law pursue his studies. Now a successfully retired osteopathic surgeon, Dr. Eugene Imamura lives in Seattle. Shizuya's generous, caring and unselfish attitude is very typical of his character, say his family members.

Since receiving the CMOH, Hayashi has been invited to may celebrations and conventions in their honor. Besides meeting President Bill Clinton at the White House, Hayashi has attended two of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual conventions. Different states submit a proposal for hosting the convention. Businesses, non-profit organizations, benefactors, and the military host these special celebrations for the CMOH veterans. During the convention week, the CMOH recipients reciprocate by

serving as speakers at elementary, middle and high schools. They share information about their backgrounds, what their battalions accomplished, and they encourage the students to be good citizens. Hayashi finds it not only a privilege to attend these events, but he feels compelled to go to represent all the Japanese American veterans who fought during WW II. He feels his mission is to inform the public of the history and accomplishments of the 100th/442nd veterans. It is for his fellow comrades that he proudly carries the banner proclaiming their loyalty, courage, sacrifices and service. Hayashi also stated that in meeting other MOH recipients, there is an instant rapport of respect and understanding among them because of their mutual experiences in combat.

Everyone has expressed joy that the Asian Americans, especially the WW II AJA veterans, have been recognized. Many who fought in the Korean War, the Vietnam and the Gulf War said the service of the men of the 100th and the 442nd set standards they were expected to meet even though they were fighting a different war.

In the 60 years since the war, he realizes memories that were so long suppressed are now being revived as he and other veterans finally talk about the war. Some veterans are realizing that sharing their stories and memories of buddies who did not return can be therapeutic as it helps resolve the trauma that has emotionally touched their lives.

Hayashi's daughter, "Mimi" Nakano (an associate professor at Leeward Community College and past president of the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion) emphasizes that the importance of sharing information about the adversity the Nisei had to overcome provides valuable lessons for their descendants. The veterans' legacy is part of their history which teaches the next generation about the power of strong values, discipline, character and ethics. It is important for the descendants to know this because in knowing who you are and what you can do is empowering. Secondly, it also reminds the next generation that they have the responsibility of perpetuating that history and those values to their progeny.

Although Hayashi is reticent and reserved, listening more than talking, he is surprisingly well informed about a wide range of subjects. He is an avid reader and if engaged in conversation, he conveys an impressive amount of knowledge about many topics.

Today, Hayashi is content spending time with his children, their families, and grandchildren. Besides his daughter "Mimi" (Mary Anne), he has two other children. His son Grant works successfully at Sun Microsystems. Daughter Karen, formerly an assistant buyer for Liberty House, now devotes her time to being a housewife, mother and craftsperson. Hayashi enjoys spending time with his DAV buddies, devoting much of his free time to maintaining the serenely beautiful gardens at Keehi Lagoon. It is a park dedicated to those veterans who fought for their country in time of need. So Hayashi continues to honor his comrades in continuing service to their park.

To Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Shizuya Hayashi, we proudly salute you, a true hero who represents among the best and bravest of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

## **Family Support Group Workshop**

**Sunday, January 26, 2003**

**Speaker: Betty Dumas of Maluhia Health Center**

**Subject: PACE & Adult Day Care**

**(For seniors who reside at home but need day care while family members are at work or away from home)**

**11:30 a.m. - Lunch**

**12:15 - 1:00 Presentation  
(Questions & answers to follow)**

**Parking at Ala Wai School**

**For lunch reservations, please call:  
Helen Nikaïdo - Phone 734-5552  
Robert Arakaki - Phone 737-5244**

## THANK YOU NOTE FROM MC LEAN, VIRGINIA

In response to an article in Mid-Week by Bob Jones, which urged people to write a note of thanks to the veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion for the incredible valor they displayed and the sacrifices they made during WW II, many letters came pouring in. The letters were displayed on the clubhouse bulletin board, but President Stanley Akita wanted, in turn, to thank the people for taking the time to express their thoughts of gratitude.

In August of this year, under President Akita's direction and with the help of some veterans and their wives, a "thank you" luncheon invitation was extended to those who wrote. The following is an excerpt of an e-mail received from Mrs. Jackie Woods, of McLean, Virginia, who attended the party with her parents.

*You . . . made us feel so at home and welcome during the delicious feast at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club in August. We felt honored to be invited and welcomed by your members and their families. . . Please thank everyone at the Club House for us. Let them know what an inspiration you all are to us. We have already shared your story and our experiences with you and will treasure our memories with you all for a lifetime.*

*Best wishes for the coming holiday season and new year to all the wonderful members of the Battalion.*

This has been a reciprocal exchange of *aloha* between the veterans and their admirers.



## 34TH INF DIV MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGN

There is a new sign that greets those who enter the clubhouse hall. The black and red insignia of the Red Bull Division for the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Highway is shown on a white background. This highway runs across Southern Iowa and from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River. It was built in honor of the 34th Infantry Division of which the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd RCT were a part. This sign was presented to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans by Dr. Jerry Barnett of Iowa.

Dr. Barnett is an annual visitor to Honolulu, who escapes from the bitter winters of Iowa to the warm, sunny climate of Hawaii. During his stays in Honolulu, the retired doctor who also is a WW II veteran, spends his Sundays as a docent at the Information Center of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It was on a few of these occasions that he met some veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion. His interest in them was sparked by the fact that after WW II he served in the Iowa National Guard, 168th Infantry Regiment of the 34th Red Bull Division, and was aware of the 100th's battle history in Italy.

Quietly, on his own, Dr. Barnett decided to present this sign to the 100th's club in Honolulu. Through the courtesy of Mr. Richard A. Moss, Secretary/Treasurer of the 34th Infantry Division Association of Granger, Iowa, Dr. Barnett was able to procure one for our clubhouse. It is now on proud display in the lobby of our clubhouse. Incidentally, Moss also designed the sign.

Several years ago another medical man, Dr. Muschamp of Corning, Iowa, who served in L Company, 133rd Cannon Company, from North Africa, Salerno, Cassino, Anzio, and Bologna during WW II, first informed us of the 34th Division Memorial Highway, with a poster presentation he sent to the 100th Infantry Battalion. It can be seen in the lobby display case opposite the club's business office.

## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HONORS NISEI WW II VETERANS

On Veterans Day on the Battleship USS New Jersey, moored in Camden, New Jersey, the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) received the "We The People Award" from the National Constitution Center. Christine Sato-Yamazaki (executive director of the Go For Broke Educational Foundation) along with Don Seki representing the 442nd RCT and Col. Harry Fukuhara (Ret.) representing the MIS,

received the award on behalf of these organizations. More than 25 other Nisei WW II veterans from across the nation attended the Veterans' Day event.

The "We The People Award" is given by the National Constitution Center to a person or group who exemplifies the qualities of active citizenship envisioned by our Nation's Founders and who has made a noteworthy contribution to constitutional principles.

"The highest office in our republic is not president, senator or mayor, but citizen," stated National Constitution Center president and CEO, Joe Torsella. "'Go For Broke' is the very definition of what our Founders envisioned as good citizens and we are proud to have members of the regiment represented in the Center's exhibits in addition to presenting the group with this award."

The National Constitution Center, an institution dedicated to honoring and explaining the United States Constitution, will open on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall on July 4, 2003. The stories of two members of the 100/442 will be featured in the Center's exhibits when it opens on July 4, 2003. Soldier William Nakamura will be featured in the National Family Tree, and a letter written by fellow soldier George Saito will be included in the portion of these exhibits dedicated to the men and women who have served and currently serve in our military.

The museum will be a modern, interactive, and exciting center where people will learn about the profound impact the Constitution has had in American history and continues to have in our daily lives. The Center's mission is to increase awareness and understanding of the Constitution, the Constitution's history and its relevance in people's daily lives.

(Information from Diane H. Tanaka, communications director of the Go For Broke Educational Foundation.)

## **REMEMBRANCES: Non-tactical**

**by Ben Tamashiro**

Once upon a time, the Hanapepe valley scene on Kauai included pasture lands for horses and cows marked off by barbed wire fences nailed to redwood fence posts. It was the time of my youth, those days of ricefields, taro patches and common mango trees. Of such is this tale, its purpose to play up the fact that as we celebrate such grandeur as our 60th anniversary, they also help us to remember those other fast-receding days of our lives. Hanapepe is my gold mine of such memories and that which follows is a part of that glitter.

Our way of life back then also included the company of centipedes, scorpions, bees and the like, bumblebees in particular. I was reminded of that the other day when during my daily afternoon ritual of watering plants, I noticed a bumblebee buzzing around a nearby ti leaf plant. Manoa Valley, too, was once full of pasture lands, dairies and flower gardens. Bumblebees must have been plentiful as they were in Hanapepe back then. This was the first one I'd seen in ages and in that instant I was back in Hanapepe.

As kids roaming around the river lands we used to carry a stick with us. You see, bumblebees loved to bore into the soft parts of the redwood posts, making shelters or seeking food. Their holes, about the size of a dime, were perfectly round and glossy smooth as though they had been bored by a carpenter with a sharp bit and brace.

On coming upon a hole, we'd first look through it and if it were empty we'd go on to the next, until we came across one with a bee still inside. Then we'd take our stick and start banging on the post until the bee would emerge, rear end first. When it was about half way out of the hole, we'd whack it with the stick cutting its body in half.

But once in a while, it would back out faster than expected, surely mad as hell, and escape unharmed. Then we would have a fight on our hands to ward it off as it tried to get in a sting or two. As images of bee stings stirred my memories, I wondered whether I could catch the one flitting nearby on the ti plant. I turned my hose on it and down it went. Gently I stepped on it with my rubber zori since I didn't want to squash it, only wanted a memoir for my desk.

So there he reposes today, impaled in flight by a steel pin thrust through its body onto a cork stopper from a Merlot wine bottle.

## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Sam Fujikawa and Ben Tagami

Our club held its sixteenth Annual Mini-reunion in Las Vegas on October 20th - 24th. We had 210 attendees from Hawaii, Minnesota, Idaho, Illinois, Wyoming, Georgia, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada and California. Our club members are dwindling in numbers and we really miss those who have passed away but our spirits are still in high gear. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

On the Monday slot tournament, Terry Miyamura came in first and won prize money and a California Casino jacket. Not to be outdone, Barbara Kon won "booby" prize money and a California T-shirt. Janet Geary came in first on Wednesday and also won first prize money and a California Casino jacket. Joyce Binz was the "lucky" booby prize winner of money and a California Casino T-shirt. Afterwards, a group of hardy shoppers went to the popular Shopping Outlet Mall and Ethel M Factory trip led by Chuckie Seki.

Tuesday was very special with a bus load of veterans and families, including MOH awardees Hershey Miyamura and Shizuya Hayashi, attended a tour of Nellis Air Force Base arranged by Kauai Masuda, SMSgt.(Ret.). Major General Stephen G. Woods took the time to greet the group at the Advisory Threat Museum to express his appreciation to the veterans for their outstanding service to their country in WWII. The Flight Line with all the different aircraft participating in the "Red Flag Exercise" and the "Thunderbirds Facility and Museum" was truly an unforgettable awesome experience for the tour group.

Tuesday night was our gala banquet in the Ohana Room. With prime rib and teriyaki chicken as the main course, we enjoyed an evening of lovely and lively music, hilarious jokes, some surprise door prizes, and wonderful camaraderie provided by Kauai Masuda, Doris Kimura, Hank Hayashi, Don Miyada, Sam Fujikawa, Ben Tagami, Stanley Akita, Ray and Aki Nosaka and the Aikanes, Ted Ohira, Toe Yoshino, Skip Tomiyama, Kazuto Shimizu, Chester Hada, and chaired by our genial MC, Yeiki Matsui.

Wednesday evening, a bus load attended the excellent dinner and show at the Castaways Hotel Casino. It included a Hawaiian/Japanese Buffet and an excellent Polynesian Show "At Home in the Islands". This wonderful evening was arranged by Kauai and Helga Masuda.

During the four day event, Chizu Ohira conducted an ongoing crafts corner for many enthusiastic participants who learned how to make beautiful beaded angels to take home as souvenirs and gifts.

The success of our Hospitality Room was due to all the faithful volunteers who came to keep the many plates and bowls filled with all kinds of delicious treats. So many wonderful donations of maki sushi, Hawaiian manju, pistachio nuts, Hawaiian peanuts, roasted almonds, homemade raisins, homemade olives, assorted kinds of jerky of fish, beef, turkey, and ham, smoked squid sunomono, gourmet cookies and chocolate chiffon cake, senbei cookies, edamame, Idaho Potato candy bars, English Toffee candy, barbecued steak, and Hawaii's famous chocolate covered Macadamia nut candy all added to the fresh sashimi, all kinds of fresh fruits, kamaboko, cucumber sunomono, maze-gohan, kinpira gobo, and tsukemono. Always a big hit is the delicious matsutake gohan made possible by the generous amount of matsutake collected and prepared for transport to our mini-reunion by Tom and Gladys Tsuda of Wyoming, and the help of Sadie Yoshiwara for allowing us to cook at her lovely home in Las Vegas (with chief cook Jean Tagami). Also an extra special treat was Terry Miyamura's delicious Green Chile with homemade Tortillas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the above donations and also to the following for their generous monetary donations - William and Margaret Omoto, Seichi Jerry Okazaki, Mitzi Okazaki, Michael and Gene Doi, Masaru Ishida, Takeichi and Dorothy Onishi, Riki and Evelyn Tsuda, Masaru and Kiyoko Hamada, Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu, William Naganuma, Bill and Irene Sato, Tony Miyasato. Please let us know if we have missed listing anyone. We also thank Chuckie Seki's friend, Al Morita, for arranging the prizes for the slot tournaments and the banquet door prizes.

On November 9th, the Go For Broke Educational Foundation held their Inaugural Gala Event at the California Science Center. It was a wonderful "Evening of Aloha" with a program acknowledging the many achievements and future plans of the Foundation for continuing the legacy of the Veterans. Speeches by Executive Director/President, Christine Sato-Yamazaki, and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Col. Young O. Kim, led off an enjoyable program of an array of many impressive items for the silent auction followed by a gourmet luau spread of delicious food from well known and popular restaurants organized by the famous Chef Sam Choy. Talented Melveen Leed topped off the evening with her wonderful singing. 100th members seen in the audience were Ben and Jean Tagami, Harry Fukasawa, Noby Okamoto, Chuckie Seki, Bill and Chris Seki, Yo Kimura, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Ted and Gladys Toguchi, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Mas and Elma Takahashi, May and Wayne Fujita, Ken and Hisa Miya, Toke and Rae Yoshihashi, Bill and Irene Sato, Ted and Chizu Ohira, Duke and Dorothy

Ogawa, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Al and Connie Takahashi, Kei Yamaguchi, George and June Kurisu, Leland Kurisu, Chip and Terry Mamiya and daughter.

## **CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Warren Iwai**

Thirteen (13) members attended the meeting of November 18th. It was good to see Rusty Nakagawa and Philip Matsuyama at the meeting again. For our Christmas party of December 21 the chapter appropriated \$500.00 for expenses. Charlie Chapter decided to donate \$2,000 to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii toward the effort to save the Center. The vote was unanimous. The Center was built to serve as a legacy to our descendants and we as veterans of the 100th felt we must support this effort. The veterans individually will also pledge their support to this cause.

In the November issue of the PPP on the last page is an "important notice to members" where you were asked to vote on amendment to Charter and By-laws. Our chapter representative was asked to get more information from the Board since this was not the usual way of making changes to the charter and by-laws. Our representative reported that he brought this matter up but there was no discussion and the subject was tabled. In combat in the army we jumped when ordered without question but we are now civilians in a democratic country and it was our duty to ask questions. Since they would not talk about it more questions seem to come to mind.. So members be alert and informed.

Correction: Mrs.. Evelyn Higuchi is the correct name not Florence. I made this error in the November issue. Pardon me, Evelyn.

Manabu Hongo is okay and is getting stronger. However, he still is not strong enough to give massages.

You all received the flyer on the Christmas Party from Warren Yamamoto. You can kokua by sending your reply as soon as possible.

## **MINI-REUNION IN LAS VEGAS**

**by Hiromi Suehiro**

Hi-lite of the mini-reunion: Ted Ohira urging everyone to join him in singing "Koko ni Sachi Ari" in memory of our beloved friend Mitsuru Doi who passed away last August. Ted choked with emotion as he reminisced how Mits used to walk around the tables as he sang "Lili Marlene". Ted saluted his dearest friend as he said his last goodbye.

The girls in the hospitality room were in a dilemma as Mits was not around to cut the sashimi. But not to worry as Bill Naganuma came to the rescue. However, before cutting the fish Bill lectured to the girls that the knife must first be sharpened and proceeded to demonstrate how to sharpen the knife. It was vintage Bill Naganuma at his best.

How many of you have tasted real Mexican Chili and tortilla? Everyone who dropped by the hospitality room was treated to the real McCoy courtesy of Hershey Miyamura and his wife, Terry. The chili was hot but tasty. I quickly learned to neutralize the sting of the chili pepper by biting into the tortilla. Norman Oda liked it so much he had two servings.

The hospitality room was where we congregated. It always warms my heart to see Ben Tagami and his hospitality gang. They personify the mini-reunion.

Yoshio Anzai's son Bert and his wife, Diane met us at the airport and took us to their home for a gourmet breakfast. They live in a huge mansion (Citadel) with a swimming pool.

Yoshio, his daughter Cynthia, and I stayed at the Golden Nugget and we all came home winners. Cynthia liked the hotel so much she insists that we are coming back to the Golden Nugget next year. She was able to cajole a wheel chair for her dad from the hotel which is another example of the amenities available. The room is large and the bathroom is super. Another reason we favor the hotel is we never once had to wait for the elevator to take us to our floor or to bring us down. The hotel has a man 24 hours a day and his job is to see that two cars are always down at the 1st-floor level and two cars at the top floor for the convenience of the guests.

Charlie Winners and Losers: The biggest winner was none other than Dorothy Onishi who caught an Ulua. Her husband Takeichi caught a papio. Yoroku Ito, Yoshio and Cynthia all caught papios. Kazuto Shimizu had a stack of chips at the black jack table but the dealer had a hot streak and beat him twenty

games in a row. He may have left some green stuff for the casino.

The mini-reunion is always enjoyable and it is always sad to say goodbye to our mainland friends. We hugged each other and our parting words were "stay healthy and see you next year." Those are precious words so let's all stay healthy, God willing, and see each other next year.

That was the hot news from your Las Vegas reporter, Hiromi Suehiro.

**NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 16 - See you there.**

## **HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Janice Sakoda - 737-7778**

Mark Sunday, December 15 on your calendar NOW for this year's Headquarters Christmas party and be sure to tell your kids to save this date too!! Some of your children don't get the Puka Puka Parade so it's up to you to keep them informed.

This year's Headquarter's Christmas party promises to be another fun and exciting evening. There'll be something for the seniors and the keikis, as well as our traditional gingerbread house. Dinner will be catered but any donations (dessert, pupus, soft drinks) will be very much appreciated. Here are the details:

**Date: Sunday, December 15, 2002**

**Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10 for adults**

**\$5 for children between 5 and 12 years old**

**FREE for children under 5**

**We'll have spaghetti for the keikis if they prefer.**

**Parking: Available at Ala Wai School**

**RSVP: Dorothy Tamashiro by December 2, 2002 - 734-5122**



**Remember to bring a gift for the keikis (with names on) for Santa to hand out. Please keep this gift under \$10.**



## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Helen Nikaido**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER**

**Date: December 22, 2002 (Sunday)**

**Place: 100th Clubhouse -- Parking at Ala Wai School**

**Time: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Cost: Adults - \$10**

**12 - 18 yrs. - \$5**

**Below 12 - Free**



**Bring a gift of not more than \$10 marked with the child's name for Santa's bag of toys.**

### **FABULOUS ENTERTAINMENT BY SANDY KINOSHITA & FRIENDS**

**Donations of desserts, pupus, drinks, etc. welcomed**

**RSVP by DECEMBER 2, 2002**

**CALL KAY HARADA - 845-0516 OR HELEN NIKAIDO - 734-5552**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Momoyo Endo whose beloved husband Richard passed away on October 30. Richard hadn't been well for a long time.

Our get-well wishes go to Denis Teraoka and Wally Chinen who are under the weather.

On November 16, the following members attended Dog Chapter meeting: Saburo Nishime, "Jits" Yoshida, Martin Tohara, "Doc" Hosaka, Moriso Teraoka and "Stu" Tsubota.

**Opu Hiranaka's One Puka Puka 2003 Japan Spring Onsen Tour, first meeting 12/5/02, 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse.**

The One Puka Puka Japan Autumn tour left Honolulu via JAL for Tokyo, October 19. It was a smooth flight. After arriving at Narita Int'l Airport we were surprised to see so many foreign arrivals in line at the Immigration section. Many Chinese people. Normally, we breeze through; this time it must have taken us about 1-1/2 hours. We couldn't wait to get to Shiba Park Hotel.

Oct. 21 - Sunday was a free day for individual activities meeting with relatives, friends, etc. Opu, Mildred, Sugi-san, China and I went to a sukiyaki dinner in Ginza. I tried some raw steak for pupu which was delicious. The restaurant was downstairs and the stairs were steep--no railings. I managed to go down, but after dinner I had a hard time going up. Mildred made it, but I had to climb like a crab, sideways. Wished they had railings, what a chore! At the bottom of the stairs the manager, Opu, Sugi-san and China were waiting to catch us.

Oct. 22 - We had a full day sightseeing Yokohama via the Rainbow Bridge. We visited the Landmark Tower, the tallest building in the East. From the observatory it is possible to see as far south as Mt. Fuji and as far north as the skyscrapers of Shinjuku. Too bad, it was a cloudy day. Next stop, we had a dim sum and noodles lunch at the oldest restaurant in Chinatown. We returned to Tokyo to visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government in Shinjuku. Construction of this building began in April 1988 and ended in March 1991. This remarkable building tells us how far Japan has come since the chaotic days after the war. We visited Takashima Department Store, the most prestigious department store in Japan. We didn't buy anything but went to the food section and tried some of the samples.

Oct. 23 - We left Tokyo Station to board the bullet train to Kaminoyama Onsen, then visited a local winery to sample some wines. We couldn't climb Mt. Zao by ropeway to enjoy the serene beauty of Lake Okama, a tiny caldera lake formed by volcanic eruptions many centuries ago, as it was foggy, cold and windy. The autumn leaves were changing color and it was beautiful.

Oct. 24 - Went by bus to Ichinoseki and Geibikei Gorge to take a river cruise. Here the autumn leaves haven't changed color yet, but the picturesque gorge with rock walls rising several hundred feet at some spots was breathtaking. We transferred by bus to Chusonji (Temple). This temple houses a national treasure called Konjikido, a glittering mausoleum covered in gold leaf.

Oct. 25 - We left Narugo for Sendai Station. Sendai Station is known throughout Japan to have the best variety of bento lunches. We were able to purchase bento to enjoy on the train ride back to Tokyo.

Oct. 26 - Back in Tokyo, we visited the Edo Tokyo Museum. The museum is located next to the Kokugikan Stadium, the home of sumo in Japan. After our tour of the museum we walked over to a nearby restaurant to treat ourselves to an authentic chanko nabe dinner, the chosen food of the sumo wrestlers. It was real ono.

Oct. 27 - Transferring by taxi to the Tokyo Station, we boarded a limited express train to Imaihama in the Izu Peninsula. We enjoyed the onsen and dinners prepared by world-class chefs featuring the delicacies from the waters surrounding the Izu Peninsula.

Oct. 28 - We went orange picking enroute to the Ito Station to board a train back to Tokyo.

Oct 29 - Shopping in the Ginza followed. Early evening we went to NHK Music Hall to enjoy a kayo concert featuring Mori Shinichi, Yuki Saori and other pop singers. Being a live show, we enjoyed it.

Oct. 30 - More shopping was at Tsukiji Market.

Oct. 31 - We finished packing and met in the lobby for last minute info with Opu. There were 11 of us. Opu and Mildred Hiranaka, Alex and Taeko Fujise, Sumio Ito, Sadame Tsuda, Nancy Nakamura, Paula Asato, Pro Tanaka, China Yamashina, and Helen Nikaido.

This was an enjoyable and relaxing trip. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Opu for taking good care of us; he is a terrific guide--took care of everything by himself.

## MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Nagata

The late Maui member Kaoru Moto was one of over 20 DSC Medal winners from the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd RCT to have his medal upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor two years ago. With Maui Chapter President Stanley Izumigawa spearheading the drive, our Maui County Veterans Cemetery at Makawao may soon be named after Kaoru Moto. The Maui County Council is now in the process of approving the bill.

Christmas Party chairman Satoji Arisumi announced that this year's party will be held at the Waikapu Maui Tropical Plantation on Thursday, December 12, at 11 a.m. The buffet luncheon menu will be mahi-mahi and teriyaki chicken, plus the usual side dishes. There will be an \$8.00 charge for all diners and the treasurer will appreciate your bringing that amount, if possible. We hope those who missed our Mother's Day luncheon due to illness or other reasons, can make it to this party. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Maui observed Veterans Day with a luau sponsored by the VFW at their Kihei beach pavilion on Saturday evening, November 9, and a program held at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului on Monday morning on November 11 with the Sons and Daughters of the Maui AJA Nisei Veterans Club in charge.

## RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

by Ted Hamasu

The year 2002 is nearing its close, so I'll take this means to thank all Ruralites and their families for their support during the past year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New 2003. To the rest of the 100th ohana and the Sons and Daughters, Mele Kalikimaka, Hauoli Makahiki Hou from all of us to all of you. *Rainen mo gambarimasho.*

The Memorial Day Committee invited the people who were involved in decorating the cemeteries of our comrades to a Mahalo Luncheon at the Tree Top Restaurant at Paradise Park on 26 October 2002, with about 40 invitees, spearheaded by our Sons and Daughters. They reiterated that all requests for kokua will be accepted, so all you have to do is to let the Memorial Committee know of the locations of our comrades' graves.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Installation and New Years Banquet on 19 January 2003 from 10:00 a.m. at Dot's in Wahiawa. Ladies of the chapter, please kokua with desserts for the occasion. All donations will be welcomed and deeply appreciated.

The officers for the coming year 2003 for Rural Chapter are as follows:

President	Ted Hamasu
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Masaharu Saito
Treasurer	Susumu Ota
Auditors	Mitsuo Nagaki Kiyomi Kaneshige

The Directors of the 100th were invited to participate in the IHE (Spear) Award Breakfast Celebration. The "Everyday Hero" award was presented to Mr. William Paty, Jr. by the Hawaii Army Museum Society on the morning of 14 November 02, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Our table was sponsored by Golden Sponsors, Col. Jimmie Chang, AUS Ret., and the First Hawaiian Bank.

We held our meeting on a rainy Friday, 15 November, from 11:00 a.m., with only a handful of members attending at Zippy's Restaurant of Wahiawa. They were Masaharu Saito, Susumu Ota, Charlie Nishimura from far off Kaneohe, Mataki Takeshita and Ted Hamasu.

One of the important agenda items was the coming Installation and New Years Banquet. The chairman of the activities is Susumu Ota, and we are asking Harry Kamikawa to assist in buying prizes for the bingo games and door prizes, as in previous years. Our next meeting will be on 19 January 2003, at Dot's Drive-In, Wahiawa, from 10:00 a.m. at the Installation Banquet. See you all there.

The officers of the mother club are:

President	Stanley Akita
1st Vice President	Bert Turner
2nd Vice President	Shigeru Tsubota
Sec/Treasurer	Al Matsumoto

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Ann Kabasawa & Joe Muramatsu

# CO. B ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 2002

TIME: 5:00PM

PLACE: CLUB 100 CLUBHOUSE



**COST: 13 YEARS AND OLDER.....\$8.00**  
**CHILDREN AGES 6 - 12 YEARS.....\$5.00**  
**CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS ARE FREE**

**R.S.V.P. WITH PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 10, 2002**

**PAYMENT RECEIVED AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$9.00 FOR 13 YEARS & OLDER**

**CALL BERNARD AKAMINE (CHAIRMAN) AT 734-6736 OR ANN KABASAWA AT 734-0641 OR E-MAIL ANNKABA@ALOHA.NET FOR MORE INFO.**

**PARENTS: PLEASE BRING GRAB BAG FOR EACH CHILD NOT TO EXCEED \$10.00**

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**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAMES AND AGES OF ALL ATTENDING:**

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_____	<b>CHILDREN</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		_____



**DONATIONS OF PRIZES, DESSERTS, TSUKEMONO AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

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At our October meeting the usual members were in attendance. Masa Toma was in the gaming room busily trying to make money at the rummy game.

After the usual formalities of reading the minutes and the treasurer's report, the matter of repairing the jalousies in the lounge was brought up. That matter has been brought up many times, but nothing has been done. Bernard Akamine reported that the crank type jalousies are no longer being made. It will be looked into again.

Military Order of the Purple Heart wants to place a memorial somewhere. It was suggested that it be placed at the Brothers in Valor monument, but who goes there? It was also suggested that it be placed somewhere near the Army Museum. More on that later..

It was suggested that we ask Gene Castagnetti to supply us with a golf cart when we go to place flowers at the columbarium and far off gravesites during our memorial services.

It was reported that our vice-president Ann Kabasawa's house was flooded when a pipe burst in her home. It happened at an inopportune time because her parents (Aki and Ray Nosaka) were leaving for the mini-reunion in Vegas the following day. Hope it wasn't too damaging.

Also heard that Jimmy Kawashima had a pacemaker installed. Now he can live to a ripe old age.

Also, Takeshi Teshima was confined to the hospital with a compression fracture of his lower back. Hajime Yamane reported that flowers will be sent. Robert Aoki said that Velma Nakahara reports that Joe Nakahara and his wife are in nursing homes in Waipahu.

At our November meeting long time no see member Stu Yoshioka made an appearance. He looked good.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
(October & November, 2002)

by Amanda Stevens

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

Ted, Patty & Peter Sidor	IM of James Matsuda (A)	\$25	
Baker Chapter	IM of William Takaezu (B)	\$25	100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn Scholarship
Stanley & Yukie Akita	IM of William Takaezu (B)	\$20	100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn Scholarship
Alfred & Paulette Arakaki	IM of Naoji Yamagata (A)	\$1,000	
Yeiki Kobashigawa		\$100	
Roy Kitaoka		\$100	
Dr. Americo Bugliani		\$30	
Company F	IM of Ralph Yempuku	\$50	100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. Scholarship

**PukaPuka Parade**

Edwin S. Imamura	(in appreciation for all of the articles)	\$25	
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**Sons & Daughters**

Bette Takahashi	IM of Sakae Takahashi (B)	\$1,000	100 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn Scholarship
Tommy Nishioka	IM of Walter Moriguchi "A"	\$50	Scholarship Fund
Tommy Nishioka	IM of Naoji Yamagata "A"	\$50	Scholarship Fund
Shizuko Akamine	IM of Stanley Hamamura "A"	\$50	Scholarship Fund
Dr. Kenneth Otagaki	IM of Shurei Hirozawa	\$250	Scholarship Fund
Pamela Oishi		\$141	

**STATUS QUO**

**Author Unknown**

My face in the mirror → Isn't wrinkled or drawn → My house isn't dirty  
 The cobwebs are gone. → My garden looks lovely, → And so does my lawn.  
 I think I might never → Put my glasses back on.

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**JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Po-mai-kai wa-le ko ke ao!  
Ua hi-ki mai ke A-lii,  
E mo-e, e na ai-na a pau,  
E ma-lu nu-i mai, E ma-lu nu-i mai,  
E ma-lu, ma-lu nu-i mai.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns!  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Hau-o-li! O le-su ke A-lii!  
Ma-ha-lo ka-na-ka;  
Hoo-ka-ni-a-e na me-a a pau,  
E pau hoi na ki-na, E pau hoi na ki-na,  
E pau, E pau, hoi na ki-na.

**MELE KALIKIMAKA**

**CHORUS:** Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day.  
That's the island greeting that we send to you  
From the land where palm trees sway  
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright  
The sun to shine by day and all the stars at night  
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way to say  
Merry Christmas to you.  
(Sing chorus 2 times)



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER, 2002**

ABLE - Christmas Party ....	Saturday, December 7.....	5:00pm
BAKER - Christmas Party ....	Saturday, December 14.....	5:00pm
HQ - Christmas Party.....	Sunday, December 15.....	5:30pm
CHARLIE - Christmas Party....	Saturday, December 21.....	5:00pm
DOG - Christmas Party.....	Sunday, December 22.....	1:00pm
RURAL - Christmas Party.....	Sunday, January 19.....	10:00am
BAKER (meeting).....	Saturday, December 21.....	1:00pm
CHARLIE.....	Monday, December 16.....	10:00am
HAWAII.....	to be announced.....	
MAUI.....	to be announced.....	
KAUAI.....	to be announced.....	
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, December 13..... (note: new time this month!).....	9:30am
GREENTHUMBS MEETING... ..	Monday, December 2.....	
ONE PUKAPUKA TOUR.....	Thursday, December 5.....	10:30am

Deadline for articles for the January, 2003 issue is on Tuesday, December 17, 2002.  
*(please submit your articles on time or your article will not be included in the issue)*

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on Thursday, December 26, 2002 AT 8:30am.  
 Headquarters, Dog & Medics chapters are responsible for providing the manpower & refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to kokua ☺

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**Merry Christmas !!!**



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