

# Puka-Puka Parade



FEBRUARY 2018

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O SHINNEN OMEDETOO  
GOZAIMASU  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please join the members of  
the 100th Infantry Battalion  
Rural Chapter for their  
annual

## **SHINNEN ENKAI**

### **DATE:**

**Saturday, February 10**

### **TIME:**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

### **PLACE:**

Wahiawa Botanical Garden

### **COST:**

Veterans and spouses -  
**FREE**

All others - \$12.00

There will be bingo and lucky  
number prizes too!

RSVP by **Friday, February 2**  
to **TSURUMI HAMASU**  
[jthamasu@gmail.com](mailto:jthamasu@gmail.com)  
(808)754-7043

Please contact Tsurumi if you have  
questions or need info.

## **OKINAWAN PEACE EXHIBIT OPENS AT THE CLUBHOUSE BY JAYNE HIRATA**

For the second year, the Clubhouse will be the venue for an exhibit of award-winning artwork, poetry and essays about peace created by children living in Okinawa on loan from the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum. There will also be a display from the Museum on several Military Intelligence Service veterans and a display from the Club on 100th community service projects in support of Okinawa. The exhibit will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekdays from **Thursday, February 1 to Monday, March 5** and closed on weekends and holidays.

Admission is free and the exhibit is open to the public. Parking available at the Clubhouse. Due to the nature of the artwork and writings depicting the harsh realities of war, the exhibit may not be appropriate for children age 10 and under.

Curator **NAOMI HARATA** and Assistant Curator **NARUMI ARAKAKI** from the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum will be at the Clubhouse during exhibit hours until February 5.

Thanks to the generosity of MIS descendant **MARK MATSUNAGA**, the documentary *Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii* will be available for viewing in the Board Room during the run of the show. *Proof of Loyalty* tells the story of **KAZUO YAMANE** who started his military career with the 100th but was selected for the MIS due to his knowledge of Japanese (he graduated from Waseda University). Due to this ability, he would identify a secret document that would significantly help America in the war in the Pacific (from [www.prooffofloyalty.com](http://www.prooffofloyalty.com)). The documentary runs for 54 minutes.

Please contact me at the Office at (808)946-0272 or [club100veterans@gmail.com](mailto:club100veterans@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a school or group visit.

# IN MEMORIAM

## THOMAS TAKEO KOBAYASHI

of Seattle, Washington  
(Dog Company, then MIS)  
passed away on January 4, 2018

## SADANORI YUKI

(Charlie Company)  
passed away on January 9, 2018

## WILLIE GOO

of Wailuku, Maui  
(Charlie Company, Maui Chapter)  
passed away on January 21, 2018

*Our deepest condolences to their families and fellow  
100th veterans.*

## 100TH/442D ARMY RESERVE REPORT

by JAYNE HIRATA

### 100TH VETS INVITED TO THE BALL

100th, 442nd, and MIS WWII veterans are invited to the 9th Mission Support Command Army Reserve Ball which will be held on the **evening of Saturday, March 10**. There will be no charge for veterans and transportation will be available upon request. Attending veterans may bring their spouses.

All veterans who would like to attend should please RSVP with me at the 100th Office (946-0272 or [club100vets@gmail.com](mailto:club100vets@gmail.com)) no later than **12:00 pm on Friday, February 2**.

### MONTHLY CLUBHOUSE CLEANUP

A 100 heartfelt "thank yous" to the following soldiers and their family members who not only spent Sunday, January 21st doing yardwork and cleaning up the Clubhouse interior but also helped **GARY HAYAKAWA** put up the very heavy, wet and moldy wooden display panels for the upcoming Okinawan exhibit: **SSG SAMSON ANZAI; SGT KENT COSTALES; SSG WILLIAM DOLAN** and his daughter; **SGT GABRIEL ESTRADA; SGT BRYCE KAINA; SSG CHRIS MAKINANO** and his daughter; **PFC EDREST REST; PV2 NICHOLAS SAHAGUN; SPC ALLEN WAUKE; SPC MATTHEW WONG** and his guest; and **SGT DASON ZHENG**.

A big *mahalo* to SPC Wong and SSG Makinano for coordinating the cleanup every month and to Gary for being our sole 100th representative. Thanks also to **ANN KABASAWA** for providing dessert for our hard workers!



## IN APPRECIATION

*Doomo Arigatoo Gozaimasu* to the following donors for their generous donations which were received by the Office between December 16, 2017 to January 15, 2018.

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

- \$500 **CLYDE M. YOSHIDA** in memory of **MILDRED K. YOSHIDA** and **JITSUI "JITS" YOSHIDA** of Dog Company from the Yoshida 'Ohana
- \$250 **KATHERINE FUJIKAWA** in memory of **ISAICHI FUJIKAWA**
- \$100 **JOY TERAOKA** in memory of **STELLA NAKAYAMA**

### PUKA-PUKA PARADE

- \$250 **KATHERINE FUJIKAWA** in memory of **ISAICHI FUJIKAWA**
- \$50 **CLIFFORD N. TANIGAWA** of California

### ABLE CHAPTER

- \$100 **ROBERT SUMIDA** in memory of **LEIGHTON "GORO" SUMIDA**

### IN KIND DONATIONS

*Proof of Loyalty* DVD and *The First Battle: The Battle for Equality in War-Time Hawaii* DVD from **MARK MATSUNAGA** (MIS descendant)

Two Hill 555 ceremony photo albums and commemorative stone from the new Hill 555 monument from **CARL AND JUNE WILLIAMS** of California

*Matsunaga Elementary 2017 Veterans Day Concert* DVD from **TERRY SHIMA** of Maryland (JAVA)

### CORRECTION

Our apologies to **MRS. IRENE NAKAGAWA** and the Nakagawa family for erroneously listing her donation that was made in memory of **OSAMU NAKAGAWA** as in memory of Oscar Nakagawa in the January 2018 "In Appreciation" column".

### DONATIONS FROM THE CLUB

The Club received a thank you letter from **STEPHEN D. MAISLIN**, President of the Greater Houston Community Foundation for our donation of \$1,067.00 to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by **ARLENE SATO**

Please join us for a breakfast meeting on **Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m.** at Cinnamon's Restaurant in Kailua. The Chapter will subsidize part of the cost of the meals. Please RSVP to **ARLENE SATO** at (808)387-1954 via voice mail or text so that we can make sure to reserve enough seats. Let me know if you want to carpool.



Mahalo to Charlie Company veteran **YOROKU ITO**, his two daughters and his son-in-law for visiting the Clubhouse in January.

## HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

by **JANICE SAKODA**

Happy New Year, everyone!

Well, so glad our new year didn't start off with a bang; yesterday morning, my husband and I were told about the missile threat by my son. **ED SAKODA** turned on the radio to confirm the warning but none of the stations were talking about the warning we had just received. I checked the social media but there was nothing. So we decided to treat it like a hoax or error and went about our morning routine (after all, what could we do?). My daughter-in-law who is from Japan says it is not unusual to receive these warnings in Japan. Can you imagine getting these texts now and then?



In last month's column, I neglected to give a shout out to **ETHEL TERUYA** for her generous donation to our Headquarters Christmas party. Each year, she gives a generous amount even though she is not able to attend our party. Thank

you so much, Mrs. Teruya!! One of these days, we hope you can join us at a chapter function.

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS by **JAYNE HIRATA**

Even the pouring rain did not keep Dog Chapter President **APRIL NAKAYAMA** from representing the Club at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.



## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

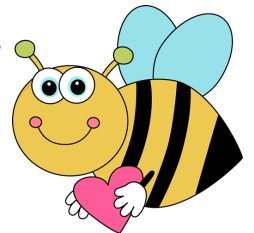
by **DAVID WATANABE**

We are preparing for one of our big events of the year with a **February 3rd** Valentine's Day luncheon at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

Any *Nisei* veteran, wife or widow is welcome to attend at no charge.

We welcome guests who wish to honor our veterans who made such great sacrifices for the community.

We're expecting 100 or more people so if any Hawaiians are in town, please help us wash dishes.



We are also having our annual membership drive so anyone interested in carrying out the legacy of our *Nisei* veterans is invited to join our club. If you have any questions about membership or the luncheon, please contact our Secretary, **SHIRLEY TANAKA**, at [shirltan227@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shirltan227@sbcglobal.net) or (310)480-7699 but please don't speak pidgin to her.

## ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by **JAYNE HIRATA**

Mahalo to **ROBERT SUMIDA** for the \$100 donation to Able Chapter in memory of Able Company veteran, **LEIGHTON “GORO” SUMIDA**.

I spent a wonderful morning with Able Company veteran **YUKITSUGU NISHIMURA** who stopped by the Clubhouse with his daughter **LYDIA SUE NISHIMURA BARRETT** and son-in-law **C. PATRICK BARRETT** who were visiting from Northern California for the holidays.



As we toured the Clubhouse exhibits, Mr. Nishimura shared personal stories about his Able buddies and his wartime experiences. When we stopped in front of the display case with the weapons, Mr. Nishimura told us about a spine-tingling incident where a “hammer” hand grenade like the one in the photo above landed at his feet one night, having been thrown at him by a German. He said if the hand grenade hadn’t been a dud, he wouldn’t be here! He said he always wondered if the German soldier knew it wasn’t going to blow up or if he was just very lucky. Mr. Nishimura also explained that any serial number from WWII that started with the numbers 310 meant that the soldier was from Hawaii.

*Doomo arigatoo* to **GARY HAYAKAWA** who un-decked the Clubhouse’s halls all by his lonesome over the holidays! Thank you also to Santa Gary’s little helpers, **EDDIE HIRATA** who packed up ornaments and 100th President **HARRY NAKAYAMA** who spent his first official day of retirement cutting Christmas tree branches!

## 100TH SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES LOOMING

by **JAYNE HIRATA**

Direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on) of 100th Infantry Battalion WWII veterans who are planning to apply for the 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Scholarship and/or the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans - Stanley Izumigawa Scholarship must create an account and submit an online application at the Hawaii Community Foundation’s website at [www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org) no later than **Wednesday, January 31 at 4:00 pm Hawaii Time**.

Applicants for the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization (IBLO) Scholarship must submit a completed application form and all required supporting material to the Clubhouse by **Thursday, March 22**. A detailed list of all required application materials and pertinent information is available at IBLO’s website at <http://100thlegacy.org/scholarship/>. Please direct any questions about the IBLO Scholarship to Chairperson **CHARLOTTE UNNI** via the Clubhouse Office at 946-0272 or [charlotteyama@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteyama@gmail.com).

## ON THE LOOKOUT BY JAYNE HIRATA

The Office has been contacted by the following people who are trying to get in touch with anyone who may know the following 100th veterans:

- 1) **LAWRENCE OKAMURA** is looking for information on his uncle-in-law **GEORGE YOSHIO OZAWA** (Able);
- 2) **HOWARD HIESHIMA** and members of the Chicago Nisei Post looking for information on **PAUL TADASHI SAKAMOTO** (HQ) to complete Mr. Sakamoto’s nomination for the NMUSA *Nisei* Soldiers exhibit;
- 3) **ALEXANDRA FURUKAWA** is looking for information on her grandfather, **SAM FURUKAWA**.
- 4) **STAN NAKASONE** is looking for information on his great-grandfather, **MASAICHI GOTO** (Medics).

If you know anything about any of the veterans, please contact me and I’ll put you in touch with the folks doing the searching.

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PAINTING?

**CHARLENE FUKUNAGA** would like to return this painting by **TAKEO SATO** to him or his family but attempts to contact him at the Citron Street address on the back of the painting failed. As Ms. Fukunaga thinks her family may have possibly received the painting at a 100th event, she is hoping that someone may recognize the artist’s name or the image.



## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by ANN KABASAWA

The first Baker Chapter meeting for 2018 will be on **Saturday, February 3rd at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss upcoming events for the year. Hope to see you all there.

We were so happy that Baker Company veterans **CHARLIE TANAKA** (photo on the right) and **SONSEI NAKAMURA** (with wife, **ELAINE NAKAMURA** behind him in the photo below) were our very special guests at the Able/Baker Christmas Party in December 2017.

Everyone missed Baker veteran **RIKIO TSUDA** who was unable to make it to the party.

While Sonsei's brother and fellow 100th veteran, **JACK NAKAMURA** did not attend our Christmas Party, he did join in the fun at the 442nd Sons and Daughters Christmas Party that was held a weekend later.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT NVMC

(for more information, visit [www.nvmc.org](http://www.nvmc.org))

100th members may be interested in following special events offered by the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center in Kahului, Maui:

### SCREENING OF VOICES BEHIND BARBED WIRE

On **Saturday, February 10 from 2 pm** at NVMC, attend a free premiere of this mini-documentary which features the stories of Maui residents **SHIGEJI TERADA**, **SEIICHI OHATA** and the **REVEREND TADAO KOUCHI** and provide updates on Maui confinement sites. A Q and A with the film's producer will follow and attendees will be able to visit the NVMC's exhibit, *Internment: Stories from Maui*.

### LAUNCH OF NVMC "LEADERSHIP SERIES"

On **Saturday, February 17 from 1:30 pm** at the Kalihi Golf Course, **GOVERNOR GEORGE ARIYOSHI** (MIS) will be the keynote speaker at NVMC's launch of their 2018 Leadership Series. Tickets are \$35 for heavy *pupus*. Governor Ariyoshi will be speaking on leadership and the Nisei values

## GREEN THUMB CLUB

by **JANICE SAKODA**

Our regular Green Thumb Club meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m.** If you are not on my email list but would like to join us, please let me know ([bustersfriend@hotmail.com](mailto:bustersfriend@hotmail.com)) in case we have a last minute change like we did in January.

On **January 27**, there are two events happening that you might be interested in.

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** - Plant/Seed Exchange at St. Andrews Priory. The following is from 808 Green Thumb Facebook page:



*Have a few extra seedlings? Share some in exchange for new starters that could potentially be your new favorite crop. Meet fellow like-minded green thumbs and diversify your garden. As usual, we will have our seed basket for you to browse through and make a to-go packet of your preferred seeds.*

*We'll be meeting at Emalani Garden at The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu (corner of Beretania and Queen Emma St.) on Saturday, January 27th from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Entrance to parking is on Beretania St. and Queen Emma St. Look for Jamie and Fernando, who will have a table setup and wearing our group t-shirts. If you have an 808 Green Thumbs t-shirt or apron, we encourage you to wear it as well.*

*808 Green Thumbs is not affiliated with The Cathedral of St. Andrew. 808 Green Thumbs is a non-profit open Facebook group for gardeners of all skill levels to provide tips, ask questions and share their experiences. This group is moderated by employees from HMSA.*

Consequently, our **Green Thumb Club meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.** (instead of 11:00 a.m.) at the Clubhouse, following the Plant/Seed Exchange.

Let me know if you're planning to attend either event so we can notify you of any changes/updates.

## FROM DA OFFICE

by **JAYNE HIRATA**

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

### RECYCLING ALL PAU

The Decendants Chapter is no longer accepting cans, plastic bottles or glass bottles for recycling so **DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE CLUBHOUSE.** If you are having an event at the Clubhouse, please take all your recyclables home with you.

### OROKU RESTAURANT EXHIBIT

From now until February 8, a free exhibit featuring 74 restaurants owned by Hawaii Okinawans from Oroku Village in Okinawa will be on display at Honolulu Hale. Included in the show is Café 100 which was founded in 1946 by 100th veteran **RICHARD MIYASHIRO** in his hometown of Downtown Hilo and named in tribute to the 100th Infantry Battalion. (photo from <https://cafe100.com/>).



### SAY "CHEESE"

Photographer **SHANE SATO** is looking for 100th WWII veterans to pose for portraits for possible inclusion in *The Go For Broke Spirit, Volume 2*. Photos would be taken on March 15 or 19 in Honolulu. If you are interested in having your picture taken, please contact me to schedule an appointment with Shane.

## "ALOHA SAKURA" TRIP TO JAPAN by **JAYNE HIRATA**

Several 100th descendants from have confirmed that they will be attending the "Aloha Sakura" ceremony in Maizuru, Japan on **Saturday, March 10, 2018.**

Our longtime 100th supporter, **HIDENORI KODA**, informed us that ten cherry trees in total that will be planted on March 10. Five of the trees will be planted in the morning before the ceremony begins. Just before the start of the ceremony, three trees will be planted by members of the 100th/442d Re-enactment group. The remaining two trees will be planted by everyone during the ceremony.



The ceremony will begin at **12:00 noon** with the playing of a trumpet and salute by Re-enactment members and will be followed by a speech, hopefully by an MIS veteran in attendance. The planting of the two remaining trees will commence with everyone in attendance helping a little bit so as not to get dirty. The ceremony should be completed by **12:30 pm.**

At the end of the ceremony, there will be a lunch for all attendees so that the people of Maizuru will have a chance to meet the people from Hawaii and elsewhere. After lunch, there will be a guided tour of Hikiage Memorial Park followed by a trip to Mount Gorogatake where you can see the famous "sea of clouds" that resembles the ocean.

If you are a 100th veteran, spouse or descendant who is interested in going to the "Aloha Sakura" event, please contact me at the Office (946-0272 or [club100vets@gmail.com](mailto:club100vets@gmail.com)) with your name, the name of the 100th veteran you are related to, and the number of people in your party so that Mr. Koda may prepare for our arrival.

The Clubhouse Office is not assisting with any travel matters so you will need to make your own arrangements. If you wish, Baker Chapter President **ANN KABASAWA** is available to assist you with any travel needs so please contact her at 781-8540 or [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com). Information for visitors and a downloadable travel guide in English can be found at the Maizuru City's tourism website at [www.maizuru-kanko.net/en/](http://www.maizuru-kanko.net/en/).

**NORIKO NOGUCHI** of the Aloha Sakura Preservation Society set up a Crowdfunding drive in Japan to support the event and met the goal of 300,000 yen (about \$2,700) in just five days. You can still make a donation until 4:00 am on Thursday, February 22 (Japan time - 11:00 pm) at <https://readyfor.jp/projects/8739alohasakura> (site is in Japanese). If you have any questions, Ms. Noguchi will be visiting the Clubhouse on Monday, January 29th from 9:00 am along with "tour guide" **ISAMI YOSHIHARA.**

For the latest information on the "Aloha Sakura" event, please visit the Aloha Sakura Preservation Society's Facebook page at [@NiseiSakura](https://www.facebook.com/@NiseiSakura) and their website at [www.eonet.ne.jp/~kfir/alohasakura.htm](http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~kfir/alohasakura.htm).

## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF HAWAII SHINNENKAI

[www.misveteranshawaii.com/events](http://www.misveteranshawaii.com/events)

Please join the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii for their Shinnenkai 2018 on **Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 am** at Natsunoya Tea House located at 1935 Makanani Drive in Alewa Heights. Valet parking will be available from 10:30 a.m.

The cost for veterans or widows is \$10.00 per person. For all others it is \$30.00. Parking fees are extra.

Registration forms are available at the Clubhouse or at the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii website listed above. Completed forms and payment are due by **Saturday, February 10**.

Please contact **SHERMAN TAKAO** at (808)284-8652 or [misveteranshawaii@gmail.com](mailto:misveteranshawaii@gmail.com) for more information.



## 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

[442sd.org/category/442-anniversary-celebration/](http://442sd.org/category/442-anniversary-celebration/)

The 75th Anniversary Banquet of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be on **Sunday, March 18, 2018**. The theme is *Celebrating with Gratitude and Pride*. Doors will open at 10:00 am with the program to start at **10:30 am** (and ending between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm). The banquet will be at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Kauai/Maui Ballrooms.

Veterans and wives as well as surviving spouses are free. The cost for others is \$75.00 per person.

The lunch entrée will be a chicken and short rib combo. A vegetarian option is also available.

The cost for self-parking is \$10.00. Valet parking is \$15.00. Parking for veterans, wives and widows (whether self-park or valet) will be paid for. For those driving a passenger van with a wheelchair, someone will assist you at the front entrance of the hotel if you wish to drop off passengers.



Banquet registration forms are available at the Clubhouse or at the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team website listed above. The deadline to submit registration forms and payment to the 442nd Veterans Club is Monday, February 26.

You may also register and pay online by visiting [www.eventbrite.com/e/442-rct-75th-anniversary-banquet-tickets-41855690497](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/442-rct-75th-anniversary-banquet-tickets-41855690497). The password is goforbroke.

If you would like to book a room at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, *kamaaina rates* are available. Please call the 442nd Veterans Club Office at (808)949-7997 for more information.

Any questions about the banquet should also be directed to the 442nd Office at (808)949-7997 or [442veterans@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:442veterans@hawaiiantel.net).

## 442ND RCT GEORGE COMPANY, 100TH, 442ND AND MIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS REUNION: APRIL 23 - 26, 2018

by **ANN KABASAWA**

We are having another George Company and Friends reunion for 2018. This year our get together will take place in Alpine (near San Diego) at the beautiful Viejas Casino and Resort. Some of us will be going to Viejas to stay **from Monday, the 23rd of April and checking out on the 26th**. The actual dinner will be on Tuesday, the 24th and the hospitality luncheon at the Penthouse Suite will be on Wednesday, the 25th. Please contact **ANN KABASAWA** for information on the cost of the lunch and/or dinner.

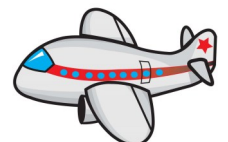
Please also contact Ann for details on the special group rate and resort fee. There is a Viejas mall across the street with a shuttle from the hotel. We hope that all of us will be able to stay at the hotel since they are gracious enough to block off rooms for us and give us a great rate!!!

You will meet other sons and daughters and families from the mainland from the 100th, 442nd and MIS. This event is a real fun get together.

If you have any questions, please call Ann at (808)781-8540 or e-mail her at [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com).

Hope to see all of you there!!!

Registration forms will be available at the Clubhouse. The deadline for the special hotel room rate is **Thursday, March 22**. The deadline to sign up for the



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## FEBRUARY 2018 CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

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

<b>BOARD Meeting</b>	Saturday, February 17 at 9:00 am
<b>ABLE Chapter</b>	No meeting
<b>BAKER Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 pm
<b>CHARLIE Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 am at Cinnamon's Restaurant in Kailua
<b>DOG Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 am
<b>HQ/MEDICS Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am
<b>GREEN THUMB CLUB</b>	Saturday, January 27 at 11:30 am ( <i>new time</i> )
<b>CRAFT CLUB</b>	Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 am
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	Tues., Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 - 9 am to 1 pm Wed., Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 - 9 am to 11 am

### CLUB EVENTS


Thursday, February 1 to Monday, March 5 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Weekdays only	Children's Messages of Peace and Testimony of Military Intelligence Service Veterans from the Okinawan Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum
Friday, February 2	RSVP due for Rural Chapter <i>Shinnen Enkai</i> and 9th MSC Army Reserve Ball
Saturday, February 10 11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Rural Chapter <i>Shinnen Enkai</i> at the Wahiawa Botanical Garden

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day.

*Dates and times subject to change.*

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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Please e-mail your articles, comments or questions about the *PPP* to [club100vets@gmail.com](mailto:club100vets@gmail.com).

If you do not have access to email, please mail or deliver your articles, comments or questions to the Clubhouse Office.

The deadline to submit articles for the March 2018 issue is **February 15, 2018**

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Office Hours:  
M, T, Th, F - 9 am to 1 pm  
W - 9 am to 12 noon  
Closed on weekends and holidays





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## PIKA-PIKA PARADE

### ADDENDUM!

#### WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY by JAYNE HIRATA

A big *Merci Beaucoup* to **CARL AND JUNE WILLIAMS** for sending two beautiful albums of photographs from the Hill 555 Monument Rededication Ceremony held in 2017. They also sent a piece of the original stone used in the new monument in a beautiful wooden case with an inscription that reads: "The enclosed fragment of pink granite from the Senones region of North-Eastern France, is subtraction material from the haut relief carved by sculptor **DANIEL PETIGENET** in the execution of the Hill 555 Monument. The monument, in honor of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, was unveiled on Hill 555 on 15 October 2017 at Bruyeres, France." Please stop by during Office hours to see the great photos and the stone.

We have several new books in the Library that you may be interested in:

- ◆ *Boyhood to War: History and Anecdotes of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team* by **DOROTHY MATSUO** includes contributions from 100th veterans **YASUTAKA FUKISHIMA, SPARK MASAYUKI MATSUNAGA, RICHARD MIZUTA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, SAKAE TAKAHASHI** and **CHAPLAIN ISRAEL YOST**;
- ◆ *Fighting for America: Nisei Soldiers* by **LAWRENCE MATSUDA** and **MATT SASAKI** about WWII Japanese American veterans from Seattle;
- ◆ *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up* by **LAURA ATKINS** and **STAN YOGI** about the life of **FRED KOREMATSU**;
- ◆ *Gaman: A Generation in Hawaii* by **SHARON KEIKO SIMMONS** is a biographical sketch of a Nisei family's struggle to survive on Maui;
- ◆ *The Go For Broke Spirit* by **SHANE SATO** includes over 80 portraits and profiles of Japanese American WWII veterans including nearly thirty from the 100th;
- ◆ *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by **JAMES FORD** is a novel about the impact of internment on a young Chinese-American and Japanese-American couple living in Seattle;
- ◆ *Japanese Eyes, American Heart - Volume II: Voices from the Home Front in World War II Hawaii* compiled by the Hawaii Nikkei History Editorial Board, features personal recollections of Japanese Americans sharing what it was like to live in Hawaii during WWII;
- ◆ *Remember Pearl Harbor* by **COLONEL RENITA MENYHERT** includes personal accounts of 100th veterans, **BERNARD AKAMINE** (Baker), **ROBERT ARAKAKI** (Baker) and **LEIGHTON GORO SUMIDA** (Able);
- ◆ *What The Health ??* by **DR. D. NOMURA** includes chapters on the accomplishments of the 100th and 442nd.



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We have a few new DVDs in the Library:

- ◆ *The First Battle: The Battle for Equality in War-Time Hawaii;*
- ◆ *Matsunaga Elementary 2017 Veterans Day Concert;*
- ◆ *Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii.*



## **DIGITAL STORYTELLING PROJECT NOW ACCEPTING HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

**E-mail from the Go For Broke National Education Center, dated January 16, 2018**  
**([www.goforbroke.org](http://www.goforbroke.org))**

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) is calling for applications from high school students located in Los Angeles, CA, who desire to learn how to develop, write, research, and ultimately produce a short video related to Rohwer, a Japanese American incarceration camp used during WWII. The camp was located in rural southeastern Arkansas and housed Japanese American families from the Los Angeles area. For the Digital Storytelling Project, we chose five students in 2016 and four more in 2017. We now need one more student in order to complete the project and cover all 10 of the mainland US camps. The Digital Storytelling Project is going to be the heart of a mobile Application to be developed in 2018 for visitors to the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in WWII. Our goal (shared by the All Camps Consortium) is to ensure that the organizations affiliated with the Japanese American WWII incarceration experience have a voice in the nation's capital. We want to include the younger generation in this project.

We are seeking a high-school student from any ethnic background from Los Angeles who wants to learn about the Japanese American experience and history during WWII. The student will research the Rohwer Internment camp, perhaps conduct interviews with former incarcerated and their families, and then work with **MR. JEFF MacINTYRE** to learn how to produce a short video. Mr. MacIntyre's studio is in Los Angeles.

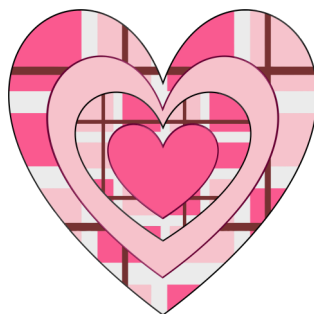
The Digital Storytelling Project is a seed project of the Foundation that is meant to inspire a young generation to engage in civil rights, the study of the Constitution, and America's checkered history.

"One of the most powerful statements of these videos is that the incarceration experience during WWII is not a Japanese American story, it is an American story," states **CAL SHINTANI**, Board of Directors of NJAMF.

Jeff MacIntyre, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and owner of Los Angeles-based production company Content Media Group, will be our partner in mentoring the students through this training.

High school students interested in applying for this opportunity should email [NJAMFDirector@gmail.com](mailto:NJAMFDirector@gmail.com) to ask for an application. Applications will be due three weeks after the request is received.

*(PPP Editor's Note: The website for the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation has moved. The new website is at [www.njamemorial.org](http://www.njamemorial.org)).*



**PAUL SAKAMOTO: A DEBT OF GRATITUDE** by **AMERICO BUGLIANI, PhD**  
(*Puka Puka Parade*, February and March 2009 from [www.100thbattalion.org](http://www.100thbattalion.org))

February 2009 Press Release, **AMERICO BUGLIANI** reminisces and reunites with **PAUL SAKAMOTO**

A Debt Of Gratitude – A Young Italian American Boy’s Experience With 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team By Americo Bugliani, Ph.D., Java Member (February 12, 2009 Press Release)

### **THE MEETING**

My encounter with the Nisei soldiers bivouacked at Valdicastello as a 12-year-old boy remains forever etched in my heart. Although my father was American, I was born in Italy in the small Tuscan village of Strettoia in the municipality of Pietrasanta, which is in an area of the province of Lucca called Versilia. I was 11 years old in July 1944 when the Germans began building up fortifications in our vicinity. They were increasingly desperate and had laid waste to the entire region. The Allies arrived in Pietrasanta on September 19, 1944. We kids intermingled with American soldiers at the front, hoping that they would give us something. We were starving and had nothing. Late in the afternoon of April 3, 1945, a Nisei soldier gave me a few things. The following morning, just as they were preparing to leave to go into combat at the front, the same soldier gave me a few more things. I would learn later he was from Hilo, Hawaii.

Then he turned and went inside his pup tent. I was ready to leave when he called me back and gave me a tube of Colgate toothpaste, a toothbrush and his cap. It was his woolen Class A uniform hat with the infantry insignia—the two crossed rifles. Then he gave me a small photograph of himself sitting on a jeep and said: “My name is Paul Sakamoto,” with a warm smile. Those gestures, those fleeting acts of generosity and kindness had a tremendous impact on my life. I have never forgotten them. They were among the very few happy moments I had during the war. Later I realized that that young American soldier had given me nearly all of his possessions.

### **THE REUNION**

In 1954 I moved to the US. I arrived in New York City on May 29 and, on September 13, I was drafted and taken to Fort Dix, NJ to start my basic training in the US Army. I became an interpreter with clearance for Secret and Confidential assignments and served in Austria, Germany, and Italy. After my discharge, I began my professional life in the international travel industry while taking advantage of the G.I. Bill to go to school at night. I eventually got a Ph.D. at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and embarked on an academic career at the University of Illinois, Chicago campus. In 1981 I left the university to go into business. It wasn’t until 1991 that I discovered and then joined the Chicago Nisei Post. I served as Second Vice-Commander, First Vice-Commander, Commander, and Historian. One of the greatest honors of my life was being made Commander of The American Legion Chicago Nisei Post 1183. The men who liberated me from the German Nazis and the Italian Fascists made me their Commander! Hard to believe, but true.

In the meantime, I often wondered about the fate of that young soldier named Paul Sakamoto. The name stuck in my mind because it’s a Japanese name, and with all those vowels, it’s similar to Italian. I still carried Paul Sakamoto’s photograph around after nearly 50 years. Finally, I said to myself that I had to see if I could find him. I began my search on the West Coast and then I extended it to Hawaii. Eventually, I discovered that he was a member of the Club 100 and lived in Hilo, the Big Island. I telephoned, and after nearly half a century I once again heard the voice of Paul Sakamoto. It did not matter to me that he could not specifically remember meeting me. I could understand why. He was such a wonderful, generous man. No matter where he went, in France or Italy, he was always surrounded by kids. Over the phone that first time, I asked him why he had given me his hat. “I felt that I didn’t need anything anymore,” he replied. “I thought I was gonna get killed that day.” In late 1994, I decided I would go to Hawaii to see Paul Sakamoto on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of our original encounter. We had a beautiful reunion in Hilo in early 1995. It was wonderful seeing him again and meeting his lovely wife **JANE SAKAMOTO**. Once again, Paul’s generosity was moving. He gave us a lot of things—all kinds of Hawaiian goodies and many fruits from his garden. Jane gave my wife two beautiful island necklaces. Thus ended my long quest to find one particular G.I. [Tech/5 Paul T. Sakamoto was drafted into the Army before the Pearl Harbor attack, served with the Hawaii Territorial Guard and later 100th Infantry Battalion, which trained in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He survived the battle campaigns in Italy and France. After the war, he was a nursery specialist at Foster Gardens in Honolulu, and following his retirement settled in his native Hilo].

## **OBITUARY OF THOMAS TAKAO KOBAYASHI (100th Battalion and MIS Veteran)**

**September 4, 1916 - January 4, 2018**

**E-mail from ROGER EATON, dated January 21, 2018**

**TOM T. KOBAYASHI**, age 101, passed away on January 4, 2018 at the Providence Mount St. Vincent in Seattle after a long life filled with love and service. Tom was born in Seattle, WA on September 4, 1916 to the late **MICHAEL MASUICHI and MARY KUMAYO (EMI) KOBAYASHI**. He was preceded in death by his parents as well as each of his younger siblings: **PATRICK S. KOBAYASHI** of Seattle, WA; and **FRANCIS M. KOBAYASHI** of South Bend, IN. Tom is survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews and grandniece and grandnephews.

Tom completed all of his education in Seattle. After attending Bailey Gatzert and St. Mary's elementary school, Tom graduated from Garfield High School in June 1934. He received a B.S. in Economics and Business in Foreign Trade in June 1938 from the University of Washington.

As a young adult, Tom was passionate about his mentoring to the Maryknoll Sisters Catholic missionary, as a Scoutmaster and advisor to the teen club, as well as coaching the Maryknoll basketball team.

During World War II, Tom and his family were interned, first being detained at the Puyallup Assembly Center in Washington, then subsequently moved to the Minidoka War Relocation Center, Minidoka Hunt, ID. During his family's internment, Tom demonstrated his loyalty to the U.S. during the war but volunteering for the U.S. Army serving with the 100th Infantry Battalion, Company D, 442nd Regimental Combat Team at Camp Shelby, MS. He then transferred to the Military Intelligence School in Camp Savage, MS. He spent two years at a secret military installation at Warrenton, VA decoding intercepted Japanese messages. In 1946, he was discharged from Camp Atterbury, IN. His service with the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service earned him the highest civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal by **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** in October 2010. His service with the Military Intelligence earned him a Presidential Unit Citation by **PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON** in 2000. Tom said his service o the U.S. Army were the hardest times for him as he was away from his family.

Tom loved being a part of Seattle. As a young adult, he worked briefly in the import and export business, and he was one of the first Nisei to work at Seattle City Light in the Accounting Department. After his discharge from Camp Atterbury, IN in 1946, he returned to Seattle and worked for the Veterans Administration, the Military Sea Transportation Service and the Port of Seattle. He retired from the Port of Seattle in 1979.

Tom was active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for 77 years as a Vincentian. He served as president of the Seattle District Council and the Seattle Archdiocesan Council. He was chairman of the Western Region, covering ten Western States, including Alaska and Hawaii. While president of the Archdiocesan Council, Tom and **JOHN PELUSO** made extension efforts into the Olympic Peninsula and Snohomish County resulting in the formation of district councils there. While Western Region chairman, he made extension trips to Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, Idaho, Utah and Hawaii. In 1991, Tom was honored with the first annual "Least of My Brethren Award" given for extraordinary service to the poor by the Society. The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored Tom with their distinguished Brotherhood award. He was a member of the Carroll Club, which assisted the Catholic Youth Organization. He was a member of the 3rd and 4th degrees of the Knights of Columbia and worked for many years with the Knights of Columbia Religious Information Bureau. Tom's devotion with the Maryknoll missionaries started back when the Maryknoll Sisters came to Seattle in the early 1920s. Tom was a parishioner of St. Matthew Catholic Church since 1959.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 27th at 10:30 am at the St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1240 NE 127th Street, Seattle, 98125. Reception to follow. Interment, Holyrood Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to the St. Matthew Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1240 NE 127th Street, Seattle, 98125.

Tom's wonderful life touched so many people. Tom's family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for all the comforting cards, consoling words and genuine concern. They have meant more than you will know.

Hoffner Fisher and Harvey Guestbook at [harveyfuneral.com](http://harveyfuneral.com).

## OKINAWAN FOOD AND RESTAURANT PROJECT

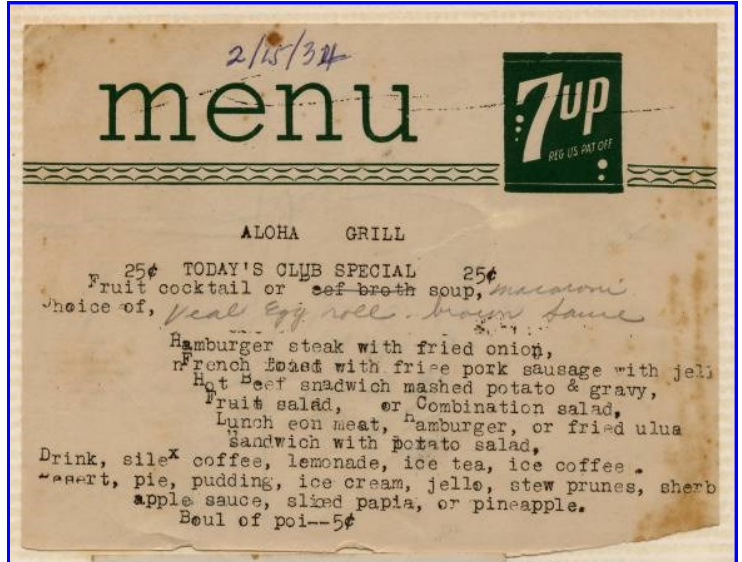
from Voices of the Okinawan Spirit website (posted on January 21, 2018)

<https://manoaokinawaissue.wordpress.com/2018/01/21/okinawan-food-and-restaurant-project/>

The Hawaii Okinawan Restaurant Project has documented over three hundred restaurants in Hawaii owned by Okinawans. This remarkable story is told in an exhibit on display at **Honolulu Hale (530 South King Street) from January 19 to February 8**. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, this event is free and open to the public.

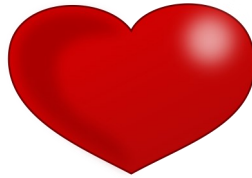
**The Oroku Restaurant Exhibit:** Learn the story of **USHI TAKARA** of American Café and the 74 restaurants owned by Hawaii Okinawans from Oroku village in Okinawa.

**Take a photo sitting at Columbia Inn's iconic roundtable and stools:** **GENE KANESHIRO** has brought one of the original tables and stools for people to take photos at.



**Closing reception:** Thursday, February 8, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Honolulu Hale.

**Related events:** Hawaii by Food Exhibit at Kapiolani Community College - part of the Smithsonian Museum's Key Ingredients tour - allows you to learn more about the Islands' unique history.



**UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE NISEI VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER**  
**E-mail from the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (January 23, 2018) and [www.nvmc.org](http://www.nvmc.org)**

### SPECIAL SCREENING: VOICES BEHIND BARBED WIRE

The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NVMC) will screen the premier of the mini-documentary, *Voices Behind Barbed Wire: Stories of Maui County* on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Maui Adult Day Care Center hall located on the NVMC campus. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call 244-6862 to reserve your seat.

Released in 2018, this twenty-five minute documentary, written and directed by **RYAN KAWAMOTO** and produced by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i features the stories of **SHIGEJI TERADA**, **SEIICHI OHATA** and **REVEREND TADAO KOUCHI** of Maui County and will share updated information on the Maui confinement sites.

Synopsis: While the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII has been well documented on the U.S. Mainland, new information about the sites and untold stories continue to emerge from Japanese Americans in Hawai'i who endured this dark chapter of history. *Voices Behind Barbed Wire*, explores the personal stories of Japanese Americans of Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i, from their initial detention to their transfer and interrogation in O'ahu, and their incarceration in far away places like New Mexico, Arkansas and Arizona. The film also focuses on the modern day relevance of civil liberties and takes an archeological journey through the former WW II prison sites on Maui County.

A Q&A with the producer will follow the screening.

Guests will be able to visit the NVMC exhibit *Internment: Stories from Maui* after the movie.

NVMC's mission is to ignite the potential in people by inspiring them to find the hero in themselves through the legacy of the Nisei Veterans.

## "INTERNMENT: STORIES FROM MAUI" EXHIBIT

The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NVMC) shows "Internment: Stories from Maui". The exhibit will be open to the public December 29, 2017 to February 23, 2018, Monday-Friday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment.

On February 19, 1942, **PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT** signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the internment of Japanese Americans, German Americans, and Italian Americans to camps in the United States. Approximately 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry were interned.

Japanese-Americans in Hawai'i were already being arrested prior to Executive Order 9066. Immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, U.S. military personnel began rounding up Japanese residents in Hawai'i whom they perceived as being influential in the community. Those detained included businessmen, priests, Japanese language school teachers and professionals. Mauians including **TEIICHIRO MAEHARA**, **KIYOJI HOTTA** and **SHIGERU MURAKAMI** were interned in camps on the mainland while their sons, serving in the U.S. Army, lost their lives on the battlefields in Italy. The exhibit will feature personal stories, photographs and information on the two locations on Maui which served as detention centers.

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## GOVERNOR GEORGE ARIYOSHI LAUNCHES NVMC "LEADERSHIP SERIES",

**GOVERNOR GEORGE ARIYOSHI** will launch the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center's NVMC new Leadership Series on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Kahili Golf Course Nahale Ballroom. The event is \$35.00 per person and includes heavy pupu. Call 244-6862 for tickets.

The Honorable George Ariyoshi served as the state's third Governor. He was the first Asian-American to be elected governor of a state in the U.S. and holds the record as the longest-serving governor in Hawaii (1974-1986). As WWII drew to a close, Ariyoshi served as an interpreter in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS).

Governor Ariyoshi will be speaking on leadership and the Nisei values that continue to be relevant in today's world.

"The mission of the NVMC is to inspire people to find the Hero in themselves and I cannot think of a better person to kick-off this series than Governor Ariyoshi. From being born to immigrant parents, to his time as an interpreter in the MIS during WWII, to leading our state, his journey is an inspiring one," said **DEIDRE TEGARDEN**, Executive Director of the NVMC.

The NVMC Leadership Series will feature guest speakers throughout 2018.



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