

PUKA PARADE

MONTHLY NEWS

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BOARD HI-LITES AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STANLEY M. AKITA

Board meeting - March 10, 1995 - After much discussion, the Board approved the 1995 budget. In addition to the regular operating expenses, the Board last year gave our Sons & Daughters a unit in our apartment to be used as their office. To compensate for the loss of income from the apartment, a 10% hike on the rent was approved. This hike however will not take care of all the expenses due to the high cost of inflation. Therefore, we will be tightening the belt wherever we can within the club. Remember we have to live within our means and we do not have 'PLENTY MONEY'.

I want to start the Long Range Planning Scholarship Committee going as soon as possible. Chapters A & B have not submitted their representatives name as yet. Please do so ASAP.

The Disaster Fund to Kobe was discussed. It was decided that Club 100 donate \$5,000. Any club member who wishes to join in the donation may do so. Please make check out to Club 100 Disaster Fund which will be added on to the \$5,000 and sent as one lump sum donation from Club 100 (aka 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans). Deadline for collection will be May 5, 1995. Any checks received after that date will be returned to sender. Do not send cash. Please mark on the envelope, lower left hand corner ATTN; KOBE FUND

The Board approved the purchase of a Transcriber for the office at a cost of \$455.00.

As you all know, Turner Hall is not available for rent to outsiders. Only Club 100 paid up members are allowed to rent the hall. However, in order to defray the cost of expenses, the Board decided that there will be a charge of \$1.00 per head for all attendees. Members renting the hall will be required to sign a reservation sheet assuming the responsibility of complying with a few rules that are listed.

You've probably noticed the new water fountain that has been installed at the cost of \$860.00 Also, 27 new metal folding party tables, which seat eight persons to a table, were purchased along with a suitable desk for the office computer at the total cost of \$1,507.30 The metal tables were purchased because as you all know, the old long wooden ones are termite ridden

In order to make space, there are about 60 chairs and a few tables which we need to get rid of. These will be sold to members at the cost of \$1.00 for each chair and \$5.00 for each long table with legs. With proper treatment, these chairs and tables can still be used in your patio or back yard.

A \$100.00 donation was made to the 442nd Legacy Foundation.

The Board approved to have a new air conditioner installed on March 17th.. The new unit, which was installed close to the ground to possibly decrease the noise level, cost \$3,860.

We are in the process of finalizing the club shirt. The cost will be \$35.00 per shirt. Your orders have been placed and in order to meet the down payment required by the manufacturing company, we are asking that you send in your check just as soon as possible. Make the checks payable to Club 100 and on the lower left hand corner of the envelope, please note ATTN; CLUB SHIRT. You should also make that notation on your check to avoid any questions about what the money is for. As of this date we have orders from members for 155 shirts. We plan to order an additional 45 in assorted sizes, so if you haven't already ordered your shirt, please do so immediately. Contact your Chapter Secretary.

This is a reminder to those of you who are not Life Members--your annual dues should be paid at once . Please do not make it necessary to remind you again.

These past few months have been hectic. As soon as I took office in January, (1) the Executive Secretary quit; (2) in the process of looking for a new Executive Secretary; (3) the water cooler "conks out"; (4) the Board Room air conditioner also conks out. What next!!? I hope it will be clear sailing from now on to December. I must say that I could not have survived these past few months without the help of this year's Board members. They proved to be very supportive, tolerant, understanding and cooperative. In short, I have a very good Board.

FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

The hardworking regular core of PPP Volunteers enjoyed a buffet luncheon at the Pagoda last month after the collating was done. Although there were no awards or prizes given, each person present had the inner satisfaction of having served the club faithfully for another year. Our sincerest thanks to the following people: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Richard Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Isamu Inouye, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Seie and Evelyn Oshiro, Kenichi Suehiro, Masa Toma, & Marie Yoneshige.

In addition to the above mentioned people, we wish to thank the following for coming out to collate on February 23rd: Chester Hada, Mary Hamasaki, Kenneth Higa, Richard Hosaka, Ed Ikuma, Shigeru Inouye, Ken Kaneko, Etsuo Katano, Sadashi & Jame Matsunami, Bessie Nakasone, Saburo-Nishime, Yoshiko Oshiro, Kazuto Shimizu, and Beatrice Takahashi.

CAMP SHELBY/FORT MCCOY REVISITED

We have been notified by Ms Linda Fournier, Community Relations Specialist at Fort McCoy that there is an area at Ft McCoy which has been designated for the WWII Veterans, and that there will be a dedication ceremony on June 29th to coincide with our visit there. Ms Fournier is working with Akira Toki (Co A.) who has offered to help with the planning of our itinerary while in Wisconsin. Also, Mr and Mrs. Mark Hashimoto (A) have offered their help as they plan to be with us, along with Mary and Akira Toki, on our visit to McCoy.

There is a correction to be made on the itinerary regarding the arrival time in Chicago from Honolulu. It should read-- Arrive Chicago - 10:00 A.M, Depart for New Orleans--10:55 A.M. Arrive New Orleans at 1:04 P.M.

Those who have signed up for the tour are: Alfred & Paulette Arakaki, Mary K. Hamasaki, Katsumi & Fuji Hanada, Shigeru & Fumi Inouye, Jeannette Inouye, Ian & Eda Kinnear, Eddie & Asako Kuwazaki, Warren & Mrs. Wakamatsu, Aaron Wakamatsu, Irene K. Nakagawa, Kentoku Nakasone, Karen Hare, Kahokulani Mattos, Harry M. Oka, Irene C. Saito, Peter & Luanne Ono, Tokuji & Toshiko Ono, Kristen Young, Mika Galiher, Tsuyoshi & Sueko Sakahara, Donald Sakahara, Larry Sakoda, Masao & Chieko Sato, Carl & Sheila Tonaki, Kimberly Tonaki, Wade Tonaki, Jane S. Tonaki, Kiyoko Nagatani, Fred & Helen Yamashige, Sachiko Nomura, Gwen Horita, Kazuma & Ichiko Hisanaga, Patricia Osebold, Ann Kabasawa, Harriet Nakamura, Betty Ajitomi, Aki & Ray Nosaka.

MINI REUNION LAS VEGAS

Ben Tagami has notified us that there will be two days of golf again - one at the Painted Desert, and the other at Black Mountain. Upon your arrival at Las Vegas, please contact Ben for the cost, starting times, etc. There are still some seats available on our flight on October 9th to LV via L.A. Over 60 people have already committed themselves and we are expecting many more to be joining us.

SPEEDY RECOVERY, BARBARA!

The members and friends of of Club 100 wish Mrs. Barbara Castagnetti, who is confined in Triplers Hospital, a speedy recovery. Barbara, wife of our good friend Gene Castagnetti, Director of Punchbowl National Cemetery, just recently had surgery and according to Gene, is recovering nicely. Our best wishes to you, Barbara!

CHIBARIYO! (Go for Broke)

For those of you interested in the Theatre and Arts, the Kumu Kahua Theatre will present the World Premiere of Les Wilkins' CHIBARIYO (Go For Broke) on April 7, 1995. The play deals with the heroic exploits of the 100th and the 442nd and is not to be confused with Ed Sakamoto's "Our Hearts Were Touched With Fire". Chibariyo is more intimate in scope and focus, and climaxes with the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in Germany. Centering around a group of volunteers from Hawaii, the play examines the problems of these men and the obstacles that stand in their way to make it back home alive--both from the external enemy and their own superiors.

The dates of the performances, which will be held at the Kumu Kahua Theatre, 46 Merchant St. (Corner of Merchant and Bethel Streets) are April 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. For further information, call 536-4441. Tickets are two prices only for both Honolulu and tour seasons: \$9.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for seniors, groups of ten or more reserving in advance, students and children. Immediately after the Honolulu season, Chibariyo will play the neighbor islands.

VISIT TO NUUANU HALE HOSPITAL

By Louise Morikawa

As requested by all members who attended the January Nursing Home workshop, Mrs. Gayle Lau, Administrator of the Nuuanu Hale Hospital, has invited us to tour the hospital. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at 9:30 a.m. The hospital is located at 2900 Pali Hiway (ewa of Queen Emma Summer Palace).

Mrs. Lau will personally conduct this tour and welcomes any question you may have. The tour will begin with a short informative lecture in the hospital activity room. Along with a view of facilities, we will be able to sit in on an activity session with patients.

Everyone is welcome to join us! We can never tell when what we will learn on this tour will be of utmost importance to us. Please call Louise Morikawa at 836-4880 and let her know that you would like to attend. Transportation/car pooling can be arranged.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET UPDATE;

To the outside islanders: Kamaaina rates at the Pagoda Hotel will be \$59.00 per night. Please make your own reservations. If there are any mainlanders who wish to attend the affair (and we hope there will be), we will be glad to make the reservations for you at the Pagoda at the kamaaina rate. Please indicate on the registration form that you need the hotel reservations.

The date of the banquet, June 11, is also Kamehameha Day, officially. The parade will be held on the following day so you will not have to fret about the traffic in Waikiki. For those who are not certain about the location of Pacific Beach Hotel and its entrances to the parking garage, there will be a map in the May issue of the PPP. In the meantime, send in your registration forms.

PROGRESS REPORT 100th/442nd/MIS WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Excerpts taken from the "Breakthrough Report" submitted by Col. Young O. Kim, President of the Memorial Foundation. "Our Foundation, the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation, has been in a 'Holding Pattern' for over two years. We were forced to the sidelines. Our activities were limited to lobbying politicians and helping to organize the Little Tokyo Coalition in support of developing the First Street North property. On October 5, 1994, the Los Angeles City Council, by Council resolution, decided to end the negotiation by shelving the First Street North Plaza project. Immediately, following this action, the City Council passed a follow-up resolution, providing a long term lease for the Museum of Contemporary Arts (MOCA) and the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and land for our monument. The resolution reads 'that a monument as a memorial to the participation of Japanese American soldiers in World War II shall be provided adequate space at the City's First Street North property in the vicinity of the Japanese American National Museum and Museum of Contemporary Arts'. The City of Los Angeles, in their support of the Japanese American Community in developing the Little Tokyo district, gave this land to our Foundation following their deferment to develop

the 7.9 acre site. The Foundation Board of Directors has accepted this offer and is firmly resolved to build the monument..

With the breakthrough, the Board of Directors has decided to launch our final fundraising drive now that the City of Los Angeles is directly providing the land for our monument. The L.A.'s Mayor's office has endorsed the City Council's decisions and has also strongly endorsed our monument project. There is still a great deal of work required before the monument can be completed and erected, but there is no more doubt about the availability of a site for our monument. Therefore, our plan, henceforth, is to provide regular status updates to appear in the newsletter.

We continue to appeal for your help in our search for all the names of Japanese American World War II military personnel that served in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation between the dates of December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

The Club 100 will donate \$5,000. to the Kobe Disaaster Relief Fund and the members are asked to participate adding to the Club's contribution.

Individual donations for Mr. Teshima is also being asked. Mr. Teshima generously donated \$20,000 on our 40th Anniversary and \$10,000 on our 50th Anniversary. Please mail your contributions ASAP to Club 100.

Members renting our clubhouse for purposes other than Chapter functions, will be assessed \$1.00 per person and will be asked to sign and comply with all the rules and regulations.

Club house clean up will be held on Saturday, 3 June, 1995.

Our annual banquet will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on 11 June '95. Club 100 will subsidize \$10.00 for each active member attending.

Left Mizusawa and his wife left for the Land of Chance, with the feeling that they're gonna hit the jack pot this time.

I called Ben Yamada the other day and asked him how he was doing. "Well, " he said, "about a month and a half ago, I wasn't feeling too good, so I went to a clinic in Kailua and they found out that I had a pinched nerve in my neck. After they fixed it, I'm dong OK" Take care Ben, and see you around.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS

By Albert Takahashi

Officers for the year of 1995 were installed at the Tin Sing Restaurant in Gardena on February 11, 1995. They were sworn in by Henry Ikemoto, President of 100/442 Association. The officers are as follows:

President	Sam Fujikawa
Vice-Pres.	Ben Tagami
Secretary	Douglas Tanaka
Treasurer	Harry Fukuzawa

Since the installation was combined with Valentine's Day, the ladies were treated to the dinner and a box of See's candy, compliments of the 100th Veterans Club. The men had to pay. Beautiful camellias for all the ladies were furnished by the ever thoughtful Henry and Elsie Hayashi. The seven course Chinese dinner arranged by Allen Dong was enjoyed by all - we appreciate your efforts, thank you very much, Allen. All the ladies received a jar of freshly made kinkan jam from Chisato Yamaguchi - thank you ever so much Kei--did you help jar the jam?

The following were present at the party: M/M Ted Ohira, M/M Lloyd Toda, Harry Fukuzawa and Nobi Okamoto, M/M Mas Takahashi, M/M Eric Abe, M/M Ed Nakazawa, M/M Ben Tagami, M/M Kei Yamaguchi, M/M Hank Hayashi, M/M Tomi Kasai, Yeiki Matsui and sister Aki Abe, M/M Henry Ikemoto, Dr/M William Sato, M/M Ken Miya, M/M Sam Fujikawa, M/M Hank Sakato, M/M Al Takahashi, M/M Buddy Mamiya, Nora Kim, M/M Harry Sasaki, M/M George Kurisu, Allen Dong, Carlos Picaso, M/M Hank Yoshitake & M/M Toe Yoshino.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nagata

Maui Chapters luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at Sizzlers was well attended with 19 members, 6 wives and 2 widows present. President Tom Yamada opened the meeting by introducing new member Stanley Izumigawa, formerly of A Company, and a retired school principal. Secretary Edward Nishihara read the minutes and the treasurers report followed and accepted without change. John Miyagawa, our contact man with our Sons and Daughters who ran our highly successful Christmas Party in December, gave his report of the party. He will again work with them for our annual summer picnic and Christmas party this year. Goichi Shimanuki, who with Jack Gushiken and Katsumi Hanada oversees our chapter's financial investments, gave his report of last years returns. Ben Takayesu, chairman of our annual Mothers Day dinner reminded members to set aside the evening of May 12 to attend our Maui Beach Hotel poolside dinner. An interesting program is planned.

The reponse to the Kobe earthquake relief fund drive was excellent and even at our meeting, some members were still donating to the fund. Also benefiting the Kobe fund was the Kabuki in English "Sakeroku" to be presented on March 30 at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center by the U.H. students with Jack Gushiken in charge of Club 100 tickets. Masao Sato, Club 100 representative for the 100/442 Sons & Daughters Memorial Center project invited interested members to a progress report gathering to be held on March 15 at the American Saving Bank Building. Masao has ably represented Club 100 during the past four years and we hope that he will continue to do so in the future. Orders for the new club shirts were taken during the meeting and forwarded to Honolulu. Members that had ordered the new club shirts earlier are still waiting.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Miles Shiroma who died on Friday, March 17, 1995. Funeral services over ashes was held at the Nakamura Mortuary on Monday, March 20, 1995.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tsugi Takemoto

"Company, A, 3rd Engineers, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii - October, 1941"

That is the caption under the enlarged picture I am looking at. By the date we can see that it was taken before the war broke out. In the picture are 13 soldiers of Japanese ancestry. Today, only 5 are left - Thomas Wozumi, Tak Yamane, Ed Fukumoto, Wallace Takemoto and Ed Ikuma.

February 28th was a memorable day as the five gathered at the home of General Harvey Fraser, Retired, at Fort Shafter for a meeting, complete with luncheon.

(for more info regarding this reunion, please read Ed Ikuma's article which follows)

Wilfred Fujishige and Ed Ikuma were over here for a golf tournament and dropped in on Sunday, the 19th. It seems that the Headquarters boys are talking about going island to island and visiting and looking for the local contacts. Also in the talking stage is the five getting together again for just a "talk story" time. That would be the time to invite one of the Sons and Daughter so that the stories can be recorded.

The next meeting for the Kauai Chapter is scheduled for Sunday, April 9th at the Wailua Marina-noon sharp for luncheon.

Bunkichi Matsuyoshi has been appointed chairman of the museum exhibit so any artifacts should be given to him for exhibit.

REUNION OF 'A' COMPANY, 3RD COMBAT ENGR. BN.

By Ed Ikuma

This is a story not generally known among members of the 100th, but back in the Spring of 1941, there was a group of local nisei soldiers who had then graduated from basic training at Boom Town, Schofield Barracks. They were the draftees known as the 1st and 2nd draft guys.

While most of these draftees were absorbed by the 298th and 299th National Guard regiments, a select few were picked to be a part of a newly formed engineer outfit designated as the 3rd Engr.

Combat Battalion, 24th Inf. Div. Subsequently, this group was divided to form another engineer unit to be known as the 65th Engr. Combat Bn., 25th Inf. Div. This second group also was made up of some local draftees including nisei soldiers. The majority of the men in these two engineer battalions were made up of mainland regular army men.

This story, however, is about the guys of "A" Company of the 3rd Engineers. After much research, letter writing, photo reprinting and phone calls which covered most of last year, 5 niseis were finally contacted. There were 12 men originally in "A" Company in 1941. The others had all passed on. All were members of the original 100th.

The focal point of this re-union was our then company commander, 1st Lt. Harvey Fraser. Lt Fraser had taken over "A" Company fresh out of West Point, and from the onset of his command, had shown a sincere respect of his nisei soldiers in spite of the then pre-war jitters. On the night of December 7, 1941, he called the company together and announced, "there are some American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in my company but they are just as American as the rest of us, so I want them treated accordingly". He treated us fairly to the very last days of 1942 when we were all pulled out to assemble at Schofield where eventually the 100th was formed.

Numerous stories were exchanged during this brief get-together and all expressed hope that a similar gathering may be realized soon. Attending this February 28th function was Ukichi Wozumi, (B) who did a tremendous job of making contacts and making photo copies; Takayuki Yamane (A), Wallace Takemoto (Hdq) who came in from Kauai, Robert Fukumoto (Hdq) and Edward Ikuma (Hdq). Other former "A" fellows attending were Donald Wong (also very instrumental in organizing this event), Al Souza, Kenneth Litster and Bob Gardner, all local guys. Nisei soldiers now deceased who were also part of "A" Co. 3rd Engr were Morimasa Maeshiro, Robert Nakamura, Al Nozaki, Walter Shiraki, Allan Shimizu, Suemasa Tsuda and Richard Yoneshige.

Fraser back in 1942 wanted to retain all his nisei soldiers in the company, but orders were from the War Department and there was not much he could do. However, he followed closely the operations of the 100th during the rest of WWII, and he himself saw combat in Europe and rose to the rank of Brig. General.

General Fraser and Mrs. Fraser came to Hawaii on vacation and to "talk story" with his old "A" Company men. As a gesture of appreciation, Lynn Crost's book "Honor By Fire" autographed by all five men, was presented to the General.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Evelyn Tsuda

It was most gratifying to see 20 members at the meeting on March 18, but it would be really wonderful if more of you turn out in the future. It's only once a month, during daylight hours to boot, and it's a perfect way to keep in touch and talk stories with your buddies. For your information, hereafter, the meetings will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 1 P. M.

One of the topics of discussion at the meeting was the help which could be extended to Takeshi Teshima, whose house in Nishinomiya sustained quite a bit of damage in the recent earthquake. The interior of the house suffered extensive damage and all the exquisite china and art pieces were lost, but they are thankful that their lives were spared. Water, electricity, and gas have now been restored, thus enabling Mrs. Teshima to move back into the house; and Tesh is busy commuting between his offices and his home to oversee the repair work. I'm sure the members would like to help Tesh repair his home but since the locations make it impossible, the only alternative is to take up a collection. This move was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting because they all remember how Tesh has gone all out to entertain them whenever they are in Japan. Even when he's sick in bed, he makes sure that his son and other "kaisha" men take his place in wining and dining his friends. Nowhere will you find a more sincere and generous person. More information regarding your voluntary contributions will be forthcoming.

Kazuo Yamane's wife Mary recently suffered a stroke while pursuing her favorite sport, bowling. She is now convalescing at the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

Dog chapter is really going to the dogs. The attendance is getting smaller and smaller. Members and wives attending the February meeting were Robert Yoshioka, "Mahut" Kondo, "Doc" Hosaka, Saburo Nishime, "Fuzzy" Fujimori, "Jits" Yoshida, Marry Hamasaki and Kay Harada. Preparing the breakfast were Mildred Hosaka, Rhoda Kawamata, Mildred Yoshida and Helen Nikaido. Pretty soon there will be more ladies than men. Kay Harada made sure to come early so that she could help in the kitchen before the meeting.

Dog chapter reunion which will be hosted by the Kauai chapter has been set for June 16, 17 and 18 at the Kauai Resort. \$65.00 for double occupancy, car rental Budget \$25.00. You must make your own hotel and plane reservations. Deadline is May 10th. If you are planning to attend, please give Robert Yoshioka a call at 488-1595 as he has the registration forms.

Attendance at the March 18th meeting was much more encouraging. Present were: Conrad Tsukayama, Robert Yoshioka, Saburo Nishime, Iwao Fujimori, Jitsuo Yoshida, Martin Tohara, Richard Hosaka, Richard Tsutsui, Wallace Chinen, Sadami and Jane Matsunami, Mary Hamasaki and Kay Harada. The "kitchen crew" consisted of Rhoda Kawamata, Mildred Yoshida, Jane Matsunami, Kay Harada, and Helen Nikaido.

Steven Takushi, son of Yasuhide Takushi (deceased) sat in at the meeting and asked if there was any "feed back" he could take back to the Sons & Daughters.

Reminder: Meeting for the One Puka Puka Northern Kyushu Tour group is scheduled for April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

The NO RAIN - dry weather still continues on the Big Island. The west side of the island is really dry and crying for rain and water. The NO burning warning is on by the government officials. Some people living on the Puna area and Volcano are now buying water. They say, "there is waiting list for the purchase of water" Things are pretty bad after the 42 days of continuous rain toward the end of 1994. Oh yes, the volcanic VOG isn't helping people with allergy and other ailments.

History Day: In observance of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the AJA Veterans Council participated in the Hawaii District, Dept of Education History Day. The 1995 topic is "Conflict and Compromise in History" The display, judging and awards were held on Saturday, March 18 at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. Students in grades 6 to 12 participated in the program. Schools participating were: Waiakea Intermediate School, Waiakea High School, Pahoa High School, Kau Intermediate & Hi Wchool, Honokaa High School, Hawaii Preparatory School and Waimea Elementary and Intermediate School. There were many outstanding displays and writings such as "War Within War" by Kelli Tomiyoshi, Jeri Jay Takahata, Nikki Tomiyoshi from Waiakea High School. There was a display of medals, winter jacket, photos, etc by the 100th Inf. Bn and 442nd Inf. Reg. and interviews of 6 former members of the 100th.

"Liberty & Justice for Who" A display of people from Hilo who were interned in relocation camps during World War II. Display and interviews by Waiakea Intermediate School--Adrienne Wallace, Beryl Yamaguchi.

The 100th Battalion; A display of the 100th Inf Bn by Rainie Correa and Karen Horiuch--Waiakea Intermediate School

"Forgotten Americans" Historical paper on the internment of Japanese in California - by Katie Guelker-Cone, Waiakea High School. Student formerly lived in Fresno, California.

The finalist in the Hawaii District History Day will qualify to compete in the State History Day which will be held on April 29, 1995, at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. The Sons and Daughters of the Puka Puka family are urged to see the work of intermediate and high school students of the State of Hawaii. It will be a worthwhile recognition of what the youngsters of Hawaii can do.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warren Iwai

The meeting of March 13 was attended by 12 members - Kazuto Shimizu, Roy Nakamura, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Tad Umamoto, Takeshi (Lefty) Kimura, Jack Mizushima, Takeishi Onishi, Masa Nakano, Kaoru Yonezawa, Chick Miyashiro, George (Oscar) Miyashiro, and Warren Iwai. It was good to see Lefty Kimura after a short absence. He appears to be in top shape.

SICK CALL: Hideshi Niimi was hospitalized for pneumonia and had an attack of asthma while in the hospital. He is resting at home and making a slow recovery. My advice to you, Hideshi, is to take it easy and stay away from those cruise ships.

Roy Nakamura was also laid up with pneumonia. He was not hospitalized but was forced to miss two golf tournaments of Club 100 Golf Club. Since his illness, Roy's wife, Mazzie, has been making bentos for Roy to take to golf. She also makes extra bentos to include other "C" Co. golfers. Mazzie, your musubi is terrific and we all thank you.

Chick Miyashiro was also hospitalized for "servicing". He needed a new battery for his defibrillator. We can't afford to lose Chick because of a bum battery.

Mike Tokunaga couldn't make this last meeting because he was scheduled to see his doctor for cataract surgery.

Kaoru Matsumura also missed this last meeting because he had a prior engagement with his doctor. Kaoru says its just a check up.

Kiyoshi Uyeno and Toshimi Sodetani were also sidelined by the flu and had to miss their golf dates.

THE MAGIC 80 (or is it?); George Hagiwara and Saburo Ishitani joined the "C" Co. group of octogenarians composed of Thomas Taguchi, Goro Kuwada, Richard Mizuta, Masayoshi Kawamoto and Chick Miyashiro. On April 3rd, Seiju Ifuku joins them. Are there any others?

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY; Masa and Ai Kawamoto celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 15, 1995.

Warren Fencl, Honorary member, donated \$25.00 for our Christmas party. Thank you and aloha for always remembering us.

In our February meeting, Americo Bugliani was voted in as a honorary member of Charlie Chapter. Americo is the 12 year old Italian lad Paul Sakamoto (Hq Co) befriended on April 3, 1945 just before our last push in Italy. Americo never forgot this kindness and 50 years later he had his reunion with Paul Sakamoto.

Minoru (Kaku) and Lillian Murakami of Kahului, Maui were reported to have moved to Kaneohe, Oahu, by Tom Nagata last month. Our club record shows his new address to be 457 Kamooalii Street, Kaneohe, but no telephone number. Kaku, please contact the club or someone you know so we can get you in with the "C" Co. gang.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 18, - 10:00 A.M. at the clubhouse.

REMINDER: Remember to sign up for the 53rd Anniversary Celebration
June 11 (Sunday) 10:00 o'clock a.m. to 3:00 o'clock p.m.
Pacific Beach Hotel, - Grand Ballroom

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

For some reason or other, the attendance at the regular monthly meeting on March 25th was only 9 members, the smallest attendance ever.

Those present agreed to go along with the Mother Club's decision to donate \$5,000 to the Kobe Relief Fund. Members wishing to contribute towards helping Takeshi Teshima may do so by sending your check to Club 100 Attention; Baker Chapter Teshima Fund.

President Matsumoto urges all members to show up at the next meeting which will be held on Saturday, April 22, 1995, at 8:00 a.m.

Hideshi Niimi was hospitalized in February at the Kuakini Medical Center with a bout of pneumonia.

Deepest sympathy to Mike Kamiya and his brother Lawrence M. of C Company for the loss of their younger brother Shigeo of Kaneohe. He passed away in Castle Hospital on March 7, 1995.

(Editor's note: This is a continuation of the "adventures of the Higas" in Japan. The article is very interesting and is a history lesson in itself. We appreciate Kenneth's sharing this with us, but due to the length of his article, we will print half of it now, and the remainder in the next issue):

After four wonderful days touring the Ryukyu Islands, we flew to Kagoshima City to start on our tour of Kyushu. Kyushu, the southernmost island of the Japanese Archipelago, is well known for its subtropical climate and scenery, hot springs, active volcanoes, historical sites, and myths associated with the birth of Japan. From around the 1st Century, Kyushu has been Japan's main gateway to foreign cultures. The many historic sites on the island, the third largest of Japan, attest to the ancient cultural interflow between this region and the European and Asian countries. Historically, Kyushu is thought of as being the cradle of Japanese civilization. Legendary tales relate how Jimmu, the first Emperor, set sail eastward to relocate the capital from the Hyuga Province, the present Miyazaki Prefecture, to somewhere south of Nara, where he laid the foundation of the Yamato Court.

Monday, November 14. We first set foot on Kyushu soil at Kagoshima City, where it rains more frequently of volcanic ashes from Sakura jima, an active volcano, than liquid sunshine like in Hawaii. Believe it or not, the first stop of our city tour was the Satsuma Soehu Brewery, distiller of find potato liquor. While a few of us teetotalers imbibed non-alcoholic drinks, the others sampled the different kinds of spirits. Man! What a way to start off the tour of Kyushu. We traveled northward by bus on a zigzag route with overnight stopovers in Kagoshima City, Cape Toi (Toimisaki), Miyazaki City, Yatsushiro, Uehinomaki, Kita-Kyushu, and Fukuoka City (Hakata), the final destination. Hence, of the seven prefectures in Kyushu, we touched bases on five of them; namely, Kagoshima, Miyasaki, Kumamoto, Oita and Fukuoka Prefectures.

Following the uplifting stop at the brewery, we headed for Chiran to visit the Village of Samurai Houses and the Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots. Apparently, there are no termite problems around this area like we have in Hawaii. The houses, after more than two hundred years, are still standing and some are occupied. The landscaped gardens surrounding the houses are most the typical dry type highlighting the ideally placed rocks and trees without any need for streams or ponds to enhance the artistically laid out gardens.

During the Battle of Okinawa, one of the air bases from which the Kamikase pilots took off on their one-way suicidal missions was situated in Chiran. Today, Chiran is the foremost site to commemorate the approximately 1,026 youngsters who sacrificed their lives for the war effort. On this site are the Heiwa-Kannon Temple which houses a figure of the Goddess of Kanon, the bronze statue of a Kamikaze pilot, the Peace Museum of Kamikaze Pilots, and one of the few remaining Kamikaze planes.

There are hundred of correspondences, photographs, and relics of the pilots as well as some warfare equipments and a few planes on display in the museum. Looking at the babyish photographs of the pilots in their late teens, I couldn't help feeling what a pity it was to waste these young lives. I was greatly saddened when my thoughts focused on the poor mothers of the "sacrificial lambs". I am deeply aware of the heavy emotional strain mothers had to endure while their sons were in combat zones. Upon returning home from the war, I was quite shocked when I saw how much my mom had aged within a few years. A huge plus for the museum is that it serves a great purpose for eternal peace by collecting and displaying the true data of World War II as a grim reminder of the horrors and sorrows of wars. War is hell, period!

Tuesday, November 15. Kagoshima to Toimisaki (Cape Toi). While visiting the famous Iso Garden, we experienced our first volcano ash rain. Luckily, it started to fall shortly after we had seen the many varieties of chrysanthemums on display and the beautifully landscaped grounds. Then we headed for the ferry station to catch the ride to Sakurajima. It was windy and rainy so we could stay out on deck for only a few minutes. Did I get to see the famous Sakurajima radish? Certainly! It is more big than big. Our next step was at Kanoya to visit another base

from which the Kamikaze pilots flew to launch their missions of no return. Today, the site serves as an air force field and there is a museum with displays of armed forces memorabilia. By golly, for the next four days, it rained quite frequently and at times, it poured. Fortunate for us, Tohoku Travel Agency supplied each person with a large and durable umbrella.

Wednesday, November 16. Toimisaki via Koshima and Udo to Miyazaki. Alas! What a let down it was for us when the much anticipated meeting with our famous kinfolks on Kojima Island did not materialize. Who are these relatives? Why, they are the wild monkeys noted for their cultural intellect and passion for cleanliness. For example, these monkeys wash the potatoes in the ocean before eating them. Smart cookies, aren't they?

While traveling along the Nichinan coast to Miyazaki City, we made three more stops. For cactus plant lovers, they would enjoy the visit to the Subtropical Pant Garden and Cactus Park. They can feast their eyes on the more than a million plants of various species.. Panini, panini, panini everywhere.

Finally, Aoshima, a tiny islet connected to the mainland by a long walkway, is densely covered with betel palms and many kinds of foreign and native subtropical plants. At low tide, this coastline exposes a wondrous work of nature-the washboard-like rock formation called the Ogre's washboard that extends southward for several miles. (Continued next month)

HONOR BY FIRE

The following excerpts were taken from the article written by Ken Ringle which appeared in the Washington Evening Post on February 15, 1995.

The Troops America Forgot

A WWII Correspondent's History of Unsung Japanese American Heroes.

Lyn Crost decided to write the book "Honor by Fire" about 10 years ago while she was attending congressional hearings on the question of reparations for survivors of the relocation camps. She recalls one speaker saying: "Well, it may be true that Japanese American soldiers fought bravely against the Germans, but they never would have fought their own people in the Pacific" That really did something to her because she knew that they had fought in the Pacific- with incredible bravery and resourcefulness-contributing immeasurably to our victory over Japan. Even as their families on the U.S Mainland were being cursed as 'Japs' and being caged like animals. But that story hadn't been told. 'So I realized I had to tell it'

Crost spent seven months in Europe before and after the German surrender, meeting men who would remain her friends for half a century. They included members of the 100th Bn and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, whose suffering and sacrifice particularly at Monte Cassino in Italy and in the Vosges Mountains of southern France have become the stuff of military legend. Nearly 57% of their 18,000 men were killed or wounded, and their bravery as her book documents repeatedly frequently defied belief.

"Each of those men felt obligated to prove his loyalty of American 10 times over, not just for himself--it was a matter of family honor. But these men are so modest that even today you have to drag their story out of them. I would ask one of them about something he'd done and he'd say 'Oh, that was nothing, but let me tell you about that guy over there'. He really did something; I finally learned the only way way to get the full story was to ask somebody else."

The exploits of the 442nd received a fair amount of publicity in the post war years, including a laudatory movie "Go For Broke". "But everybody forgets about the 100th Battalion" Crost says."They were the nisei from Hawaii. They were the ones who had seen the bombs fall on Pearl Harbor and fought to be allowed to avenge them. They were the first Japanese Americans to fight, and if it hadn't been for their valor at Monte Cassino there would have been no 442nd. And the 100th had so many casualties it was almost wiped out."

The 100th Bn landed at Salerno on Sept 23, 1943, with 1,300 men. Five months later, only 521 were still alive and able to fight:

As moving as Crost finds the record of nisei soldiers in the European theater, it is in the Pacific that she found her greatest challenge. The war work of Japanese American language specialists there remained top secret as late as 1972. "The Navy and the Marine Corps, you see, refused to accept Japanese Americans in those days of racially segregated military units. And they kept few records about members of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) loaned to them for translation

and interrogation. The MISers were Army, and were moved around a lot, so that much of what they did has been lost to time."

But Crost discovered enough to make an extraordinary story. Some 6,000 MISers served in teams of 10 with 150 military units throughout the Pacific. They served in every major campaign and every major battle, including those fought alongside troops of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and China. They crawled through the rotting jungles of New Guinea and Guadalcanal to translate captured documents and interrogate prisoners. They survived starvation and leeches with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, they crept out every night to the Japanese lines to eavesdrop on enemy conversations, they monitored radio transmissions between Japanese airfields and pilots, or some parachuted into enemy positions in the Philippines. To quote an MISer, "There was suspicion every where. So much of what we all went through during the war was very secret that we don't know the full story even among ourselves".

If Crost's book is filled with military details, she dwells no less fully on the human aspects of the nisei soldiers; the cultural rivalry between the easygoing Hawaiians and the spit-and-polish mainlanders; the constant battle for uniforms and boots small enough for Oriental frames; the assignment of Caucasian bodyguards for each MISer in the Pacific theater to protect him from his own trigger-happy fellow Americans as well as from the enemy.

And she lets the continuing, searing injustices and ironies speak largely for themselves; the day the U.S. government, which had first resisted even volunteers from internment camps, decided to draft all the young men imprisoned in them; the day in Hood River, Oregon when bigots painted out the names of 16 Japanese American soldiers from the town's honor roll of servicemen; the day nisei soldiers who had been drafted out of one sort of racial prison camp helped liberate another sort of racial prison camp called Dachau.

"You know", says Crost, "I've always found it remarkable that people in the East-people in Boston, in Washington, in New York who profess concern with all sort of other social injustices-have rarely shown any concern whatever for the injustice done the American Japanese. They totally ignored the segregation and discrimination and brutalities in California before the war, they ignored the internment during the war and they can't be bothered with it even today."

When she approached an agent in New York with her manuscript, she says, "he dismissed it immediately with the remark that he couldn't make enough to cover his daughter's lunch money with a book about Japanese Americans". Three New York publishers took the same approach. It was finally published by Presidio Press in California.

The attitude concerns her most, she says, because it ignores the lessons the Japanese Americans have to teach us; that the U.S. victory in World War II was won by descendants of all nations working together as Americans, including those who "looked beyond the barbed wires(of the War Relocation Camps) to a better America".

Lyn Crost still believes in that vision. A first-generation American herself, she was a Depression-poor Irish girl from Hartford who worked her way on scholarship through Brown University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude. But the most important thing she's learned in her 79 years, she says, is that "if America is to work, we are dependent on each other, and that the future will depend on the ability of our diverse races, religions and cultures to weave an understanding that will rise above inevitable conflicts. My Japanese American friends have taught me this lesson".

HELP!!!

Cynthia Gate Fujikawa, daughter of Hatsuo George Fujikawa, Charlie Chapter, would appreciate hearing from anyone who can give her any information about her father. She has a copy of *Ambassadors in Arms*, but that is not enough. She resides in New York City and her address is:

209 W. 80th Ct. #3B
New York, NY 10024

Please write to her if you have any information. She will greatly appreciate hearing from you.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A general membership meeting will be held on Friday, April 21, 1995 at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse. Parking is available at Ala Wai School. You'll be able to meet the new officers and see what's in store for you and this organization. You'll also see a very informative video.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Anella Shimizu (Fred Shimizu, Co. B) for their new addition to their family--baby girl, Zoe, born in February.

Bert and Vonnie Turner went on a very well-deserved vacation with a cruise to Bangkok and Singapore. While on board, Vonnie fell and broke her kneecap and ended up in a Bangkok Hospital. They're back home now and we wish Vonnie well as she goes "hopping around".

MAHALO to...

Roy Sugiyama and other members of the 100th/442nd Army Reserve for providing us with lots of good food and drinks after the finish of the Great Aloha Run. Sgt. Harold Estabrook's CHILI PIE was "onolicious"!!

Saburo Nishime for his generous donation of \$50.00 for the Oral History/Archival Project.

Sandra and Dale Erlandson for their generous donation of \$50.00 for the Oral History/Archival Project.

Noboru Yoshimura for generously donating \$100.00 for the Oral History/Archival Project.

Ando Osamu from Wide Staff of Japan for their generous contribution of \$100.00 to the Sons and Daughters.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The deadline for the **ONE PUKA PUKA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP** is coming soon. If you have not requested an application as yet, please call Ann Ishida-Ho (395-8236) as soon as possible.

1994 scholarship applicants who would like to be reconsidered for 1995 are welcome to reapply. You may submit a new application and essays with your most recent transcript or you may choose to submit the recent transcript only. Please forward this to: Ann Ishida-Ho, 7409 Ainanani Place, Honolulu, HI 96825.

Applications for the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion \$500 Scholarship are still available to veteran descendants and the public. Please call Ann Ishida-Ho at 395-8236 for information.

We would like to encourage participation from the veterans' grandchildren to submit their essays for our essay contest. Please call Pauline Sato for more information: 595-6774 and she will refer you to the essay coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Pauline Sato has generously volunteered her time and expertise to become our Education Committee's new Chairperson. Her staunch committee members are: Neilson Sato, Gary and Lorna Fukushima, Cary Miyashiro, Sharon Choy, Joanne Ing and Ann Ishida-Ho. We welcome any interested sons and daughters and associate members to help us with our goals and projects. Please call Pauline for more information and meeting dates.

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Don't Miss the Fun!

- * Play Black Jack, Crap, Roulette, Ping Pong, Bingo...
 - * Renew old friendships and meet new friends
 - * Enjoy light snacks and refreshments
 - * **Support the Sons and Daughters Oral History Fund-raiser**
- Come to Monte Cassino at Club 100**

When: April 29, 1995 (Note Change of Date)

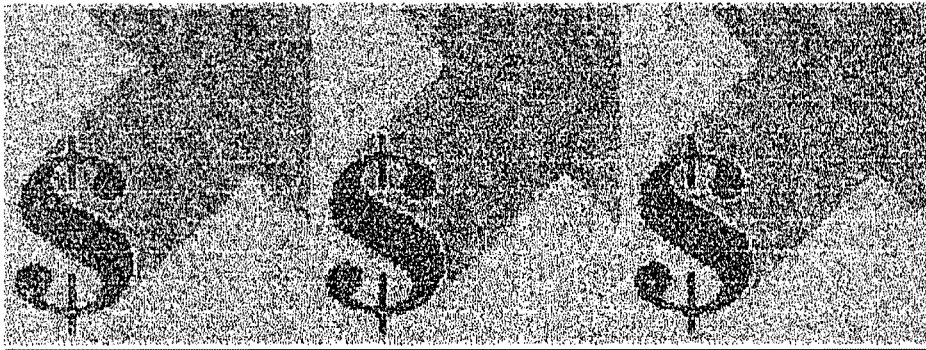
Time: 2:00-6:00 PM

Place: Club 100 Club House

Parking available at Ala Wai Elementary School

Requested Donation: \$20.00

Questions: Call Mimi Nakano 487-2786 or 455-0341



Interested in helping? To make this event a success, the Sons and Daughters need your assistance in:

- * Running games (Black Jack, Crap, etc.) call Carl Tonaki 623-7402
- * Conducting and supervising children's activities call Carl Tonaki 623-7402
- * Assisting the food and refreshment chairperson call Kent Kuriyama 261-4444
Ann Kabasawa 734-0841
- * Helping as banker call Mimi Nakano 487-2786

If you will not be able to attend but would like to support this activity, you can do so through a monetary donation or a non-monetary donation (prizes).

Please call Mimi Nakano at 487-2786 if you have a donation or have questions. We also need a head count of how many people in your group/family will attend, please call Mimi or any of the people listed above.

ALOHA PEACE WEEK

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II, an Aloha Peace Week celebration is being planned. Senator Matt Matsunaga, a member of the Sons and Daughters Board is the vision behind the celebration.

Aloha Peace Week is scheduled for August 14th through the 20th. Events will include various cultural and educational activities. The week will end with an inter-faith celebration.

Many community organizations and businesses are already involved, but like anything else, your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to sit on an organizational committee, please call Louise Morikawa at 836-4880.

DEADLINE FOR LEGACY BOOK:

A great push is being made to have our "LEGACY BOOK" published in time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ending of WWII. We would like to have the book available by the end of August.

April 29th is the final deadline for stories and pictures if we are to have the book by the end of August. Many wonderful stories have been collected and many more are needed. Sadly, very few sons and daughters have contributed their father's or grandfather's story to this book. We would like your contributions as well as the veterans. There are many fathers out there with stories to share, but they've never been asked by their children. **Please ask.** Ann Ishida-Ho, who is doing some of the interview and receives the written stories by veterans says she feels so privileged to have been able to hear and read these stories. Through these stories we are able to understand not so much their military accomplishments, but the individual's personality, basic instinct for survival, compassion, humor, camaraderie and other human qualities.

We are seeking contributions from our mainland veterans and their children as well. **Please help make this Legacy Book a well-represented one.**

Anonymous contributions are welcomed. However, please include your name, address and phone number for us to contact you with questions and an letter of release. Your stories will be printed anonymously with your permission.

If there are any questions, please call Ann Ishida-Ho (808) 395-8236. **Remember the deadline is April 29th until further notice.** Thank you for your assistance!

ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP

Just a reminder that the Sons and Daughters Annual Family Camp will be held on May 5,6&7, 1995 at MALAEKAHANA STATE PARK. Call Sandy Abelaye at 235-0685 or Sharon Tanaka at 946-9707 for further information or sign-up.

DONATIONS

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous donations made to Club 100 and Puka Puka Parade by: Bruce A. Takayama in memory of Tsutomu Takayama; Midori Hidano; Mary Hamasaki; Dorothy Tamashiro,; Ray and Aki Nosaka; Roy Terada, Hide Nagamine James Yamate, Marian Hayashi; Helen Nikaido in memory of Kenji Nikaido, Kunimitsu Tamai in memory of son Miles Tamotsu; and Ed Mayeda.

CLUB 100 APRIL CALENDER OF EVENTS

ABLE.....	Saturday, April 22.....	8 a.m.....	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, April 29.....	1 p.m.....	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Tuesday, April 18.....	10a.m.....	Boardroom
DOG.....	Saturday, April 15.....	8 a.m.....	Boardroom
HQ.....	Friday, April 21.....	9:30 a.m.....	Lounge
HAWAII.....	Friday, April 27.....	11 a.m.....	AJA Veteran Hall
MAUI			
KAUAI.....	Sunday, April 9.....	12 noon.....	Wailua Marina
RURAL			
BOARD.....	Friday, April 14.....	10 a.m.....	Boardroom
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, April 3.....	10 a.m.....	Turner Hall
S&D GEN. MEMBERSHIP.....	Friday, April 21.....	6:30pm.....	Boardroom
S&D Monte Cassino Day.....	Saturday, April 29.....	2 p.m.....	Turner Hall

The Puka Puka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, April 27, at 8:30 a.m.**, B and Rural Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments.

The deadline for sending in your news for the May issue is **April 17, 1995.**

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