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President's Message

by Pauline Sato

It's nearly October and I'm certain many people echo my thoughts – where has the time gone? “Time waits for no one,” as they say. I hope that all of our members and friends have had a great year thus far and are looking forward to what is ahead. Recently, questions have arisen as to what is ahead for our organization, not immediately, but in the next 5 years and beyond. To be honest, our Board has been focused on day-to-day matters and behind the scenes operations that are very time-consuming. But we realize that that is not enough. With the numbers of our veterans getting smaller each year due to basic facts of life, we can't wait to plan for the future. We need to do this while they are still here to guide us.

With that in mind, we will embark on a long-range planning process to ensure that the “legacy” (however it is defined) of the 100th Infantry Battalion lives on. Details have yet to be worked out and we will report on our progress in upcoming issues of the Puka Puka Parade.

We are fortunate that the Joint Memorial Service has become a tradition, now in its 7th year, to be held this year on September 30. On the last Sunday of September, the Oahu AJA Veterans Council honors the fallen members of the four principal AJA units that served in World War II: the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion. On September 29, 1943, the first day of combat for the 100th Infantry Battalion, Shigeo “Joe” Takata, was the first AJA soldier to be killed in action and the first to receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

My father, Robert Tomiya Sato, still recounts the last words of Sgt. Joe Takata, as relayed to him by the soldiers who were with Sgt. Takata upon his final moments. The words, “Keep On Going . . . keep on going . . . keep . . . on . . . going,” said more softly and slowly each time became words of inspiration to the new soldiers who

found out too soon the difference between training and real war.

I realize how fortunate I am that my father returned from the war and began a life full of opportunities largely because of the sacrifices made by those who didn't return. Our family just celebrated my father's 95th birthday (and my mother's -- her birthday is 2 days and many years apart). Although birthday celebrations aren't necessarily what parents usually expect, it is nice to do, something we used to do for our veterans, and something we want to do again at the Clubhouse on a quarterly basis as a social gathering. We'll need some help to get in touch with veterans (and their families) whose birthdays are in that quarter, planning for the food and cake, and assisting with transportation as needed. If you think you could help, please let us know at the office so that we can get started with our first joint birthday party!

There's much more ahead. Thank you for being part of our journey.

Mahalo and aloha, Pauline

Pauline



The Sato family (L-R: Pauline, Barbara, Bob, and Kazue)

In Memorium

Andrew Nishino (A)

Passed away on July 31, 2012

Shigeru Monguchi (C)

Passed away on August 6, 2012

Hiroo Furuya (D) of Hilo

Passed away on July 31, 2012

Our deepest sympathy to their families.

History Can Be Fun

by Susan Muroshige

Members of the 100th ohana and other visitors to the clubhouse may have glanced at the photos of Club 100's honorary members. Some may have read the brief summaries of each person. The one for Leslie Deacon says that after moving to Hawaii from California in 1934, he became the secretary for Castle and Cooke, was active in local organizations and helped young men of all racial backgrounds. During the war he kept in touch with many 100th soldiers and contacted Territorial Delegate Joseph Farrington and other government officials if someone in the 100th needed help. When the clubhouse was completed in 1952, he provided furniture and continued to work on behalf of the club.



Several accounts in old club records, letters, and Puka Puka Parades indicate that in September 1944 while the battalion was near Naples, Italy before it went to France, representatives from each company met and took the

following actions: approved by-laws, elected Captain Katsumi Kometani as president of their post war organization and named three men as honorary members - Charles Hemenway, Delegate Farrington and Leslie Deacon.

That's the dry historical account. Then last month, Arlene Sato was in touch with Leslie (Les) Taniyama, the son of the late Fumi Taniyama, A Company. He provided her with some family photos and also information about his father. Les said that Mr. Deacon helped many 100th veterans find jobs upon their return to Hawaii, including his father who got a job a Castle Cook where he worked for many years.

According to Les, almost until his father died, he - along with other appreciative 100th veterans who were fortunate recipients of Mr. Deacon's generosity - met annually at M's Ranch House in Aina Haina for Deacon's birthday. As a tradition, all these 100th veterans' first born sons (ALL named Leslie) would gather around the seated patriarch for picture taking.

Les does not remember the other veterans who were present with their sons. Does anyone remember other first born sons who were named Leslie or any of the boys in the photo below? If so, please contact the club office.

(M's Ranch House - hearing that name brings back some childhood memories! My family used to have dinner there and at other long gone restaurants like Tropic's and Woody's.)



Les Taniyama (wearing aloha shirt) is to the right of Mr. Deacon. Photo taken circa 1960.



Donations for the Education Center

by Susan Muroshige

It has been gratifying to see that donations continue to be given to the Education Center. These donations have allowed the collecting and preserving of the history of the battalion and its members to go on.

With the help of 100th daughters Arlene Sato, Jan Sakoda, and Drusilla Tanaka who contact veterans and families, more content has been added to the website since the grant was closed in January. I review all written information. Jan Nadamoto, another 100th daughter, was hired for her technical expertise which she uses for the lengthy process of preparing the documents and photographs so they can be added to the website.

One of the most important features of the website is that searches can be done by key words. So, if someone wants to find any information about a specific person or place such as Cassino, that person can type in those words and results of that search will appear, whether it is part of a written document or caption on a photo. But this doesn't just happen automatically.

When only a hard copy of older documents such as Puka Puka Parades or memoirs is available, we have to copy (scan) them so they are converted into what is called a digital format. This process creates an electronic version of the document that can be viewed and edited on a computer. Then another step is taken so that key words will be read by the computer when someone searches for information. We always have to review the document to make sure the electronic version is accurate.

Recently Stanley Izumigawa allowed us to use a memoir he wrote in 1996 which he said was from the viewpoint of an infantryman in a squad, the lowest level in the army. It includes valuable descriptions of daily noncombat activities, along with his combat experiences and the loss of his friends and comrades. Jan will be adding Mr. Izumigawa's account to the website this month where it will join nine other memoirs. A copy is available in the Education Center's library.

For photographs, the first step is to scan them. Then Jan may have to "clean them up," which can include trying to make them clearer or cropping them. She also has to add the information for each photo and often has to read handwritten notes that may be difficult to decipher. Right

now she is working on about 300 photos that were loaned by various veterans' families. We probably have added that many photos or more since January.

Last month I hired Mike Markrich to write a story about Jack Mizuha who was an original 100th officer and had a distinguished career as an educator and judge, serving as an associate justice on the Hawaii Supreme Court. He was the last attorney general of the Territory of Hawaii and the first of the State of Hawaii. Mike has interviewed veterans Takashi Kitaoka who was a good friend and fellow judge and Shigeru Tsubota who was a fellow officer. He has done research in the State Archive and has also met with Mr. Mizuha's daughter. Mike has already written twelve stories, including profiles of the four 100th/442nd chaplains, Jack Johnson and the hapa and Hawaiian soldiers who served in the battalion.

The donations also pay for the original web developer to oversee the systems maintenance of the website.

If anyone has any suggestions for other stories that could be written, please let Larissa in the club office know. She will pass on your suggestion to me.



What's up with the Wine Gang

by Jayne Hirata-Epstein

Hanakokolele! I made a big mistake in last month's Wine Gang article regarding donations we received when I listed a \$200 donation from Paul Watanabe (442nd veteran). The correct information should have been \$100 from Paul and \$100 from Takashi "Bolo" Shirakata (also a 442nd veteran). I apologize for my mistake – must not have had caffeine that morning!

Mahalo to the following for their generous donations to the Wine Gang:

Dr. Timothy Cottrell (new 'Iolani School Headmaster) –
1 case of wine

The family of the late Jessie Nakayama - \$150

More Mahalos to Beverly and Cal Shiroma (Leighton Goro Sumida's daughter and son in law) for coordinating the donation of paving by Grace Pacific and also to Lloyd Kitaoka (son of Judge Takashi "Kit" Kitaoka) for purchasing and installing the new air conditioner in the Lounge. These improvements are greatly appreciated by the boys as they make the time spent at the Clubhouse a whole lot more safe and comfortable.

It was a full house in Turner Hall on August 16 when the State Office of Veterans Services debuted their new website called Hawaii Network of Care (www.hawaii.networkofcare.org), a one stop online shop for current servicepersons, veterans and their families looking for information on benefits, support and almost everything else having to do with military life in Hawaii. There was a short program which included speeches by several notable persons including Governor Neil Abercrombie followed by a demonstration of the website content. I got to take a break from my usual cooking duties because the presentation was followed by a delicious buffet lunch. Thank you to everyone with the State for a great day and for their hard work putting not only this event but the website together.



We are so proud of Stacey Hayashi and Damon Wong for putting the finishing touches on the 100th/442nd comic book, “Journey of Heroes.” Many of us in the Wine Gang will be at their Manga Launch Party on Saturday, October 6 at 3:00 pm at the Pacific Guardian Center Courtyard at 733 Bishop Street in Downtown Honolulu. The celebration will feature a panel of 100th and 442nd veterans whose stories are featured in the comic book including Leighton “Goro” Sumida (100th) and Eddie Yamasaki (442nd). The veterans will also autograph copies of the comic book which can be pre-ordered at the Clubhouse or purchased at the Party. The Party is open to the public but if you would like to attend, please RSVP with Shirley at the 442nd Veterans Club by calling 949-7997 or e-mailing 442veterans@hawaiiantel.net. For more information on the Party or the comic book or how you can support the project, please contact Stacey via e-mail at 442comicbook@gmail.com, visit <http://442comicbook.com> or <http://facebook.com/442comicbook>, or come to Wine Gang as she is a Wine Gang regular.



As a sneak preview of the 100th/442nd comic book, I’ve included a Chibi drawing by Damon Wong of two members of the Wine Gang. Can you guess who they are? The harmonica and the red lipstick are big, big giveaways! Come to Wine Gang on a Thursday to find the answer.

The Wine Gang will once again be joining with the ‘Iolani Lower School Student Council in Operation Candy Drop to collect leftover Halloween candy which will be bagged and delivered to patients at Tripler and veterans living in care facilities on Oahu. If you have any Halloween candy that you do not want, please drop it off at the Clubhouse (we’ll have a box for donations) from November 1 to November 8. We will bag the candies on November 8.



Election and Annual Meeting

by Pauline Sato

Enclosed in this newsletter is a very important document. It is the Proxy for the Annual Meeting to be held on November 10, 2012 at 9 am at the Clubhouse.

We encourage all members to attend the meeting in person but realize that it will be difficult, especially for those who are not on Oahu and those in care homes. Therefore we encourage ALL members to complete a Proxy so that you may cast your vote on the election of Directors and a Bylaws change. This will help ensure that we reach quorum. If you turn in a Proxy and end up attending in person, that is fine. The Proxy will be pulled and you can vote in person.

The language of the Proxy may not be easily understood, especially for those of us unfamiliar with legal language. Therefore, here is what it says, in general, in simple English –

- You are giving the Board of Directors as a group or an individual member (to be named by you) the authority to vote for you.
- You may assign your vote for the Election of Directors as well as the Bylaws change.
- You must date and sign the Proxy for it to be valid and turn it in to the Clubhouse no later than noon on Thursday, Nov. 1.
- You may hand-deliver, mail, fax, or send the proxy electronically.

The names of candidates for Executive Board of Directors (Officer) positions (President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer) are stated on the Proxy. Terms are for 2-year positions. The position of Secretary is not open as the current Director, John Oki, has another year to serve in the position.

In a previous newsletter, names of candidates for all positions except for 2nd Vice President were stated. We now have a candidate for 2nd Vice President, whose very brief biography is stated below:

Robert Ozaki is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust. Previously, he held senior positions at the Queen's Health Systems where he was an Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer; and, Amfac, Inc., where he was an Executive Vice President and Chairman of Amfac Hawaii, Inc. Robert Ozaki is the nephew of Technical Sergeant Robert Y. Ozaki of B Company who was posthumously awarded the Silver Star earlier this year.

The Bylaws changes are not major but are important. The first change is to include in the definition of Regular Members, the wife or widow of a KIA Soldier and children of a KIA Soldier. The second change is to extend the deadline for submission of nominations of Directors by petition to 60 days before the election date, instead of 30 days to allow sufficient time to confirm the nominations and inform the membership via the monthly Puka Puka Parade.

If you have any questions, please contact the office and you will be contacted by the appropriate Board member who can answer your questions best.



Volunteers - You Won't Want to Miss Our Lunch!

by Pauline Sato

I just got the menu from the Kapolei High School culinary arts program, which will be catering our appreciation lunch for volunteers – and it's a winner!

Big Island Tofu, Takuan & Taegu Salad

Minted Watermelon & Tomato Salad with Chili-Lime Dressing

Pasta with White Clam Sauce

Liliko'i Cupcakes

We'll also have some door prizes!

Whether you've volunteered one day or every day, please join us for this special event. This is not just for Club members, but for all who volunteer, so please help us tell others who deserve to be recognized. We'll need a head count so that we have enough food so please **RSVP** by phone (946-0272) or email: club100vets@gmail.com by Friday, October 12.

Date: **Saturday, October 27**

Time: **11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Location: **Clubhouse, 520 Kamoku St., Honolulu**

Mahalo!

PS If you want to come but have dietary restrictions that don't permit you to partake in the menu, please let us know and we'll try our best to have a delicious alternative for you.



100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Combat Team Manga (Graphic Novel/Comic Book) Launch Party: October 6th, 2012

by Stacey Hayashi

The long-anticipated 100th/442nd manga, JOURNEY OF HEROES, is almost pau! By the time you read this, it may be on the presses.

Please join us for a celebration hosted by manga sponsor Pacific Guardian Life and partner 442nd RCT Foundation at the Pacific Guardian Center at 733 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96801. VIP reception with refreshments for

veterans, families and supporters at 2pm (the general public will be invited at 3pm). Validated parking (parking entrance on Alakea Street) will be provided. Please wear your white club shirts so people know you are a veteran. Please RSVP to Shirley at the 442 Clubhouse at 808.949.7997.

Be the first to see this educational manga and pick up copies for your family. If you donated through the 442nd RCT Foundation and have a copy (or copies) reserved for you, you can also pick it up at this time. Make sure to stick around for when the general public is invited, as there is sure to be a crowd wanting your autograph! The manga artist Damon Wong will also be there, all the way from Rhode Island.

Pre-order forms for the manga are also available at the Clubhouse, with proceeds to benefit the 100th Descendants Chapter. Tax-deductible contributions are still being accepted by the 442nd RCT Foundation to fund the production and cost of 5000 copies being donated to schools and libraries in Hawaii.

For more info about the 100th/442nd manga project visit <http://442comicbook.com> and <http://facebook.com/442comicbook>. For driving directions and a map for Pacific Guardian Center download here: <http://www.pacificguardiancenter.com/download/locationMap.pdf>



100th INF BN Mini Reunion in Las Vegas

by Ann Kabasawa

Please be at the airport, Lobby 6 (Omni Airlines), by noon on Sunday, October 21, 2012. You will be receiving your luggage tags soon with other instructions included. For those who haven't signed up, there is still room and the same fare will still be honored. If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or e-mail me at diverseinnov@gmail.com.



Chapter News

Able Antics

by Stacey Hayashi

We had a nice meeting in August, although our taisho wasn't present (President Goro Sumida was in Vegas with his family and fellow Able buddy Toke Yoshihashi) with Sus Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, and Al Matsumoto joining us for breakfast. We missed Tommy Nishioka but did see him a couple months ago at a Wine Gang dinner and he and Barbara looked great. Did you know Barbara worked at Legislative Reference Bureau (the people who draft bills for the legislators and do other research) when our Legislature still met in the basement of 'Iolani Palace? She has some amazing stories that she won't allow me to videotape her telling, so you should ask her yourself next time you see her. Bakerite Robert Arakaki said he and Nancy went to visit our Kuni Fujimoto and Alfred Arakaki and Bakerite Ray Nosaka at Maunalani recently (hope I got that right) and they looked fine.... but a little bored, so let us know if you want to visit with us next time. Robert said they need some funny entertainment.

Al reminded me that Christmas is just around the corner, and we will be picking a party date soon. He also reminded me that we need a Christmas party chairperson, so after many years of begging off I decided to do it (Avin, you got your wish, but Lorna, I still need your help!).

SO! I decided that we will have an Able Chapter video at our party. Please send in your photos and memories of Able Chapter... Christmas parties of years past, other events, whatever you want to see again. It's best if you can email them to me at stacer@gmail.com but I realize most folks don't know how to scan photos, nor do I want anybody mailing precious photos to me, so if you can't bring them to our meetings yourself call me and I will come over (808.778.7823)... unless you live on the mainland or a neighbor island, then sorry, we're out of luck unless you're going to the Mini Reunion in October. One of the things I wish we had a photo of for our video is a picture of Goro Sumida pulling weeds or otherwise landscaping the Clubhouse as he did pretty much every day upon arriving around 6am or so until recently... or any of our Able Chapter fellas doing yardwork outside the Clubhouse, from 1953 till 2009.

Anyway, I think we will also have an Able Chapter trivia game, so brush up on your Able IQ!

See you soon.



Baker Chapter News

by Cecilee Tanaka

The September meeting was attended by about 10 people. I wonder if it's because it was the same day as the Okinawan Festival. Perhaps more members will be able to come out to the next meeting.

Discussions at the meeting included an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). It was signed by the Board and the Legacy Organization. Access to documents can be made by contacting the Legacy Organization office.

We need volunteers! Docents are needed for Punchbowl Cemetery (contact Bert). Descendants are needed to help transport the flags to and from veterans' funeral services. Candidates are needed for president, vice-president, and secretary of our chapter. The election will take place in November. Gary has offered to continue as treasurer.

Christmas is coming up soon. Only a few months away, so save the date of Sunday, December 9. More details to come. If you are able to help with the party, please contact Ralph Steenson.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 6, at 1 pm. I hope to see some new faces, especially descendants. Let's keep the club going strong for our grandpas.



Charlie Chapter News

by Arlene Sato

It's time to plan for Christmas already. Our HQ/C combined party will be on Saturday, December 15. The dinner menu will be Hawaiian/Japanese food. Doris Aimoto said she's giving me some Hokkaido azuki to make sekihan. Skip Tomiyama said we got to have nishime on the menu. So that's why it's Hawaiian/Japanese food. Have any suggestions for games or activities? Want to help? Call me at the office: 946-0272.

There's no meeting in October and the next C Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, November 24 at 10:00. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School.



Descendants Chapter News

by Bert Hamakado

It's so hard to believe that a year has passed by and the holidays are so near. The Descendants Chapter is having its Annual Fundraiser by selling Poinsettia Plants and Wreaths. They will be available for pick-up at the Clubhouse on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. Due to space limitations, we can't include the order form in this newsletter, however you can pick one up at the Clubhouse or email the office for the form (club100vets@gmail.com).

Deadline to order is November 15, 2012.

Cost:

4" Poinsettia plants @ \$4.00

6" Poinsettia plants @ \$6.00

Wreaths @ \$25.00

Payment by check to: 100th Inf Bn Descendants Chapter

Pick-up dates/times are:

Friday, November 30, 2012, from 3pm to 7pm

Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 9am to 12 noon

If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or e-mail at diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com



Dog Chapter News

by Joy Teraoka

Congratulations to Moriso Teraoka whose two essays, "My Father's Gold Watch" and "Remembering My Mother's Hand" have been chosen to appear in separate editions of the *Hawaii Pacific Press*. In celebration of the newspaper's 35th anniversary, the essay on his father's gold watch was printed in the August 1, 2012, edition (#593). The business address of this Japanese/English language newspaper is 1306 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813, phone: 523-8046. A few copies of this newspaper may be available to read at the 100th IBV clubhouse.

Teraoka wrote that after the death of his father, he eventually became custodian of the family's most prized heirloom—his dad's precious gold watch. Now in his care, it has evoked many fond memories of his parents.

Moriso's essay pays tribute to his father's strong but caring character, a man of principle and honor. As a son, his father's values have also guided him in raising his own children. Eventually that gold watch will be passed on to one of Moriso's sons. The watch and all that it symbolizes

—the values of honesty, compassion, courage, and industriousness—is the patriarchal legacy that will be passed on to future generations of this Teraoka family.

Moriso's essay on "Remembering My Mother's Hand" was published in the September 1, 2012, issue of the *Hawaii Pacific Press*. He recalls the many ways his mother's hands expressed the tender, loving care she gave to their family—in bathing an infant, bandaging a cut finger, making Portuguese sweet bread, or preparing the best *oshizushi*. Unfortunately, the articles are a bit too lengthy to be included in the *Puka Puka Parade*. These tributes should live on as a reminder of the simple but precious virtues of our past generations.



Recently, Mr. Hiroyuki Matsumoto of Japan received an inquiry from Masako Hirano of Kumamoto, who is seeking information about her father. She believes her Hawaii-born father, Moses Masao Hirano, at one time was a member of D Company of the 100th/442nd RCT. He then worked as an interpreter soldier (probably with the MIS) in Japan. It was at this time that she was born. Subsequently he served in the Korean War. Thereafter ends his contact with her. The following information is all that she knows about him.

Moses Masao Hirano

Born: December 22, 1907

Death: June 14, 1985

Drafted: August 1944

Retirement age: 64

Last place of residence: 139 West Market Street; Salinas, California

Family: Wife: Florence Hirano (possibly moved to Hawaii)

Father: Kichi Hirano; Mother: Yeaka (? Yaeko, Yeiko?);

Brother: Harry Ichio

Are there any veterans or friends who remember Moses? Can anyone provide additional information?

DOG CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY: We have been given Sunday, December 16, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., as the date of our annual Christmas party, so please mark your calendars and save the date. That means we should start planning soon. Let's hope the turnout will be as great as it has been in the past.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9:30 a.m., at the clubhouse.



Headquarters/Medics Chapter News

by Janice Sakoda – 737-7778

Daughter of Gary K. Uchida

Our September Headquarters meeting was a small gathering but it was good to have Ed Ikuma there. Our other veteran, Aki Akimoto, who normally attends our meetings, was absent... hey, maybe they take turns attending the meetings! In addition to Ed, also in attendance were Doris Aimoto, Bessie Fukumoto (who brought ono kine sushi), Elsie Oshita, Dorothy Tamashiro (who shared with us her beautiful Edible Bouquet of fruits that was given to her for her 75th (wink wink) birthday from her son. Janice Trubitt and I, Jan Sakoda, represented the sons and daughters. If you are reading this and are a son or daughter (or grandchild) of a HQ or Medic veteran, we'd love for you to join us at any of our meetings or luncheons.

Our world-traveler, Janice Trubitt, just returned from Peru where she and her daughter visited Machu Picchu (and "enjoyed" the 4:00 A.M. sunrise). Janice also shared that they visited Titicaca, where a group of people live on artificial islands made up of floating reeds. Long time ago, people lived on these islands as a means of defense against any threats that might arise. I went home and "googled" this place; the floating islands look big enough to house a small village and some structures. Sounds amazing!

Our Christmas party this year (combined with Headquarters, Medics, and C Chapter) will be held on Saturday, December 15. This year, we'll be having home-made ono-licious Hawaiian food... well, **most** of it will be home made. **Please pre-register by filling out the form at the Clubhouse or call me so that I can email or mail a form to you.** I'm asking you to pre-register to make it easier on those at the registration table, and so we know how much to prepare for.

Thank you, Ed Ikuma, for your \$50 to the HQ fund. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Our fall luncheon was held on September 12; we were fortunate to be able to get reservations at Ka Ikena, the fine dining restaurant at Kapiolani Community College. As the luncheon will be held in a few days, you'll have to wait until next month's PPP to get the juicy details!

Please join us at our next HQ/Medics meeting on Saturday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. If you're planning to come (and you don't normally come), please let Dorothy Tamashiro know (734-5122) in case the meeting date or time is changed.



Maui Chapter News

by Stan Izumigawa

About 30 persons were present for our second of the year August lunch get together and only 5 were 100th veterans. These days one cannot help but notice that fewer and fewer veterans are attending our and 442 socials as age and health-related conditions are catching up with more and more of us. Since the 442nd now includes the 100th club in all 4 of their socials (for which we contribute \$10 for every member attending) we have decided to go back to having only two of our own socials (instead of the 4 as earlier planned). This means we are done with our socials for the year but THE SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE IS STILL ON.

If any of the veterans would like to take a turn as club president, please let me know and it will be arranged. I have been continuing only since it appeared that no one else was available. Mahalo to David Fukuda, son of the former battalion commander Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, for the following two articles.



Maui Chapter Doings

by Stan Izumigawa

On Saturday, August 18, fifteen members, spouses and widows of the 100th Battalion veterans met at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center for a luncheon gathering. They were hosted by 10 sons and daughters led by Jill Ross, Stanley Izumigawa's daughter, who coordinated the meal and goodie packages. The meal featured fresh salmon caught and prepared by Francine (Ed Nishihara's daughter) and Rowan Lee, just back from a fishing vacation in Alaska.

One of the activities attendees were encouraged to participate in was a show-and-tell about their interests, families, etc.. At this meeting Willie Goo proudly told us about his 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Tom Yamada brought along a copy of a newspaper article written as he was leaving Japan describing Tojo's botched "hara kiri"

attempt. And Stan Izumigawa showed the group a stone poi pounder he had crafted.

David Fukuda, son of the late Mits Fukuda, announced that he is working with Ed and Stan in completing the application for the Chavalierde la Legion d'honneur, and asked that members please contact him if they are aware of any surviving veterans who served in France and would be eligible for this award.

After lunch, everyone took a short walk to see a "sneak preview" of the pavilion area atop the new NVMC Education Center presently under construction. Everyone was impressed with the beautiful view offered of Kahului Harbor and Haleakala.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE JOINT 100TH, MIS, 442ND MEMORIAL SERVICE , to be held at the Nisei Veterans' Memorial Center, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AT 2:00 PM.



Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Conference

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa August 13 and 14, 2012

by Stan Izumigawa

Maui Nisei veterans were prominently featured at this year's 9th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa in August 2012. On opening day, Maui born Eichi Oki, member of K Company of the 442nd, was given the honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Baldwin High School graduate is the father of Susan Oki Mollway, Hawaii's Chief U.S. District judge.

At the spouses luncheon hosted by Chief Judge Alex Kozinski's wife Marcy Tiffany, approximately 60 spouses attended a discussion of the book, "Just Americans" written by Robert Asahina, in which he tells the story of the 100/442nd RCT and the unit's role in ending the Japanese American Internment. Guests at the luncheon included NVMC board member David Fukuda, who elaborated on some of the book's references to Maui veterans, and Eichi Oki, who provided first-hand accounts of his experiences in the war. Upon reflection, Mr. Oki proclaimed "I am a very lucky person. Where else but in America can one be classified as an enemy alien, and 68 years later, be presented the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress'

highest accolade?” Oki is a practicing attorney in Honolulu.

On the second day of the conference, veterans Stanley Izumigawa and Tom Yamada joined Fukuda at a gathering for the senior judges and spouses. Fukuda described the long ties which Maui veterans have had with the judiciary. Kase Higa (MIS) served as a Maui District Judge, Katsugo Miho (522nd Artillery) was a Family Court Judge, and Takashi Kitaoka (100th) was the first Maui born Circuit Court Judge.

Izumigawa recounted for the audience how he was a naïve “two time volunteer,” first volunteering to join the 442nd RCT and then volunteering to go into combat with the first wave of replacements for the 100th in Italy. He was wounded on three occasions, the last incident occurring one day before his unit was to make contact with the so called “Lost Battalion.” Tom Yamada, an original 100th member, was transferred out of the unit into the Military Intelligence Service where his Japanese language skills, acquired from years of schooling in Japan, were vitally needed. Yamada traced his service from Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and finally to Japan. It was in Japan where Yamada was assigned to be an interpreter for General Tojo, the prime minister of Japan who had ordered the attack on Pearl Harbor, while the general was recovering from an attempted suicide.

Following the gathering, the two Nisei veterans were pulled aside by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wanted to share some stories with them of his childhood experiences with his Japanese neighbors in California.



L-R: Judge Stephen McNamee, Judy, Tom, Justice Anthony Kennedy, Stan and David

Both attendees and guests expressed appreciation for having the opportunity of meeting and sharing experiences with one another.



Smithsonian Announces Seven City Tour of Congressional Gold Medal Awarded to Japanese American World War II Veterans

The Congressional Gold Medal awarded in 2011 to Japanese American, or Nisei, World War II veterans in recognition of their extraordinary accomplishments will travel to seven cities across the country beginning in January 2013. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) has partnered with the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History and the National Veterans Network to share the inspiring story of these men who fought with bravery and valor on the battlefields of Europe and Asia, even while many of their family members were held in American internment camps back in the U.S.

The planned tour will bring the Nisei Congressional Gold Medal to some of the top museums in the country:

- National World War II Museum, New Orleans—Jan. 12-Feb. 17, 2013
- **Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu—March 9-April 14, 2013**
- Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles—May 4-June 9, 2013
- De Young Museum, San Francisco—June 29-Aug. 4, 2013
- Oregon History Museum, Portland, Ore.—Aug. 24-Sept. 29, 2013
- Chicago History Museum, Chicago—Oct. 19-Dec. 8, 2013
- Holocaust Museum, Houston—Dec. 26, 2013-Jan. 24, 2014

At the conclusion of the tour, the Congressional Gold Medal will be on permanent display in “The Price of Freedom” exhibition at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

The medal will be accompanied by an educational package with an iPad application, social-learning website and curriculum developed by the National Veterans Network in partnership with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program. For more information, see: www.nationalveteransnetwork.com



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Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful donations which were received between August 13th and September 14th, 2012.

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Office Report

by Larissa Nielsen
Office Coordinator

In the last issue, we thanked Ted Tsukiyama for donating *Practicality of the Japanese Language in the United States Army* written by Reynold T. Muranaka to the Education Center library. It is now currently available for any and all library fans to enjoy! If you would like a copy of your own, the office has some copies available for sale at \$15.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! >^-.^<

Photo Pop Quiz!



In the last issue of the Puka Puka Parade, the Photo Pop Quiz posted the question: "Where was our Office Coordinator, Larissa Nielson, born and raised?" We thought it might be an easy question

(because all you have to do is ask her) but apparently it wasn't so easy or our readers are too shy. The correct answer is: Saipan!

Here's the next quiz:

Prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a spy from the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu watched ship movements from a certain vantage point and sent coded messages to Tokyo. Today, the view from the same vantage point looks quite different. In what popular

business, which is still in operation today, did the spy secretly use his telescope?



(Note: Current photo shows Honolulu Harbor, not Pearl Harbor, which is to the west.)

October 2012 Calendar of Events

EBOD Meeting	Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am
BOARD Meeting	Saturday, October, 9:30 am
ABLE Chapter	Saturday, October 27, 8:30 am
BAKER Chapter	Saturday, October 6, 1:00 pm
CHARLIE Chapter	No meeting
DOG Chapter	Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter	Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am
RURAL Chapter	To be announced
DESCENDANTS Chapter	To be announced
LONG-RANGE PLANNING	To be announced
SCHOLARSHIP Committee	To be announced
NOMINATION Committee	To be announced
LINE DANCING	Every Wednesday, 9-11 am, Turner Hall
CRAFTS	Every Tuesday, 9:00 am
PUKA PUKA PARADE	Collating on Saturday, October 27, 9:00 am

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



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