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## FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

As the year of 1996 comes to a close, let us pause for a moment and think of the many things that happened during the year that has affected each one of us in different ways. There were those moments of joy, of sorrow, disappointment, anger, and anxiety, but somehow we managed to meet or accept the challenges that life continues to dole out.

Our wish and prayer for you in 1997 is good health and much happiness. I believe that most of us are at that stage of life when these are the most important things to wish for.

We are grateful to the 1996 Board of Directors for keeping the Club active and strong. We look forward to the new year with its many activities scheduled. The hi-lite, of course, will be the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Honolulu.

Christmas greetings to all from Chaplain Israel Yost who lives in Frederick, Maryland.

## DECEMBER BOARD HI-LITES

by President Stanley M. Akita

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The usual order of business: November minutes, Executive Secretary's Report, Secretary-Treasurer's report and the CPA's Financial Report were approved as circulated.

Joe Muramatsu (Apartment Committee Chair) reported that work on the apartment gutters will begin on January 2, 1997.

As for the Clubhouse, Joe will look into the rusty water dripping down the side of the newly painted wall outside of the office area.

A unanimous ballot was cast for the proposed slate of officers for 1997. Congratulations to new President Joe Muramatsu; First Vice President Don Matsuda; Second Vice-President Ed Ikuma;, and Secretary-Treasurer Yukio Tanji.

Kazuto Shimizu reported that the 1997 55th Anniversary Reunion plans are going according to schedule.

Hajime Yamane will confer with Warren Iwai (Long Range Planning Chair) regarding the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Chapter presidents are reminded to submit the names of those who are serving on the various committees.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Executive Secretary's Full Time Position chaired by Hajime Yamane was presented for discussion and approved unanimously. Refer to your chapter presidents for details.

The Board approved a donation to the Ala Wai School Faculty and Staff the usual annual gift of \$200 and an amount of \$25 to letter carrier Bob Beck. Christmas bonuses of \$25 each were also presented to Drusilla Tanaka, Tom Nakamura, and Yoshiaki Mugitani.

Mr. Ed Sakamoto, who wrote the stage play "Our Hearts Were Touched With Fire" which was produced at the UH Kennedy Theater circa 1992, is proposing to show the play nationally and, if possible, internationally. All he requested of Club 100 was our endorsement only with no money involved. He will be able to receive a large grant from the government with more support for his play. We wish him luck.

Please submit the Punchbowl Cemetery Survey as soon as possible. We received only one to date.

After the meeting, the Board was treated to Kengo's Seafood Buffet for lunch. Everybody enjoyed the lunch so much that some of us will be going on a diet....some day next year.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for making my past two years as President of Club 100 a very pleasant one. It was a privilege to meet and to get to know all of you better.

I especially appreciated those of you who willingly represented Club 100 at various functions whenever asked.

I am thoroughly convinced now, that we are more like brothers than just friends. I consider our experience together from the war to the present as my greatest moments and my greatest memories.

Thank you, again, and may you enjoy many many happy New Years.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Drusilla Tanaka

*Mahalo* to the following generous donors for their gifts to Club 100:

- two 10-cup Sanyo Rice Cookers from Edna Sakamoto and her children Susie and Fred in memory of Sam Sakamoto (A)
- candy canes for all the Club 100 grandchildren from Mrs. Frances Okazaki

The PukaPuka Parade received the following gifts:

- \$50 from James P. Abe (Hq) (Mainland)
- \$25 from Ruth N. Oki
- \$50 from Kimi and Don Matsuda (A)
- \$25 from Marian Yamamoto in memory of Masami Yamamoto (D)
- \$25 from an anonymous donor (A) (Hawaii Island) Mr. Anonymous wrote to Kunio Fujimoto (A) that he appreciates the hard work to produce the PPP every month. Hope you recover very soon from your stomach ulcers, Pietro. *Molto grazie* for thinking about us.

### Welcome to New Life Members:

- Toshiaki Ito (B) (Hawaii Island)
- Robert Takei (A) (who recently relocated to Hawaii from the mainland)

*Wow--what a beautiful tree...The hall looks so pretty...*are some of the comments heard these days. Thank you to all the Charlie Chapter members and sons and daughters who helped to decorate the 12 foot tree and Turner Hall. A special thank you to Evelyn Oshiro for master-minding the design and coordinating the work. Evelyn has carefully stored the club's ornaments every year, repairing or replacing as necessary and keeping them looking like brand new! Thank you, also, to Seie Oshiro for building the storage space to keep the huge boxes!

Out of the clear blue sky: I received a call from Bill Mello in Maine. He was trying to locate someone named "Kuwazaki" who served with the 100th Inf Bn and was assigned to a "repo depot" near the end of the war. The only person in our files with that name is Eddie Kuwazaki. I called Eddie and asked if he remembered Bill Mello. He sure did. They exchanged letters and I learned that Eddie went out on pass as often as he could, while Bill stayed behind at the depot. Whenever Eddie came back, in true "buddahead fashion," he would bring "omiyage" for Bill. Bill still has a Swiss-made wrist watch that Eddie gave him and it is still running! No wonder Bill has such fond memories of Eddie.

And then, during the middle of the Green Thumb Orchid Show, I received a call from Mrs. Hilda Healy who was married to PFC Thomas Yamanaga (A) when he was killed in action in Italy. She read Bob Jones's article in MidWeek on the DSC awards upgrade and wanted to show us the original letters she received from the Army regarding his DSC award. A few weeks later, it was announced that PFC Yamanaga was to be inducted in the Hawaii Army Museum's Gallery of Heroes. We learned that the Yamanaga family had been invited but they did not know how to get in touch with Hilda who had remarried and lost touch with the Yamanaga's. Bingo! She was contacted through Club 100, was thrilled to be able to go, for "Tom was my first love and he always will be." Thomas Yamanaga joins fellow 100th Infantrymen Allan Ohata, Ronald Kuroda, Masao Awakuni, Yukio Yokota, Jesse Hirata and Kaoru Moto in the museum's Gallery of Heroes. After the induction ceremony, Hilda and other family members were given a special tour of the museum which is located on the Diamond Head side of the Hale Koa hotel. I highly recommend going to visit the museum. When you go, take someone younger -- like one of your children or grandchildren. You'll be doing a favor for both of you!

P.S.: Hilda Yamanaga Healy is also the sister of the late Betsy Saito, A Chapter's beloved pie maker.

Sakae Tanigawa (B) shared a few newspaper clippings with us. He received the royal treatment and a VIP tour of Camp McCoy (now called Fort McCoy) when he went there to visit. I asked him what he does to keep busy now that his lei flowers are not in season. He's making SEED lei, which take much longer to make, but keep forever. Speaking of Fort McCoy, Takeshi Teshima sent copies of an article relating how a Sheridan tank, 17 armored vehicles and other equipment worth \$13 million were taken from Fort McCoy. It's posted on the bulletin board. More mysterious to us, tho, is how Teshima-san got hold of the Wisconsin State Journal in Japan?

Another mystery which was uncovered recently is that the beautiful lacquer plaque in the display case was made to order in Okinawa by Kenneth Mitsunaga (D) when he was working there after the war. He said that Okinawa was in such ruins after the war that many of the local people resorted to such "cottage" industries and made and sold whatever they could to the Americans who were part of the occupation. Our Clubhouse display cases hold an eclectic collection of artifacts from Okinawa and Japan to Italy, France, Germany, and even outer space!

Green Thumb President Robert Aoki is offering a series of orchid culture classes to Club members and also to Sons and Daughters of the 100th, beginning the third Tuesday in February (February 18) at his home in Aiea. Call the Clubhouse office, 946-0272, for more information.

**Requests for information** keep coming in. The latest request is for information on Staff Sergeant Tomosu Hirahara 930106405), B Company, who was killed in action on October 15, 1944. He died one mile northwest of Bruyeres, France and was buried at Epinal, France. Does anyone remember him? Please call the Clubhouse if you do.

Volunteers for PPP on November 22<sup>nd</sup> were: Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Chester Hada, Ted Hamasu, Tokuchi Hayashi, Saburo Hasegawa, Michael Hamamoto, Mary Hamasaki, Shigeru Inouye,

Walter Iwasa, Gladys Kawakami, Ken Kaneko, Arthur Komiyama, Irene Kawashima, Satoshi Kashimoto, Walter Moriguchi, Joichi Muramatsu, Y. Mugitani, Tommy Nishioka, Roy Nakayama, Aki and Ray Nosaka, Takeichi Onishi, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito, Leo Sato, James Shintaku, Tamotsu & Yoneko Shimizu, Ken Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Masa Toma, Ricki & Evelyn Tsuda, Jerry & Carole Yamaki, Benjamin Yamada, and Marie Yoneshige. Twelve of these volunteers were from "Rural," 10 from "A", 11 from "B", 3 from "HQ", 1 from "D", 2 from "C", 1 from "Medics", and 2 "guests". The Editors and Staff would like to thank you sincerely for your participation in collating and mailing out the Puka Puka Parade.

Bernard Akamine was "missing in action" for the November collating, but when you ask him why, he just smiles.

The reception for Lt. General Eric Shinseki was well-attended by the local AJA community, veterans, friends and family of Gen. Shinseki, as well as by the local military brass and the Governor and Lt. Governor. The following welcome remarks were given by Stanley M. Akita, who, as President of Club 100, sits on the 4-member Oahu AJA Veterans Council and this year serves as its president. The Council and the JCCH co-sponsored the event on December 19.

General Shinseki - Welcome back to Hawaii. Too bad that this was more of a business trip instead of a business-pleasure trip. The next trip, if you can spare the time, we the "buddahead" vets here would like to have you come to our Clubhouse to talk stories and have a few with the boys. But, because you look so young as compared to us, you might be offered soda pop or milk instead of a beer.

Every now and then, the subject of a local buddahead becoming a general crops up. Every time, somebody comments, "Well, it's about time."

Well, General Shinseki, I notice that there's a little space left on your shoulder for another star. We local vets here will be looking forward to the day the space is filled. Then, when anyone says that there's a local AJA who is a Four Star General, we can all say, "Well, it's about time."

Seriously, you can rest assured that we local veterans are very proud of you. Thank you for sharing some of your precious time with us.

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## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Bernard Akamine

China Yamashina's bread pudding has become the focal point of our Chapter meetings. This time he used a mixture of breads--broke the mouth...Hajime Yamane will be chapter president with Tokuji Ono as vice prexy, Robert Aoki as secretary and James Inafuku as treasurer for 1997...It was moved, seconded, and approved that wives, widows, sons and daughters are all welcome to attend our chapter meetings...According to the battalion records in the book, "Ambassadors in Arms," 24 DSC medals were awarded to members of the battalion. 10 members of B Company earned this medal. Also, there were 77 members of B Company killed in action...Ganbare to Agnes Nakamoto who is in Queen's hospital and to

Conrad Kurahara, Yoshio Hirose, Mieko Muroshige, and Jessie Nakayama who were not able to attend the Christmas party because of illness.

Surprise of surprises, Robert Aoki with his multiple talent entertained us with his harmonica. We were all aware of his cooking talent--he cooked up a fabulous dinner for our Christmas party of turkey, ham, butter fish, beef broccoli, garlic bread, fruit salad and tossed salad. We also know of his talent with orchids and plants, but, this latest display must have been the first for many of us. Harry Katahara did a splendid job as Santa Claus. His vision must have been blurred by the number of flashes going off for souvenir pictures with the little ones. MC was Tokuji Ono, and he did a wonderful job. A couple of sons-in-law wanted to know what kind of job Tokuji had before he retired. When told he was a school principal, the response was, "Oh, no wonder!" Everyone went home with something. Thanks to Rikio Tsuda and his Committee, we all had a good time. Ray Nosaka and his musical group serenaded us; Taryn Yonaha (grand-daughter of the late Torao Ichimura) danced the hula, as did Mika and Mari Galiher--they are Tokuji's grand-daughters. There was a holiday greeting card creation contest and the winners were: Mari Galiher and Gina Hirose (age 4), Uilani Tanigawa (age 5), Kelly Sakuda (my grandson) (age 6), Natalie Muramatsu (age 7), Ashley Komatsubara (guest), Kari Sakuda (my grand-daughter), and Megan Muramatsu (all tied for first place for 9 year olds), Taryn Yonaha (age 11) and Linda Kamihara (age 16). Parent/Child teams who won were Kimberly and Sheila Tonaki, Wade and Carl Tonaki (guests of Ann Nosaka Kabasawa) and Lois and Tiffany Lee (Sakae Tanigawa's off-spring). Mika Galiher (age 7) won the judge's award for "Best in Show." She wrote an original poem inside her card...Wow, plenty donations! Thank you to Yoshio Hirose (\$25), Mother Club (\$50), Hank Hayashi of Pasadena (dried persimmons and pistachio nuts), Ken Kaneko (\$10 and 4 cases beer), Robert Arakaki (\$10), Miles Muramatsu (baseball caps, hip packs, notebooks, cosmetic brushes, demitasse sets), Bill Takaazu (20# bag of rice), Evelyn Tsuda (dessert), Candace (Akamine) Sakuda ("Sailor Moon" t-shirts, baskets, bags of seasoned salt), Stanley and Drusilla (Akamine) Tanaka (\$10 McDonald's gift certificates and ice cream), Lefty Tanigawa (1 case juice), Yasuo Takata (19 Ceramic pieces), Sonsei Nakamura (20# bag of rice), Horace Awa (1 case Pepsi cola), James Inafuku (\$20), Roy Nakayama (\$5 and 1 jar of cookies), Jonathan Inafuku (5-\$10 gift certificates to Pee Wee Drive Inn), Tokuji Ono (1 box chocolate candy), Sakae Tanigawa (2 door prizes), Carl Tonaki (dessert), John Kihara (\$10), Jesse Hirata (Door prize), Hachiro Shikamura (dried kaki and orchid plant), Stella Tanigawa (dietetic Jello dessert), Ken Iha (*so delicious gotta get the recipe* okara balls pupu, 1 bottle wine), Bessie Ichimura (3 door prizes), Gregg and Judy (Iha) Nakamura (\$20 and pupu), Bernard Akamine (trash can and broom), Jeanette Akamine (assorted Avon products), Catherine Muramatsu (tsukemono), Joe Muramatsu (2 wall clocks), Joe Nakahara (Sprite and cake), Ben Yamamoto (2 trays mochi, 3 door prizes, and \$10), Marie Yoneshige (2 trays dessert), Masasuke Toma (\$20), Harry Katahara (2 gift certificates), Denis Tanigawa (pen set, earring set, pewter set, glass planter, Ecoman, mouse trap pad, camera, 11 containers of White Rabbit Candy), Robert Aoki (\$6 toward dinner expenses), Ann Kabasawa (t-shirt, stuffed animals), Aki Nosaka (Brownies). Sincere apologies if we missed anyone, but you can tell the people at the "cho ba" were swamped! Chairman Rikio Tsuda's hard-working assistant Evelyn provided these statistics: There were 99 people over the age of 13; 14 boys and girls between 6 and 12 and 8 children below 6, for a total of 121 veterans, wives, widows, children, grandchildren, in-laws and guests at the Christmas party. It was really good to see Yasu Takata and Hiroshi Shimazu. Thank you to the kitchen crew who worked all day and until everything was over and cleaned up....Happy Healthy New Year to all!

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

By June Kurisu

The 100<sup>th</sup>'s annual mini-reunion in Las Vegas in October at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino was a rousing success based on the number of people who attended and the scrumptious food and plentiful fruit in the hospitality room. James Wilson, our very accommodating bus driver for many years, is younger than the youngest veteran so we expect him to drive us on our tours for years to come. The trips give us some respite from the slot machines and tables, some people said they signed up for all six

of the tours! One tour was filled to capacity so Richard Ishimoto had to sit on the arm of a seat, but he still wanted to be part of that tour group. Next year we can look forward to a trip up to the nearby mountain pine forest area, and to New York, New York Casino that is, which will be open in January.

We're afraid to list the many members who donated fruits and all of the other goodies for the hospitality room for fear of omitting even one person. Needless to say, all the donations were greatly appreciated. To mention just a few of the donors, Ken Suehiro brought opihi, Shizuyo Hayashi, ogo, and Tom & Gladys Tsuda from Cheyenne and Sam & Sara Terasaki from Denver brought matsutake that Fumi Sakato made into delicious matsutake gohan. Many folks had meal tickets left over because they preferred the food and camaraderie in the hospitality room rather than going to the restaurant to eat. The Club thanks Dave Yoshimura, Goro Sumida, Ken Suehiro, Masaru Hamada, Ted Yoshiwara, Paul Yasaki, Michael Doi, Toshio Hamataka, Rikio Tsuda, Yeiki Matsui (who couldn't be with us because of the grave illness of his sister), Kow Ito and Mas Ishida for their monetary donations. Extra special thanks to Margaret Omoto of Monterey for all of the very pretty ohashi holders that graced each and every place setting at the sayonara banquet. These masterpieces were of many different colors and silk flower varieties. Also, thanks to Ray & Aki Nosaka for donating the "lucky number" prizes.

To help us digest our dinner, Teri Fujikawa, her sister, Mitsi Fuchigami, Jonathan Nosaka, and two other ladies led the audience in the fast-paced Macarena. Fortunately, Toe Yoshino's relative, Kauai Masuda and his combo were in town, so entertained us with Hawaiian music and "oldies" familiar to all. Then the karaoke gang, Toe Yoshino, Yutaka Inouye, Richard Ishimoto, Jimmy Maeda, Motoyoshi Tanaka, and Stu Yoshioka rendered their numbers. Then Jane Matsunami, who looks very prim and proper, "entertained" us with some X-rated stories---those who heard her for the first time did a double-take wondering if they heard right. So much for that! It was nice to have Sue Hashimoto join us again.

November 16 will long be remembered by the LA area 100<sup>th</sup> as the day we learned to make tamale, thanks to Carlos Picazo. Wives and daughters made up a merry production line to get both chicken and beef tamale in the steamer. Our luncheon menu consisted of the tamale, menudo, frijole, Spanish rice, chile relleno, salad, and all homemade desserts. Forgive me if I mention only Elsie Hayashi's lemon meringue pies and Fumi Sakato & Chuckie Seki's tofu pies because all of the desserts were delicious. Chiz Ohira shared her energy bars and mochi recipes with those who sat near her. Like the ole saying goes, "a good time was had by all" whether helping the chef or just eating. Tom Tsuda sent the Club more matsutake and Fumi Sakato made matsutake gohan. Who would ever think that Japanese gohan would go with a Mexican menu. Well, let me tell you that it did! How can this day be topped? This suggestion was expressed by our Head Food Administrator Allen Dong. How about a wives sushi-making session during the meeting so that we can all eat a sushi lunch after the meeting is adjourned? It was nice to see Ruth Kasai join us along with her daughter.

Our Ben Tagami had his picture in the Daily Breeze, not for notoriety, but in honor of the Sadao S. Munemori Interchange of the 105 and 405 Freeways near LAX.

Frank and Haru Nishimura from Seattle flew into L.A. for a few days. Although more wanted to join us, Al Takahashi, Henry & Elsie Hayashi, Henry Sakato, Douglas Tanaka, George Kurisu and his other half enjoyed a companionable breakfast at Coco's with the Nishimuras. We'll be seeing them again in Honolulu at the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Allen Dong has daily early morning appointments for radiation treatment. Buddy Mamiya is under the weather. Let's keep both of these active members in our prayers.

On a happier note, Elma and Mas Takahashi recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations to a great couple who are always "there" for both club work and play.

Happy holidays and Shinnen Omedeto.

## RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

The Rural Chapter held its meeting at Zippy's in Wahiawa on 15 November from 11:00 a.m. with 17 members and wives attending on a rainy and wet day. The election of officers for the coming year was

the main course of the meeting and the report by the nomination chairman was discouraging and blunt. "No one wants to run for the presidency" So the slate of officers for 1997 is as follows:

President	Ted M. Hamasu
Vice President	Harry Kamikawa
Secretary	Walter Iwasa
Treasurer	Masaharu Saito
Auditors	Jerry Yamaki & Tamotsu Shimizu
Ex-Officio	Masaharu Saito

The Installation and New Years Banquet will be held on January 19, 1997 at Dot's of Wahiawa from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost of the banquet will be \$15.00 per person with some costs subsidized by the chapter. Our Sons and Daughters are cordially invited. They will be assessed \$15/person but their children will be accorded free passes. There will be lucky number drawings, bingo games and maybe a short entertainment by our talented members and wives, so tune up your vocal cords, sharpen up your jokes and acts for the banquet. Special invitations are being sent out to our widows and wives. Please join us, we want to see you there. Once again we are asking our ladies for their kokua for the delicious desserts, and also all donations will be accepted with deep gratitude.

Don't forget your yearly dues--\$6.00/chapter and \$10.00.Mother Club for those that are not life members.

Lest we forget, since we didn't see Robert Furuta for quite a while, I gave him a call and asked him how come. He says "Oh, I'm feeling ok now but sometimes I have a hard time moving around. To move around is getting to be harder and harder" I told him about our banquet but he says he will have a take a rain check for this one. Well, Robert, take care and hope to see you real soon.

There's only a few more days left in this year, so your scribe will be praying that more of you will assist me with interesting stories to fill our portion of the PPP in the coming year. In closing, my wife and I wish all of the Club 100 Ohana a very Healthy and Happy New Year. Yoki shinnen wo omukai kudasai. Alooooha.

## **KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Tsugi Takemoto**

Since I will be in Honolulu from Dec 12 through 17, a big surprise for Aki. I am on time for a change (for submitting the news). As the National Executive Committeewoman for the Department of Hawaii, American Legion Auxiliary, I have the honor of escorting the National President on her visits.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Green Garden in Hanapepe on Sunday, Dec. 1, and had 49 in attendance. What a nice surprise to see Susumu and Gladys Daida whom I had not met. Tables of eight were gaily decorated with red and green flowers and leaves. Afterwards, those who wished took home the decorations. For dessert, we had fruit float with almond float in it. For those who looked for ice cream or cake, this was a nice surprise and was enjoyable. The women exchanged grab bag gifts. With the Mother Club donating \$50.00, boxes of candy were given to each family plus two guests, the Shimatsu's son and Takemoto's daughter. Pringle's potato chips were given to each attendee. This was a gift from the committee members headed by Rene Oritsugu, Dorothy Tao, Margaret Sakai, Tokiko Yoshioka and Sally Arakaki. Lilikoi jelly made by Grace Morimoto was given to each family. To me, this was the best luncheon ever as each of us needed plastic bags to take home our goodies.

Kazumi Nishiie brought over photographs that he would like displayed in the Kauai Veterans Building Museum. They are all from "Honor By Fire" by Lyn Crost. Included is a picture of PFC Takeshi Kazumura, believe to be the shortest man to serve in the U.S. Army, and President Harry Truman presenting the seventh Presidential Unit Citation to the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn/442 Reg Combat Team upon its return from Italy. There were six other photos. Nishiie found out that it took a bit of correspondence to get these photos.

Rummaging through some old files of the Kauai 100, I came upon a photo taken by Mr. Senda of the Senda Studios.(Father of Kazu Senda). The caption read: Memorial Service for Veterans of World War II held at the Lihue Parish Hall, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1947, at 2:30 p.m.,



sponsored by the Kauai Chapter Club 100. I felt that this was either the first or second service held. The only members I recognized were Ben Morimoto, Tom Matsushige and Kazu Mizuno. I plan to take it to the next meeting which President Mako Takiguchi said will be held the latter part of January after the Super Bowl is over.

Continuing its community service, the Executive Committee voted to donate \$40.00 for a Christmas tree for the group home where Lei Ann Takemoto, daughter of Wally & Tsugi Takemoto, resides. The ladies are anxious to visit the home so arrangements will be made by Tsugi when she returns from Honolulu.

As we all get older, various ailments take over. Ko Takemoto is now legally blind as he has glaucoma in one eye and his cataract has not healed in the other eye. He awaits his cane. He also has a cough that has him taking it easy. A noon meal is brought over to his home and he manages to get his own rice cooked and to get his evening meal. He is fortunate to have his sister, Kimi, drop in, and also Mitsuru Doi, who with the assistance of Bill Nagai from Honolulu, cleared the yard.

**CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Warren Iwai**

**AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Season's greeting to you all. I hope you had a merry Christmas and wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Fifteen (15) members were present at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were Kazuto Shimizu (president), Toshimi Sodetani (V-pres), Kiyoshi Uyeno (secretary), Roy Nakamura (treasurer), Tad Umamoto, Hiromi Suehiro, Kaoru Matsumura, Kaoru Yonezawa, Manabu Hongo, Takeichi Onishi, Chick Miyashiro, Hideshi Niimi, Oscar Miyashiro, Kentoku Nakasone, and yours truly. The principal business was the election of officers for the year 1997 and the result was as follows:

President	Kazuto Shimizu
V-Pres	Toshimi Sodetani
Secretary	Hiromi Suehiro
Treasurer	Roy Nakamura

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 8 at the clubhouse. About 100 issei, nisei, sonsei and yonsei were present. Noreen Hada Hung led the carol singing and Calvert Hung was Santa Claus. Our grandchildren went right up to Santa for their presents—not afraid nor bashful. The food was prepared by Chef Gary Mizushima with the help of the Mizushima clan. Ono roast beef, chicken, fish and pork and plenty of it. The center pieces were made and donated by Miss Kay Mizushima. Our thanks to the Mizushimas for putting so much effort in making this gathering a wonderful party. The program concluded with bingo. The Chapter members wish to thank the many donors for their generous donations of cash and merchandise which helped to make this a successful event.

We had a guest from Hilo named "Jacko". On the Co. "C" roster he was listed as Technician 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Isami Mayahara. Jacko was our cook with Co. "C" all the way. He says he is 85 years old but he looks much younger; he is full of energy, spirit and humor. He was happy to meet his old buddies. He is farming now, and brought with him 3 cases of tangerines and 2 cases of avocados for the boys, plus another \$50.00 as donation. He promised to attend our Christmas party again next year. Thank you, Jacko—it was good meeting you again—it was like old times. Take care.

Masa Kawamoto who recently had a major surgery and now fully recovered, was also present. He said he lost 14 pounds and feels a little weak but otherwise he feels okay. Doctor's order - take it easy.

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 20, 1997. See you there!

LADIES CORNER: The Marina Brunch Buffet at the Hawaii Prince Hotel was the setting of the year-end luncheon attended by seventeen C Co. wives. Ai Kawamoto, Marian Yamamoto, Yuki Akita, Lynn Shimizu, Takako Umamoto, Doris Kimura, Lillian Sodetani, Kay Oshiro, Alice Shiozaki, Janet Kuwaye, Hisako Miyashiro, Beatrice Niimi, Alice Nakagawa, Maizie Nakamura, Betty Iwai, Elsie Hashimoto, and Fukuko Ishitani. Lynn and Betty, who made the arrangements, were delighted with



the turn out, and all agreed that re-uniting in this manner was a good way of keeping in touch. For the next gathering, Fukuko Ishitani invited the C Co wives to her home for lunch. The ladies are in for a real treat because Fukuko is a fine cook of Japanese cuisine. Ai and Marian will contact all by phone when details are set.

## **HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Ken Suehiro**

December 21<sup>st</sup> is our Christmas party date - Friendship hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 o'clock. Arthur Tamashiro will again be the chef and as usual, he promises a good deal for all attendees. If you plan to attend, call your team leader as to how many will be attending. Wally Teruya is the Chairman, and he reminds all grandparents to bring a grab bag of \$10.00 value for their grandchildren which Santa will be passing out.

Midori Hirano will lead the singing of Christmas carols, and the young ones will be happy to open their grab bag presents.

I made a list of Team Captains and their phone numbers to call if you have any news whatsoever. It's a lousy job being a reporter when there is no news to report. If there is anything (whether it be happy, sad, illness, or even gossip) that you would like to share with us, please call. Thank you.

Marshall Higa says that Margaret had a major operation for cancer in her liver at Queen's Hospital. He said that all traces of the cancer have been removed and Margaret should be recovering at home by Christmas. Let us all pray that her recovery will be complete and a speedy one.

Nancy Nakamura says she has no news, but no news is good news. Mike Takahashi is in pain and not doing so good. He is fighting arthritis and Parkinson's Disease. We all wish we could do something to help. Please keep him in your prayers.

## **ABLE CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Tommy Nishioka**

Able chapter held their annual Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup> and it was a tremendous success with more than 160 members, guests, and sons and daughters attending. I believe we are having more and more children attending each year and that is a good sign. Prior to our dinner, Louise Morikawa, our Co-chair of the party, with the help of other Sons and Daughters, played games such as dart throwing and guessing games.

We had a huge selection of food, both catered and home made. It must have been good because the food disappeared real fast. After dinner, Louise started other childrens' games as well as lucky numbers for door prizes being drawn. Incidentally, we would like to thank Mr. Miles Muramatsu for his donation of many door prizes. Also I would like to mention that once again, Mr. Kazu Kamemoto donated pots and pots of beautiful poinsettia plants which were used for table decorations and later given away for lucky number prizes. The games was augmented by the hi-lite and main event of breaking the pinata. Each child took a turn at hitting the pinata and then upon breaking it, the children went wild picking up the goodies. I would like to mention that during the dinner hour, Drusilla showed a video called "Remembrances" which was produced by Mimi Nakano, and was enjoyed by all. Thank you members and sons and daughters for all the help, and we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

## **HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Jimmy Maeda**

During the early part of December, this writer stopped by to see J. W. Hanley, owner of Orchid Isle Auto Center and Hawaii Chapter Honorary Member. He reminded me that I am falling down on my job with NO article in the last issue of the PPP. It made me realize that some people read the Hawaii Chapter news.

Our belated thanks for Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin for the special memorial service on Sunday, Nov. 10, in conjunction with Veterans Day honoring the young men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn, 442<sup>nd</sup> Inf.

Regt, MIS and others who died during world War II. The attendance by AJA veterans, members of the church and friends was very good. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Bruce Nakamura and his committee members for conducting the memorial service. As the roll call for the men who were killed in action was read, the names of Kazuo Ihara and Hiroshi Matsukawa, Co. "A" 100<sup>th</sup> Inf brought memories. Kazuo and Hiroshi died during the latter part of November, 1943, beginning of the Italian winter on the hill of Colli, when it was rainy and cold, cold.

Hawaii Chapter's end-of-year get together was held on Sunday, Dec 15 at the AJA Memorial Hall. The attendance was good and the gathering enjoyable. The AJA Veterans sons and daughters were invited guests.

The date and place for the installation luncheon for the year 1997 has not been decided. Hayato Tanaka, chairman is now visiting in Japan. Upon his return, the committee will decide the date and location and you will all be informed.

The holiday season is upon us. The time has come when we extend our Holiday Greetings to our family members, relatives, and friends. We wish you all good health and prosperity during the year of 1997. The Hawaii Chapter President, Motoyoshi Tanaka wishes you all **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Helen Nikaido**

Dog Chapter has lost an active, faithful member and friend, Iwao "Fuzzy" Fujimori, who had passed away on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lillian and to his family.

At Fuzzy's funeral, I saw Herbert & Gladys Yamamoto. Herbert had lost so much weight I couldn't recognize him. He has been very ill, but he's feeling better now. Herbert, take care, and Gladys, too.

Rhoda Kawamata and her family left for La Vegas on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to spend their Thanksgiving there. Mitsuko Kurisu (George) will not be here for Dog Chapter's Christmas party as she will be in Las Vegas with her friend.

Congratulations to Bruce & Jennie Hosaka on the birth of their second child. A baby boy was born on Thanksgiving Day. Happy grandparents are "Doc" and Mildred Hosaka. Congratulations!

Biffa Moriguchi's 1997 Hokkaido Tour is set tentatively for September 30<sup>th</sup> departure and returning October 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be given later.

The Christmas party, chaired by the Tsukayama and Harada families, was held on Dec. 15, with a large turnout. Fabulous desserts and pupus, plus lucky number/doorprizes were donated by the Chinens, Hosakas, Mitsunagas, Okamotos, Tsukayamas, Tsutsuis, Yoshidas, Yoshiokas, and Mary Hamasaki, Tami Hara, Stella Nakayama and Helen Nikaido. Also donated were 1 cs Diet Coke and pipikaula from the Haradas; Crown Royal from Rupert Ishimaru; onolicious oama, tangerines, boiled peanuts & haupia from the Kawamata family; candy canes from Frances Okazaki; and miscellaneous items from Lillian Fujimori and Miles Muramatsu. Cash donations wre received from Richard Hosaka, Robert Kondo, Helen Nikaido, Saburo Nishime, Conrad Tsukayama, Richard Tsutsui's family and Yoshikiyo Mugitani. Bartending by the Nakayamas was super, as usual. If we failed somehow to recognize your contribution, we want you to know they are appreciated and we thank you. The entertainment portion included the awarding of lucky number and door prizes, group singing led by Lillian Ito, pianist, Sab Ito, and Lois Gordon. Patti Tsutsui offered some karaoke numbers. Games for the children were led by the Harada family; adult and adult/children games were led by the Tsukayama family. The climax was Santa's arrival and the passing out of gifts for the youngsters. Thanks go out to all of those who worked hard and participated in making the party a huge success. Next year we look forward to seeing those of you who missed out on an enjoyable evening.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year. Drive carefully, don't over eat and drink. Keep well.

*Mahalo nui loa* to the following for their contributions to the Brothers In Valor Monument Fund. All who have donated to date are included in the list. If you donated, but your name is not listed, please call the Clubhouse right away, as all donors' names will be included in the scroll which will be placed in the time capsule of the monument. The monument is expected to be completed in June 1997.

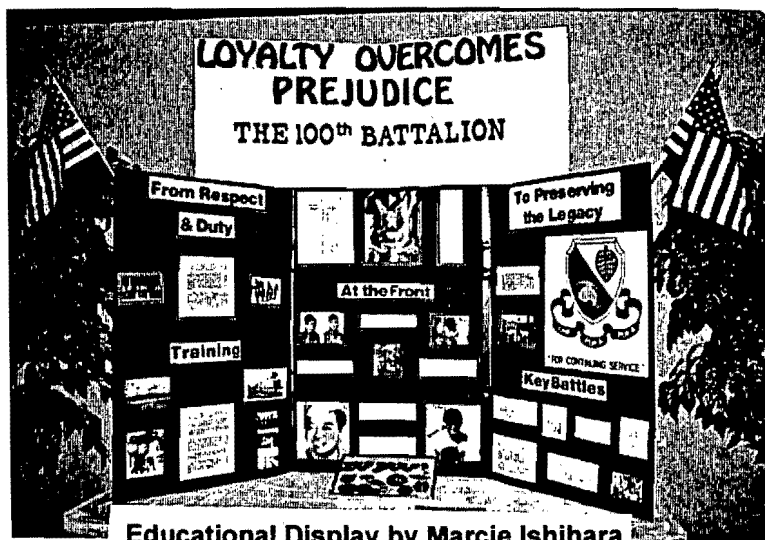
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The Kanikapila Gang: Fred Shimizu, Irene Brunn, Kimi Matsuda, Elaine Nakamura, Evelyn Tsuda, Kiyo Uyeno, Ted Hamasu, Stanley M. Akita, A. Robert Yukitomo, Horace Awa



The Rev. David Turner, grandson of Col. Farrant L. Turner, 54th Anniversary Banquet Keynote Speaker.



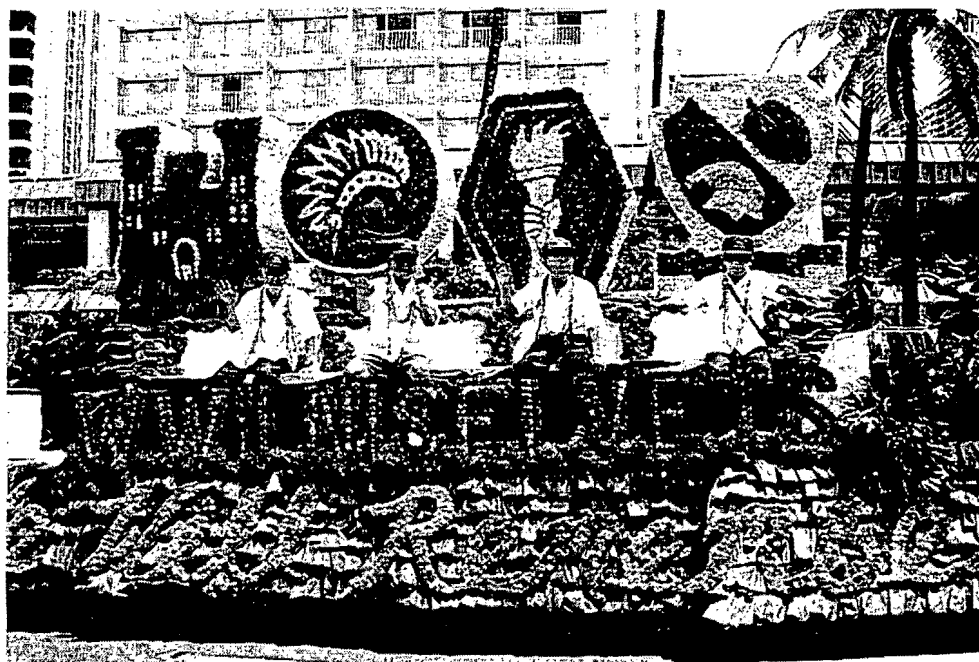
Educational Display by Marcie Ishihara



Mr. William Paty, Memorial Service Keynote Speaker



Paying their respects at the Annual Memorial Service: Tom Ibaraki, Hajime Yamane, Arthur Tamashiro, Saburo Ishitani



"We Will Remember WWII Nisei Vets" Aloha Week Parade Float with Joe Muramatsu, Mits Furumoto, Robert Araiaki, Roy Nakayama



1997 Club 100 President Joe Muramatsu at Camp McCoy.



## IN MEMORIAM



*Iwao "Fuzzy" Fujimori (D)*  
November 23, 1996

Our deepest sympathy to Lillian and family members. "Fuzzy's" lifetime collection of Club 100 Member Cards is displayed in Turner Hall. He was a member of the Golf Clubs, Long Range Planning, House and Apartment Committees, and the old Fishing Club. He worked hard for the Club. May he rest in peace.

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### SONS AND DAUGHTERS

**MAHALO TO...** Times Super Market for their donation of \$525.65 for the TCAPP program  
Linda Mayahara for donating \$150  
Gregg and Judith Nakamura for donating \$20  
Anonymous - \$100  
Robert Katayama (442nd Veteran) for \$1,000.00 for Bishop Ara's book

Thank you to Benton Kamimoto, Drusilla and Stanley Tanaka, Avin and MaryAnn Oshiro, Sophie Hatakenaka and Ann Kabasawa for helping Chapter C, under the expertise and guidance of Evelyn Oshiro, for doing a beautiful job in decorating the hall.

On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be doing a joint fundraiser with the 442<sup>nd</sup> sons and daughters at Moiliili Center. We'll be selling barbecued hamburgers and cheeseburgers (special secret recipe by Stephanie Koga-442<sup>nd</sup>) and delicious fried noodles by Chef Avin Oshiro. Last year, both sold out really fast. If you'd like to help please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 or just come out and support our "broke da mouth" food.

The 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is just around the corner...June 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. We do need a lot of manpower, so if you feel that you can help on any of those days or the days previous to the events, please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

The Oral History Project will go full speed ahead once again in February. Can you push a button on and off? Can you count to three? Can you make coffee? Can you pick up lunch? Would you like to hear fascinating life stories of your father or your father's friends? Can you commit 6 hours on a Sunday or Saturday (even just once a month)? Are you 16 years of age or older? We need you. Call Mimi Nakano at 487-2786.

Another year has quickly come to a close and I'd like to thank all the sons and daughters for their support, whether it was manpower or donations. We are looking for another year hopefully with more *active members*.

**HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU!!!**

**CLUB 100**

**JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|                       |                           |                |               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| ABLE.....             | Saturday, January 25..... | 8 a.m.....     | Lounge        |
| BAKER.....            | Saturday, January 18..... | 1 p.m.....     | Lounge        |
| CHARLIE.....          | Monday, January 20.....   | 10 a.m.....    | Board Room    |
| DOG.....              | Saturday, January 18..... | 8 a.m.....     | Lounge        |
| HQ.....               | Monday, January 13.....   | 9:30 a.m.....  | Lounge        |
| HAWAII.....           |                           |                | AJA Vets Hall |
| MAUI.....             |                           |                |               |
| RURAL                 |                           |                |               |
| KAUAI                 |                           |                |               |
| BOARD.....            | Friday, January 10.....   | 10 a.m.....    | Boardroom     |
| S&D BOARD.....        | Friday, January 17.....   | 7 p.m.....     | Boardroom     |
| GREEN THUMB.....      | Monday, January 6.....    | 10:00 a.m..... | Turner Hall   |
| KARAOKE FUN NITE..... | Friday, January 10 .....  | 6:00 p.m.....  | Turner Hall   |

Patronize the Sons and Daughters Booth at the Moiliili Community Center on Saturday, January 11.

Collating for the February Issue will be on **Thursday, January 30, 8:30 a.m.**  
Able and Charlie Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, January 21, 1997**

**The Clubhouse Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. Happy New Year!**

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