

# Puka-Puka Parade



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## **ALLEGIANCE HONORS THE WWII VETERANS**

by **JAYNE HIRATA**

On November 3, 2017, three original cast members of the Broadway musical *Allegiance*, actor and activist **GEORGE TAKEI**, **ELENA WONG** and **SAM TANABE**, Producer **DR. MARK MUGIISHI** and Producer/Co-Writer **LORENZO THIONE** honored the veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team at a special event at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. It was a packed house at the Manoa Grand Ballroom which was filled with WWII Nisei veterans' families, educators, students and media persons. The sole WWII Japanese American veteran in attendance was **TED TSUKIYAMA** who served in the 442nd and the Military Intelligence Service. The audience gave Mr. Tsukiyama a standing ovation when he was introduced during the program.

Attendees got a sneak peek of *Allegiance* by watching short clips from the movie of the play which is scheduled to be shown across

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## **VETERANS DAY WRAP –UP** by **JAYNE HIRATA**

Your 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Board of Directors were kept very busy on the Veterans Day weekend attending many events across 'Oahu.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

The first event on Friday, December 10 was the Annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center honoring all veterans who reside at the facility, including our own 100th veteran, **EDWARD IKUMA** of Headquarters Company. 100th Honorary Member **GENERAL DAVID BRAMLETT** (Retired) was the keynote speaker. Members of the 100th/442d US Army Reserve were also invited to post the colors for the day. Our club donated 25 red, white and blue leis for all of the veterans in attendance. Attending the event were Baker Chapter President **ANN KABASAWA**, **CLYDE SUGIMOTO** and members of the Ikuma family. I was told that everyone enjoyed a delicious steak lunch after the Ceremony, enhanced by a beautiful view from the Maunalani dining room.

The next event on Friday, December 10 was the showing of the documentary "Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii" at Dole Cannery Theaters as part of the Hawaii International Film Festival. There was a great turn-out for the movie, thanks to 100th/MIS Descendant **JOYCE YAMANE** and the Yamane family who generously provided free tickets to every WWII veteran of the 100th or MIS who wished to see the film. The Yamane family also hosted a post-movie reception at the Pomaikai Ballrooms for all veterans and their guests. There were two veterans of the 100th who attended the film, **DR. COOLIDGE WAKAI** of Baker Company who was accompanied by his wife, **EDITH WAKAI**, and **TAKASHI MANAGO** of Able Company who was accompanied by his daughter **BEVERLY YOSHIOKA**, another daughter and his grandson. Also attending from the 100th were **JOYCE CHINEN**, **KARLEEN CHINEN**, **JAYNE HIRATA**, Ann Kabasawa, Second Vice-President **JOHN OKI**, **ARLENE SATO**, Clyde Sugimoto, **DRUSILLA TANAKA**, Secretary **WARREN YAMAMOTO** and his

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wife. Four soldiers from the 100th/442d Army Reserve (who made a quick change from their uniforms at Maunalani into civilian attire before getting to Dole) joined us at the movie as guests of the Club.

The third event of the day was the opening reception for the Go For Broke National Education Center's travelling exhibit "Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience" at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. The reception in the Manoa Grand Ballroom was co-hosted by **DR. MITCH MAKI**, GFBNEC's President and CEO, and **CAROL HAYASHINO**, JCCH's President and Executive Director. Heartfelt speeches about their own experiences with the WWII Japanese American veterans were given by 100th Descendant **GOVERNOR DAVID IGE**, **ADMIRAL HARRY HARRIS, JR.** and GFBNEC Chairman **STEPHEN KAGAWA**. Others in the 100th 'ohana spotted in the audience were Jayne Hirata, **LLOYD KITAOKA**, Ann Kabasawa, **JANE KURAHARA**, Clyde Sugimoto and **JANICE TRUBITT**.

After a "spirited" sake toast, everyone went downstairs to the Historical Gallery to tour "Courage and Compassion" as well as the adjacent exhibit on Honouliuli. If you go to see the exhibit, make sure to take home one of the baseball cards featuring our WWII veterans including **TOKUJI "TOKE" YOSHIHASHI** and the late **SHUKICHI SATO**, both of the 100th.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

If you thought Friday, November 10th was a busy day, various members of the 100th Board of Directors represented the Club at Veterans Day Ceremonies all over Oahu.

The 100th was represented by Dog Chapter President **APRIL NAKAYAMA** at the Governor's annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe where she presented a lei on behalf of the Club. Ann Kabasawa and Clyde Sugimoto also attended the Ceremony and served as volunteer photographers for the event.

April's father, President **HARRY NAKAYAMA** took a long drive to the Westside to attend the American Veterans Hawaii's Veterans Day and United States Marine Corp's 242nd Birthday Event at Ka Makana Alii Mall in Kapolei where he faced alternating bouts of pouring rain and muggy sunshine.

Thank you to everyone for their support of these many Veterans Day events.

## ALLEGIANCE HONORS

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the United States on December 7, 2018. There were three live performances from the musical featuring Ms. Wong and Mr. Tanabe, accompanied by the Hoku Loa Singers of 'Iolani School including *Gaman*, *Higher* and *Our Time Now*.

A panel discussion on "The Legacy of the World War II Japanese American Experience" was moderated by JCCH President **CAROL HAYASHINO** with Mr. Takei, Mr. Thione, Japanese American Citizens League's Honolulu Chapter President **JACEE MIKULANEC**, 100th descendant **GOVERNOR DAVID IGE** and **MAYOR KIRK CALDWELL** whose father-in-law served in the 442nd.



A framed photograph (shown above) was presented to several Japanese American veterans' organizations including the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans by *Allegiance* and Fathom Events. Charlie Chapter President, **IRENE ANZAI**, accepted the photograph on behalf of the Club. If you'd like to see it, it is on display in the Board Room at the Clubhouse.

The movie version of *Allegiance* will be shown in Hawaii on December 7, 9, 11 and 12th at the following theaters: Makalapua Stadium, Dole Cannery Stadium, Pearl Highlands, Windward Stadium, Prince Kuhio, Maui Mall Megaplex and Kapolei Commons.

The musical will be live in Los Angeles from February 21, 2018 to April 1, 2018.

Please visit [www.allegiancemusical.com](http://www.allegiancemusical.com) for more information.

## ABLE CHAPTER NEWS by JAYNE HIRATA

As the year draws to an end, Able Chapter would like to thank the soldiers of the 100th/442d for spending one Saturday every month volunteering to do yardwork and clean the Clubhouse. It is not easy work, usually done in the hot sun for several hours. They even prepare their own breakfasts and lunches! I hope that you will notice how nice and tidy both the outside and the inside of the Club looks thanks to them when you stop by for your Chapter Christmas



parties. As some of the soldiers will be attending the parties with their families, please be sure to thank them for all they do for the veterans and the Club.

Please say “mahalo” also to Able members **GARY HAYAKAWA** and **BEVERLY SHIROMA** as well as **BERT HAMAKADO** from Baker Chapter for helping the soldiers with the monthly Clubhouse clean-up.

In case you didn't already know, Gary Hayakawa is our Clubhouse volunteer gardener, coming several times a week to pull weeds, water plants, and cut the grass, assisted by my dad, **EDDIE HIRATA**. The two of them took a break from yard duties and put up all the lights in Turner Hall in time for the Christmas parties (this time, Gary did the work and my Dad was the supervisor). I hope everyone will get to see Gary and my Dad's hard work at the Able and Baker Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9 at the Clubhouse.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by **ARLENE SATO**

Our Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 16 from 5:00 pm. Contact **WARREN YAMAMOTO** or **ARLENE SATO** to RSVP. Want to help?



The next chapter meeting will be on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Since we had so much fun at our last two meetings that were at restaurants, we've decided to go out more often. The place has yet to be determined. The information will be included in our next newsletter. Any suggestions?

Thank you for supporting our chapter this year. *Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu.* We again ask for your support in 2018!

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by **JOY TERAOKA**

Dog Chapter will be celebrating Christmas on Sunday, December 10, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. We're going to have a great program of fun, entertainment, games, food, Santa, and door prizes. Thanks to all who are helping to make it another wonderful party for our Doggie 'ohana.



Our condolences to the family members of **VIOLET KINOSHITA** who passed away in November. She was the wife of **TONY KINOSHITA**. For many years, the Kinoshitas were dear members of the Dog Chapter 'ohana. Services were held for her at Nuuanu Memorial Park on November 27. May she rest in peace.

## HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

by **JANICE SAKODA**,  
daughter of **GARY K. UCHIDA**

Our annual combined HQ, C Chapter, Medic Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 16 starting at 4:00 p.m. Please help us by pre-registering and paying for the party in advance. Because we are catering the food this year, registration and pre-payment will be very much appreciated. Don't forget to bring a gift for your little one for Santa to give out; also including your dues for 2018 on the registration form will be much appreciated. Donations for bingo prizes, desserts, or monetary assistance will be welcome!



May you have a very special Christmas this year.

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by **ANN KABASAWA**

The Baker Chapter monthly meetings for December and January 2018 have been cancelled so that our members can spend the holidays at home with their families. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse.



Able and Baker Chapters are sponsoring a “Heitai Shinnen Enkai” or a New Years Party for our 100th/442d Soldier (and hopefully, our 100th veterans) sometime in early 2018. We are still working on details and a date as the PPP goes to press.

## KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR? CLASS OF 2018 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hawaii high school seniors who are planning to pursue higher education in the Fall of 2018 and who are interested in learning about and perpetuating the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion are encouraged to apply for the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization scholarships.



Three awards are being offered. One for \$3,000 and two for \$1,000 each. In December 2017, the 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization will post its 2017-2018 scholarship information and application forms on its website: [www.100thLegacy.org](http://www.100thLegacy.org).

Scholarship information and application forms will also be available at the Clubhouse.

*(PPP Editor's Note:* You do not need to be a direct descendant of a 100th Infantry Battalion WWII veteran to apply for the IBLO scholarships).

## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

**DAVID WATANABE** reported that there is nothing to report this month as he and the other members of the Mainland Chapter are still recovering from hosting the Las Vegas Mini-Reunion. He promises more news and more photos from the Southern California folks in 2018.



## GREEN THUMB CLUB by JANICE SAKODA

Our first meeting for 2018 will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 28 at the Clubhouse. This will be an informal planning meeting as well as a time to talk story about our plants. Hope to see a good turnout!



## PBS HAWAII FEATURES PROGRAMMING ABOUT THE 100TH IN DECEMBER

The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 launched the United States into World War II. PBS Hawaii commemorates the 76th anniversary of Pearl Harbor with stories from those whose lives were shaped by that fateful day.

The programming lineup culminates on December 7, when PBS Hawaii spotlights stories of Japanese Americans from the Islands who fought for the U.S. during World War II and the legacy they left for future generations.

### INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII A Tribute to One-Puka-Puka.

**8:00 pm on Thursday, December 7. LIVE**

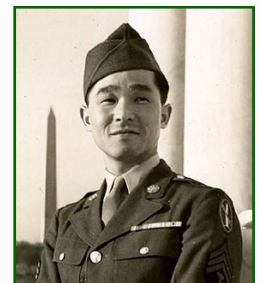
The legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion, nicknamed "One-Puka-Puka," continues to this day. The battalion, formed during World War II, was initially made up largely of Nisei (second-generation) Japanese Americans from Hawaii. After WWII, the battalion was mobilized during the Korean, Vietnam and Iraq wars. Today, the Hawaii-based battalion is the only infantry unit in the U.S. Army Reserve, with additional units on American Samoa, Guam and Saipan. Historians, veterans and several service members of the 100th Infantry Battalion join us on Insights for this live conversation, which will also be streamed on [pbs-hawaii.org](http://pbs-hawaii.org) and PBS Hawaii's Facebook page.

*(PPP Editor's Note:* As the PPP goes to press, **MARK MATSUNAGA** of the MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii, historian **TOM COFFMAN** and **JIMMY KUROIWA** of the Go For Broke Association are scheduled to appear on the program. We are still confirming a representative from the 100th Board of Directors to join in the panel.)

### PBS HAWAII PRESENTS Proof of Loyalty: Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii.

**9:00 pm on Thursday, December 7.**

**KAZUO YAMANE**, a Nisei Japanese American from Hawaii, played a crucial strategic role in WWII. *(Photo from the PBS Hawaii website).* Drafted just before the war, Yamane became a part of the 100th Infantry Battalion. He was plucked from their ranks for his exceptional knowledge of Japanese, which would lead him to the Pentagon and to Europe, where he served under **PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER**. Yamane would eventually use his language skills to help shorten the war in the Pacific.



*(PPP Editor's Note:* Proof of Loyalty will also air on PBS Hawaii on Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 pm. We also hope to screen it at the Clubhouse in February 2018 in conjunction with the return of the Okinawan Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum's Children's Art Exhibit.

## IN APPRECIATION

*Doomo Arigatoo Gozaimasu* for the following generous donations which were received between October 16 to November 15.

### EDUCATION CENTER

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(1399th Descendant)

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

- \$99 **HARUMI Y. MIYAKE** in memory of beloved father and husband, **HOWARD Y. MIYAKE**'s 99th Birthday
- \$100 **MRS. YOSHIE TANABE** in memory of **JIM TANABE** (MIS)
- \$100 **HARRY NAKAYAMA** (for "Honorary Texans for Texas" fundraiser)
- \$100 **MORISO TERAOKA** (for "Honorary Texans for Texas" fundraiser)

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- \$500 **RAINBOW DRIVE-IN, LTD.**
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### HONORARY TEXANS FOR TEXAS FUNDRAISER

Since the November *PPP*, we received a few more monetary contributions for our "Honorary Texans for Texas" fund-raising drive. These additional donations brought our new grand total to \$1067.00 for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Our sincere apologies if any donations were inadvertently omitted.

Please let the Office know if your donation was not listed or if there are any corrections needed.



## FROM DA OFFICE by JAYNE HIRATA

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Both the Craft Club and the Line Dancers will be taking a break during the month of December.

The Craft Club will be taking the entire month of December off. They will start up again on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. If your New Year's resolution is to be productive and creative, the Craft Club is for you. Just bring a craft project you are working on and join 100th members **SHELLEY SANTO, YASUKO TAGUCHI, DOT TAMASHIRO, EVELYN TSUDA** and their friends at the Clubhouse every Tuesday.

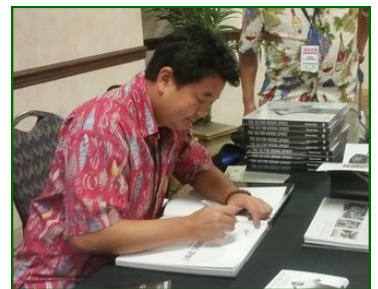
The Line Dancers will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 20 and 27. They will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If your New Year's resolution is to get some exercise, the Line Dance classes are for you! No reservation or experience needed, just come to the Club and join in the fun. Even those with two left feet will learn to trip the light fantastic with longtime instructor **SANDY ZOOK** and her students, including 100th member **LYNN SHIMIZU**.

### FOR CONTINUING SERVICE

Our annual 100th Holiday Food Drive for the Hawaii Foodbank will run until Friday, December 29. Please bring any non-perishable items to the Club during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12 noon) or your Chapter Christmas Party. According to the Hawaii Foodbank, the top five most wanted items by their clients are canned proteins (meat, tuna, chicken), canned meals (stew, spaghetti, chili), canned vegetables, canned fruit and of course, RICE.

### GO FOR BROKE SPIRIT AVAILABLE AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Yes, we have copies of *The Go For Broke Spirit*, a newly published coffee table book featuring 81 portraits of Japanese American WWII veterans by **SHANE SATO**. The books are \$55.



100th veterans whose portraits are included in the book are **STANLEY AKITA, ALFRED ARAKAKI, ROBERT ARAKAKI, KUNIO FUJIMOTO, WILLIE GOO, SHIZUYA HAYASHI, EDWARD "ED" IKUMA, SHIGERU "SHIG" INOUE, NOBORU "NOB" KAGAWA, LAWRENCE "LARRY" KAMIYA, IKE "MANO" KAWAHARA, YOUNG OAK KIM, HARRY KIYABU, WESLEY KANAME KOYANO. CONRAD KURAHARA, DON S. MIYADA, HIROSHI "HERSHEY" MIYAMURA, SABURO NISHIME, FRANK NISHIMURA, RAYMOND "RAY" NOSAKA, WILLIAM "BILL" OMOTO, TOKUJI ONO, TETSUYA TED OYE, LARRY SHIMADA, KAZUTO SHIMIZU, LEIGHTON GORO SUMIDA, MASAO "MAS" TAKAHASHI, TOKUJI "TOKE" YOSHIHASHI and YOSHITO "TOE" YOSHINO.**

## **NISEI VETERANS HONORED AT SEAHAWKS GAME**

by **JASON CRUZ**, Northwest Asian Weekly  
(<http://nwasianweekly.com/2017/11/nisei-veterans-honored-at-seahawks-game/>)

Japanese American Veteran **KIM MURIMOTO** strolled through the wall of photos of fallen soldiers at the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) Memorial Hall and noticed a few familiar faces.

Murimoto was one of 11 Seattle-area World War II Nisei (second generation) veterans honored during a special “Salute to Service” ceremony at halftime of the Seattle Seahawks game on Monday Night Football against the Atlanta

Falcons on November 20.

(From left in picture: **VICTOR (JUNKS) IKEDA, MICKEY HIROO, JIMMIE KANAYA, FRANK HORI, JIM MIYAMOTO,**

Kim Muromoto, **TOSH TOKUNAGA, and FRANK NISHIMURA.** Photo by **GARY LOTT**). Murimoto was at the hall

meeting with Seahawks staff who paid a visit prior to the big event. He was a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team. The wall at the NVC Memorial Hall is dedicated to the local soldiers who laid down their lives for their country. In a matter-of-fact fashion, Murimoto looked up at the wall and pointed out individuals he knew during the war. He recalled a person he met the day he died.

“We didn’t even know his name, brand new fella.” He vividly recalled seeing someone from his hometown on a day when the United States were on the attack, storming hills in Europe against the enemy. “I ran into him down in the valley and said hi to him. The next thing I heard, he got killed.”

Murimoto said one night, he himself was almost killed by enemy bombing.

“My foxhole buddy and I decided to build a

foxhole into the hillside instead of the ground.” Two soldiers 10 feet from him were killed.

Members of the Seahawks staff visited the NVC Memorial Hall in early November to visit with the veterans and view the military museum at the hall. Those honored at the Monday Night Football game were present to meet with the staff and talk about their experiences.

The 100th Infantry Battalion was formed six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It was comprised of mainly second generation Japanese Americans, known as Nisei, from Hawaii. They were the first Japanese American servicemen to see combat



in World War II. Their combat in Italy helped change the minds of military and political leaders who had initially banned the enlistment of Japanese Americans. Several of the Japanese Americans honored were drafted while

interned in camps with their families, and decided to fight for their country.

Toshio Tokunaga was one of those veterans that came from an internment camp.

“You know when I joined, there was only one avenue open for Japanese Americans,” he said. Tokunaga was sent to Minidoka Internment Camp in Idaho when he was drafted. After basic training in the Army, he volunteered to be a paratrooper. Tokunaga had no fear of jumping out of airplanes. The seemingly safe aspects of flying in a plane were not so safe when the enemy shot at it.

“When they were shooting from the ground, you were happy to get out of the plane,” explained Tokunaga.

Tokunaga served all over Europe. He recalled landing in England, going to France, and going into

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Germany. His company participated in Operation Varsity in March 1945. It was a successful airborne forces operation launched by Allied troops and was the largest operation in history to happen in one day in one location. More than 16,000 paratroopers participated. It took place near the northern Rhine River with the goal to enter Northern Germany.

Frank Nishimura was originally from Seattle, but was ordered to move away from the West Coast. Instead of an internment camp, he was allowed to relocate to Spokane. He noted that he could visit the internment camps and could leave, but those living in the internment camps could not.

"It was kind of sad," Nishimura said. He volunteered to be a replacement for troops in the Hawaiian unit fighting in Naples, Italy.

"Of course, at my age, 17, 18, I went [to fight]." He was wounded once when he was shot in the arm. Nishimura had a couple of years of German language studies in high school and was thus made an interpreter for his company.

"I could tell them to surrender," Nishimura said of one of his duties for the company. He also served as the radio communications person and had to haul a huge radio on his back during battle. After serving in the military, Nishimura went to school on the GI Bill for welding, but the teacher told him he would never get a job because he was Japanese. He went on to work at the post office.

Mickey Hiroo worked in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and the Counter Intelligence Corps.

"We were in Yokohama, [Japan] watching the Russian ships coming in and made sure that no American troops were found there. If they were there, I'd make sure they get out before the ships sailed." Hiroo was at Minidoka before being drafted. The MIS served as translators and interrogators in all of the Allied Campaigns throughout the Pacific. Hiroo also participated in counterintelligence duties during the Korean War.

"We knew of the Nisei soldiers' bravery during WWII," said **MIKE FLOOD**, Seattle Seahawks Vice President of Community Relations. "Once we met the veterans, we knew our fans would appreciate the opportunity to 'salute' these special men.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

T'was some weeks before Christmas and Santa  
was at the mall,  
Everywhere was so crowded, people started to  
brawl.  
The reindeer were grumbling, there was no  
parking space  
So Santa said, "Forget it! Let's shop at a new  
place!"  
The sleigh made a detour to our Clubhouse  
nearby  
Where lots of great 100th merch caught  
everyone's eye.  
100th tees in all sizes and colors galore  
For every elf, even the 2XL's with a bit more.  
Polo shirts for the kids who were on Santa's  
good list  
Black, blue, grey, white and purple, now who  
could resist?  
100th shopping bags in small and large sizes  
Great for folks going to Vegas to bring home  
cash prizes  
100th baseball caps for anyone's head  
Protect those without hair so their scalps don't  
get red.  
Caps with the 100th logo, Delta Dragons, "Torch  
Patch"  
One of them will surely be somebody's match.  
For those who like to read, there were books  
galore  
To learn about the 100th, *Nisei* life and much  
more.  
Books about our 50th and 65th special years  
The photos alone are sure to make you shed  
some tears.  
Words of wisdom from **ELSIE HIGA**, a 100th kid,  
Memories of Buddhaheads and the great things  
they did.  
CGM DVDs for those who missed going to DC  
And gifts of Club Membership to put under the  
tree.  
Santa smiled as he looked at the presents in his  
sleigh  
But he couldn't leave because he couldn't pay!  
Remember, the Office cannot take cards of  
credit.  
If you don't bring cash or a check, then you have  
to forget it!  
Thankfully, Rudolph had a big stash of money.  
And loaned some to Santa (with interest, of  
course, Honey).  
As he flew into the sky above Kamoku Street,  
Santa yelled out loud in voice very sweet,  
"Thanks for letting me shop at your Clubhouse  
so dear,  
So save me a parking spot when I come back  
next year!"

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## DECEMBER 2017 CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

<b>BOARD Meeting</b>	No meeting
<b>ABLE Chapter</b>	No meeting
<b>BAKER Chapter</b>	No meeting
<b>CHARLIE Chapter</b>	No meeting
<b>DOG Chapter</b>	Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 am
<b>HQ/MEDICS Chapter</b>	No meeting
<b>GREEN THUMB CLUB</b>	No meeting
<b>CRAFT CLUB</b>	No meetings in December
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	Wednesdays, December 6 and 13 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

### CLUB EVENTS

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

<b>ABLE AND BAKER CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Saturday, December 9 from 10:30 am
<b>DOG CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Sunday, December 12 from 12 noon to 4:30 pm
<b>HQ/MEDICS/CHARLIE CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Saturday, December 16 from 3:30 pm


### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**442ND S AND D FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY** Sunday, December 17 from 11:00 am  
**RSVP with Ann Kabasawa by December 10**

The Office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 25 for Christmas

*Dates and times subject to change.*

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

The deadline to submit articles for the January 2018 issue is **December 20, 2017**

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## ADDENDUM

**Thank you, Santa, for so many  
articles!**

### STORIES FROM PEARL HARBOR AND WORLD WAR II

([pbshawaii.org](http://pbshawaii.org))

**Tuesday, December 5**

**LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX: Daniel Martinez**

**7:30 pm**

As Chief Historian at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, **DANIEL MARTINEZ** has heard stories from the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor and shares those stories with visitors. In this conversation, hear how his connection with that infamous event goes deeper than his role as historian.

*Originally aired December 2014.*

**PBS HAWAII PRESENTS: Remember Pearl Harbor**

**8:00 pm**

Narrated by actor **TOM SELLECK**, the film features first-person accounts from more than 35 veterans, and from Hawaii residents who witnessed the Pearl Harbor attack. **MITSUO FUCHIDA**, the chief commander of Japan's attack, is also interviewed. Using archival footage, photos and graphics, the documentary details the attacks on Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field and other parts of Oahu.

*Originally aired December 2016*

**LONG STORY SHORT WITH LESLIE WILCOX: Jimmy Lee**

**9:30 pm**

**JIMMY LEE**, who lived on his family's farm a mile from the waters of Pearl Harbor, was only 11 years old on December 7, 1942. He shares memories of making eye contact with a Japan bomber pilot who flew over the farm, and of watching ships burn in Pearl Harbor. Jimmy Lee tells what it was like to live under martial law, and describes his decades-long search for a best friend whose family vanished from his neighborhood after the attack.

*Originally aired December 2016.*

**Wednesday, December 6**

**PBS HAWAII PRESENTS: Journey Home to the USS Arizona**

**8:00 pm**

One of the few crew members from the USS Arizona who survived the Pearl Harbor attack, **RAYMOND HAERRY SR.** passed away at the age of 94 on September 27, 2026. This documentary follows Hearry's family as they travel from New Jersey to Oahu to place his ashes aboard the sunken battleship.

## **NHK SPECIAL: Lt. Onoda's Return: The Untold Story of a Japanese War Straggler**

**9:00 pm**

In December 1944, intelligence officer **HIROO ONODA** of the Japanese Imperial-Army was deployed to Lubang Island in the Philippines, where he was given orders to disrupt and sabotage enemy efforts. Though the Japanese surrendered on August 15, 1945, Onoda and three others vowed to continue this mission. After 30 years of living as a war straggler, Onoda surrendered to his ex-commander and received a hero's welcome upon returning to his homeland. However, Japan and the Philippines saw Onoda's return as a sensitive political and diplomatic matter that required careful orchestration.

## **NHK SPECIAL: Road to Redemption**

**10:00 pm**

Mitsuo Fuchida was the chief commander behind Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. **JACOB DeSHAZER** was a U.S. Army Air Force corporal who dropped incendiary bombs on Nagoya in a revenge raid. After World War II, both men became devout Christians and embarked on missions in each other's homeland, where they worked to spread a message of forgiveness.

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## **STORY OF THE WEEK: GERMAN SOLDIER IN ITALY FEARS JAPANESE AMERICANS**

WASHINGTON - The German soldier in Italy has grown to fear the Japanese Americans, whom they call "yellow devils," according to a recent article in the London, England, Daily Sketch by the British war correspondent, **LEONARD MOSLEY**, **SELDERN MENEFEE**, Washington Post columnist reported in his "America at War" column recently.

Menefee commented:

"Mosley reported in the London paper how a German sentry in Italy had been knocked out and taken behind the American lines. When he awakened he found himself gazing into a face of a Japanese American soldier.

"I thought the Japanese were our comrades,' said the Nazi soldier, 'Why have you made me a prisoner?'"

"The American replied, 'We are not Japanese, you know. We are Japanese Americans and as much your enemy as any other Yankee.'

"The British writer said that one of the Japanese American soldiers told him, 'I supposed you think it curious that we should be fighting against the Axis when Japan is German's ally. But we consider ourselves Americans and not Japanese. Our parents came from Japan but many of us here have never seen it - and do not want to. We regard the United States as our homeland.'

"Tokyo has its own explanation for Japanese American participation in the war. A recent Domei new dispatch beamed to the American, recorded U.S. Government monitors, said that reports of Japanese fighting in the American forces in Italy and the Southwest Pacific were merely "confessions on the part of Washington that United States troops refuse to bear the brunt of battle when the fighting is intense.'

"The Japanese - like some Americans - apparently find it had to realize that people of Japanese blood may voluntarily fight for the United States."

*Submitted by several PPP Readers*

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# ABLE AND BAKER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2017  
**Place:** Clubhouse at 520 Kamoku Street (Park at Ala Wai School)  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 11:30 am      Check-in, Happy Hour  
           11:30 am                              Buffet Lunch  
           12:30 pm to 2:30 pm      Entertainment, Santa's Visit, Door Prizes Galore

**Cost:**

Able & Baker Chapter Veterans, spouses, widows	Free
All other Able/Baker Chapter Members	\$13.00
Adult guests and children, 13 and over	\$15.00
Children, 5 to 12 yrs. old	\$8.00
Children, 4 yrs. and under	Free

Santa's Gifts: Please bring a wrapped gift for your child, cost not to be over \$10.00 each.  
 (Please print the name clearly on the gift tag.)

Donations of pupus, desserts, door prizes, or whatever will be appreciated.

We are looking for entertainers—sing, play an instrument, magic tricks, dance, stand-up comedy?

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE HAWAII FOOD BANK!!!

If you can help in any way to make this party a success, please call **BEVERLY SHIROMA** at 754-8447 or email: [bshiroma77@yahoo.com](mailto:bshiroma77@yahoo.com) or **ANN KABASAWA** at 781-8540 or email: [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com).

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Names/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Able/Baker Veteran,      spouse,              widow,              Able/Baker member

Number attending:

Able/Baker Chapter Veteran, spouse, widow	# _____	@ Free	\$ _____
All other Able/Baker Chapter Members	# _____	@ \$13.00	\$ _____
Adult guests/children 13 years and older	# _____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Children, 5 to 12 yrs. old	# _____	@ \$8.00	\$ _____
Children, 4 yrs. and under	# _____	@ Free	\$ _____
<b>Total Enclosed</b>			\$ _____

Please complete this form and send it with a check payable to "Baker Chapter"  
 no later than **Friday, December 1, 2017** to:  
 Baker Chapter, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

## HQ & C Chapter Joint Christmas Party Saturday, December 16, 2017

3:30 Registration    5:00 Dinner    Parking at Ala Wai School

Charlie Chapter and Headquarters/Medics will again be joining forces for a joint Christmas party! Please join us!!!

Cost: C, HQ/Medics Veterans and spouses/widows	<b>FREE</b>
Adults and children 12 & over	\$10
Children 11 & below	<b>FREE</b>
Outside guests	\$15

Gifts from Santa to your keiki should be less than \$10. We want everyone to join us so we've made the cost very reasonable. C/HQ/Medic Veterans/Spouses please indicate if you need transportation

RSVP - - RSVP - - **Deadline December 9** - - RSVP - - - RSVP

Contact Info: Name	chapter	phone #	email
C, HQ/Medics Veterans, Wives/Widows _____		x \$0.00	<b>FREE</b>
Children under 12 (ages _____) (Ages are helpful for planning purposes)		_____ x \$0.00	<b>FREE</b>
_____ Children 12 & older & Adults		_____ x \$10.00 =	\$ _____
_____ Guests		_____ x \$15.00 =	\$ _____
<b>FOR HQ/Medic Chapter: Dues</b>		_____ x \$5 =	\$ _____
		<b>Donations are much appreciated!!!</b>	\$ _____
		Total amount of check	\$ _____

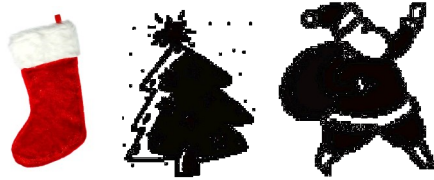
We've had to raise the cost this year as we'll be catering the food from Ogo Onolicious.

**C Chapter:** Make checks payable to **100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans C Chapter** and mail to: Arlene Sato, 2241 Kauhana Street, Honolulu, HI 96816

**Headquarters/Medics:** Make checks payable to: **100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Headquarter Chapter** and mail to Jan Sakoda, 1508 Ainakoa Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96821.

Any kind of donation (cash, bingo, dessert, pupus, etc.) will be very much appreciated! Want to help? Contact Arlene (387-1954) or Jan (351-2159)

# COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR ANNUAL



## 442<sup>nd</sup> SONS AND DAUGHTERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 17, 2017

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

520 Kamoku Street

Parking at Ala Wai School

11:00am

Adults \$20.00

Children Ages 4-11 \$10.00

**ALL 100<sup>TH</sup>/442<sup>ND</sup>/MIS/1399 VETERANS, WIVES AND WIDOWS FREE**

**LOTS OF ONOLICIOUS FOOD, GOOD FUN AND PRIZES FOR ALL!!**

**You are welcome to bring a grab bag valued at no more than \$10.00  
for your child or grandchild**

Name and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

442<sup>nd</sup> Sons and Daughters  
933 Wiliwili Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540  
or e-mail at [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com). RSVP by **Tuesday, December 10, 2017**.

We need a lot of volunteers to help. Donations are appreciated!!

**HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!!!**