

# 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

10:00 a.m.

CLUB 100 @ TURNER HALL

Subject: Amendment to the Charter and By-Laws

(Name change from "Club 100" to

"100th Infantry Battalion Veterans")

Secretary

### THE BOARD RECOMMENDS CHANGING THE NAME FROM "CLUB 100" TO "100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS"

It was Colonel Farrant Turner who had unswerving faith in our loyalty, ability and courage, and stood up for us against all doubters. And it was Colonel Turner who was in command when the Army finally activated us on June 12, 1942, at Oakland, California, as the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate).

When we fought for the cause of freedom and justice, and fought to prove our loyalty to our country, we were the 100th Infantry Battalion.

When we went into combat with our "Go for Broke" spirit alongside the 34th, 36th, and 45th divisions, the "Stars and Stripes" reported us as the 100th Infantry Battalion.

General Mark Clark and General Ryder gave our unit special permission to retain our name, so that when assigned to the 442nd, we retained our numerical designation and became the 100th Infantry Battalion/442n RCT.

When our fallen comrades made the supreme sacrifices and laid down their lives for our country, they knew we would carry on as the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The name "Club 100" does not establish us as former GIs who carried M1 rifles, fired machine guns and mortars, and who suffered the pains and agony of war. The name "Club 100" does not dignify our memory of the "Purple Heart Battalion." We do not mean to discredit or desecrate the honor of the name "Club 100," but, unfortunately, the name "Club 100" causes confusion and gives the misconception that we are somehow associated with a night club.

We must retain our identity without any question of ambiguity. We must protect and perpetuate our legacy. Our organization should be the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by STANLEY AKITA

October 2001 Board Meeting:

### 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary in 2002

Kenneth Otagaki reported that the committee is working hard and should have something concrete by January, 2002.

### Turner Hall rental:

The subject of renting out Turner Hall to outsiders as we once did was discussed. Further studies will be made before reaching a decision.

### Wall of Heroes for the MOH recipients:

It was decided that the present wall that has the pictures of former presidents will be the wall space used to display the pictures and citations of all the MOH recipients. All of the presidents' pictures will be relocated to the board room. Rikio Tsuda and Robert Arakaki will be in charge of the MOH wall.

### Senator Daniel Akaka:

Senator Daniel Akaka for all of the good things he did for the AJA vets especially the vets of the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn. was inducted as an honorary member of Club 100. The vote was unanimous.

### Koa Table – Jerry Yamaki:

After the death of Jerry Yamaki, wife, Carol decided to donate the koa table used by Jerry in his office, to the club. Her donation includes the \$1,700 cost to deliver the table from Waipahu to our office. The koa table, four feet by sixteen feet, was estimated by a koa furniture maker to be almost \$16,000 for a brand new one. The koa table will replace the present board room table. It was suggested that if we can't find a good use for the old table, we should donate it to a group that can make use of it.

### Budget:

A preliminary budget was made by revising a few figures taken from the 2001 budget. The bottom line of the estimated budget after income minus expenses was about \$500. Yes, five hundred dollars. Not much if you ask me. So, if you have any idea for spending money for this or that, please keep it to yourself. Thanks.

### Indiana students:

You may have heard of an Indiana middle school teacher by the name of Leila Meyerratken who got her students interested in AJA vets. Well, they created a quilt measuring 19' x 41', to signify the year 1941 when the AJA began serving in the military. The quilt is finished and it's going around mainland cities such as Washington for one where it was displayed to show the politicians. The Nisei Veterans Endowed Forum connected with the University of Hawaii, is planning to invite them to Hawaii. "Them" means the teacher Leila Meyerratken and her class of maybe 20 students. The forum group is looking for corporate sponsors to bring them and the quilt here. In doing so, we are looking for families who may want to take in one or two students for 3-5 days. Like a "home-stay" program. As of today it is just an idea but we would like to know how many of you are interested in the "home-stay" program. If you are, please call the office and leave your name and number, and inform us as to the number of students you're interested in. Students are of the middle school age.

### Name change:

The Board has decided to change the name of the club from Club 100 to 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans. Read about the reason for the change in this issue. A General Membership Meeting will be held on November 20, 2001, at 10 am at the clubhouse on the subject of the change. As for you mainland and neighbor island regular members, your comments in writing of the change should be received by this office by November 16, 2001. Comments were made such as "Why so late?" Well, it's better late than never. I for one would like to die as a member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans and not as Club 100 which sounds more like a drinking bar on Keeaumoku St.

*Notice: Don't forget to tune in on Veteran's Day, November 11 at 9 pm for the World premiere of "Journey of Honor" on Hawaii Public Television, channel 11, channel 10 cable. Footage of a trip to Italy by AJA veterans produced by Stuart Yamane whose father was Masakichi Yamane, co. F/B.*

At this writing, we are visiting in far off peaceful, ToyotaShi , original home of the popular cars you see all over Honolulu. It is hard to believe that there is a war going on in another part of this world, and if it wasn't for CNN, which is our only means of keeping up with the current news (in English) we would be almost completely unaware of the terrorism war. We went over to the local library here in Toyota City in hopes of reading the newspapers from Hawaii, but the closest we could come to it was the New York Times and the London Times. The reason for our being here is to visit our son and daughter-in-law and our newborn grandson. We had the pleasure of having lunch and being treated to the Royal Kabuki show by our "Club 100 Ambassador to Japan" Takeshi Teshima. He has a remarkable memory and named off practically every man in the 100<sup>th</sup> that he served with, and wants us to extend his regards to them all. Although he has lived in Japan since 1946, his heart is still here in Hawaii

While on the long plane ride, I had a good chance to re-read the President's report on the club's financial situation. Frankly, I was rather stunned at the large amounts that were pledged to be donated to the various organizations. We ourselves will be in need of financial security as our clubhouse becomes more run down and all kinds of unexpected finances will have to be met. The good people who make donations to us are doing so for the good of the club – not so that we can donate it to other organizations. I'd like to suggest that in the future, the Board carefully scrutinize our books and consult with our accountants before committing the club to any more pledges.

Mahalo to the following PPP volunteers who turned out on Sept 27 to collate and mail out the October issue: Bernard Akamine, Ottomatsu Aoki, Robert Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Masaru Kadomoto, Larry and Regina Kamiya, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Isamu Inouye, Susumu Kunishige, Philip Matsuyama, Y. Mugitani, Joichi Muramatsu, Nora Morihara, Ken Nakagawa, Roy Nakayama, Tom Nishioka, Sally Inouye, Tom Nosse, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Saburo Nishime, Takeichi Onishi, Ken Otagaki, Robert Sato, Leo Sato, Hiromi Suehiro, Clyde Sugimoto, Dennis and Joy Teraoka, Masa Toma, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Martin Tohara, Ukichi Wozumi, Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa.

## DIS AND DAT

By Ray Nosaka

## ATTENTION– MINI-REUNION GOERS

At long last the time is here when we will be boarding the plane for fun and relaxation. We ask that you be at the airport (Hawaiian Airlines) by 10:30 o'clock a.m. and go through the agriculture x-ray line. Then go to the check-in counter where individually you will have to show your picture i.d. and your ticket, and check in your baggage. You will be notified where to go from there. If you had requested a wheel chair, please mention it when you check in. Do not forget to put the California Hotel tags on your luggage. Also, please do not carry any thing sharp in your carry- on baggage (like a pocket knife, nail file or anything that can be mistaken for a harm causing instrument.

**There has been a change in the time of our return flight.** We will depart from Las Vegas at 11:00 o'clock on Friday morning so we will arrive in Honolulu at 3:05 p.m. Please be sure to notify anyone who is picking you up at the airport of the change. Perhaps it would be a good idea for them to call the airport before leaving the house just incase of any other possible changes.

**FREE FLU SHOT FOR VETERANS ONLY****Date: Thursday, November 29, 2001****Where: Club 100****Time: From about 9 a.m.****(during and after PPP collating)****Sponsored by****THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Amanda De Ponte

### Club 100

AJA WWII Memorial Alliance	\$50	
William & Ethel Kaya	\$25	[for "D" co, Memorial Service]
One Puka Puka Tour (in memory of "Biffa" Moriguchi)	\$100	

### PukaPuka Parade

George & Mei Teranishi	\$50
Fred Takayama	\$50

### Sons & Daughters

Rural Chapter Club 100 (in memory of John Kihara)	\$20
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Thanks to Iolani School. They are donating this year's Christmas tree to the club - a 6-7 foot sculptured Douglas Fir. If you need a Christmas tree or a wreath please buy one from Iolani School and help out my (Coach Amanda's) track team. Deadline for purchasing trees and wreaths is November 1. Call me at the office to reserve yours today !! Mahalo.

Also, thank you to Iolani School for letting the club use their parking during the Wellness Fair.

### **WAR ON TERROR, A POEM**

by Hiroshi Minami, 100th Bn., HQ. Co.

That touching memorial service (the 100th Inf. Bn.'s 56th Memorial Service) stirred some sad memories for me at Punchbowl. I enclose a poem, *War on Terror*, that I wrote on September 11, 2001, as I listened to President Bush's message.

#### **WAR ON TERROR**

Memories lingered  
As the old war veteran  
Silently listened

To another call  
To fight for freedom from fear  
And terrorism.

Enemy differed--  
They fight not on battlefields  
But use cunning stealth

To destroy people,  
Men, women and young children  
Innocent or not;

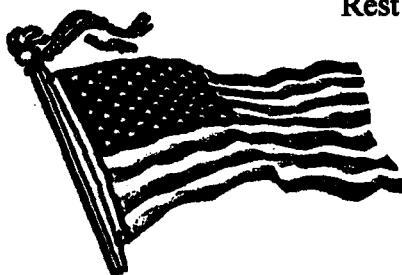
As explosive planes  
As lethal suicide weapons  
Used to kill and spread fear;

But also challenged  
Were governments that harbor  
Groups of terrorists.

The veteran groaned,  
The fight for freedom in life  
Is never-ending;

To all his buddies  
Resting in Punchbowl Crater  
Once more he saluted.

Rest in peace, he prayed.



*United We Stand*

**100TH INFANTRY BATTALION MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2001  
NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC (PUNCHBOWL)**

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**WELCOMING REMARKS BY COLONEL G.E. CASTAGNETTI  
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC**

Sometimes in the great scheme of things, it's appropriate to share someone else's insight when profound and applicable words speak volumes to what's good in America. Credit for this prayer-eulogy is to be given to Father Davis O'Brien when he did the invocation to a USMC cemermony. I have, however, taken the liberty to modify his words to fit this audience.

"My friends, it was once said . . . 'O Lord, we have long known that prayer should include confession.' Therefore, on behalf of the Club 100 and their guests gathered here today, I confess to what I know to be their sins:

"Lord, they're just not in step with today's society. They are unreasonable in clinging to old-fashioned ideas like patriotism, duty, honor and country.

"They hold radical ideas believing that they are their brother's keeper and responsible for the other members in the community, their neighbor's children.

"They have been seen standing when the flag passes, singing the national anthem at ball games, and drinking toasts to fallen comrades and conducting memorial services at national cemeteries to their comrades.

"Not only that, they have been observed standing tall, taking charge and taking their hats off at the playing of the national anthem. They have taken Teddy R's and JFK's words too seriously and are overly concerned with what they can do for their service and country instead of what it can do for them.

"They take the Pledge of Allegiance to heart and believe that their oath is to be honored and that their word is their bond! And, unlike a former President ---- they know well what the definition of 'is' is.

"Forgive them, Lord, for being stubborn men and women who hold these values as genuine. They are aware of the price for honor and with total command of their spirit, they have been willing to pay the price. After all, what can you expect? They're Americans of Japanese ancestry, who believed in the Constitution.

"O Lord our God, bless these men and women of ideals, continue to raise up in this Nation strong leaders and deliver us from 'me first' managers and 'don't ask me' followers.

"Be our honored guest this day, O Lord, and join with us in laughter, good food, good drink, and the telling of tall tales and legends that may occasionally exceed the truth. We bow our heads to those who were lost in places that had names meaningless until the 100th Battalion landed--Salerno, Anzio. And in those battles, each reaffirmed the one legacy that brings all Club 100 members together by the blood and tears shed for service of country and each other.

"Watch over and keep safe all those who served their Nation in uniform with special attention to their families and loved ones everywhere.

"With respect and the pride of association as an honorary member, I salute you all, for through this day and all the following nights and days ahead, God bless you, God bless this Nation, and God bless the AJA community which serve their country well.

"Amen."

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**MEMORIAL ADDRESS FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL JASON KAMIYA  
(PRESENTED BY CLAYTON KAMIYA)**

Distinguished veterans, families, guests, and friends of the 100th Infantry Battalion. Let me begin by thanking Stanley Akita, the Club 100 Board of Directors, and the Board of the Sons and Daughters for inviting me to participate today. I was so very much looking forward to joining you this morning, but the tragic events of September 11th on the United States homeland, much like the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, changed the world. As I write you today, the men and women of our great Army and the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, like you men of the 100th many decades ago, stand ready to answer our Nation's call.

Let me take this rare opportunity to thank you for the many congratulatory cards and letters I continue to receive from friends and family in Hawaii upon my selection and subsequent promotion to Brigadier General. Senator Inouye put it best when upon learning that he had been selected to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, he remarked that, "the making of a man involves many mentors. If I did well, much of the credit should go to my parents, grandparents, and gallant men of my platoon." Thus, to this day I remain honored, yet uncomfortable for being the recipient of such accolades, for whomever I have become and whatever I have achieved, have been on the shoulders of so many individuals - teachers and clergy, parents, relatives, fellow soldiers, and you gallant men of the 100th.

I would like to recognize my parents, Larry and Regina Kamiya, and thank them publicly for their many years of sacrifice and forbearance in molding me into the person I am today. They come from modest backgrounds, worked hard to raise two sons, and gave them love, compassion, and moral values, commodities that money cannot buy.

Since becoming a senior officer, soldiers often ask me if my father was a retired general officer or colonel. I proudly tell them that dad served in World War II as a private first class -- a radio operator and rifleman in Charlie Company, 100th Infantry Battalion who came home with a Combat Infantryman's Badge made of sterling silver, a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and two rows of ribbons. These decorations, along with dad's wartime photograph and original newspaper clipping about the 100th are displayed proudly on the wall behind my desk. I look at it daily and am reminded not only of him, but of all of you...your youthful energy and charm, your determination and valor, faith and ideals, your families, all that you stood for, and all that you were willing to sacrifice in America's greatest hour of need.

I have been watching Club 100 for many years now and can to this day vividly remember as a child going to Club Christmas parties and to memorial services such as this one here at Punchbowl. It was here on this hallowed ground, the National Cemetery of the Pacific, many, many years ago where I first recognized and began to understand the significance behind your stoic faces and tears as the halting report of rifle volleys of the 21-gun salute and the haunting melody of Taps echoed throughout the valley. These experiences touched me deeply, and in many respects my youthful exposure to you men of the 100th is singularly responsible for cultivating in my soul a profound sense of obligation to serve in our great Army in the defense of our nation.

Through the course of America's history, more than 41 million Americans served the cause of freedom and more than a million died in its name. Today, we solemnly pause to remember the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion who gave their lives, men of the Greatest Generation, who fought, endured, and died to keep our Nation free. We salute your service, honor and sacrifice, and respectfully thank you for defending the principles of freedom that America represents.

Whenever you look at the Army's flag you see 173 campaign streamers denoting campaigns fought throughout its 225 years of existence. Of the 173 streamers, 46 were earned during World War II. You should all feel justifiably proud that the 100th had a large part in earning them through your sweat and blood in eight major campaigns in Italy, France, and Germany. Your combat actions and the valorous way that you distinguished yourselves at Salerno, the Volturno River, Rapido River, Cassino, Anzio, Vosges Mountains, Bruyeres and Biffontaine remain subjects of professional discussion and development today.

Behind battles there are soldiers, and behind soldiers in combat there are faces and names. Death during war touches us in so many ways. It exposes our cold frailty under the eyes of God, yet draws out the warmth and beauty of mankind.

Who can forget the story told by Thelma Chang several years ago of Mrs. Shigeko Okumura, who at over 80 years of age traveled to Italy in 1992 to fulfill a lifelong mission...to see Cassino, the place where her brother, the only son of 11 children, was killed in action in early 1944. According to the story, Shigeko quietly waited her turn in line at the monument that had been built in honor of the 100th. When it was her turn, she knelt slowly, her hands laced with prayer beads and offered incense murmuring a Buddhist prayer with tears streaming down her face. Afterwards she said, "Now I can die in peace..."

It was my honor to have Clayton place a bouquet of flowers with a red, white, and blue ribbon on a grave yesterday on my behalf. It was the one marked "Toyokazu Okumura"--Dog Company--Shigeko's brother.

While our thoughts today drift to those who have gone before us, we must also remember that today is also a celebration of life--a tribute to you, the remaining veterans of the 100th Battalion. Sixty years ago, you fought, united by a love of country, belief in freedom, opportunity, responsibility, and your faith in America's future. But your tradition of service extends beyond the distant battlefields of Europe. After returning from war, you devoted your energies in civilian life to continue service to country and community. You taught us how to persevere in the face of hardship and adversity, how to sustain our family structure, and how to care for those in need. You worked hard to lay the foundation for our way of life by developing communities, places of worship, businesses, and schools. You taught us that true honor lies in the giving versus in the receiving. And you help those of newer generations learn about our past by taking time out of your lives to share experiences and to serve as role models. No words can describe the debt of gratitude the State of Hawaii and the rest of America owe you. You are an inspiration to all of us.

In closing, I ask all of us to draw inspiration from the spirit of remembrance, valor, and patriotism that surrounds us. The Pledge of Allegiance reminds us that we are descendants of a common creed--one Nation, under God; united in a common purpose to keep America a place where people who work hard and embrace responsibility have the opportunity to make the most of their lives, build good, strong families, and live out their dreams in dignity and in peace.

Thank you again for inviting me to participate today. May God bless all of you, your families, and the souls of your fallen comrades. And may He continue to bless our Nation to which you nobly gave and sacrificed everything.



## In Memoriam

Goro Sadaoka	B Company	Passed away on August 26, 2001
Michiyuki "Kelly" Fujimoto	D Company	Passed away September ??, 2001
John Kihara	B/Rural Company	Passed away September 21, 2001

Our deepest sympathy to their family members

Behind every large undertaking, there are those who work tirelessly and willingly to ensure the success of an event. Bernard Akamine, chairman of the 56th annual Memorial Service for the veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, would like to express a special note of gratitude to Clyde Sugimoto for picking up the large quantity of flowers flown in from Hilo on Friday for the graves and service. Not only did Clyde transport them in his large station wagon, but he delivered them to the clubhouse boardroom, and kept them in the air conditioned room overnight so that they would be fresh until he picked them up again early Saturday morning. He then delivered them to the cemetery where the volunteers placed the flowers on the graves.

Under Akamine's expert and efficient direction, he and his committee members planned a most impressive, smooth-running service. We want to thank him and his committee members, Tommy Nishioka, Saburo Ishitani, Martin Tohara, Yukio Tanji, Kengo Otagaki, Clyde Sugimoto, Denis Teraoka, the Shigeru Inouye family and refreshment volunteers, and the Sons and Daughters for their superb job in overseeing the details of the program. Another note of gratitude to Pauline Sato for emceeding the program and also to the Boy Scouts for placing flags on the graves of our deceased members.

Mahalo to all those volunteers from companies B and C and sons and daughters who placed flowers on the graves of our fallen comrades on Saturday morning, September 29: Saburo and Fukuko Ishitani, Glenn Ishitani, Warren Iwai, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Lawrence Kamiya, Clayton Kamiya, Hideshi Niimi, Manabu Hongo, Hiromi Suehiro, Takeshi Onishi, Toshimi Sodetani, Stanley Miura, Carl Tonaki, Wade Tonaki, Kimberly Tonaki, Sophie Hatakenaka, Drusilla Tanaka, Dorothy Tamashiro, Robert Arakaki, Joyce Doi, Gary Doi, Martin Tohara, Yukio Tanji, Bernard Akamine, Joann Rappoza, Annet Gargarin, Clyde Sugimoto, Ann Kabasawa, Glenn Yamasaki, Luanne Goodness-Ono, Jan Kuniyoshi, Jason Kuniyoshi, Richard Kuniyoshi, James Tanabe, Yoshie Tanabe, Gordon Tanaka, Stuart Yamane, Ann Yamane, Richard Ige, Gail Ige, Ukichi Wozumi, Russell Iwasa, Mitsuo Hamasu, Evelyn Honda, Robert Takashige, Mataka Takeshita, Al Sakoda, Vicki Sakoda, Shelley Santo, Arthur Nakayama, Tom Nishioka, Ed Ikuma, Pauline Sato, Charlotte Unni, Bev Descalzi, Jim Low, Barbara Low, Brandon Low, and Diane Low.

~~Bernard Akamine~~ could not have ordered a more glorious morning for the outdoor service at the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The sun shone through lightly veiled clouds so it was neither too hot nor was there a drop of rain to hinder the proceedings.

Many city, state, and congressional dignitaries, military officers, VA officials, religious leaders, veterans' club representatives, and the Consul General of Japan came to pay homage to our deceased brothers-in-arms. Especially heartwarming was the group of 442nd veterans who came to pay their respects to their "older" combat brothers.

The opening prelude by the Hawaii National Guard Band, the presentation of colors by the 100th Bn/442nd Inf. soldiers, and the emceeding by Ms. Pauline Sato set the pace for a smooth flowing service. Under the direction of Ms. Estrella Larioza, the Pearl City Community Choir sang as dancers Kathy Saito and Cynthia Ichioka performed a sacred dance called "Go Now in Peace." Cynthia's father, Ted Sueoka, was killed in action. The opening prayer was offered by the Reverend Reynold Fujikawa.

President Stanley Akita gave a brief welcoming speech in which he stated he was proud to have been a part of the 100th and he was sure other members felt as proud as he. Akita then sprung a total surprise on Ben Tamashiro when he called upon State Senator Sakamoto to present a special Senate Certificate of Recognition to Tamashiro for his historical documentation of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 522nd's rescue of the Jews at Dachau and other significant achievements by the Island veterans.

Placing of leis were presented by the 442, the 1399, the MIS veterans organizations, and the National AJA Veterans Council. Ann Kuroda and Rod Kimura of the Sons and Daughters placed a bouquet while Hiromi Suehiro and Denis Teraoka of the 100th Infantry Battalion placed the wreath honoring the deceased. Our honorary member, the Reverend Don Asman, gave a moving prayer of remembrance.

Speeches given by Gene Castagnetti and Clayton Kamiya for his brother Brigadier General Jason Kamiya were well received and appear elsewhere in this issue of the PPParade. We would like to convey our special gratitude to General Kamiya for preparing the keynote speech for our memorial service despite the immense military responsibilities facing him during this time when our Nation faces such a difficult crisis. And many thanks to Clayton who delivered Jason's speech with sincerity, poise, and eloquence. In keeping with tradition, the service epitomized the 100th's motto, "For Continuing Service."



## **ABLE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tommy Nishioka**

Attention, members, wives, widows and sons and daughters of Able Chapter. If you received and read the September issue of the PPP, you'll find that Ms. Louise Morikawa, our chairperson for the Able Chapter Christmas party to be held on December 15, printed the application form. Please submit your application, as soon as possible, with your payment or even without, as you can pay at the party. I realize it was inadvertently printed in the PPP very late; however, there is still ample time to submit your application, so please hurry. We do need the count so that we can order the food according to the response.

Louise is one of our sons and daughters, and, incidentally, as of September 29, she became one of our regular members of Able Chapter. We unanimously accepted her to be our regular member, and we urge all of you sons and daughters to join our chapter as regular members--however, you will have to attend our regular meetings in person to apply. (One consolation--you'll be fed a delicious breakfast.)

Once again, please submit your Christmas Party application as soon as possible, and if you misplaced the application, please call Susumu Kunishige at 734-3340, Tommy Nishioka at 533-3970, or Ms. Louise Morikawa at 836-4880, and we will be happy to accept your request. You can be assured that we will have lots of delicious food, as well as onolicious homemade desserts that our loyal wives will bake. Also, no forget, we will have all kine of games for the childrens to enjoy with plenty good kine prizes to be issued.

## **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Bernard Akamine**

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late John Kihara.

Thank goodness, the memorial service is over. With the help of all the committee members, everything ended smoothly. I want to thank Drusilla, my daughter, for her valuable help--who to contact at the National Guard for the 111th Army band, and the 100th/442nd Army Reserve for the color guard and firing squad. Also, thanks to Amanda for her help, which involved something new to her; to the sons and daughters for their assistance during the ceremony. Next year, I'll only be an advisor as I think the sons and daughters should carry the ball. I cannot forget Jan Kuniyoshi for her big help in obtaining the floral bouquets for the graves. This year, she arranged for 491 bouquets from the Big Island. Thank you, Jan. Also, mahalo to Mayor Harris for providing the ambulance and paramedics.

I understand the Board has approved Senator Dan Akaka's honorary membership to Club 100. He is the person in Congress who really went to bat for the Niseis.

## **CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Kazuto Shimizu**

Warren Iwai is on a golf vacation in Japan and I'm the substitute, so bear with me.

September 11, a day to remember, brought a state of war to our country. You have heard and read from all over, much rhetoric from our leaders and the media. Let me add my thoughts and comments.

My simple observation is this: The enemies attacked our home, our city, our country. They did all this by giving up their lives in the name of a cause which to them is sacred, religious, or whatever. A real problem occurs when we cannot clearly see or fathom this ridiculous cause. We must stand by our leaders to guide us through this mess. My fervent hope is that the civilized nations of our world will find a way to resolve this and future problems without resorting to war.

### Annual Fun Nite

Former Company C members and their wives and children gathered at Nuuanu Onsen on September 20. Led by our hardworking leader, Warren Iwai, we all had a good time--lots of good food and drinks and plenty talk about old times. It was also the 50th wedding anniversary for Warren and Betty; however, Warren neglected to include that in the program. But our ever-alert Chicken Miyashiro remembered, and so Betty and Warren had a "mini" celebration and were congratulated.

I will use this space to thank the many who could not be present but gave us donations. They are: Seiji Ifuku, William "Shack" Inouye, Kaoru Matsumura, Satoru Okamura, John Ohye, Yoshiyuki "Papoose" Tomiyama, Kiyoshi Uyeno, Mrs. Tom (Florence) Matsumura, Cary Miyashiro (Hawaii USA Federal

Credit Union), Mrs. Tadashi (Takako) Umamoto, and Toshimi Sodetani.

Other donors who were present at the party are: Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Yoroku Ito, Takeichi Miyashiro, Rusty Nakagawa, Roy Nakamura, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Kay Oshiro, Alice Shiozaki, Marian Yamamoto, Manabu Hongo, and Hideshi Niimi for the use of his karaoke machine.

**Memorial Service**

My congratulations to Bernard Akamine and his committee for a job well done.

Thank you, Betty, for bringing Mike (Tokunaga). I'm sorry I missed him, but others were glad to see him.

Clayton, you delivered your brother's written words, and reached deep into our hearts. Your father and mother must have been proud of both you and Jason.

Our yearly memorial service is getting better and more meaningful. Kaoru Yonezawa was laid up in bed a week ago, but he had to get well to join us in honoring those who are not with us. Yoshio Anzai said he was okay and came, even though he just came out of the hospital with a pacemaker. Charlie members want to do our remembering and place flowers on the graves as long as we are able. "Gambare" they say.

**Chapter Meeting: October 15, 2001.**

We had eleven members present and we had a cordial meeting. We missed you, Warren, Kaoru, Hideshi and Rusty.

The present officers were voted in to continue serving for the year 2002.

We want our January meeting to include our spouses, widows, sons and daughters. Our ever hustling Hiromi Suehiro is spearheading the January 21st event, and you will be hearing more from him.

**Charlie Chapter Monthly Meeting**

January 21, 2002

Place: Hale Koa Hotel  
Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Menu: Chicken Scallop  
Cost: \$10.00

Note: This is a joint husband, wives and Sons and Daughters meeting.  
Added note: We need a minimum of forty people to qualify for a private room with a microphone and podium so please make every effort to attend.

Send payment to: Club 100 Charlie Chapter  
520 Kamoku Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826

- You may either send in your check or pay at the monthly meeting.

Yes, I will attend the Charlie Chapter meeting. (please print)

Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Son's or Daughter's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
S&D spouse/guest \_\_\_\_\_  
additional guest \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = Total payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond by January 8, 2002 to Club 100 520 Kamoku St. Honolulu, HI 96826

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

by Helen Nikaido

On September 30, many members, families and friends gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, for the annual memorial service honoring comrades who died. This year alone there were 42 members who had died. Even wheelchairs, walkers, and canes didn't dampen their spirits as members greeted each other. The weather was perfect--no rain--it was a beautiful, sunny day.

**DOG CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 23, (Sunday), at the clubhouse from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Please call "Doc" Hosaka at 988-3756 or Mary Hamasaki at 983-1308 for the number of people attending. Any donations of door prizes, desserts and pupus are welcomed. Call Helen Nikaido at 734-5552.

## **RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER**

by Ted Hamasu

An active member of our chapter before he became ill, John Kihara died on 21 September 2001 after a long illness. We offer our deepest condolences to his loving wife Akiko, the immediate family and relatives for their loss. His funeral service was held at the Mililani Mauka Chapel from 3:00 PM on Sunday, 7 October 2001. His burial was held on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 12:30 PM, at the Mililani Memorial Cemetery. The family desired it to be a private funeral service with the Rural and Baker Chapter members of Club 100 invited to attend.

Our 56th Memorial Services were concluded without a hitch under a beautiful Hawaiian sunshiny day, sometimes hurting my sparsely covered head. The head count at the memorial was lessened by 42 members due to their enrollment in the Honor Roll section of the program. Although we members realize that we all will be named in the Honor Roll some day, somehow it gives me a feeling of loneliness to see the list grow so large. So, we should live every day to the fullest and when the day comes, you can smile and say, "I had my days, so you enjoy yours."

We thank our members and especially our S & D for their assistance in decorating the graves the day before the service. After all, it is hard going for our old worn out legs to climb the hills in Punchbowl. If it was 60 years ago, it was a pleasure to cover the whole area.

We thank our members Masaharu Saito and Susumu Ota for taking care of the Mililani Memorial Cemetery, Kenneth Higa, Seiso Kamishita, Mataka Takeshita, Michael Hamamoto, Tadao Seo and Ted Hamasu for assisting in the National Cemetery and the surrounding cemeteries where our comrades are buried, and Ben Yamada for taking care of the Kaneohe Veteran's Cemetery. I hope that more of our members volunteer to come out to assist us in this worthy cause.

On the 2nd of October, I received a call from Stanley Akita asking if I wanted to be included in the group to go someplace on Thursday evening. Without thinking I answered in the affirmative. When the day arrived I wondered what did I get into, and so I called Stanley on what we should wear to attend this function. His reply was Club shirt is OK. So I put on my Club shirt and got to the clubhouse at the appointed hour and met the others in the group and asked them, where are we going and all the answers were a big, "? I donno." We laughed about it, and later when Stanley showed up he said that we were to meet the president of the UH at the Pacific Club. Now for a country bumpkin, I did not know where the Pacific Club was located, although I heard about it in the past. Anyway Stanley drove us to the place and as we walked toward the building I learned that this place was not for use by other nationalities except haoles in the past. I thought to my self, "Oh one of those exclusive places, eh." Stanley must have known somebody at the Pacific Club, because we had two tables reserved for Club 100 members.

We were introduced to the president of the UH and he shook our hands. A very likable person, I thought, with a ready smile for all. He must be a person with a good memory, for the short time he's been in Hawaii, he rattled off the numbers of students and faculty, etc. without a note to look at. Maybe that's why he is the president of the University of Hawaii.

The membership of Rural Chapter and all the other chapters unanimously agreed that Senator Akaka should be installed as an Honorary Member of the 100th Infantry Battalions Veterans organization.

Most of the chapters thought that renting the clubhouse for income is a good idea, but we must be careful of the trouble which may be caused by imbibing of alcoholic beverages.

The koa table that Jerry Yamaki bequeathed to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans was unanimously accepted with deep gratitude.

The web page construction offered by Mimi Nakano for the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans was gratefully accepted by the BOD.

Your scribe will be off the island for a week visiting with our daughter in Salt Lake, Utah. I will send this to the clubhouse hoping that Amanda and the girls will be able to download it.

Our next meeting will be on 16 November 2001, from 11:00 AM at Zippy's in Wahiawa. See you all there, OK?

## HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

from Jan Sakoda

### Headquarters/Medic Christmas Party, 2001!!!!

Friday, December 21 ~ Friday, December 21 ~ Friday, December 21

Date: Friday, December 21, 2001  
Time: 5:00 Pupus ~ come early and talk story  
6:00 Dinner  
Cost: \$10 for adults (Pay at the door)  
\$5 for children between 12 and 5  
Free for children under 5  
Menu: buffet, pizza for children, soda, juice  
Parking: Ala Wai School parking lot  
Donations welcomed! Door prizes, dessert, prizes for bingo and other games, table decorations, plants, etc. etc. etc.  
Committee: Jan Sakoda, 737-7778 and the Sons and Daughters, and Grandchildren of Headquarters and Medic Chapters.



**Attention adults—New this year!!!** Bring a *wrapped* "white elephant" gift, something you have around the house that you don't use anymore but still in good shape.

**Remember to bring grab bags for the children.** (Please keep gift within a \$10 range.) Don't forget to label the gifts with big letters so Santa can read it easily.

The youngsters will again have the opportunity to make their own gingerbread houses. Remember to bring those cameras!



**RVSP by December 8, 2001 to Dorothy Tamashiro at 734-5122.**

## KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

from Tsugi Takemoto

Kauai Chapter veterans held their memorial service on September 23, 2001. Tsugi Takemoto was in charge of making the necessary arrangements for the service. Joe Muramatsu, former Club 100 president, gave the memorial service address. (Thanks to Mitsuru and Matsuko Doi for offering to entertain Joe while he was on Kauai.) Thanks, also, to Norma Senda, William Takiguchi, Shimoe Mukai, Esther Shigeta and Matsuko Doi who served refreshments at the memorial service.

Tsugi was told that Muggsy Morikawa picked October 21, 2001, for the next scheduled meeting date.

It was hoped enough members would participate in the November 3 parade, especially to show the public who the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans were. Lunch will be provided (to Club participants). Susan Iwai has been asked to help. It was suggested that a "ticket system" be used to ensure enough lunches for the participants.

Our belated condolences to the families of Michiyuki (Kelly) Fujimoto and Goro Sadaoka. Fujimoto was buried (the early part of August), but Tsugi doesn't know the date. Goro Sadaoka died on August 26, 2001, in Lihue and is buried at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery. Private services were held.

## **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

Maui Chapter members held their annual September Memorial Service at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 23, at the Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao. Hardworking Goichi Shimanuki was the chairman and MC for the program. The Reverend Ui Otani of the Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission conducted the service. While Shimanuki read out the names of the KIA of WWII, the grandchildren of the present and deceased members came forward to place a spray of flowers on the altar with Mrs. Jill Izumigawa Ross directing them. Chapter President Stanley Izumigawa, in his welcoming address thanked Goichi Shimanuki for his many years of service as chairman and MC of the annual service and called on Shimanuki's granddaughter, Joy, to present him with a beautiful flower lei; Stanley also presented Shimanuki with a flower lei.

Masao Sato gave a most interesting account of his experience in the Army hospitals after his being seriously wounded by an artillery shell in battle in the vicinity of Alife, Italy on October 23, 1943. After going through rehabilitation camp he was reclassified to limited duty and sent back to Hawaii for noncombat duty.

Akira Ishikawa and Hatsuo Satoshige brought the four large framed pictures of the KIA and deceased. Toshimi and Thelma Iwami were in charge of the refreshments that were served after the service. There were 17 members, 12 wives, 8 widows, and 40 next-of-kin and grandchildren. Mrs. Irene Nakagawa and the Toshio Miyamoto's from Lahaina were in attendance. David Fukuda, son of the late Mits Fukuda, also came to the service.

We thank Mrs. Violet Moto and family for their most generous donation to Maui Chapter in memory of Kaoru Moto, whose DSC Medal was upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor last year. Other generous donations received during the past year were from the families of deceased C Company member Toshio Umetsu, and D Company member Edward Nakamura who was KIA in November 1943.

There will be a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 11 a.m., at the Asian Cuisine & Sports Bar, Kahului. On the agenda will be the nomination of officers, Christmas Party, and next year's program.

## **HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS**

**from James Maeda**

A Christian fellowship retreat for women from Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii was held on the Big Island from October 13-14. The group stopped by the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo for worship services and a pot luck luncheon. There I met Lillian Maeda and Sue Kaneshina of Wailuku, Maui. The two ladies have 100th Inf. Bn. connections, as Lillian is the widow of Wallace Maeda and Sue is the wife of Wataru Kaneshina (C Co.). "Wataru, your wife Sue reported to me that you are a GOOD CAREGIVER."

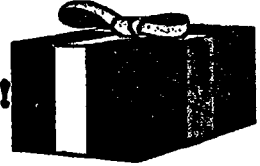
## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS**

This past Monday night, October 15th, the Korean American Museum held their 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Col. Young O. Kim, Ret received the first Lifetime Service Award given by the Korean American Museum for his many years of community involvement, leadership and support since his retirement from the Army. Today, at 82, Col. Kim still serves as Co-Chairman and Advisor of the Board for the Go For Broke Foundation and is an active Board Member and Advisor of the Board of the Korean American Museum. Among the attendees were many of his friends from the Korean community as well as many from the Japanese American National Museum, the Go For Broke Foundation, and the following members of the 100th Veterans: Wayne Fujita, Ben and Jean Tagami, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, Yeiki Matsui, Harry Fukasawa, Noby Okamoto, Toke Yoshihashi, and Bill Sato.

Ben and Pat Matsumoto (B Company) from Seattle called to say "Hello" and wanted to be remembered to all their friends. They are doing well and wish they were going to the Mini Reunion at the end of this month. Perhaps we will see them next year in Honolulu for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.



**FUN!!! PRIZES!!! GREAT FOOD!!!**



**HAVE YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS TAKEN!!!**

# **CO. B ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DATE: SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 2001**

**TIME: 5:00PM**

**PLACE: CLUB 100 CLUBHOUSE**



**COST: 13 YEARS AND OLDER.....\$8.00**

**CHILDREN AGES 6 - 12 YEARS.....\$5.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS ARE FREE**

**R.S.V.P. BY DECEMBER 10, 2001**

**CALL BERNARD AKAMINE (CHAIRMAN) AT 734-8738 OR ANN KABASAWA AT 734-0841 OR E-MAIL [ANNKABA@ALOHA.NET](mailto:ANNKABA@ALOHA.NET) FOR MORE INFO.**

**PARENTS: PLEASE BRING GRAB BAG FOR EACH CHILD NOT TO EXCEED \$10.00**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAMES AND AGES OF ALL ATTENDING:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADULTS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **CHILDREN** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_



**DONATIONS OF PRIZES, DESSERTS, TSUKEMONO AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

The October 14<sup>th</sup> Wellness Fair provided a relaxing Sunday during which time we could take our minds off current events for a few hours.

Avin Oshiro, who chaired the event, took advantage of the opportunity to try every one of the healing sessions. By the end of his free shiatsu session, he looked totally healthy. (Actually, he looked kinda rubbery.)

Ann Kabasawa and her crew made sure we had HEALTHY refreshments, even though I know there was a stash of spam musubi hidden in the back.

Most of the comments received from the exhibitors, participants and volunteers were positive. Mahalo to the following volunteers for their assistance in making the day's events sun smoothly:

Drusilla Tanaka, Sophie Hatakenaka, Shirley and Kay Igarashi, James and Yoshie Tanabe,

Jill Thalmann

(Daughter of the Late Roland J. Miyashiro, A Company)

## **Memorial Service**

A Big MAHALO to all who came out on Saturday and Sunday to help with the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service.



**CLUB 100 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2001**

ABLE.....	Saturday, Nov. 24.....	8:00am
BAKER.....	Saturday, Nov. 17.....	1:00pm
CHARLIE.....	Monday, Nov. 19.....	10:00am
DOG.....	Saturday, Nov. 17.....	9:00am
HQ.....	to be announced.....	
HAWAII.....	Thursday, Nov. 15.....	
MAUI.....	Tuesday, Nov. 13.....	
RURAL.....	Friday, Nov. 16.....	11:00am
KAUAI.....	to be announced.....	
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, Nov. 9.....	10:00am
CLUB 100 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG.....	Tuesday, Nov. 20.....	10:00am
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, Nov. 5.....	10:00am
SONS & DAUGHTERS BD....	Friday, Nov. 16.....	7:15pm
60 <sup>th</sup> ANNIV. BANQUET MTG.....	Sunday, Nov. 18.....	9:00am
"JOURNEY OF HONOR".....	Sunday, Nov. 11 (Hawaii Public Television).....	9:00pm
IKUMA'S HOLE IN ONE.....	Thursday, Nov. 8.....	10:00am
GREEN THUMBS ANNUAL SHOW.....	Sat., Nov. 17, 9am - 6pm ..& ....Sun. Nov. 18, 9 am - 2pm	
MINI REUNION.....	Sunday, Oct. 28 - Nov. 2.....(Las Vegas).....	

Deadline for articles for the December, 2001 issue is on Wednesday, November 21, 2001.  
*(Please submit your articles on time or your article will not be included in the issue!!)*

**ATTENTION** Our new e-mail addresses for the PukaPuka Parade chapter/S&D news & articles are: [TERAOKAD001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:TERAOKAD001@hawaii.rr.com) or [annkaba@aloha.net](mailto:annkaba@aloha.net).

The PukaPuka Parade collating will be on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 8:30am. Headquarters, Dog and Medics chapters are responsible for providing the manpower & refreshments, but everyone else is welcome to kokua☺

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