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MONTHLY NEWS

# PARADE

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## FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA:

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

The once in a life time events that we in Hawaii experienced last week- end were truly just that--"once in a life time". Shaking hands with the President of the United States, marching with our comrades-in-arms, seeing Bob Hope at close-up range, and meeting many other Veterans from all over the world.

It was a real thrill to see so many of our Veterans still able to participate--our hearts were filled with pride and joy as they marched down Kalakaua Avenue in front of the review stand where President and Mrs. Clinton, and the other dignitaries were seated. (Editor's personal comment--"I didn't think I could make it the last mile--but the old "gambare" spirit was still strong in me--I finished even though the combat boots weighed like a ton and the banner pole felt heavy as steel. The cheers and applause given to us by the hundreds of spectators was so gratifying--I just let the sweat and tears roll down my cheeks"

Among other events included in the VJ Day Celebration were the Memorial Services at Punchbowl on Sept 2nd and at Kapiolani Park on Sept 3rd.

Also on September 1st high atop the look-out point of Punchbowl, an award presentation ceremony was held for the "Punchbowl Volunteers" with Mr. Jerry W. Bowen, Director of the National Cemetery Systems in Washington D.C. making the presentations along with Mr. Gene Castagnetti, Director of Punchbowl National Cemetery. This community service project was organized and put into action three years ago by our president, Stanley Akita.

The recipients of the beautiful certificate with an inscribed message of appreciation were: Bernard Akamine, Stanley & Yuki Akita, Alfred & Paulette Arakaki, Iwao Fujimori, Kunio Fujimoto, Ralph Fukunaga, Chester Hada, Jesse Hirata, Richard Hosaka, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Sally Inouye, Susumu and Hazel Ishii, Kenneth Kaneko, Arthur & Frances Komiyama, Richard Kondo, Susumu Kunishige, Henry Nakasone, Helen Nikaido, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Yoshiichi Okazawa, Takeichi Onishi, Kay Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Robert & Frances Sakoki, Kenneth Saruwatari, Kazuto Shimizu, Mikio Takahashi, Stanley Takahashi, Robert Takashige, Arthur Tamashiro, Dorothy Tamashiro, Yasuo Takata, Martin Tohara, Michael Tokunaga, Masasuke & Marge Toma, Rikio & Evelyn Tsuda, Conrad Tsukayama, Richard Tsutsui, Ruth Watanabe, Kaoru & Sadako Yonezawa, Jitsuru Yoshida, and Robert Yoshioka.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

STANLEY AKITA

First, the September 1st and 2nd weekend; I want to thank all the members who participated in the Memorial Service and the Parade. Many of us did not realize how many people appreciated what we did during W.W.II. All the way down the parade route people of all nationalities waved and thanked us. It was a very emotionally high experience for all those who participated in the parade whether you walked or rode. President Clinton and his staff gave the AJA unit a standing ovation.

Talking of September 2nd, no amount of praise can be given to the Sons & Daughters of the 100th and 442nd. Without them we couldn't have achieved what we had planned. Some had to get up at 3:30 a.m. to be at the cemetery to help pass out programs; some were at Central Union Church at 5:00 a.m. taking care of registration - bus guides - lunch - policing parking - you name it, our Sons & Daughters were busy everywhere. We didn't have to do anything except to follow their instructions. Thank you Sons & Daughters and a few grandchildren -- you did a real "Bang-up" job and we appreciate it.

Thank you also goes to our Executive Secretary Jean Arakaki for arranging for our Sons & Daughters to get free ice for our lunch refreshment and for cooling the water during the parade Everything went off smooth as silk -- thanks again to all those who participated.

**BOARD HI-LITES**

by Stanley Akita

The Board has been contemplating hiring professional management people to manage our apartment. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being considered for an interview, please tell them to write to the Club with some information of the company they represent.

The lounge area will have a face lifting sometime this month. Baker Chapter will paint the lounge area. Baker will purchase all the materials required to do the work and the Club will pay them an amount which includes the cost of the material and a little profit to Baker Chapter. The job may be done by the time you read this.

Also, with regards to the lounge area, the Board unanimously approved to purchase and install three 52-inch ceiling fans with 4-speed wall control. The fans will replace the two large floor fans. The cost of the fan will be about \$700.

Due to the difficulty in keeping track of the deceased and their family, the Koden policy will be reviewed by each chapter for discussion.

Loretta Matsunaga, Board Chairwoman of Hospice Hawaii requested that Hospice Hawaii be considered in the planning for the future of Club 100. Hospice Hawaii, a non-profit organization dedicated to the care of those facing terminal illness wish to open a pediatric facility where terminally-ill and medically fragile children can go. The request will be reviewed by our Long Range Planning Committee.

Over the recent weeks there have been newspaper articles written about whether the Japanese American National Museum should or should not have Bruce Yamashita or his case be in its upcoming exhibit "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's Wars." There have been arguments from both sides, placing the Museum in the middle. Club 100 has also been asked to take sides on this matter. After investigating the issues behind how the controversy began, I learned about the exhibition script review process and that the subsequent changes was not reflective any negative judgment about Bruce Yamashita or his case. The exhibit is only the beginning of many exhibits revolving around various themes which will be mounted in the future. The Club 100 Board discussed the matter and came to the consensus that the Director of the Museum should make the ultimate decision as to what goes in an exhibit.

Finally, on Friday, September 1st, the Club 100 Cemetery Volunteers each received a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation Plaque worded very nicely and signed by Mr. Jerry W. Bowen, Director, National Cemetery System. The plaque is nice enough to be hung in the most prominent area of your home.

This concludes the Board hi-lites for September. So until next month.....

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**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

It is with grateful and humble hearts that we belatedly acknowledge the following generous monetary donations received during the past few months; From Agnes Tengan, \$50. in memory of Joe Tengan; Shimeyo Nakagawa \$100 in memory of Y. Nakagawa; Lorraine Hashiro, \$75 in memory of Noboru Hashiro; Lance Hashizume \$15 in memory of Hisao Hashizume DAV-Hanele \$100; Yeiki Matsui (Calif) \$50 PPP; Yaeko Furukawa \$100 in memory of Nobu; Goro Kuwada, \$250 PPP, Jean Hirayama \$50 in memory of Chikami Hirayama; Jean Hirayama, \$50 PPP; Ellen Kunihiro, \$25 PPP; Rosaline Wada, \$100 in memory of Fred T. Wada; Annie Masaki, \$100 in memory of Mack Masaki, Ronald Yogi \$100; Motoyoshi Tanaka (Big Island) \$50 PPP; Fusako Miyake \$100 in memory of Benjamin Miyake; Sandra Erlandson, \$500 in memory of Sam Tomai; Stella Mizuta \$100 in memory of Richard Mizuta; Edward Kajiwara (Chicago) \$50 PPP; Takeichi Onishi, \$25 PPP; Frances Hirata (sister of Kent Nakamura ) \$25 PPP; Sharon Kaneshiro, \$200 in memory of Haruo Hayakawa; Bob Ogata \$50 in memory of Masayoshi Ogata; Mark Hiratsuka (Alaska) \$10; Roy Sato (CA) \$25 in memory of Henry Nakasone; Bessie Nakasone, \$300 in memory of Henry Nakasone.

This is a brief last minute coverage of the impressive service held on Sunday, September 24th at Punchbowl National Cemetery. The Pearl City Community Church Choir provided the beautiful music featuring Jun Enomoto (Medics) and Ann Ishida-Ho delivered the Memorial address. ( We hope to have a copy of her message to print in the next issue.)

Bert Turner served as the M.C. and introduced all of the dignitaries on the stage. This year, in addition to the regular wreath placed in memoriam, Consul General Kishichiro Amae of Japan presented a wreath, and representing the Club 100 on the mainland Douglas Tanaka placed a wreath.

Once again, Shigeru and Fumi Inouye and family and the Medics chapter were responsible for the bountiful table of pastries and refreshments. We would like to recognize Shigeru & his family by printing a portion of a letter received from Drusilla Tanaka: "In preparing for the 50th Memorial Service, I had occasion to speak with Mr. Shigeru Inouye (Medics) who coordinates the refreshments. As he patiently explained the details involved in planning and preparing for the event, I realized that this man was speaking from years of experience. How many years? He quietly answered 'this is my 34th year that my wife and I are involved. As the Medics members have dwindled over the years, my sons got involved, too. The morning of the memorial service, they begin their work before 4 a.m. and transport everything to Punchbowl by 6:30. 34 years! I was moved to tears to hear of this outstanding example of steadfast commitment and service." We all join in to salute the Shigeru Inouye family and the Medics members along with Gladys Kawakami, Bessie Nakasone and Yae Yokoyama who turn out every year to help.

#### MINI REUNION: FOUR QUEENS HOTEL October 9 - 13, 1995

As promised in the last issue, the names of the Mainland people signed up is listed so that you will know ahead of time who will be at the reunion: Abe, Akiko, Masaru, Sadao; Doi, Ben, Mary, Gene, Michael; Dong, Allen; Fencil, Warren, Millie; Fuchigami, Mitsi; Fujikawa, Sam, Teri; Fujita, May, Takaye; Fukusawa, Harry; Furushiro, Louis; Hamada, Mas, Kay; Hayashi, Henry, Elsie; Hironaka, Hajime; Ishida, Mas; Ito, Kow, Bette; Rick, Janet; Iwatsuru, Akira, Beverlee; Kawano, Tom, Mary; Kaku, Hiroshi; Kim, Young Oak; Kitagawa, Ben, Fudge, Sam; Kobashi, Kay, Estie; Kobata, Ed; Kurisu, George, June; Mamiya, Buddy; Matsui, Yeiki; Miya, Ken, Hisako; Miyamura, Hershey, Terry; Miyasato, Larry, Jean; Mizuno, George, Sumiye; Muranaga, Ken, Yo; Nakazawa, Ed, Amy; Nishimura, Frank, Haru; Ohira, Ted, Chiz; Okamoto, Noby; Okazaki, Mits; Omoto, William, Margaret; Picazo, Carlos; Pye, Bill, Peggy; Sakato, Henry, Fumi, John; Sasaki, Harry; Sato, Bill, Irene; Kazuo, Tatsuko, Ted; Seki, Lloyd, Chuckie; Tagami, Ben, Jean; Takahashi, Albert, Connie, Mas, Elma; Terasaki, Sam, Sara; Toda, Lloyd, Michi; Tsuda, Tom, Gladys; Wakayama, Ralph, Lei; Yasaki, Paul; Yoshimura, Dave, Shigeiko; Yoshino, Aileen, Toe, Molly; Yoshitake, Hank, Kaz; Yoshiwara, Ted, Sadie.

The F Chapter travelers who will be joining us for the reunion banquet are: Furusho, Yasuto & Helen; Hamasu, Ted & Tsuruye; Higa, Kenneth & Beatrice; Hirata, Edith & Jesse; Kamishita, Seiso & Kay; Kaneko, Yuko; Kashimoto, Satoshi & Alma.; Kawaguchi, June; Kawano, Ethel; Kihara, John; Ono, Yoshiichi; Sato, Robert, Kazue; Seo, Tadao, Helen; Takeshita, Shizue, Mayaki, Taoka, Hakaru, Sally; Yoshimura, Chieko; Endo, Grace, Kenneth. Also joining our reunion group is Elsie Okada from Kauai., and Hiroshi Shimazu whose name was incorrectly spelled in the last PPP.

#### FINAL REMINDER FOR THE HONOLULU GROUP TO MEET AT THE AIRPORT AT 6:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

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Many thanks to the following for helping with the collating of the September PPP on August 24, 1995. Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Michael Hamamoto, Ted Hamasu, Tokuichi Hayashi, Kenneth Higa, Jesse Hirata, Saburo Inamasu, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Walter Iwasa, Satoshi Kashimoto, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Toshio Mizusawa, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Joe Muromatsu, Tom Nishioka, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Teikichi Onishi, Seie & Evelyn Oshiro, Masaharu Saito, Kazuto Shimizu, Tamotsu & Yoneko Shimizu, James Shintaku, Masasuke Toma, Thomas Tsubota, Benjamin Yamada, Jerry & Carole Yamaki, and Marie Yoneshige.. Also, mahalo nui loa to Barbara Nishioka for her delicious goodies!!

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FOR WWII COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

by **Drusilla Tanaka**

The Sons and Daughters of the AJA veterans are getting a lot of credit for the organization of the September 2nd events for the AJA veterans and their families. However, we believe in giving credit where credit is due. We couldn't have managed without the fantastic cooperation of everyone--veterans, military, government bureaus, churches, friends, sons and daughters, and total strangers. Alan Kubota and Guy Koga of the 442nd S & D club and Ann Kabasawa and Drusilla Tanaka of the 100th S & D club formed the "core" group of organizers which got involved on August 4th (just one month before -J Day!). In addition, our own Louise Morikawa recruited a "team" of workers from her family and friends; the Club 100 Executive Secretary Jean Arakaki pulled some strings and procured hundreds of pounds of ice to chill the drinks and to make iced water; Martin Tohara hauled 30 chairs loaned by Manoa Valley Church with the help of Guy and Alan; Mel Inouye loaned us 10 walkie-talkies and two portable megaphones; Henry Kuniyuki of the 442nd and Louise Morikawa loaned us propane and battery lanterns; Amy Muroshige and Carolee Tanaka obtained cardboard boxes for the registration tables; Alan Yukitomo loaned us walkie-talkies; Norman Uyeda loaned us a portable megaphone; Alvin Yoshitomi obtained authentic WWII uniforms and guidons for the parade; Sarah and Karen Swisher brought their wagon and cooler to refresh the marchers; Carl, Sheila, Wade and Kimberly Tonaki carried the 100th Battalion banner in the parade; Olivet Baptist Church loaned us their parking lot to park 13 buses during lunch; Times Supermarket allowed the buses to "trespass" to by-pass traffic and enter the church parking lot safely; Central Union Church donated the use of their lawn for veteran parking and the use of their parish hall and other facilities for lunch; McDonald's donated Chicken McNuggets, sodas and McDonaldland cookies; Tyna Milacci prepared the salads and relish trays; breakfast and lunch for the 90 volunteers were provided by Club 100 and the 442nd Veterans Club; manpower given by 100th S&D and their friends: Clair and Frank Dumlao, Paul Fukunaga, Randy Ikawa, Lynne Ikehara, Cheryl Inagaki, Ann Kabasawa, Benton Kamimoto, Suzan Kaninau, Jan, Richard and Jason Kuniyoshi, Cindy, Kimberlee, Kristie and Louise Morikawa, Amy Muroshige, Jan Nadamoto, Curtis Nagata, Sandy Nakamura, Egan, Mimi, Matthew and Stephen Nakano, Jonathan Nosaka, Avin and MaryAnn Oshiro, Pauline Sato, Karen and Sarah Swisher, Tanya Tagami, Steve Takushi, Drusilla Tanaka, Sharon Tanaka, Carl, Kimberly, Sheila and Wade Tonaki, Marcia Tsue, Danny Uchida, Skip Yokota, Alan, Andrew and April Yukitomo. We cannot forget the S&D of the 442nd, 1399th and MIS. Many of the S&D volunteers were at the church at 4:30 in the morning and several stayed until 7:15 in the evening, when the last veterans and/or spouses were reunited at the church. We enjoyed the camaraderie that comes when working together on a project. It was a special thrill and honor to be part of an international event with our fathers and their war-time buddies as the guests of honor!

## HEADQUARTERS NEWS

By **Ken Suehiro**

Our August 19th meeting was a success - for the chapter anyway. There were 10 members present including "long time no see" person, Aketo Doi. We hope to see you regularly, Aketo.

Present were: Prof. Otagaki, Arthur Tamashiro, Ed Ikuma, Toshio Kunimura, Gary Uchida, Wally Teruya, Fred Takahashi, Mike Takahashi, Tom Nosse, Aketo Doi and Ken Suehiro.

Re: Christmas Party: Our Prexy expressed hope that again our event will be a success. Our Chairman will be Wallace Teruya with Charles Miyashiro assisting him. The date is set for December 15th.

Next year's anniversary party will be chaired by Dog, Medics, and Headquarters Chapters. This event will be held at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel on June 15, 1996. Details will be published in the Puka Puka Parade as time goes on.

No meeting in October. Next meeting will be on November 14th at 9:30 A.M. It is important that you attend. You just might be elected as an officer!!

## MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By **Tom Nagata**

There were 20 members in attendance at the Tuesday, September 5th luncheon meeting at the Kahului Sizzlers Restaurant. Also, ten wives and three widows came to enjoy the good food and each others

company. Members paid \$2.00 and the rest paid \$3.00 to help defray part of the \$7.00 to \$11.00 cost of the meal, with the club paying the rest of the tab. Chapter president Tom Yamada opened the meeting with secretary Edward Nishihara reading the minutes of our last meeting. The secretary announced that he will retire at the end of the year but was persuaded to serve another year. The treasurers report was given and accepted with one change--that we add another \$30.00 to the golf tournament expense of \$100.00. Various committee reports concerning our past activities such as chicken hekka night with Akira Ishikawa and Johnny Miyagawa in charge, Mother's Day dinner with Ben Takayesu in charge, and our summer picnic with Johnny Miyagawa and Sons & Daughters in charge were reported. Goichi Shimanuki, chairman of our annual KIA Memorial Service, passed out programs for the Sunday afternoon September 24th service. The Rev. Seigo Hanuki of the Paia Montokuji Soto Zen Mission will be the Officiant. Goichi will be the MC for the Service. Other business taken up at the meeting was the proposal by Ben Takayesu that our Club 100 beautify a sandy corner of the entrance to the Kahului Maui Arts & Cultural Center with a Japanese garden. Members will take a vote on that at our next meeting on November 1st. Next, Johnny Miyagawa called on members to assist our Sons & Daughters during the coming Maui County Fair flying saucer fund raiser. Maui Chapter members Masao Sato and Stanley Izumigawa attended the 50th VJ Day celebration in Honolulu and shook hands with President Clinton, and also had their pictures taken by TV newscasters and the Sunday Advertiser-Star Bulletin photographers.

We extend our get well wishes to Arthur Shinyama who was hospitalized after surgery in Honolulu.

There will be a family night at the Kahului CC Park on Friday, October 13th with Group I and II in charge.

## **SPECIAL RURAL CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Susumu Ota (for Ted Hamasu)**

A few weeks ago, I received a call from Stanley Akita who asked me if I could represent Club 100 at the Joint Military Services Review for President Clinton at Wheeler Army Air Base. My first thought was "why ask me?" I later learned that our Rural Chapter Prexy, Masa Saito was going to be in Hilo on Sept 1st, and Walter Iwasa was busy. Anyway, I told Stan okay since he will be at Punchbowl attending the Punchbowl Volunteers awards ceremony.

So on Sept 1st, I had to be at the Schofield Officer's Club before 7:00 a.m.. I went to the designated "VIP" parking lot where a few others were waiting. When I showed the invitation to one of the uniformed officers, I was directed to a parking stall. Then I waited around, talking to two haoles from New York. A just retired army captain and his 89 years old father who served in the army during WWII. He was still in good health too. I later met the captain's son who is an officer with the 25th Infantry.

Shortly after 7 a.m., after inquiring with some military people, we had to walk a couple hundred yards away to catch a bus to Wheeler Air Base. Incidentally, Hakaru Taoka wanted to join me so I made several calls to Schofield, but later Hakaru decided to go directly to Wheeler. That was a better deal, Hakaru, because the formal invitation did not give me any privileges. A funny thing happened to me at the Security check-point. I was prepared to be scanned, as they did with everybody, but the security supervisor waved me in without checking. The same happened at Punchbowl on Sept 2nd. Anyway, I sat on one of the bleachers almost directly in back of the VIP platform where the President sat. It was much cooler up there and I could see everything. It was a real nice review and impressive. I could see the troops in formation spanning the entire width of Wheeler Base with all of the flags displayed. Before the President arrived, the parachutists put on a good show. The first jumper came down with the American flag followed by another with the Hawaii State flag and then about 10 others jumped out with pinkish smoke device. There was a small target on the ground just a few yards away from the speaker's stand and they all landed with the target.

After the Review, we were taken to the Schofield Officer's Club for luncheon. Again, the invitation meant nothing. But I had a nice chat with the N.Y. City guests. I was the only buddahead present. However, after the luncheon was over, a Lt. Col from the 25th Infantry Headquarter recognized my club shirt and came to me through the crowd and he hugged me and thanked me for what the 100th and the 442nd did for the country. He kept shaking my hand. That made the day for me.

On Sept 2nd, we got up before 4:00 a.m., picked up Mitsuo Nagaki and my brother-in-law, Hachiro Shikamura and reached the Central Union Church at 5:35 a.m. Our daughter, Carole, joined my wife Margaret for the day's events. They enjoyed all of the events although we were seated quite far back at Punchbowl. As always, the sound of "taps" hit me very hard.

Some of the Rural Chapter members participating in the day's events were Mits Nagaki, Hachiro Shikamura, Satoshi Furuya, John Kihara, Jessie Hirata, Shizuya and Mavis Hayashi, and Kenneth Higa.

After lunch at Central Union Church, we were on the bus again headed for Ala Moana Park. Our spouses were taken on a separate bus to the parade reviewing stands at Fort DeRussey. My wife and daughter sat on the bleacher adjacent to the President's platform--they even got to shake the president's hand.

The waiting at Ala Moana Park was rough. You know the military - "hurry up and wait". The start time was delayed until 3 p.m. But once we got on the road it wasn't bad--it was cooler and lots of fun. Boy! the crowd on the streets cheering and thanking the vets gave us "chicken skin". As we were marching by the Royal Hawaiian Mall area, I overheard a few elderly women watching us go by. One said, in Japanese, "why Japan soldiers in the parade?" Another replied, "Maybe they are Korean soldiers". I almost broke-out laughing. An elderly haole couple said "okage sama de arigato". Anyway, it was a fun walk and a good feeling. I am glad to be young enough to walk and my daily 2 1/2 miles "speed-walking" helped. We got back to Central Union Church about 5 p.m.

Now, a short personal note. One August 21st, I went to my friend and fellow member, the late Dr. Henry Nakasone's funeral at Hosoi, and I "passed-out" near the end of the service and created a commotion. My sincere apologies to all, especially to Mrs. Bessie Nakasone and her family. A special thanks to Masaharu Saito and Yukio Tanji for driving me home. Others that helped me as I remember were Isamu Inouye, Horace Awa, Ray Nosaka, Ted Hamasu, Martin Tohara, Stan Akita, Bob Sato and Hakaru Taoka. Your concern for me is appreciated. Thank you very much. Many of you called me the next day. I am okay. I even went on my usual walk at 5:45 the next morning. My doctor thinks maybe the medication he prescribed for me that morning might have been the cause of the black out, so he took me off of it. Many thanks to all.

Reminder: Memorial Services at Punchbowl on September 24 at 8:30 a.m..

Thank you very much, Sons and Daughter of the 100th and 442nd for a job well done on September 2nd.

**ADDENDUM TO RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER By Ted M. Hamasu**

An executive meeting was held on 18 August '95 at Jerry Yamaki's office mainly to disseminate information regarding the Sept 1 - 4 VJ Day activities. Officers attending were Harry Kamikawa, VP; Susumu Ota, Treasurer; Jerry Yamaki & Michael Hamamoto, Auditors, and Ted Hamasu. Our Secretary, Walter Iwasa had another engagement and missed the luncheon meeting hosted by Jerry and Ted.

My apologies to Lefty Mizusawa for not acknowledging his donation of \$20 at the July picnic. Sorry, yeh, Lefty. Gomen.

The following news of interest was submitted by Bull Saito: Hachiro and Chieko Shikamura who resides in Wahiawa Found an unusual looking attractive plant growing in their yard. Their curiosity aroused, they took the plant to the Wahiawa Agricultural Extension Service and found out that it was a Miconia tree. The Extension Service even called an expert from Honolulu to ask the Shikamuras how, where, and when they discovered the plant. After hearing Hachiro's explanation, they searched the neighborhood and found a big matured tree growing at the entrance to the Wahiawa Botanical Garden. They immediately had the tree destroyed. This plant has attractive leaves which lures people to cultivate it. They say that is is another of the island's new comers and when it matures, it creates shade that prevents the native plants from growing. The birds transports the seeds infesting the forests in Maui and the Big Island. So they are trying to eradicate it. The curiosity of the Shikamuras didn't kill a cat, but destroyed a pesky plant. Thanks, Hachiro and Chieko.

Jesse Hirata, an active member of our chapter, lost his older brother, George, 80 years old on 18 Aug 1995. His memorial service was held at the Nuuanu Memorial Park Mortuary on 26 Aug, '95. He was the operator of a service station on Beretania Street across from the old Moilili Ball Field for many years.

Mr. George Toguchi of Mililani Town is a hobbyist and is interested in our 34th Inf. Div. patch. If you can part with one of yours, please give him a call at 625-1476.

## HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

By the time you read this article, Hawaii Chapter's 1995 memorial service has become history. The memorial service commemorating the 50th anniversary end of World War II was held Sunday, Sept 24, 10:00 a.m. at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1.

The club would like to extend sincere thanks to those who participated in the service. We especially thank William W. Paty for coming from Oahu to give the memorial address. Also our thanks to: Mayor Stephen Yamashiro, County of Hawaii; Rev Koutoku Yoshida, Hilo Soto Mission for the participation of the Buddhist ministers; Rev Tom Okana, Hilo Hongwanji Mission for his Buddhist meditation; members of Headquarters 2nd Bn. 299th Inf. HNG; Hawaii County Band; Barbara Fujimoto for the pledge of allegiance and various organizations for the floral tributes. Our mahalo to the anthurium growers and floral shippers for their donations. Thanks to members, wives, relatives, sons and daughters, and friends for helping decorate the 3000 markers at Veterans Cemetery #1 & #2 on Saturday afternoon. We are grateful to J. Walsh Hanley, honorary member for donating the cost of printing the program.

"A Grateful Nation Remembers" -- A luncheon commemorating the 50th anniversary the end of World War II will be held Saturday, Sept 30, from 11:30 - 2:00 at the University of Hawaii Hilo Campus Center. The cost will be \$10 per person. Maj. Gen. Edward Richardson, Adjutant General HNG will be the luncheon speaker. This event will bring to close the activities for the 50th anniversary.

Our thanks to Glenn Hirata, Barbara Hirata Fujimoto and Karen Hirata Kadota for their leadership and work as members of the the Sons & Daughters of AJA Veterans. Barbara and Karen were on the steering committee for the 50th anniversary committee on this island. George Yoshida, Director of Parks and Recreation, County of Hawaii, was the chairman. Motoyoshi Tanaka, Hawaii Chapter president and Yasuo Iwasaki were also on the committee.

An exhibition showing the memorabilia of World War II was held at the Kuhio Mall, Saturday, Sept 23rd from 9:00 a.m. Again, our thanks to Barbara Fujimoto and Karen Kadota and the sons and daughters for putting on the show. We hope you were able to attend the showing.

The Hawaii County committee also sold 50th anniversary ribbons for \$2.00 to raise funds to pay for the expenses. Motoyoshi Tanaka was the super salesman selling the ribbons. Our thanks to Hawaii Tribune Herald for the special tabloid commemorating the 50th anniversary end of World War II.

SICK BAY; Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mitsuo "Spider" Yahata and Larry Tanimoto, who are confined in Life Care Center, Hilo.

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Evelyn Tsuda

The Co. B Ukulele Class, together with members of the 442nd Ukulele Club (Hui Hanele O Aikane) entertained the patients and the nursing staff at the Island Nursing Home on August 30 as their community service. It was most gratifying to see some of the patients enjoying the hula numbers and a few of them even joined in singing some of the real oldies which were sung in English, Hawaiian and Japanese. The entertainers were: Harry Katahara, Stella Tanigawa, Tom Tsubota, Elaine Nakamura, Aki and Ray Nosaka, Evelyn Tsuda, Marie Yoneshige, Kimi Matsuda, Takako Umamoto, Yori Inouye, Henry Ishida, Myrtle Nakasato, Jane Ueoka, Ralph & Alice Tomei, David & Janet Umeda. The next performance will be at the 9th Annual Mini-reunion banquet at the 4 Queens Hotel & Casino on October 11th.

Douglas Tanaka of Los Angeles was a surprise visitor during the **celebration** of the 50th anniversary of VJ Day. It was nice that he was able to attend the memorial service at Punchbowl but he did not march or ride in the military parade with the AJA veterans. He chose to watch from the reviewing stand with the spouses.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Roy Nakayama, Co-Chairman of the Christmas party, reminds you that the party will be held on **Saturday, December 9 from 4:00 p.m.** As in the past, donations of desserts, gifts, etc. are being requested. Final details will be published in the next issue of the PPP. In the meantime, please mark your calendar --and--save your valuable "trash" such as the plastic rings on the soda and beer cans, containers of all shapes and sizes, ribbons, etc.

Carolee Tanaka, daughter of Stanley and Drusilla Tanaka and grand-daughter of Bernard and Jeanette Akamine, received a one year scholarship from Hui Makaala at a recent scholarship luncheon. Carolee is now attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Another grandchild of the Akamines, Grant Sato, received scholarships from H&W Foods and Unity House. He is attending Kapiolani Community College's School of Culinary Arts. Heartiest congratulations to Carolee and Grant, their parents and grandparents.

Jesse Hirata, Mr. Do-It-All (Nandemo Yaru Ya), is enjoying his work and regrets that he started this business so late in his life. Most of his customers are from Japan and he has received pretty unusual requests, such as widows asking him to walk their dogs, or just to be a companion for coffee or tea, but the most unusual (and profitable) request was from a Japanese national who asked Jesse to remove all the furnishings from his condo and to get rid of them, so, to the swap meet went Jesse and his crew for the next few weeks.

#### **ADDENDUM TO BAKER NEWS**

**By Aki Nosaka**

After the Memorial Service on September 24th, nineteen Baker boys got together for lunch at the Wisteria Restaurant in honor of Douglas Tanaka from Los Angeles. I, being the only female present just ate and sat back, and listened to the various conversations going on around me. I just couldn't help but burst out laughing every so often at the outcries of "what did you say?", or "My left ear is no good", "I can't hear you".

Those present were: Tokuji Ono, Takeshi Tanaka, Fred Kanemura, Ricki Tsuda, Kats Maeda, Jimmy Inafuku, Robert Takashige, Sakae Tanigawa, Bernard Akamine, Kenneth Kaneko, Douglas Tanaka, Yasuo Tanaka, Roy Nakayama, Saijiro Higa, Seiji Tanaigawa, Masa Toma, Conrad Kurahara, Sonsei Nakamura, Ray and Aki Nosaka.

Douglas will be visiting here until October the 11th when he returns to Los Angeles.

#### **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Helen Nikaido**

The August meeting was attended by Saburo Nishime, Robert Yoshioka, Conrad Tsukayama, "Doc" Hosaka, Ken Mitsunaga, Jitsuri Yoshida, Martin Tohara, Richard Tsutsui and Mary Hamasaki. Breakfast was prepared by Mildred Hosaka, Rhoda Kawamata and Helen Nikaido.

Dog Co. reunion chairman Robert Yoshioka reports that 18 people will be attending from Kauai (8 couples and 2 singles). The Kauai group are interesting in going to the Aloha Tower Market Place. We're open to any other suggestions you may have.

"Doc" and Mildred Hosaka were off to Maui the week-end of August 25, 26, 27 with their whole family.

On September 1st, the Honorable Jerry Bowen, Director of the National Cemetery System, presented to the Club 100 members and spouses a certificate of appreciation for volunteering at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Dog chapter members receiving awards were Richard Hosaka, Conrad Tsukayama, Iwao Fujimori, Martin Tohara, Robert Yoshioka, Richard Kondo, Richard Tsutsui, Jitsuri Yoshida, Yoshiichi Okazawa, Ruth Watanabe and Helen Nikaido.

Get well and a speedy recovery to Ruth Watanabe and Wally Chinen, both of whom were hospitalized recently.

Fred Yamashige of Maui and Mako Takiguchi of Kauai dropped in at the Dog chapter meeting in September. Members at the September meeting were Saburo Nishime, Conrad Tsukayama, Wally



Chinen, "Doc" Hosaka, Ken Mitsuunaga, Martin Tohara, Robert Yoshioka, "Jits" Yoshida, Sadashi & Jane Matsunami and Mary Hamasaki.

The following story was sent by Steve Brinza of Arizona. It's another "Old People" story-- The elderly gentlemen was hard of hearing. His wife took him to the doctor for a routine checkup. The doctor checked him over and told him he was ok, but that he wanted samples of his urine, stool and sperm for further analysis. The old man turned to his wife and asked what the doctor said. The wife told him the doctor said he was ok, but he would like those samples. The old gent asked his wife, "How am I going to do that?" The wife replied, "Easy, just give the doctor your shorts".

"Biffa" Moriguchi's Northern Kyushu tour will meet on October 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warren Iwai

Being away on a vacation to Seattle, I missed the August 21st meeting of C Chapter. However, I am told that there was no news of significance for me to report to you..

### SICK CALL;

Mike Tokunaga who suffered a stroke on July 30 is making good progress at Kaiser Hospital. He is receiving nursing and physical therapy and his speech is improving. Sorry, but no visitors for a little while more. Manabu Hongo felt he may be of help so he has offered his services as a masseur. Gambare, Mike, we are all pulling for you.

Kazuto Shimizu, our chapter president, to his surprise and consternation, was diagnosed to be suffering from shingles by the doctor at the emergency hospital on September 10. The good news is that the illness was caught at its budding stage and appears to be on the "light side". Kazuto feels he should be fit for golf in a week or so..

Roy Miyashiro was to play golf on August 8 in the AJA Veterans Council Golf tournament but had to withdraw due to shingles. He says he has a bad case covering the left side of his body from the armpit to the groin. The pain from the shingles and the hot and humid weather we are having are making things miserable for Roy. Guys, give him a call - he could use some cheering up- besides he is missing his golf. Manabu Hongo is getting some medical care for his back injury he incurred while working for the State of Hawaii. He is not laid-up, but he has slowed down quite a bit. After all our "Junior" is now 70 years old.

Club 100 Golf: The tally of C Company golf challenge with Able, Baker and Headquarters Co. golfers as of August 29 is Charlie 23 wins and 12 losses. We are still winning 2 out of 3 of the matches which means we are ahead on the moola.

Next meeting: October 16 - Monday, followed by Co. "C" Fun Night on Thursday, November 9, at Nuuanu Onsen

"Laughter is internal jogging. It can do wonders for your body, as well as your spirit" - Norman Cousins

## KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tsugi Takemoto

I know I have put off writing the news this month, mostly because of the scarcity of it. As the 24th is fast approaching and the Memorial Services scheduled, once again I find myself leaving Kauai. This time for a leadership conference for the American Legion Auxiliary in Las Vegas. Come Thursday the 21st, I am off to a town which I am not fond of. Good thing, there are enough sessions to go to which can keep me occupied. I like to read, so, I will take along a good mystery book.

I was told that six Kauai members got on the Army plane to Honolulu for the VJ day march on September 2nd. They were Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, Jack Hada, Muggsy Morikawa, Kazuma Nishiie, Hakaru Tao, and Larry Sakoda, with the latter being interviewed on T. V.

As that was the only information I received, I will say I left Kauai on August 30 and returned September 10. I went to two national conferences for the ALA in Indianapolis. I did march in the parade and although it was a short one, I cut across and joined the Hawaii group just before the judges' stand. My feet were acting up with arthritis so it was hard for me to keep up. With three others from Hawaii, all were Hawaiians, we went in search of rice. My friend and I found two Chinese restaurants which served rice, but it was instant rice. The third eating place was in a shopping mall, which was located after a 45 minute bus ride. We found a Japanese restaurant which served real rice. I ordered with the comment that they had real rice, so the person who waited on us gave us an extra scoop. The men had gone to two other restaurants and said neither had real rice. It is odd that only instant rice was served. I have to be back in Indianapolis in October, visiting my son in St. Paul, Minnesota, before, and stopping off in San Leandro to see my daughter on the way home. I know for sure those two towns have the real rice. Both of our children also have a rice cooker so I will not worry.

Just a warning to Larry Sakoda--I will be gone in October so will leave the news writing up to you. If I come home and find that there was no article from Kauai, it shall be on your head. He never has any news so let him find some.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS**

### **WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF A YONSEI**

by **Aaron Tanaka**

(Aaron is the grandson of Douglas Tanaka, Co. B)

As one of the youngest participants in the Camp Shelby Monument Dedication Ceremonies held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, I had the unique opportunity to experience history firsthand through personal contact and a bit of unexpected "star" treatment. The bittersweet and long overdue "history lesson" presented a clear picture of what happened 50 years ago, as what will happen in the far future. I feel grateful to have spent a weekend in the presence of many veterans and families who all have their own stories to tell about what happened in their own lives concerning this period of history that sometimes goes unnoticed in classrooms today. Through this, I hope to help continue the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

After spending an enjoyable week in the lively city of New Orleans, it was soon time to venture back to where all of this history began. While waiting outside of the first class Monteleone Hotel in the French Quarter of the city, I was amazed at how many veterans shook hands with one another, exchanged smiles and told stories of their past. Our coach busses were patiently waiting for each participant to retrieve his/her baggage in order to avoid costly mis-matching to come. As the nine busses departed and wound its way through the winding town streets, we only imagined what would become of the next two days.

By the time two hours had passed, we were already over the border in the state of Mississippi. A gambling riverboat casino was awaiting our arrival in the city of Biloxi and this was only the beginning of our "royal treatment". We were treated to a buffet lunch, among other amenities that we graciously accepted. The buffet lunch consisted of typical southern-style cooking: gumbo, cornbread, crayfish and other foods rich in flavor and calories! After gaming for about two hours, our entourage was escorted the remainder of the way to Hattiesburg, the site of Camp Shelby. While feeling like robbers on a high speed chase, our nine buses raced through red lights with police escorts on either side. Drivers in their cars, as well as pedestrians stopped, stared and waved as our group gleefully rode past.

The arrival at our designated hotels brought a welcome sight as a bed and sink were there waiting for our use in the luxurious rooms. Although we had only minimal time to "freshen up", we were once again out the door in a matter of minutes. The bus ride to Camp Shelby only took about 20 minutes and everyone on board the buses were probably feeling the same feelings as I was: equal amounts of excitement and apprehension. Once through the gate of the camp, we were saluted upon entrance. The windy roads somehow guided us to a grassy knoll in the dead center of the camp. There, we were treated to an army-style dinner and listened to various city officials welcoming us to the city of Hattiesburg. As night slowly crept closer, our entourage made its way back to our respective hotels and everyone had their share of rest and relaxation in anticipation of the following day's events.

Saturday brought us to the actual day of the monument dedication, among other special events. Amid news crews and the invited citizens of Hattiesburg, the veterans had the chance to march in an armed forces parade, in honor of themselves. After trekking to military music, the mood changed as the

monument dedication ceremony began. A solemn bagpipe soloist recited her piece, as colors were posted and dignitaries retreated to their place. Many speeches were given by both local and state officials and finally, the moment had arrived: the monument was presented to the world. Although this monument is in the general vicinity of about three other ones, this one stands tall, with the torch insignia shining bright. By the end of the ceremony, air shows and artillery demonstrations began and the day ended with another enjoyable feast of southern cooking!

We once again put on our best clothes as we traveled to the University of Southern Mississippi for the evening banquet. All participants of the ceremony gathered in the new sports facility of the campus. We were treated to buffet-style dinner of roast beef and rice pudding. Many touching speeches were given as people raced for the last opportunity to take photos with one another. The banquet program was soon over and we were all escorted back to our respective hotels in order to wake up early the next morning for our trips back home. However, while some decided to get some well needed rest, others gathered in order to watch the recent news reports on local news stations, as well as on the Cable News Network (CNN).

Finally, the last day had fast approached and many people were off home. Whether it was Los Angeles, Hawaii or Washington, we all looked forward to sharing our experiences with family and friends. As the buses pulled out from the hotels lot and we made our way back to New Orleans Airport, I felt that I was a part of history that could only be experienced firsthand. I truly enjoyed this trip that I could never put a price on. All of the emotions and stories shared proved that history is so much better when experienced firsthand, and not simply read about. I look forward to sharing with others this trip that truly made my summer unforgettable!!

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**REMINDER: Be sure to save any Christmas ornaments that you no longer need at home. Please drop it off at the clubhouse office. The clubhouse Christmas tree needs more ornaments.**

#### **SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

**MAHALO** to the following for your donations to the Oral History Committee:

Matsunaga Peace Foundation (Matt Matsunaga)	\$1000.00
M/M Shizuya Hayashi	\$ 100.00
M/M Jitsuru Yoshida	\$ 25.00
Mr. Ray Nosaka	Original Club 100 Aloha Shirt

**MAHALO** to Susan Muroshige (daughter of Kenneth Muroshige, Co. B) for joining the Sons and Daughters and for your generous donation of \$100.00.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 24, 1995**

**MAHALO** to all the **sons and daughters and grandchildren** who came out to help...Ben Fujimori (responsible for the donation of 14 dozen doughnuts from Holsum), Paul Fukunaga, Cheryl Inagaki, Clinton, Robin and Mel Inouye (generously provided us with 6 walkie-talkies..a real life-saver), Ann Kabasawa, Louise Morikawa, Amy Muroshige, Jan Nadamoto, Stephen, Mimi, Egan and Matthew Nakano, Gary Saito (he took the still photos), Sarah Swisher, **Drusilla "Honcho" Tanaka (Memorial Service committee coordinator for the sons and daughters)**, Steve Takushi, Carl, Kimberly, Sheila and Wade Tonaki and Warren Yamamoto. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all. Thank you to Ann Ishida-Ho for giving an eloquent memorial address.

## DIRECTOR'S REMARKS --50TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

We would like to print the brief message delivered by Mr. Gene Castagnetti, Director of the Punchbowl National Cemetery, at our 50th Annual Memorial Service.

"I was recently interviewed by Sunwood Entertainment Corporation (this company is producing a film about the 100th Inf.Bn) and was asked what made the 100th Bn a special unit in the military. My interviewers were hoping to hear me verbalize some brilliant descriptive adjectives, possible only found in Hollywood creation. They were surprised to have me state, that the characteristics that touches the minds, hearts, and souls of those who learn of your deeds is that their achievements come from qualities we can all understand, and even emulate. They're not magical, but come with hard work, and character.

The 100th Bn and their fellow brothers of the 442nd, brought to the battlefield the most important combat multiplier available--the Nisei brought unit cohesion, discipline, and high morale. These characteristics are the envy of every military commander who put on a uniform--and the most difficult to achieve.

Military strategists and technicians have known for centuries that new technology is needed to keep pace with one's enemy. But, it is unit cohesiveness that achieves success on the battlefield, and is the most difficult element to quantify--by the statisticians--who attempt to measure success in terms of the numbers of weapons, plans, artillery, or personnel strength.

The Nisei of the 100th Inf Bn brought unit cohesiveness to their mission, because they would not allow themselves to shame their families. Family ties were too strong, loyalty to their community, your culture demanded you serve well, your personal pride would not let you falter, your reputation was at stake. All these ingredients contributed to the personality makeup of the nisei soldiers. By their unit cohesiveness and interdependence, men small in stature became giants in accomplishments on the battlefield, and later in times of peace, became giants in their civil achievements--- the community, the City, and the State of Hawaii.

Long before the buzz word, "synergistic effect" was in Vogue. The Nisei American soldiers were practicing team work, unit cohesion and esprit de corps, combined with the self-discipline to become a highly effective military machine that out-performed technology and our enemies.

What is often forgotten is these character traits and habits were instilled by your parents and grandparents and reinforced by generations of family members. Often said, it takes a whole village to raise a child--and this axiom is true in the case of the Club 100 members.

From an unknown author, I'd like to state an applicable quote--"Anyone not willing to stand up to an injustice is--willing therefore --to go to their own slaughter"

The Americans of Japanese descent stood up against injustices and discrimination and won! Nisei achievements were done without--braggadocio--no public affairs spin doctors--or manufactured hype! Achievements were formed in a solid work ethic--Doing your job out of respect for your parents, family, who taught the value of hard work, a characteristic that is easy to define, but often rare in today's society. By doing your duty, each of you become a role model for all future generations and provide pride in the Japanese-American community.

Thank you for your contribution to America's strength and God bless you.

It seems that the reunion held at Camp Shelby was a success from what I gather from reading the Hattiesburg American Newspaper. What hit me was the large boxed article set in large type saying "Special Memories". Pictured was an old photo of Harry Okouchi and Richard Suzuki taken by Elizabeth Roland. Also mentioned in the article were Herb Sasaki and Earl Finch. Conspicuously displayed also was a graffiti that was three column by five and a half inches high.. From the looks of the painting it could weather the elements for another fifty years. It was painted on the stonewall of the Camp Shelby firing range. The painter's name was CPL ALFRED ARAKAKI from Kalihi Valley, Honolulu. T. H.

Whether you are experienced or an amateur, the collating unit can use you. So come on down and help. See you folks there on Thursday, October 26th, rain or shine!

**ABLE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Saturday, December 16, 1995**

PLACE: Club 100 Clubhouse  
TIME: Cocktails: 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.  
Dinner: 6:30 P.M.  
MENU: Buffet, pizza for children  
COST: All Adults - \$10.00  
Children under 12 --- FREE!  
PARKING: Ala Wai School  
ENTERTAINMENT: Games & Door Prizes Galore!  
DONATIONS WELCOMED: Door Prizes, Beer, Dessert, Soda, Etc

GENERAL CO-CHAIRPERSON: MISS LOUISE MORIKAWA  
MR RICHARD ISHIMOTO

HELPERS: Sons and Daughters, Grandchildren of Able Chapter

*We will be having grab bags for the children. Please pick up an item, not exceeding \$10.00 and label it with the child's name and bring it to the party.*

\*You may either send in your check or pay at the meeting.

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I WILL ATTEND THE ABLE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

NUMBER OF ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FREE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB 100 OCTOBER      CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

ABLE.....	Saturday, Oct 28	8 a.m.	Lounge
BAKER.....	Saturday, Oct 28	1 p.m.	Lounge
CHARLIE.....	Tuesday, Oct 16	10 a.m.	Board room
DOG.....	Saturday, Oct 21	8 a.m.	Board room
HQ.....	No meeting in October		
HAWAII.....	Thursday, Oct 26		AJA Vets Hall
MAUI.....	Oct 13	Family Night ....6 p.m.	Kahului CC Park..
.RURAL.....	.No meeting this month		
BOARD.....	Friday, Oct 13	10 a.m.	Board room
S&D BOARD.....	Friday, Oct 20	7:00 p.m.	Board room
GREEN THUMBS.....	Monday, Oct 2	10 a.m.	Turner Hall
LONG RANGE COMMITTEE	Friday, Oct 27	10 a.m.	Board room

Collating for the November issue will be on **Thursday, October 26, 1995**.  
 Able and Charlie Chapters will be responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1995.**

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