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RSVP FOR THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION 83RD ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

By Joyce Doi [*daughter of Joichi Muramatsu (B)*], 100th IBV 2nd VP; Banquet Committee Chair

Last Call! You won't want to miss our **83rd Anniversary Banquet** on Saturday, June 28, 2025, again to be held in our very own 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse. **Deadline to RSVP is May 30, 2025.** Seats are limited so be sure to sign up today!

What to Expect:

- **Celebratory Ambiance:** You'll be greeted with warm smiles, an inviting atmosphere, and many familiar faces.
- **Delicious Food:** Hawaiian food! Need I say more? We will have a splendid menu including lau lau, kalua pig and cabbage, chicken long rice, and more!
- **Keynote Speaker:** We are thrilled to introduce Steve Sue as our esteemed keynote speaker for this year's Anniversary Banquet. Steve is the producer of the documentary film, "Shaka, A Story of Aloha." We're so excited that he will be talking about starting the production of the second in his trilogy of Aloha films, titled, "**The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha.**" (<https://100thfilm.com/>) This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!
- **Good Times:** Bring the whole family, sit back, eat delicious food, catch up with old friends, and make new ones! Good times guaranteed!

Parking is available at Ala Wai Elementary School. Check-in will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a program and lunch at 11:00 a.m.

The cost is \$40 per person (WWII 100th veterans and their spouses or widows attend complimentary as honored guests). Children 5-12 years of age are \$20,

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION 83RD Anniversary Banquet

June 28, 2025
at the
**100th Infantry Battalion
Veterans Clubhouse**
520 Kamoku Street
Doors Open 10 a.m.

RSVP by May 30



and children under 5 years of age are free.

Ready to RSVP? The Banquet Registration Form can be found in the March 2025 *Puka Puka Parade*. Mail or drop off your completed **Registration Form with your guest information and payment by May 30, 2025**, to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Clubhouse office at 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. Please make your check payable to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. We look forward to celebrating with you on June 28! 🇺🇸

“THE 100TH, SEEDS OF ALOHA” SPROUTING [PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE]

By Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*], 100th IBV President; Education Committee Chair

2025 is passing quickly and the year of the Snake has been favorable to Club 100 and the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion. We thank the universe for these blessings. It is truly amazing to see and feel the months of the snake emerge from its old skin and blossom in almost unimaginable ways. Here are some of the highlights I would like to share that happened in the past month.

“The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha.” In last month’s issue, I shared the great news that Producer Steve Sue, whose movie “Shaka, A Story of Aloha” that won the Hawai‘i International Film Festival’s People’s Choice, was “all in” to doing a film about the 100th Infantry Battalion called “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha.” Well, on April 15, Steve had a special showing of his Shaka movie at the Hawai‘i State Capitol to thank the legislators for passing the bill he wrote to make the Shaka the first ever state gesture in America. The bill was signed into law on June 21, 2024 by Hawai‘i Governor Josh Green.

THE 100TH
SEEDS OF ALOHA

WATCH A FILM SHOOT | COMMEMORATE A SOLDIER | TELL A STORY

SAT. JUNE 7, 2025 9am-5pm | PEARL HARBOR AVIATION MUSEUM

HONOR WWII’S 100TH/442ND

Anyone can place a medallion on a giant floor map for the filming of *The 100TH* at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum’s PHAMily Day. Placers are invited to **share a story for the film**. Family and friends can pre-register to reserve placing soldier medallions. Volunteer placers may also register.

Registered placers FREE. Observers buy PHAMily tix \$5 online or \$10 at the door.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER: [100THFILM.COM/MAP](https://100thfilm.com/map)

Logos: 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, 108 Ideas for Good, Project Shaka, 442nd RCT Legacy Center, Sons & Daughters 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

“The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” Map scene filming on June 7, 2025.

At this special showing, Steve formerly announced that he would do a movie called “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” (<https://100thfilm.com/>). **Dr. Takashi Manago (A)** and many representatives from Club 100 cheered!

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Steve Sue generously gave us rights to use his 100th film logo to create t-shirts for Club 100 to sell and keep the proceeds. The shirts are on sale at the Clubhouse office for \$15.



“The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” logo t-shirt.

The movie is progressing very quickly. On June 7, 2025, there will be an epic movie scene with a 6,000 square foot map of Italy, France and Germany, at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum on Ford Island. Access to Ford Island will be via a free shuttle from the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. Bear right to get to the shuttle after entering the park.



Steve Sue, Hawai‘i State Senator Glenn Wakai, Dr. Takashi Manago (A), and 100th IBV President Kathi Hayashi, kick off “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” film production. [Photo courtesy of: Hawai‘i State Senate Communications Team]

Please sign up to place a medallion for your 100th patriarch, at <https://100thfilm.com/map/>

Everyone, including non-descendants, is welcome to help place a medallion for a 100th and 442nd soldier. Over 700 100th and 442nd died in service during World War II, and may not have a descendant present to place a medallion for them. We are so touched that Mrs. Sumiye Iwata, 92 year old sister of **Kiyoshi “Jimmie” Shiramizu (Medics)**, and family members are flying in from Delaware and Colorado to place a medallion on the map of Italy near Presenzno, Italy,

where Jimmie was killed in action on January 10, 1944.

Joint Senate and House Resolution Supporting the 100th and 442nd. In the April PPP issue, I noted that a Joint Resolution (S.C.R. No. 24, S.D. 1) to urge the Department of Defense (DoD) to maintain all references to the 100th and 442nd on its websites had passed the Senate and was being considered in the House. I am so happy to report that on April 16, 2025, the Joint Resolution was adopted.



Celebrating the adoption of S.C.R. No. 24, S.D. 1, on April 21, 2025, at the Hawai‘i State Capitol in Honolulu. Front Row (L-R): Senator Brandon Elefante, Dr. Takashi Manago (A), Kathi Hayashi, Senator Carol Fukunaga. Back Row (L-R): Karl Okemura (442nd Veterans Club/442nd Legacy Center President), Wayne Kuwata (Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT President), and Steve Sue (ID8 head and creator of Project Shaka and new film, “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha.”) [Photo courtesy: Clyde Sugimoto [nephew of Nolan Miyazaki (B)]]



Senator Brandon Elefante (left) and Senator Stanley Chang (right) with 100th/442nd veteran, Dr. Takashi Manago (A). [Photo courtesy: Clyde Sugimoto].

The original version did not mention the 100th. I filed testimony on behalf of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100), and we are grateful that the Legislature amended the Resolution to reflect

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that the 100th should also be honored, included with the 442nd as the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service.

Most significant to the 100th was the following passage that they added:

“WHEREAS, the most renowned group of Japanese Americans to fight for the United States in this war was the 100th Infantry Battalion which led to the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.”

On April 21, 2025, Club 100 was invited to a session of the Senate to celebrate the adoption of S.C.R. No. 24, S.D. 1, and honor the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd RCT. It was a proud moment for our patriarchs to be applauded by the Senators in the Senate Gallery. Thank you to the State of Hawai‘i Legislators for taking a stand for the legacy of the 100th and 442nd in such a significant way.

To view S.C.R. 24 S.D. 1, please visit: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/SCR24_SD1_.HTM

Changes in Office Management. Our office manager, Amy Kwong [granddaughter of **Eugene Kawakami (A)**] is scheduled to move out-of-state with her family this summer. Amy and I have worked closely, all hours and weekends over the past 3 years, and it causes me trepidation to think she will be so far away. Amy assures me that the transition will be seamless. We certainly wish Amy and the family a safe and fun adventure and look forward to them returning to Hawai‘i at some point in the future. Club 100 is grateful that Amy agreed to continue her role as Office Manager and Editor of the PPP. Please refer to Amy’s article “Clubhouse Office Update” on page 14-15 of this issue, for more information. We are grateful to Jeanne Harada [niece of **Yoshiharu Harry Kida (A)**] for agreeing to continue to volunteer at the Clubhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I think you agree that the Year of the Snake is emerging in exciting and new ways. Please remember to sign up for our annual banquet, honoring the 83rd Anniversary of the formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion, to be held in the Clubhouse on June 28! 🐍



100th/442nd veteran, Dr. Takashi Manago (A) and family, along with 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) members, friends, and supporters, celebrate the adoption of S.C.R. 24 S.D. 1 on April 21, 2025, at the Hawai‘i State Capitol. [Photo courtesy: Clyde Sugimoto]

VISITORS FROM BIFFONTAINE

By Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*], 100th IBV President; Education Committee Chair

We were honored to welcome Justine Oriel, daughter of Patrick Oriel, Deputy Mayor of Biffontaine, France, and partner, Anu, to the Clubhouse on April 22, 2025.

The welcoming group included Club 100 board members, Joyce Doi [*daughter of Joichi Muramatsu (B)*], Kathi Hayashi [*daughter of Tokuichi Hayashi (A)*], Amy Kwong [*granddaughter of Eugene Kawakami (A)*], and Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], along with former Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Kevin Kuroda [*nephew of Ronald Kuroda (B)*] and wife, Mary, Jeff and Yoko Morita, Daniel Wong, and Steve Sue, film producer of an upcoming film called, “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” (<https://100thfilm.com/>).

We enjoyed the camaraderie of sharing a potluck lunch with Justine and Anu. Justine read a tearful and heartfelt letter from the Mayor of Biffontaine, Denis Henry. Mayor Henry says, “*it is an honor for us that Justine carry our message to you but also to all Hawaii inhabitants, to the fervent soldiers of the second World War II who free us from the German yoke.... We never miss attending every year the commemoration to the souvenir of these young soldiers in the prime of their age who marked the history with the ink of their own blood. Every year a sheaf of flowers is left to the Bourne number 6 monument to remember them...they liberated our little village, but they also did not hesitate to save the lost battalion at the cost of many losses.*”

Mayor Henry reaffirmed the deep bond of friendship to “creating a cultural bridge who is uniting Biffontaine to the State of Hawai‘i so far apart geographically but so close to our hearts.”

We were honored to receive a cap and medal, described as Mayor Henry as, “touching symbolic gestures which consolidate this indefectible friendship.”

We wish to express our deepest

appreciation to Mayor Denis Henry, First Deputy Mayor Patrick Oriel, Second Deputy Mayor and President of Bourne number 6 committee Michael Valentin, Third Deputy Mayor Catherine Danner, the Biffontaine city council, and the townspeople of Biffontaine, for this beautifully written letter and gifts, on display at the Clubhouse, in symbol of our bond and long-lasting friendship.

We affirmed our commitment to keep the bond alive that was forged over 80 years ago by the 100th/442nd men and the villagers they liberated. When Club 100 members visited a retirement center near Biffontaine in September 2024, we were greeted by elders singing Hawai‘i Ponoī. Time cannot erase the bonds of Aloha. To read the letter in its entirety as translated from French by the Mayor’s office, please visit our website here: <https://www.100thibv.org/post/visitors-from-biffontaine> 🇫🇷



[Left Side] Club 100 board members (Amy Kwong, Jan Sakoda, Kathi Hayashi, and Joyce Doi) with Steve Sue, Justine and Anu. [Right Side] Jeff and Yoko Morita, Daniel Wong, Mary and Kevin Kuroda, and former Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.



Letter and gifts from Biffontaine.

EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], 100th IBV Secretary; Events Committee Chair

About 40 people attended Annette Kam’s dynamic presentation, “Wait! Don’t Die Yet,” on April 12 at the 100th IBV Clubhouse. Many expressed their appreciation after hearing her presentation. Her book came about when her father-in-law passed away. He had a Will, Trust, Power of Attorney, Advance Directives, Funeral Plan and Filing System all set up, hoping to make it easier for the family. After he passed, and subsequently after her mother-in-law passed, Annette ran into many challenges, such as not realizing the necessity of having a secondary name on the utility bills, not knowing passwords, etc.

She compiled a long list (over 115 items) and shared it with her friends. It was at their urging that this book came into being. If you have questions or want a downloadable guidebook, visit: <https://annetekam.com/downloadable-free-ebook/>

Books may also be purchased on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Special thanks to Arlene Sato [*daughter of Hideshi Niimi (C)*] who ensured that things ran smoothly in the kitchen, Jean Imada

[*daughter of Haruto Soma (C)*] who handled the registration table, and Earl Kawaguchi [*nephew of Hideo Akiyama (C)*], who encouraged our Events Committee to invite Annette as our speaker.



Annette Kam with Club 100 members and friends, following her April 12 presentation at the Clubhouse. Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai [*great-granddaughter of Yoshio Saito (A)*]

Upcoming events at the Clubhouse are:

Saturday, May 24 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hekka/Family Day sponsored by Baker Chapter. Special story teller Pieper Toyama will share about plantation life and growing up in Pa’aulo on the Big Island of Hawai’i.

Sunday, June 8 –
11 a.m. Emergency preparedness.
12 p.m. Refreshments

1 p.m. Presentation to help us be aware of scammers.

Saturday, June 28 –
83rd Anniversary Banquet. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 12 – 1 p.m.
 Movie sponsored by Baker Chapter.



Annette Kam presents to an attentive audience at the Clubhouse. Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai

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Saturday, July 19 – 12 p.m.

Kadomatsu meeting!! If you are interested in this family, cultural experience of making your own *kadomatsu* (New Year’s gate pine), be sure to let Jan Nadamoto [daughter of **Isao Nadamoto (B)**] know at jannadamoto@gmail.com or (808) 347-3127. **You need to be on this committee to be able to make your own *kadomatsu*.** It will not be offered for sale. We need lots of manpower, from young adults willing to harvest the bamboo, to seniors who can clean the cut bamboo. December 26, 27, 28,

and 29 are the dates we are planning to work on the *kadomatsu*.

Saturday, August 9 – 1 p.m.

“Shaka, A Story of Aloha” movie. For more information, visit: <https://shakafilm.com/>

Saturday, September 27 – Annual Grave decorating.

Sunday, September 28 – Joint Memorial Service (100th/442nd/MIS/1399th) at Punchbowl Cemetery. 🌸

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS *LEGACY2ACTION* CONTINUES TO GROW

By Elsie Yoshimura [daughter of **Thomas “Taro” Higa (A)**], 100th IBV Education Committee Member and Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**], 100th IBV President; Education Committee Chair

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, the 100th Clubhouse was excited to hear the from the next generation of *Legacy2Action* students and some return participants on how they used the values of the 100th to solve problems facing Hawai‘i. This is the 4th year of this Project Based Learning initiative in partnership between Club 100, ‘Iolani School, the UH Center on Aging and Central Pacific Bank. What we heard from participants and the attendees was it was “a most inspiring day” of hope for the future. We thank Senator Carol Fukunaga, Hawai‘i State Archivist Adam Jansen, Pacific Historic Parks Program Specialist Taylor Smith, Chairperson of ID8 and producer of *Project Shaka* Steve Sue, members and guests, for taking the time to hear how students applied the values of the 100th men to their community service project. In addition, students and the audience were enthralled to meet **Dr. Takashi Manago (A)**, veteran

of the 100th Infantry Battalion. At 101 years old, he is an avid supporter of the *Legacy2Action* initiative, and put his hands together and bowed his head in appreciation of the hard work the students invested

to give back to the community and to make the world a better place. Dr. Manago is one of six known living veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

It is remarkable how the youth of today are able to successfully apply values learned by our forefathers in the 100th Infantry Battalion, to help resolve current day community problems.

Many of the groups focused in on values such as *gambari* (perseverance), *sekinin* (responsibility), *giri* (sense of duty), *gaman* (patience and endurance), *enryo* (modesty), and *haji* (don’t bring shame to your family name) as they worked on their chosen projects as individuals or in small groups. We are so



100th Infantry Battalion Veterans *Legacy2Action* participants at the Clubhouse on May 4. [Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai [great-granddaughter of **Yoshio Saito (A)**]].

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thankful, as these students invested the time out of the goodness of their hearts. This was not a school project; they did not get a grade or credit – they did it because they have key ingredients of successful high performance individual/teams – passion, drive, and a generous heart.

The following are samples of presentations of *Legacy2Action* projects prepared by students from various schools on O‘ahu, and one from California.

Shane Kaneshiro – “New Fallen Warriors of UH ROTC.” Shane shared his research where he found nine more University of Hawaii Army ROTC students, who bravely served our country and ended up making the ultimate sacrifice. For the past 14 years, the University of Hawaii Army ROTC program honored 17 soldiers. Due to Shane’s research, the Army ROTC program will process the nine additional fallen warriors found; thus 26 should be honored in the future. Thank you to four-time *Legacy2Action* participant, Shane Kaneshiro!

Ryker Yamamoto – “Documenting the Values of the 100th Battalion.” Ryker prepared a 13-minute documentary with highlights of the 100th Infantry Battalion journey during WWII. It includes an interview with Dr. Takashi Manago and Dr. Nolan Higa, son of **Thomas “Taro” Higa**, both of 100th Battalion Able Company. Dr. Manago described



Ryker Yamamoto with Dr. Manago. [Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai]

where he was when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Dr. Higa described how his father served on three continents during the same war. Thomas Taro Higa served in Italy, used his language skills to communicate with those in internment camps on the mainland

and in Okinawa to persuade civilians to exit caves before they were bombed. Ryker notes, “The story of the 100th Battalion and its feats is one of bravery, camaraderie and, most importantly, one of continuing service.”

Naomi Uejo – “Our *Sekinin* – Preparing Students for their Future.” Naomi addressed an

important topic of helping to prepare students for their future. Much of what is required in job hunting is not taught in school. Students need to hone their skills in order to land a good job. Writing a good resume as well as a professional e-mail without including slang *emoji* is a must. She spoke about writing mock e-mails to teachers to practice letter writing skills. Naomi exhibits the value of *sekinin*, or responsibility.

Madeline Lucy Nicholas – “Trashy Habits: Recycling Contamination.” Madeline focused on trashy habits and recycling. Many do want to contribute towards

recycling but specific rules need to be followed. Total scrap plastic exports have declined by 40% in the last year mostly due to the U.S.’s high level of recycling contamination.



Madeline presents her L2A project. [Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai]

It is important to note that leftover food on any recycled items can contaminate all the items in its vicinity. When in doubt, throw it out is what this group preaches, exhibiting the values of *giri* – sense of duty and *sekinin* – responsibility.

Ian Yamamoto – “Using Native Plants to Prevent Fires.” Ian continued on with project topics of the past dealing with our environment. This year, he



Ian Yamamoto and family. [Photo courtesy: Nova Hanai]

spoke about using native plants to help prevent fires. There are native plants that are drought resistant. I was especially drawn to his research on the ‘Āweoweo plant which can go months without water. It is heat, wind, and drought tolerant. It can also be

consumed by humans. Imagine if we had this plant in the midst of all fire zones.

Eleanor Ede, Yiru (Lily) Jin – “Lantern Link.” Eleanor and Lily created a website with warning to keep elders reminded to pause before purchasing or clicking links. They plan to have informative activity

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sessions on training senior citizens to learn how to safely use and what to trust on the internet.

Amber Nosis and Arianna Romualdo – “Senior2Senior.” Amber and Arianna promoted programs to help seniors with dementia to have contact with high school students to bring joy into their lives and reduce the problem of kupuna loneliness. This team focused on the 100th value of *giri*, or obligation, to make a positive difference. The service would be performed in a day care community center. Both girls have done singing, art projects, and ‘talk story’ sessions with patients. Their main goal is to bring smiles to senior citizens by volunteering two times a month.

Czylah Ranchez-Saramsoing & Isabella Na – “Temptations Cookbook and Magazine.” Czylah and Isabella encouraged people to develop a healthy relationship with food applying the concept of *haji* (avoiding shame, or *haji*, to protect the family name) and value of *enryo* (modesty). They don’t want to force anyone or shame them into changing their eating habits. They want to use education to show that it is important to fuel our bodies, not just to look good, but to feel good. At the break-out table, they shared samples of healthy snacks that proved healthy food can also be yummy!



Isabella and Czylah. [Photo courtesy: Shane Kaneshiro]

Joey Dai and Griffin Gadre – “Addressing The Brain Drain.” Joey and Griffin found this is happening right here in Hawai‘i. What is it? It is the emigration of the state’s skilled and educated residents, often young professionals, to the mainland



Griffin and Joey present. [Photo courtesy: Shane Kaneshiro]

or elsewhere. The cause of this is basically the high cost of living in Hawai‘i, but people would return if opportunities were provided to them. Stronger moves need to be made to support local

businesses. After the session, one of our members said he would like to help build business in Hawai‘i using some of the good ideas presented today. He admits that he was part of the “Brain Drain” as he could not find suitable jobs that paid well in Hawai‘i.

Kii Tagai, Rachel Zane and Vesper Gaines – “Food Insecurity.” This group tackled the difficult task of preventing food insecurity on our island. They promote buying local or consuming home grown products thereby enhancing a sustainable future for the local people. They participated in a Sustainability Fair and their action plan is to work with existing organizations to help people struggling with food insecurity. Kii represented ‘Iolani’s “My Life, My Island, My World” class. Her group’s “Food Insecurity” project used all the values of the 100th Infantry Battalion and more. Their list included: *giri* – duty, *meiyo* – honor, *chuugi* – loyalty, *haji* and *hokori* – shame and pride, *kuni no tame* – give your all to your country, *gambaru* – endure/persevere, *shikata ga nai* – accept the circumstances, *kodomo no tame ni* – for the sake of the children, *oyakoukou* – respect of parents, *on* – obligation, and *kansha* – gratitude.

In addition to the projects presented at the Clubhouse on May 4, 2025, the following projects were submitted, but the presenters had schedule conflicts, thus could not attend:

Sam Allen – “Save the Sea -Art Awareness Project.” Sam creatively used trash found along the beach as an art model to remind the public to properly throw trash in proper containers.

Josie Draper & Alicia Gagnon – “Kindness Rocks Garden.” – Josie and Alicia taught children about Emotional Learning by helping them to paint rocks for a kindness garden with *gambari* – to give it their all and to do their very best.

Jaisa Griffin, Lilli Crowley, Shayna Silva – “Helping the Homeless.” This group feels homeless are treated without respect instead of understanding that they need help. They ran a collection drive and created self-care packages, which they distributed with a community outreach program. They also conversed with those experiencing homelessness so they can feel like they are being heard. Their *giri*, or sense of duty and obligation to help others, was felt

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by the homeless community they served.

Xandra-Carmen Domingo – “Hawaiian Children’s Storybook: ‘Kaimana.’” Xandra felt the need to create a children’s book to spread awareness about pollution. She felt it is her *sekinin* or responsibility to do so.

Qingquin Chen – “Electricity Conservation Proposal.” Qingquin felt we should use technology to turn lights off when they are not needed.

Brady Serikaku, Kai Chen, Sage Matsumoto and Breydan Hu – “Invasive Reef Fish in Hawai‘i.” This group learned how to identify and fish for invasive reef fish.

Emma Nishikawa & Haylen Tam – “Homelessness.” Emma and Haylen created a keiki project for Kahauiki Village to create a safe environment, embracing the 100th value of *kodomo no tame ni* – for the sake of the children and *gambaru* – to endure/preserve.

Brennan Yamamoto & Sadie Chan – “Hydroponic Towers.” Brennan and Sadie’s project was to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. They explored hydroponics as a more sustainable way to grow crops without fossil fuel consumption, applying 100th values of *giri* – helping the community, *kansha* – gratitude, and *gambaru* – dedication/perseverance to never give up.

Jacob Shaw, Ace Hostelley, Archie Nutchalern – “Invasive & Native Species in Our Streams.” This group worked to make a positive difference in the community by catching invasive species to remove them from stream systems. They applied 100th values of *kuni no tame* – helping our country/community and local marine life, and *gambaru* – to dedicate themselves on this project to make a difference.

Vincci Kwan, Maggie Cheng, Kamy Kaneshige – “Perseverance in Health Care.” This group found women are often misdiagnosed for health issues since trials are often conducted on men. They want to create pamphlets to encourage women patients to ask questions based on the experience of others, who battled similar diseases.

Flora Liao – “Building Stronger Communities: Aloha Pathways for Immigrants in Hawai‘i.”

Flora found that the recent Chinese immigrants have difficulties connecting with the American community. She would like to make a website so Chinese immigrants can easily find resources and programs.

Kayla Ling – “The Most Loyal Traitors.” Kayla made a 10-minute documentary (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mAw2P2NSGo>) about the Hawai‘i 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. She won the State of California National History Day competition for her category, and will be competing in the National competition in June. She was thankful to learn about the 100th values, especially *ganbari* - to give it her all and to try her best. Kayla is our first out-of-state participant in our 100th *Legacy2Action* program. She is from the Bay Area of California.

Thank you to all who participated, and we invite continued participation by students next year, to share status of their implementation or to provide another project to be considered.

It was wonderful to hear great ideas from students on how they solved the problem they identified using the 100th’s

success values. Students and the audience shared feedback that they truly enjoyed, and were inspired by all the positive ideas for change and the ties to the values of the 100th Infantry Battalion. The day was extra special with 100th/442nd veteran, Dr. Manago, sharing his appreciation for all the students’ hard work. It was a treat to hear directly from film producer Steve Sue, about how impressed he was with the students’ ideas, and of his announcement that he is making a movie about the Hawai‘i nisei, starting with the Hawai‘i-born 100th Infantry Battalion, called **“The 100TH: Seeds of Aloha.”** The movie is not a battlefields movie, but one of overcoming obstacles, planting seeds of positive change and sharing the values the students embodied in their *Legacy2Action* projects. All this following the motto of Club 100: *For Continuing Service!* 🇺🇸



Members and attendees interact with L2A students, learning about their projects. [Photo: Nova Hanai]

HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Jan Sakoda [*daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)*], 100th IBV Secretary; HQ/Medics Chapter Vice President

We had a wonderful time at Shabuya on April 21, 2025. So much so that the staff had to remind us twice that our 90 minutes were up. They were very gracious about it but we did feel bad about having forgotten about the time. While we were waiting for our individual broth, karaage chicken, gyoza, and meat to arrive, we visited the buffet line to get the ingredients to add to the broth. Bok choy, won bok, bean sprouts, spinach, broccoli, mussels, clams, fish cake, Korean mochi, were just a some of the choices available to add to the broth. Everyone enjoyed the food and company. 🍣



Glenn Nagamine [son of Seikichi Nagamine (Medics)], Janice Trubitt [daughter of Albert Yokoyama (Medics)], Gail Awakuni [daughter of Fred Hosokawa (HQ)], Alvin Shimogaki [son of Calvin Shimogaki (HQ)], Larry Enomoto [nephew of Edward Enomoto (HQ)], Ellie Shimogaki [daughter-in-law of Calvin Shimogaki (HQ)], Jan Sakoda [daughter of Gary Uchida (HQ)], Ken Akinaka and Delores Glover Akinaka (son and daughter-in-law of Isaac Akinaka (Medic)), and Ed Sakoda [son-in-law Gary Uchida (HQ)].

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Shayna Hanai [*granddaughter of Yoshio Saito (A)*], Able Chapter President

Happy May Day, Star Wars Day, Free Comic Book Day, Tango no Sekku, Children’s Day, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and all other May holidays!

Thank you to Jennifer Kaneshiro [daughter of **Dr. Takashi Manago (A)**] for writing this recount of her father’s best friend, **Mr. Wilbert “Willy” Toda’s (MIS)** birthday at Natsunoya Tea House.

“On April 27, 2025, family and friends gathered at the beautiful Natsunoya Tea House to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone—Mr. Willy Toda’s 98th birthday. The room was filled with laughter, music, and heartfelt memories, honoring a man whose life has been defined by love, resilience, and joy.



Willy Toda celebrates his 98th birthday with Dr. Takashi Manago. Photo courtesy: Beverly Yoshioka [*daughter of Dr. Takashi Manago (A)*].

Willy Toda is not just a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend—he is a living testament to the power of music and connection. His deep love for music, especially his cherished

harmonica, has brought joy to generations. Even at 98, his melodies still dance through the air, touching hearts and bringing smiles to everyone around him. Whether playing a familiar tune or improvising something new, Willy’s harmonica is an extension of his spirit—warm, vibrant, and full of life.

Surrounded by those who love him, Willy beamed with the same light that has guided his family for decades. His life has been a symphony of kindness, humility, and humor. His friendships, many of them lifelong, are grounded in loyalty and laughter, and his love for family is evident in the gentle way he speaks to each grandchild and great grandchild, remembering every name, every story.

The celebration was not only a tribute to his 98 years but also a reminder of the legacy he continues to build—one rooted in love, song, and the harmonica’s sweet notes. Happy birthday, Mr. Willy Toda. Your life is a beautiful song, and we are so lucky to be part of its chorus.”

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Clubhouse and on Zoom. Feel free to email me anytime with any questions, suggestions or any news you would like to share. 🍣

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Jan Nadamoto [*daughter of Isao Nadamoto (B)*], Baker Chapter President; 100th IBV BOD Director, Baker

All, it's coming!!!! Hekka Day on May 24, 2025, at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) Clubhouse (520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826).

Pieper Toyama, author of, "Family Stories from the Plantation and Beyond," will be our special guest that day! And, he will also be doing a book signing that day!



Pieper Toyama.

Our next event will be Movie Day! More to come on that later!

Our next meeting will be on **July 5 at 9:00 a.m.!** If you are not receiving Baker Chapter's monthly meeting emails and would like to be placed on the list please contact Jan at jannadamoto@gmail.com or (808) 347-3127. 🐦

OPEN TO ALL CLUB 100 MEMBERS

HEKKA DAY!

May 24, 2025

10AM - 1PM

Special Guest!

Pieper Toyama, author of Family Stories from the Plantation and Beyond



Pieper will also doing a book signing!

Nourish your tummy and your soul!

Come and help our chefs make Hekka and listen to Pieper Toyama talk story!

Please register at: <https://foxyly.link/1U2Q9f>

Parking at Ala Wai School **...AND RSVP BY MAY 19, 2025**

Got questions? Contact Jan Nadamoto at jannadamoto@gmail.com or 808-347-3127



(Receive an additional chance to to win a prize when you donate prizes and/or desserts!)

\$5 donation appreciated

******* Hekka Day RSVP (Due by: May 19) *******

You may also EMAIL this RSVP form to: jannadamoto@gmail.com
OR mail it to: 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans – Attn: Baker Chapter Hekka Event
520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

Member's Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Attending _____

Receive an additional chance to win a prize when you donate prizes and/or desserts!

Questions/concerns? Contact Jan Nadamoto at jannadamoto@gmail.com

Parking will be available at Ala Wai Elementary School.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Arlene Sato [*daughter of Hideshi Niimi (C)*], Charlie Chapter Treasurer

The next Charlie Chapter meeting is on **Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m.**, at the Clubhouse.

After the meeting, stay for the ‘ono Hekka lunch, sponsored by Baker Chapter. It’ll be a good opportunity to meet other club members. We are fortunate to have local boy, retired teacher, and author

Pieper Toyama, as a guest speaker. His hilarious heartwarming stories of growing up in Pa‘auilo will have you reminiscing about the good ‘ol hanabata days, when you walked around barefoot, no one locked their doors, and people were honest. Don’t miss this very special event. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School. 🍷

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Joyce Chinen [*daughter of Wallace Seiko Chinen (D)*], Dog Chapter President

D Chapter members Greg Kuwazaki [son of **Eddie Kuwazaki (D)**], Mary and Alvin Tsukayama [daughter-in-law and son of **Conrad Tsukayama (D)**], and I met on April 5th for our regular D Chapter meeting. For some months now, we’ve discussed the dilemma many of us experience; we have multiple containers of old photo albums (and other memorabilia) which are unidentified, but, “hey! They kept it, so it was probably important — we can’t just throw it out, right?”

In upcoming months, we plan to hold a couple of sessions where these photos or items can be digitally scanned and preserved, so they might be shared with other 100th Doggies (members & families), to possibly identify the “mystery” individuals and locations, and the stories behind them. Our aim is to have enough of this project completed to share a draft at our annual D Chapter Christmas party. In keeping with that objective, please attend our monthly D Chapter meetings for updates.

This past April marked the 10th Anniversary of the designation and establishment of the Honouliuli National Monument. It was well over a decade ago that, as a Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) volunteer, Jane Kurahara [widow of **Conrad Kurahara (B)**] took a phone call which ultimately led to the rediscovery of the largest, most diverse complex that had been constructed and used for the incarceration of BOTH Internees and Prisoners Of Wars (POWs) from Europe (mostly, but not exclusively, Italians), the Pacific, and Asia (Okinawans, Japanese, Koreans), a nexus of



At the April 15 “The 100TH, Seeds of Aloha” film production kick off. (L-R) Joyce Chinen, Warren Yamamoto [son of **Richard Yamamoto (C)**], Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**], Mary Tsukayama, and Dr. Eric Tsukamoto [son of **John Tsukamoto (HQ)**]. [Photo Courtesy: Clyde Sugimoto [nephew of **Nolan Miyazaki (B)**]].

international activity. This distinguishes it from the usual narrative stressing “internment” and speaks to its unique and multiple functions.

Archaeological, historical, social, and cultural exploration and documentation of the features of the site continues, but it was abundantly clear even over a decade ago, that it was worthy of its designation by then President Barack Obama as the Honouliuli National Historic Site.

Christine Ogura, Honouliuli Superintendent, and the National Park Service (NPS), have a full range of events and activities planned with partners to commemorate and to learn from various facets of this unique and amazing site. Most of the presentations are accessible online.

Please go to: www.nps.gov/hono for more information. Also visit the park’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/honouliulinps) or Instagram page (www.instagram.com/honouliulinps). 🍷

CLUBHOUSE OFFICE UPDATE

By Amy Kwong [*granddaughter of Eugene Kawakami (A)*], Office Manager;
 100th IBV BOD - Director, Able Chapter; 100th IBV Communications & Membership Chair; *Puka Puka Parade* Editor

Welcome to our newest 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (Club 100) member, Gardner “Kahi” Fujii [*grandson of Henry Fujii (B)*]. We look forward to seeing you at the Clubhouse.

In April, Isami Yoshihara [*brother of Hisashi Yoshihara (A)*] brought Bob Nakamine [*son of Roy Nakamine (Medics)*], for a visit to the Clubhouse while Bob was in town from California. Bob shared photos and stories about his father’s unique path into the 100th. Although Roy Nakamine was neither a University of Hawai’i student nor a member of the Hawaii Territorial Guard, he was a local boxer who was recruited by Richard Chinen to join the Varsity Victory Volunteers. He then joined the 442nd RCT in 1943, and was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion (Sep) at Camp Shelby, deploying with the original 100th members on the S.S. James Parker in August 1943.



Roy Nakamine (Medics) at bottom. [Photo Courtesy: Bob Nakamine]

In October 1944, following the fierce battle of Biffontaine, Roy Nakamine was among the soldiers of the 100th Battalion who were captured and became prisoners of war. I immediately contacted Cary Miyashiro [*son of Oscar Miyashiro (C)*], whose dad was also one of those captured with Roy Nakamine at the time. Cary shared that Roy’s brother had told

him that his father and the other captured 100th men had saved Roy’s life by taking turns carrying him



Isami Yoshihara, Cary Miyashiro and Bob Nakamine enjoy a morning of conversation at the Clubhouse.

on their backs, as he was wounded. It was therefore very special that Cary immediately came to join us at the Clubhouse, to meet Bob Nakamine for the first time. I enjoyed listening to their stories, and learned so much about their fathers.



(L-R) Amy Kwong, Isami Yoshihara, Bob Nakamine, Cary Miyashiro, and Kathi Hayashi.

I also had the pleasure of welcoming Chaplain (COL) Philip A. Winn, Jr. and his wife Colette, visiting from Minnesota, along with his friend, Chaplain (LTC) Shareen “Pinkie” Fischer, who is currently serving in the US Army at Ft. Shafter. Chaplain Winn is a life member of the 34th Infantry Division Association, having served as Command



Chaplain Winn and Amy.

Chaplain for the 34th ID. He mentioned that he receives our *Puka Puka Parade* newsletter, and enjoys reading it.

Chaplain Fischer shared that she had served with the 45th ID “Thunderbirds,” and was excited to see their insignia displayed in our Education Center

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showcase. The wood carved insignia was recently donated to the club by Sébastien Roure, as the 45th ID had fought with the 100th/442nd in Europe, in World War II.

I enjoyed providing a tour of our Clubhouse Education Center, and was touched to receive a heartfelt thank

you from Chaplain Winn, in which he wrote, “visiting the Clubhouse was something I had hoped to do for almost

20 years after deploying to Iraq with members of the Hawaii National Guard. I look forward to continuing to share the legacy of the 100th in the years to come.”

OFFICE CHANGES AND NEW HOURS.

Please be advised that effective Monday, June 2, 2025, I will be performing my duties as Office Manager by remote-work only. **In-person assistance at the Clubhouse office will be available by appointment only.** Please contact us at info@100thibv.org, or (808) 946-0272, to schedule an appointment.

An Office Assistant will be on-site on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, and will assist me with processing USPS mail received at the Clubhouse, responding to voicemails left at the office, and handling other office responsibilities. Thank you to Jeanne Harada [niece of **Yoshiharu Harry Kida (A)**], for her dedicated volunteer work in the office over the past six months. We are grateful that she has agreed to continue supporting us as our Office Assistant.

For urgent matters relating to the office, please contact the 100th IBV officers (<https://www.100thibv.org/organization>): President - Kathi Hayashi [daughter of **Tokuichi Hayashi (A)**], 1st VP - Avin Oshiro [son of **Seie Oshiro (A)**], 2nd VP - Joyce



Chaplain Winn and wife, Colette on left, and Chaplain Fischer on right, touring the Clubhouse.

Doi [daughter of **Joichi Muramatsu (B)**], Secretary - Jan Sakoda [daughter of **Gary Uchida (HQ)**], or Treasurer - Dr. Eric Tsukamoto [son of **John Tsukamoto (HQ)**]. I will remain the primary point of contact for office matters, and the 100th IBV Board and Chapter officers are able to reach out to me directly through my personal contact information for assistance.

To schedule a **Clubhouse Education Center Tour**, please contact us at the Clubhouse Office, or at the Education Center email (info@100thbattalion.org).

Chapter key-holders/representatives and Committee Chairs will continue to assist with providing access to the Clubhouse for other Club 100 related purposes.

In November 2024, I informed Able Chapter, the 100th IBV Board, and chapter officers of my planned temporary out-of-state move scheduled for this summer. This adjustment in office hours and procedures is part of the transition process, to ensure continuity of office operations after my relocation.

Able Chapter has elected me to continue serving as their 2025 representative to the board, with full knowledge that I will be performing these duties remotely following my move. As a result, I will continue to serve as 100th IBV Board Director (Able Chapter), as well as 100th IBV Communications Committee Chair and Membership Committee Chair, attending meetings by Zoom, and performing my duties by remote-work.

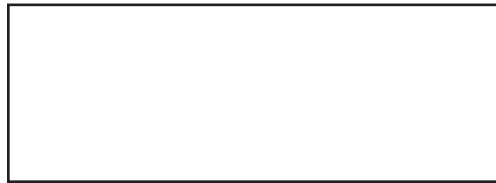
I will also continue to serve as *Puka Puka Parade* Editor. Thank you to all of our amazingly dedicated Chapter reporters, One Puka Puka Youth Leader, Nova Hanai [great-granddaughter of **Yoshio Saito (A)**], Ann Kabasawa [daughter of **Raymond Nosaka (B)**], Clyde Sugimoto [nephew of **Nolan Miyazaki (B)**], and so many others who continue to support the *Puka Puka Parade* and Club 100 with photo contributions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition into our updated office procedures. I will miss seeing all of you in-person at the Clubhouse, but will continue to support Club 100 remotely. I plan to attend the June 5 (THU) BYO-Bento gathering at the Clubhouse, so please join us, if you are able. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email, with any questions in regards to these changes. 🙏

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (2025)

(All events at the 100th IBV Clubhouse and all times are HST unless otherwise indicated)

- May 17 (SAT)** 100th IBV Board of Directors Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
Banquet Committee Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- May 24 (SAT)** Charlie Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
Hekka Day Event. 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
All members welcome (hosted by Baker Chapter).
- May 26 (MON)** *Office Closed* in observance of Memorial Day.
- May 28 (WED)** HQ/Medics Chapter Meeting. 9:30 a.m. (Clubhouse and Zoom)
- June 5 (THU)** **B.Y.O.Bento.** 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. All members welcome.
- June 7 (SAT)** Dog Chapter Meeting. 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
“THE 100th, Seeds of Aloha” Map Day at Pearl Harbor
Aviation Museum (Register at: <https://100thfilm.com/map/>)
- June 8 (SUN)** **Emergency preparedness** (11 a.m.) and
Scammer Awareness (1 p.m.) **presentations** at the Clubhouse.
- June 14 (SAT)** Able Chapter Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.
- June 28 (SAT)** **83rd Anniversary Banquet** (Doors open 10 a.m.) at the
Clubhouse. RSVP by May 30, 2025.
- July 5 (SAT)** Baker Chapter Meeting. 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse and on Zoom.

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Mahalo!