President’s Message
by Pauline Sato

Stay connected. In today’s digital and high-speed world, it sometimes takes a gentle reminder (or two) from an elder to remember that one personal visit is worth a million emails or phone calls. By request of veteran Robert Arakaki, three Executive Board members met with four veterans to “talk story” and share concerns and ideas for the future of our organization. It was a fruitful conversation that will lead to, we hope, new ideas and activities that will engage multiple generations of members as well as other friends.

As we discussed, the challenge to bring in “new blood” is great but not insurmountable if we ALL try our best. How many sons, daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters have never stepped foot in the Clubhouse except for annual parties? Now, more than ever, is the best time to come, with the new Education Center and the need to take care of the Clubhouse and apartment, which were built through the sacrifices of every 100th soldier and have served as the heart of our organization for 60 years.

And as our veterans grow older and see their comrades pass on, it is critically important for the younger generations to take the torch and hold it high so that our society doesn’t forget or take for granted the reasons why we live as freely and boundless as we do today. I urge all descendants to take that extra step today, not tomorrow, to give back and contribute in whatever way you can to ensure the legacy of the 100th and all Nisei veterans lives on.

With the passage of the revised By-laws of our organization, membership is now open to siblings of all Veterans and KIA soldiers and all persons in direct lineage to such siblings (as long as they are 18 years of age or older). That means our membership can and should grow. If you now qualify, please contact our office to fill out the required paperwork and become a full-fledged member with voting rights.

Articles in this newsletter will give you ample opportunities to participate in activities as a volunteer or participant. Please read with more attention than usual, and pick up that phone, send that email, or visit the Clubhouse to offer your help. And if you have an idea that you want to jot down on a piece of paper, our classic “suggestion box” will be reinstated in the Clubhouse lounge. In one way or the other, we hope to hear from you to stay connected!

Aloha,
In Memorium

Robert T. Takato (C)
Passed away on March 29, 2012

Bernard Seiso Akamine (B)
Passed away on April 2, 2012

Seie Oshiro (A)
Passed away on April 6, 2012

Our deepest sympathy to their families.

Education Center Update
by Lloyd Kitaoka

I want to update you on latest with the Education Center. Jan Sakoda, Drusilla Tanaka and I have been working on how to pass on our fathers’ legacy through the new Education Center. Our first goal was to come up with a short program to explain what our organization is about to groups coming to our Clubhouse. That has been done and tested last month with our first group, members of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Our next presentation is scheduled for the end of April with the visit of 150 students from Mililani Middle School.

We will be constantly tweaking the program to make it applicable to different age groups. Our goal is to have a program available to any group that wants to visit us, small or large. As soon as we feel comfortable with what we have, we will start training volunteers to be docents and program facilitators. The 100th legacy is so very important that everyone in the Islands should be aware of it, especially the children.

Drusilla has been hard at work updating the original brochure that Richard Halloran put together years ago. It has been updated with Mr. Halloran’s input and now completed and ready to be printed.

While many of our displays are static, meaning they were meant to be permanent, some are flexible and can be changed to reflect different aspects of the lives of our fathers, and we plan to do just that. We have been receiving donations of some really awesome mementos and pictures from veterans and their families and we will find ways to display or include them on our website. If you have any pictures, uniforms, medals, etc., please call the office at 946-0272.

Lastly, regarding another important component of our center, the website, Susan Muroshige has graciously agreed to continue to oversee the 100th education center site (www.100thbattalion.org). This will ensure that the website grows in the same manner that it was conceived. She is continuously looking for pictures and stories of veterans to add to the site. I will update you as we go forward.

This baseball uniform worn by Sam Tomai, shortstop on the Aloha Team at Camp McCoy about 70 years ago, was recently loaned to the Club by his daughter, Sandy Tomai Erlandson. It will be displayed in the Education Center in the near future.

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Vietnam War Veterans Honored  
by Evelyn Tsuda  
On March 31, 2012, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 483 sponsored an event at Kalaeloa to honor the Vietnam War veterans and members of the 25th Infantry Division who have served in Iraq. After the blessing of the grounds and participants, everyone enjoyed interacting with other veterans and counselors from the VA Center and listening to the music which was reminiscent of their younger days. Our veterans who attended this event were Robert Arakaki, Sonsei Nakamura, Rikio Tsuda, Don Matsuda, Masaharu Saito and Ted Hamasu. This was made possible by Bert Hamakado and Gary Nakayama, who were so willing to be their chauffeurs. A big mahalo to Bert and Gary.

What the Veterans Want...  
by Pauline Sato  
Here are some ideas that we’ve heard from veterans about potential activities to bring more people to the Clubhouse to build camaraderie and have fun with multiple generations:

- Grandchildren Day with fun activities such as sports
- Casino Day (Goro Sumida said he’ll teach people how to win in Vegas!)
- Karaoke Contest
- After-school tutoring

These are great ideas! The only way they can happen, though, is if we can get volunteers to plan and implement the activities. Please contact the office if you can help (ph: 946-0272 or email: club100vets@gmail.com).

Please Support the Herald and One of our Own  
by Pauline Sato  
The Hawaii Herald, the bi-weekly newsletter, provides an important voice for Japanese Americans. The 100th’s own Karleen Chinen (daughter of the late Wallace Seiko Chinen), is the talented and dedicated editor who pours her heart and soul into this publication, carrying on a long tradition going more than 30 years. If you value this publication and are not already a subscriber, please join now or purchase your own individual copies so that the Hawaii Herald can continue for many years to come. The Herald is available at Hakubundo Bookstore; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii’s gift shop; Marukai Wholesale Mart (Dilingham and Ward); Shirokiya; the Kahala, Kaimuki and McCully Times Super Markets; and the Hawaii Hochi Office building located at: 917 Kokea St. Please call 845-2255 or email heraldinfo@hawaiihochi.com for more information.

Who Needs a Ride?  
by Pauline Sato  
Our office receives numerous invitations to events and many of our veterans, wives, and widows want to come out to events but lack the transportation because they can no longer drive. Let’s help them out! If you are willing to transport one or more passengers to events either at the Clubhouse or another function (such as a memorial service or military function), please contact the office at 946-0272. Also, if you are a veteran, wife, or widow, who would like to receive transportation, please call the office as well so that arrangements can be made. We will also look into the cost of shuttle services. Mahalo.

Clubhouse Landscaping Project  
by Pauline Sato  
Now that our Clubhouse looks beautiful inside, it’s time to focus on the outside. Plans are being made to re-landscape the entrance to the Clubhouse, finally! I’ll be heading this project since I have a special love for plants. If you would like to participate in a planning meeting to discuss various ideas about style and types of plants, please contact the office. We’ll let you know when we can arrange the meeting with a landscaping professional in the next month or two.

One of the plants we’re looking for is the 100th Infantry Battalion hibiscus. This particular flower was created by the father of the 100th Infantry Battalion executive officer, Major John (Jack) Johnson, who was killed in action in the vicinity of Cassino, January 25, 1944. If you know how we can get one or more of these hibiscuses, please let us know! Onegaishimasu

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

100TH INF. BN. Annual Mini-Reunion 2012
OCTOBER 20 – 25, 2012
by Anne Kabasawa

There is still room for those who want to come to the Mini Reunion at the California Hotel. For those who will be attending, please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 5, 2012 at the Clubhouse at 10:00am for our get-together to go over the event and make your final payments. If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or e-mail me at diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com.

RSVP by April 10, 2012. We will also have a get-together luncheon in August to issue packets.

One Puka Puka Japan Tour
by Evelyn Tsuda

An informational meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the clubhouse at 1:00 PM. Kazuo “Opu” Hiranaka will present a detailed itinerary and other pertinent information. Attending this meeting will not obligate you to sign up for the tour.

70th Anniversary Banquet Update
by Janice Yokoyama Trubitt

Everyone should have received the banquet information and order form for the 70th Anniversary Banquet on July 8, 2012 at the Honolulu Country Club. This is an important year to celebrate so get your reservations in early before the deadline of June 18th. There was an error of the banquet date on some of the forms, so be sure you check your calendars for July 8th. If you need a ride to the banquet, please indicate this on your order form or call the clubhouse office at 946-0272. We need volunteers to help out with these rides and any other assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please call the clubhouse to help out and help make this 70th Anniversary a big celebration!!!

Veterans - We need you to wear your red/white/blue leis to the banquet so that you can be recognized. If you need another lei, please inform the office.

Officer Nominations Sought
by Warren Yamamoto, Nominations Committee Chair

Are you interested in becoming an officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans? It’s hard work but here’s your chance to get to know the veterans and their families and offer your contribution to the club.

The Nominations Committee of the Veterans Association is seeking candidates for the four officer positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. Each elected officer serves a two-year term, with up to two maximum terms in the same position.

Candidates must be members in good standing and willing to work for the best interests of the club. The officers will serve on the Board of Directors with Directors from each of the Oahu chapters.

The election of officers will be held in November 2012 but the slate of officers will be announced on June 1. So, please submit your nomination to Warren Yamamoto at daisyy3@hawaiiantel.net by May 20, 2012. You may also contact me with any questions you may have concerning the officers’ duties and responsibilities.

Chapter News

Headquarters Chapter News
by Janice Sakoda – 737-7778
Daughter of Gary K. Uchida

Our spring luncheon was a great success! There were enough of us to make up two tables at Fook Yuen, and everyone enjoyed the delicious food. Some of them commented how they really enjoyed the delicious pig’s feet. Making up the two tables were: Doris Aimoto, Aki and Pat Akimoto with son Brian, Delores and Ken Akinaka, Bessie Fukumoto, Ed Ikuma, Carol Matsunaga, John Oki, Elsie Oshita, Dot Tamashiro, Janice Trubitt, and Jan Sakoda; and we were happy that Wayne Iha and Susan and Mieko Muroshige were able to join us as our guests.

We’d like to extend a warm welcome to Carol Matsunaga, daughter of Arthur and Frances Komiyama, and John Oki, son of Albert and Jane Oki, as our newest HQ members. John, an attorney, does double duty as he also serves as secretary for the mother club. It’s so nice to have more sons and daughters join us.
A belated welcome home to Kaui Robello, granddaughter of Aki and Pat Akimoto and daughter of Rodney and the late Alicia Robello. Kaui spent some time in Europe, travelling to England, Italy (where she connected with relatives) and then two weeks in Paris! What a trip that must have been!

Well, this is another month of “slow news is good news”….  

Please join us at our next HQ/Medics meeting on Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Baker Chapter News**  
*by Cecilee Tanaka*

There was a nice turnout for the April meeting. In attendance were: Robert and Nancy Arakaki, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Charles Tanaka, Ann Kabasawa, Helen Kodama, Susan Hokama, Anne and Randy Kuroda, Gary Nakayama, Ralph and Yasuko Steensen, Sonsei and Elaine Nakamura, Marie Yoneshige, Cecilee and Drusilla Tanaka. Ralph Steensen, hanai nephew of KIA Robert Ozaki, is an Honorary Member of Baker Chapter.

We learned that Charlie Tanaka’s nickname is “Speedy,” how Robert Arakaki got his nickname “Murphy,” and that Ronald Haruto Kuroda’s nickname was “Zuzu” because he was good at hitting targets with Job’s tears seeds. Sonsei Nakamura said because he was assistant to the platoon sergeant, no one bothered him, so he did not have a nickname.

At the meeting, we learned about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Legacy Organization. It is still in the draft stage and members are invited to react and respond to the draft in writing and to submit it to Randy. If you want more information on the MOU, please call Randy at 247-0286. The Turner Hall Rental policies are also being revised. Randy assured us that we will be fully informed before any vote is taken on these matters.

On April 10, 2012, U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye presented the Silver Star award, the military’s third highest combat award for valor, to the family of Tech. Sgt. Robert Y. Ozaki for leading a bayonet charge against German forces in Italy in 1943. This act of heroism was brought to light only recently since the military record had been destroyed in a fire at the National Records Center in 1973.

We learned of the passing of Baker Chapter life member, Ben Tagami on the mainland. Our condolences to his family.

Immediately after the monthly meeting, my mom and I went to see my grandpa, Bernard Akamine, because he wanted to hear what happened at the meeting. After we told him about all the action at the meeting, he thanked us. The very next day, Papa passed away. As I watched him take his last breath, he looked very serene. It might be my imagination, but it looked like he had a smile on his face.

Because Papa was a Parade reporter for so many years and appointed the Stapling Foreman by Evelyn Oshiro, the Puka Puka Parade was very important to him. He thanked me for taking over the job as Baker Chapter reporter. I hope I can do as good a job as he did.

Reminder to save Saturday, August 4, for the Baker Chapter Family Get-Together. Details to be announced in future newsletter.

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**Dog Chapter News**  
*by Joy Teraoka*

We urge Doggies to come to our monthly meetings because our president, Harry Nakayama, is doing a great job in reporting to the membership the current issues and activities that are being discussed at the 100th Infantry Veterans’ Board of Directors meetings. Without his reports, we members would be oblivious to some of the dire problems facing our organization. We meet on the first Saturday of each month. Our next meeting will be on May 5, at 9:30 p.m.

Although the clubhouse has undergone renovations to initiate the Education Center’s vision with attractive displays and an accessible computer website work cove, other parts of our building are in need of repair. The roof eaves are deteriorating, the apartments need painting, and the grounds could use some attractive landscaping. It seems just like the veterans, age is taking its toll, and the Board and its committees are now compelled to tackle these problems—the aches and pains of being old. All this requires the judicious budget financing of the organization’s funds.
We are happy to see that Stu Tsubota still comes to our monthly meetings to give support to our Dog Chapter. Even as one of the last original officers among the 100th veterans he continues to have a passionate interest in what is happening at the clubhouse.

Just a gentle reminder: Have you paid your Dog Chapter dues? Arf! Arf!

### Maui Chapter News

*by Stanley Izumigawa*

Our next get-together will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, in Café O’Lei at the Dunes. If the place sounds familiar it is because that is where our last social was held and we are returning because just about everyone liked the place. The theme will be “May Day is Lei day in Hawaii” and you are asked to come wearing a lei. Prizes will be awarded for the best flower and best other (yarn, ribbon etc.) leis.

We hope to see most of you there and if you do plan to attend please RSVP to Ed Nishihara (24-9870) by May 12.

The construction of the Education Center at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (NVMC) on Maui is nearing completion. The NVMC is a living memorial which continues to serve the public by making available facilities for an intergenerational pre-school and adult day care centers operated independently and the Education Center, when completed, will be the final component of the complex. An executive director, (Robert Hill), has been hired to coordinate activities.

### Descendants Chapter Report

*by Bert Hamakado*

On Saturday, 31 March 2012 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans were invited to the 1st Annual Welcome Home Celebration for All Veterans. The event was held by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 483 Rainbow Hawai'i (the Order) and the US Veterans Initiative (U.S. VETS.), located at the US VETS housing facility on Shangrila Road in Barbers Point (Kalaeloa). The event organizer was Reinaldo Espada, Commander of the Order. In 2002, U.S. VETS-Barbers Point at Kalaeloa began providing affordable, long-term, supportive housing for veterans. In 2003 it implemented U.S. VETS signature work re-entry program Veterans in Progress. The Barbers Point facility serves 175 veterans daily. Chartered by Congress in 1958, The Order is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although membership is restricted to the combat wounded, the Order supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs by Chapters and National Service Officers.

Veterans who made the trip to Kalaeloa were Robert Arakaki, Sonsei Nakamura, Don Matsuda, Rikki Tsuda, Ted Hamasu and Masaharu Saito. Gary Nakamura and Bert Hamakado provided transportation to the event. Event organizer Reinaldo Espada who made sure the 100th Inf. Bn. Veterans were well taken care of. Entertainment included a dancing exercise by the Zumba Marathon group, music from a group called “1772,” a veterans Rhythm & Blues Band, and an animal fair for the children. There were also informational booths from military organizations and civilian organizations that support the veterans. Everyone who attended had lunch served by the Order.

Honolulu City Councilmember District 6 Tulsi Gabbard spoke to a crowd of veterans and their families. “It’s events like this, and veterans like you, that are so important to me and that inspire and motivate me because of all you have sacrificed for our state and for our country”
Gabbard told the crowd, as an active member of the Hawai‘i National Guard, Tulsi Gabbard served two tours of duty in the Middle East. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for her service and was recently commissioned as a Captain. Masaharu Saito mentioned his grandson works for Tulsi Gabbard.

The Order veterans of wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan were happy to greet and talk to the 100th Inf. Bn. Veterans. The 25th Division, Schofield also was present with a booth passing out brochures and presentation board displaying World War II conflicts in the Pacific. Members of the Honolulu Vet Center, Jack Marshall and John Condell, came by to talk to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans on benefits provided by the Veterans Administration. Below are the addresses and telephone numbers where they can be reached.

Jack Marshall, LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker)  
Honolulu Vet Center  
1680 Kapiolani Blvd, Suite F-3  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Tel: 808-973-8387

John Condello, Veterans Service Coordinator  
Office of Veterans Services  
Tripler Medical Center E-Wing, Room 1-A103  
459 Patterson Road  
Tel: 808-433-0420

During the ride to and from Kalaeloa, the veterans noticed a lot of changes to Kapolei/Ewa plain, with housing development, shopping centers and the new Walmart right off the freeway to Kalaeloa. Mahalo to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 483 for sponsoring the event.

What’s up with the Wine Gang?  
by Jayne Hirata-Epstein

After many long years of planning by the Wine Gang veterans (the REAL veterans), on March 29, Beau Tatsumura of the 100th/442nd Army Reserve was presented with the Above and Beyond award from Scott Williams of Lex Brodie’s Tire Company and several other community leaders. 100th veterans Robert Arakaki and Goro Sumida first came up with the idea to nominate Beau as a way to thank him for all he does for the veterans when he returned from his 2nd deployment to Kuwait. However, Beau was promoted out of the 100th/442nd for a year so everything was put on hold. Once he was moved back to the 100th/442nd, the boys submitted their nomination and waited patiently for this day to come.

Those of us who know Beau knew that if he found out about the award, he probably would not have shown up to receive it because what he hates most of all is people making a fuss over him and being the center of attention. So a covert mission was hatched to have him believe he was coming to the Clubhouse to celebrate Goro’s birthday.
I won’t mention who staffed this mission because Beau is plotting his revenge as I write). All eyes were on him when Dita Holyfiend started to read the veterans’ nomination letter and sure enough, when she said “Aloha Air Cargo”, Beau made a hasty retreat out of the lounge! Poor Shelly Santo even went to block the front door to make sure he didn’t leave! He did SLOWLY walk to the front to receive the award and even made a short speech.

After the award ceremony, Scott surprised everyone by presenting the birthday boy, Goro, with his own Above and Beyond award – bringing the grand total for the Wine Gang to four (Robert, Goro, Beau and me). It was a really heartwarming present and brought Goro to tears. Very, very touching.

Of course, as the Wine Gang does every Thursday, we had a great catered lunch since there was no way yours truly, the Chief Cook, was going to make kau kau for over 50 people! The crowd included Maj. Gen. Robert Lee and from the 100th/442nd Maj. Keith Horikawa, Chris Arakawa and William Lurbe.

We also had a real Hollywood celebrity joining us as actor Cary Hiroyuki-Tagawa (fresh off his gig as the keynote speaker at the 442nd Anniversary Celebration and a Hawaii 5-0 cameo) stopped by and graciously signed autographs and posed for photo after photo with the Wine Gang.

While we don’t have any more big surprises planned, we do have just as much fun on “regular” Thursdays as we do on these big celebratory days! Hope you’ll join us soon!
Above and Beyond Nomination for Beau Tastumura

by the Wine Gang: 100th veterans Akira “Aki” Akimoto, Robert Arakaki, Ken Higa, Edward Ikuma, Takashi Kitaoka, Leighton “Goro” Sumida and Shigeru “Stu” Tsubota; and 442nd veterans Isao “Roy” Takiyama, Takeshi “Bolo” Shirakata and Paul Watanabe.

We, the members of the Wine Gang consisting of WWII veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team and their friends, have been waiting over a year for Beau Tatsumura to return to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment so that we can nominate him for the Above and Beyond Award. We feel that Beau is deserving of the award as he is someone that we can always depend on, no matter what the task. Although he is very busy with his “real jobs” as an executive with Aloha Air Cargo and with the Army Reserve, he takes it upon himself to help us wherever, whenever and whatever is needed.

When our respective veterans’ organizations need any sort of help, the first comment is always “Call Beau.” We know we can count on him to provide the assistance needed, even at short notice. Rides needed for an event at Pearl Harbor that starts at 6:30 am? Volunteers needed for monthly yard work? Lunch for a 95th birthday party? No problem! A lot of the time, we don’t even have to ask – he is already putting a plan into motion and will see it to fruition. The only time we’ve ever experienced a reluctance on his part to do the job is when it involved what he called the “frou frou” task of making favors and centerpieces for a Welcome Back banquet he organized for his fellow Delta Co. soldiers upon their return to Hawaii.

People often ask us what we consider our greatest accomplishment. Is it the success on the battlefields of Europe? Is it the many medals our units received? Is it the impact we have had in Hawaii upon our return? As young men heading off to war, we were told by our parents “no make shame” and we took that admonition to heart – striving to live as men of character. It is this feeling of being not only a good soldier in the field but a good person upon our return home that we are most proud of. We believe that Beau also lives his life with the same philosophy. He helps us because it comes from the heart, not due to a desire for self-promotion (in fact, he’ll make a hasty exit if a camera is around).

As a leader, Beau has motivated his soldiers to adopt the same spirit of service and caring. How many young people do you know who would willingly spend their Saturday mornings mopping floors or scrubbing a kitchen or their Friday nights having dinner with a bunch of 90-year olds? When we see these youthful faces working so diligently at whatever task Beau gives to them, we cannot help but remember the way we were almost 70 years ago. We feel a strong bond with these soldiers as they are the only ones who truly understand what life in a warzone is like. Of all these soldiers and Beau do for us, what means the most is the hours they spend with us “talking story.

Although he will be very upset with us for making such a fuss over him, we hope you will consider Beau Tatsumura for the Above and Beyond Award.
SENPAI GUMI OF THE 100TH

by Ted Tsukiyama

Editor’s note: This is a continuation of Ted Tsukiyama’s summary of the booklet, “Senpai Gumi,” by 100/MIS veteran Richard Oguro about the first group of 100th men who were recruited from Camp McCoy for the MIS. (third of eight parts)

On December 8, 1941, THOMAS KIYOSHI “Kewpie” TSUBOTA, a corporal assigned to the 298th’s Heavy Weapons Platoon, while patrolling the Bellows Field beachfront helped to capture Ensign Kazuo Sakamaki of the Japanese Imperial Navy, whose midget submarine had grounded on the reef off Waimanalo. Tsubota tried to question Sakamaki who refused to answer, but Tsubota must go down in military history as participating in the capture of the first Japanese POW of the war and the first Nisei to engage in interrogation of a Japanese POW in World War II.

Although Tsubota was highly qualified as a pre-War graduate of Waseda and Meiji universities in Japan, when he was interviewed by the MISLS recruiters in November, 1942, he voiced strong objections to being transferred to the MISLS, but to no avail. After completing the grueling crash course in Japanese military intelligence at Camp Savage in mid-1943, Tsubota was selected as one of 14 Nisei MIS including Andrew Mitsukado, Herbert Miyasaki, Howard Furumoto, Russell Kono, Robert Honda and Roy Nakada to be assigned to the 5307 Composite Unit, later to gain fame as the “Merrill’s Marauders,” which fought as the only American ground combat unit against the Japanese Army in the Burmese jungles. The Marauders were marched over a thousand miles of mountain and jungle essentially engaged in guerrilla warfare often behind Japanese lines disrupting their military operations and killing enemy troops, which called upon Tsubota and the Nisei Marauders to render dangerous but essential intelligence functions against the enemy. While the Marauders as a unit gained great fame leading the Allied forces in the bitter battle to capture the key city of Myitkyina, the vital intelligence functions and services performed by the 14 Nisei Marauders largely remained unacknowledged and unknown long after the War ended.

YOSHIO MORITA was one of the first of the Senpai Gumi to be sent out for combat service. Even before his class graduated, in June 1943 he was promoted to Master Sergeant and assigned to lead a six-man team, which also included Senpai Harold Nishimura to be shipped out to the Aleutian/Alaskan campaign to participate in the invasion of Kiska Island. Attu and Kiska were the only American lands captured and occupied by the Japanese military and there was an urgent demand for MIS translators/interrogators in the American campaign to recapture these Aleutian islands. In May 1943 U.S. forces invaded and captured Attu after bitter resistance culminating in a desperate “banzai charge” by the enemy, leaving all 3,000 Japanese defenders dead.

In August 1943 an enlarged U.S./Canadian task force over 34,000 strong next invaded the island of Kiska in a dense fog preceded by a tremendous advance bombardment, only to find that the Japanese enemy had previously sneaked off and totally abandoned Kiska. Morita’s most memorable feat on Kiska was to discover hastily abandoned Japanese food supplies so that he and fellow Nisei enjoyed rice, soy sauce, canned delicacies like unagi, nishime, takenoko and inari sushi instead of the tasteless G.I. meals for the rest of their Kiska assignment. With no prisoners to interrogate, Morita’s team translated captured diaries and other Japanese documents until October 1943 when they were relieved of their Alaskan assignment and returned to Camp Savage where Morita was retained as one of the sensei instructors for the duration of the War.

RICHARD ISHIMOTO was part of a six-man team spending six months duty at the Military Intelligence Division at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. doing Japanese Order of Battle work. He then joined a team led by Ed Mitsukado and George Ishikawa sent to ATIS (Allied Translator Interrogation Section) in Brisbane, Australia for another 6 months until July, 1944 when his 10-man team was sent out to Aitape, New Guinea to perform combat duty against the desperate Japanese enemy. For the next 13 months of the War, Ishimoto’s team engaged in translation of enemy documents and interrogation of POW’s at Morotai Island, Dutch East Indies, survived “kamikaze” bombing attacks in the Leyte, Philippines invasion, then Luzon Island landings where he narrowly escaped being killed by a bolo-wielding Filipino guerrilla who mistook him for a “Jap [sic]” soldier, and finally through Pampanga to Grace Paric, Manila where
Ishimoto led the Propaganda Section writing surrender leaflets to be dropped on the enemy troops. On an advance mission near enemy lines where he was setting up radio intercept equipment, Ishimoto was caught in the middle of an artillery barrage against the enemy, nearly losing his life. Peace was mercifully declared on August 15, 1945 allowing Ishimoto to return to Hawaii to be discharged.

Office Report
by Larissa D.L.G. Nielsen
Office Coordinator

70th Anniversary Banquet Forms
Are you hanging on to that last “forever” stamp for your stamp collection, and is that stopping you from sending in 70th Anniversary Banquet form in the mail? If so, come by the office to fill out a form and drop off your payment all in one convenient visit! While you’re at it, say, “hi” to the vets!

The Water Fountain is Back!
Thanks to Bert Hamakado and Lloyd Kitaoka, with special supervision from the regulars here at the Clubhouse, the lounge has a working water fountain! If you are feeling thirsty and you need a super cold quick sip, the water fountain can be found in the lounge to the left of the fridge. Give it a test drive and let Bert or Lloyd know how it runs!

In Appreciation
*Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful donations which were received between March 13 and April 12, 2012.*

Scholarship
$25 - Lois Nakagawa in memory of Jessie Nakayama

Puka-Puka Parade
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Naoji Yamagata
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Tsuneo Morikawa
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Edward Harada
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Gladys Sumida
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Robert Takeshige
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Mieko Tsubota
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Monte Fujita
$25 - Tommy T. Nishioka in memory of Jessie Nakayama
$25 - Rhonda Kawamata

Photo Pop Quiz!
For those of you who tried to answer last month’s Photo Pop Quiz, no the children were not mixing cookie dough or playing with wet sand. They were making bokashi!

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De porc dans la poche

Here’s the next quiz:
What is the English translation for this dish and why did we have it in the Clubhouse?
Send your guesses to us at club100vets@gmail.com.
May 2012 Calendar of Events

EBOD Meeting  Saturday, May 19, 8:30 am
BOARD Meeting  Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am
ABLE Chapter  Saturday, May 26, 8:30 am
BAKER Chapter  Sunday, May 6, 1:00 pm
CHARLIE Chapter  Saturday, May 26, 10:00 am
DOG Chapter  Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter  Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am
DESCENDANTS Chapter  Saturday, May 26, 12:00 noon
BANQUET Committee  Saturday, May 12, 9:30 am
LONG-RANGE PLANNING  To be announced
SCHOLARSHIP Committee  To be announced
NOMINATION Committee  To be announced
LINE DANCING  Every Wednesday, 9:00 am, Turner Hall
ZUMBA  Every Wednesday, 10:30 am, Turner Hall
CRAFTS  Every Tuesday, 9 am
PUKA PUKA PARADE  Collating on Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am.

Dates and times subject to change. Please contact your Chapter President, Committee Chair, or the Office for more information.