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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by PAULINE SATO

Photo courtesy of Wayne Iha

Generosity. Our Club has no shortage of that, evidenced by the great response to our call for donations to aid Japan earthquake/tsunami relief efforts. In total, we collectively donated **\$4,720** from the Club, our chapters, members and friends. *Mahalo nui loa!*

We also witnessed generosity from volunteers who are helping at the Clubhouse in various ways. Volunteers have kept the office open and functioning during our staffing transition; met numerous times to plan our upcoming banquet; coordinated work for the new education center; written for, edited, designed, and collated the Puka Puka Parade; cooked for veterans; cleaned the Clubhouse; taught classes . . . and the list goes on.

Through a very generous lead gift from BAE Systems to the Go For Broke Association, which is acting as a fiscal sponsor, we will all have the opportunity to publicly recognize the veterans of the 100th/442nd/MIS/1399 Engineers regarding the granting of the Congressional Gold Medal. I was honored to represent the 100th at a public announcement on March 28 on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace about forthcoming local events to celebrate our heroes. (See article on page 4.)

Our veterans have given so much throughout their lives. It's time we give back to them. *Mahalo* to all who are doing just that!

As always, if you would like to share any ideas that would benefit the Club, please contact me at (email) 100thpresident@gmail.com. *Mahalo and aloha, Pauline*



In Memoriam

Yasuyuki Kurokawa

(B/Hawaii Island)

Passed away on March 10, 2011

William Hideo Kaya (D)

Passed away on March 10, 2011

Alex McKenzie (HQ)

Passed away on March 11, 2011

Hayato Tanaka

(C/Hawaii Island)

Passed away on March 23, 2011

Our deepest sympathy to their families

COLLATING REPORT FOR APRIL ISSUE

by Arlene Sato

The following volunteers helped on March 26: Doris Aimoto, Aki Akimoto, Bernard and Jeanette Akamine, Nancy and Robert Arakaki, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Amy Muroshige, Seie Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Bob Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Dot Tamashiro, Drusilla Tanaka, Riki and Evelyn Tsuda, Takako Umamoto, Bert Hamakado, Harriet Nakamura, Aki Nosaka, Cecilee Tanaka, Dayne and Velma Nakahara, Isami Yoshihara, Lori Klem (100th Reservist), Derek and Kaeo Shiroma (friends of the club). Susan Uyemura, director of the Japanese American Living Legacy Organization, was in town and dropped in to help, too. We finished so fast, when Tom Ibaraki and daughter, Lorna, walked in, they were surprised that everything was already done. Everyone enjoyed Drusilla Tanaka's mini *dorayaki* and Ann Kabasawa's taffy as well as the spinach wraps that Amy Muroshige brought in. We appreciate Gary Nakayama whom we have been depending on to pick up the newsletter supplies for the past year.

FROM THE PPP COMMITTEE

by Amy Muroshige

We are very happy to welcome three new members to the committee, Joyce Mitsunaga (Kenneth & Florence Mitsunaga/D) and Drusilla Tanaka and Cecilee Tanaka (Bernard & Jeanette Akamine/B). Their help is greatly appreciated as there is much to do in order to produce our monthly newsletter: gathering information, writing articles, proofreading articles, verifying information, formatting and layout, managing the mail and email database, printing labels, printing, collating and taking the mail to the airport post office.

Last month former editor Joy Teraoka (Denis Teraoka/D) and former proofreaders Mary Hamasaki (Ted Hamasaki/D) and Evelyn Tsuda (Rikio Tsuda/B) graciously agreed to meet with the committee and share their valuable and extensive knowledge and experience with us. We will strive to do as good a job as they did, but they're a hard act to follow!

Thank you to the 294 members who are helping to reduce printing and postage costs by having the PPP emailed to them. Welcome to our new members and to those who have renewed their annual membership or paid lifetime dues.

The deadline to submit articles is the 15th of every month. If you cannot meet that deadline, please let us know and we will try our best to accommodate you. Please send articles to pukaparade@gmail.com. However, any articles sent to the clubhouse email address will be forwarded to us.



MAHALO TO 100TH BN/442 INF ARMY RESERVISTS

These dedicated young men and women volunteer monthly to clean the clubhouse. Sometimes accompanied by their family members, they quietly sweep and mop the whole building and clean the restrooms. The clubhouse sparkles and smells so good when they're done. This month they offered to clean and organize the men's shower room which is presently being used as a storage place for supplies. They eagerly want to help out in any way they can. *Mahalo* to them for their dedication and support!

69th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Thanks for the Memories
Honolulu Country Club
1690 Ala Puumalu Street
Saturday, July 2, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The committee is working hard to make the upcoming banquet very memorable. Jan Nadamoto (Isao & Nobuko Nadamoto/B) and Janice Clements (Richard & July Hamada/HQ) have used their creative talents to come up with wonderful ideas for the programs and centerpieces. You won't want to miss out on those. Lynne Masatsugu (Marshall & Marge Higa/HQ) and Evelyn Tsuda (Rikio/B) are busy crocheting special leis for the veterans and invited guests.

VOLUNTEERS

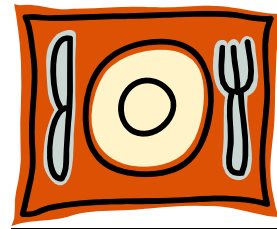
Descendants, we need your help. Some veterans and wives who no longer drive and/or do not wish to drive to Honolulu Country Club want to attend the banquet, but they won't be able to unless we have enough volunteers to provide transportation. We appreciate those of you who have already stepped up to the plate. We don't know yet how many people need rides, but we'd like to ensure that all requests for transportation can be met, so please let us know if you're available.

In keeping with the theme, "*Thanks for the Memories*," we are putting together a video of memories of the clubhouse and club-related activities. Descendants, regardless of where you live, this is an opportunity for you to participate. We would like to videotape you recalling the picnics, Christmas parties, bowling, fishing, softball games, etc. If you do not live here or do not wish to be videotaped, please share your memories in writing. We have an excellent narrator for the video. This is an excerpt from something submitted by a descendant: "One thing that stands out from these bowling nights is the feeling of family. I remember 'calabash' uncles who, though not related, I would still call uncle. One incident I remember was going to uncle Fred's (Kanemura) house for coffee after bowling. He made pancakes for us even though it was late at night." I'm sure the veterans and wives would be happy to know that we have fond memories such as these. Also, if you have old photos or film that we can incorporate into the video, please let us know.

Sometime in June, we will need help with the programs and centerpieces. No special skills are needed; however, we are hoping some of you crafters will help with certain tasks. The date and time will be noted in the next issue and/or through e-mail.

Manpower needs on the day of the banquet will be identified in the next issue.

We are pleased that so many of you have already sent in your registration forms. The time-consuming process of checking the forms and entering the information into a database will be done by Evelyn Tsuda and Shelley Santo (Kazuma & Yasuko Taguchi B/F/Hawaii Island). The deadline to register is June 10, but we encourage you to register as soon as possible because space is limited. It will also be very helpful for planning purposes.



ENTRÉE SELECTION

(Use the alphabets A,B, or C to indicate the entree selection for each guest on the banquet registration form.)

- A** Roast loin of pork with sage and link sausage stuffing, port wine sauce, garlic mashed potatoes & sautéed vegetables
- B** Sautéed Filet of Mahimahi with shiitake cream sauce, mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables
- C** Vegetarian Pasta – julienne of fresh garden vegetables & shiitake mushrooms sautéed in olive oil and fresh basil over penne pasta

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Co-Chairs Arlene Sato (387-1954 or arleneksato@yahoo.com) or Amy Muroshige (285-2105 or amuroshige@hawaiiantel.net).



RETURN TO 'IOLANI PALACE

WWII veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team observed the 68th anniversary of the induction ceremony at 'Iolani Palace held on March 28, 1943. (See photo on Page 1.) It was an excellent opportunity to promote the Hawaii Regional Congressional Gold Medal events which will be held on December 17 in Honolulu.

As Club President Pauline Sato remarked in her brief speech to the gathering, "The Congressional Gold Medal is perhaps the final honor that can be bestowed by our country to these men who demonstrated bravery, courage, and, most notably, loyalty to their country."

Presidents of all four local AJA veterans' clubs addressed the group, along with MG Robert Lee, Barbara Tanabe, and Galen Ho of BAE Systems, which has been named a Title Sponsor for the regional celebration. BAE Systems is a global defense and security company with approximately 100,000 employees worldwide.

100th veterans who are in the photo on page one include: Robert T. Sato, Kenneth "Mike" Higa, Moriso Teraoka, Leighton "Goro" Sumida, Sonsei Nakamura, Robert Takashige, Tom "Kewpie" Tsubota, and Robert Arakaki.

Details on the Honolulu event will be announced as plans shape up. In the meantime, don't schedule any Chapter Christmas parties on December 17. Save this date for this historic celebration!

EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT UPDATE by Susan Muroshige

The process of securing the building permits is moving along. The general contractor is working closely with the Department of Land Use to submit all the information they are requesting, including 1952 records for the construction of the clubhouse.

The Board of Directors was given a preview of some features of the website that is being constructed. PPP articles beginning in 1946 about the battalion history and early days of Club 100 have been converted to an electronic format. A search can be done by key words such as a name, place, or event to find specific information. Until the website is up and running, you can contact the EC office at 946-4099 if you have questions.

EDUCATION CENTER DONATIONS

Baker Chapter	\$25	In memory of Robert Ozaki
Dog Chapter	\$50	In memory of Helen Nikaido
Thomas K. Tsubota	\$50	In memory of Helen Nikaido

Thank you!

INTERFAITH "PRAYER FOR JAPAN" HELD AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Marking one month since the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami, His Excellency Ichiro Fujisaki, Japan Ambassador to the United States, and clergy of the Buddhist, Shinto, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith participated in an interfaith prayer service at the Washington National Cathedral on April 11, 2011.

US Senator Daniel Inouye and his wife, Irene Hirano Inouye, high-ranking government and private sector officials, Japanese American veterans and community members, and the general public filled the cavernous hall that previously held funeral services for men of prominence such as President John Kennedy.

"We, at the National Cathedral, join with people across the nation and around the world in continuing to pray for a country sorely tried in the past month, that its people may be strengthened, and that in the fullness of time they may rebuild their lives," said Cathedral Dean Samuel T. Lloyd III, who provided the invocation at the prayer service.

Following the service, Ambassador Fujisaki stood at the exit to express Japan's appreciation to each attendee.

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Sam Fujikawa

Many meetings to attend has kept the 100th members and all veterans very busy this month. A large turnout of veterans from the 100/442/MIS and families and friends attended the very informative meeting to view the Congressional Gold Medal Award designs that are being considered. The meeting at the Go For Broke Center in Torrance was chaired by Christine Sato-Yamazaki who explained and presented slide prints of the fronts and backs of the proposed designs for everyone to vote and be counted for the results of their choices. After one more meeting in Seattle this coming weekend, we hope to be informed of the final design that was chosen. The exact date of the celebration in Washington, D.C., is still undetermined.

Michelle Kunz, a student at the Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, has been interviewing and taking some striking photos of veterans for her school project. In the process, she has become very interested in the veterans and families and the unique experiences they had during WWII. She hopes to continue attending some of our meetings to learn and add more to her collection and one day present it to be on exhibition for everyone to see. She is formerly from Kona, Hawaii.

Mr. Woosung Han, from the Korean community, is heading a project to document the admirable life accomplishments of the late Col. Young O. Kim. On Monday, April 4, he met with a group of willing veterans at the Go For Broke Monument in downtown L.A. to take photos and interview them. 100th members present were Mas Takahashi, Ken Miya, Toke Yoshihashi, James Ogawa, Sam and Teri Fujikawa, and, from other Companies, Ken Akune (MIS), Don Seki and Hiro Nishikubo from Co. L, Chiz Ohira and Duke Ogawa, Co. H. We will look forward to seeing their book when it becomes published.

April 14, Thursday, was the first of a series of six sessions on Caregiving and Caretakers, arranged by Jason Young, VA Counselor at the West L.A. Veterans Center. Facilitators Dr. Lisa Hayden, Psy. D., and Dana Melching, LCSW, have been very thorough in briefing a group of veterans and their wives and friends on the many ways to ease the difficulties that involve caregiver support and caring for those who need care. We look forward to learning the many phases of this subject affecting many of our group and finding ways to be more at ease in caregiving and receiving care.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Joy Teraoka

If no news is good news, then this month's news is good. I tried calling some of our members to ask if they had something to report, but to no avail. So, the only news I can announce is that our next Dog Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Please mark your calendar. Keep our chapter active by coming to the meetings.



If attendance at our meetings keeps diminishing, this gives more reason to those who would propose eliminating individual chapters and having only one general membership organization. Our Dog Chapter members voiced their support of keeping our individual chapter as such because they were more familiar with one another and had a sense of "*ohana*" that might not exist under one organization.

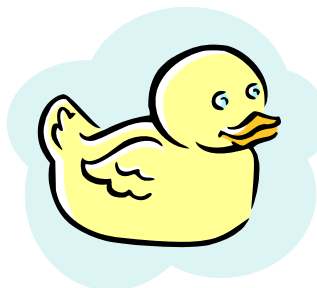
CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

by Arlene Sato

The following attended our March 26 meeting: Warren Yamamoto, Kazuto Shimizu, Skip Tomiyama, Takako Umamoto, and me. It was unanimously decided to donate \$1,000 from C Chapter's checking account to the American Red Cross for the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Fund.

No meeting in May; see you in June.

Congratulations to Kazuto Shimizu for being brave and taking computer lessons. He said, "It's duck soup."





MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Stan Izumigawa

My apologies to Maui member Tom Yamada for having an extra "to" added to his name in the previous issue of the PPP. Inadvertent stuff like that happens because I never learned to type beyond the hunt-and-peck stage and, of course, because I did not proofread.

April 1 was the date of the premier showing at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center of the video "Our Nobler Selves" produced by Barbara Watanabe, who was formerly with the NVMC. It features several Maui veterans from the 100th (Masao Sato, Akira "Jockey" Ishikawa, Ed Nishihara, and myself) along with several 442nd veterans, some of whom are deceased. Masao, who is not in the best of health, was not able to be present. Other 100th members present at the showing included Art Kurahara and Tom Yamada (who was one of those proficient in Japanese and served with the MIS). The video is scheduled for showing in Honolulu on April 30 and viewers will receive a brochure explaining that the video has become a tool for interacting with high school students throughout the State of Hawaii. Others appear to have heard or read about the video and have expressed interest in it. The NVMC owns the rights to the video, but its governing board has not yet determined whether it will be made available for sale to the public.

Retired General Robert Lee recently met with representatives of groups related to Nisei veterans concerning the design of the Congressional Gold Medal that will be awarded to the 100th/442nd/MIS veterans. He reviewed the various proposed designs for the coin medallion and identified the recommended choice of the various Nisei veteran groups on Oahu he has already met with. After some discussion, the Maui group concurred with that choice. There will be a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in the fall when the award is presented and it is hoped that enough of us veterans will be able to attend. The general also explained that a forthcoming tour of battle sites in Italy and France is being coordinated such that the group will make it to the Washington ceremony on its return leg of the trip. There will also be a ceremony in Honolulu in December.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Evelyn Tsuda

On March 23, 2011, a picture-perfect day, family, friends and members of Baker Chapter gathered at Punchbowl Cemetery for the inurnment of T/Sgt. Robert Yukio Ozaki, member of the 2nd Platoon of Co. B. As mentioned in the previous issue of the *Puka Puka Parade*, Robert died on May 22, 1945, while recuperating from battlefield wounds and was previously interred at a cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

Full military honors were rendered by members of the 100/442 Reserve unit. Robert's niece, Roberta (his namesake) Bishop, who gave the eulogy, described her uncle as "a Boy Scout, Iolani graduate, talented athlete, handsome, charismatic ladies' man, a defender of the underdog, a hero, a warrior, a son of Hawaii." She talked about her uncle's love of the islands and how he couldn't wait to return, and read a poem by Martin Kloess which was so fitting. It is quoted below:

THE HOMECOMING

There is a place there waiting for me.
We gather there as one family,
As flowers gathered there by that old tree,
With time, there watching, waiting for me.

Sgt. Ozaki is now resting under a beautiful tree with his parents (his father was a veteran of World War I). WELCOME HOME, Robert!

At our last chapter meeting on April 2, the members agreed to donate \$500.00 to the Red Cross for the Japan relief in response to President Pauline Sato's plea published in the last issue of the *PPP*. Although some members had already donated through other organizations, others dug deep into their pockets and donated another \$1,100.00. Thank you all for your generosity – the Japanese people will be forever grateful for your support.

The following is an excerpt from a speech given by Ted Tsukiyama (442/MIS) at the annual MIS luncheon on 1/29/11 which I'm sure you will find very interesting:

"There were already more than one thousand Nisei in service at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. After the attack, they were all retained in service and assigned to the guarding and defense of Hawaii. All of them must have stories of the unique experiences they went through on that fateful day of Dec. 7, 1941.

Baker Chapter, continued

One of the notable Pearl Harbor stories was the grounding of the Japanese midget submarine at Bellows Beach on Dec. 8, 1941, and the capture of the submarine commander, Ensign Kazuo Sakamaki, by Sgt. David Akui and two Nisei soldiers from Co. G, 298th Infantry. One of them was Thomas Kiyoshi Tsubota, later to become a member of the famed 100th Battalion, who trained at the MIS Language School at Camp Savage and then fought with the famed Merrill's Marauders of the Burma Campaign. Tsubota tried to question Sakamaki but he refused to talk. Tsubota must be considered a military historic figure because he participated in the capture of the first Japanese POW of the war and became the first Nisei soldier to engage in interrogation of a Japanese POW in WWII."

We received a surprise visit during our last meeting from Glenn and Linda Takata, who were here in Hawaii on a business and pleasure trip. Glenn did not need any introduction since he's a spitting image



of his dad, Yasu. (Thanks, Amy Muroshige, for being quick on the draw with your camera!) Glenn is a software engineer in Boston, Mass., where he's been living for about 40 years. It was certainly nice to see them and hope that they will visit us

whenever they are on their Hawaiian vacation.

Congratulations to Gary Galiher and Diane Ono who are among the 7 alumni to be honored at the UH Alumni Association's 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner and silent auction on May 12 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the UH Alumni Association and are used to promote and support the university through alumni programming and student scholarships.



JUST FOR FUN

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room took the husband aside and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all." "Me neither, Doc," said the husband, "but she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

MAHALO FROM THE DESCENDANTS CHAPTER

by Bert Hamakado

The Descendants Chapter participated in the Ward Centers' annual fundraising event, which has been renamed the "Give and Get Weekend," from Friday, April 8, through Sunday, April 10, 2011. There were discounts, special offers and other benefits from over 90 Ward Center shops and restaurants. Best of all, 100% of the proceeds will go to the Descendants Chapter to support upcoming projects. Ticket sales were from March to April's "Give and Get Weekend." Mahalo to those who purchased tickets to support the Descendants Chapter. Hope you enjoyed a fun day of shopping and entertainment. Did anyone win any gift certificates from any Ward stores?

RURAL CHAPTER

We had a great turnout at our spring get-together on April 10. Between the Hamasus, Kaneshiges, Nagakis, Nakanos, Okimotos, Otas, Saitos, Mrs. Yoneko Shimizu, Kenneth Higa, Henry Tanji, and special guests Robert and Nancy Arakaki and Pauline Sato and Cal Hirai, there were about 50 people in attendance. We were particularly happy to see Mr. Hamasu, his wife, Kitty, and two daughters. There were so many BINGO prizes, everybody got at least three.

Congratulations to Trisha Okimoto, the winner of the "grand prize," which consisted of whatever prizes were left. In response to the question "Out of the five battles of Monte Cassino, which battle did the 100th participate in," she correctly answered, "The first battle."

We enjoyed a lunch catered from Tanioka's and Mrs. Shimizu's delicious *sekihan* and macaroni salad.

Thanks to the many people who helped organize our party, who brought dessert, and to Mimi Nakano, who picked up all the prizes.

Club President Pauline Sato installed the 2011 officers: Kenneth Kaneshige, President; Ted Hamasu, Vice President; Masaharu "Bull" Saito, Secretary; and Kay Okimoto, Treasurer. We hope to see you at our chapter meetings.

**HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS
CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Janice Sakoda – 737-7778
Daughter of Gary K. Uchida**

Save the date! **Wednesday, May 25**, is the date of our spring get-together and we would love to have you (and, of course, your family) join us. We'll be meeting at Happy Day at 11:00 am for dim sum. Please RSVP to Elsie Oshita (734-2349) by Wednesday, May 18, as we'll need to give the restaurant a head count. Hopefully, we'll have a big enough group to reserve a room.

We had a good turnout at our last HQ chapter meeting. We're so glad the "kids" are coming out. Thanks, Ken and Delores Akinaka, Susan Morishige, and Janice Trubitt, for helping me carry the torch. Pat Akimoto made a homemade apple raisin coffee cake, which was very moist and delicious. The previous month, she made delicious homemade blueberry muffins. It is always a treat to have home-baked goods and we appreciate Pat "spoiling" us.



Dorothy Tamashiro talked with Arthur Komiyama recently and one of these days, we hope to see him at a HQ meeting or at one of our get-togethers.

(Arthur Komiyama, left)

My husband and I, along with my brother Dan, visited the Big Island to help my brother Mel in his garden. The guys planted a variety of trees and "senior moment plants" (so-called because Mel couldn't remember what was in the planter and the label had faded) while I did KP duty. It was fun to get away from the hustle and bustle of Honolulu and enjoy watching the grass grow... well, maybe life isn't that slow, but it sure was a nice change of pace. We enjoyed the constant cool breeze sweeping up the coast, watching and feeding the sheep, and looking for wild pigs making unexpected (and maybe unwelcomed) appearances. We even saw a Hawaiian hawk a couple of mornings.

One of the highlights of our trip was meeting some of the Hilo Chapter veterans. I had the opportunity to talk with Eugene Eguchi a few months back, and told him I would buy him coffee the next time I



(Eugene Eguchi and Jan Sakoda at Cafe 100 in Hilo)

went to Hilo. We met at Café 100, and met in their private conference room that is available only to the 100th veterans. Joining us, in addition to Eugene Eguchi, were Mrs. Shizuko (Seitoku) Akamine, Hideo Kami (D), Kazuma Taguchi (F and B), and Joe Sugawara (C). As is common in Hawaii circles, there were several "small world" moments when it was discovered I knew Joe's niece and my husband and I knew Kazuma Taguchi's son and daughter. My brother, my husband and I had such a nice time "talking story" with them and look forward to our trip to Hilo where we can meet

them again. I also had the opportunity to spend an afternoon with Kaz Ushijima (photo at right). Shigeru Ushijima and my dad were good friends and we would bring my dad to visit whenever we were in Hilo. So it was like coming full circle when I got to visit with Mrs. Ushijima this time around.



Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. See you there! And don't forget to mark your calendar for dim sum on Wednesday, May 25th. We'd love to meet more sons and daughters and hope we'll have a good turnout at our spring get-together.

Here are more photos taken in Hilo by Jan:



(Above, Joe Sugawara and Kazuma Taguchi)

(left, Shizu Akamine)

(right, Hideo Kami)



HONOR FLIGHT Procedure for the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

HONOR FLIGHT offers free transportation for veterans to visit the National Monuments in Washington, D.C. Veterans from Hawaii who wish to sign up for this program to attend the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in Washington, D.C., should complete the Veteran Application Form and Guardian Application Form. Please note that Veterans from Hawaii who are accepted may be responsible for a portion of the airfare. Application forms are available at the HONOR FLIGHT website: www.honorflight.org/apply/index.cfm. Members without internet access should call the clubhouse office for assistance in obtaining the forms. Specific instructions (which are not on the website) for filling out the HONOR FLIGHT forms follow.

On the left side of the home page are links to veterans and guardians.

(1) **Very Important.** At the top of the first page of the application form, print in bold letters:

JAPANESE AMERICAN

(2) Veteran and Guardian should print their first name, middle name, last name and date of birth as they appear on a photo ID (e.g., a current driver's license or passport). This is needed to obtain their airline tickets.

(3) Make sure the completed application is sent to

HONOR FLIGHT, INC

ATTN: Veterans (or Guardians) Application
300 E. Auburn Ave.
Springfield, OH 45505

(4) On flight day, the veteran and guardian present themselves to the airline ticket agent at the airport, as instructed by HONOR FLIGHT.

(5) Veterans who use wheelchairs are advised to bring their own wheelchairs. Motorized scooters are not recommended.

(6) An 80- or 90-year-old person, such as a spouse of a veteran, cannot serve as a guardian. The Guardian must be able-bodied to push a wheelchair uphill. Guardians are usually next-generation family members who are asked to cover their own travel expenses. While HONOR FLIGHT cannot guarantee the guardian will fly free, it will try to make this happen.

(7) HONOR FLIGHT will get the veteran and guardian from the Washington, D.C., airports to their hotel(s).

(8) Somewhere on the application form, even if you need to put an insert, list the members of the veteran's entourage. HONOR FLIGHT cannot guarantee, but will attempt to have the veteran and his entourage travel on the same plane. As to whether this will happen will depend on the availability of seats. HONOR FLIGHT will not pay for the seats of the veteran's entourage.

(9) If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact HONOR FLIGHT at 937-521-2400 or Veteran-application@honorflight.org.



REMINDER FROM THE NATIONAL VETERANS NETWORK (NVN)

Everyone who is interested in attending the ceremony in Washington, D.C., must have an official invitation from the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Everyone who applies as a Veteran or a Guardian for HONOR FLIGHT must be registered with NVN to participate in the presentation ceremony and NVN-sponsored activities in Washington, D.C.

Registration Forms may be obtained from the NVN website: www.nationalveteransnetwork.com/ceremonyregistration or Terry Shima at ttshima@comcast.net or 301-987-6746. Forms are also available by calling the clubhouse office.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

The apartment plumbing project is almost complete, pending final inspection and final approval. The work entailed, among other things, installing copper piping; replacing all the water heaters, bathroom and kitchen faucets; and retiling some of the bathrooms. The next project will involve converting a couple of units to be ADA-compliant.

Weather permitting, next week the roofing contractor will repair the section of roof in the board room that leaked. Grading work will also be done at some point to address leakage into the clubhouse.

MINI-REUNION

Saturday, October 22, 2011
to Thursday, October 27, 2011

If there is anyone else who is interested in going to the Mini Reunion, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or email at diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com as soon as possible. We hope to see many of you there!!

POST WAR IN ITALY by B.S. Akamine

Having so much money, fellow Bakerite Tamotsu "Curly" Akiyoshi and I went looking for the most prized camera at the time--LEICA with F2 lens. Curly had photo lab experience before entering the Army, so he was very knowledgeable in the field. We went to most of the camera stores, but couldn't find any Leica. The next best thing he said was a Rolliflex, but that was no mo' so he settled for the cheaper Rollicord. I settled for a Kodak Retina 1. The next challenge we faced was photo processing. Curly found the chemicals and photo printing papers. He also found a huge folding camera with bellows that can be adjusted for focusing, so we used that for our enlarger. We were in business. Our dark room was a room in the half-bombed out building that B Company occupied. We didn't have to worry about light leaking into the room because we did our printing at night. After a few weeks, we moved out of that building. Curly and I knew of the impending move, so we developed all the film into negatives and planned to print them when we came home. However, when we came home, my interest changed to movies. Curly's advice to me was to buy the best rather than start with a cheapie and then graduate to buy better equipment. So, I bought the latest thing--a 16 mm 50-foot film pack camera. The film pack cost more than \$2, but that included processing. Then, I needed a projector, so I got one with sound. Showing the movies, which everyone enjoyed, became quite a chore, lugging the projector, screen and films, that I gave that up and picked up a Polaroid and now I am enjoying my digital camera. Printing the photos at home is so easy now, too. As for the dozens of canisters containing the 35 mm negatives from Italy, I cannot find any of them. Fortunately, the photos that we did print have lasted 65 years, so I sent them to the 100th's Education Center to copy.



Boat powered by Jeep engine, Tombolo, Italy, 1946



Jeep-Boat Cruising on the Tombolo Canal, 1946
(See April 2011 issue for more information on the "Jeep Boat.") Photos by Bernard Akamine

OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE COPY OF PUBLIC LAW 111-254 (AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL)

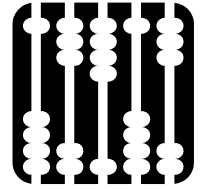
At the March 19, 2011, meeting of the Board of Directors, an official White House Copy of PL 111-254, signed by President Barack Obama, Senate President Pro Tempore Daniel Inouye, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, was presented to Sgt. Bernard Akamine by MG (Ret) Vern Miyagi.

Summoned to the clubhouse by President Pauline Sato, Bernard reported without asking questions, where MG Miyagi presented the framed document to him in a brief ceremony. The Akamine family learned about the program to present copies of the document to frail or terminally ill veterans and applied to NVN. The family was advised to have a flag officer (active or retired) make the presentation, to invite witnesses, including other veterans, to the ceremony. Bernard, who is living with pancreatic cancer, was taken by surprise, but he managed to stand and thank everyone for the honor. Both Akamine and Miyagi worked together for several years on the club's annual memorial service, while Akamine was Chair and Miyagi was Chief of Staff of the Hawaii National Guard. Thanks to the National Veterans Network and the Japanese American Veterans Association for making this presentation possible. Local families may contact Terry Shima of JAVA at ttshima@comcast.net to obtain copies of the public law for presentation to their veteran.

Note: See related articles on the Washington, D.C., presentation ceremony in the fall from the National Veterans Network and Honor Flight and read about the Hawaii Regional Celebration on December 17 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.



OFFICE REPORT



OFFICE STAFFING

Volunteers have been trying their best to be in the office during regular business hours and to keep up with the paperwork. Lynette Williams, one of the volunteers, has been hired on a temporary basis until the Office Coordinator we have selected begins in May. A big mahalo to Arlene Sato who has been checking the voicemail throughout the day and coming to the office after work several days a week, in addition to continuing to help on Saturdays. Thank you all for your patience during this period of transition.

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

If you would like to use the clubhouse for any kind of function, whether it be a meeting, a class or just an informal gathering, please call the office to reserve a date and time. As you can see in the calendar of events, there are numerous activities scheduled every month, particularly on Saturdays. Dates and times of functions need to be coordinated to avoid any conflicts.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The Office received the following donations from March 18 to April 13:

General Fund

\$500 Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr.
\$200 Robert Sato
\$200 Dr. Americo Bugliani

Puka Puka Parade

\$25 Florence Matsumura



Donations for Japan Relief

\$1,000 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
\$50 Robert and Kazue Sato
\$1,600 Baker Chapter
 \$500 Baker Chapter
 \$100 Robert Arakaki
 \$100 Carole and Anne Inafuku
 \$500 Susan Iwasa
 \$150 Bert Kuioka
 \$100 Velma Nakahara
 \$50 Sonsei and Elaine Nakamura
 \$100 Robert and Michiko Takashige

\$1,300 Charlie Chapter
 \$1,000 Charlie Chapter
 \$100 Arlene and Neilson Sato
 \$100 Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu
 \$100 Lorraine Miyashiro
\$770 HQ/Medics Chapter
 \$500 HQ/Medics Chapter
 \$50 Col. Albert F. Turner, ret.
 \$100 Doris Aimoto
 \$20 Bessie Fukumoto
 \$100 Dorothy Tamashiro

CORRECTION TO DONATIONS

- We apologize for misspelling Ichiko Hisanaga's name in the March issue for her donation of \$100 to the Puka Puka Parade.
- Ukichi Wozumi's donation of \$250, which was acknowledged in the April issue, was in memory of Sgt. Allan M. Ohata, 2nd Lt. Yeiki Kobashigawa, Pvt. Shinyei Nakamine, Pvt. Mikio Hasemoto.

MAY 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events in the TV Lounge at the Clubhouse unless otherwise stated

EBOD Meeting	Saturday, May 21 at 8:30 am
BOARD Meeting	Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 am
ABLE Chapter	Saturday, May 28 at 8:00 am
BAKER Chapter	Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am
CHARLIE Chapter	No meeting in May
DOG Chapter	Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 am
HQ/MEDICS Chapter	Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am
RURAL Chapter	To be announced
DESCENDANTS Chapter	Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 am
BANQUET Committee	To be announced
BY-LAWS Committee	To be announced
LONG- RANGE PLAN.	To be announced
NOMINATING Comm.	To be announced
SCHOLARSHIP Comm.	To be announced
LINE DANCING	Every Wednesday at 9:00 am, Turner Hall
ZUMBA (BEGINNERS)	Every Wednesday at 10:30 am, Turner Hall
CRAFTS	Every Tuesday at 9:00 am
BLOOD BANK DONOR DRIVE	Saturday, April 30 from 8 am to 12 noon
FILM - OUR NOBLER SELVES	Saturday, April 30 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm
PUKA PUKA PARADE	Collating on Saturday, May 28 at 9 am, Turner Hall

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



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