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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Robert Arakaki

Happy New Year! Welcome 2008.

Let us all appreciate each other for a successful year 2008.

Some of the New Year's traditions were followed by my family: *ozoni* soup with *mizuna* with *mochi*; *kagami mochi* offering to god; *kadomatsu* (bamboo, pine and plum bundled together) and placed at the side of the entrance of the house; and visit a temple to pray for health and happiness.

On December 7, 2007, the Pearl Harbor ceremonial presentation of wreaths at the Arizona Memorial was attended by Kenneth Higa, Robert Arakaki, escorted by Lieutenant Colonel Mike Peeters, and Sergeant Major Dean Shackles.

Amanda Stevens, Saburo Nishime, and Robert Arakaki visited Wheeler Middle School to thank the students, who had raised and donated \$211.05 to our Learning Resource Center. We were well received and honored by the students and treated with banana splits.

On January 4, 2008, a retirement ceremony was held at Fort Shafter in honor of MG William Brandenburg after serving 34 years. It was attended by Saburo Nishime, Bert Turner, Robert Arakaki, Ted Hamasu and Shigeru Tsubota.

On January 10, 2008, we met with Lt. Gov. James Aiona, Jr., State Representative John Mizuno, and State Senator Les Ihara, at the State Capitol to introduce resolutions in both houses urging the issuance of a stamp in honor of the *Nisei* Soldiers. (photo on the right from the KHNL website. Front row, 442 President Jack Thompson, Robert



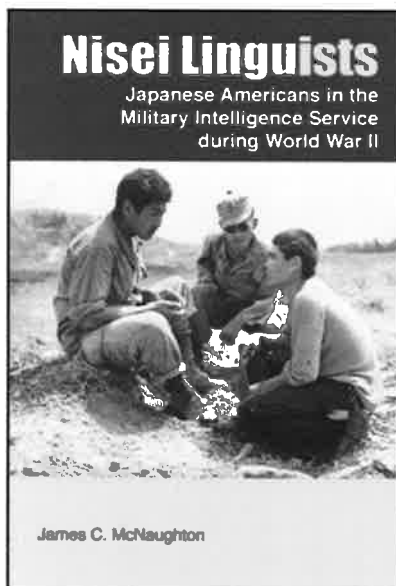
Arakaki, Ted Hamasu. Eileen Sakai of the 442nd Sons and Daughters, Representative John Mizuno, Representative Barbara Marumoto, Representative Brian Bowers; Back Row, Senator Les Ihara and Lt. Governor Aiona)

Our officers for the year 2008 for the 100th are

President.....Robert Arakaki
1st VP.....Avin Oshiro
2nd VP.....Mike Harada
Secretary.....Al Matsumoto
Treasurer.....Albert Turner

PPPARADE VOLUNTEERS by Joy Teraoka

During our last collation in November 2007, we had several guest volunteers giving us a helping hand. Two were visitors from Southern California, Ryan Suda of Gardena and Shane Sato of Los Angeles. They were here in Hawaii working on a project about the World War II AJA veterans.



Another friend was James Tanabe of the MIS organization, who brought copies of the just published book, *Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II*, by James C. McNaughton, Command Historian of the U.S. European Command. After several members of Congress asked the Secretary of the Army to publish an official history of the Nisei linguists, McNaughton (who was then command historian for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, California) was invited to undertake this task. He completed the manuscript while serving at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, Headquarters U.S. Army Pacific, from 2001 to 2005. This definitive book on the MIS is long overdue, and I highly recommend that it should be included in every collection of the history and legacy of the Japanese-American soldiers of the Second World War.

We also had members of the younger generation collating our issue: Natalie Muramatsu (granddaughter of Joichi Muramatsu) and her boyfriend, Derrick Morita. Our regulars were: Doris Aimoto, Bernard Akamine and his wife Jeanette, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Bob Arakaki, Akira Akimoto, Kunio Fujimoto, Sally Inouye, Susumu Kunishige, Don and Kimi Matsuda, Masanori Moriwake, Joichi Muramatsu, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Seie Oshiro, Kay Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Susumu Ota, Nancy Sakaki, Mamoru Sato, Robert Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Goro Sumida, Dorothy Tamashiro, Drusilla Tanaka, Joy Teraoka, Rikio and Evelyn Tsuda, Shigeru Tsubota, Martin Tohara, Takako Umamoto, and Marie Yoneshige. If I inadvertently left out or put in anyone's name in error, please forgive. Last November seems such a long time ago—

TRIBUTE TO THE 100th BOYS by James Yamate

With his donation to the PPP fund, James Yamate of Chula Vista, CA, sent the following letter:

"I was with the 71st Infantry Regiment of the 44th Inf. Division. We sailed from Boston, Mass. and landed on the Normandy Beach in France in early Sept. of 1944. We went into combat * * * in Eastern France in early Oct. of 1944.

"In 1994, Sam Haseyama, with whom I golf, told me about the 100th vets going to France. He joined the 100th as a replacement from California. So my wife Yuri, my daughter Susan, and I joined the 100th group thru a Honolulu travel agency – a great trip. There were two bus loads of 100th vets and their family. We joined the Hawaiian group in LA and flew to Germany and then by bus to Epinal, France. The French people honored the 442nd Inf. for liberating the city of Bruyeres. I learned a lot about the 100th and 442nd's achievement in that area and in Italy.

"We went everywhere the 100th and 442nd went – southern France thru northern Italy, Po Valley, Cassino, Florence, Rome, Naples, Salerno. It was the exploits of the 100th Inf. from Hawaii from Africa to Salerno and to Rome and Anzio that opened the door for Nisei to be drafted again in the United States.

"I myself and many other *Niseis* in the mainland were drafted before Pearl Harbor was bombed. I was drafted when I reached 21 years old, I had just finished my junior year at U of Calif. I was called in on Dec. 1st of 1941 and was at Presidio of Monterey. 7 days later Pearl Harbor was bombed December 7, 1941. I served 4 years with all *haoles*. There were 3 *Niseis* in the whole division (44th) - Nori Tashima of the 114th Inf. Reg. and two of us *Niseis* in the 71st Infantry Reg.

"It was a real pleasure for me to learn all about the 100th and 442nd. The all *Nisei* 552 Artillery which was attached to our division when we crossed the Rhine River into Heidelberg – was captured.

"My writing is so bad, I hope you can read this letter."

The *Puka Puka Parade* is the monthly newsletter of the World War II 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans association (aka Club 100). It is published at 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

ITEMS LOST, FOUND AND MISSING IN ACTION

Lost and Found Items: We have a lot of lost and found items that were left in the Clubhouse over the past few months. A lot of the items may have been left behind from the various Chapter parties. If you think you left something behind, please come to the Clubhouse as soon as possible as we will only keep items for three months only. After that, they will be disposed of in April as is deemed fit.



Missing stapler: Someone borrowed a stapler (red, white, blue and black) from the clubhouse office but forgot to return it to date. Please check if you inadvertently took it home with you. Since this is a special type of stapler and was donated to the office, we would appreciate it if you would return it ASAP.

STUDENTS URGED TO APPLY FOR YAMADA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP from the Go For Broke National Education Center, www.goforbroke.org

College-bound high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who are descendants of World War II Japanese American veterans are invited to apply for the annual Eiro Yamada Memorial Scholarship Program.

Established by the Yamada-Scott Family Foundation, the program honors the memory of the late Eiro Yamada (*photo on the right of Mr. Yamada and his grandchild is from the GFB Website*), who was attending the University of Hawaii when WWII erupted. Yamada went on to serve with distinction in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe and was subsequently transferred to serve with the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific. After the war, he devoted his life to his family and to helping others.



The number of scholarships and the amount to be awarded will vary between \$500 to \$1000 each.

There are no grade point average or residence requirements for the scholarship. Applicants must meet the following other requirements:

- 1) Be a direct descendant of a Japanese American World War II veteran OR a descendant once removed (such as a grand-niece or grand-nephew) of Japanese American servicewoman or serviceman killed in action during WWII
- 2) Be an entering or current undergraduate or graduate student in a trade school, community college or four-year college or university
- 3) Write an essay on one of the following topics:
 - a) "The values I have learned from my Japanese American Forefathers"
 - b) The applicant's personal reflection on some of the stories in the book *Japanese Eyes, American Hearts* or similar material related to the Japanese American experience during World War II (*Note from the PPP: books are available at the Clubhouse library*).
 - c) Alternative essay whose topic is pre-approved by the administering body (only for repeat applicants).
- 4) Submit a cover sheet with personal (summer) contact information including:
 - a) Applicant's name, phone number, e-mail address
 - b) Last school attended
 - c) Name and military unit of veteran, relationship to applicant
 - d) KIA (if applicable)
- 5) Personal statement is optional.

Applications and additional information is available at the Go For Broke website at www.goforbroke.org. The application deadline is March 15, 2008. The completed essay and cover sheet should be postmarked no later than March 15, 2008. All items should be sent to "Eiro Yamada Memorial Scholarship, Go For Broke National Education Center, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247". Notification will be on or before April 30, 2008.

For more information, please call Julia Tominaga at Go For Broke (310) 222-5711 or e-mail Julia@goforbroke.org.

In Memoriam

NAME	COMPANY	DATE OF DEATH
Yoshitaka Ushijima	Company C/Maui	November 2, 2007
Saburo Inamasu	Company B	November 12, 2007
Masato Koga	Company B	December 12, 2007
Kazuo Kamemoto	Company A	December 2, 2007
Toshio "Lefty" Roy Mizusawa	Company B/Rural	December 5, 2007
Hideo Kon	Company C/Hilo	December 7, 2007
Robert Kikuji Sagara	Company B	December 14, 2007
Richard Tadao Ige	Company D	December 16, 2007

Our deepest sympathy to their families

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER IN LIEU OF KODEN

The 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club has donated \$40.00 to the Learning Resource Center in memory of each of the following members who passed away September 2006 to December 2007 (as reported in the November 2006 to February 2008 issues of the *PPP*):

Stanley M. Akita (C)	Aoki, Robert H. (B)
Shuye "Sue" Arakawa (C)	Satoji "Butch" Arisumi (C/Maui)
Jun Enomoto (Medics)	Edward K. Harada (D)
Tamotsu Hirayama (F & B)	Roy T. Honbo (Hq)
Haruo Ikeuchi (A/Maui)	Saburo Inamatsu (B)
Toshiaki Ito (B/Hawaii)	James K. Izumi (B)
Kazuo Kamemoto (A)	Hiromu Kobayashi (B/Hilo)
Hisashi Komori (A)	Toshio "Lefty" Mizusawa (B/Rural)
Hideo Kon (C/Hilo)	Goro P. Kuwada (C)
James S. Maeda (E/A/Hilo)	John Masao Masaki (D)
Hiroshi Matsuura (C)	Kenneth Mitsunaga (D)
Ronald Itsuji Miwa (B)	Michael M. Miyake (B/Mainland)
Tsutomu Tom Nagata (C/Maui)	Seishiro "Rusty" Nakagawa (C)
Toshikatsu "Joe" Nakahara (B)	Ralph "Shakey" Okamura (B)
Takeshi Omuro (C/Maui)	Roy Ono (A/Mainland)
Robert Kikuji Sagara (B)	Paul T. Sakamoto (Hq/Hilo)
Etsuro Sekiya (D)	Choriki Shimabuku (B)
Goichi Shimanuki (C/Maui)	Joseph J. Suzuki (B)
Kunimitsu Tamai (Hq)	Paul Tamura (B)
Sakae Edward Tanigawa (B)	Seiji "Lefty" Tanigawa (B)
Hideo C. Toyama (B)	Frank F. Wada (B/Mainland)
Yoshitaka Ushijima (C/Maui)	George S. Zakimi (Medics)

CHRISTMAS IN ITALY

From the 'Iolani School website, www.iolani.org

Prior to Christmas break, 'Iolani School second graders joined 100th Infantry Battalion veterans and their guests for a "Christmas in Italy" luncheon at the Club 100 Clubhouse.

The children sang a favorite Italian song, "Funiculi, Funicula" (*photo on top*) and several second grade girls performed the hula to the familiar oldie, "Little Brown Gal" (*photo in middle*). The veterans and wives, in return, entertained the group dancing to "God Bless the USA" (*photo on bottom*). Later the children wrote Christmas greetings to our soldiers serving abroad.



Everyone had a great time enjoying the spaghetti luncheon and "talking story" as the children asked lots of questions. The veterans were impressed with what the children already knew about the 100th Infantry Battalion and the kind of questions they were asked. "It was a cheerful afternoon!" they said and are looking forward to another joint activity.



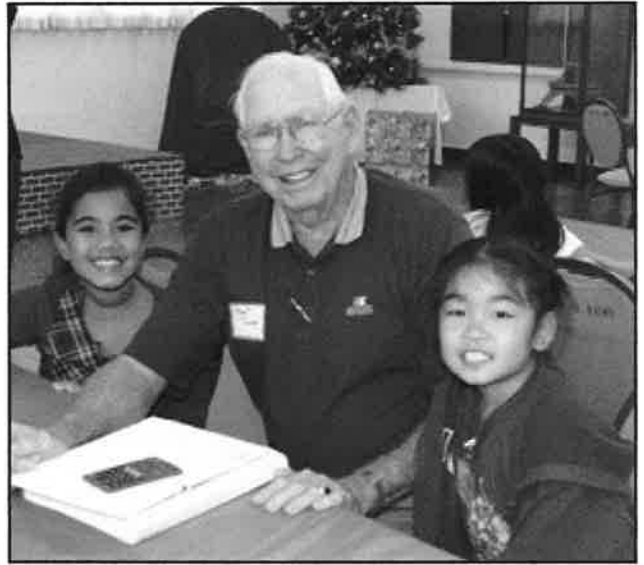
When asked about their feelings, second graders responded with, "I felt happy to meet a veteran who served in World War II because World War II is a big part of our country's history;" "It gave me a chance to meet a veteran who actually served in World War II;" and "I was excited to meet a veteran from World War II since we are learning about the war in class."

In February, as part of their yearlong theme, "Celebrating Our Heritage," the children will be interviewing veterans from the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service about their wartime memories.



**SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH THE
'IOLANI SECOND GRADERS ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

We are still looking for veterans who would like to be interviewed by the 'Iolani Second Grade students featured in the earlier article. We are particularly in need of veterans to be interviewed on **Monday, February 4 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. We want to have 19 veterans on that day but only have 6 presently scheduled so we need 13 more veterans. The interviews will take about 30 minutes and refreshments will be served. Interviews will also be conducted on Tuesday, February 5.



Veterans are asked to bring a memento from their tour of duty or any other item that is important to them. Some suggestions include medals, photographs, letters to and from home, Club shirt or hat, anything that you'd like to talk about.

Top: 100th Board member Bert Turner works on a Christmas Card for the troops with his new friends at the Christmas in Italy luncheon. Below right: Kazuto Shimizu tells the 2nd grade students about the REAL Christmas in Italy 65 years ago.

The interviews will take place at the Clubhouse but veterans can park across the street at the 'Iolani parking structure on Kamoku Street.

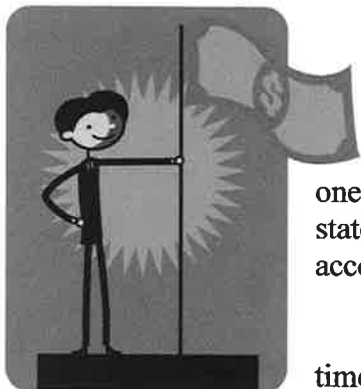
The second graders will give a presentation on the veterans on Friday, February 22 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Seto Hall at 'Iolani School. Lunch will follow at the Clubhouse. All participating veterans, their families and friends will be invited to attend this program.



If you would like to participate, please call Amanda at the Clubhouse or call Jayne Hirata (*PPP* Technical Editor and grandniece of 100th veterans Jesse Hirata and Donald Hamada) at 366-3148 or e-mail kichigai3MOM@aol.com as soon as possible. Mahalo!

**IMPORTANT NEW YEAR 2008 RESOLUTIONS
by the Family Support Group**

The members of the Family Support Group Planning Committee wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2008. We hope you haven't broken any resolutions yet, and here is one that you should add to your list of New Year Resolutions: **Get your paperwork in order.** The following is taken from "Leading the Way," a publication of Hartford Leaders:



In an emergency, could someone close to you find all your financial information quickly?

Accident, illness, incapacity or even death could require that a loved one locate your variable annuity contract, savings account numbers, mutual fund statements and other financial records, such as credit card accounts and bank accounts.

Compiling all of that into one list could save someone you love a lot of time and trouble during what would likely be an already stressful time. Here's how to get started:

- **Make a list of what you have and where it is.** This document should include all of your financial relationships. Examples include: bank accounts, investments, insurance, mortgage(s) and credit cards. Include account numbers, contact information and any other important details for each account. You should also make note of your financial advisor's name and contact information.
- **Collect and copy.** We all have identifying and legal documents that can be important in an emergency. Passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce papers, a will and power of attorney are examples of documents you should keep together for easy access. In addition, having copies often expedites replacing documents and cards if the originals are lost or destroyed.
- **Find a safe place.** Keep this personal information in a secure place. A fire-proof box at home or a safety deposit box at a nearby bank, for example.
- **Let someone know.** Let a close family member or trusted friend know where this information is kept. You may want to share a copy with him or her as well.
- **Keep it current.** The beginning of each year is a good time to take stock of what you have and note any changes that have occurred.

The Family Support Group adds: Other documents to include in the above lists: Medicare and Health Insurance Cards, long-term care insurance policies, Advanced Healthcare Directives, Power of Attorney for Health Care, Organ Donor or Willed Body documents and procedures, Pre-Paid funeral plan documents, and for veterans or qualified dependents, DD214 or discharge papers.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP SESSIONS FOR 2008

Please mark your calendars for the following Family Support Group Sessions which will be on Sundays, starting with lunch at 11 a.m. and the informational session at 12 noon. Please feel free to invite family members, neighbors, friends to come along with you. Advanced reservations for lunch are required and we always appreciate knowing if you are planning to attend so that our speakers will have enough hand-outs for everyone. Contact names and telephone numbers are at the end of this article. Parking is at Ala Wai Elementary School. This year, we are taking into account holiday weekends, so please note the dates and don't miss out on any of the interesting and helpful sessions!

Sunday, February 24, 2008, "Risks, Costs and Family Burdens of Needing Long-Term Care" and distribution of "Senior Information and Assistance Handbooks" (see details in related article)

Sunday, March 30, 2008 (tentative) "Easy Exercises for Elders" and "Understanding Nutrition for the Older American (and us Locals, too)"

Sunday, April 27, 2008 (tentative) "Planning Ahead" – planning your memorial service and pre-paid funeral plans

Sunday, May 18, 2008 (tentative) "Have it Your Way" – Hospice Care and Advanced Directives

If there is a topic of interest to you, please contact one of the committee members and share your ideas for a future session: Bernard Akamine, Joyce Chinen, Ann Kabasawa, Kimi Matsuda, Aki Nosaka, Cecilee Tanaka, Drusilla Tanaka, Jerilyn Yamashiro, Marie Yoneshige. If you would like to join the planning committee, please feel free to speak to any one of the above.

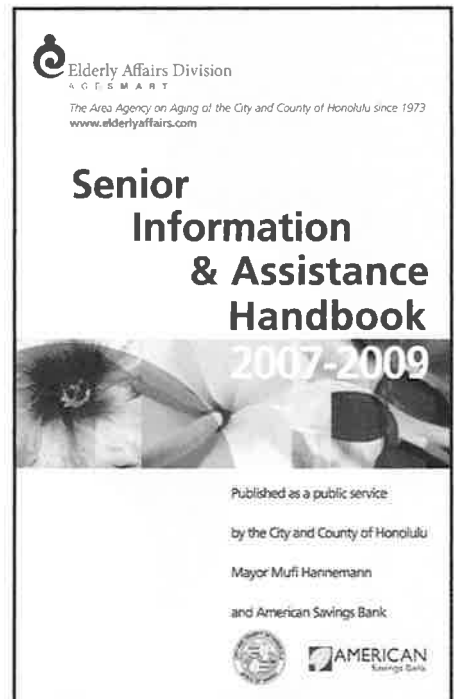
RISKS, COSTS AND FAMILY BURDENS OF NEEDING LONG-TERM CARE is the first Family Support Group session for 2008 on Sunday, February 24, 2008. John Nakao, son of Harry Nakao (HQ), is the President of Long Term Care Advisors, Inc. He will tailor his presentation toward the sons, daughters and grandchildren of the veterans, but everyone who is interested is invited to attend. In the last few years, the insurance companies have come up with a diversity of products to meet the different needs of families, so come and learn what's new. For the "younger generation," you have the most to gain by learning now about the risks, costs and burdens of long-term care. Door prizes will be given away by John.

To make a reservation, please call one of the following by February 15, 2008: Kimi Matsuda (988-6562), Marie Yoneshige (536-9921), or Bernard Akamine (734-8738). A bento lunch is \$6 (you may pay at the door) and must be ordered in advance. We would like a head-count of those attending so that enough hand-out material will be prepared.

Donations of desserts are welcome. Beverages provided for all.

ALSO: American Savings Bank has donated a supply of the current **“Senior Information and Assistance Handbook”** which they publish biennially. We will distribute these to participants at the February 24 session. Due to the limited supply, one per family will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who cannot attend the session are advised to go to the nearest branch of American Savings Bank to request a copy. The handbook contains up-dated information on services, resources, and agencies that deal with caring for senior citizens and their special needs and is a great tool for finding help and obtaining information for a wide variety of situations. Keep it near your telephone directory.

(From the PPP: If you are not coming to the FSG meeting or cannot get to an American Savings Bank, you can also download and print a copy of the 2007-2009 Senior Information and Assistance Handbook from your own computer. There are several versions of the book available at that website, including one updated on December 17, 2007. Go to www.elderlyaffairs.com/pubs/index.html.)



INFORMATION ON THE NEXT FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING:

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2008

Time: 11 a.m. (bento lunch with advanced reservations), 12 noon session begins

Place: Turner Hall

Park: Ala Wai Elementary School

Topic: “Risks, Costs, and Family Burdens of Needing Long-Term Care” by John Nakao
Also Distribution of “Senior Information and Assistance Handbook” from American Savings Bank

Deadline for Reservations: February 15, 2008 [call Kimi Matsuda (988-6562), Marie Yoneshige (536-9921), or Bernard Akamine (734-8738)]

Who should attend: Sons, Daughters, Descendants, anyone interested

Cost: Bento lunch by advanced reservation, \$6, you may pay at the door. There is no charge to attend the informational session at 12 noon.

You may bring your own lunch if you wish.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS by Helen Nikaido

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our Dog Chapter Christmas party was held on December 9 and was well attended by members, wives, widows, children, grandchildren, and guests. According to our treasurer “Jits” Yoshida, there were 88 people in attendance.

Our thanks to the many donors of cash, desserts, “pupus” and lucky number prizes, including gift certificates, and four beautiful handmade koa ukulele donated by Bob Ogata, nephew of Sgt. Masayoshi “Bunta” Ogata of Co. D who was killed in action at Cassino on January 15, 1944. The lucky winners of these ukulele were Kalei Hosaka, (grandson of “Doc” and Mildred Hosaka), Michael Harada, (son of the late Ed and Kay Harada), Joyce and Arynn Nadayoshi, (daughter and granddaughter, respectively, of the late Masao and Rhoda Kawamata).

The entertainment which was enjoyed by all was provided by Patti Tsutsui (daughter of the late Richard and Ruth Tsutsui) doing the hula; Quinten and “Scuppy” Nishime (grandsons of Saburo Nishime) playing the piano; Tiffany Yoshida (granddaughter of “Jits” and Mildred Yoshida) playing the violin; Douglas Teraoka (son of Denis and Joy Teraoka) and Amy Doh doing a ballroom dance; Cathy Harada and Patrick Downes singing. After enjoying the “ono” food catered by the Leeward Drive-In, it was time for the keiki and Santa’s arrival with the gifts for the children.

Thank you all for helping with the cleanup. General chairman was our Prexy, Saburo Nishime; Finance, “Jits” Yoshida; Program, Joy Teraoka; children’s games, Annette Harada; door prizes, Moriso Teraoka; Invocation, Cline Ardo; taking care of the bar were Paul and Arthur Nakayama; dear ole Santa Claus was Michael Harada; ordering the food, Helen Nakaido. Thank you to Antony of Leeward Drive-In for the delicious food and to Rhoda for the “ono” pupu (oama).

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER by Ted Hamasu

HAPPY NEW YEAR Officers of the Rural Chapter for 2008 are:

President.....Ted Hamasu
VP.....Kenneth Kaneshige
Secretary.....Masaharu Saito
Treasurer.....Kay Okimoto
Auditor.....Mitsuo Nagaki

The Rural Chapter offers our deepest condolences to the family and relatives of the late Lefty Toshio Mizusawa and Mrs. Miyoko Mizusawa. Lefty passed away on December 5, 2007 and Mrs. Mizusawa on December 26. Their funeral services were held at the Mililani Makai Chapel on December 29, 2007. May they rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Saburo Inamasu, who passed away on November 12, 2007. May he rest in peace.

The 100th was invited to the retirement ceremony in honor of MG William Brandenburg on January 4, 2008 at Ft. Shafter. Those attending from the 100th were President Arakaki, Shigeru Tsubota, Bert Turner, Saburo Nishime and Ted Hamasu.

No meeting will be held in February for Rural Chapter.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS by Jan Sakoda

This year's Christmas Party was, once again, a big success thanks to everyone who helped. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Seisaburo Taba's daughters who pitched in wholeheartedly to help. Collectively, they assembled a crew to set up and cover the tables, set up the chairs, donated many Bingo prizes, contributed the warabi salad, smoked pig, sheet cake, helped in the kitchen, and much more.... WOW! Also, a warm and heartfelt thank you to Bryan Oshita, our MC, Rodney Robello who ran the Bingo game, Bonnie and Johnnye Gray who planned and carried out the adult and children's games, and to everyone else who helped out. It is only because of so many willing and helping hands that we are able to continue our annual Christmas party. Our apologies to those who came late and found that there was no food left. I spoke with our caterers and they apologized for this and gave us a reduction in price.

The election of officers took place at our January meeting and the incumbents were re-elected for the 2008 year. President – Seisaburo Taba; Vice President – Dorothy Tamashiro; Secretary/Scribe – Jan Sakoda; Treasurer – Arthur Komiyama.

With the Christmas party behind us, we are now looking forward to our next HQ/Medics get together. Save Tuesday, March 11, 2008 for lunch at Restaurant Suntory at 11:00 a.m. (That's easy to remember... March 11 at 11:00 a.m.) Restaurant Suntory is located in the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. RSVP to Elsie Oshita at 734-2349 by March 1 so we can make sure we have a space for you, and in case we need to contact you if there are any changes. All paid-up members will be assessed \$10 for the lunch, with the HQ treasury absorbing the difference. Everyone else will be responsible for the full price of their lunch.

Haruo Yamashita is one of two 100th members that I know of who is at Maunalani Nursing Home – the other being my dad, Gary Uchida.

Richard Hamada, Radio Section, HQ chapter, suffered a heart attack recently and underwent bypass surgery. He is now resting at home. A speedy recovery to you, Richard. Your gang at the Ala Wai Golf Course miss your presence.

Our heartfelt and deepest sympathy goes out to the Saito Family. According to the January 5, 2008 issue of *The Honolulu Advertiser* article, Hisae Saito and her five-year old great-grandson, Elijah Gray, were killed in a highway crash near Las Vegas. Those of you who attended our Christmas party met Bonnie Gray and her husband, Johnnye. Even though they were busy packing, cleaning, and getting ready to move to Las Vegas four days after the Christmas party, Bonnie and Johnnye so graciously and willingly offered to plan and coordinate the adult and children's games. Hisae Saito, widow of Herbert Saito, had just moved to Las Vegas with her granddaughter's family to remain close to the children.

Our next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 9 at the clubhouse. Hope to see you there!

I found the following article on the internet and since it happened on January 26, 1942, - 66 years ago, and mentions our own Shigeru Ushijima, I thought it fitting to be included in this issue of the PPP.

Legend of The 'Torpedo Gang'

By Karleen Chinen

Reprint of a Hawaii Herald article, June 20, 1986 – Permission to reprint this article was received.

At 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, 1942, almost two months after Pearl Harbor, 23-year-old Shigeru Ushijima gathered members of his draftee group at Schofield Barracks, where they had just completed basic training. "Eh, let's take a picture," he told them. In just a few hours they would be boarding the Royal T. Frank, a military transport boat that would take them back to Hilo. The 26 men (including their sergeant who did not join them on the trip, and excluding Ushijima, who was the photographer) squeezed together into two rows, and Ushijima snapped the picture. The photograph was to be the last visual record of them alive. Less than 48 hours later, only nine of them survived to tell the story of what happened to the other 17.

The 200-ton Royal T. Frank left Honolulu on the 27th with the 26 draftees and its crew on board. Traveling with it in a convoy were a destroyer and an ammunition boat, which the transport was towing to Hilo. By the next morning, the convoy was midway between Maui and the Big Island. A foggy and rainy morning greeted Ushijima and the others on the transport Wednesday morning, the 28th.

"Suddenly, someone said they seen something resembling a torpedo whiz by in the water. In less than a minute, another was seen gliding through the water. It scraped the side of the transport. "We could hear the 'thud,'" recalled Ushijima, who says he never got a peek at the torpedoes. He guesses that the captain, realizing that torpedoes were being fired at his ship, began to zigzag the vessel through the water. The destroyer's crew had also seen them and began dropping depth charges in the ocean.

Less than a minute after the second torpedo was felt, a third had been fired. "That's the one that hit us direct. That's when I fell on my back," remembers Ushijima. "In less than a minute, the boat just went up like that," he gestures with his hands. "I remember I was in the ocean already, and then it went down, in no time at all.

"Ushijima had jumped overboard and was in the ocean a second after the torpedo hit. He remembers seeing a Caucasian crewman flailing about as he tried to keep from going under. "I knew he couldn't swim. Island boys . . . we all can swim." So he handed his life vest to the crewman, and grabbed on to a piece of debris.

Ushijima says his first thought after jumping overboard was to get as far away from the wreckage as possible. "I was afraid of the suction. I was almost 15 yards away and I could see the bow of the boat go up." "All the people who were down in the hold . . . nobody came up. They all went down with the ship." He says they were the ones who had been shooting dice or playing cards the night before. Many of the severely seasick also had chosen to stay below. Ushijima himself had spent his first night at sea in the hold. "I'm a weak sailor. I get seasick," he confesses. Only nine of the 26 Big Island men survived. They are: Ushijima, George Taketa, Yoshio Ogomori, John Souza, Shizuo Toma, Mac Wakimoto, Haruo Yamashita, Tokimaru Takamoto and Susumu Yoshioka. He believes that he and the other eight survived because of where the torpedo hit. "If it was on the back, we would all have been blown to bits. The survivors of the torpedo attack were in the water for two or three hours, clinging to whatever they could to stay afloat, until the ammo boat they had been towing finally fished them out of the ocean. According to Ushijima, there was no fire; nothing burned. However, "When we came out, it must have been the oil . . . the slick was all over the ocean and our faces were all black. We couldn't recognize anybody.

"With the survivors – nine draftees, who eventually came to be known as 'the Torpedo Gang' and 27 crewmen – safely on board, the ammo boat, named the "Kalae," headed for the nearest port - Hana, Maui.

The Hana gymnasium had been converted into a first aid station. The men were cleaned off with gasoline and given fresh clothing. Several of them required medical attention and were sent to the nearby hospital/dispensary. Ushijima says they were questioned about the incident by military authorities, who ordered them not to talk about it with anyone.

They were then shipped off to Schofield Barracks and a short time later sent overseas. He remembers the men who went down with the Royal T. Frank. "As far as I know, I don't think any of their bodies were recovered," his face serious again. And, as far as he knows, no search was ever conducted for their remains. Ushijima believes the families of those killed in the attack were never notified of their sons' death until the end of the war. "That was a military secret, so we couldn't write anything about this," although he says rumors about, the attack had been circulating at Schofield. "But as far as local people like our families, they were still in the dark." Most of those familiar with the events surrounding the incident believe the attack had been launched by a Japanese sub, although Ushijima says some have debated that question, "It must have been a Japanese torpedo because just about that time after the war had started they had shelling right in Hilo Bay. " He says Japanese subs had been lurking in Island waters as a means of harassing the military here.

Just as this story has eerie beginning, so does it end that way with an ironic twist, something that almost belongs in an episode of "The Twilight Zone." Just after Ushijima had snapped his picture of the draftee group, a complete stranger -Ushijima doesn't even remember his name - approached him, saying he was returning to the Big Island and would take Ushijima's film back with him and process it. Ushijima never thought to ask why, he just gave him the film. He did, however, pack the camera in his bag which he took with him when he boarded the transport. When the torpedo hit, Ushijima's camera went down with the transport, but the last record of the 26 men together, survived. *HH*

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MEMORIES OF COL. VIRGIL MILLER, 442ND RCT
by Joy Teraoka, Contributing Reporter

(Because of time constraints, we were not able to print this article before the end of 2007.
Better late than never, we wish to include it in our first issue for 2008.)

Don Macaulay, nephew of Col. Virgil Miller, had one of his greatest wishes come true when he visited the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans clubhouse on our collating day in October 2007. On that day with a number of veterans present, he was able to meet some men his beloved Uncle Gil spoke so glowingly of for their heroism and honor. Col. Miller was one of the commanding officers of the 100th/442nd RCT when it fought in the Vosges forest, rescued the Lost Battalion and made the last push against the Germans at the Gothic Line. More often than not, he retold stories to his young nephew about their amazing exploits in combat, their spirit, dedication and bravery that earned them his eternal praise, devotion, protection, and friendship. Macaulay related to us his Uncle Gil's interesting background and why he was selected to become an officer of the AJA fighting men. Virgil Rasmuss Miller was born November 11, 1900, in San German, Puerto Rico. In 1915, his family moved to the Island's capital city, San Juan, where his father, Dr. Paul G. Miller, served as Commissioner of Education until 1921. Governor Arthur Yager, appointed Virgil as one of the first from Puerto Rico, to go to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1920. Following his graduation in 1924, Virgil married Ann McGoughran and the young couple returned to Puerto Rico where Miller was assigned to the Island's 65th Infantry Regiment. In 1940, he was transferred to Hawaii, where he served with the 21st Infantry Brigade and the 24th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks. Because of his lifelong experience with people of diverse ethnicities as is evident in Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska, it was believed he was particularly well suited to serve with the young AJA men from Hawaii and the mainland USA. He was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to train the Nisei troops who won outstanding marks for their combat training skills. However it was when the troops were sent to Europe that their worth was proven to be truly exceptional.

In June 1943, Miller was named Executive Officer of the 442nd RCT, which included the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, the 232nd Combat Engineers Company, the 206th Army Ground Forces Band and the 100th Infantry Battalion from Hawaii. In October 1944, under personal orders from Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist, Col. Charles W. Pence (Commanding Officer of the 100th/442nd) and Lt. Col. Miller (its Executive Commander) were ordered to lead the 100th/442nd through the dark forests of the Vosges to save the Lost Battalion in a bloody, costly battle that resulted in over 800 casualties and deaths the Nisei unit suffered to save 211 men of the Lost Battalion.

When Col. Pence suffered wounds during that exhausting campaign, Col. Miller replaced him as Commanding Officer of the Regiment. In April 1945, the 100th/442nd RCT faced its final horrendous battle against the Germans' formidable Gothic Line. After much consultation, Col. Miller, Lt. Col.

Alfred A. Pursall, 3rd Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. James Conley, 100th Battalion Commander, and their staffs devised a brilliant pincer strategy to fight against the impregnable German line. The troops were required to climb the 3,000 ft. tortuous mountain trails in total darkness and silence. This daunting tactic allowed Miller's troops to get into position for their daylight assault. However, landmine explosions alerted the Germans and fierce fighting ensued. After a daylong assault, the formidable Gothic line was finally cracked leading to the downfall of the German strongholds. Again, the 100/442nd RCT suffered many losses and casualties. Heavy fighting continued as each mountain ridge was taken from the mighty German forces. Finally, on April 25, the 442nd combat team drove the German army out of the Po Valley. From the beginning to the end of their fighting in both Italy and France under Col. Pence and Col. Miller, many deserving medals and honors were bestowed upon the men of the 100th/442nd for the heroism displayed in these battles: 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses (including 19 Distinguished Service Crosses which were upgraded to Medals of Honor in June 2000), 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars (plus 28 Oak Leaf Clusters for a second award) and 7 Presidential Unit Citations (5 earned in one month). The Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star were conferred upon Col. Miller for his outstanding leadership, bravery and heroism during battles against the German Army. At a memorial service held on May 6, 1945 for the men of the 442nd RCT, Col. Miller told the men:

"The sacrifice made by our comrades was great. We must not fail them in the fight that continues in the fight that will be with us even when peace comes. Your task will be the harder and more arduous one, for it will extend over a longer time."

With many of the AJA soldiers' families incarcerated in internment camps, and hostile prejudice against the Japanese in the U.S., Miller realized that his men would face yet another battle when they returned home. He vowed to stand up for them and educate the public about their heroism and sacrifices on the battlefields of Europe and Asia. When Pfc. Richard H. Naito of Spokane applied for membership into the American Legion, his application was rejected solely because of his race. Miller was aroused to action sending strong letters of protest to U.S. Interior Secretary Ickes and Assistant Secretary of War McCloy and to the commander of Post 51, asking that this grave injustice be corrected. Naito was wounded while fighting in Italy with the 5th Army. Naito also wrote: "Twelve months ago on a hot day I was lying in the fields near Pisa, my right leg shattered by a German bullet... That day I didn't know whether I would ever set foot again on American soil. Today on American soil, thousands of miles from Pisa, I have been wounded again by another weapon--hypocrisy or prejudice--call it what you will. Little did I expect that upon my return home to the people for whom I fought and suffered I would be repudiated."

Miller's letter to Dean Helbig of the American Legion Post 51 stated: "When supposedly reputable organizations such as yours violate the principles and ideals for which we fight, these young Japanese-Americans are not the only ones to wonder about our war aims. Millions in Europe and Asia, too, will learn of your action and question the sincerity of American policy and ideals."

Miller continued to educate the public in speeches telling of the loyalty, valor and outstanding battle records the AJA soldiers achieved in justifying equal rights and privileges for their families and themselves as American citizens. Miller fiercely and sincerely fought against the discrimination that still plagued his beloved troops. For Col. Miller, one of the greatest experiences in his army career was serving with the little AJA men of the 100th/442nd RCT. He looked upon them with utmost respect, honor and equality. In 1960, Col. and Mrs. Miller flew to Hawaii where they attended a gala reunion of the 442nd RCT. They were overwhelmed with joy by the matchless Hawaiian hospitality and colorful flower lei welcome the boys gave them. The festivities, parties, and informal gatherings warmed their hearts. Locating Sakai, his jeep driver and dear friend during the war, was another high point that occurred during this very special occasion. As they talked story, one of Miller's greatest pleasures was their forgetting the officer-soldier relationship and recognizing him as just another member of the 442. They loved all the banter and exchange of anecdotes, as Mrs. Miller wrote describing the events of the trip. It was so evident the reciprocal love and respect the men and Miller had for each other. Even after 65 years, the strong bond of respect, honor and devotion to his troops lives on through his loving nephew Don Macaulay, friends and relatives who continue to tell his story to others.

(Sources for article on Col. Virgil Miller from: Don Macaulay's personal collection of news clippings, letters; Internet Wikipedia; "Gothic Line and Po Valley Campaign." Historical information from Go For Broke National Education Center.)

MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS by Sam Fujikawa

Happy New Year! We hope 2008 will be a happy and healthy one for everyone.

Our club held its monthly meeting on November 17. With the holiday season fast approaching and everyone getting very busy and the weather threatening to rain, it was good to see Ed and Amy Nakazawa, Steve Sato, Ben and Jean Tagami, Toke Yoshihashi, Chuckie Seki, Douglas Tanaka, Ken and Hisa Miya, Hank and Elsie Hayashi, and Teri Fujikawa. Election of 2008 officers was held and, with Ben resigning his post as Vice President, Steve Sato was voted in to replace him. We are grateful for Ben's long time guidance in making our club one that has been active and busy in serving the community in many ways through the years. Other officers remain the same - Sam Fujikawa as President, Harry Fukasawa as Treasurer, and Amy Nakazawa as Secretary. Sam reported on attending the celebration of "Saluting of America" with John Wakamatsu, President of the 100/442 Association, and his wife Shizuye.

A sumptuous dinner honoring the veterans and immigrants who make America great was held by the Chinatown Public Safety Association at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant on Friday, November 16. Many dignitaries representing the City of Los Angeles and the State of California attended, as well as commendations from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, County Supervisors Gloria Molina and Mike Antonovich, Chief of Police William Bratton and many others were read. They expressed their admiration of the outstanding contributions and efforts that the Chinatown Public Safety Association has made to improve the quality of life in their community. They especially wanted to bring attention to the Niseis who fought so bravely during WWII, resulting in creating a legacy of opening many opportunities for all Asians to benefit in many areas.

The Go For Broke Volunteer Appreciation Party was held at the Paradise Restaurant in Torrance on December 1. It was a gala affair chaired by Kristin Mamiya, Volunteer Coordinator, and acknowledged by President and CEO Christine Sato-Yamazaki and her whole staff. Attendees enjoyed delicious food, a program full of festivities, an enjoyable and memorable afternoon of cheer and camaraderie. Spotted among the attendees were 100th members Koke and Bonnie Horino, Ken and Hisa Miya, Ocean Miyake, Ed and Amy Nakazawa, James and Yuri Ogawa, Chiz Ohira, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Toke and Rae Yoshihashi, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa. Duly acknowledged were the many staff members and volunteers who worked so hard and successfully on accomplishing the many projects that are vital for the Go For Broke National Education Center. A wonderful slide show created by Doug Urata and Alice Roe paid tribute to the enthusiastic audience of staff members and volunteers - which ended with a touching and endearing remembrance of our good friend, Ted Ohira, whom we all still miss very much.

On December 29, a busload of veterans, wives, and friends boarded a special bus that took us to the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance in West LA where the Jewish Center held a press conference to pledge support for the commemorative stamp to honor the *Nisei* WWII soldiers. Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean, was one of the many speakers who spoke at length supporting the campaign which will be presented to the US Postal Service Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee on January 24-25, 2008 in Congress. Letters of support and petitions may be sent to: Citizens' Advisory Committee, ATTN: Mr Terrence McCaffrey, USPS - Stamp Development, 1735 North Lynn St., Suite 5013, Arlington, VA, 22209-6432.

This coming Tuesday, Councilwoman Jan Perry will be presenting an appeal for the Los Angeles City Council to endorse support for the Commemorative Stamp Proposal. There is a group of veterans and families who are planning to attend to provide support.

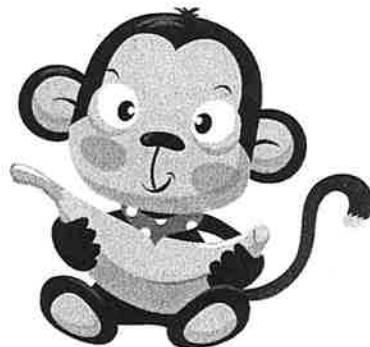
Our next event will be the Annual 100/442 Association Installation Luncheon to be held on January 29 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles.

STANLEY'S CORNER by Evelyn Tsuda

No jokes this month, just some interesting facts for the New Year.

Bananas - peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little stringy things off of it. That's how the primates do it. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Peppers: Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.



BAKER CHAPTER NEWS by Evelyn Tsuda

We wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Christmas Party: The Baker Chapter Christmas party held on December 16 was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of the co-chair, Joyce Doi and Diane Ono, and their helpers. The following is Joyce's report:

The Baker Chapter Christmas Party Committee hopes that all 160 of you who attended the party had a great time. We were certainly impressed by the size of the group and were delighted that so many of you joined us for this very special occasion.

We want to recognize the many, many members and friends who helped to make the 2007 Christmas party the success that it was. These wonderful people are: Bernard Akamine, Mark Arakaki, Robert Arakaki, Roy S. Arakaki, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Louise Ching, Lori Delacruz, Erika and Gary Doi, Sam Furukawa, Mari Galiher, Boni Gravelle, Bert Hamakado, Mike Harada, Priscilla Hirose, Humi Iha, 'Iolani School's Puapong Quintet, Alvin and Kiyomi Katahara, Glenda Koyama, Dayna Kirgan, Fred Kurisu, Miramar Hotel Housekeeping - Santa Claus and his Elves, James Miyasato, Joe Muramatsu, Amy Muroshige, Kenneth Muroshige, Alma and Wendell Matsushima, Judy Nakamura, Sonsei Nakamura, Vivian Nakamura, Jessie Nakayama, Diane and Jared Ono, Stephen Pawlak, Jamie Parilla, Corinne Peet, Cleo and Victor Kobayashi, Sarah Swisher, Robert Takashige, Charles Tanaka, Stan and Drusilla Tanaka, Marge Toma, Tom Tsubota, Evelyn Tsuda, Constance Yamamoto, Ann, Marie and Yvonne Yoneshige, Society of Young Magicians, Caterers - Poke Stop.

Our Christmas Donation: At our September meeting, we agreed to help the less fortunate during the holiday season by participating in the Ward Giving Tree Project. Drusilla Tanaka and her daughter Cecilee looked tirelessly for bargains to fill the gift requests from 16 special-needs seniors, ranging in age from 63 to 85. The gifts were delivered to the seniors by Catholic Charities Hawaii in time for Christmas.

We want to thank those attending our Christmas party for donating non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Toshio R. "Lefty" Mizusawa of Rural Chapter passed away on December 5, 2007 and his wife Miyoko passed away on December 26, 2007. The Company B *ohana* extends their deepest condolences to their children.

Donations received: MAHALO to Charles and Jean Tanaka, the family of the Late Toshio Anamizu, Sam Furukawa and Priscilla Hirose for their very generous donations. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

Bernard Akamine's anecdote regarding "Shoe Mine": In the summer of 1945, one squad from the First Platoon, B Company, was assigned to the 33rd General Hospital on the seashore between Marina De Pisa and Leghorn. In our squad was a *kibe* *kotonk* named Nakashima. His nickname was "Shoe Mine" – in Hawaii, we would have called him "Toe Jam". The hospital staff treated us really well. This was the first time in our Army life that we had excellent meals that were prepared by professional cooks – German POWs.

One evening, Shoe Mine was able to get the use of a truck, a 6x6, the kind that has four wheels in the rear and two in front. The next morning, the Motor Pool Sgt. came storming into our tent and started to reprimand Shoe Mine for bringing back the truck with double tires on one side of the front wheel. Shoe Mine's explanation was that the tire had a puncture and there was no jack, just the lug wrench, so the only way to get back was to find a rock and drive the flat tire onto the rock to raise that wheel. He then removed three nuts and put the spare tire on right against the flat, using the three nuts because the bolts were long enough for a double wheel. After listening to Shoe Mine explaining all this in his Japanese accent broken English, he started to smile and said, "No wonder you guys are so good in combat – you guys have brains!" He left patting Shoe Mine on the back.

Next meeting: February 16, 2008



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OFFICE "MAHALO" REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008 ISSUE
by Amanda Stevens, Evelyn Tsuda and Sophie Hatakenaka

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Fumiko Nagata	In memory of Tsutomu "Tom" Nagata	\$200.00
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Yasushi Yoshitake		\$100.00
Wallace Onuma		\$100.00

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Building Fund:

Priscilla Hirose		\$100.00
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Velma Nakahara	In memory of Toshikatsu Nakahara	\$100.00

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Masanori Moriwake		\$5000.00
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Family of Warren Iwai		\$1000.00

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Barbara M. Hanai	In memory of Clarence Hanai	\$25.00
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Fumiko Nagata	In memory of Tsutomu "Tom" Nagata	\$100.00
Grants received from S&D		
Kenneth K. Mun	In memory of Masayoshi Nakano	\$50.00
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Wallace Onuma		\$50.00
Kenneth Higa	In memory of Francis Okazaki	\$30.00

Miscellaneous:

Priscilla Hirose	To Baker Chapter	\$100.00
Kimi and Don Matsuda	To Able Chapter	\$50.00
Grants received from S&D		
Velma Nakahara	To Baker Chapter, In memory of Joe Nakahara	\$100.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2008

(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

ABLE.....	Saturday, February 23.....	8:00 am
BAKER.....	Saturday, February 16.....	1:00 pm
CHARLIE.....	Saturday, February 23.....	10:00 am
DOG.....	Saturday, February 16.....	9:00 am
HQ/MED.....	Saturday, February 9.....	10:00 am
RURAL	No Meeting	
MAUI CHAPTER.....	No Meeting	
HAWAII CHAPTER.....	No Report	
DESCENDANTS.....	No Report	
BOARD MEETING.....	Friday, February 8	10:00 am
LINE DANCING.....	Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27.....	9:00 am
CRAFTS.....	Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26.....	9:00 am
LONG RANGE PLANNING.....	Saturday, February 16.....	time and location to be announced
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Saturday, February 9.....	9:00 am
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP.....	Sunday, February 24.....	11:00am

In observance of Presidents' Day, the office will be closed on Monday, February 18.

Attention: Article deadlines for each issue of the *PPP* is on the **15th day of each month** (late articles and/or corrections may not be included in the issue.)

COLLATING for this month will be on **FRIDAY, February 29 at 8:30am**. **RURAL CHAPTER** is responsible for providing manpower and refreshments, but everyone is welcome to *kokua*.

Please send Chapter news, articles, comments or anything else to do with the *PPP* to pukapukaparade@yahoo.com.

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