

Puka-Puka Parade



JUNE 2019

NO. 6/2019

BRING YOUR LUCKY FROG AND COME *SHUUTTO KURAPPU* AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR OUR 77TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

In celebration of the 100th Infantry Battalion's lucky 7-7th Anniversary, please join us on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** when the Clubhouse will be transformed into the Kamoku Street Casino, complete with games of black jack, poker, roulette and the 100th veterans' favorite, craps. The bad news is while you won't go home with pockets full of real moolah, the good news is you will go home with some great prizes and a jackpot of good fun feelings!

100th Infantry Battalion World War II veterans, their wives or their widows will be "comped" by the Club as will be current soldiers of the 100th/442d Army Reserve. The cost for 100th members only is \$77.00. The cost for everyone else, including 100th 'ohana who are not members of the Club and guests or family of 100th members, is \$88.00.

A registration form for the Banquet is included in this issue of the *PPP*. Please fill out the form and return it with payment to the Office no later than

Monday, June 3 at 1:00 pm. Please pay in full with a check made out to "100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Anniversary Banquet". If you would prefer to pay with cash in the office, please bring the exact amount as we do not have change. We do not accept credit cards.

There are two bento lunch options for the Banquet, both provided by Natsunoya Tea House:

1) **CHEF'S SPECIAL:** *hibachi* chicken, *miso* butterfish, spicy *nasubi* (eggplant), *namasu*, shrimp, potato and pumpkin *tempura*, choy sum *goma* (sesame seed), *kimpira yasai* (vegetables), rice and fruits; **OR**

2) **VEGETARIAN:** cold *somen* noodles with *shiitake*, *nishime*, *kabocha* (pumpkin), *tofu* patties (2 pieces), spicy *nasubi*, *namasu*, *kimpira gobo* (burdock root), *kappa* (cucumber) sushi, cone sushi and fruits.

After lunch, the Kamoku Street Casino will be officially opened, featuring tableside gambling games

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IN MEMORIAM

JIM YUTAKA DOI

of San Jose, California
(Able Company)

passed away on May 4, 2018 at age 94

WILLIAM SAKAE YAMAKA

of Torrance, California
(Able Company)

passed away on March 27, 2019 at age 99

YOROKU ITO

of Kaneohe, Hawaii
(Baker Company)

passed away on April 13, 2019 at age 97

TSUTOMU "TOM" YAMADA

of Wailuku, Maui
(Charlie Company)

passed away on April 13, 2019 at age 104

*Our deepest sympathy to their families, friends
and fellow 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans*

MAJOR ROOFING PROJECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE TO BEGIN IN JULY

All of the materials have finally arrived so our friends at Kapili Roofing have informed us that the removal, repair and replacement of the Clubhouse roof is set to begin on **Monday, July 29, 2019**. As this will be a major job complete with a very noisy compressor and lots of debris from the old roof, we have been advised by Kapili that it may be best to shut down during the duration of the repairs, estimated to last about 15 working days.

Based on this recommendation, on **weekdays from Monday, July 29 to Monday, August 19, the Office and Clubhouse will be CLOSED**. There will be no Craft Club meetings on Tuesdays and no Line Dance classes on Wednesdays during this time. Although Kapili will not be working on weekends and holidays, they will be storing their equipment at the Clubhouse so Chapters should move their meetings to different venues. We will not schedule any activities or rentals of the premises until the project is completed.



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from the Just Like Vegas company which will also provide professional staff to help you make your (fake) "millions". (To get a sneak peek of the day, visit the Just Like Vegas photo gallery at <https://www.jlvhawaii.com/gallery>). At the end of the gambling time, we will total up everyone's winnings and determine who were the high rollers for the day. Don't worry though, even if your pockets are empty, you'll go home with something from the prize room.

Banquet Chairperson **TSURUMI HAMASU** and 100th President **ANN KABASAWA** are also currently planning a very special lucky number prize as the *PPP* goes to press. Not sharing the surprise but let's just say you can place your bets that it will be a real "winnah" of a prize.

As you may guess, a lot of support is needed each year to put on the Banquet, our biggest 100th event of the year. If you would like to donate a prize of any sort, please drop it off during office hours by Friday, June 14 at 1:00 pm. Prizes may also be dropped off on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am during the monthly Board meeting.

We would also welcome donations of *pupus* or desserts which can be dropped off on the morning of the Banquet.

Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the Banquet from planning before the event to cleaning up on the day of the event. If you would like to help or have any other questions, please contact Tsurumi via the office at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a last minute event being added by Ala Wai Elementary School, only a limited number of stalls will be set aside in their parking lot for 100th and there is a possibility that not every car will be able to be accommodated. There is also a special event at 'Iolani School and parking at the Clubhouse will be reserved for volunteers. To avoid the inevitable parking headaches, please consider car-pooling, catching an *uber* or getting dropped off.



DA PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MONKU AND STUFF by ANN KABASAWA

This has been a very busy few months at the Clubhouse with a few fun special events inside and many improvements being completed and commenced on the outside. Due to safety concerns, we now have motion detectors to light up the alley and the back door in the evenings and will be re-keying the entry locks as well as securing a few of the rooms inside the Clubhouse to protect Club and Chapter property.

I would like to thank everyone in advance for bearing with the closure of the Office and Clubhouse from July 29 through August 19 due to the roof replacement. Another big project that is currently in the bid stage is replacing the railings at our apartment building. Thank you to 1st Vice President **HARRY NAKAYAMA** for all of his efforts in securing bids and vendors as well as coordinating the many projects that have been completed as well as need to be done in the future.

Thank you also to 2nd Vice President **TSURUMI HAMASU** who has been busy with preparations for our 77th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, June 22 at the Clubhouse. There will be lots of fun, ono food, and, best of all, prizes! Please return the Registration Form on page 7 of the *PPP* with payment by June 3rd to join us!

If you'd prefer the real thing, there's still time to sign up for the Annual Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans Las Vegas Mini Reunion set for Sunday, September 29 to Friday, October 4. If you'd like to travel with the 100th group, details are available at the Clubhouse or contact me at (808)781-8540 or diverseinnov@gmail.com. I'll need to receive your deposit for the travel package by July 5 with final payment by August 11. Premium seats are going fast.

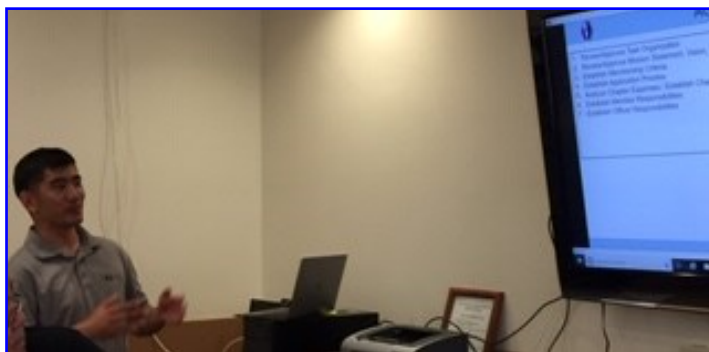
For everyone going to the Mini-Reunion (even those making their own travel arrangements), the luncheon for all Mini Reunion attendees has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 am in the Clubhouse Lounge. Please let me know if you plan to attend as I will be providing lunch. Everyone travelling with me will receive their luggage tags at the luncheon.

If you are planning to attend either the Welcome Dinner on Monday, September 30 or the Farewell Lunch on Wednesday, October 2, please let me know as you need to sign up and the cost is \$50.00

per person for each event. There is also a \$10.00 registration fee payable to FFNV for the Mini-Reunion. I will be collecting \$30.00 from each person from Hawaii to purchase provisions for the 100th Hospitality Room and welcome any volunteers to help staff the place. If you have gone before, you know that there is always lots of delicious food to eat (yes, some even home-cooked in the hotel room) and lots of talk story time with our 100th veterans, their wives, widows, children and friends. If you have any questions or need more information, please get in touch with me.

This is a month of many hellos and goodbyes. Let's start with a goodbye to Past-President **LLOYD KITAOKA**, the son of the late **JUDGE TAKASHI KITAOKA** of Baker Company, who submitted his resignation from the Education Center in May. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish Lloyd all the best as he sets off on a new path in life. Thank you for all you have done over the years to share the story of the 100th to students and other visitors.

I'd also again like to say hello and welcome to the 100th/442d former and current Army Reservists who have joined our Club. Thank you also to President **KEITH HORIKAWA**, 1st Vice President **BEAU TATSUMURA**, 2nd Vice President **CHRISTOPHER ARAKAWA**, Secretary **MATTHEW WONG** and Treasurer **BRYCE KAINA** who have been meeting for many weeks to hammer out the details of the newly christened Rifle Chapter. At the May Board Meeting, Treasurer Kaina made an excellent first impression with a power point presentation about Rifle Chapter and their plans for the future. If you are a 100th/442d member who joined the 100th Club and would like information on how to join Rifle Chapter, please email them at riflechapter100@gmail.com.



These soldiers have been the backbone of 100th events and nobody tells the story of our fathers like they do. They live the motto of "For Continuing Service" and make us proud each and every day.

100TH CHAPTER CHATTER

ABLE CHAPTER by JAYNE HIRATA

At the memorial service for **MAY MISAO FUJITA** of the Mainland Chapter, the widow of Able Company veteran **MONTE FUJITA**, attendees were asked to make a donation to the 100th Education Center in lieu of *koden*. Thanks to the generosity of the friends and family members of May, including her son **WAYNE FUJITA**, a check for \$5,000.00 was received by the Club.

Congratulations to Able Company veteran **TOKUJI "TOKE" YOSHIHASHI** who is one of the two Japanese American World War II veterans who will be honored at the Anniversary Tribute of the Go For Broke Monument in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles on June 8. Congratulations also to honoree **KENJIRO "KEN" AKUNE** of the MIS.

I received an email from **NANCY van TELLINGEN** letting me know that her father, Able Company veteran **TAKESHI KAWAKAMI** is about to turn 95 and living in Mesa, Arizona where he received the French Legion of Honor Medal in 2003. She said he was happy to know that many of his fellow 100th veterans are still alive and well. Below is a recent photo of Mr. and Mrs. Kawakami from Ms. van Tellingens.



BAKER CHAPTER by ANN KABASAWA

During my last trip to Los Angeles, I was greatly surprised by a \$500.00 donation from the members of the Mainland Chapter for the *Puka-Puka Parade*. Mahalo to our Southern California 'ohana for their generosity. I'll be able to thank them in person as my husband **CLYDE SUGIMOTO** and I will be attending the Anniversary Ceremony of the Go For Broke Monument in Los Angeles in June.

CHARLIE CHAPTER by ARLENE SATO

Our next breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019. A reminder with more information will be emailed to you.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER

by **JAN SAKODA**

Happy Birthday to **BESSIE FUKUMOTO** who is a spry 100 years old! I understand her family gave her a wonderful birthday party!

DOT TAMASHIRO, my husband **ED SAKODA** and I visited **ED IKUMA** in May. We enjoyed the beautiful day with Japanese food — *nishime*, *namasu*, *kuromame*, and *hijiki*. Sorry to have missed **GARY IKUMA** and **FAY NAGATOSHI**, both of whom were unable to join us... maybe next time!

The annual banquet, headed by **TSURUMI HAMASU**, promises to be a great one, Unfortunately, Ed and I will be travelling and won't be able to attend. Hope you can make it though. More details can be found elsewhere in this *PPP*.

Ed and I will be going to Italy and France to see the battle sites where the *Nisei* fought. If you remember, five years ago, I wrote about our visit to Southern Italy where we visited Salerno, Anzio, Monte Cassino, and Pozzilli, where my dad was injured. This year, we will be revisiting these sites, as well as Belvedere, where the 100th earned their first Presidential Unit Citation, Livorno, Tendola, to name a few. We will then travel to France where we will join another tour that will take us to Sospel, L'Escaraine, Menton, Bruyeres and Biffontaine, as well as other sites. There will be no Headquarters articles for the next couple of months. However, when I return, I hope to share with you our experiences of this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

MAINLAND CHAPTER

by **DAVID WATANABE**

The 20th Anniversary Ceremony of the Go For Broke Monument will be held on Sunday, June 8 from 10:00 am. This annual ceremony is to honor the 16,000 Japanese Americans, both men and women, who served during the war. Many of our Club members volunteer by helping with the preparations and selling various memorabilia including shirts, caps, cookbooks, license plates and more. For more information on this event, please visit the Go For Broke National Education Center's website at http://www.goforbroke.org/news/annual_events/



MATSUNAGA INSTITUTE GRADUATION

When **JOSE BARZOLA** told us that the parents of students graduating from the **SPARK M. MATSUNAGA INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION** could not attend the graduation ceremony as there was not enough room at the venue at UH, it was a no brainer that the 2019 festivity would be held at Sparky's home away from home, our Clubhouse. Among the well-wishers were **MAYA SOETORO-NG**, 100th sons **GOVERNOR DAVID IGE** and **MATT MATSUNAGA** with his wife, **ERIN MATSUNAGA**, **JAYNE HIRATA**, **ANN KABASAWA**, **HARRY NAKAYAMA**, **FUMIKO SATO**, **CLYDE SUGIMOTO**, and **DOROTHY TAMASHIRO**. The niece of the late **TAKEICHI "CHICKEN" MIYASHIRO** of Charlie Company was one of the graduates and shared her memories of Uncle Chicken bringing her to Club events. Mahalo to the Tuesday Craft Club ladies who crocheted all of the "purple heart battalion leis" you see in these photos for each and every graduate and VIP!



FROM DA OFFICE

I can't believe this is my second to the last *PPP* as the Office Manager of the Club. I realized today that I first came to the Clubhouse in 2005 in response to then 100th President **DR. DENIS TERAOKA** asking the public for help with badly needed repairs, including patching the leaky roof. Fast forward 14 years later and I am leaving when the patched up roof is finally being replaced with a newer model. To me, this verifies that it's time for this patched up old lady to vacate the office for a "newer model" too. My last day in the Office will be on Friday, June 28 and my first day as a Craft Club Lady will be on Tuesday, July 2. I will still be around as the editor of the *PPP* (unless someone would like to take over) and working on special events from time to time so you aren't totally free from me yet!

VETERANS WANTED FOR HONOLULU MAGAZINE ARTICLE

442nd granddaughter and staff writer **JAYNA OMAYE** would like to photograph and interview 100th World War II veterans about their lives after the war for a possible article in Honolulu Magazine. If the veteran is willing to be photographed but is unable or unwilling to speak about his experiences, his spouse, family or friends may also be interviewed in his stead. Other veterans from the 442nd, MIS, 1399th, etc. are also welcome. If you know of a veteran who may be interested, please contact Ms. Maye at (808)534-7556 or jaynao@honolulumagazine.com.

MEMORIAL DAY MAHALOS

Thank you to **GARY HAYAKAWA** for presenting the 100th's wreath at the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at Punchbowl and to **HARRY NAKAYAMA** for presenting the 100th's lei at the Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony at Punchbowl.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Wishing everyone a Happy Daddys Day in June especially my Dad **EDDIE HIRATA** who people mistakenly think is the Clubhouse's yard man (he's actually a member and volunteers his time as Gary's assistant).



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Thank you very much to the following for their generous monetary donations to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans which were received in the Office between May 1 and May 24:

EDUCATION CENTER

- \$5,000.00 The friends and family of **MAY MISAO FUJITA**, widow of **MANSAKU MONTE FUJITA**, in memory of May Misao Fujita
- \$100.00 **MAKENA RIVERA-CONCANNON**

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

- \$300.00 **MELVIN SHIRAMIZU** of Colorado in memory of his father, **KIYOSHI JAMES SHIRAMIZU**
- \$100.00 **IRA AND SUMIE IWATA** of Colorado in memory of **KIYOSHI JAMES SHIRAMIZU**
- \$100.00 **CORINNE HAMANO** of California in memory of **SUSUMU KANESHIGE**

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- \$500.00 **MAINLAND CHAPTER, 100TH/442ND VETERANS ASSOCIATION** of California

If there are any changes or corrections that need to be made to your donation, please contact the Office at 946-0272 or club100vets@gmail.com.

100TH MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to 100th veteran **HIDENOBU HIYANE** of Headquarters Company who be one of six World War II Japanese American veterans to receive the French Legion of Honor Medal on June 1 at the Hawaii Convention Center. 442nd veteran **PAUL WATANABE** who many may remember from the Thursday Wine Gang gatherings at the Clubhouse is also one of the recipients. 100th descendants **GOVERNOR DAVID IGE** and **FIRST LADY DAWN AMANO-IGE** are scheduled to attend. The current Hawaii Herald, whose editor is 100th daughter **KARLEEN CHINEN**, features a story on the upcoming event.

President **ANN KABASAWA** and her husband, **CLYDE SUGIMOTO**, have been very busy in the neighborhood, attending the May Day Celebration at Ala Wai School as well as presenting the "For Continuing Service" awards seniors **ROEL YLARDE** and **TIANA CONCHING** at 'Iolani.

77TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET REEGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ CHAPTER: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please submit completed form with payment by June 3 to 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

ATTENDEE'S NAME	FREE Please circle one	\$77.00 100th member	\$88.00 All Others	
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JUNE CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

(all events at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated)

BOARD Meeting	Saturday, June 15 at 9 am
BAKER CHAPTER	No June meeting
CHARLIE CHAPTER	Saturday, June 29
HQ/MEDICS CHAPTER	Saturday, June 15 at 10 am
CRAFT CLUB	Tuesdays, June 4, 18, 25 from 9 am to 1 pm
LINE DANCING	Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 9 am to 11 am

CLUB EVENTS

BANQUET RSVP	By Monday, June 3 at 1 pm
IEHA SPRING CLEANING	Sunday, June 9 from 8:30 am
77TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET	Saturday, June 22 from 10 am to 2 pm
AVAH MEETING	Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 pm


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clubhouse and Office will be closed on Tuesday, June 11 for Kamehameha Day.

The Lounge is reserved on Sunday, June 2.
Turner Hall is reserved on Thursday, June 20 and Saturday, June 29.
The Board Room is reserved on Thursday, June 27.

*Dates and times subject to change.
Contact your Chapter President for updates.*

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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The *Puka-Puka Parade* is the official newsletter of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization and is published monthly, twelve times a year.

The opinions expressed in the *PPP* are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans. All articles are written by *PPP* Editor Jayne Hirata unless otherwise indicated.

Please e-mail your articles, comments or questions about the *PPP* to club100vets@gmail.com.

If you do not have access to email, please mail or deliver your articles, comments or questions to the Clubhouse Office.

The deadline to submit articles for the July 2019 issue is **June 20, 2019**

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