



# Puka-Puka Parade



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## President's Message

by Lloyd Kitaoka

Happy New Year! The year started off with a thump, thump, thump, slurp. That's the sound of the pounding of the mochi and the slurping of ozoni soup. Our 4th annual Shinnen Enkai was a great success with a good turnout of members and guests. We also had the honor of having the new First Lady of Hawaii, Dawn Amano-Ige and two of her children, Amy and Matthew, as guests. If you don't know, both the Governor and the First Lady are descendants of 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion soldiers. Many thanks to the James Kawashima Family who did a great job of putting together this traditional Japanese custom of mochi pounding. The ozoni, lunch and entertainment were top notch and great thanks to Bert Hamakado who chaired the event, along with his dedicated committee members and other volunteers who helped with the food, setup, and the clean-up. It takes a lot of effort to put on an event like this and all of you deserve a pat on the back for your dedication. Thank you so much! While I'm on the subject, the volunteers for these events are getting less and less and it ends up with just a few who do all the hard work. Let's make a concerted effort to volunteer this year. I would hate to have these events fall by the wayside because of the lack of volunteers. I feel the interest is there but the volunteer support has declined tremendously.

The clubhouse has been very busy the first weeks of the new year. We had 30 students from the Asian American History classes at Iolani. Teacher Alan Suemori brought his two classes over to hear our presentation on the 100<sup>th</sup> and was very appreciative for the knowledge that the students gained. We also had a very special guest who surprised us when she accepted our invitation to speak to the students. Hawaii's First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige graced us with her presence and stories. As I mentioned, both Mrs. Ige and Governor David Ige's fathers served with the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion in World War II. Dawn's father is the late Sakuji Amano, who was an original 100<sup>th</sup> soldier who served in Co. C and a member of our Rural Chapter. Governor Ige's father is the late Tokio Ige and was a replacement from the 442 who served with Company A. We were so honored to have the First Lady share with the students her recollections of both her father and the

Governor's father's time during the war and when they came back. In addition, she mentioned that our presentation was also a great learning experience as her father didn't talk very much about the war. She is such a charming, gracious First Lady and an excellent speaker who made a great impression on the students.

A couple of days later, the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center co-hosted a dinner event with guest speaker, Anais Casin from the Bruyeres Office of Tourism in France. She is spearheading an effort to build a Nisei Soldier Center located in the Vosges region of France which includes the towns of Bruyeres and Biffontaine. As you know, the 100/442 had a major part in liberating those two French towns and participated in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" (a Texas Battalion that was surrounded and cut off in the Vosges Mountains). Ms. Casin explained the project's vision and purpose, and in attendance at this event was Governor David Ige himself. We can be quite proud that in the first two weeks of the new year, we had three events attended by Hawaii's First Family, who are descendants of the 100<sup>th</sup>! I don't think any organization can lay claim to that.

As I start my second term as your president, I'd like to announce two changes concerning this Puka Puka Parade newsletter. First, from this issue forward, it will be published bi-monthly (every other month) as it takes a great amount of time and effort to put out this publication and meet deadline. Also, this President's column may include contributions by members of the Board of Directors in future issues. I feel it's advantageous to have board members share their thoughts with you. Again, thank you for your support and I sincerely look forward to the next two years.

Aloha...



Matt, First Lady Dawn, and Amy Ige with Lloyd

## In Memoriam

**Satoru “Tom” Inomoto (D)**

Passed away November 24, 2014

**Kakuto Higuchi (C) (91 yrs)**

Passed away on November 25, 2014

*Our deepest sympathy to their families.*



### 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET 100<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**HOKULEI BALLROOM (DOLE CANNERY)  
735 IWILEI ROAD, HONOLULU, HI 96817**

**More info will be forthcoming  
in the next PPP issue.**

**SAVE THE DATE !!**

## Deadline Near to Apply for 100th Infantry Memorial Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Scholarship is **Thursday, February 19th, 2015, 4:00 p.m.** High school seniors and college students who are descendants of the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans are encouraged to apply to the Hawaii Community Foundation. Application submission is by **ONLINE only** and there is **NO** mail-in submission.

Please visit the Hawaii Community Foundation’s website for information on the scholarship, eligibility criteria and the application requirements at: <http://>

[www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/how-to-apply-for-scholarships](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/how-to-apply-for-scholarships). (Note: If you are using Safari browser on an Apple computer, please use this link: <https://hcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/#sthash.yK5uUtU.dpuf>)



## Mark Your Calendars for the Descendants Chapter’s “Spring Fling Bazaar”

By popular demand, the Descendants Chapter is bringing back the 100th Infantry Battalion Bazaar on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Clubhouse. Details of the Bazaar are being finalized and will include craft items for sale and mostly a large number of items (some of which may be collectible items) donated by the late Wayne Iha, a 1399<sup>th</sup> descendant who was a staunch supporter of the 100<sup>th</sup> veterans and a regular at the weekly Thursday pot-luck lunches at the clubhouse. Other activities for the day will depend on the number of folks who sign up to volunteer and the donations we receive for the event.

If you are a 100<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse member and are interested in participating in the Bazaar as a crafter, please send us your name, contact information (phone and e-mail), a description of your crafts and any photos you may have of them by **February 15, 2015** to **Jan Nadamoto** ([nadamoto@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nadamoto@hawaiiantel.net)) or by USPS mail to 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826, Attn: Descendants Chapter.

We hope to have a nice variety of hand-made items; participating crafters will be determined base on space availability and crafts to be offered. Once we have your information, you will be contacted by February 23, 2015 on whether we can accommodate you.

It goes without saying that we can use help at the Bazaar but if you are unable to do so, please consider attending the event and inviting your friends and family to join us.

**SPRING FLING 100TH CLUBHOUSE BAZAAR  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015  
9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**



## Fourth Annual Shinnen Enkai 2015

by Bert Hamakado

Happy New Year! May 2015 be a happy, safe, and healthy year. The 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans' 4th Annual Shinnen Enkai started with a moment of silence to honor the sacrifices and lives of our Nisei soldiers who fought and died for us. Our Nisei veterans defined the meaning of being an American, and their spouses and families redefined the meaning of selflessness. Their collective efforts are inspiring to the descendants and younger generations that were present as we realize the freedom, privileges and opportunities that we have today.

Club President Lloyd Kitaoka gave a welcome speech and wished everyone a Happy New Year. A "Banzai" toast was given with audience participation. "Banzai" translated as "hurrah," is an expression of enthusiasm and the audience shouting the words three times, arms stretched out above their heads, is the traditional Japanese form of applause. After the third "Banzai" the audience were told to yell their loudest, as the saying goes the louder the "Banzai" the more luck is wished during the year.



99-year old vet Sonsei Nakamura pounding mochi

Sue Kaninau, daughter of James Kawashima of "B" Company explained the process of steaming the mochi rice, then pounding the cooked rice into a glutinous mass ready for mochi making. Traditionally, the men pound the mochi rice and the women make the mochi cakes. Today, both men and women participate in doing these tasks. Six batches (5 lbs each) of mochi rice were cooked, pounded and made into cakes. The audience were invited to try their hand in mochi pounding, led by Darryl Kaninau and family members. Mochi making, led by Suzan Kaninau and the Kawashima Ohana, made various cakes used for the ozoni soup that were served to

the audience. All equipment/tools for the mochi making process were supplied by the Kawashima Ohana.

Entertainment was provided by Thomas Omuro and his assistant, who played and sang Japanese and American songs. The Iwakuni Bon Dance group was led by leader Marion Kanemori, President Linda Martell, Ray Nakayama, Wilma Muneoka, Ralston Nagata and Clinton Leong who brought the drums. Ralston introduced the music, beginning with "Tanko Bushi" and ended with a song about the 100/442 that was popular after the war. In-between events, lucky number drawings were called out and winners received prizes donated by various families, individuals and organizations.

A great, big mahalo to the various volunteers who generously gave of their time and energy for this event, including:

- My planning committee who deserves huge applause and credit for the majority of the planning and legwork, including food planning, shopping for ingredients, catering the food, making the delicious ozoni, handling rsvps, making all the desserts, plus all the other details that made this a successful celebration. THANK YOU Ann Kabasawa, Jayne Hirata-Epstein, Jan Nadamoto, Lois and John Nakagawa!
- Susan, Darryl Kaninau and the Kawashima Family for doing the annual mochi cooking, pounding and bringing all of their equipment, expertise and support.
- Iwakuni Bon Dance group who performed with a last-minute notice and led the bon dance with audience participation.
- Martin Fujimoto of Aloha Shoyu for supporting the event with Aloha Shoyu multi-packs for prizes and Okuhara Foods, Inc. for also supporting with their donation.
- Loco Mutt Co. for their donation, Wayne Iha for his donation, and others who brought prize donations.
- Lloyd Kitaoka with helping with audio setup and emceeding part of the program
- Jayne Hirata-Epstein her ohana for handling the RSVP and reception table, children Taja, Dante & Rysen Hirata-Epstein in calling out the lucky number drawings, and husband Roy Epstein for picking-up the sushi platters.
- Ann Kabasawa, Clyde Sugimoto and Pat Thomson for photographing the event.

- Milton Tanaka, Cal Hirai and Gary Doi for manning the parking lot at Ala Wai Elementary School and drop-off point in front of the clubhouse.
- Ralph Steensen and wife Yasuko, Paul Nishida, Naomi and Atanacio Agustin-Nishida with decorating Turner Hall and serving the liquids for the “Banzai” toast
- Dot Tamashiro, Janice Trubitt, Shelley Santo, Denis Hashimoto, Gloria Bediamol, and Mary Aoki for providing kokua wherever it was needed (reception, kitchen, making the coffee, food serving, juice, tea, hot water). And to all who helped with clean-up after the event and taking down of the decoration, sweeping and mopping the floors, mahalo. If I forgot to mention your names, please excuse me.

This year approximately 255 persons attended the Shinnen Enkai event. Hopefully, we can continue this event every year.



## The Grenade

*by Denis K. Teraoka, D Company, 100th Infantry Battalion*

The tides of war had changed. The Allies were now on the offensive, chasing the Germans back to Berlin through the Po Valley.

The 2 ½-ton truck with about 12 men of D Company came to a small village and stopped. The driver told us to get off and sit along the roadside while he attempted to locate the position of the retreating enemy forces.

Fifteen minutes later another truckload of about 12 riflemen from another company rumbled to a stop and were also ordered to get off and rest along the roadside. As the men alighted from the truck, I noticed the last member reminded me of a recent high school graduate—a rookie whose rifle was almost as tall as he.

When he stepped five feet in front of me to sit, I noticed a grenade on his shoulder strap. I wondered why in the world he had that grenade dangling from his shoulder. As he sat down, he must have inadvertently dislodged the pin on his grenade—1—2—3—7—8—9. BOOM! Without warning there was a loud explosion!

Someone shouted, “Enemy fire, take cover—”

I looked out into the distance beyond me, but nothing was unusual there. Then I lowered my eyes to the fellow who was carrying the grenade. Suddenly rising up and

straightening his shoulders, he audibly murmured, “Oh, Mother!” Then he fell backwards to the ground—

One of the men in front of him took shrapnel on his arm; another found blood trickling from his neck.

The next morning a message came down from Higher Headquarters announcing, “The War is Over!” To this day the untimely and tragic death of this young soldier has haunted me. But that is War --



## 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres, Biffontaine, and the Rescue of the Lost Battalion trip

*by Stacey Hayashi*

I've been to the Vosges mountains before. In 2007, I was fortunate enough to briefly visit and be guided by Jean Bianchetti. The beautiful monument in honor of the 100th/442nd and 36th Division stands where the Lost Battalion of Texas was rescued 70 years ago. Jean had donated the granite for this monument which is just one of several tributes from Jean; another, for the 100<sup>th</sup>, is in Cassino. But it's one thing to see these things and visit on your own--it's a completely different story to be there during the liberation anniversary and experience the festivities with the vets and their families.

Everything was wonderful--the parade, the lunches with the Mayors, the ceremonies, the friendship toasts, the presents from the Sister City group (the Go for Broke French Club), and the re-enactors dressed as 100th/442 soldiers (who brought their WWII jeeps, and even two 2 1/2 ton trucks!). Everyone gave the vets and their families the royal treatment. The streets were decked out with many banners that had old photos of 100th/442 soldiers during their deployment in Bruyeres, and the shop windows were decorated with American flags. Displays for the 100th/442nd comic book, Journey of Heroes, combined with actual artifacts from WWII, filled the windows of the tourism office. By the Bruyeres monument, children sang "Hawai'i Pono'i" for us, accompanied by Eddie Yamasaki (442 I Co) on ukulele! At the dedication of Tomosu Hirahara Square (named after the first soldier to be killed in action in the fight to liberate Bruyeres from the Germans), it was such a touching and proud moment for the 100th, and for Riki Tsuda (100th B Co) especially, since he and Tomosu were friends.

At City Hall, there was a huge crowd gathering downstairs while we had lunch upstairs with the Sister City group, and the vets received outpouring of love and appreciation later during book-signing and a never ending sea of people happy to meet them.

Hawaii's own 100th/442nd US Army Reserve soldiers took such wonderful care of our WW2 vets. To see the Reservists decked out in uniform, doing America, Hawaii, and the 100th/442 proud, and bringing such honor in France, in a place that truly appreciates the 100th/442nd, brought tears of pride for all of us. Many, many thanks to CSM Beau Tatsumura, SSG Chris Arakawa and the reservists for their diligent planning and care of our veterans during the trip!



## For Continuing Service

by Jayne Hirata

During the holidays, the Clubhouse initiated community service drives to perpetuate its motto, "For Continuing Service."

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to our holiday toy drive for the non-profit organization, HUGS (Help, Understanding and Group Support). We were happy to present Joan Naguwa, HUGS Executive Director and daughter of HQ Company veteran Edward Ikuma, with 71 toys and some monetary donations.



98-year old Tokuichi Hayashi (A) with Joan Naguwa

A holiday food drive coordinated by Evelyn Tsuda of Baker Chapter (wife of Baker Company veteran Rikio "Riki" Tsuda) resulted in a large assortment canned goods collected for the Hawaii Food Bank!

I know you've heard it before but if you are willing and able, it would be greatly appreciated if you would provide

some "continuing service" to our clubhouse. If you are joining us for an event, come an hour early to help with set up or stay an hour later to help clean up. If you are willing to car pool, we have many homebound seniors who need transportation to club functions or school group visits. If you like gardening, help us with yard work and join the 100th/442nd Army Reservists on the 4th Sunday on every month. Participate in your chapter's monthly meeting and get involved, or join the docent program at the National Cemetery of the Pacific which is coordinated by the Descendants Chapter.



## Chapter News

### Headquarters/Medics Chapter News

by Janice Sakoda

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Happy New Year, everyone! Hope 2015 finds you in good health and cheer.

Our Christmas party was a great success, thanks to the hard work of our chef Gary Mizushima, our assistant chef Arlene Sato, and Dot Tamashiro, our sous chef extraordinaire, taking care of the kitchen; and Skip Tomiyama, our MC and entertainment chair. Thank you also to all those who helped in so many ways whether by volunteering, donating, or just saying "yes!" (This year we had an incredible amount of donations! Thank you, thank you, thank you!)

It was great seeing veterans Ed Ikuma (HQ) and Kazuto Shimizu (C) at our party. Thank you for attending!!!

Congratulations to Dot Tamashiro, Ken Akinaka, and Pat Akimoto who each won a ukulele at the Christmas party. All three wore pretty big smiles that evening!!! Bob Ogata, whose Uncle was in D Company, has been donating ukuleles to our Christmas parties for four years and we are so thankful for his generosity.

Spring luncheon will be held... this spring! (DUH, Jan!) We are planning our spring luncheon in March or April but we will be deciding where and when at our February 14 meeting. So, if you're interested in our Spring Luncheon, either come to our February 14 meeting to help us decide which restaurant and what day, OR call Dot Tamashiro or Elsie Oshita, our social calendar chair OR email me if you want the details.

## Baker Chapter News

by Ann Kabasawa

As in the past, our Christmas party was attended by almost 130 members, young and old. It started off with a bang – the award of two beautifully handcrafted ukulele generously donated by Mr. Bob Ogata in memory of his uncle, Masanori Ogata (KIA), and a beautiful jewelry box with intricate design (yosegizaiku) generously donated by Mr. Takashi Tsueshita of Yokohama, a staunch supporter of the 100<sup>th</sup>. The lucky winners were all widows – Helen Kodama, Aki Nosaka and Carolyn Tani, respectively.

Veteran Jack Nakamura offered grace before lunch and Bert Hamakado and six members of his harmonica group entertained us with Xmas songs while we ate the ono kau kau. During the entertainment segment, Bethlyn Tanabe (granddaughter of veteran Harry Katahara) played some piano pieces. Mr. Roy Hamasaki baffled us with his magic, and a singing contest was held among seven groups. Each group was required to pick a Xmas carol and sing it without any rehearsal – the Muramatsu gang sang their selection with gusto and won first prize! Of course, the highlight of the party for the kiddies was the arrival of Santa expertly played by Ralph Steensen.

Warm thanks to Randy Kuroda, Sonsei Nakamura, Masaharu Saito, the Iha family and Michiko Takashige for their generous cash donations, and to the following for desserts and lucky number prizes: Naomi Nishida-Agustin, Marie Yoneshige, the Iha family, Bert Hamakado, Evelyn Tsuda, Pauline Yamamoto, Fred Kurisu, Mieko Muroshige, Ann Kabasawa, Mary Ann Tanabe and those whose names were inadvertently not jotted down (sorry).



## Charlie Chapter News

by Arlene Sato

Shinnen akemashite omedeto gozaimasu!

There were over 100 people in attendance at our HQ/Medic/Charlie Chapter combined Christmas party this year! Outstanding Hawaiian music was provided by Rodney Cazimero, John Keaulana, and Pi'ilani Kealaka'i. Skip Tomiyama gracefully danced hula. Out-of-town guests of Dot Tamashiro, Tyler and Sarah Masuyama performed pieces on the piano and violin. This year's lucky winners of Bob Ogata's hand-crafted ukulele were Kazuto Shimizu and Takako Umamoto. Congratulations!

Gary Mizushima prepared seven uhu which David Sakoda (grandson of Gary Uchida) caught. David also caught and donated 10 pounds of tako, which Gary magically tenderized and seasoned with kim chee sauce. Also on the menu were prime rib, turkey casserole, beef vegetable soup, namasu, potato salad, quinoa spinach salad, sushi, noodles, and sekihan. There was a huge assortment of desserts.

Thank you to Jean Imada, Lorraine Miyashiro, Gary Mizushima, Kazuto Shimizu, and Warren Yamamoto for their generous monetary donations.

Our next Charlie Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.



## Dog Chapter News

by Joy Teraoka

Even though we had a much smaller group of people attending our Christmas party on December 14, we all had a jolly good time. We enjoyed Rhoda Kawamata's crispy fried *oama*, and an assortment of pupus before the main meal. We feasted on the delicious food Karleen Chinen ordered, quenched our thirst on the drinks and punch provided by the Nakayama brothers, and enjoyed the ono desserts brought by members and guests. Thanks to all who brought fruit, food and desserts to share.

The Nakama Taiko Group beat their drums in rhythmic harmony to welcome us to the celebration. Later, they returned to perform and also invited the audience to try their hand at it. It was so much fun as we took turns swinging and thumping the sticks against the drums. Thanks, Dee & Keith Nishimura for bringing your group to enliven our party.

Underneath all that mess of white hair and Santa's cap that kept falling off, Moriso Teraoka impersonated a hilarious jolly ol' Saint Nick, scaring the wits out of a toddler and delighting the likes of a few of our senior women.

We had a bounty of wonderful door prizes. Bob Ogata once again donated three of his handcrafted ukulele for the grand prizes. Those recipients are indeed lucky, as 2014 was the last year Bob would be giving them away. For health reasons, he no longer makes as many ukulele as he did in previous years. Thanks, Bob, for the many years you have donated your ukulele and brought enjoyment to so many of us lucky recipients.

After a short Dog Chapter meeting, it was confirmed that Harry Nakayama, President; Steve Takushi, Vice President; April Nakayama, Secretary; and Arthur Nakayama, Treasurer will again serve as our Chapter officers. Harry Nakayama also explained the need to have a record of our members' email addresses, because in the future, instead of holding meetings at the clubhouse, many of the Dog Chapter and 100<sup>th</sup>'s concerns and announcements will be sent via this electronic media.

Our first meeting at the clubhouse will be on Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. March 7 is the next meeting. If there are any changes, we will contact by phone or email, those members who usually attend. TO ALL, A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**Come to the Country for Rural Chapter's Shinnen Enkai**

Rural Chapter extends an open invitation to its Shinnen Enkai on February 21, 11:00 a.m. at the beautiful Wahiawa Botanical Gardens. We will have lunch, Bingo games and a lucky number drawing. Cost: \$12. If you would like to attend, and if you need a ride, RSVP by February 13 to Kay Okimoto at [808-623-9187](tel:808-623-9187) or [kokimo03@gmail.com](mailto:kokimo03@gmail.com).



**PPP Collating**

Mahalo nui loa to our PPP collating team for your help with assembling the December issue, particularly as it was 12 pages and needed a little more "chikara" to fold! Many thanks to the following for your time and energy: Atanacio & Naomi Agustin, Matsue Furushima, Jean Imada (thanks also for the sushi), Lorraine Miyashiro, Velma Nakahara, Paul Nishida, John Oki (mahalo also for getting the refreshments), Elsie Oshita, Nancy Sasaki, Ralph & Yasuko Steensen, Michiko Takashige, Dot and Glenn Tamashiro (thank you for setting up the tales and chairs), Riki & Evelyn Tsuda, and Isami Yoshihara. A very big mahalo to Neal Nakayama and Patrick Toyama for their postal expertise and taking the PPP to the airport Post Office for mailing! The next collating session will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



*Mahalo to our volunteer collators!*



**In Appreciation**

*Mahalo nui loa for the generous and thoughtful donations that were received between November 16, 2014 and January 15, 2015.*

**General Account**

- \$500 Anne N. Inafuku, in memory of parents, Juichi James (B) & Carol Inafuku
- \$400 Donald & Kimi Matsuda, in memory of Minoru Norikane (C), Goro Sumida (A), Ray Nosaka (B), and Mark Hashimoto
- \$300 Koki Okimoto, Producer, Television Osaka, Inc.
- \$100 Sons & Daughters 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans
- \$100 Tokuji Yoshihashi, in memory of Mike Doi (A)
- \$100 Kay Hoover, in memory of Satoru "Tom" Inomoto (D)
- \$100 Akira & May Otani
- \$100 Denis K. and Joy K. Teraoka
- \$25 Clifford N. Tanigawa (CA)

**Puka Puka Parade**

- \$100 Donald & Kimi Matsuda
- \$25 Clifford N. Tanigawa (CA)

**Education Center**

- \$500 Fred Kurisu
- \$300 Amy E. Izutsu (Maui), in memory of Tsukio Yamagata (C)
- \$300 Gale Yamagata Evans (TX), in memory of Tsukio Yamagata (C)
- \$200 Thomas K. Tsubota
- \$100 C. Matsunaga, in memory of Arthur Komiyama (HQ)

**Our sincere apologies if any donations were inadvertently omitted; kindly inform the HIBV office at 946-0272. Mahalo!**

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## February/March 2015 Calendar of Events

<b>EBOD Meeting</b>	Saturday, Feb. 21, March 21, 8:30 a.m.
<b>BOARD Meeting</b>	Saturday, Feb. 21, March 21, 9:30 a.m.
<b>ABLE Chapter</b>	Sunday, Feb. 22, March 29, 8:00 a.m.
<b>BAKER Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 7, March 7, 1:00 p.m.
<b>CHARLIE Chapter</b>	Saturday March 28, 10:00 a.m.
<b>DOG Chapter</b>	Saturday, February 7, March 7, 9:30 a.m.
<b>HQ/MEDICS Chapter</b>	Saturday, Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m., March meeting TBA
<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING</b>	Saturday, Feb. 21, March 21, 11:30 a.m.
<b>GREEN THUMB</b>	TBA
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.
<b>PUKA PUKA PARADE</b>	Collating on Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.

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



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Please send your articles, comments or questions about the *Parade* via email to [pukaparade@gmail.com](mailto:pukaparade@gmail.com)

If you do not have access to email, please contact the office to discuss how best to submit content for the newsletter.

The deadline to submit articles for the  
APRIL/MAY 2015 issue is  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015.**

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# Fourth Annual Shinnen Enkai 2015

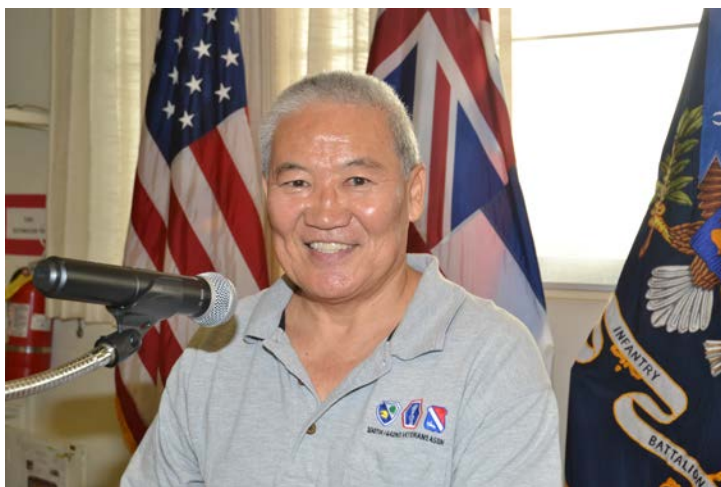
Photos by Ann Kabasawa, Clyde Sugimoto and Pat Thomson



*Shinnen Enkai 2015*



*Mahalo to the Kawashima Ohana for their mochi pounding expertise!*



*Mahalo Bert for organizing Shinnen Enkai*



*Passing on the tradition to the young ones*



*Mahalo Darrell and Sue Kaninau*



*Making mochi cakes for ozoni*



*Getting ready for the mochi festivities*



*Bon dancing was fun!*



*Steaming the mochi rice*



*Mahalo Iwakuni Dance Group*



*The smooth rhythm of mashing the rice*