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Aloha,

The Puka Puka Parade Editorial Committee



100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWS

# PARADE



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The honor of your presence is requested at the

**2011 Joint Memorial Service**

of

**The Oahu AJA Veterans Council**

**The 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans**

**The 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team**

**The Military Intelligence Service Veterans**

**The 1399<sup>th</sup> Construction Engineers Battalion**

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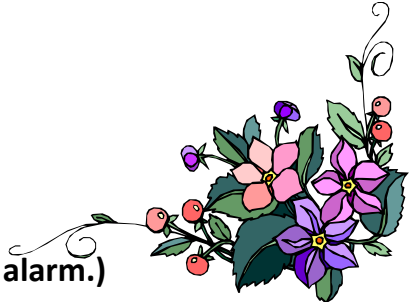
**Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**9 o'clock a.m.**

**National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific**

**Punchbowl**

**(Wear your Club Shirt. Please do not turn on your car alarm.)**



This year, the 442<sup>nd</sup> leads the Joint Memorial Service Support Committee with Wade Wasano as the Chair and Lynn Heirakuji, the MC. The distinguished Keynote Speaker will be LTG Francis J. Wiercinski, Commanding General of the US Army, Pacific. The program will include many of the activities that have become traditions over the years, such as speeches of remembrance, floral wreath presentations, and live music.

We hope to see all generations come to this annual service to remember those soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice during World War II as well as members of our *'ohana* who have passed before us. Donations of refreshments for both Saturday and Sunday would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ann Kabasawa (781-8540). If you need assistance with transportation, please call the office (946-0272) and we will make every effort to help.

### **GRAVE DECORATING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 A.M.**

Volunteers are needed for the annual flower-decorating of the 100th's KIA and members' gravesites the day before on Saturday morning, September 24, at Punchbowl, State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, and other cemeteries on Oahu. The floral decorations are made possible by the Club and a generous supporter. Please meet at Punchbowl at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Bring a hat and sunscreen. For those who can help at other locations such as Kaneohe, Diamond Head, Nuuanu, and Mililani, call Arlene at the office for instructions first. There are 650 graves at Punchbowl, 8 at Diamond Head, 38 at Kaneohe, and 22 at Mililani. Light refreshments will be provided to volunteers at Punchbowl. PPP collating will be at 1:00. Lunch will be provided at the clubhouse to volunteers who will be collating after grave decorating. Parking will be available at Iolani School. A tremendous turnout of volunteers is needed on this day, so we ask for your *kokua*.

8:30 a.m. Grave decorating

1:00 p.m. PPP collating



*In Memoriam*

**Hideo Uchida (B)**

Passed away June 10, 2011

**Arthur Komiyama (HQ)**

Passed away July 30, 2011

**Francis Seichi Shinohara (B)**

Passed away August 2, 2011

**Roy Y. Nakatani (B)**

Passed away August 10, 2011

*Our deepest sympathy to their families*

**COLLATING REPORT FOR AUGUST ISSUE**

**by Arlene Sato**

The following helped at the collating on July 23: Doris Aimoto, Nancy & Robert Arakaki, Bert Hamakado, Don & Kimi Matsuda, Velma & Dayne Nakahara, Seie Oshiro, Elsie Oshita, Shelley Santo, Robert Sato, Dot Tamashiro, Kazuto Shimizu, Riki & Evelyn Tsuda, Mamoru Sato, Isami Yoshihara, Terri Wakuzawa, and Kody & Shannon Kimoto. Thanks to Bert Hamakado for coming extra early and setting up the tables. Thanks to all the people that brought the donations, we had a variety of refreshments.

The next collating will be on Saturday, September 24.



**IMPORTANT:** Because of the grave decorating in the morning, collating will be at 1:00 p.m. instead. Light refreshments will be provided for all the volunteers at the grave decorating and lunch will be provided at the clubhouse for the volunteer collators. Please RSVP with the office so that enough lunches can be ordered. Parking will be available at Iolani School.

**FROM THE PPP COMMITTEE**

**by Amy Muroshige**

**285-2105 or [amuroshige@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:amuroshige@hawaiiintel.net)**

Our sincere apologies for not including the names of two valuable members of the Board of Directors, Michael Harada, Immediate Past President, and Bert Hamakado, President of the Descendants Chapter, in the caption of the photograph on page 1 of the August issue.

A few months ago, we started using Obun Hawaii to print the Puka Puka Parade. We are grateful for your donations, which will help cover this cost, as well as postage. On average, there are 575 copies printed every month. About 550 are sent via regular mail; 25 extra copies are ordered every month for visitors who come to the clubhouse. In addition, about 300 people receive the PPP via email.

We would like to welcome Martha Terao, daughter of Seitoku and Shizuko Akamine (F/B/Hawaii), as our newest writer. This issue (page 9) contains her first article for the Hawaii Chapter. We look forward to getting news and photos from our Big Island *ohana*.



**UPDATE ON C-17 FLIGHT**

The C-17 "Spirit of Go For Broke" flight on Friday, September 23, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. is for veterans only; no wives or caregivers. Any veteran who would like to go should sign up with the office and provide the last four digits of their Social Security number and indicate if they've flown with the Air Guard before. The Air Guard will get the required passes to get on to Hickam Air Force Base.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- September 24 8:30 a.m. Gravesite Decorating
- September 24 1:00 p.m. PPP Collating
- September 25 9:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Service
- October 5 9:25 a.m. HNL airport, Bruyeres Group Arrives from Kona
- October 6 10:00 a.m. Bruyeres Group at City Hall
- October 8 11:00 a.m. Bruyeres Luncheon, Clubhouse

(Refer to August PPP for details on Bruyeres events statewide. RSVP info for the October 8 Luncheon is on Page 7 of this issue.)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pauline Sato



I hope that September 25 is marked on your calendar to attend the 2011 Joint Memorial Service (100<sup>th</sup>, 442<sup>nd</sup>, MIS, 1399<sup>th</sup>) at the National Memorial Center of the Pacific. The Memorial Service is traditionally held on the last Sunday of September, closest to the date of the first soldier of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Killed in Action, Sergeant Shigeo "Joe" Takata (September 29, 1943). Takata received the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for his "extraordinary gallantry in the face of enemy fire." As I will be in Washington, DC, for work, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Irene Anzai will represent our organization at this solemn and important event.

Another event we are looking forward to is meeting the 40 visitors from Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship between Honolulu and Bruyeres. On October 8, an event is planned at the Clubhouse. Details at this time are still being worked out, however we will post flyers and rely on the coconut wireless to let you know what will take place. (See related item on Page 7.) If you would like to know who is coming, please ask Larissa in the office as we have received a list of travelers, which includes the Deputy Mayor of Bruyeres and the President of the "Go For Broke" French club!

Our fingers are crossed that the Education Center will be ready in time for the French visitors. Construction is ongoing and things are beginning to take shape. We're excited to see progress being made! Mahalo to the Education Center team for its hard work.

Speaking of construction, your Board of Directors is taking a closer look at what will need to be done to keep our apartment and Clubhouse in "ship-shape" going into the future. Both buildings are showing signs of age and repairs will be costly, therefore, we will take prudent and proactive steps to ensure that we are good caretakers of our organization's assets that were built literally from the blood, sweat, and tears of the veterans. Mahalo to Board members Avin Oshiro, Bert Kuioka, and Bert Hamakado for stepping up efforts to care for these buildings. If you have building maintenance skills, please *kōkua*.

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



### 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE GRADUATES by Tammy Kubo

Congratulations to our three newest 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>d</sup> Airborne Graduates. On June 24, 2011, at Fort Benning's Airborne Walk / Eubanks Field in Georgia, Sergeant Christopher Arakawa, Staff Sergeant Junior Faumatu, and Specialist William Lurbe, Jr., received their Airborne wings. The veterans from the "Wine Gang" gifted the soldiers with "Valor with Honor" DVDs, stuffed animals with the veterans' signatures, and their dress Airborne Wings. The veterans also gave 550 bags of chocolate-covered macadamia nuts to all of the graduates. It was a wonderful treat from Hawaii.

SSgt. Junior Faumatu, Sgt. Christopher Arakawa, and Spc. William Lurbe, Jr., visited the memorial to the World War II 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion at Sacrifice Field, Fort Benning, Georgia.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S "A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS" VETERANS PROJECT

Honolulu Habitat for Humanity (HHH) is a grassroots, ecumenical Christian housing ministry which works in partnership with people of all faiths to build decent homes for sale to those in need at no interest and no profit. The mission of HHH is to eliminate poverty housing on O'ahu by building simple, decent housing in partnership with low-income families.

In addition to providing complete rebuilds, HHH is launching our "A Brush With Kindness" (ABWK) program to provide exterior renovation for low-income families. In partnership with Lowe's Home Improvement, this project will be launched in Hawaii during the week of December 7, focusing on veterans and active duty military members. HHH will select 5-10 veteran family homes to rehab through the ABWK program and will utilize active and reserve duty military members as volunteers for the homes. Selection for participation in this project is based on the following criteria:

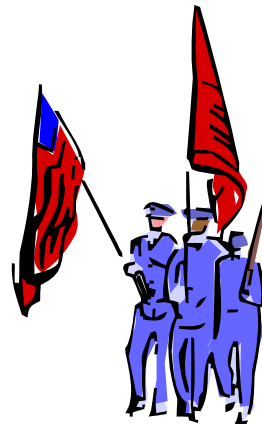
1. Need for adequate housing.
2. Ability to pay back the loan.
3. Willingness to partner with the Habitat affiliate.

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### LATEST UPDATE ON CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL EVENTS IN HONOLULU by Pauline Sato

Now that the dates for the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team/Military Intelligence Service are close to formal approval by Congress, plans can move forward for attending the Washington, DC, events as well as the local event in Honolulu. (Please see the article on Page 6 regarding the Washington, DC, events.)

The Honolulu celebration is planned to be held on **Saturday, December 17**. The day will start with a short morning parade through Waikiki (with veterans riding on trolleys) and a big banquet immediately after. The planning committee (including Gen. Robert Lee, Gen. David Bramlett, Col. Gene Castagnetti, Barbara Tanabe, Barbara



The ABWK program can address the following basic home repairs: window repair, exterior painting and caulking, minor siding and trim repair, landscaping, cleanup, brush removal, junk removal, board replacement in porches, stairs, or ramps, minor roof repair up to \$5,000, door replacement. ABWK **cannot** provide elective reconstruction or remodeling projects, redecorating projects or un-necessary aesthetic changes, extensive interior repair work.

In general, the following applies to veterans and families for "A Brush with Kindness" Veteran's Project: Widows are eligible. While the veteran himself or herself does not need to be living in the home (due to being in a care facility), his or her spouse must still live in the home. ABWK cannot be used on homes that are currently being rented out to non-spouse individuals.

We will be working with ALL veterans of ALL wars. All veterans who are interested in participating in this program will be asked to attend a HHH family information session as their first step in the process. For more information or questions, please call Maile Alau at (808) 538-7575 or contact her via email at [maile@honoluluhabitat.org](mailto:maile@honoluluhabitat.org).

If you are interested in learning more about this program, the complete article is available at the Clubhouse office.

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Watanabe, Jimmy Kuroiwa and sons and daughters of the 100<sup>th</sup>, 442<sup>nd</sup>, MIS, 1399<sup>th</sup>) anticipates there may be 3,000 or more people coming to the banquet!

In addition, a memorial service on Sunday, December 18, is being considered and a commemorative video is also in the works, which will include images from the Washington, DC, event as well as the trip to Bruyeres, France. There are no further details yet on the cost of the banquet or video (other than it being free for the veterans we are honoring). However, planning is now in full swing so by the next newsletter, we should have more information to share. (See related article about "Tribute Film" on Page 9.) Please save the dates in December as this will certainly be a once-in-a-lifetime series of events!

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

by Amy Muroshige

The Nominations Committee is in the process of accepting nominations and/or seeking candidates for the 2012 Executive Board of Directors.

Nominations should be sent to the clubhouse office. The deadline to submit nominations is August 31, 2011, by 12:00 p.m. Nominations must be received by this date and time in order to be valid. The membership status of each nominee will be verified by the office before a nominee is placed on the ballot.

A candidate can also be nominated by a petition signed by 15 regular members. The deadline to submit nominations by petition is September 15, 2011, by 12:00 p.m. Nominations must be received by the office by this date and time in order to be valid. The membership status of the nominee and petitioners will be verified by the office before a nominee is placed on the ballot.

Candidates accepting their nomination to the Executive Board should provide a maximum 200-word personal statement by September 15, 2011, for publication in the October issue of the PPP. Please submit them by email to [pukaparade@gmail.com](mailto:pukaparade@gmail.com).

The elections will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in conjunction with a Town Hall Meeting. Members may vote in person on that day or assign their proxy to one of the chapter presidents, who are the designated proxy holders. The proxy form and a list of proxy holders will be published in the October issue of the PPP and will also be available at the clubhouse.

### Who can vote?

Any person who is a Regular Member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans organization is eligible to vote in the November 12, 2011 election. Regular Members are:

1. 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion World War II veterans who served in the U.S. Army between July 5, 1942, and August 15, 1946, and their lineal descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren) who are registered members in good standing (currently up-to-date with annual dues or lifetime members).
2. Wives and widows of 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion World War II veterans who are registered members.

3. Descendants of 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion World War II veterans who are annual members or have applied for annual membership on or before October 31, 2011 (regardless of whether they are up-to-date with the \$10 annual dues).

4. Descendants of 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion World War II veterans who have applied for lifetime membership on or before October 31, 2011, and have paid their \$100 lifetime dues.

\*\*Descendants must be 18 years or older to be eligible for membership.

If you are not a member, but would like to vote in the upcoming election, you must submit your completed membership application, postmarked on or before October 31, 2011, to the clubhouse office, along with applicable dues. Membership applications are available at the office.

### How do I vote?

Regular Members can vote in one of two ways:

1. Vote in person at the clubhouse on November 12, 2011.

Your membership must be confirmed before you will be given a ballot so please allow extra time for that. Membership disputes cannot be resolved on that day. You may confirm your membership status with the office prior to November 12. There will be a list of all regular members to prevent any registration and voting errors or duplications. Only one ballot will be allowed per member.

2. Vote by mailing a completed proxy postmarked on or before October 31, 2011. Proxy forms will be included in the October issue of the PPP and will also be available at the clubhouse.

Proxy holders must be present at the clubhouse on November 12. By submitting a completed proxy designating a proxy holder, you are authorizing the proxy holder to vote for the candidates of their choice. If you submit a completed proxy form, but decide to vote in person on November 12, your proxy will be revoked.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 285-2105 or [amuroshige@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:amuroshige@hawaiiantel.net).

**CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL  
CEREMONY  
DATE PENDING APPROVAL**

The National Veterans Network (NVN), a coalition of 25 Japanese American veteran and civic organizations, is pleased to announce that **pending approval of a concurrent resolution by both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, Congressional leaders have agreed to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion/ 442nd Regimental Combat Team/Military Intelligence Service in Washington, DC, during the period October 31- November 2, 2011.** The NVN will provide updates on the ceremony date as it becomes available.

Attendance at the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) Ceremony is by invitation from the Congress of the United States. Attendance at the CGM ceremony is limited; therefore, NVN will recommend the following categories to be invited by Congress: a veteran and guest, a widow and guest, one representative for a veteran killed-in-action, and one representative for a deceased veteran. Family members and friends who travel to Washington, DC, for this historic event will see the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony via live video feed at a nearby location.

In order to plan accordingly, a NVN representative will be contacting those who have registered to attend within the next two weeks. We will need to know how many people will attend the CGM ceremony and the three-day schedule of events being held in commemoration now that the time frame is known. Please be advised the actual dates of NVN-hosted events will be confirmed once the concurrent resolution for use of Emancipation Hall for the CGM Ceremony is passed in both Congressional Chambers. Other events/activities include: National World War II Memorial event, Remembrance Ceremony for KIA families only at National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism (NJAMP), and National Awards Gala Dinner hosted by NVN. There will be a hospitality room available and tours at the NJAMP will be offered throughout the three-day period. Bus transportation for attendees will be provided at a cost. NVN is working with Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to fly veterans to see "their" memorial in Washington, DC, to provide free or discounted airfare and accommodations for all eligible veterans.

Since late 2010, the National Veterans Registry has been registering veterans, widows, next of kin of KIA and next of kin of deceased veterans who are interested in attending the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. To date, we have more than 3800 registered. **Registration for next of kin of deceased veterans closed on Monday, August 8, 2011. The registration officially closed for veterans, widows and next of kin of KIA on August 20, 2011.** Any parties who register after August 20, 2011 will be placed on a waiting list.

For more information and updates on the dates and activities, visit the National Veterans Network website at [www.nationalveteransnetwork.com](http://www.nationalveteransnetwork.com).

**Important:**

Tammy Kubo has volunteered to be the coordinator of the 100<sup>th</sup> people from Hawaii going on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC. You may contact her at 741-5220 or [tkubo@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:tkubo@hawaii.rr.com). Once the ceremony date is set, there will be a meeting. If you are not registered for Honor Flight, but are planning to go to Washington, DC, for the CGM ceremony, and would like to attend the meeting with Tammy Kubo, please let the office know.

**WHAT IS THIS?**



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Replacing the display case in the clubhouse lobby which used to contain weapons and artifacts will be a flat screen monitor. A 10-minute video created by Stuart Yamane will include a "Roll Call" - a complete listing of each man who served with the 100th Infantry Battalion during WW II. It will be adjacent to the marble plaque listing the names of all those who were killed in action.

**VALOR WITH HONOR FILM**  
by **Burt Takeuchi (filmmaker/actor)**

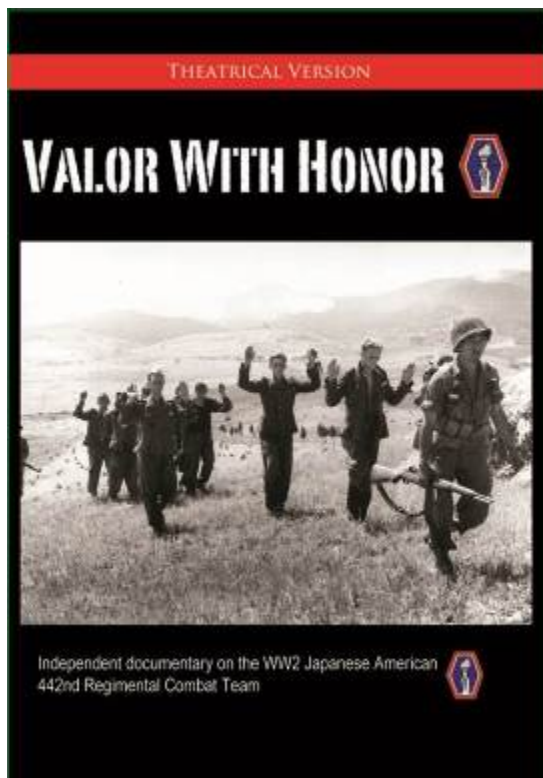
Information: "Valor with Honor" is an independent documentary film based on over 35 interviews of Japanese American veterans who served in the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team during WW II. This small segregated unit of 3500 men is the most decorated American unit for its size and length of service (three years). By the end of WW II, the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> would be awarded with seven Presidential Unit Citations, 21 Medals of Honor (upgraded from DSC), over 500 Silver Stars, and over 9000 Purple Hearts. The 85-minute feature film describes the harrowing stories of 442<sup>nd</sup>'s battles in Italy, the Lost Battalion Rescue in France, the assault up Mount Folgorito, and witness to the holocaust at Dachau,

Germany, at the close of WW II. The film concludes with the veterans' bittersweet return home to America. The entire film is woven through stories told by the veterans themselves. Valor with Honor has been in production for over three years. Currently, the film is screening at special events across the US. The DVD was released in the Spring of 2011. Link to the Facebook film group "Valor with Honor" for online updates and news about this documentary film.

(Editors' note: 100<sup>th</sup> veteran Goro Sumida is one of those featured in the trailer on the website: [www.valorwithhonor.com](http://www.valorwithhonor.com). Copies of the documentary may be ordered at Torasan Films, PO BOX 640831, San Jose, CA, 95164 or [torasanfilms@yahoo.com](mailto:torasanfilms@yahoo.com).)

"Valor with Honor" not only records the deeds and emotions of the veterans of the 442<sup>nd</sup>, but highlights

the difficult struggle of the brave Nisei both on and off the battlefield. It is a superb documentary." -- Professor Joe Roth SJSU



"Valor with Honor" is an independently produced documentary that is emotionally powerful and thought provoking! Unlike many historians, Takeuchi does not interpret history. The story of the 442<sup>nd</sup> is carried forward by the actual veterans telling their own stories, as they experienced it. I felt like I was in their living room, sitting across from them, as they spoke to me. The stories flowed, thanks to the superb editing...." Henry Sakaida (historian)

"The love and dedication you put into your film was so obvious and inspiring. I think what was most touching was that its completion was for the vets and

their legacy, which I feel exemplifies the spirit of their own heroic actions and sacrifices."--Tadamori Yagi (writer and actor)

"Mesmerizing! Made me more aware of the rights and privileges I have today which I often take for granted. Thanks in part to the tremendous sacrifices of those who came before me. I don't really want to admit it...but watching this film brought tears to my eyes..." George So (teacher)

"Valor With Honor" is a moving, important film that captures history from those who lived it. I hope it finds a large audience so that they may become as touched and informed as I was. My deepest thanks to its dedicated filmmaker, Burt Takeuchi. Thank you so much."-- Dennis Sakamoto (Acting and filmmaking instructor "Just for Actors")

**LUNCHEON FOR VISITORS FROM FRANCE**

by **Arlene Sato**

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister-City Relationship between Bruyeres and Honolulu, there will be a special get-together at the 100<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse on Saturday, October 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The visitors from France will be making a special presentation to the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> veterans in attendance. All veterans and their families are invited to attend at no charge. There will be a \$10 per person charge for all others wishing to attend, if space is available.

Seating is limited, so you must RSVP by September 23, 2011, to the 100<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse (808-946-0272 or [club100vets@gmail.com](mailto:club100vets@gmail.com)).



## 100<sup>th</sup> EDUCATION CENTER

by Susan Muroshige

Work is moving along on the construction work (see photo located in this newsletter) in the clubhouse and on the website. **Reminder:** There will be about a two-week period in September when a new front entrance and door will be installed. During that time, access to the clubhouse will have to be through the kitchen door. Members will be notified and signs posted.

### A Small History Lesson

At a July 4th picnic, I was given an unexpected example of the impact our fathers made on the citizens of Wisconsin while they were training at Camp McCoy. The husband of one of my cousins told me he had attended a small college in Wisconsin in the early 1950s. Fred, who is Japanese, was surprised at the warmth of the citizens; one family would invite him to stay at their home. He found out they had fond memories of the 100th soldiers. Later, when he travelled to the East Coast, he experienced incidents of discrimination because of his race that he had not encountered in Wisconsin.

### Featured Photo

This month's photo is from the album of Yozo Yamamoto, who later was assigned to B Company. Its caption reads: "Company E boys on the Aloha Team; from l-r Johnny Yamada, Yozo Yamamoto, Mushy Miyagi, Henry Shiyama."



Hawaii was a hotbed of baseball in the 1930s. Each major ethnic group fielded a team in the semi-pro Hawaii Baseball League. Many men in the 100th were well-known baseball players. After the

battalion arrived at Camp McCoy, several men joined the Camp McCoy team that played teams in the Wisconsin State League. After a battalion elimination tournament, the 100th men also formed their own team, called the Aloha Team, which played semi-pro and amateur teams all over the state. The team was accompanied by a group of musicians selected from the many singers and ukulele and guitar players in the 100th. Hawaiian songs were played before games, some musicians danced the hula, and lei (paper) were distributed. No wonder the 100th was remembered!

### Donations

\$5,000 Dorothy Inouye in memory of her brother, Seichi Hoashi (A Co)  
\$ 25 Baker Chapter in memory of Shoichi Nomura

*Thank you for your support!*

If you have any questions about the project, please contact us at 946-4099 or [100.educationcenter@gmail.com](mailto:100.educationcenter@gmail.com).





## DOG CHAPTER NEWS by Joy Teraoka

The other day I received a surprise phone call from Gloria Tamashiro, Ben's widow. It was so good to hear from her. Gloria, who was quite an active dynamo many years ago, now finds it a bit difficult getting around because of health problems. Her mind, however, is sharp as ever.

Besides appearing in TV as "Myra," "Harry's" wife, in commercials for the Bank of Hawaii, Gloria has had an extremely busy life doing myriads of other things. After taking culinary courses at the University of Hawaii's KCC campus, she often contributed recipes and other articles to the Puka Puka Parade. She was an expert cook and contributed her delicious chutneys and jams to church fundraisers. In addition, she sewed and handcrafted many bed coverlets and other items for craft fairs.

Like many of us now, she has slowed down as the energy level diminishes. Downsizing is another fact of life that takes over our lives. Gloria finds she has a storehouse of fabrics that no longer commands her attention. These are not just scraps, but large pieces of yardage. She would like to give them away to others who might be able to use them. If anyone (not just Doggie members) is interested in such items, please give her a call at ph. 988-2914. Perhaps someone's children or grandchildren is now into craft items. Here is a chance to discover and gain some fabrics (which are now so expensive) for free!

Gloria's phone call was a godsend. After talking to her and catching up on news, I had something to write about for our Dog Chapter column. I am asking other members whom we haven't heard from for some time to also give me a call so that we can let other Doggies know what is happening with you. So, remember, your call is welcomed.

Next Dog Chapter meeting is September 3, 2011, 9:30 at the clubhouse.

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## HAWAII (Big Island) CHAPTER NEWS by Martha (Akamine) Terao

The AJA Veterans Annual Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2011, at Veterans Cemetery 1 in Hilo. The visitors from Bruyeres will be attending the service. On Tuesday, October 4, 2011, there will be a luncheon for the Bruyeres visitors from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at AJA Hall in Hilo.

## CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS by Arlene Sato

There will be no Charlie Chapter meeting in September due to the grave decorating on Saturday, September 24. The more volunteers we have, the faster the job will get done. We have 700 graves to decorate at Punchbowl, Kaneohe, and other cemeteries.

Want to learn Line Dancing? It's great exercise. Come to the clubhouse on Wednesdays at 9:00. Kazuto & Lynn Shimizu, Alice Nakagawa, and Lorraine Miyashiro are C Co. regulars. Sandy is a marvelous teacher and the group is so friendly.

For those of you who want a little faster pace, there's Beginner's Zumba on the same day at 10:30.

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## FAMILY PORTRAITS INVITATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TRIBUTE FILM

There will be much to remember and honor when finally we get together in December to celebrate the Congressional Gold Medal event in Honolulu. To further commemorate this important day, the Go For Broke Association has asked two young local filmmakers to produce a short film, which will premiere during the celebration at the Hawaii Convention Center. This tribute film will feature stories and interviews from our veterans and will be shown to all those in attendance at the luncheon on December 17, 2011.

As a way of honoring the legacies of our Nisei veterans, the filmmakers would like to offer family members, descendants, and veterans from all four of the Nisei veterans organizations to take family portraits. Many of these photos will then be included in the upcoming short film and may even be a part of a longer one-hour television special produced by Time Warner Cable and broadcast nationally.

Presently only one digital version of the photo will be provided to each participating family and only one portrait per family. Fees may apply for actual prints or extra services, but please contact the filmmakers for more information including location and dates.

If you and your family would like to have updated family portraits taken for the film, email the filmmakers at [info@onethousandone.com](mailto:info@onethousandone.com) or call the film company *1001 Stories* at 808-375-5649 for more information. This invitation is open to all veterans and families of the 100<sup>th</sup>, 442<sup>nd</sup>, MIS, and 1399<sup>th</sup>. -9-

## MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Stanley Izumigawa

Many thanks to our chapter's all-around fellow Ed Nishihara for providing the report and photo re: member Willie Goo as described below.

On Saturday, July 15, the children of Willie and Janet Goo hosted a surprise birthday luncheon at the Dragon Restaurant in Kahului in recognition of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Some 80 family and friends gathered for the occasion. Willie (photo below submitted by Stanley Izumigawa) was the last to arrive and as



soon as he entered the restaurant, everyone stood up and sang "Happy Birthday." He was then swamped with lei and well wishes. He admitted that it was a real surprise and after everybody had their fill of the delicious luncheon,

a huge birthday cake was brought out and everybody again sang "Happy Birthday" as Willie blew out the candles. Hosting the luncheon were the following Goo children: Lorrin Goo, Joni Kawamura and Charlene Yahira.

In other developments, David Fukuda, a board member of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center and son of former 100<sup>th</sup> commander Major Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, has taken on the task of developing a Maui County 100<sup>th</sup>-442<sup>nd</sup> KIA list to be posted on a plaque in the NVMC funded by a grant from the family of the late 442<sup>nd</sup> veteran Richard Hashi. His main sources include "In Freedom's Cause" (a 1949 book listing all the Hawaii servicemen who died in WWII), the list at the Maui War Memorial Gym, and the 100<sup>th</sup>'s Roll of Honor. In the process, David has discovered that some names appear on one list, but not on the others. If any of you can verify that the 100<sup>th</sup>-connected names appearing below were indeed from Maui County, it would be appreciated if you could give David a call. (He is listed in the phonebook).

The names are:

Tech 5 Wataru Higashida  
Pvt. Shigeki Nishimura  
Pvt. Fred Y Sasaki  
Pfc. Nobuyuki Suwa

## MAUNALANI MOMENTS

by Ann Kabasawa

On Thursday, July 7, Maunalani residents Kunio Fujimoto (A), Yukio Tanji (Rural), Haruo Yamashita (C) and Ray Nosaka (B) had a most pleasant surprise visit from Bob and Nancy Arakaki, Sonsei Nakamura and Akira Akimoto. Lap Blankets from Goro Sumida, Bob Arakaki, Sonsei Nakamura and Akira Akimoto were presented to each of them. Thanks go out to Sonsei who brought some delicious chi chi dango and sushi. Many, many thanks for this visit which put big smiles on their faces. (Photos by Ann Kabasawa)



Haruo Yamashita



Kunio Fujimoto



Yukio Tanji



Ray Nosaka

Seated: Haruo Yamashita, Kunio Fujimoto, Yukio Tanji, Ray Nosaka, Akiko Nosaka

Standing: Akira Akimoto, Sonsei Nakamura, Robert Arakaki, Nancy Arakaki



## MAINLAND CHAPTER NEWS

by Sam Fujikawa

Many events are happening and keeping all of us very busy. Requests were sent for "as many as possible veterans as possible" to attend the Celebration Dinner for Mayor Gary Yamauchi of the city of Alhambra that was held Friday, August 5, at Almansor Court to wish him a successful second term and also to wish him a very Happy Birthday from all his family and many friends. Gary is always supportive and helpful to the veterans in all their important projects that seem to be occurring constantly. Attending the happy and enjoyable evening of celebration were 100th members James Ogawa, Toke Yoshihashi, Mas Takahashi, Chiz Ohira, Robi Shibao-Martin, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa, and also MIS and 442nd members Cathy Tanaka, Chris Ichikawa, Jim and Emi Murata, George Fujimori, Mary Karatsu, and from Go For Broke NEC, Director George Nakano.

August 8, at the new Go For Broke offices, we celebrated Ocean Miyake's (442nd Co. F) 100th birthday with an overflowing array of delicious "pot luck" dishes for everyone to enjoy. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ocean over and over, and he told us he's been celebrating since New Year's Day. He was very jovial and happy so we were all glad for him to be in such good health and spirits.

The following is a report of people who have signed up for the 100th Reunion in Las Vegas to be held on Oct 23rd to Oct 27th: Mary Catherine Doi, Daryl Doi, Doug Cairns, May Fujita, Wayne Fujita, Michael Doi, Janice Doi, Sam and Sara Terasaki, Sadie Yoshiwara, Toke Yoshihashi, Pauline Yoshihashi, Ken Miya, Carolyn and Mark Fong, Ruth Oda and family, Mas and Elma Takahashi, daughters Teresa and Donna, Scott and Susan Takahashi, Don and Sets Miyada, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Bob and Kevin Hayashi, Tak and Sharon Shimazaki, James M. Akagi, Steve Sato, Kiyomi Kobashi, Henry and Carol Guerra, William and Margaret Omoto, Robi Shibao-Martin, Cathy Tanaka, Duke Ogawa, Paul Tamaki, Chiz Ohira, Mitsi Fuchigami, Harry Fukasawa, Sam and Teri Fujikawa. August 1st was the deadline, but we are still receiving registrations. The sons and daughters are rallying around to make the reunion a happy and enjoyable gathering.

Today, August 14, Sunday, was the Annual Nisei Week Grand Parade. The Congressional Gold Medal Recognition Ceremony was held at the Japanese American Community Center Courtyard which was

filled to capacity with a gathering of the largest group of veterans and their families that I have ever seen. A grand Hospitality Reception area was set up inside the JACCC building. Shuttle buses used to transport many persons to various assembly points were arranged and organized by Don Nose and his Go For Broke staff and supporters. This huge event was successfully hosted mainly by the Korean War Veterans Association. Master of Ceremonies was David Ono, the popular Channel 7 TV Newscaster. Greetings by Rev. Mark Nakagawa were followed by Major General Rodney Kobayashi who called upon representatives Mas Takahashi (100<sup>th</sup> Bn), Don Seki (442 RCT), and Satoshi Sameshima (MIS) to be collectively recognized as recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal Award for their exceptional service during WWII. Each veteran attending received an impressive copy of the actual proclamation of the Congressional Gold Medal Award Grant signed by President Barack Obama on October 5, 2010. 100<sup>th</sup> members spotted among the attendees were Steve Sato, Mas and Elma Takahashi, Teresa, Scott and Susan Takahashi, Ed Nakazawa, Toke Yoshihashi, Pauline Yoshihashi, Chiz Ohira, Henry and Elsie Hayashi, Tak and Sharon Shimazaki, Ken Miya, Carolyn Fong, Ted and Gladys Toguchi, Robi Shibao-Martin, Cathy Tanaka, George and Shirley Tanaka, Nikki Kodama, Don and Sets Miyada, James and Yuri Ogawa, and Sam and Teri Fujikawa. The Nisei Week Grand Parade wound through the surrounding streets of downtown Los Angeles' "Japantown" lined with hundreds of cheering spectators clapping and waving especially as the Color Guard and the veterans passed by in jeeps and a big double-decker bus. It was a very rousing, exciting and touching experience.

### Mini-Reunion Update

Those that are coming from Hawaii are: Doris Aimoto, Matsue Furushima, Dorothy Inouye, Merle Kaneshiro, Lorraine Miyashiro, Alice Nakagawa, Harriet Nakamura, Helen Nakashima, Aki Nosaka, Diane Oda, Norman Oda, Margaret Ota, Chris DeRosa (will be meeting her mom Margaret in Vegas), Kazuto and Lynn Shimizu, Clyde Sugimoto, Dorothy Tamashiro, Charles Tanaka, Takako Umamoto, Goro Sumida, Michelle, Bev and Cal Shiroma. We will be arriving the night before the mainland attendees, so, for a change, we get to greet the Mainland people.

Donations for the hospitality room and door prizes are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or email at [diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:diverseinnovations@hawaii.rr.com).

**ABLE ANTICS**  
by Jayne Hirata-Epstein

President Goro Sumida did not have to put out a call for members to attend the July Able Chapter meeting as there was a good turnout that Saturday. At the meeting were veterans Don Matsuda, Al Matsumoto, Seie Oshiro, Goro Sumida, and Robert Arakaki from B Co. Also there were 100<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Avin Oshiro as well as soldiers Chris Arakawa, Lori Kiehm and Beau Tatsumura. Even I stopped by after getting a call from Goro that “no more nobody to cook breakfast.”

The meeting was a lively one with discussions about the upcoming Congressional Gold Medal events, the 100/442 trip to Bruyeres, the Club elections in the Fall, and the need for more volunteers to help with the monthly yard work and clubhouse cleanup.

Our deepest sympathies to A Co. veteran Don Matsuda and family on the passing of his brother Sunio Matsuda of Los Angeles. Like Don, Sunio Matsuda was an Army veteran with tours of duty in Japan and Korea. Aside from having a well-established career as an educator, Sunio Matsuda was a published poet.

Congratulations to A Co. Honorary Member Stacey Hayashi on wrapping up a successful legislative session which included passage of the “Puppy Mill Bill” that she worked on. Small world that Judge Ed Kubo (husband of Wine Gang regular Tammy Kubo) was assigned the highly publicized puppy mill case when it finally got to court. Wow, 100<sup>th</sup> connections are everywhere!

As Obon season continues, make sure to look for Kimi Matsuda (wife of Don), Barbara Nishioka (wife of Tommy) and Arlene Sato (daughter of the late Hideshi Niimi of C Co.) who we hear are Bon Dance pros. Hope to see all of you under the *yagura* soon.



**HEADQUARTERS/MEDICS**  
**CHAPTER NEWS**

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

Whenever I look at the obituaries, I see names. Not people. Just names. Unless I recognize a name that I know, then the name is associated with a person and it hits closer to home.

This month, we learned of two HQ family members who passed away and as part of the HQ ohana, it hits close to home. We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Malcolm Hirano, son of the late Jack and Midori Hirano, on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife Nancy M. Hirano; son Jason Hirano; daughter Jenelle Hirano; mother Midori Hirano; brothers Andrew (Caroline) Hirano, Wesley (Olga) Hirano, and Patrick Hirano; sisters Loreen Hirano and Joanne (Derek) Sakamaki. I remember seeing Malcolm at our Christmas parties helping with the games and enjoying seeing others enjoy themselves.

The second HQ member who passed away is our long-time Treasurer, Arthur Komiyama. Ed Ikuma recalls that Arthur served in the S-1 Administration Section and that after the war, he was an avid bowler and golfer. He was also active helping with PPP collating and served as treasurer of the HQ chapter for many years. Recently, when I saw Mr. Komiyama the past couple of times, he told me each time how nice my dad was. That was Mr. Komiyama, being an encouragement to others. He is survived by daughter Carol (Wayne) Matsunaga and granddaughters Jenny and Julie.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you that your help is needed in decorating the graves on Saturday, September 24, in conjunction with our annual Memorial Service on Sunday, September 25. You can call the club office for more information or to let them know you'll be there to help.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The great American political sage Will Rogers said: “The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.”

## BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

by Evelyn Tsuda

Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Shoichi Nomura who passed away on June 17, 2011. He served with the 2nd Platoon. His platoon mates Sonsei Nakamura and Charley Tanaka remember him as a “quiet guy” who did not say much, but who always had a smile for everyone.

Our chapter meeting held on August 6 was *nigiyakana* (lively) with 24 persons present. Among those in attendance was one of our new honorary members, Ralph Steensen, with his wife Yasuko, in photo below.



Bernard conducted the give-aways as usual, and the winner of the *gomitori*, handmade by Bernard himself, was Bob Arakaki (below, center); and Tokuji Ono (lower left) and Helen Kodama (lower right) were the winners of the origami art decorations handmade by Evelyn’s cousin. Thanks to Bernard for the photos.



Christmas will be here soon – details of the party will be in our next issue of the PPP. In the meantime, the chapter is looking for a party chairman so if there is anyone out there (HELLO!) who would be willing to serve, please let our president Bert Kuioka know. It will be much appreciated. Bert’s phone number is 721-7536.

Please check your drawers for trinkets, beads, costume jewelry, etc., which you no longer want and donate them to our chapter. They will be used to make table decorations for our party. Please bring your items to our next meeting.

How about joining Bob Arakaki, Riki Tsuda, and 442’s Mits Honda on the trip to Bruyeres and Biffontaine in October when the townspeople will commemorate the liberation from the Germans by the 100th/442<sup>nd</sup>. The veterans and their families will be traveling with some members of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Army Reserve Unit who have served as color guard in past celebrations. The mayors of the towns have asked the Reservists to bring the veterans this year. The boys are committed to help the veterans in any way they can – in other words, they will be at their beck and call! Tentative plans call for the group to leave on October 19. Besides the activities in and around Bruyeres, tours of the medieval city of Strasbourg are being planned. Upon their departure from Bruyeres on October 28, a few of them will return to Hawaii, but the majority will fly to Paris. While a group will spend some time in Paris, the Reservists and others will go to Washington, DC, to attend the Gold Medal Ceremony, returning to Honolulu on November 3, 2011. I am sure that this trip will be a wonderful experience, especially for the family members, to see where our men fought. Most of all, you will enjoy the warm hospitality that the townspeople have always bestowed upon the men and the families of the 100/442. If interested in the trip to Bruyeres, please call our point of contact Arlene Sato at 946-0272 or 387-1954.

Have you noticed how clean and neat the yard is surrounding the clubhouse? Our descendants Bert Hamakado and Gary Nakayama, with more help from Milton Tanaka, have been working hard--mowing, edging, weeding, etc. Thank you, boys - we really appreciate your work, especially when you have to do it in the hot sun.

Our next chapter meeting will be held on September 3, 2011. Please call Robert Arakaki at 737-5244 or Evelyn Tsuda at 262-8285 if you are planning to attend.

**WHAT'S UP WITH THE WINE GANG**  
**by Jayne Hirata-Epstein**



Kenneth Higa, Rikio Tsuda, and Ed Ikuma at Jimmy Buffet's for the KSSK Perry and Price Show.

The Wine Gang were the special guests of President Scott Williams at the Lex Brodie's Tire Company's 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 30th at Jimmy Buffet's in Waikiki.



Robert Lee, Chris Makinano, Mayor Peter Carlisle, William Lurbe, Chris Arakawa

The party was part of the weekly Perry and Price radio show on KSSK, but as Larry Price was under the weather, Karen Keawehawaii filled in. She was hilarious and, yes, had a huge floral arrangement in her hair. The veterans presented Karen and Michael W. Perry with autographed 100th beer glasses and big bottles of Aloha Shoyu Gold.

Seated at our two tables in the front were 100th veterans Aki Akimoto, Robert Arakaki, Ken Higa, Ed



Sweetie Pacarro and Robert Arakaki

Ikuma and Rikio Tsuda; Maj. Gen. Robert Lee; 100th/442nd soldiers Chris Arakawa, William Lurbe, Chris Makinano and Dean Shackles; and from the 100th 'ohana, Nancy Arakaki,

Shelley Santo, Evelyn Tsuda and me. We were in good company with Mayor Peter Carlisle and

Wounded Warriors from the Army seated at nearby tables. We all enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet and wonderful entertainment including performances by Jordan Segundo and the Hawaii Broadway Babies.

Although we didn't win the grand prize trip to Vegas, we went home with lots of Lex Brodie's logo items including wallets made out of recycled tires. Additionally, the soldiers were personally presented with boxes of candy by Karen, and I was totally surprised to receive an Above and Beyond eagle statue presented by Scott and Robert on behalf of the Wine Gang. (See photo below.)

If you missed the radio show, Tiny Tadani filmed parts of it for Tiny TV and group photos will be in the Midweek. For those of you who were listening and

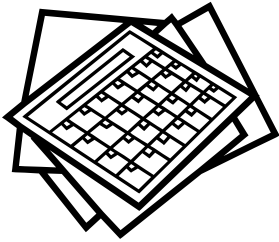
wondering what was going on, Robert accidentally knocked off the bright red top of the microphone as he was being interviewed by Sweetie Pacarro.

On behalf of the Wine Gang, I would like to thank Scott and everyone at Lex Brodie's for their hospitality and generosity at the event as well as the support they have provided to the veterans and the Club in the past. Scott has told me that it is his mission to let people know about the 100<sup>th</sup>, which is why he purchased a copy of "Remembrances" for each of the 50-plus tables at the celebration.

Mahalo to Shelley Santo for her assistance with the ordering, pickup and delivery of the books and to the 100th Legacy Organization for providing the books at a great price. Thank you also to the soldiers for providing transportation, manual labor and speaking on the radio.



Mahalo to Jayne Hirata-Epstein for the photos on this page.



**OFFICE REPORT**  
 By Larissa D.L.G. Nielsen  
 Office Coordinator



I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for helping me with the ins and outs here at the clubhouse and in the office, especially to Arlene, Colleen and Pauline! You have all been so welcoming, friendly and patient with me as I have been learning. If we haven't met, come on down to the office and give me a shout!

Canceled Dance Classes

Attention all dance fans! Sandy Zook will be off-island and unable to teach line dancing or Zumba! Please make a note on your calendar that **there will be no dance classes** held on the following dates:

- September 21<sup>st</sup>
- September 28<sup>th</sup>
- October 5<sup>th</sup>
- October 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 19<sup>th</sup>

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the Clubhouse office will be closed on Monday, September 5.

Thank you for your thoughtful donations which were received between July 10 and August 15, 2011.

General Fund

- \$50 Barbara Watanabe
- \$75 UHS Class of '81
- \$100 Bob & Kay Ogata
- \$100 Amy Kigawa in memory of Masao Kigawa
- \$200 Ester Nomura in memory of Shoichi Nomura

Puka Puka Parade

- \$25 Frances Hirata in memory of Kent Nakamura
- \$25 Gloria B.K. Tamashiro in memory of James Tani
- \$25 Gloria B.K. Tamashiro in memory of Helen Nikaido
- \$50 Gloria B.K. Tamashiro in memory of Ben H. Tamashiro
- \$50 Kenneth K.L. Mun in memory of Masayoshi Nakano
- \$50 Matsue Furushima
- \$500 Dorothy Inouye in memory of Seichi Hoashi

Scholarship

- \$25 Lois Nakagawa in memory of Seisaburo Taba
- \$50 Kazuto Shimizu in memory of Philip Matsuyama & Jon Chinen



## SEPTEMBER 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

<b>EBOD Meeting</b>	Saturday, September 17 at 8:30 am
<b>BOARD Meeting</b>	Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 am
<b>ABLE Chapter</b>	Saturday, September 24 at 8:00 am
<b>BAKER Chapter</b>	Saturday, September 3 at 11:00 am
<b>CHARLIE Chapter</b>	No meeting in September
<b>DOG Chapter</b>	Saturday, September 3 at 9:30 am
<b>HQ/MEDICS Chapter</b>	Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 am
<b>RURAL Chapter</b>	Quarterly meetings to be announced
<b>DESCENDANTS Chapter</b>	To be announced
<b>BY-LAWS Committee</b>	To be announced
<b>LONG- RANGE PLAN.</b>	To be announced
<b>NOMINATING Comm.</b>	Saturday, September 17 at 12:00 noon
<b>SCHOLARSHIP Comm.</b>	To be announced
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	Every Wednesday at 9:00 am, Turner Hall See dates of canceled classes in Office Report
<b>ZUMBA (BEGINNERS)</b>	Every Wednesday at 10:30 am, Turner Hall See dates of canceled classes in Office Report
<b>CRAFTS</b>	Every Tuesday at 9:00 am
<b>ANNUAL GRAVE DECORATING</b>	Saturday, September 24 at 8:30 a.m. (Punchbowl)
<b>PUKA PUKA PARADE</b>	Collating on Saturday, September 24 at <b>1 p.m.</b> , Turner Hall (following Grave Decorating)
<b>JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	Sunday, September 25 at 9 a.m. (Punchbowl)
<b>The Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.</b>	
Dates and times subject to change. Please contact your Chapter President, Committee Chair, or the Office for more information.	



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SEPTEMBER 2011  
Joint Memorial Service  
September 25 - 9:00 a.m.

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100th INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS  
520 KAMOKU STREET  
HONOLULU, HI 96826



### **THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY**

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

For our soldiers....When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our servicemen and women.

(Received from a Reader)



Robert Lee, Chris Makinano, Mayor Peter Carlisle, William Lurbe, Chris Arakawa

**MORE CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS (August 15, 2011)**



Inside Turner Hall, looking toward the Board Room and Office.



Taken from just inside front entrance.