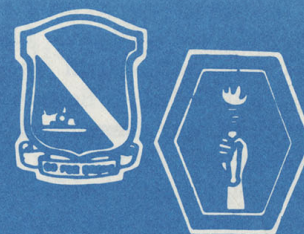


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LOOKING AHEAD

by George Nishinaka

On August 10, 1988, at the signing ceremony of the redress legislation into law, President Reagan said, "My fellow Americans, we gather here today to right a grave wrong....we admit a wrong....we reaffirm our commitment as a Nation to equal justice under the law....And now let me sign H.R. 442, so fittingly named in honor of the 442nd." The bill was signed.

We do thank the U.S. Congress and President Reagan for making the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 a reality. However, ten months have gone by, the Congress has been struggling with budgets and appropriation issues, the Office of Redress Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice has been educating and compiling information in preparation to the implementation phase, but the first \$20,000 check has not as yet been drawn.

But sooner or later, the checks shall be forthcoming, for I do have faith in the Nation, its laws, its leadership, and the community groups who are by their collective acts demanding that the "game" between nation and its citizens be played out ultimately in a continued on page 12

WAR MEMORIAL

AN UPDATE ON THE FIRST STREET NORTH PROJECT

The Los Angeles First Street North Project is bounded by First Street to the South, San Pedro Street to the West, Temple Street to the North, and Alameda Street to the East. In the Central Plaza of this area will be the actual location of the **100th/442nd/MIS WWII Japanese American War Memorial**. The over all area will consist of approximately 9 acres to house the JANM, MOCA, high rise office buildings, shops, restaurants, senior citizen apartments, and parking structures right in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. In addition, within a walking distance, you will also find clustered, as the Civic Center, the administration buildings for the City, County, State, and Federal governments. Being next to the Civic Center, Los Angeles City and County will also have offices in the Project Area. Needless to say, but this piece of land is prime Downtown Los Angeles real estate.

Looking back five years ago, as the First Street North Project and its Development Concept was being evolved in preparation for accepting bids from the many competing expected development groups, a **war memorial concept** was introduced and was thereafter incorporated into the original RFP (Request For Proposals). As the developers presented their proposals, all developers as required by the RFP had included the **war memorial concept** in their plans. The Barker Group that finally won the bid to work out a final contract with the City presented their initial plans and renderings in 1988. There was initial unhappiness. The City was unhappy about the proposed rate increase for office space. The JANM was unhappy about the square footage planned for the expansion of the museum facility. The **100th/442nd/MIS WWII Japanese American War Memorial Committee** was unhappy about the actual location of the war memorial. The latter has now been resolved with the Barker Group in that an appropriate area for the war memorial has now been designated in the Central Plaza area as the RFP had specified.

The **100th/442nd/MIS WWII Japanese American War Memorial Concept** was subsequently accepted by the Barker Group as the First Street Plaza War Memorial Concept. The Concept was also being introduced more broadly in the community and thereby it was receiving greater general understanding

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and acceptance from community groups. However, there emerged individuals who wanted to expand the focus of the WWII Concept which was understandable to include all wars, not just WWII. However, the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Japanese American War Memorial Committee has taken the position that this would assuredly kill this rare opportunity to tell a very important story about what uniquely happened during World War II that did not happen during any other war period before or after. The very poignant story about one segregated and racially identified ethnic minority group in this Country, the 110,000 Japanese Americans living in the West Coast, who without due process, were moved into Assembly and Relocation Centers ("Concentration Camps") and illegally detained. The government was later found to have abridged the U.S. Constitution regarding the civil rights of resident Japanese Americans; thereby, the passage of the redress legislation, H.R. 442 The Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Within this backdrop of historical events, another unique happening emerged, and it is now history. The 100th/442nd/MIS WWII War Memorial Committee wishes now to tell, in a probable once in a life time opportunity in graphic monumental form, a story about the 13,639 Japanese American men who fought for the freedom of all people while they themselves, their families, or relatives were being denied their own freedom. These men served in segregated all Nisei units to prove their loyalty and patriotism. Their deeds collectively are now history and legendary. (1) The most decorated army regiment in the U.S. Army history which was established during WWII in the European Theater of Operation (ETO) and the Mediterranean Theater of Operation (MTO). (2) The most effective unit of men in the Pacific Theater of Operation (PTO), if 5,135 men collectively through their intelligence service efforts were able to possibly save over 2,000,000 lives by shortening the war by two years as stated by General Charles Willoughby.

As to the design of the monument, the need to immortalize these men in a dramatic way by placing their names on the monument can better be appreciated perhaps by observing what daily is now happening at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. Initially, the wall with the concept of names received much criticism. Thus, a second more traditional monument of three figures was designed and erected next to the wall. Today, if you watched, you would see that most people walk around the three-person statue reverently in a matter of seconds, but you will also see that they would be drawn for countless minutes to look at the wall, seeing themselves being mirrored on the shining black marble for contemplation, to observe, to pray, to talk to, to make paper and pencil impressions of names, and even lovingly to touch individually the names inscribed on the wall. If it can be done, the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Japanese American War Memorial Committee sincerely believes that there is no better way TO TELL THE STORY and to get the full effects wanted, then by utilizing the concept of inscribing the names of real persons, as the Vietnam War Memorial has proven. For the actual act and experience of seeing and touching thousands of Japanese surnames would be the ultimate in believing and in accepting what is now history and reality.

TANKBUSTERS

By Tak Hattori

Go for Broke National Veterans Association Conference was held April 14 to 18 at the Buena Park Hotel in Buena Park, California. Our own Toro Hirose is the acting secretary, and on the conference committee are Paul Bannai, Dr. Harold Harada, Jun Yamamoto, Monte Fujita, Mike Masaoka, Frank Omatsu and Sam Fujikawa.

Dave Kawagoye and Tak Hattori attended the luncheon Saturday April 12th because the main speaker was Robert Bratt, Administrator of the Office of Redress, Department of Justice. We were especially interested in the eligibility for redress of veterans who were already in the service before WWII. These veteran's families were evacuated and interned in concentration camps, and these veterans were denied permission to return to the restricted areas to assist in the preparation of evacuation. Bob Bratt seems to feel that this will be one of the categories that will receive high priority for eligibility for redress. Veterans are urged to fill in the VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FORM explaining your circumstances and send it to the Office of Redress Administration, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C. 20035-6260 (If you need forms, call or write to this reporter).

An emergency appropriation spending bill for the remainder of 1989 contained \$250 million for redress payments before it was stalled in the House. It is expected to return to the House floor, but whether it

will contain the redress funds is uncertain at this time. But the budget for fiscal year 1990 calls for \$150 million for redress. The budget bill contains language stating that beneficiaries 70 and older should be paid before the end of 1990. Both chambers are expected to give final approval to the measure. Bob Bratt has identified some 50,000 individuals who are eligible for redress, so there should be no delay in issuing checks once the money is appropriated.

Bratt stressed the importance of letting his office know of any information that might be helpful to identify address changes, name changes, persons who have passed away since August 10, 1988, and persons eligible to receive his/her redress money. Even if this information might be redundant, it could speed up the identification of many difficult cases.

Akiyama reports that "Angel" Ikenaga came to Hilo (3/7/89) with 7 other members of AJA bowling team from Chicago to participate in the JA National Bowling Association Tournament. Several guys from Hilo showed Angel around Hilo and had breakfast together. Then Angel went to Honolulu where Chilly and 7 other A-T members had Chinese dinner with Angel one night during his short visit there.

The Anti-Tank winners at the Reverse Raffle held at the Memorial Hall on June 3rd was Kune Hisatomo who won \$50 on the mini-affle and Dave Kawagoye who won \$300 on the 146th ticket drawn. The 100th Bn prepared and served the buffet dinner. There was a choice of steak, barbecued ribs, chicken and fish along with rice and salad with cake for dessert.

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The following is excerpts from an article that appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser 5/5/89 sent to us by Mitsuo Akiyama.

May 7, 1989, Channel 4 in Hawaii aired a special half-hour documentary called "As Time Goes By" that focuses on the experiences of Hawaiian families during the war.

The Maehara family of Maui was one of those interviewed for the local documentary. In a series of touching letters to his young daughter from the battlefields of France and Italy, 1st Lt Saburo Maehara desperately tried to make himself real to his child. A month before the war ended in Europe, Maehara was killed in action in an assault in the Po Valley in Northern Italy. His little girl, now 46 has his letters, but no memory of him.

Saburo Maehara had been the agriculture teacher at Puunene, Maui's Baldwin Hi School in the spring of '43 when he volunteered for the 442nd. Like others, he'd been waiting for the chance to prove his patriotism. He had everything, a brand new home, a lovely, lovely baby. He could have been deferred.

Many of you will recall that Lt Maehara wasn't with the Anti-Tank CO long before he was shipped overseas as a replacement for the 100th Bn.

It was on April 5, 1945, almost exactly one month before Hitler's formal surrender in Europe on May 7, also Saburo's 30th birthday, the shells started coming in and everyone dove for shelter. One shell was a direct hit in Maehara's foxhole. The irony is that Maehara survived a year and a

half on European battlefields only to die within weeks of the end.

Louise Maehara, now 74 years old, settled in Philadelphia after the war and became a social worker. She is retired and deeply involved in volunteer work.

Susan Miki Maehara Rotman doesn't remember her father. A 46 year old draftsman in Philadelphia, she has only occasionally read the letters that survive. Her mother says that her father was a caring person who tried to keep contact with a child he hoped to see again. He made contact with her as best he could.

ONE PUKA PUKA

By Tad T. Hashimoto

100th Infantry Battalion Chapter held a Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas on April 9 to 13, 1989 at the California Hotel. 100th member and 1989 President of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association Mr. Ben Tagami and his charming wife Jean manned the Hospitality Room the majority of the time with only intermittent help from other volunteers. Since Ben and Jean also slept in the Hospitality Room, they really worked, not being able to go to sleep until the Hospitality Room was closed and waking up early with so many things to do before the room was again opened. Our thanks for all their extra efforts in contributing to a successful reunion.

32 of us went by a chartered bus (air-conditioned) from West Los Angeles to Las Vegas and back for the five days with a 5 hour drive each way. Bus and driver were with us for the five days so that they were used for several sightseeing tours and

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also for the golfers and bags, going back and forth many times. On the bus, we had entertainment, jokes, singing, lunch and lots of soft drinks so that the time went swiftly; and for peace of mind, a restroom was conveniently located in the back of the bus.

We had over 200 persons present, approximately half from Hawaii and half from the Mainland, from states of Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon and many parts of California and one from Japan - Mr. Yoshikatsu Mayeda, president of "Best Staff," recruitment and placement office of Japan. He is interested in the 100/442nd and has a friend writing about it. He, himself, had a big thrill in hitting a royal flush to win \$1000 on a poker machine. We also heard that Lloyd Toda's wife Michi had good luck and was able to take a little extra back home.

The only get-together of the reunion was held on Tuesday evening of April 11th. It was a buffet style prime rib and teriyaki chicken dinner held in the Ohana Room at the California Hotel.

Ben Tagami president of the 100/442nd Veterans Association, with assistance from Dr. Harold Harada president of the 100th Club Chapter of L.A. and Ray Nosaka president of Club 100 of Hawaii handling the Hawaiian portion, conducted together the overall occasion which went smoothly and informally.

The evening began with Ben calling upon Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Hershey Miyamura from Gallup, NM, to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests were introduced. Golf prizes of cash was given out to the golfers. Our thanks was extended to Ken Muranaga for his donation of \$100 worth of golf balls.

Toe Yoshino with Lloyd Toda's help took charge of the karaoke portion. However, only a few people volunteered so Toe Yoshino himself sang who has incidentally a good voice and sings in English, Japanese and Hawaiian.

Ben Tagami, Sam Fujikawa and Henry Sakato gave out the door prizes from the mainland section. Ray Nosaka gave out the all cash door prizes in different amounts totaling a thousand dollars (I think) which the Hawaiians generously donated.

We had one person there, Jake Mason from Los Angeles who was one of the survivors of the rescued "Lost Battalion".

Our May Fujita came to the reunion on a pair of crutches, legs black and blue and a slight fracture from a terrifying experience she had. We're happy it wasn't worse. Take care May and get yourself back to 100% again.

Joe Nakahama, Baker Chapter Club 100 of Honolulu, donated \$50.00, Harold Harada \$20.00, Lil Sumii \$20.00, Kenji and Aileen Yoshino donated \$100.00. Hawaii's Club 100 donated \$250.00, Mas and Elma Takahashi donated \$50.00 and Michi Toda donated \$100.00. Our thanks for your generosity. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

We had Jim Vaughn from Tucson, Arizona, James Metcalf from Stuthers, Ohio, Ken Kaneko from Hawaii, Young O. Kim now from San Diego, Calif. Also from Illinois from the 34th Division - Warren Pencil.

We saw many of our mainland and Hawaiian friends. There were others who had not seen each other for over 40 or 45 years and met again at the reunion and remembered each other as young men.

Thanks to those who donated to the Hospitality Room: Ward Kavada, Pete Kawahara, Tamotsu Shimizu, Goro Sumida, Hakaru Taoka, Don Nagasaki, Frank Nishimura, Tom Kasai, Monte Fujita, George Mizuno, Allan Dong, Henry Hayashi, Ted Yoshiwara. Thanks also to those persons who brought "goodies" and my apologies to anyone I missed. Sadie Yoshiwara made 21 rolls of sushi for the Hospitality Room.

Door prizes donors were: Harold Harada donated an electric toothbrush, Monte Fujita donated 6 belt buckles and 6 license plate frames with 100/442 RCT on them, Lloyd Toda and Toe Yoshino donated 5 pounds each of pistachio nuts, Fumi Sakato made scarfs for the ladies and Hapi coat as door prizes, Tad Hashimoto donated a portable radio with ear speakers and Pola U.S.A. donated cosmetics.

May Fujita, in charge of the goody bags given to everyone, wishes to thank Henry Arao of Thermal for donating the grapefruits and dates, Pacific Heritage Bank for donating 200 pens, and Allan Dong for donating all the nice Mini Reunion bags.

May wishes also to thank all the ladies who helped stuff the goody bags. They were: Teri Fujikawa, Mitsi Fuchigami, Elsie Hayashi, Ruth Kasai, Nora Kim, Hanaye Mamiya, Lilly Mamiya, Fumi Sakato, Jean Tagami, Jane Tanaka, Aileen Yoshino and Sadie Yoshiwara.

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The reunion was a success and we had many requests to hold one every year. This, we will have to discuss at our next monthly meeting.

On April 22nd, Anti-Tank held a very successful Luau at the 100/442nd Memorial Hall. Over 200 persons attended.

With plenty of good Hawaiian food and good entertainment, it was an enjoyable evening.

100th members attending were: M/M Lloyd Seki, M/M Toe Yoshino, M/M Eric Abe, M/M Sam Fujikawa, M/M Harold Harada, M/M Monte Fujita, M/M Lloyd Toda, M/M Mas Takahashi, M/M Tad Hashimoto, Fukio Endo, Matsuye Furuya, Tomoye Otsuji, Buddy Mamiya, Jean Tagami, Mike Miyake, Carlos and Beverly Picazo.

Near the middle of May, Eric Abe had a heart attack. At this writing he is now home and doing well. Take care Eric and get completely well real soon.

On May 6, 1989, the seventh annual Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council joint reception of officers and honoring of "Woman of the Year" was held at the China Gate restaurant in Gardena, Calif.

This year, two deserving recipients were Nora Kim of the 100/442nd Veterans Association and Mrs. Ray Muraoka of San Fernando Nisei Post 4140.

One of the many activities Nora has participated in as a volunteer is the hard work and devotion she gave for many years to the 100/442nd Newsletters.

The Club 100 men and ladies who were there to offer Nora best wishes were: Allan

Dong, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Monte & May Fujita, Harry & Fuku Fukasawa, Harold & Chiye Harada, Henry Hayashi, Kiyoshi & Bonnie Horino, Tom & Ruth Kasai, Young O. Kim, Buddy Mamiya, Mike Miyake, Ken & Yoshiko Muranaga, Ed & Amy Nakazawa, Henry Sakato, Ben & Jean Tagami, Connie Takahashi, Lloyd & Michi Toda, Ralph & Lei Wakayama, Toe Yoshino, and Henry Yoshitake. Her son Lee Thomas Surh of Oakland was also present.

Club 100 wishes to thank the following members who sent in their dues and sent amounts over the dues portion as donations to the 100th treasury. Thank you and we will use it wisely. Donors were: Tom Tsuda, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Ben Honda, San Diego; Yeiki Matsui, Pasadena; Hisaki Murakami, Denver, Colorado; Kazuo Oda, Upland, Calif.; Frank Nishimura, Seattle, Washington; Nobe Ashida, La Jara, Colorado; Sho Tabata, Vista, Calif.; Sam Fujikawa, Los Angeles; Harry Shibao, Denver, Colorado; Ben Ujihara, Santa Ana; and Ben H. Murakami, Denver, Colorado.

May 10th, 100/442nd Veterans Association board dinner meeting was held at the Miyako Restaurant in Torrance.

Those attending the dinner were president of the 100/442nd Veterans Association Ben Tagami and Jean, Sam & Teri Fujikawa, Monte & May Fujita, Harold & Chiye Harada and Henry & Fumi Sakato.

I wish to thank May Fujita for her tremendous help with the news. Without her help much news would be omitted. Thanks May and don't stop.

July 6 to 24th, 1989 Nisei Veterans 442nd European tour will include Bruyeres, France.

July 21 & 22th, 100/442nd Veterans Association Las Vegas trip at California Hotel/Casino.

July 30th, Sunday, MIS Cookout, Maryknoll School, Los Angeles.

August 12th, Saturday, Chili Cookoff, JACC Union Church, Los Angeles.

MEMBERSHIP BBQ DINNER SEPTEMBER 16

FOX HOLE NEWS

By Frank Y. Morimoto

On my most recent dog field trial trip to Reno, NV, April 22, 1989, I encountered some very unusual weather. As this was a National Championship trial, there were judges and competitors from all over the United States, namely, Kentucky, Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Oregon, Georgia, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California. It was nice to meet and visit with people from different areas. We made a quick stop at Manzanar Relocation Center to see the effects of people trying to deface one of the bronze markers there. Also while in Reno, I spoke to Marga Makabe on the phone and had a chance to chat with Wilson Makabe who was at the Peppermill Hotel which was the Field Trial Headquarters and where the JACL of the area was holding one of its meetings. At the field trial grounds, I encountered high winds with rain and snow which made competing miserable. Luckily, I left the area as soon as the trial was over,

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for I almost didn't make it over the Donner Pass as the snow and nightfall made driving treacherous. On my way down Hwy 99, I tried to contact Yuri and Kaoru Masuda of Turlock but was unable to make connections. Continuing on south, I stopped at Selma, where Mary and Tom Kawano (K CO 442) live and spent a couple of hours with them. They are going to Europe in July with Rudy Tokiwa's group, and we wished them a pleasant journey.

Emi and Hiro Takusagawa made the annual pilgrimage to Manzanar in May because Emi spent some time in that center during the war but reported the trip was uneventful.

Yas Kawashima informed me that he is going to the F CO reunion which is to be held in Kauai in June. He also informed me that Grace and Kats Nakamura are conducting a tour to Bruyeres, France in July 1989; and to my surprise, he informed me that Emi and Yuke Iguchi are joining the group.

On sick call is Tak Sasaki (1st Squad 1st Platoon) of Seaside, Calif. who suffered a stroke recently. Luckily the stroke was not severe as it didn't impair his speech but the muscular use of the left side of his body has been affected. We have phoned him and sent him a get well card and prayed that his recovery would be complete.

I learned from Hiro Takusagawa that Tom Kawaguchi is undergoing dialysis treatment for his kidney problem. He is feeling much better; and consequently, he and Hiro will be going to the "Go for Broke" NVA meeting in Reno, in June, 1989.

HOW IT'S DONE

By Mike Tsuji

MONTH OF APRIL, 1989

The deadline for the previous issue somehow passed unnoticed so this report will make up for lost time. The latest news from our officers is that the annual Labor Day weekend trek is definitely in limbo at the present time due to the fact that the Escondido Travelodge recently had a change of ownership, and the new operators will not be meeting with our group until sometime in the summer, which may not permit adequate time for getting everything ready for the "mini reunion." Perhaps things will change for the better sometime soon.

The Annual Memorial Day service will take place as always at Evergreen Cemetery on the 29th (Monday), with our special H CO gathering at Frank Saraye's graveside at Green Hills at about 12:30 PM to take a few moments of quiet to remember all our friends who are no longer with us.

A "first" was celebrated recently by the Ohiras when they welcomed their first grandchild, a girl! Our heartiest congratulations! Time Marches on!

Other happenings: H Chapter held their Annual Spring Rummage Sale at the parking lot across Memorial Hall on Sunday, May 16th and realized a healthy net gain of some \$500 plus, much of it due to the hard work of our members, especially our wives who not only spend time on "the counters" but also provide us with great quantities and qualities of superb food stuff! Thank you very much!

Lloyd and Michi Toda, and Ted Ohira recently returned from a trip to Japan, with all that energy!

Mutsuo and Dorothy Nakagawa and Tak and Vi Okuhara, all of the Honolulu H CO group were "four-day" visitors to Las Vegas about two weekends ago, where the Okuhara's daughter and son-in-law "dropped-in" from Colorado. 'Tis said that a good time was had by all.

Other travelers heard from included the Onodas in Chicago who journeyed to Moscow and then later to the Caribbeans. Future travelers we understand, include several couples in Hawaii who are planning to visit Alaskan glaciers and another group that will depart soon for Hong Kong, Thailand and other exotic lands. Have a good time!

KONA NVR 1990 NOTE: Everyone planning to attend this reunion should sign on immediately. You have all received the questionnaire form prepared by our friends in Honolulu through Lloyd Toda and Toe Yoshino's Newsletter. They should be completed at once so that the necessary preparations can go ahead. We should all be happy and appreciative of the efforts being put forth by those in Hawaii to make this event another great success and promptly respond! Any questions you may have should be directed to Lloyd or his helpers, immediately, pronto!!!

MONTH OF MAY, 1989
Memorial Day saw loyal members of the Association assembled at Evergreen Cemetery for the Annual NVCC Service, after which H CO people drove out to Green

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EASY DOES IT

By Robert S. Ichikawa

100/442 LUAU

Saturday 20 April 1989, E CO members and wives were out in force to enjoy the good food, fun and entertainment provided by the A-T CO. Delicious kailua pig, lomi lomi salmon, poi and other delicacies were served by hosts along with genuine Hawaiian entertainment. Thanks to the A-T CO for another really fine show!

E CO members there to enjoy were: K. Akiyamas, M. Fukitas, T. Hirokawas, R. Ichikawas, J. Okitsus, S. Sugaw, M. Takamines, H. Wachis, and B. Yamanakas. Congrats to A-T CO for a really fine program.

ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE
Saturday 20 May 1989, the 100/442 was again privileged to participate in the 30th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade held in Torrance. The event is hailed as one of the largest in the USA. The Color Guard consisting of R. Ichikawas (E), S. Nakamura (100), H. Takusagawa (F), and S. Fujikawa (100) carried the Colors for approximately two miles and it was against the wind and a long ways down the road. The rest of the group rode in vintage WWII jeeps and trucks provided again by Dr. George Mizushima and his boys. We heard that on the way down, the ambulance broke down on the Ventura Fwy and had to be towed back home which caused them to arrive almost late. Fortunately, the parade was delayed, because one of the lead vehicles also had starting problems. However, everything turned out OK.

After the parade was over at about 5:00 pm, E CO members

and wives gathered at the Hong Kong Gardens in Torrance for an after-the-parade and Mothers Day Dinner (F CO was there too). We were pleased to see our good friends and buddy Frank Wada and wife Jean coming all the way up here from San Diego to give us the latest on the Mini-Reunion. Incidentally, the first night's Get-Together will begin at 6:00 PM not at 7PM as printed on the schedule.

It was also nice to see Jei Nakama from Guadalajara, Mexico, in town on his periodical trip to renew his visa. Good to see Jei again, alive and in good health.

There to enjoy the good food and fellowship were: B. Aiharas, K. Akiyamas, M. Fujitas, S. Kiyomuras, R. Kizuka, J. Nakama, J. Okitsus, R. Ozawas, T. Shiomichis, S. Sugaw, M. Takamines, H. Wachis, B. Yamanakas, K. Yamates and son Lyle and R. Yanais. Chris and I dropped by later to check up on the folks on account of we had to go to a wedding in Placentia.

Glad you all enjoyed the good food, we really had a good turn out.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday 29 May 1989, the Annual Memorial Day Services were held at the Evergreen Cemetery conducted by the NVCC. Harry Ahn introduced the speaker Col. Tad Ono. Thanks to George Morikawa and his crew for another job well done. Posting the Colors for the 100/442 were R. Ichikawa (E), S. Fujikawa (100) and H. Takusagawa (F). E CO members there to pay their respects were, M. Fujita, J. Nakama, S. Sugaw, M. Takamines and K. Yamates and son Lyle. We owe a lot to all of the men who

Hills and San Pedro to pay our respects to our Sgt Saraye who has been gone now for twelve years. It was very nice to see Hatsuye again, as well as Sachi, and Emi Ujiye, all looking very well. We missed the Saraye grandchildren this time, as they were on a weekend outing. Rest in peace, Frank!

The Escondido "Mini-Reunion" this year, will assemble at the Pine Tree Lodge, according to the latest reports. Reservations are being taken now, so sign up with Lloyd Toda. We will be all hoping that the heat wave of last year will not return. That record-breaking one hundred eight plus weekend was a "little much", as they say.

Speaking of Reunions, the initial tally of those responding to the questionnaires, as noted in Toe Yoshino and Lloyd Toda's Newsletter looked very promising. The list included several out-of-towners like the Petersons (Connecticut), Onodas (Chicago), Fujiwaras (Seattle), and Paddocks (Texas). Since then, Lloyd has heard from the Williams' from Arkansas. It's still not too late to sign up.

Well, it looks like it is going to be the Lakers and the Pistons again this summer, and the winners should be "history" by press time. Let's hope it will be the "right one" again this time.

Bye for now.

LAS VEGAS TRIP
DECEMBER 15-17

GET YOUR BOOK
"AMERICAN"

didn't make it back....E CO KIA's interred at Evergreen are Louis M. Hirata and Ben Masaoka....let us remember.

FISHING

Opening day at Crowley Lake was a dud for Ben Yamanaka and friends, and we heard it was duddier at Hawthorne, Nevada (That was bad). However, the Okitsus limited out.

REMEMBER

Takeshi "Doc" Yatabe passed away at age 81 on 13 February 1989, after a long illness. He was former manager of the California Flower Market. "Doc" was in the 2nd Platoon 3rd Squad and was 37 years old at Camp Shelby. We are deeply saddened to hear of his passing. We are however grateful for his stabling influence upon our lives during our training period and in Europe. I've always said that it was the older fellas that kept us younger ones in line and for that I shall be eternally grateful to men like "Doc". Our heartfelt condolences to wife Kuni and children.

IN MEMORIAM

18 May 1989, funeral services were held for Kate T. Kawamoto at the Harbor City Foursquare Church. She will be missed. Our sympathies to husband Mas and children.

HALF MAST

We are all deeply saddened to hear that Thomas P. Crowley passed away on May 1989. Tom was one of our original haole officers assigned to Co E. He was very caring and showed great concern for the men under his command. We shall miss him. Our hearts go out to wife Kathy and all of their children.

WE SHALL BE AT LAS VEGAS 21, 22, 23 JULY 1989--SEE YOU THERE.

DON'T FORGET THE E CO SAN DIEGO REUNION 21, 22, 23 SEPTEMBER 1989--SEE YOU THERE TOO.

WAR MEMORIAL

ITEM BY ITEM

By Tak Senzaki

I CO 442nd Club of So. California held its monthly meeting on the first Saturday, April 1, 1989, at the Memorial Club House with the usual stalwarts attending. Roll call was held, just to show that we're still alive and well: Fred Shigaki, Akio Kumamoto, Jim Yamashita, Enro Okada, Nobo Ikuta, Tak Senzaki, Tom Kinaga, Bill Morita, Bill Okazaki, Jim Kawaminami, Fred Matsumura, Jim Miyamoto, and Harry Yoshimura. Missed other regulars, like Dick Shinto, Bill Teragawa, and Chuck Miyada. We all wish Chuck a speedy recovery and success on the treatments he's undergoing. Making a surprise entrance to the meeting was one Tony Sakamoto of the 3rd Platoon. Now that he's retired and his three sons are off on their own, he has joined our group as a regular member. Turns out that he has been in Pasadena since 1955. This brings out a renewed call to all former veterans of I CO 442nd RCT to show your face. Come on out and join us in comradeship!

I CO Club's first golf outing of the year was held at the Lakewood Country Club on April 4, 1989. That was a Tuesday and brought out a good contingent as most of the members are now retired. Participating in four foursomes were: (Ladies) Sada Morita, Hanna Hodgetts, Rosa Harper and Shirley Morrison; (Men) Fred Matsumura, Tak

Senzaki, Jim Miyamoto, Tom Kinaga, Akio Kumamoto, Nobo Ikuta, Harry Yoshimura, Phil Hodgetts, Bill Okazaki, Enro Okada, Frank Kinoshita and Bill Morita. The morning started out as a beautiful spring day, but the temperature quickly rose due to a Santa Ana condition which eventually reached a high of 104 degrees Fahrenheit (in April!). The course was also having a plumbing problem so that the water was shut off, causing even more unpleasantness. Due to the heat and uncomfortable conditions, the ladies stopped at 9 holes. The men, however, doggedly trudged onward. Phil Hodgetts, suddenly seeing double about the 16th hole, wisely pulled up and found refuge in the shade. The rest of the men managed to finish 18 holes despite the heat, and the men still came up with some amazing scores regardless of the conditions. Winners of the side pot were: Bill Morita with a net 65 (total); Frank Kinoshita with a net 69 (back); Tak Senzaki with a net 70 (front). With no water supply, the restaurant had to be closed; but we were still able to have our 19th hole refresher due to the donations of beer and soda pop with Arare Senbei by co-chairmen Akio Kumamoto, Fred Matsumura and Bill Morita. It was great to have Frank Kinoshita from Rancho Santa Fe and Enro Okada from Victorville join us. These scores will count toward the club championship in its best two out of three format. Defending champion Fred Matsumura has his work cut out this year. Missed Jim Yamashita and Chuck Miyada, but they can still emerge as we have two more tournaments scheduled.

Saturday evening of April 22, 1989, was the night of the 100th/442nd Luau at the Memorial Hall. Sponsored by the Anti Tank and 100th Chapters of the Association, it drew a capacity crowd. Entertainment by Cissi Lani's Islanders was a true "South Sea Adventure" by professionals. Chef Kiyan again produced a festive menu with volunteer help. Lomi-lomi salmon, poi, macaroni salad, chicken long-rice, Kailua pig, chicken teriyaki, steamed rice, bar-b-que drumsticks, coconut custard, and tropical fruit mix was a very filling fare. With hard drinks, beer and soda pop at cut-rate prices, the attendees had a real ball.

Frank Seto of Anti-Tank Co took charge of the raffle drawing which was included with the price of admission. Aloha and mahalo to the Anti-Tank and 100th for all their efforts!

I CO Club attendees were: Bill and Sada Morita, Tak and Mary Senzaki, Jim and Marian Yamashita, Akio and May Kumamoto, and Harry Yoshimura, who was also a part of the Anti-Tank work force. We had a winner in the raffle in Bill Morita who received a solid brass license plate holder (Go for Broke).

The May 6, 1989 meeting was held with 9 members in attendance. The grace period was extended for 15 minutes in the hopes that a few more would arrive but to no avail. Those present were: Jim Miyamoto, Bill Okazaki, Nobo Ikuta, Tak Senzaki, Jim Yamashita, Dick Shinto, Enro Okada, Tom Kinaga and Fred Shigaki.

MAINTAIN YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

May activities will include the family miniature golf outing with dinner following and the Memorial Day Services at the Evergreen Cemetery. Those activities will be reported on in the next issue. "Chow" Baby!

"GO FOR BROKE"

ASSOCIATE CHAPTER

by Russell Nakaishi

The newly formed Associate Chapter of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association was founded by six Sansei descendants of Nisei veterans of the 100th/442nd RCT and their friends as Charter Associate Chapter members.

Their mission is to continue with the perpetuation of the values, ideals and objectives of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association:

By assisting to meet and to support the goals of the Association

By participating fully in the activities of the Association

By providing assistance to the Japanese American community as an Association Associate Chapter through service and educational activities

By providing an avenue for other interested Sansei individuals and their friends to help the Association and the community through an organized group, the Associate Chapter of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association

By assisting in any other appropriate manner the Association with its functions and activities

The Charter members are as follows: President Russell Nakaishi, Delegate Bob Sugino and Members Robert Kasai, Eric Yamaguchi, Dave Sunahara, and Tim Kano.

Since organizing, the Associate Chapter members have assisted by participating in Association activities and projects. Among those include to date: Exterior Painting and Cleaning of the Memorial Hall Project, Setting Up Projects, namely, the April Luau and the Long Beach JANM Dinner, Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, and the Association Newsletter.

The Chapter is planning to become more jointly active in Association sponsored community service projects as well as other Chapter sponsored service activities.

The Chapter has volunteered to help with JANM projects, just as the 100th/442nd Veteran Association has done in the past and is doing now.

Our appreciation to the Association for the support and encouragement thus far extended to the Associate Chapter and its members.

100TH/442ND ON PARADE

Marking their fifth appearance, the 100th/442nd Veterans Association group participated in the 29th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade, sponsored by the City of Torrance on May 20.

This year, for the first time, the 100th/442nd Color Guards, Sam Fujikawa (100th), Robert Ichikawa (E CO), Sat Nakamura (100th), and Hiro Takusagawa (F CO), led the "Go for Brokers".

The lead jeep was driven by Monte Fujita (100th), with May Fujita and Buddy Y. Mamiya (100th) as passengers. The 2 1/2 ton truck was driven by Alan Mizushima.

Those riding in the truck included Teri Fujikawa, Tatsuo Hirokawa (E CO), Min Kaminishi (L CO), Dave Kawagoye (AT CO) Nikki Kodama/Kristin Mamiya (Buddy's granddaughters), Linda Louie, Jai Nakama (E CO) from Mexico, Russell Nakaishi and his wife Pearl, Hiro Nishikubo (L CO), Henry Sakato (100th), Don Seki (L CO), Dave Sunahara, Mike Takamine (E CO), and Ben Yamanaka (E CO).

At the conclusion of the parade, Buddy Mamiya accepted the Special Armed Forces Day Trophy, on behalf of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association, as President Ben Tagami was attending the funeral services of the late "Bun" Bunkichi Eguchi of G CO. The 100th/442nd Veterans Association is indebted again to Dr. George Mizushima and his son Alan for the use of their World War II Army vehicles.

MEET THE WIVES BANQUET MEETING

The 11th Annual "Meet the Wives" dinner meeting of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association's officers, trustees, delegates, and chapter presidents was held at the Miyako Restaurant in the Del Amo Fashion Square in Torrance on May 10.

President Ben Tagami opened the regular monthly Board Meeting with self introductions at each table. The customary Board minutes by the secretary and the financial report by the treasurer were approved. Frank Seto announced the results of the Luau Night sponsored by the Anti-Tank group. Sam Fujikawa gave an update on the coming Reverse Raffle Benefit to be held on June 3. The announcement of

the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade to be held on May 20, with the 100th/442nd Color Guards participating for the first time, was covered by Hiro Takusagawa, and Monte Fujita reported that the World War II vehicles would be available again.

Special recognition was given to Frank Seto for painting over the graffiti on the Club House building, and to Dave Kawagoye for constructing the torch for the stage area inside. The Newsletter group, including George Nishinaka, Nora Kim, Frank Fukuzawa, Sat Nakamura, Casey Kasuyama and work group for handling and delivering the Newsletter bundles to the Post Office, were singled out for making our Newsletter a first class media of communication.

Words of appreciation were given to Jim Kawaminami for making all the banquet arrangements and to Mas Nishizawa, the owner of Miyako Restaurant, for providing complimentary house wine to enhance our dinner.

At the conclusion of the scrumptious dinner, the entire gathering paid a moment of silent tribute to the following three 100th/442nd members who died: Captain Thomas Crowley (E Co); Captain Gaylord Hellis Gilmore (HQ Co); and T/Sgt Earl G. Yonehiro (B Co 100th Bn).

The following were in attendance: (AB Co) Dick Nakamura and George Seki; (AT Co) M/M Dave Kawagoye and Frank Seto; (100th) M/M Monte Fujita, M/M Harold Harada, M/M Henry Sakato, M/M Ben Tagami; (E Co) Min Fujita and M/M Mike Takamine; (F Co) M/M Frank Fukuzawa, M/M Mas Miyamoto, M/M Frank Morimoto,

M/M Hiro Takusagawa, and Roy Yamada; (G Co) George Karatsu and M/M Jim Makino; (H Co) M/M George Nishinaka and Andrew, Tom Shimazu, and M/M Ken Yamaki; (I Co) M/M Jim Kawaminami; (L Co) M/M Mino Kaminishi, M/M Don Seki, and M/M Jun Yamamoto.

NORA KIM HONORED

Nora Kim was honored as one of two recipients of the "Woman of the Year" award at the 7th Annual NVCC Joint Reception of Officers held at the China Gate Restaurant in Gardena, on May 6.

Nora Kim was selected by the 100th/442nd Veterans Association....Clare Muraoka of the San Fernando Valley VFW Post #4140 was the other winner. Commander Frank J. Tanaka of Post #4140 gave the biographical sketch for Clare Muraoka, while President Ben Tagami provided the bio for Nora Kim. Both winners received a bouquet of red American Beauty Roses and a handsome NVCC Plaque.

Harry Ahn of the 4th District Nisei Memorial VFW Post #1961 served as the MC for the evening. Presentation of organizational officers was conducted by Harry Oyama of VFW Post #1961, and the Administration of Oath was performed by Harry Shishido of VFW Post #9938.

NORA KIM

The following was the biographical sketch of Nora Kim which was presented by Ben Tagami:

The 100th/442nd Veterans Association is pleased to name Mrs. Nora Kim as its 1989 Woman of the Year and to extend this honor to her this evening during the 1989 NVCC

1989 ASSOCIATION CALENDAR					
War Memorial Committee	Wed	07/05/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Presidents Meeting/Agenda Planning	Mon	07/10/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	07/12/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
LAS VEGAS TRIP	Fri	07/21/89-07/23/89		@ California Casino	
Future Goals - Activities Committee	Wed	07/26/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
War Memorial Committee	Wed	08/02/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
NEWSLETTER/Chapter Articles Due	Thur	08/03/89		To Nora Kim	
Presidents Meeting/Agenda Planning	Mon	08/07/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	08/09/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Memorial Hall Clean Up Project	Sat	08/12/89	9:00am	@ Memorial Hall	
NEWSLETTER Committee	Tue	09/05/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
War Memorial Committee	Wed	09/06/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Presidents Meeting/Agenda Planning	Mon	09/11/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	09/13/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BBQ DINNER	Sat	09/16/89	6:00pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Future Goals - Activities Committee	Wed	09/27/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
NEWSLETTER/Chapter Articles Due	Tue	10/03/89		To Nora Kim	
War Memorial Committee	Wed	10/04/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Presidents Meeting	Mon	10/09/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	10/11/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
War Memorial Committee	Wed	11/01/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Presidents Meeting	Mon	11/06/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
NEWSLETTER Committee	Tue	11/07/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	11/08/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Future Goals-Activities Committee	Wed	11/22/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
War Memorial Committee	Wed	12/06/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Presidents Meeting	Mon	12/11/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
Board of Directors	Wed	12/13/89	7:30pm	@ Memorial Hall	
LAS VEGAS TRIP	Fri	12/15/89-12/17/89		California Casino	

Officers Installation Dinner. Mrs. Nora Kim's full name is Nora Yoon Chung Surh Kim. Yoon is her birth name; Chung is her adopted name; Surh is her first married name; and Kim is her second married name. Nora has two sons: Dr. Gerald Surh, a Russian Historian teaching at the University of North Carolina State and Lee Thomas Surh, an attorney associated with the Alameda Bar Association.

Mrs. Nora Kim's connection with the 100th/442nd Veterans Association began when she married Young O. Kim in 1955. While the two were "enjoying" their army life, she first volunteered as an Army Gray Lady. Dressed in a gray uniform, the ladies wrote letters, read, played games,

and ran errands for the soldiers who were confined in a hospital.

She has been volunteering ever since. Mrs. Kim is involved with the JANM (Japanese American National Museum) as a volunteer, and participates in the Keiro Home Fund Raisers. She takes care of her blind brother doing house cleaning and marketing. I personally know that she has always been present to help as a volunteer with all the Chapter 100's activities; and for ten years, from 1979 to the present, she, along with the Association's Chapter reporters, has been responsible for typing the 100th/442nd Veteran Association Newsletter.

We thank her, and we are proud to make this public acknowledgment this evening by naming her our "Woman of the Year."

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IN TRIBUTE

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE PASSING OF

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LOOKING AHEAD

manner so that our Constitutional integrity will not be compromised but will be maintained.

Therefore, **Looking Ahead**, let me share with you what I have learned about "\$20,000 and Investing" which may give you a thought to consider. Not long ago, I enrolled in an adult education course, "Financial Investment," in Glendale. The instructor's name was Mr. David R. Penniall, CFP, who is an Associate with Morgan P. Underwood Financial Planners, Inc. 818/795-0688.

After class, one evening, I told him about Redress and "kiddingly" I asked, "Other than those persons who might take their check, have it framed, and have the enjoyment of looking at it whenever; or, not trusting the bank, cash the check and hide a bundle of "C" notes under the mattress etc.; or just deposit it, hopefully, in an interest bearing checking account which could earn about 5%, **What other options can one think about and/or consider?**

We made an arrangement to meet at his office the following week so that he could have time to give some thought to my question. A few weeks back, we met and what he told me and what I learned, I would like now to share with you:

First, if one has already plans to spend "the money" within one year, Mr. Penniall's thought was to place the funds in a "**Money Market Fund**"; thereby, in one year at roughly 6% plus to 9% expectation, one could expect to gain up to \$1000 or more for spending. The important consideration is that the funds in this form would

still allow "liquidity" meaning at any time one could withdraw all or any part of the funds for whatever without any penalties.

Second, on the other hand, if one doesn't have any immediate plans for spending, at least for 2 to 5 years plus, then Mr. Penniall's thought was a "**Deferred Annuity**" which is not a life insurance policy but is sold by insurance companies. There are many variations of deferred annuities; therefore, one must shop for the best contract which includes not only a high interest rate of about 9.5%, but also one that has reasonable surrender charges. There are also CD Annuities which have slightly lower interest rates; however, they enjoy full liquidity after 1 year and are tax deferred, the earnings as well. There are Bond Funds, namely corporate, treasury and municipal, which offer 9% to 10% yields. There are many conservative Stock Funds also to consider.

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Third, and lastly, if one's plan is not to spend but to make it part of one's own estate, Mr. Penniall's thought was "**Variable Annuities**" with a portfolio of common stock, money market, bonds or combination. These are also sold by insurance companies and have achieved returns of about 120% in 5 years, a 17% compounded annual rate. There are also Growth Stock Fund, investment groups with over 30 years of experience, having averaged an overall 12% to 15% return per year. There is also "REIT" which stands for real estate investment trust for those who like stocks in real estate.

Obviously, the subject area is complex and like tax returns, legal issues, and medical diagnosis where one usually turns to the professionals, I suspect if the fees are reasonable and affordable, one should **Looking Ahead** consult a "CFP" Certified Financial Planner. It might be worth one's time at least to consider and check it out, **Looking Ahead**.

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