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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very happy and healthy New Year to all members and their families!

As I conclude my term as President, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their support and guidance through the past two years. I also want to thank those individuals who had special assignments and fulfilled them magnificently. Among them, Tadao Beppu, Stanley Kaneshiro, Rick Ogata, Kats Miho, Ted Tsukiyama, Akira Fukunaga, Terry Aratani, Tom Kiyosaki, Charley Oda, George Nakasato, Fred Hirayama, and Ernie Uno.

My congratulations to the incoming officers, President, Akira "Sunshine" Fukunaga and hold-over officers Charley Oda, Rick Ogata and Ernie Uno. Also on board for the first time is Harold Fukunaga. He will bring large dividends and awareness to our organization. Oh, I almost forgot, the keeper of the keys for the clubhouse, Bob Sasaki, our Executive Secretary will always be there.

Let us not look at what has transpired, but rather look ahead and plan for our role in the upcoming national reunion in Kona in 1990. All chapters should start solicitation of advertisements, congratulatory message, etc. soon for the souvenir booklet. Similarly, the members of the reunion coordinating committee (members of the AJA Council) need to begin their process of selecting the speakers, MC and other principals who will participate in the program. I'm certain that reunion General Chairman, Fred Fujimoto in Kona will be communicating and updating us on his committees' progress.

It is also time to select someone to be chairman of the 50th anniversary (March 1993) commemoration of the founding of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. I'm certain all of us Old soldiers will be looking forward to a most memorable anniversary celebration.

If you can find a copy in paperback:

"The Train Robbers", by Piers Paul Read
This real life story came to life recently. magazine reported that Ronald Biggs who took in the \$7 million heist of an English mail train in 1963, celebrated his 25th anniversary of has come to be known as "the heist of the century". Biggs lives in Rio de Janeiro and is still wanted in London.

END

IN MEMORIAM KIICHI KATO

Kiichi Kato, an active member of Company Item, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on June 6, 1988.

IN MEMORIAM AKIRA FUJIKI

Akira Fujiki, an active member of Anti/Tank Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on July 16, 1988.

IN MEMORIAM SUEO KURAMOTO

Sueo Kuramoto, an active member of Love Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on July 27, 1988.

IN MEMORIAM CHARLES KATSUYA MATSUMOTO

Charles Katsuya Matsumoto, an active member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on September 29, 1988.

IN MEMORIAM SHUICHI PETE SAKAMOTO

Shuichi Pete Sakamoto, an active member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on October 27, 1988.



By Akira Fukunaga

DEJA VU

As the last Bulletin went to press, our closing paragraph alerted members about our dinner meeting at the Columbia Inn-Kyotaru in Waimalu.

Now as this Bulletin goes to the printer, we remind the Tank-Killers to gather at Waialae Country Club, 4997 Kahala Avenue, on December 11, 1988 at 6:30 p.m.

Under Prexy Masato Doi's sponsorship, AT Co. will certainly relish a "helluva good buffet dinner and wonderful assortment of dessert".

An encouraging group of new faces showed up at the last meeting -- Adolph Nakamura, Camel Yoshimasu, Halo Hirose, Akira Fukuda and Masaharu Suzuki. Masato suggests they bring their wives to the Xmas party at Waialae.

What would compel our Kahuku shotmaker to forego his regular dates with Camel and Halo and the Makule Golf Club at the municipals? None other than a hapa-haole grandson who will continue the Kaguni legacy.

Shortly after returning from an infanticipation visit to Michigan to cheer up the expectant parents, Jack and Margaret received a surprise call, so off they returned to East Lansing to celebrate the blessed event with John and Laurie Kaguni.

John and Laurie are both professors of Biochemistry at Michigan State University. Love can blossom in the most unexpected places. They met in the laboratories of Stanford University where both were pursuing their Ph D's. Obviously the chemistry was excellent.

Congratulations to all the Kaguni's.

Jack reports that the golf course is a good place to run into long-lost "brothers." Among the most recent encounters were Kun Sadaoka, Kiyoshi Kami, and Hideo Tanabe.

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IN MEMORIAM ETSUO ANZAI

Etsuo Anzai, an active member of 171st Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on November 10, 1988.

A-TANK/cont. from page 1

Good to learn that Yuki Nakahira is about recovered from a delicate ear surgery. The surgery somehow affected a facial muscle or a nerve to complicate his recovery.

This did not deter the Nakahira's from enjoying a grand tour of the National Parks with 31 other Hawaii tourists. This family of 33 motored throughout eight states to marvel at many of our natural wonders.

Among those remembered--Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Zion Park, Monument Valley, Mt Rushmore, Casper National, Rapid City, Idaho Falls, Mormon Tabernacle, and the grand-daddy of them all -- Yellowstone National.

Old Faithful still going strong. Yellowstone still hurting from the devastating fires during the summer. Many dead, blackened areas. Imagine about a million acres left charred in late August. However, those in charge maintain that Ecosystems will work -- that the park's plant life will come back and the animal population will bounce back.

Reliable Mitsuo Akiyama in Hilo writes protege Kazuo Kiyonaga that the wheels will start turning for the NVR reunion in Kona, Goro Inaba's country. To start planning for AT's participation in Kona, Akiyama has called for a meeting at his home on Friday, January 13, 1989 -- a no-host New Year's Shinnen get-together.

The unofficial "executive committee" of Buterman Hamamoto, James Kato and Akiyama hope for a big turnout, especially to enjoy Mrs. Akiyama's potful of Ozoni with traditional good luck mochi."

Condolences to Richard "Rugged" Miyakawa and family. Recent memorial services were held at Hosoi's for Hisayo Miyakawa, 89, the matriarch of a very successful 22nd Avenue pikake farming family. She is survived by four sons, four daughters, 34 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and nine great, great, grandchildren.

CAVEAT EMPITOR! BUYER BEWARE!

Would you believe there were 4,438 complaints filed by consumers against "entrepreneurs" out for the fast buck? What would the total be if you add those that took the painful way out by taking it on the chin?

Deeply involved in helping the unfortunates is Phillip Doi, son of Judge Doi. Phillip is director of the Office of Consumer Protection. Just a few large operators do most of the damage, according to Phillip.

Contractors, mostly unlicensed, garner the top spot with 646 gripes. Coming in second and third with 495 and 461 complaints are Real Estate and Travel (time-share) hustlers.

The automotive industry -- body shops, paint shops, mechanical repairs, new and used car sales come in for a lot of "misunderstandings". Check with Phillip before you take the plunge.

The IA Bunch continues to get lucky at the 100th/442nd Association meetings.

Big AT winner was Tetsu Uyechi, \$500 in a reverse raffle (whatever that is). Mini-raffle winners of \$50 each were Sumi Hattori and Jeffrey Seto (Frank's grandson).

Tak Hattori informs us that Uyechi fattened the IA AT treasury with a \$200 contribution.

Twenty-six Anti-Tankers attended their last general meeting and barbecue. Food was plentiful and the choices were steak, chicken or fish.

Tak writes -- "There were three Anti-Tankers there that we don't see too often:

Henry and Mildred Ikemoto, 8309 Comollette Avenue, Downey, CA 90242; Harry and Adele Inouye, 1337 5th Street, Apt. F, Glendale, CA 91201; Bill and June Kuwada, 7209 Camel Street, Gilroy, CA 95020".

Many months ago we extolled the accomplishments of Curtis Sasaki, Chilly Sasaki's #1 son, in the booming computer industry. As a project manager he led a crew of eight experts to fashion and launch the Apple II, GS, at that time a sensational new advance in graphics and sound for PC's.

Since then he was ferreted away from Apple Computer to Next, Inc., by Steve Jobs, former principal and co-founder of Apple Computer.

Now comes word that Curtis was on the team of Next, Inc. that proudly introduced

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by Kazu Tomasa

Larry Ishida and Richard Nakamura did a terrific job this year. They should be commended. Speaking of Richard, recently he attended the board meetings and reported to the Chapter regularly. He is doing a wonderful job. We all thank you for it Richard.

Steve Takenouchi, who was at Straub Hospital for sometime, is back home now in Kauai. He is getting along on the road to recovery. Get well Steve. Remember we have a date in Kona in another year and a half. We are all looking forward in seeing you there at the Reunion.

Scully Shimizu too, has been attending almost all of the Chapter's meetings. He is a real regular, that guy Scully.

Moriso Teraoka brought some sample of his tripe stew at the November's meeting. Terrific! We all gulped it down real fast. Tripe stew was really ono! "Semmon san ga yappari tsukuru to chigau desu ne!" Thanks again Moriso, we all enjoyed it.

This reporter just came back from South Carolina on a golfing safari. A trip abroad doesn't have to be only scenic tours and shopping. This trip was strictly golfing---no sight seeing or shopping. The safari was 15 days and out of this, 13 days of golfing. As you can see the map, South Carolina borders the Atlantic sea coast. No particular farming or industrial industry can be noticed where we were (Myrtle Beach). We were told that within an area of about 50 square miles (about the size of Oahu), there are about 48 golf courses. As we daily drove the one state highway (the same one) to go to a golf course, one can see several golf courses situated along the way. The golf courses are all beautifully kept. Each possessing its own specialties of difficulties and challenges. One course in particular I can recall was on a par 3 hole. From the tee, this hole has a small lake about 200 feet across and the pin set about 20 feet from its bank. If one makes a hole in one ---no questions asked-- he gets \$10,000. If your ball lands anywhere on the green, you automatically receive 3 balls of any name brand you want. The courses were all fun and something nice that I will cherish for a long time. Oh, yes! there were alligators and turtles galore. Most of the alligators I saw seemed to be well fed. They had their eyes closed and looked like they were taking a nap.

Christmas is coming to us again, and this means Chapter Christmas Party. We are again having this affair at the clubhouse. Jimmy Sakamoto chairs it and is assisted by Moriso Teraoka. This

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By Joe Shinamura

ECHOES OF THE PAST

Digging in on the ridge following the rescue proved to be no easy task as boulder after boulders were encountered and many were the shovels & picks that fell to pieces. The November cold didn't help the situation with the ground of this fertile forest starting to freeze up and getting to be as hard as rock. Next day orders, clear the ridge, this being the last day for the tank crew who took a direct hit right in it's belly. Regretfully, never got to thank the tank crew who joined us on one of the last banzai attack launched on this push. It was straight ahead on this ridge for the tankers while the K-men got their order to clear all the high grounds on the right of this objective, so never got to see how they were devastated. A recon patrol spotted a couple of machine guns supported by ground troops covering this area so it was a walk thru the woods once again in spread formation roughly 10 feet apart advancing from tree to tree with no time to hit the ground. This is the day we lost our 90 day wonder Lt. Rainwater who joined us just a few days ago and who was turning out to be quite a soldier. Don't know where or how he earned his red badge of courage but this was the last we saw of this indian fighter. Every now and then can't help but wonder whatever happened to this likeable replacement. Thruout this campaign this is how it was with the K-s replacement as it was here today, gone tomorrow, especially with the brass that were unfortunately assigned to the K-s. Could this be the reason why statistic taken indicates that the K-s had the highest casualty ratio in the outfit?? With the high ground cleared on the right flank it was time to dig in and hold this position as the expected bigstuff came pouring in from the next ridge. From hereon in, holding this position became a nightmare as the shelling came pouring in from 3 sides roughly every hour, day after day. This constant pounding for roughly 10 days did take it's toll both mentally and physically, such as the 90 day wonder that was sent to the 1st platoon who was assigned to his hole and found shaking and crying after roughly 3 hours of bombardment, with the only consolation being the hot chow that were left on the roadside by the kitchen crew in those keep 'em warm marmite cans. This switch from that monotonous K ration to the regular hot chow was a boost in the arm as it got colder as the days went by with one man from the 1st squad 1st platoon walking out when finally relieved.

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JULY GATHERING

For the cityites, it was a run to the country for the month of July as the K-s held their affair on the 23rd at Dot's Drive Inn in Wahiawa. The home towners making it for this affair were SATORU & BARBARA SAWAI and JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA. From Haleiwa, we had BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, while the Pearl cityites present were KATS & NORA IBARA, HELEN MAEDA and KENNY & STELLA SHIMABUKURO. Long time no see from Mililani were MASAO & MISAYO OKASATO. The Honoluluans who made this long haul were KENT KAJIWARA, RUSSELL & MARY OMOTO, MASA & DORIS NAGATA, JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA of Aina Koa. The business end of this affair was the usual short one as we all adjourned to the home of the S. SAWAI's for some after dinner snack, talk-story & television watching. It was like old times as all felt at home with BARBARA & SATORU doing the chaperoning. Congregating at the SAWAI's used to be an yearly affair so you couldn't help but reminisce about the old days being taken care of by the host & hostess with the mostest. Our sincerest thanks to SATORU & BARBARA for this July treat which I'm sure was enjoyed by all who were able to make it.

K-BITS

Outside islander visiting the big city were that hanchu from the Valley isle, TAD TAKAMATSU and KAY OKADA during the month of July and August. TAD here on a short one for some business and visit to his daughter while retiree KAY OKADA spent about a month visiting daughter BEATRICE and her 2 grandsons.

On a June visit to California, got to spend 2 days with the boss of the 4th platoon GEORGE IWAMOTO who still reside in Garden Grove. Still looking fit as a fiddle but not quite up to par from a recent illness, GEORGE still manages to drive around in his camper truck to do his shopping and run errands. We do hope that the case of Papayas and other food items brought over, plus 2 days of homecook kau-kau did help to perk up GEORGE to some extent. Still continuing to remain the generous old soul, his next project is to have a hot house built so he can mess around with some plants. Whether he has that green thumb remains to be seen? Also got to spend a day with GEORGE & KAY ABE of Pasadena, prior to their departure to attend the reunion in Reno. KAY drove all the way to Fountain Valley to look up JUNE GOTO but she was out on this weekend. Next stop was the Westminster cemetery but just could't find TAKS place of burial. From here it was all the way to Los Angeles as we laid some flowers on the resting place of T/Sgt ATSUSHI SAKAMOTO and

T/Sgt TED TANOUYE who by a strange coincidence are buried next to each other. Treated to a chop suey luncheon it was back to Pasadena and got to do some chatting with another first platoon who lived a few blocks away from the ABE's Minor Toyota. My sincerest thanks to KAY & GEORGE for taking care of this tourist on their busy Sunday, as this turned out to be a most eventful memorable weekend. So she went for this short one to Big America. This 11 days flyaway to Disneyland was rather tiresome, but for the grandson who has made it to this childrens paradise for the 4th time, it was a period of endless joy that he will never tire of.

AUGUST SHINDIG

Getting to meet on a pretty regular basis as the months roll by the K-s are really rolling along as we added another member to the growing roster. The roof at the Likelike Drive Inn almost caved in on August the 20th as JANE & KENSHI "MANA" TOMOMITSU breezed into this monthly gathering. The regular steadies on hand to welcome this long time no see couple were, WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, KENT KAJIWARA, TSUNE & HATSU KANEMORI, RUSSELL OMOTO minus the boss, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, MASA & DORIS NAGATA, TED NAKATA, ED & PAT OGATA, PREXY JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, VICE PREXY CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, SEIICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, MASAO SASAKI, YUKIO TOKUDA, BILLY YAGI and those Valley Isle transplant MASA & MISAYO OKASATO. With not too much to gab on the business agenda it was a night of socializing. It was a welcome night for the TOMOMITSU's after all these years as it was hail, hail the gangs all here. Don't know what happened to KENSHI's told running mate but if TOMMY HORIKAMI is still around, we should be seeing him in the nearest future.

SUMMERS END

Back to Likelike Drive Inn it was on September 24th and leading this group of Saturday night outers were K. "MANA" and JANE TOMOMITSU making it 2 in a row, WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, RUSSELL OMOTO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, ED & PAT OGATA, BOSSMAN JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, V.P. CURTIS M. NOBORIKAWA, SEIICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, JOE M. SASAKI, MASA & MISAYO OKASATO, YUKIO the best from Alapai Tokuda and BILLY YAGI. Most of the evening was taken up with discussion of the 1990 Kona reunion, FUJIO MIYAMOTO hearing from L. "LEFTY" KUNYOSHI who

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by Henry Chagami

PART I

Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day in the month of November are time for Remembrance and thanksgiving. Remembrance of those who gave their lives for our nation and thanksgiving for the many blessings we received over the years that perhaps could have been possible only under this nation. Some of our comrades were denied this day of thanksgiving only because of a cruel twist of fate Yoshiharu Aoyama, who volunteered from Heart Mountain Relocation Center, was seriously wounded when a shell blew off both feet. At the aid station, Aoyama told the medics to tend to others first. In the darkness, the medics failed to see the seriousness of his wounds. Aoyama died from losing too much blood. Tetsuo Hamada, bright and carefree, from Puunene, Maui, together with some others was pinned under a prime mover and smothered when the vehicle overturned in a shell hole in the darkness. He was the only one in the crew who died. Some of the others were dugged out before they were smothered. Kiyuichi Matsumoto, one of our youngest cannoners from Kailua, Kona, was driving Lt. Jack Earp on reconnaissance when shot by a sniper. Matsumoto was the Captain's jeep driver but was "borrowed" by the lieutenant for that mission. Sgt. Minoru Nakayama, from Alameda, California, was billeted in a house with Suyematsu and Imoto. Nakayama and Imoto were in one room with one bed and Suyematsu was in another room with two beds. They decided to switch rooms. A shell exploded in the room with two beds, killing Nakayama and wounding Imoto. We lament that they cannot share this Thanksgiving Day with us. (Narrative about our KIA's from Tooru Kanazawa.

Captain Ed and Norma Shorey visited the Islands recently to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The trip was the choice of Ed and Norma when offered a gift by their daughter Margie and son-in-law Paul Wichmann. The cannoners and wives had a wonderful evening with them at the 442nd Veterans clubhouse. Margie and Paul are a truly delightful couple, just like Ed and Norma Shorey. Paul is a petroleum engineer and lives in Willis, Texas. Our thanks to the ladies, who brought pastries and other food for refreshments.

A group of cannoners and wives visited Hilo on Nov. 11, 12 and 13. In the group were May & Dr. Masaru Koike, June & Masami Ohara, Margaret & George Tonaki, Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, Natsuko & Henry Chagami, Bolo Mizukami, Charles Oda, Kazu Saiki and Takashi Muraoka. On Friday, the golfers in the group played at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course with two Hilo members, John Ushijima and Alfred Goto. Oahu golfers were Doc Koike, George Tonaki, Nats & Henry Chagami, Charlie Oda and Bolo Mizukami. Though playing condition was very

muddy and wet, we had a great time. On Saturday morning, the golfers played at the Naniloa Country Club, with Hilo member Tooru Kihara and his friend Betty Healy. The weather, though rainy in early morning, was nice by tee time. Incidentally, Henry's golf bag did not arrive in Hilo with the flight. Fortunately, Tooru Kihara had his golf clubs and shoes in his car trunk, which Henry used for the Friday outing. Henry's golf bag was delivered to the hotel by the Airlines late Friday afternoon. Because of the condition of the courses, golf scores were not good enough for publication. Friday night, dinner was at the K.K. Tei Japanese restaurant in Hilo. Nancy and Chester Kainuma joined us there. After dinner, the group visited Alfred Goto at his home in Hilo. Alfred welcomed us lavishly with drinks and pastries. He was the perfect host.

For Saturday evening the group was invited to Chester Kainuma's home. With club president Curly Muraoka acting as guide, we proceeded with the visit to the Kainumas. First stop was the super market to pick up steaks and salad fixings, with the next stop, to be the Visitor Center at the Volcano National Park. After the shopping, our two vans left the market at the same time but the second van lost the first van at the first traffic lights. Anyway, the second van arrived at the Volcano National Park about half hour before the other van. The first van had made a detour to a Long's Drug Store. After a brief visit at the Center, where some of us obtained U.S. National Park Lifetime Admission Permits, we proceeded to find Chester's home. With Curly guiding the way, we overshot the turnoff road. However, it did not take long to get back on track. (Good thing Curly wasn't a scout for his platoon). It was a relief when we arrived at our destination after a bumpy ride on a deserted road. Would hate to be lost or stranded in a place like Fern Forrest as the place is called.

Nancy and Chester's home is in the forest area not too far from the Volcano National Park. To get there, one must drive over unpaved road for about five miles. Electricity is from a generator and water is by catchment. Drinking water is obtained in Hilo town. There is however, two story building in a clearing surrounded by verdant forest. It is in such a remote area that even wild pigs visit him. None of us could imagine that someone like Chester would choose to live in such an isolated place....No, Not Chester!! It would be ideal place to grow pakalolo. Chester built the house himself with some assistance. It took him a whole year before he could move in. He lived in a shed at the site while the house was being built. He says he still has some work to do on the house. We had a great time, and dinner was delicious in a beautiful setting. As usual,

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Chester talked a mile a minute, and was a wonderful host. The group left a little early to allow plenty of time to make the trip back to Hilo.

Sunday morning, the group, except Nats and Henry Chagami, prepared to return to Honolulu. Nats & Henry stayed with their son, and daughter-in-law and three grand children in Hilo for two more days. We give thanks to the Hilo members: Alfred, Tooru and John for arranging golf for Friday and Saturday, Nancy and Chester for opening their home and for the anthuriums, Tooru for the ginger and rock cookies, and Alfred for the taro chips. We especially thank them for their Aloha and Hospitality. We missed seeing Alan Nagawa and Hisashi Tamura. Mr & Mrs. Kazuyoshi Kudo were on their way to the island of Kauai and we accidentally met them on Friday at the Honolulu International Airport.

Alice and Sam Yoshinari wrote from Chicago, requesting extra snapshots, including group pictures taken during the Reno Reunion. Unfortunately for them, they did not have their camera with them during the entire trip and would like to possess some mementos and souvenirs of the Reunion Kaoru, Charlie, Curly and our other photographers should have some good pictures. Please send them to Sam.

PART II by June Ohara

The six golfers were swinging away at the golf courses in Hilo while Curly Muraoka (the new Cannon President) checked on our dinner arrangements with Tooru Kihara our host in Hilo. The seven non-golfers headed for the fabulous drive to Waikaloa. Kazu Saiki was our tour guide as well as our van driver, Mabel and Kaoru Watanabe. June and Masami Ohara, May Koike and Margaret Tonaki rode on the 12 passenger van feeling every bit of first class tourists. We drove through lush heavy tropical greenery, cascading streams and rolling hills. Stopped to admire picturesque Waipio Valley, lunched at Paniolo Cafe in cool Waimea. When approaching Kona Coast, a dramatic change in landscape--miles and miles of lava formations. The beaches, however, looked invitingly calm with clear blue skies over the horizon. As we reached Waikoloa the parking lots were full. We were told there was a promotional event at the hotel and we couldn't enter the main parking lot. Kazu circled around Sheraton Beach Hotel and we walked to the sandy beach hoping to find the beach front way to the Waikoloa Hotel but there was no way to the vast Shangri-la. By then it was time to head back to Hilo with a quick stop to view the beautiful Akaka Falls in Honouliuli.

We joined the golfers for a delightful dinner at K.K. Tei and got together with the Kainumas-Chester and Nancy. We hadn't seen them in about five years since they left Oahu to build their retirement home in the volcano area beyond Mountain View. Alfred Goto invited our tour group for dessert at his home on Ala Muku St. Alfred is a perfect host as some of you remember. He also enjoys arts and crafts--this time we found two handsome gongs and mallets--from his trip to China--attractively hung over the stairway. Of course someone had to strike it to end our lovely first evening in Hilo.

Saturday morning the seven tourists were off to tour the Macademia factory just before five busloads of tourists arrived. We drove on to Pahoa, admired the well-kept lawns and colorful gardens. Stopped at the Black Sand beach at Kalapana, saw the billowing steam clouds of the lava as it poured into the ocean. Kazu drove through the volcano roads like a pro. It was interesting as he related so much information from his field surveys for the state land dept.

Thanks to Kazu's driving, we gained an extra geologic knowledge, enjoyed Kaoru's entertaining comments along the way especially the Legend of Falling Rock. Margaret's stories of her childhood days in Hilo, May's tales of her early life in Kona---so much pleasant fellowship and fun.

The highlight of our trip to the Big Island was the steak dinner at Chester and Nancy's hide-away retirement home in the Volcano forest land. Masami and I were impressed and admired the Kainuma's pioneering spirit in clearing the land and building such a large home filled with fruit trees, beautiful roses and flowers. It was good to see both of them looking so healthy.

Thanks to Curly and Tooru, we enjoyed a marvelous weekend. We also thank the Kainumas, Tooru and Alfred for loading us with anthuriums, ginger roots, stone cookies and taro chips. Oh yes, Margaret, the sweetbread we bought in KTA Market were really good."

THIS AND THAT

Captain Shorey wrote a thank you note appreciating the get-together at the clubhouse. Mentioned also that Tooru Kanazawa asked many questions of life overseas, in turn the Capt. asked Masami if anyone knows or remembers about the case of the large shipment of grapefruit juice--where Tosh Suyematsu had to write a poem about that. Heard that Bill Yanagimachi has moved from Beacon Hill and is well on the way to better health in his new home in Seattle.

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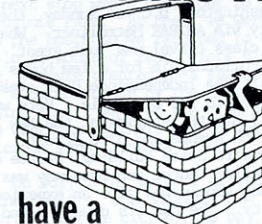
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By Tomo Uyeda

After years of laboring with this column this end of the year report is being turned over to our prexy, TOMO UYEDA, reporting on the details of an extended trip taken following the NVR Reunion in Reno. It is an account of a very well planned tour by a group of four couples led by TOMO and his wife MARY.

A TRIP TO REMEMBER

In spite of warnings from others, the 8 of us; namely, Masami and Marilyn Doi, Neka and Hazel Matoi, Saburo and Tokue Ouchi and my wife, Mary and I, went ahead to plan for a long trip to the East and West coast of the states and both coasts of Canada. The trip consumed a total of 27 days for the Ouchi's, 37 days for the Doi's and the Matoi's and 40 days for the Uyeda's. This included 5 days in Reno for the Nisei Veterans Reunion.

We left Reno after enjoying the reunion, on the 12th of June to Washington, D.C. by way of San Francisco and Chicago. Arrived in the nation's capitol the following morning and made the Quality Inn-Capitol Hill our base of operations for the next 6 nights. It was hot and humid during our stay there and I swear that we lost some pounds. We visited the many museums and monuments in the city and also spent a day at the Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. This historical site is becoming highly commercialized as compared to 8 years ago. I was a bit disappointed at this. We were able to visit the White House and the FBI building through the courtesy of Senator Dan Inouye's office and of course, a tour of the Capitol building, escorted by Dana from his office. The biggest moment came when the Senator hosted a private luncheon for all of us in the Capitol building, along with Mrs. Inouye (Maggie). What a lunch! This definitely was the highlight of our trip!

We left Washington, D.C. on Sunday, the 19th, to New York City via AMIRAK Metroliner. What luxury! First class travel was just great! Stopped off in Philadelphia for a few hours and was able to visit the Independence Hall area before continuing on to the Big Apple. Here we spent the next 3 nights, staying at the New York Penta Hotel on 7th Avenue and 33rd Street. Like all tourists, Empire State building, Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center and Broadway was a must. Riding the subway was also an experience in this busy city. The Ouchi's daughter and son-in-law was able to join us at the Statue of Liberty. What a dirty and smelly city!

On the 22nd, we left the big city and headed for Boston on the AMIRAK Club Car (reserved seats) and made the Midtown Hotel our base of operations. This city is very interesting with many historical places to see but the highlight was the Lobster dinner at a restaurant called the No Name Restaurant. This is not a gourmet restaurant nor was it an attractive place, but the food was plentiful and the price was very reasonable. A lobster dinner cost \$13.95, Fried Scallop dinner was \$12.95 and the special Broiled Scallop dinner was just \$7.95. Good place for the big eaters! Ask Neka, Masami and Saburo about this place!

After 2 nights in Boston, the longest leg of our trip was ahead of us. On the 24th, we boarded the Vermont Bus Lines bus and left Boston at 10:00 a.m. After changing buses in Newport, Vermont, we arrived in Quebec City at about 8:30 p.m. and transferred to the Holiday Inn, where we spent the next 2 nights. The hotel was ideally situated since the shopping mall was alongside the hotel. This mall was created by blocking off 5 blocks of streets. Nothing fancy but seemed to be the gathering place of the people. Since, we only had 1 full day here, we were able to visit the Chateau Frontenac hotel, the Citadelle and the St. Lawrence River waterfront area only. There are about 95% French people living here where the French language is the main source of communication. Conversing with the people was a bit difficult.

We boarded the bus again for our journey to Montreal, the home of the 1976 Olympics. Upon arrival at the bus terminal, we noticed that some people were picketing the entrance. We found out later that this was in support of the strikers in the Province of Ontario. Due to the strike in Ottawa and Toronto, we were forced to change our mode of transportation from bus to riding the rails again via Rail Canada. Our hotel here was the Holiday Inn-Crowne Plaza, where we spent the nights of the 26th and the 27th. We visited the Chinatown area here which is located near the heart of the city and enjoyed a lunch of Won Ton Min. Shopping malls are located underground, just above the city subway system, and it is huge! Entrances were located at 4 major subway stations. The largest mall is called Place Ville Marie, which was near our hotel.

On June 28th, we boarded the train, reserved car, naturally, and left for the capitol of Canada, Ottawa. The countryside was very clean and nice, green and lots of fertile land. After arriving, we transferred via taxi to our hotel, Holiday Inn-Downtown. A very convenient location, what with the Farmers Market just

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around the corner, Rideau Shopping Mall only 2 short blocks away. The Parliament Building and grounds was within walking distance from our hotel. The highlight here was the changing of the guards on the grounds of the Parliament, and was performed by college students during the summer months. Very impressive performance as the British are very proud of their heritage and traditions.

We left Ottawa on June 30th on our next leg to Toronto by train and transferred to the Delta Chelsea Inn on Gerard Street for the next 3 nights. All 8 of us joined a Gray Line tour to view Niagara Falls from the Canadian side, after sightseeing on the way there. After a delightful lunch at the Pillar Post Inn, we arrived at the falls. We boarded the Maid of the Mist for a wet ride to view the falls close up. Raincoats were provided but the lower part of our pants got wet. This visit to the falls is a must, especially from the Canadian side, where the view was much more impressive than from the American side. You will find here in Toronto, a vast underground network of shopping malls above the city subway system. It is huge! There is also a Chinatown, where we had to go to eat rice!

Finally, on July 3rd, the Ouchi's had to leave for home via Chicago. They were up early and left for the airport at 5:40 a.m. on the airport bus, to catch the United Airlines flight #323 leaving at 8:20 a.m. The Doi's, Matoi's and Uyeda's left the hotel at 10:00 a.m. on the airport bus to catch our flight. Upon our arrival at the airport, Canadian Air told us that we were not booked on flight #715 for Vancouver. After presenting our tickets to them, they realized that they had goofed and after conferring with a supervisor, they asked us if we would like to go with Ward Air and they would make up the difference in cost and also upgraded our tickets from economy to Business Class, which is first class on this plane. Heck, there was no objections from any of us and did we travel in style! Now we know how the upper crust lives when travelling!

After arriving at Vancouver International Airport at approximately 3:15 p.m., we encountered another problem. Gray Line of Seattle had not given us our vouchers for ground transportation, hotels, etc. After scrambling around and making numerous phone calls, we called the Quality Inn-Downtown and they confirmed that we did have a reservation for our group there. We were able to reach the Gray Line of Seattle people through the desk clerk, who really helped us, and

was able to get the vouchers sent to us. This problem did not stem our enthusiasm as we did what we wanted to do. We visited Gastown, Chinatown, shopping mall at the Pacific Center. What a beautiful city!

We left Vancouver for Victoria on the vouchers from Gray Line on July 6th. The Pacific Coach Lines' bus picked us up at the hotel and after picking up more people at the other hotels, we boarded the ferry at Tsarwassen for Victoria. What a relaxing trip! After arriving at the bus depot in Victoria, we transferred to the Dominion Hotel located on Yates Street. Here we spent 2 nights. Naturally, the highlight of visiting Victoria is the famous Butchart Gardens. Beautifully landscaped grounds and flowers blooming in many colors makes one feel very good about everything in life.

We finally left Canadian soil on the morning of July 8th boarding the ferry, Vancouver Island Princess, for Seattle. After going through customs on our arrival, we were met by Aiko Shoji, Tom Okazaki and Bill Yokobe at Pier 69. After settling down at the Seattle Hilton, Mack and Aiko, Bill and Ruby, and Tom took us to see the Chittenden Salmon Locks. That evening, the Easy Chapter gang of Seattle hosted a Chinese dinner in Chinatown. Those present were: Mack and Aiko, Bill and Ruby, Tom and Masako, George and Judy Iwasaki, Nob Takahashi, Augie and Friend, Jou Okitsu and Kay from Los Angeles. What a great dinner!

Following day, the Shoji's, Okazaki's and the Yokobe's took us to the Pikes Market for a look around and little shopping for the ladies, then on to Uwajimaya for some bento lunch. Uwajimaya is similar to Shirokiya in Honolulu and I noticed that they carry quite a lot of food products from Hawaii. We then proceeded to the Keiro Nursing Home where a special tour was arranged by Joe Nakatsu. I noticed that an elderly person from Honolulu was listed on the roster of the home. Never did get a chance to talk to her, tho. The next stop was a drive out to view the falls at Snoqualmie Park. By then, we were more tired than the hosts so we returned to our hotel for couple of hours of rest before dinner. That evening, we were treated to a seafood dinner at the Ivar's Salmon House by the Easy Chapter members. Knowing that I enjoyed the clam soup, Mack and Aiko went out of their way to get me the most delicious soup! Thanks a lot!

On July 10th, we were driven to the airport by the Shoji's, Joe Nakatsu, Sam and Nob for our departure to the city by the bay, San Francisco.

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We picked up a 7 passenger van at Avis and drove in to our hotel, Handlery Union Square Hotel on Geary Street. This hotel used to be an old favorite for Hawaii travelers before when they were known as the Stewart Hotel. It has been renovated and quite attractive but nothing fancy and does not have any air conditioning in the rooms. We spent 3 nights here and we took a tourist's tour of the city on our van. Guess who the tour driver was? Took a walking tour of Chinatown in the late afternoon and had our dinner in a restaurant called Ocean Sky Restaurant. Food was pretty good for this town! We drove out to Muir Woods the next morning and then to Japan Town where we had lunch at the Mifune Restaurant. That evening the dinner was hosted by Shig and Chiyo Futagaki and Shig and Kay Iwasaki at the Mifune Restaurant. Apparently, this must be a popular place to dine and the food was good! Thanks to both Shig's for taking time from their busy schedule to take care of us.

Now it came time for the Doi's and the Matoi's to leave the continental U.S. for good old Hawaii. They left San Francisco at 11:00 a.m. The Doi's and the Matoi's seemed glad to be going home after a long 37 days on the road.

The Uyeda's reason for visiting Los Angeles is that my parents are buried at the Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier and I also have 4 brothers and 3 sisters living in the Southern California area. Here we spent 4 nights at the Buena Park Hotel and was able to see 6 of them. We finally left for home on July 17th, after 40 days.

A final note ----

This trip was a success due to everyone's participation in cooperation, suggestions, willingness to try anything and above all being very open-minded. This trip was finalized by the Royal Adventure Travel Agency, who worked overtime in getting us what we wanted. We also tried to time our arrival at the most convenient time of day so that we could spend more time in most of the cities we visited. The 8 of us did not over extend ourselves in trying to see and do everything in a day. This enabled us to keep our cool and prevented over exhaustion and becoming ill. Anybody want to try to take a trip like this?

We, the Doi's, Matoi's and the Uyeda's would like to thank the Seattle people, especially, Mack and Aiko Shoji, Bill and Ruby Yokobe, Tom and Masako Okazaki for their untiring efforts to make our stay in Seattle super for us. Thanks a lot!

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS

By Henry S. Kuniyuki

Livorno Chapter members and their loving wives extend their Season's Aloha with the familiar Hallmark greetings: "One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say, Thank You for your friendship, and to wish you and your family the very best for the New Year!"

In retrospect the year 1988 has been good for most of us, and, yet, tinged with sadness with the passing of some of our family loved ones. Father Time's galloping age seems to fly by at a jet stream speed.

Chapter President Katsumi Sakotani continues his rehabilitation at Kuakini Medical Center. He may be visited thereat Mondays through Fridays during visiting hours. We regret to report that he fell at home and suffered a relapse. Chapter members and wives wish him and his devoted family well with the traditional "Buddahead" saying: "Gambare!"

Meanwhile Acting Prexy Wilfred Watanabe, Secretary Takamori Miyagi and Treasurer Raymond Tanaka continue their effective respective administration of Chapter activities.

Acting Prexy "Willie" had to undergo several major operations at Kaiser Medical Center during the past several years. The latest was a second operation for his nagging knee problem. He also has been plagued with a serious ulcer situation in spite of his "happy-go-lucky" disposition and life as a Waikiki Beach Service Captain. We, too, wish him better health and much happiness during 1989.

Secretary Takamori Miyagi would like to remind Chapter members that Chapter meeting notices are no longer mailed, and that we continue our second Tuesday monthly dinner get-together at Wailana Coffee House starting at 6:30 p.m. Taka and Kikuye ended 1988 with a pleasant first-class vacation at Sheraton Maui. They also celebrated her mom's 99th birthday in Kahului on November 25th. Happy 99th Birthday, Mrs. Taru Kaneshiro!

Treasurer Ray Tanaka also reminds all Chapter members that 1989 dues of \$10.00 is now payable. Ray and Mimi thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic 15-day trip "down-under", as arranged by Takemoto Travel Agency. Both were especially impressed by the natural beauty of New Zealand.

The year 1988 saw our champion community project volunteer Jerry Yamamoto busy as ever assisting Kotohira Jinsha. With all his sincere and dedicated efforts we know "Konpira-san" will look favorably after Yama and his family.

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Morio and Rachel Omori regretfully had to cancel their Red China trip due to Morio's conflicting business schedule. They nevertheless had a grand time visiting Japan. We are indeed happy to report that Counselor Morio is busy as ever with his very prosperous law practice. We are very fortunate that he is always readily available to dispense legal advices to Chapter members and their families.

Minoru and Mitsuye Nagasako enjoyed a grand Lahainaluna High School's 52nd Class Reunion at Las Vegas. Acquaintances were renewed by forty classmates and spouses at the fun city.

Speaking of Las Vegas, visitors thereto included Paul and Betty Takeazu, Shizuo and Clara Oide; Ray and Mimi Tanaka; and a few other Chapter members who chose to remain anonymous.

Haruto and Yuriko Harada are keeping healthy playing gateball at Ala Moana Park four times a week. They are members of the senior citizens group called Makua Alii.

Chapter members generally were very disappointed by the recent National presidential election results. After some members were polled at the November dinner meeting the consensus seem to be of much concern as to the nation's future. Acting Chapter Prexy Watanabe succinctly said: "God help America!" The after thoughts regarding the disastrous presidential election centered on the choice of Dan Quayle as a vice president nominee, just a heartbeat away from the presidency. Paul Takeazu had serious doubt as to President-Elect George Bush's ability to resolve the national deficit dilemma.

Discussions on the local political scene heard comments that the Honolulu mayoral campaign was dirty. Some said that the integrity of the candidates was the primary issue. On the "Save Sandy Beach" initiative it seemed to pit Hawaiians against Hawaiians. Hopefully, the State Supreme Court will resolve that issue in its infinite wisdom. So much for Chapter Livorno's political editorializing.

At the November Chapter meeting the members also discussed at some length their concerns as to the Mother Club's future, especially regarding the disposition of our valuable real estate and other assets, if and when the 442nd Veterans Club does disband.

Chapter Reporter once again tendered his annual courtesy resignation which was not acted upon regretfully. He would like to remind Chapter members that it is difficult to write the Livorno

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By Harold Fukunaga

New Officers

The new officers for 1989 were elected in our October chapter meeting. After much nominations, seconds and protestations, Taketo Kawabata was elected president. Speed Tanna was elected vice-president and Hiromi Suehiro was elected treasurer. We're all confident that the new team will do a bang up job in 1989. I'm sure that Taketo will do a better job than the "Read my lips" variety.

Dinner Meeting at Ruger

Al Amii arranged our November meeting (Nov. 12) at the Cannon Club at Fort Ruger. It was a pleasant change from our regular chapter meeting at the clubhouse. Because the Cannon Club no longer requires coat and tie, the men folks enjoyed the dinner more so.

To show how well organized Al was, he provided each person with a red or blue card. The red card denoted prime rib and the blue denoted mahimahi. Each person had predetermined what he or she wanted. The cards made it easier for the waitresses to serve each person. So everything went like clock work. Nice going, Al. Incidentally, the food was delicious. The other good points about the evening were: no need to fight the Saturday nite traffic in Waikiki and the excellent valet parking service. You didn't have to tell the parking attendant what kind of car you owned. He took one look at you and immediately retrieved your car. Boy, what photographic memory.

The following members and their wives attended: Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Al and Helen Amii, Yoshi and Carol Yoshiwa, John and Clara Kikuyama, Ray and Pat Handa, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Satoru Gota, Dolores Ida (Fred was on the Mainland), Shigemichi Ishizaki, Bobby and Yoshiko Ito, Hitoshi and Leatrice Matsumoto, Whitey Nakayama, Takeshi Onuma, Eddie and Emily Tannaha and Speed Tanna (Edna couldn't make it). There were others who missed this dinner, because they were on the Mainland.

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Charles Watanabe

Here we go again, same time, same place and of course almost the same kind of news. With this news report which will be the last for the year 1988. Time came and passed too fast for my aching bones. After all we are getting along in years. With every new year we have added aching bones which we never had before. Just as well we will have something more to talk about on meeting nights.

The last meeting of the year, November 18, 1988 held at the clubhouse with Erni #1 Uno leading the six pack group. Not much report there, except to think about the future of the clubhouse. The question is plans for what to do with and how to keep supporting the building and its members and the thoughts of the members. Of course, there are many answers but no easy solution. Perhaps next year 1989, we may find the best answer or solution. Meeting ended with more refreshments at McDonald's. The last meeting had the following members present, Bill Kuwata, Sam Furuya, Frank Ishikawa, Erni Uno, Charles Watanabe, Takeshi Nakamura and Sam Sasai.

Now for some da kine news if I can think of anything to write about. Hq3rd with such large membership it is hard to keep up with them. Most are busy taking care of their second family and travelling here and there.

Talk about travel, Takeshi and Irene Nakamura are back again, yes again, they were on the mainland again, back to the mainland and Europe and back to the mainland. Home again, this time I think we are going to be home for a while.

"Congratulations" to son, Carl and Cathy for a baby boy.

Going back a little bit and the reunion or convention in Reno, there were many faces we have not seen since our discharge from the Army.

Many faces like Ben Fukutome, Ken Miyamoto, Victor Moriyasu, Hide Noguchi, Edward Okazaki, Ted Ohye, Orville Shirey, Roy Uyeda and others which I could have missed.

Joe Tabata sure hasn't lost his voice since his Army days. Loud and clear and once a Sgt, always a Sgt.

Don't forget our annual Christmas cheer party at the Erni Uno residence. Santa Claus will be there and the ladies are invited to sit on his

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

For 1989, the Medics have chosen Tom K. Nishikawa and Ted Matsuo as officers. Tom is present and Ted is V.P. - treasurer.

Tom reported that due to Ted's wise investments, the Medics exchequer is in excellent condition and ready to help cover some of the members' costs for the 1989 Kona reunion.

Incidentally, Tom had cataract surgery and driving a car is much easier for him now.

We received a post card sent by Masa Nomura from Beijing, China. She was taking in the tourist sights with Mrs. Frank Sakamoto. She noted "Dick would have enjoyed this so much."

After she returned to Chicago from China, Masa wrote "I usually go to the cemetery several times a week since it's just 10 minutes away, but from October through March, we are allowed only wreaths. (We had sent her money for flowers for Dick). After all, fresh flowers are not in abundance in this area during the winters. I usually have a nice planter from April to September and then it's in hibernation. However, I keep flowers for Dick in the house and usually they are mums or something yellow which was his favorite color.

We went to China with an open mind and it really helped. While accommodations were first class (China is allowing capitalistic venture money in and building modern facilities for tourists and also for business) service was not deluxe. The cultural things were great - the Great Wall while awesome was a disappointment in that there were just too many people - wall to wall of humans.

If you see Iris, tell her I took her advice about carrying potable water around during the day and tried not to eat anything but piping hot food which was sort of difficult as I don't think the Chinese people believe in real piping hot food. I was happy to arrive in Hong Kong where we could drink the water and eat something other than Chinese food.

The holidays are fast approaching - tomorrow (November 3) would have been Dick's 74th birthday and since I was away from our daughter's (October 29), we're all going out this weekend to celebrate here as well as remember Dick's.

We spent five days in Tokyo just relaxing, getting up late, and visiting Ginza, Asakusa, etc. Randy Sakamoto who lives in Nagoya and Tokyo took us around on the weekend. We visited a district called Harajuku - a teenage hangout with rock

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groups all along the wide street, the Krishnas parading around, and even saw Elton John. Then just a few blocks away was the Meiji Shrine - so serene and difficult to imagine that just a few blocks away, was a noisy city.

Hana and I may visit Honolulu around February - we're just in the talking stage. A very good friend lives in Kaneohe (a former Seattleite who retired to Hawaii about ten years ago from Chicago) and she has been after us to visit her. I will let you know if our plans formulate."

Dr. Donald Nakashima wrote on October 9, "It's hard to believe that it has been four months since the reunion in Reno but I guess time does fly by faster as one gets older.

We haven't done anything too big as far as travelling is concerned since our drive to Nebraska in late May - just before the reunion. We have taken short trips to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Los Angeles, Monterey, etc. Had been a little busy this summer since our youngest daughter (the one who worked as a nurse in Queens the past six years) decided to get married in mid-August in Lodi. She had been living in L.A. since last September. We are happy that everything turned out fine (including the weather as it can be very hot in Lodi in August).

The reason for this letter is to find out if there are any plans for travelling to Bruyeres, France, etc., next June or so. Seems that someone mentioned at the reunion that there may be a trip coming up. I would like to know more about it if there are any plans.

Our next big trip will be the family get-together in Cancun, Mexico in January 1989 for a week of snorkeling, etc. Have two condos rented so we'll all meet there.

We are planning to go to Europe sometime in May or June and want to tie it in with any 442nd trip at that time. So we are anxious to find out as soon as possible.

Don't think we'll be getting to Honolulu this year but possibly early next spring - we're talking about going there for a few weeks. One of my good friends is moving to Maui before too long.

Am doing fine since my neck surgery in January 1988. My walking is still not the best but I can get around without a cane. I still go to physical therapy regularly and do some home exercise. I can't run but I was never a runner anyway.

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Editor's Note

REMINDER

This column is being inserted as a REMINDER to all Associate Members (mainland and neighbor islands).

This editor while screening the records of Associate membership, find that many are delinquent in their dues. If any member is not certain of his status, please notice your membership card, which reveals the expiration date.

Members in arrears when remitting checks, please make your monetary figures in multiples of \$6. (Example: 1 year \$6; 2 years \$12; 3 years \$18 and so on), as this will greatly simplify our record keeping.

To all Associate members, remit your payments so that you will continue to receive this Bulletin and keep in touch with the 442nd news. Make check payable to: 442nd Veterans Club

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lap and tell him what you want for Christmas. Are you getting too heavy for that, better slim down a little bit. Better to hold you with, my dear.

Also start practicing your Christmas carols and voice because we have some Uta No Kai amidst us and they may not like what they hear. So keep tuning up boys.

Hq3rd with its members survived 1988, no casualties and seems everyone in very good spirits. Not that kind of spirits. And I know that Hq3rd will survive many more years to come. It's the quality that counts.

Forgot to mention that you better wear your Christmas best because you are smile on Robert and Edna Kuniyuki TV Station.

What else do we have on the agenda. Nothing much so I guess I may have to say Mahalo. I must say to Erni "Thank You" for the year 1988, for all the leg work and again for 1989. Hq3rd very highly recommends you for another term of office. May your VP always be Hajime Matsuura. That's it, better take my health pills.

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By Ron Oba

There's something about a post reunion relapse that a dinner meeting can't cure. Nothing much has happened since Reno except that life must go on - weddings and death - while the living wait for the next reunion in Kona in 1990. Two people who haven't sat idle are the two Georges. Big George and Little George have given their word and true to their integrity, they have announced that the annual Fox Co. reunion on Kauai will be held on June 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Aston Kauai Resort Hotel, the reunion headquarters. Picnic at the Lydgate Park, a chop suey dinner and a banquet at the Kauai Resort Alii Room will round out the gastronomic experiences. The golfers are given an option of playing at Wailua CC, Kiele CC at Westin Kauai and Kiahuna in Poipu. Big George advises that the Kiele CC is a "must play" course. We voted for golf at the three different courses and incidentally, three different handicaps. We believe in the slope system with declining handicaps for home course knowledge. A memorial service for Sunday morning and a farewell lunch at the Nimalu Pavillion will round out the local reunion. We're glad that the arm twisting got the two Georges, Wally, Mamoru, Masa and their wives together for this big undertaking by so few for so many. Please let us know if you need help -- putting away the food. It was also announced at the last 442nd reunion that the next reunion will be in 1990 at the Kona Surf as the convention headquarters on June 27, 28, 29 and 30th. Ancillary hotels will be the Kona Hilton, Keauhou Hotel and the King Kam Hotel. Kona International Travel Agency will be coordinating travel arrangements. As stated before, dinner meetings bring out the best in us. The dinner meeting at Hickam Officers Club and the meeting at Wisteria rustled out the following members, wives and guests: Shinako and Mich Takata and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Inukai, Miss Satoko Haga, Prexy Paul and Clara Yamashita, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Shige and Rose Higa, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Tommy and May Tamagawa, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Hisashi Fujiyama and friend Marjorie Taylor, Hank Oyasato, Ron and Michi Oba, Chikako Shimada, Mineo Inuzuka, and Roy Kubo.

Chairman Yamashita announced that Fox Chapter will be chairing the 1989 anniversary Banquet in March 1989. We'll be responsible for selecting the M.C., guest speakers, decorations and seating arrangements with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The regular meetings have been declining in attendance. At this rate unless something is done to conjure up interest, only the officers will be conducting meetings by themselves. It seems that in today's fast paced society, conflicting interests, as well as

vicarious entertainment tugs at our attention so that just being a veteran of the 442nd isn't enough to draw each other together. It was recently reading about a group of WWI veterans who met regularly until a few days ago. Their by-laws stated that the treasury will go to the last survivor. The lone survivor stated that the treasury has been broke for sometime but the common interest of belonging in a cohesive group whose membership can only be attained by being a veteran of WWI kept them caring.

Fox Historical Project

Remembrance. That's what it's all about. Most of you helped contribute to our F Co. anthology by providing vivid stories for the project. The mother organization provided impetus recently by requesting each company's histories for the museum to be constructed in the present club house. At any rate the first rough draft has been typed with your recollections extensively quoted and embellished with some strong emotional outbursts that help bring the stark realities of the war to the present. For most of us who related their personal accounts it was, "Thank the Lord we came back to tell it as it was."

November Meeting

At the Thursday night's meeting, President Yamashita announced that the US Army Museum is planning a special 100/442 exhibit at the Fort DeRussy Museum. They are still short of \$100,000 to complete the projected exhibit. Much more is needed and the Society is requesting that the 100/442 help contribute toward the shortfall - \$10,000 by the 442nd. F Co. voted to participate in the fund raiser. We figure with 600 442nd members, the per capita contribution would be approximately \$16.66 per member. Granted there are many questions you would want to ask but this is a start. Yamashita stated that the Christmas party will be at the clubhouse on Dec. 17th, Saturday. A minimum \$3 grab bag is requested of attendees. The usual fun games, good food and the four guests from the East-West Center will be invited to share in the Christmas cheer.

One's Fancy Turns To Hope

Hope is eternal, filled with extreme joy, despair and longing whose goal seems unattainable yet so close to being. Such is the life style of one, Mineo Bambino Inuzuka. In retrospect, Mineo's father had an indelible influence on Mineo's thoughts, dreams and his way of life. His father used to preach to Mineo to always seek change for the better and move on to newer horizons. Thus Mineo became a prime mover in

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the destiny of his life by constantly seeking change while in the US Army or now as a civilian.

One day in the aftermath of typhoon Iwa, he was at an auction for damaged boats. Instinctively he bid on a boat although he knew absolutely nothing about sailing. His bid was too low but the bug had gotten him. He reveres in doing things he's never done before. The rub is that he believes he has the skills to accomplish his mission. He wanted a boat of his own. "Go where the wind takes me, stop when I want to, and go on when I want to," says Mineo with a wistful look in his eyes. But right now he is in the dumps and feels he has bitten too much. Five years ago, he listened to a boat builder who said that Mineo could build a 30, 45, nay, 55 footer in a year. Mineo decided to sail the boat to Seattle to be at his daughter's graduation. So he got the plans for the 55 footer. Experts started him off and he would complete the rest of the easy part. Now it is costing four times more than the original estimate and five times longer than the original time frame. He's worked six days a week for five years and now he's sick of the project. Yet he hopes to launch the yet to be named "Go For Broke." "Patience," or "Nojasa," which are the first two letters of his three daughters' names, in January of 1989. Mineo says that his friends know that he is putting in the finishing touches therefore will not sail with him. Any takers? Joe Tanaka says he'll navigate. Bill Tanaka will captain and Ron Oba will sling the hash in the galley. Mineo says, "If I'm still here and cutter is floating with enough life jackets for all, I'll take the F Co. members to the Kauai reunion in June. George Nakasato offered to meet the crew in Nawiliwili harbor, Kauai. The cutter can take 45 people on a day cruise with 11 bunks for overnight trips. Sleeping bags will do for on deck travel. The inner hull has been partitioned as to sleeping quarters and several heads (toilet) and the fine finish is yet to be done. Mineo is so frustrated that he thought of attaching wings and fly it or put it wheels to drive it around the neighborhood. You must see the cutter to appreciate it. It is a thing of beauty and one wonders how in hell did Mineo build his dream boat all by himself. At this writing I would like to bless it in Ho'oponopono for Mineo's sake toward a successful completion. He wants to quietly slip the Cutter into the sea at Keahi Lagoon without all the Hawaiian fanfare -- we'll see.

Annual Golf

Our semi-annual golf tournament was held at the Olomana golf course on Veterans day, Nov 11. Fourteen members and guests came out to play for tournament prizes, calcutta and blind partners

as well as for greenies. Bill Tanaka, 78-10 and Ron Oba 82-14 with 68's tied for first and received gift certificates and dozen balls, respectively. Tommy Tamagawa with a 69 was third followed by Toshio Tsukayama, Shige Higa, Mich Takata and Roy Kubo. Guests, Michi Oba and Paul Miho, also received prizes for their blind partner format. Thanks to Dr. Roy Iritani for the Golf balls and to Paul Miho for the \$35 donation he won at the AJA tournament at HCC. Bill and Michi, net 62 won the blind partner calcutta with a 58. Paul Miho distributed pails of tsukemono made of eggplant, daikon, cabbage, seaweed, etc., to all those who played.

Vital Statistics

On the 29th of May 1988, Marsha Mae Miyata and John Kimo Tamagawa were united in blissful matrimony. Laurie Michiko Shibuya was given in matrimony across town by Yoshio Shibuya to Ron Isamu Teramoto, MD, at the Olivet Baptist Church at the same time. What do you reply to your friends' invitations? Well, you go to one church wedding and say nice things to the parents and bride, like, "May it last forever," and then you run to your car and go to the reception of the other couple and say, "How was the church wedding?" What do you say to GOD when HE sneezes? Can's say, "GOD Bless you," so you say "Gesundheit!" before sitting for a seven course dinner. A few of the loyal Fox members went to both receptions. What do you say to fellows who go to two seven course dinners the same night? You advise them to get up after the fourth course at the first reception and finish the other three courses at the second reception and compare the menu as well as the guest list to see who else is there. Funny isn't it? We wrote so much about the Reno reunion that we forgot to mention the weddings in our last issue. So before we forget, Shinako and Mich Takata went to California to attend their son's, Earl, wedding to Stephanie Simm at the Gardena Buddhist Temple. The reception was held at the Los Verdes CC on Oct 1st. 32 Los Angeles Fox Chapter members attended the affair. The couple honeymooned on Maui.

In Memoriam

Mr. George Isoichi Iwanaga passed away quietly at home on Aug 8, 1988 at the age of 99. He would have been 100 years on Dec. 21, 1988. He was a low keyed person and never was sick in his life until his natural death. Early in life he ran away from the plantation and worked at various jobs including working in a haole house whose occupants could not pronounce his name and started to call him George. George was one of the first Japanese nationals who took a crash course at the Kaimuki High School and took the

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test in English to become naturalized. Robert Katayama returned briefly from the mainland to attend to his wife's funeral at the Hosoi Mortuary. Our sincere condolences to both Warren and Robert on these occasions.

Hilo Chapter

By Sadao Nishida

A belated Mother's and Father's day were celebrated on the evening of Sept. 17 with a delicious beef hekka dinner put together by Wataru Kohashi with the able assistance of a bunch of 2nd cook specialists at the home of President Robert Honda. Sake flowed freely, a la Kohashi, to season the worlds tenderest beef from Kulama foods here in Hilo. Bamboo shoots were provided from the Honda Farm and green onions from the Okutsu's. Yuki brought us plenty of fish for broiling so the gang enjoyed superior pupus. The Hawaiian unagi was especially delicious and enjoyed. Yuki was directed to spear more of that stuff for our unagi domburi. It was especially nice to see our regulars all in good health and devour all that food. No one paid any attention to medical advisory to the elderly, and the gals talked about wide hips and protruding opus but Wataru kept bragging that the gals were eating so much because he was such a good cook. The guys wonder if the sake in the hekka had anything to do with our taste buds.

Our Kona regulars, Deguchi and Matsumura were unable to attend this event due to other commitments, but the Fox troopers of the big island are already talking and planning for a real reunion in 1990 when the AJA reunion will be held in Kona. We plan to have about 20 attending the Kauai get-together next June. George Kawakami was here at the Kilauea Military camp recently so gave Kohashi a call on the progress of the get-together scheduled for Kauai. Of interest might be the recent visit of Wataru and Kikuye to Japan to visit with their son, Andrew and his wife in Tokyo. From what Wataru tells us he must have learned a great deal of the railroad system inasmuch as he had spent all his ready cash riding around the country on train.

The gang here are sure planning a real Hawaiian style reunion for Kona. We are meeting over a stew pot on the night of Dec 3rd with our Kona troopers to lay the preliminary ground work for the get-together at the home of Kimi Miyashiro. The gang from Hawaii wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Healthful and Happy New Year!

Kauai Chapter

By Wally Tasaka

The Kauai guys have been meeting to plan the

1989 reunion. The dates have been set for June 22, 23, 24, and 25. The home away from home will be the Aston Kauai Resort Hotel. Plans for the three nights have been made, with the young and energetic and efficient assistance of Lynette, Russell Hiranaka's girlfriend. Now, all of a sudden those who thought that they might have become generals are wagging their tails between their legs and saying, "Yes, Lynette. That's good, Lynette."

We do need some kind of estimates; so please let island coordinators know of your intent. Major General Wataru Kohashi, so far, has reported that six couples are representing the Big Island. Brigadier General Paul Yamashita says that Oahu will have 13 couples and three singles. Lieutenant General Toshio Endo had not reported from Maui as of the date of our last meeting. We do appreciate the assistance of these Generals on each island, but they can only serve as well as your response to them re: whether you are coming, how many rooms, how many days of golf and where, etc. So, please help out. Thank you. Until the next communique, Best Wishes for Peace and Happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

Maui Chapter

by Bob Matsushita

Time sure flies and waits for no one since around the corner is Christmas & New Year. 1988 will leave many memories of events with the NVR in Reno, Mini Reunion in San Francisco.

The Maui County Fair was held on October 6 thru the 9th and 'F' Chapter took part in it manning the BARBEQUE CONCESSION on the 6th which is the first evening events. Much preparation must be made before the event. We spent a week in advance cleaning and policing our concession area and made sure everything was in order. On Wednesday afternoon we had to thaw out the frozen chicken and trim whatever fat. Others were busy chopping TAMANA to prepare for the pickled cabbage which will be served as vegetable for the dinner plate. Our concession served two barbecued chicken thighs, with a scoop of rice and pickled cabbage. This commodity as stated by our customers is very reasonable. We keep serving and serving and serving until the crowd disappears. We wonder why our hands are hurting, we check and sure enough, blisters are formed on our fingers which never handled an ice scooper in scooping rice. This is work but for the benefit of our MOTHER CHAPTER, it is a must.

On November 18, the MOTHER CHAPTER had a general meeting on the result of our Maui County Fair Concession. General Chairman WILLARD MATSUMOTO reported how successful this event was and extended his appreciation for the unselfish support given by each chapter. Believe it or

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not, a FULL COURSE of Thanksgiving dinner was prepared by the 'K' Chapter members. Many members showed their appreciation by eating all what was served them. HON TO NI OGOCHI SO SAMA DESHITA.

Maui Fox Chapter has a "GRAND CHAMPION". Mrs. Masae Murakami won the MACHAN'S KARAOKE CONTEST held on Maui as its grand champion and participated in the PARKER & HIRAI TOURNAMENT, which included all state wide winners. She placed 2nd during this contest. She also participated in the KOHO CONTEST on Maui and has placed 1st to represent Maui. She performed last month in Honolulu and was asked by the HONOLULU JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE to participate in the KOHAKU UTA GASSEN next year during the Cherry Blossom Festival. We are extremely proud to have a member who has done good. MASAE, CONGRATULATIONS!!

During the STATEWIDE KARAOKE CULTURAL SHOW on Maui, during the month of November 17 and 18, another 'F' Chapter member from Hilo participated. He was none other than BOB HONDA and was also a good one. Believe it or not, some Maui Chapter members had some doubts and asked me whether it was that BOB from Hilo. I replied, Hell yeh! They were happy that they attended this how although it was for only senior citizens.

Since it is the last edition for the year 1988, we Maui 'F' Chapter members do wish to extend our best of SEASON'S GREETINGS to all members of the 442nd. OKAGE SAMA DE 1988 WO TASSHA DE OKURASHI MASHITA. MINA SAMA MO 1989 WO TASSHA DE MUKAE MASHIYO. DEWA OGENKI DE!

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This is going to be a fun night for all. Bring your appetites and clear your throat for Christmas caroling. We will dig up some of our old favorites. Date is December 10 and begins at 6:00 p.m. See you all there.

January is installation month. Herbert Iso-naga is in charge. He won't stand for something ordinary. This man has a taste of quality. We will all celebrate the night at some place "hon-ton!" nice. Let's have a date, again, in January. We will see you there!

Until then, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and hope you have a really nice and a prosperous New Year. "Ano toki ma de ----- Sayonara.

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By Allen Nakamura



With the due date for the report falling on the end of November and our highly successful Xmas party fund raiser auction still to come on Dec. 11, with no hesitation in crystal-gazing the success of this event in attendance and generous contributions by participating members, culminating the year with a bang!

As we reflect on the past years activities highlighted by the great NVR Reunion in Reno, the Shinen-en-kai, the Kuakini Pulama Mau project for the elderly, the 45th Anniversary Memorial Services at Punchbowl and the Massing of the Colors also at Punchbowl on Veterans Day, it was generally a good year. Of course, in due respect to Edna Kuramoto, we continue to feel for you in the loss of Sueo during the year.

Much credit should go to our chapter leaders. After a rough beginning, president Yoshiji Aoki living up to his pledge of an earth-shaken year, settled down and did a creditable job, especially in handling the delicate discussions of whether to hold two separate meetings or to continue with our combined chapter meetings as we continue to do.

Kazuma Ogata and his successor as Commander, Yoshito Tome with the expert, efficient guidance of Victor Yamashita as the adjutant, also performed well. Much kudo's to all of you.

Our much heralded visits to the Kuakini Hale Pulama Mau, home for the elderly on Sep. 25, was again a huge success as evidenced by the great participation by the following: Victor/Timmy Yamashita; Stanley/Asako Watanabe; Jiro Watanabe; David/Janet Umeda; Yoshito/Pauline Tome; Kuro Tomasa; Isa Takiyama; Paul/Yuki Takiguchi; Ray Sumikawa; Kobe/Chiz Shoji; Bill/Lilly Oshiro; Freckles Oshiro; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Hide Nakayama; Allen Nakamura; Toshi/Betty Nakahara; Hajime/Lani Matsumura; Hajime/Sakiko Minamoto; Cowboy/Marian Matsumura; P.K./Genny Matsumoto; George Matsumoto; Dyna Matsuda; Wilfred Leong; Kila/Jane Haraguchi; Henry/Doris Ishida; Kazuo/Kazuko Fink; Tommy Kakesako and Yoshiji/Betty Aoki.

Announcement was made by one of the Kuakini V.P. present that he had made a research of this project from their file and learned that it was started in 1959! There was a lapse of 10 years to 1969, then a lapse of 4 years to 1973. Thereafter, a continuous annual visits to date. This was a creation of Tommy Kakesako's vision and service to humanity. Another example of his vision is the DAV complex, where it began with a

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of October 31, 1988

Oct 1987	ASSETS	Aug 1988	Sep 1988	Oct 1988
	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months.....	1,388.46		268.90
	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.....	-		-
	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..	-		-
	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	1,388.46		268.90
748,845.49	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent....	775,991.08	766,297.90	780,945.71
748,845.49	Total Loans Outstanding.....	777,379.54	766,297.90	781,214.61
	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...			
115,863.20	Cash in Bank.....	216,416.99	316,399.34	170,480.16
168,824.62	Investment Securities, at cost.....	236,224.70	277,651.90	331,775.40
1,171,335.52	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	1,082,173.14	1,035,426.61	1,064,072.61
318.00	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
56,193.00	Interest Receivable.....	49,807.00	45,377.00	48,413.00
9,608.42	Deferred Expenses.....	9,379.17	8,532.76	7,708.35
	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....	5,267.46		1,000.00
	Other Assets.....	.93	1,945.13	64.80
17,478.58	NCUSIF Deposit.....	20,416.08	20,416.08	20,416.08
2,288,466.83	TOTAL ASSETS.....	2,397,165.01	2,472,146.72	2,425,245.01
	LIABILITIES/EQUITY			
9,500.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....	20,000.00		10,500.00
	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions.....	-	1,502.23	1,454.00
2,335.19	Accounts Payable.....	2,812.78	3,288.41	63,670.06
2,025,543.63	Members' Savings Shares.....	2,110,712.23	2,199,512.89	2,080,049.66
75,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
137,942.09	Undivided Earnings.....	145,580.76	145,580.76	145,580.76
38,145.92	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	18,059.24	23,262.43	23,990.53
2,288,466.83	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....	2,397,165.01	2,472,146.72	2,425,245.01
	STATISTICAL DATA			
Oct 1987	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months.	1	-	1
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.	-	-	-
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months + ...	-	-	-
205	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent...	185	180	176
534	No. Savings Accounts.....	516	516	516
594	No. Savings Potential Members.....	542	542	539
61	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	50	54	64
4,224	No. of Loans Made Since Organization.	4,287	4,291	4,301
325,039.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	292,934.	311,934.	369,239.
6,937,176.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	7,348,645.	7,367,645.	7,424,950.
10,254.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization	10,254.	10,254.	10,254.
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811.



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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended October 31, 1988

Cumulative 1/1-10/31/87	Cumulative 1/1-10/31/88	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Aug 1988	Month of Sep 1988	Month of Oct 1988
		OPERATING EARNINGS:			
65,800.39	60,122.00	Interest on Loans.....	5,936.49	5,048.70	6,133.52
78,259.34	83,715.86	Income on Svgs Accts.....	6,986.70	11,030.35	6,559.92
7,674.73	14,581.14	Income on Securities.....	1,334.68	3,975.38	2,074.98
1.50	2.00	Fees and Charges.....	1.00		.25
	8.89	Other Earnings.....			
151,735.96	158,429.89	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	14,258.87	20,054.43	14,768.67
		OPERATING EXPENSES:			
1,300.27	527.00	Conference/Travel Costs....			
642.21	1,436.58	Association Dues.....	221.54	181.54	171.54
1,000.00	2,350.00	Office Utilities.....	200.00	300.00	250.00
936.52	866.51	Postage/Communication Costs			247.95
40.00		Member Educ/Publicity.....			
534.99	567.00	Stationery & Supplies.....	52.77		188.11
1,734.44	1,952.36	Subscriptions.....	56.83	484.78	194.83
2,755.18	3,125.71	EDP Accounting Services....	60.00	550.78	60.00
204.94	78.32	Depreciation-Equipment.....			
1,611.02	2,670.68	Surety Bond Premium.....	226.42	226.42	226.42
		Provision for Loan Losses..			
4,516.02	3,954.94	Borrowers Insurance.....	400.99	387.30	397.00
2,570.26	2,483.69	Life Savings Insurance.....	245.74	244.28	243.25
846.69	1,104.48	NCUA Supv/Exam Fees.....	111.12	111.12	111.12
596.95	767.13	Annual Meeting Expenses....			
4,862.90	3,932.31	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	916.52	300.00	333.07
1,305.52	2,735.18	Staff Benefits/Taxes.....	540.44	505.48	117.28
25,457.91	28,551.89	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...	3,032.37	3,291.70	2,540.57
126,278.05	129,878.00	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	11,226.50	16,762.73	12,228.10
	(1,978.72)	Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...		(1,408.94)	
(88,132.13)	(103,908.75)	Less Dividends Pd/Credited.	(10,000.00)	(11,150.60)	(10,500.00)
38,145.92	23,990.53	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	1,226.50	4,203.19	1,728.10

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nucleus of 442nd veterans. Tommy known as "Mr. DAV", has been honored with the dedication of the "Tommy Kakesako Building".

The hard working kitchen crew who continuously give of their Sunday time by arriving early to prepare the main dish for the residences are: Chef Kuro Tomasa, Kila Haraguchi, (Ralph Shishido who normally is there as his part time job), Nancy Oshiro, Betty Nakahara, and Yuki Takiguchi who seemed to want to make up for lost years. Her enthusiasm is a very refreshing sight to behold. She must truly believe in our project and appreciate the opportunity to serve the elderly. The Takiguchi's are indeed, a very welcome addition to our chapters.

To make for a complete dinner with "oishi" desserts and pupus, the following contributed their specialties: Pauline Tome, Apple cake; Butter Mochi; Jello. Genny Matsumoto, Mochi dango. Hilda Takiyama, Strawberry cake. Boochie Leong, Babiska Filipino Mochi. Timmy Yamashita, Mango cake. Glorio Oshiro, Andagi. Marion Matsumura, Fried Saimin.

To wash down all these delicacies, contributions from the following were received: Ray Sumikawa, 2 bottles of Gekkeikan Sake; Art Forcier, 2 cases of beer; Mickey Kurokawa, 1 case of beer altho not being able to be present; Allen Nakamura, 1 case of beer; Victor Yamashita, 1 case Soda; Yoshito Tome, 2 cases of Soda.

P.K. Matsumoto did a good job in arranging for the top talents from his fellow Uta No Kai group. Richard Ogata, 522-B, winner of the Karaoke contest and an exceptionally talented singer and Larry Ishida, 2nd Hqtrs., to perform for the residences. The great applause received is a reflection of the appreciation from the residences. Jiro Watanabe provided background music.

Equally outstanding performances were by sisters, Amy & Janet Oshiro who used to sing with Jiro's troupe. Then, there were our own Isa Takiyama & Freckles Oshiro, par excellent singers, bar none! Freckles also danced the Okinawa dance joined by a spirited residence, much to the delight of everyone. Info from spouse Gloria is that, Freckles is an accomplished Bon Odori dancer, travelling frequently to different Bon Odori Festivals. The Bon dance as many of you know is so different from yesterday, with so many various dance selections that if you don't go to the practice sessions, you are simply out of step. Freckles attends all the practice sessions! P.K. Matsumoto besides doing a bang-up job as M.C., topped of the entertainment with his traditional hula. As Jacob Jichaku described it, "Man, he has improved!"

Richard Furukawa who fell down from a Lichee tree in his yard, was later diagnosed as having blood clots in his brain discovered from his unusual normal reactions. He underwent surgery at Straub Clinic (I couldn't recall the exact month, Aug or Sep). On my visit to see him at the hospital, I found him to be relaxed with no speech deficiency but somewhat distant in his appearance. What I didn't know was that, he had a 2nd surgery on the insistence of spouse Chizuko in her consultations with the doctors to correct the slight abnormality. He looks real great now, just like the same Richard of yore! He even went to Las Vegas!

Jacob Jichaku while on a visit with spouse Terry to her family on Maui, found a youthful energy to husk coconuts which he has been doing in his younger days. Result, a painful tendonitis arm and shoulder which incapacitated him for months at home, requiring a stay in the hospital and visits to the doctors, loads of medications and acupuncture. Other than a slight tenderness in his arm, he is okay today. Still able to gulp a beer or two, indication of a good sign. The irony of all these is that, no one seems to admit to being Senior Citizens, ha!

Our deepest sympathy and condolence to George Matsumoto and his family on the death of Lily Matsumoto. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations to David Shoji on his being named again as the Coach of the year and the accomplishments of the young Rainbow Wahines volleyball team. This is an honor many coaches look forward to, but few receive such acclaim as the recent articles in the Advertiser on comments by David's former players on his coaching abilities and foresight in recruiting. I felt that David have reached the pinnacle of success in his coaching career. I was particularly impressed by the comments that, "he is able to recognize players strengths and weaknesses and to mold them into formidable team". That, "Coaches look for skill in recruiting, but the difference is that he improves on the skill."

When I read this article in the paper, the first thing that came to my mind was that this is exactly what my late wife, Emi had always said of David, that he possess this special qualities in judgment of athletes. Because we've had a microscopic involvement in his growing years, it gave us the opportunity to know him. As Kobe approached me and said, "Emi would have been proud of him." You bet she does! We both know that, don't we!!

END



by Mino Suzumoto

Time and circumstance prompts me once again to wish all of you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!" And as some of you would have it, lets add an "Ake mashite, Omedeto Gozai masu!"

During the interim: First week of November and MASA NAKAMURA says he bumped into EDDIE YUGAWA, a.k.a. EDDIE YAMASAKI of a Rippongi, Japan address, at King's Bakery, Kaimuki and had the latter's business card and a local phone number (Wilder Ave. area) to prove it. The natural thing for me to do after being so informed was to get hold of BRUNO, who tried his best to finagle an evening with our "long lost prodigal member." But, as things turned out, it just wasn't in the cards. He'll keep an open date for us the next time he's in town, he promised our Mr. 'B'.

We've had a new addition to our chapter since July. RALPH KAWAWAKI by name and originally out of Regimental HQ. Now, if I can impose on JIM YAMASHITA to take it from here and have him add that name and wife MARY too to his computer up there in La Habra, CA., we could consider this item completed. Welcome aboard, RALPH!

Mid-November and JOE NAKATSU, Seattle, WA. (Co. E) a close buddy of our SHIRO KASHINO, in town with wife MIYO, probably to check up on their son MARK, who's here on a federal assignment and had arrived here only a few weeks prior himself, in October. Like, in the proverbial "Parents worry about their siblings no matter what their (the young 'uns) age status is." Incidentally, MARK is in his mid 20's and is unattached. Just in case any of you mothers out there are in the mood to pawn off your daughters. Anyway, a hand-ful of Item Chapter members got together and hosted the Itemites-at-heart to a china-meshi at Hee Hing Kapahulu Avenue. Those who were there: (besides JOE, MIYO and MARK) TOMMY UMEDA; DOZO/LIZ NISHIOKA; MASA NAKAMURA; BRUNO YAMADA; MINO/DOT SUZUMOTO; HIRAM DOI; ELSIE KOGA. Dropping in after dinner: SMITTY KOGA. CHAMP SUZUKI cancelled out at the last minute due to illness. No need for me to tell you that the Seattle-ites were entertained too, by Easy Chapter members during their stay here. Sending the couple off at the airport: BRUNO & ELLEN and yours truly. P.S....JOE played a major role in accommodating the Hawaii contingency, together with KASH & Co., when a whole flock of Co. 'I' members (not to mention the Co. L members who were there ahead of us) dropped in on them back there in early June. Our first leg of that memorable, yet suspense filled Seattle-Tahoe-Reno-San Francisco exodus. Of their efforts, words fail me, when I try to express our extreme gratefulness.

The Reno NVR rehased and in reviewing my little brown note book, I realized I had overlooked the TANAKA brothers, GANJI & GEORGE and the part they played in the Co. 'I' Hospitality Room, at Bally's. Dispensing of the liquid stuff and what can be more important than that? At it day and night. Matter of fact, for an instant, I thought I was back at the Chicago Sheraton in '76!

C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO too, deserves a pat on the back "for services performed beyond the call, etc.."

Here's an item that should be of interest to those of you with restless, traveling spirit: A 20 day northern Europe tour is being conducted by Bruno Yamada in the later part of June of next year. It will include the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. It will also include two nights in Bruyeres for the dedication festivities of the "Way of Peace and Freedom" arranged by the GO-FOR-BROKE French Club of Bruyeres. Other places of interest included in this tour will be Paris, London and Lucerne. Anyone interested contact Bruno or call Travel Adventures phone (841-4155).

Remember too, there's an open invitation, to take in an Alaskan tour at about the same time, by HANK NAKADA. Anyone interested should contact C.B. or TERRY ARATANI. Both of whom seem to have the necessary details.

Our annual Co. 'I' Christmas Party at Victoria Inn, Kaimuki should be over (2nd Sunday in December) by the time this gets in your hands. My original "decoration" committee will be minus a member (KIICHI KATO and we shall miss him) this time around. (The others being RALPH ARASHIRO, TOMMY UMEDA & CHAMP SUZUKI) Lucky for us, we've been augmented rather consistently in recent years by TERRY, KEN OKUMA & FRED OISHI. A "minimum of 50 people" is the requirement imposed on us by the management. Keeping my fingers crossed. Hopefully I'll be seeing you there.

3rd week into November and already we're the recipient of a Holiday Greetings (!) from the mainland U.S.A. And would you believe, HARRY YANAGA? Even included a clear photo of himself. "Mahalo nui loa!" to him and to BETTY!

And now I give you some "pearls of wisdom," so to speak, which the above HARRY had left with me in June, in Reno (see prior Bulletin):

I HAVE NOTICED

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill.

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I have given up running for the bus; it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in newspapers?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially around the hips and waist, that it is almost impossible to reach one's shoelaces. And the sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12's and 14's are so much smaller.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the otherhand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into an old classmate the other day and she had aged so much that she didn't recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning and in doing so I glanced at my own reflection. Really now, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to.

(Author unknown)

Finally, would like to very belatedly acknowledge JIM YAMASHITA's notification to us, about the passing away of MOTE NAKASAKO, GEORGE TAKAKA, BILL DAVENPORT & HARRY MASUDA. All this, previous to our June departure from the islands, heading for Seattle. Add to it the Seattle tragedy and the unfortunate golfing accident that was LILLIAN's and the demise of CASEY MATSUNAMI, Whittier, CA, during our stay in Reno and now you can see my reference to the "strange" trip of ours.

Here's hoping the new year does bring along with it, better news, better times for all of us. That your Thanksgiving was just as good as mine, I have no doubt.

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It's getting a little cooler now that fall is here. It's getting to the end of grape picking in this area. Likewise, the almonds and walnuts. The night temperature drops to the 50's but the days have been very nice. Everyone is hoping for a lot of rain and snow this winter."

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou

To you all, wherever you may be, Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. It's been forty-four years since we spent the 1944 winter, Christmas and New Year in Nice, Sospel and Menton and as we take stock and count our many blessings, let us also be mindful of those who have been less fortunate. For most of us 1988 was a good year. Many will remember the spectacular AJA Veterans Reunion in Reno. The Memorial Service at the National Memorial Cemetery at Punchbowl and the 45th anniversary banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom in Waikiki, in which many 'B' Chapter members were active participants, also, other highlights of the year. Less spectacular but just as enjoyable were our ladies nights and for our golf club members, there were more and better golfing in the club's second year of play. 1988 however, wasn't without the unfortunate and sad moments. We lost our buddy and good friend James Mizuno (B) in June and Chapter member Charles Matsumoto in September. Suichi 'Pete' Sakamoto also passed away in October. Our thoughts will be with Toshi, Katherine and Fusa and their families this holiday season.

Taps

Charles K. Matsumoto, (HQ F/D, 63, passed away suddenly on Sept. 29, 1988, and memorial services were held at the Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary on October 16. After retiring from the Federal Government, he worked for the Hawaii State Government a few years and at the time of his sudden death, he was chief security officer for the Waialua Sugar Co. A Chapter member and a very active person all through his life. Charlie was an expert and instructor in aikido and kendo and a leader in his church activities. Earlier and after the war, he was also one of the few 442nd members and supporters of the American Legion, Joseph Shigeo Takata Post. He is survived by his wife Katherine and son Alan.

Suichi 'Pete' Sakamoto (HQ), 80, passed away on October 27, 1988, and services were held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary on November 2nd. A former member of Battalion HQ's, Fire Direction Center, he received a field commission as a Lieutenant. A civil and structural engineer after the war, he was chairman of the board, S & M Sakamoto, General Contractors. He is survived by his wife Fusa and sons Gerald and Norman.

Chapter Officers

Aloha to the following who were elected at the November meeting to be our Chapter officers

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for 1989. Don Shimazu, President; Walter Inouye, Vice President; Biggie Nakakura, Secretary and Hiromi Fujiwara, Treasurer. Much mahalo to the following outgoing officers who did an outstanding job for us in 1988. Fred Hirayama, President; Roy Okubo, Vice President; Harold Ueoka, Secretary; and Hiromi Fujiwara, Treasurer.

Ladies Nights

The ladies and white elephant night at the clubhouse on August 26th flushed out only 41 members and spouses. Nevertheless, the white elephant auction netted \$350. Contributions were many and included items such as: baklava, pickled cucumbers, ash trays, cookies, home-made blouses, tsukemono, pound cake, sambizuke, sushi maker, pickled eggplant, brownies, naki sushi, guava jelly, bananas, golf balls, manju, photo albums and many more. There were also a few cash donations. Much mahalo to all you generous and good people, too many to list here, and also, to the auctioneer Mits Kunihiro and cashier Biggie Nakakura. Chapter officers also commended for this prosperous and enjoyable evening.

On October 28, 50 members, spouses and guests attended a dinner meeting at the Wisteria Restaurant. Guests were Judge and Mrs. Daniel Valk from New York, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tanaka (author of Go-For-Broke) and Ms. Linda Menton and Ms. Judy Weightman from the University of Hawaii. The latter two are directors and/or coordinators for the local Holocaust project. As a new found friend of the 442nd, Judge Valk spoke in praise of the AJA's conduct and performance during the war. Much aloha and mahalo to those guests in carrying on the struggle for better understanding and appreciation by all people of all colors and creeds of people. Mahalo also to our Chapter members and spouses, such as the Inouyes, Kunihiros, Nakakuras, Nakamines, Mihos and Hirayamas, who took time to entertain or accompany the Valk's on a dinner cruise, visit the Governor's office and the courts, to bedeck them with leis and gifts at the airport, etc. A special mahalo to the Inouyes in entertaining the Valks at their home.

Chapter Golf

By Rocky Tanna

August 15, 1988, Honolulu Country Club (HCC), first half of 36 holes tournament. On a perfect day for golf, twelve golfers shot net par or better and 8 golfers net 74 to 77. B Chapter golfers showing much improvement. Winners with nets for this day were as follows:

Overall - Jerry Ishimoto and Rick Ogata (tie) - 67
Front - Jerry Ishimoto and Rick Ogata (tie) - 33
Back - Don Yagami and Ted Tsukiyama (tie) - 33½
Par 3 - Don, Flint (2) and Rick

September 13, 1988, Kaneohe Clipper Course, special tournament. On another good day of golf, seven members shot net par or better. Larry Nakahara buried all others with a net 65. Although Kats Miho led after the front nine with a gross 40, he ballooned to 50 on the back nine. Rick Ogata did the reverse with only 2 over par on the back nine. Winners and nets were as follows:

Overall - Larry Nakahara - 65
Front - Kats Miho - 31½
Back - Rick Ogata - 32
Par 3 - Ted, Stanley, Rick and Don

19th hole was at the Marine Base NCO Club. With a good 'genuine' oriental lady chef and the food and drinks on the Club, it was one of the better golfing days.

September 26, 1988, HCC, second half of 36 holes tournament. Ken Kawate nosed out all others with nets 73 and 67, total 140, for the 36 holes tournament and took the first prize, a metal wood donated by Flint Yonashiro. Jerry Ishimoto and Flint Yonashiro tied for second and Don Yagami and Roy Okubo followed 4th and 5th. Winners for the day were as follows:

Overall - Ken Kawate - 67
Front - Biggie Nakakura - 32½
Back - Flint Yonashiro - 32½
Par 3 - Don, Biggie, Joe O. and Rocky

October 17, 1988, HCC, two-men team play. Duo of Don Yagami and Larry Nakahara won 1st place with nets 67 and 71 respectively for a total of 138. Teiji Uehara and Lester Kato were second with 70 and 78, total 148. For the monthly tournament, Don Yagami burned the course with a round of 38 + 39 = 77 gross and net 67 while only four others shot net par or better.

Overall - Don Yagami - 67
Front - Milton Uchigaki - 33½
Back - Teiji Uehara - 33½
Par 3 - Don (2), Roy O. and Larry

November 21, 1988, HCC, turkey day shoot. Weather was windy and the golf course soggy. Drives on the fairway had little or no roll and only 4 golfers of 22 shot net par or better. Ken Kawate outshot all and took 1st place with an exceptional round of 41 + 37 = 78 - 11 net 67.

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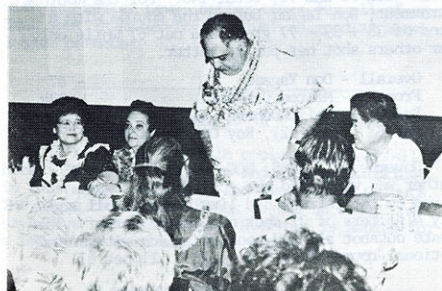
Other turkey day winners were: Walter Inouye, Biggie Nakakura and Teiji Uehara (tie) for 2nd and Don Yagami and Stanley Kaneshiro (tie) for 3rd. Winners as follows:

Overall	- Kenneth Kawate	- 67
Front	- Biggie Nakakura	- 35½
Back	- Teiji Uehara	- 34½
Par 3	- Rocky, Teiji and Ken	
	(no one hit one green)	

Reporter's notes: We'll get a roster of golfers and their handicaps in the next issue. Also, for the record, who said we can't hit the ball long anymore at our age. A guy by the name of Mike Austin, of the 350 Club, at age 71 poked a ball 360 yards at a long driving contest and at age 74, just a few years ago in Japan, drove six balls for an average of 318 yards. Suggestion: Exercise, eat lots of vegetables above and underground, fruits and fish and exercise some more and maybe you'll be able to poke one likewise and if not, at least live healthier and happier.

Bits and Pieces

Muramaru tied the knot. After years of courtship, George Muramaru and Ruth Masui decided on July 24th to live in one house instead of two and a large reception was held in their honor at the Paradise Park. Not to be outdone by father, son Dunn Muramaru took Lynn Yanagihara as his bride on November 12th. Their reception was at the Ilikai Hotel - Pacific Ballroom. Richard and Marge Kuba (Hdq) also acquired a son-in-law on November 13th when their daughter Jo Ann tied the knot with Craig Tanibe. Much thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Urada for their generous white elephant \$50 donation which will go in our Christmas fund. Mahalo also to the family of the late Charles Matsumoto for their \$50 donation to the Chapter. Following camera shots are from Fred Hirayama on the Reunion and from Sugar Fujimoto on the dinner meeting at Wisteria.



by Hichi Matsumoto

CHAPTER MEETING --AUGUST

The August chapter meeting notice sent out clearly stated "...with wives," but only a few showed up. If not for those staying back from the Uta-No-Kai, would have been less. Uta-No-Kai pau at 7 p.m. and our chapter meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. Probably the "no dinner" made some lose interest and for others could be one thing or another. Splendid turnout of about 35 members attended. "Strangers in the Night" were hisa min Roy "Fireman" Okazaki and toki doki dete kuru Mo Miyasato and Sam Sakumoto, both from Wahiawa, Richard Murakami, da yoh kuru monga no was because earlier that day move house sete was pattai.

had one guest, Kiyo & Blanche Kimura's #2 son, Clyde. He came in place of mom, who went on a L.A. vacation, where "most" of their kids live. Kono wakaishi, last time (1980 L.A. Reunion) mita toki, yasetotta, just like 6 o'clock, but now huge buga with bulging muscles in the right places and make even the big guys in the chapter look small and puny. Not, but he looks like he stay wear shoulder pads. Just like da oyaji, pleasant, witty and enjoyable to chat with. Kiyo may not agree and get lilibit huhu but his boy more better looking than him. That's the consensus opinion of the wives present. Smiling (papa ni nite) he go say (kidding of course), "Mom and Dad treat me so nice (him the only one at home with them), he's thinking of staying with them "permanently." Never tell that to Kiyo bambai his da kine ketsu atsu go up.

Again, nad a lengthy discussion on trying to get the kids interested and involved in our club for eventually they taking over. Looked like no problem when first brought up but....Like the old folks used to say time and time again, sometimes things omou yoh ni ikan. How true.

Fred Fujimoto, general chairman of the 1990 Reunion and wife Midori went yoru on business. They went to Reno, L.A., Maui, etc. to gather information of past reunions. He asked for support from the chapter members and well received, 100% backing and support from the club members as well as from their wives.

All the ladies must have been overly impressed in the reading of the minutes of the last chapter meeting by our secretary, Masao Yamasaki. His report is not only detailed but accurate as well. Lucky us, we have him not only for life but forever.

Before adjourning for the evening, everybody

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Chapter News without input from all. The cooperation of Chapter members is respectfully requested.

This quarterly Chapter News was prefaced with a Hallmark card greetings. We close with another quotation from the "Shoebox", a division of the reknown Corporation. It philosophies the "Fountain of Youth" by stating: "The secret of staying young is to find an age you really like and stick with it." Twenty five seems to be a real popular age so let's all feel 25 again and again and again!

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enjoyed watching (themselves especially) the Reno Reunion Chapter Night's activities shown on video tape, sent to Walter Matsumoto by Jerry & Kimi Hashimoto, of Richmond, California.

CHAPTER MEETING -- SEPTEMBER

About the usual yoh dete kuru guys attended the chapter meeting but somehow seemed on da sukunai side due to our meeting night compadre (2HQ) was nowhere to be seen. Taking advantage of their absence, members stretched their arms and scattered themselves necessitating President Kimura to raise his voice several decibels. Discussions were mostly centered around improving the clubhouse and also getting our kids interested and involved in our 442nd club and eventually taking over. Moshimo you get any kind of idea or solution (for better or for worse), no keep 'em to yourself, let it be known, it may lead to something. Pupus for the evening was, nandatta kano, anyway, had. The boys were waiting for Hisashi Kubota to show up but no dice. Must have had some kind of goof-off somewhere down the line. For da kine foul up, somebody from somebody kara shikara reruke, just wait and see.

CHAPTER MEETING -- OCTOBER

It was a husband and wife kind dinner meeting held at Inakaya, a Japanese restaurant in Ward Warehouse on Ala Moana Blvd. Was no show on our part (went to bet some more mileage plus) again so hito no hanashi kiku noni, kore dake mimi ni haitta. Preparing a slate for next year's officers for our chapter. The 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's proposal, co-authored by Mits Honda and Hichi Matsumoto to the 442 Board of Directors to renovate/enlarge the clubhouse for more space for activities was turned down. And several things of lesser importance. Dinner was good (food and price) so had no complaint, but for holding meeting was on the negative side. People were so spread out, some looked as though they were beyond the end zone.

CHAPTER MEETING -- NOVEMBER

For retiring chapter president Kiyo Kimura, the man with the ever-lasting smile on his kawai-rashii face, dis wuz da saigo no wakare for serving as daiitoryo. He must have done a good job, at no time had any kine of monku from anybody. Rodney Yamashiro, out-going president for the Mother Club (2 terms), seemed a little relieved with only about a month and a half to go.

Konban no tabemono wuz sukoshi different from the usual. Da pupus was ganjitsu no hi dasu morimono. You know da kine mezurashii hiisa taben ring sausage (especially), chikuwa and the likes. Guys first remark after eyeing up da ono-

licious oderbs. "Dis kine mettani no more at home (the wives health conscious nowadays) so might as well go eat up. They did, yohsha nashi.

Early arrivals, namely da pupus and beer motte kuru personnel, had a treat (or treatment) by da Uta-No-Kai. All da 'Misora Hibaris" and Itsuki Hiroshis" sing with gusto every Friday night, 5 to 7 p.m. And we do mean till 7 p.m. not forfeiting a minute of their allotted time. A good number take private singing lessons and enjoying it, which is atarimae.

Nominating Committee Chairman Walter Matsumoto announced the officers to be for 1989. Also reported on matters concerning the chapter.

The request for our mother club to donate \$10,000 to refurbish the museum at Ft. DeRussy was voted against (for the present), unanimously by those present. Reason was, no nothing, anything given in detail. Olden days, anything of a similar nature almost always "automatic" in favor of. Today, it's entirely a different ball game.

December no more meeting, only Xmas party and take it easy to rest up the body for the remainder of the year to get ready for the next year.

PERSONALITY OF THE QUARTER

Still yet today, even after some 40 plus years have gone by, whenever the name Fred Fujimoto pops up, our mind suguto flashes back to the cold winter months of 1944. Our 2nd Platoon was deployed at Scolos Des Contes, a little French village located up in the mountains, somewhere between Nice and Sospel in Southern France.

Anyway, the all important thing that mattered then was, Fred was the driver, which made him boss-man of the company mess truck. Like all the other truck drivers, they were the most popular guys around. Need we tell you why? Him one good guy, monku nashi he used to hele-on to downtown Nice with a full house. Yeah, no can forget the good times at the French Riviera. Dem were the days. Fight hard, play hard, nandemo surunoni, Go-For-Broke. Some might have thought, we took up residence there. Flat broke more than 99% of the time but some how managed because somebody always seem to come up with that little something extra. Today, Fred is a big (karada-wise he was futoi from before) business man in Kailua, Kona on the Big Island. He is the Headman of the (?) construction and Building material company, a family operation. Darts in and out of town (Honolulu), our chapter members shirazuni. Not trying to avoid the boys but totemo isogashii noyo. Nambo time go attemo tariyasen. That's the price you pay for being a highly successful business

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tycoon.

Fred is all heart, so is wife Midori. Several years ago, Fred, Midori and their children and in-laws hosted the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members and their spouses to a fabulous lunch/dinner cookout at their spacious home on the Kona slopes. Had mainlanders and neighbor islanders. Command Post (where we stayed) was at what hotel datta kano. Anyway, one of the bigger and popular ones on the Gold Coast. Anyhow, the package deal was so frighteningly and fantastically on the attractive side, you think you stay lilibit on the broke side but still can manage. Know what we mean? Fred no okagade.

For awhile last year, he just wasn't feeling quite up to par, something very unusual for him, took time out from his busy schedule, came to Honolulu for a physical checkup, which led to a major operation. Today, shujutsu kara 100% naotote s back to what he enjoys most, keeping himself busier than ever. The way we size him up, retirement is made made for him yet. Him one of the younger bucks in the club and like another big koso koso guy we know, live wire de one minute demo jitto sete oraren.

As you all must know by now, the next AJA Reunion, the one in 1990, will be held in Kailua, Kona on the Big Island, with our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's Fred Fujimoto at the helm. He's a workaholic and no nonsense guy, whenever responsibility (major or minor) is entrusted on him. Example, he started getting things organized way before he made his pitch to the Reunion Committee at Bally's in Reno. That's why you can rest assure that the next one in just two short years will not be a good one but a super one you'll be talking about for a long time. So, whenever the good word is let out, as to what's what, no dilly dally play smart be akamai and commit yourself, the sooner the better. If going be on the first come first served basis and you chanpande teretere sete ottara, too bad, you going find yourself in left field on the outside looking in. You no like dat, eh.

A BUDDY STOPS BY

Mac Nogaki of Seattle, Washington stops by to meet with the boys after going Down-Under to Australia with his onesan to go haka mairi their ani-san's grave in Australia. Kaeri shina from that exhausting pilgrimage, the chapter members and wives, all 35 of 'em hosted him to a box lunch bento dinner. Big sister, who is ten years his senior, demanding schedule kara tsukarete, koto-watta. Box Lunch? That's right, no mistake and no manini on our part either. Today, that is the

way to go. Nobody need do nothing and most important of all, everybody ankina and happy. Clubhouse, that's why you can go with walking shorts and zori. No need make any kind hokano, nobody to impress, comfort the main thing. You just place your chumon for da kaukau, they even deliver and there you are. Nobody need to get their hands messy and get more time to socialize.

Our Seattle friend, after all these years, still get some of the good old army left in him yet. Da atama no kamiyo, clipped very close to his scalp. Some stuff no change. For sure, his mukashi kara no aikanes wouldn't recognize him any other way. We still have a few like him, the hair styling, that is.

Still yet today, no can forget the clam digging safari he took a group of us Hawaii guys, after the 1964 Reunion went pau in Seattle, some past 24 years ago. Was an out-of-this-world kind experience. Getting up early in the morning (Olympic Hotel, our home base), catching the ferry Seattle to Bainbridge Island and other side tsuittara, travel some more overlaid on his car and then you come to the kaihori grounds. The beauty part of it all was, for da chotto no aida you horu the bucket full. Just how much the tide recede is unbelievable. And then all you need do is get the tarai full of clams (all huge ones) anyway you can, to the nearby shed with the coin operated electric hot plate and sono mama you cook 'em. Go For Broke and enryonashi eat up as much as your stomach holds. Gout was just a word to us then. The only no no thing, no poho nothing, besides no go chirakasu da nokoris on dry land (bambai go stink up da place), but dump 'em back in the water. They sure take pride in keeping up their parks and beaches.

An "expedition" of that nature is more than a special treat because unless a person that knows all the ropes and a friend ga tsurete ikan nara, no way you get to go. Because nambo sagashitemo, no can find because da kine tour no exist. Akamai guy, coming up with something on the mezurashii side, instead of the usual going some place to eat. Lucky for us, having a friend like him.

The day before he left for home, me and the good wife joined him and his big sister to go haka mairi his fallen buddies no graves at Punchbowl, National Cemetery of the Pacific. Called it a day with a leisure lunch, pondering over old time army days stories. Today, he is as well as could be expected of a man of 75, that's maru and not Japanese age. Posture erect, no need megane (only to read the fine prints), only mimiga lilibit more than toii. He's been retired now for a good ten years and enjoys boat fishing, favorite

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past-time. He's still the same old jolly and witty guy with that great disposition. Says lili-bit sabishiku natta since Tad Fujioka, a fellow Seattle resident, pulled up stakes and decided to go north and "live" among the Eskimos up in Alaska. Kono futari were born and raised in the great Pacific Northwest.

Apparently, us Hawaii Buddaheads never do too good a job on this kotonk or him one slow learner. Da kine stuffs like Diamond Head/Ewa and Mauka/Makai is still "Greek" to him. Sono kawari, kaukau and pau stuffs nara, he shine up and no take no backseat to anybody. That's our Mac.

Mac's daughter Sylvia, a reporter on leave from the Seattle Times is studying at the University of Hawaii under a fellowship from the Gannett Corporation.

JUNIOR ENGINEERS -- WARREN HARUKI

Warren, chonan of Barbara and the late Roscoe Haruki of Wailua, Kauai, a Hawaiian Telephone Vice President for Revenue Requirements and External Affairs until recently was promoted to the No. 1 position of the Public Affairs Department.

The first time we met this executive-to-be young man, he was still yet a boy and in grade school then. It was during one of the earlier Kauai 442 Golf Tournament we played in, many years ago. Our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter golfers, dem lucky buggas, their usual 19th hole was go to the Haruki's for refreshments and go yobareru da broke da mouf kine pupus prepared by Barbara. They made going to Kauai so much more enjoyable and made everybody feel like a winner.

We have no idea if Warren golfs or not, but if he does and used to give dad a run for his money, he's very good. The news of the promotion, with a picture too, was in the business section of the Honolulu Star Bulletin.

JR. ENGRS. -- JAY HONDA

Dr. Jay, son of Mits and Millie Honda, opened office in Kailua, Kona on the Big Island. Oi kono Honda no waka danna, deko don agena hatta bana. Translating the sukoshi arai Kumamoto Ken no lingo to plain and simple pidgin. Eh, dis young guy, he went makeout, boy. The young doctor received his mentama no menjo (Doctor of Optometry) from Pacific University of Forrest Grove, Oregon. The wakai and petite yomesan Julie, a kotonk lass is an optometrist like him. Looks like what got them together was, they see eye to eye. Konoaida, arerani akambo ga dekita. Da furui Honda's ga

yuhnoni, Kailua Kona's Fred & Midori Fujimoto went kokuu a lot, like finding a place to stay and all important, office site.

JR. ENGRS -- KEITH NAKASONE

Keith, son of Sue and the late Walter 'Juju' Nakasone is the current men's Judo coach at San Jose State University and is presently assisting in getting the USA Judo team ready for the upcoming summer Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. During his prime years, Keith was the undisputed 138 lbs. weight class champion supreme. An untouchable. His name is synonymous with that sport. He not only dominated his weight division but was always unanimously named most outstanding participant of the entire tournament. If that's not an accomplishment, what is. Never one to boast or homeru, Juju used to say with a father's pride, his son was groomed to become a champion. The bigger and prestigious tournaments he entered and winning going away; The NCAA, National AAU and Pan Am Games. Only missing is the biggest one of them all, the Olympic gold. Through no fault of his own, when the whole US Olympic team on direct orders from the then President Carter boycotted the 1980 games held in Moscow.

JR. ENGRS. -- ANN NAMBA

Bull and Winnie Namba's daughter Ann, a women's clothing fashion designer by profession, had a 'one man' fashion show konoaida. It was held at the old Dillingham Bldg., on Bishop Street in the heart of the business section of downtown Honolulu. Ann specializes in acquiring da kine furui and tsukawan kimonos that's been carefully laid away by people in their family's treasured toronkos with tender loving care and none of that hotto kasete uncared for and poroporo natta kind, so zenbu in excellent condition. Designs it and hitoride go sew'em too. Every single one of her creations are originals so no need make any kind worry for duplications. Winnie, like all concerned mothers, even to the minutest details, shimpai kakete was constantly on the prowl for in the event of "moshimo". All the while the father, the old pro, was cool, calm and collected. He made himself invisible all during the show (that is after setting things up), putting in an appearance just in time, show ga sunda ato to shimau things. Where he was? With time to spare between opening and closing, played a round to hone up his golf game.

GOLF

The 232nd Engrs. Golf Club's August tournament was held at the Pali Municipal Golf Course. With about 31 on the membership, only 11 showed up, which is slightly below par for the course, when playing there. For one reason or another,

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guys seemed to find some kind of excuses from playing. Pali is an interesting and difficult as well. Very challenging too.

Anyway, like any other tournament, club members didn't think of 'pressure' until Acting Tournament Chairman Bob Ishikawa made it known loud and clear to all participants (he no like the, "How come you never tell me" aftermath) the usual prize for the top (8) finishers format will prevail. Which means the three ham-est golfers or should we be tactful and say the three with the day's highest net scores, shoganashi going suck finger.

Finishing in the not too handsome "bottom 3" were the following hard luck guys (remember, we never say no more talent) that missed the cut, Mits Honda, Joe Sato and the Inquisitive Reporter. A poor one but their alibi could be, just wasn't their day (again) or no can help if all the other guys better than us. But at the all important awards presentation 19th hole, they more than held their own and could easily mistaken for winners.

Some gross scores, no make any kind mention the better because uso yohni tako katta. Unlike who da guy said, winning is the only thing. To us, participating and having fun is. For us, erai naru hazuyo, the most kurushii part is the more junk the game come, golf club swing suru hodo, omoto naru. Who said, all men are created equal. That person for sure never been to a nudist camp, either.

Within the chapter boys (have some outsiders), Bull Namba was low net (again) with a neat 73, one over par. He shot steady rounds of 42 front and another 42 for the back. He was unsteady on two holes with triple bogies. How you figgah, for some, atchi kotchii de, unsteady but for only a couple of holes. The day was made for duffers, tenki with only a gentle breeze and the fairways dry and hard and to their advantage, the ball roll like hell and yet.....

HOLO HOLO KAA

Da Reno Reunion ga pau natte amari narannoni, me and the good wife hyokutto went get itchy feet again so friends sasote went hele-on and saruku up and down the New England states, the cradle of our great country. Beautiful and scenic country up there, during this time of the year especially with countless number of famous and interesting places to see and visit. All da Jap-phan ni visit shini itta people rave about the beauty of the old (Japan) country, ours (USA) is too. There's rots and rots more to it than just Rasu-Vegasu.

Here's just some of the many hi-lites.

Toured the United States Military Academy at West Point up the Hudson River. "Flirtation Walk" is still there and very much in use. The astounding 25% dropout rate of the first year cadets ni bikkuri shita. Saw Yankee Stadium, accomplishing another one of many childhood dreams. Visited Bennington Museum in Vermont that houses the collection of works by Grandma Moses. A white woman and not what some of you may have in mind. The house Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women, lived as a child and young lady in Concord, Mass. The church tower in Boston from where the, "one if by land and two if by sea" signal was given. Traveled over the exact route Paul Revere rode on his famous midnight ride back in 1776. North Bridge, site of a major battle. One of the better buffet lunch was at Lake Placid, N.Y., site of two Winter Olympics. Da komai-ness of the town, if you wanna call it a town, ni tamageta. If for whatever reason, chotto no aida mewa tsu-buttara, auwe brah, you stay long gone.

Our overnight stay at Cambridge, Mass., was at Charles Hotel, sugu neki to Harvard Square. Joe & Jane Sato knows only too well this neck of the woods attending their daughter Susanne's graduation from Radcliffe. The George Bush (he no was elected president yet) clan summer retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine, sprawls over so much real estate with buildings (mansions, etc.) galore, they call 'em complex. Marukiri hantai from The Big Apple, there's this littlest town in Vermont called New Fane. The one store (mitara right off you can tell it was a home prior to becoming a tourist trap) in town that carries everything is a wooden frame building, built off the ground yea high with "underhouse." Still get kine house with "underhouse" in plantation towns. And as the family (in this case the business) grew, additions were made accordingly. This was doko datta kano, anyway after another one of those eat-as-much-as-your-stomach-can-hold-lunch in a small seaport town, us menfolks were eyeing-up the Atlantic Ocean from the sandy beach when somebody said, eh, dis kind place get ogo or ophihi or what. A young lady (from Hawaii and living there now) sitting on a bench a short distance away overheard our conversation, excitedly said, you guys must be from Hawaii. Boy, she was happy meeting up with somebody from home, shiran demo. She had da natsus kashii uchini modoritai look on her face. What made her all the more homesick was hearing pidgin, after so long.

Stopped for a break and to size up the monument dedicated to the Veterans of the Tenth Mountain Division (WWII) at White Face Mountain Ski Area, Wilmington, N.Y. Making like one buta devouring all da kine-gout food (lobster, crab, oyster, clam, etc.) rich like hell in cholesterol so yohjin sen nara, for sure akuru nohi, komaru

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kotoga aru. The hi-lite of the hi-lites of the tour was entering your signature in the guest register (tega furuuta) and spending a night to remember at the plush world renown Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City. How much okane that one glorious night went set us back? Shirase tara, might kill your fight from going so we'll leave it to your imagination. Had to tighten the belt several notches since then. In other words, da kinchaku kara.

Kaerishina, stopped by at Las Vegas for some much needed rest and of course to visit our money. We are enjoying life to the hilt. We are doing exactly like who da akamai guy said, see this world, before you leave it. Hajimete went on a tour with so many shiran (hakujuin) people. Arera to us guys being retired, travel-wise and being about the same age, made it one big happy family. Our Tauck Tour group leader was a young man just made 26 so all the grandmas and grandpas kara yoh kawai garareta.

Of the 40 tourists on board, two couples were from England, four couples from Hawaii and the remainder from all over the United States. Had two old timers who spent their service time during WWII at Pearl Harbor. Hanashi ga oote etto atta. Our New England states tour started from the 49th Street side of the Waldorf and ended at the La Guardia Airport Terminal. The weather cooperated to da max and to everybody's liking was on da tsumetai side. Twice, snowed enough to cover the ground. Like any good happenings, this here Junket didn't just happen. Somebody went sweat up and bust their butt putting 'em together, dekiru dake everybody please suru yohni. Our kanko dancho-san who was in charge of our group, before and after the tour with Tauck, was Dick Uyemura (M) and his kobun was Mits Honda. Lilimo forget to mention the free music entertainment on the bus was none other than our three borot song-birds from Hawaii. We're still trying to figure out the reason for the generous applause. Were they good or because only several numbers de sumashita.

IMPRESSIONS GATHERED AT THE RENO NVR

By Hisashi Kubota

The NVR at Reno is now a memory, but these memories have left a few lasting impressions. Since I was asked to write something about this triennial get-together, I will list some of the impressions I derived at this conference.

First of all, let me give you my impressions of Reno. We arrived there on Tuesday which was a day before the arrival of the main body of people, and we found ourselves alone in a midst

of mostly MIS people whom I never had the pleasure of acquaintance before. So we moved around for a while but were unable to find anyone we knew. Our excuse for coming a day early was to make the scheduled trip next morning to Lake Tahoe, but we were notified that this trip was called off on account of lack of participants. So we spent the first evening looking over the hotel and investigating their various machines. Being a Tuesday, things were relatively slack at the casino, but one could bet into almost any type of game. What a different frame of mind exists here compared to the state I come from which is Tennessee in the so-called Bible Belt, I thought. On the other hand, a similar situation exists in Hawaii and the rest of the country where religion seem to be the guiding light. Here the thought seems to be being the case that the house returns 97.4% of one's outlay where the slot machines are concerned, and so one does not lose any outrageous amount putting money into said machines. And an occasional jackpot will serve to bring one into the plus side or bring one closer to breaking even. Then, there was the presence of churches within the community, and that seemed to bring out the thought that all was not being put into the so-called gambling end. As mentioned above, the thought seems not to be that one was gambling, but that one was playing the machines with a set percentage of return although said return rate was variable. Since a lot of people from Hawaii make several trips to Las Vegas to take advantage of its gaming tables, there is no need for me to touch on this subject too much.

The next morning saw the beginning of the arrival of the rest of the Engineers. As I was roaming about the lobby, I came across Mervyn Takano, and he seemed to be the same Mervyn, as I knew him before but perhaps a trifle more aged. Then I met his wife Helen, and this was followed by my meeting with a whole lot of Engineers. What impressed me the most after meeting up with so many of these Engineers, was how much older most of them seemed to be. Thinking back, it has been six years since I saw most of them last, and six years at this stage of life is quite a lot of time. So I guess this aging is to be expected, but nevertheless, it did strike me rather impressively. On the other hand, most have managed to retain much of their vitality, and there were still the golfers and people who had partly retired from regular participation such as Walter Matsumoto. Then there were those who could not stay still but had to take in every trip or anything that amounted to traveling around. This was particularly true of the fairer sex. I did notice that the degree of drinking had gone down quite a bit, and there were a few including myself who had diabetes and can no longer partake of any intoxicating liquids.

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One thing that sort of bothered my feelings. It seemed that most of Nevada was a relatively dry area, and the area around Reno was supposed to have been a semi-desert. Yet they had rivers and lakes, and Lake Tahoe certainly is quite a pool of fresh clear water. Maybe I read the wrong literature, but there must certainly be another explanation to this designation as a semi-desert area. In traveling about the countryside, Carson City which is the state capitol, had all the earmarks of being in a desert area, yet only a few miles from it was Lake Tahoe.

As one reaches retirement age, there are some who wonder where would be the best place to retire. And some who actually take what may seem like a momentous idea to many, and retire in some place that many would consider never never land. I have in mind Tad Fujioka who worked for Boeing in Seattle, but when retirement time drew around, decided to move to a place outside of Kiska, Alaska, if I got my towns right. There is also Hifumi Sato, a newcomer at these reunions, who is pondering over where to retire. He works in Sacramento, California, but wants to retire somewhere where it is not as crowded. I suppose Gilbert Kobatake bought his present home with such a thought in mind. I am certain that the area about his home will become a site of many more homes in the future, but in his present lifetime, he seems to be relatively safe. Then, there is Mr. Ihara of Reno, our host. He chose Reno which is advertised as the biggest little city in the world, but it is more of a congregation of towns built together, and he seems to have fit in rather well with his family.

The welcoming dinner was a rather well planned affair. We were all assigned seats, and while most of the Engineers were relatively closely placed together, there were considerable intervals between various Engineer tables so it was not too bad. It was my feeling that we have our own hospitality room where many of us spent most of the time and there was rather very limited time to meet other 442nd members or MIS and the like. It occurred to me that we should make some effort to be with other groups part of the time since the Engineers back in Hawaii got together once in a month while the golfers got together every week and they could certainly be with other groups part of the time.

There seemed to be considerable emphasis placed on the plight of the mainland Niseis, or kotonks, during the war at this gathering. The decision in Congress was being hailed, and quite a lot of history had been dug up and presented at the reunion for us to look over. Let me say that I feel for them, I don't know how I would have reacted to such a fate, but I do know that

a monetary grant does not even start to pay for the improprieties they had to put up with. Then there was the presentation of the MSA part in the war. Having being a member of the MSA, I was rather interested in reviewing their deeds. It turned out to be concerned mostly with guys who attended MIS school before we even had heard of the place, and they seem to have been involved in incidents which were not too significant, at least in my mind, but they were blown up considerably. There has to be a fairer presentation of the MSA's role in the war I felt.

Since Reno is near the capital of the state and there are quite a few businesses nearby that contribute greatly to the state's welfare plus the situation that the masterminds of the reunion were pretty well involved in state run affairs, it was not surprising to see the turnout of the state's dignitaries at the function. It gave the convention a touch of importance to see such people there.

The chapter dinner drew quite a crowd. It was pretty well run taking into consideration that it had been organized mostly by the local people which meant just one person, Mr. Ihara. To top it all, one of his sons assumed the tab for all the drinks during this party, and that must have come to quite a sum. There were the various presentations put up by various members, and I must say that the talent was rather outstanding. Our Denver member, his name escapes me for the present, gave his usual fine rendition of Danny Boy. I was rather impressed by his great activity during the entire reunion, and I saw him function in a cleanup role with his wife during the closing hours one evening at the hospitality room, and they moved around like people with a definite purpose. He was also generous in presenting caps to those who had not received them before. He seems to have some sort of stuff to pass around each as each reunion time rolls around. The presence of a few widows of members who came all the way from Hawaii was rather impressive. There were also some children and friends, and they accounted for a considerable portion of the crowd there.

Then there was Tom Kiyosaki. He worked both night and day taking care of the hospitality room. He was one who never gave you an adverse answer if you asked him a question, and seemed to be always in a position to help. I guess it is people like him who keep the old club running along.

The above represent what amounts to be some of the impressions I received during the MVR at Reno in June. There may be some more, but I seem not to be able to think of them. In any event, I offer this bit as my share of contribution to this event. END

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KAUAI INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Bruno Yamada

The 24th Annual Kauai 442nd Invitational 36 hole Golf Tournament will be held at the Wailua Golf Course on February 18 and 19, 1989. Entry forms will be available at the 442nd Clubhouse or at Club 100.

The entry fee has been reduced to \$70 and will include green fees, an Aloha night at the Hanamaulu Cafe and an award banquet at the Marina Restaurant in Wailua.

Tom Tanaka who captured the tournament in 1987 and 1988 is expected to be back to defend his title.

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This being Thanksgiving -- permit me to thank Henry Chagami for working hard to keep in touch with the Cannoneers with his timely newsletters. We enjoyed the many fellowship sessions at the clubhouse and the menfolks looked forward to the coffee meetings at Penney's in Ala Moana. Henry not only kept the Cannon Chapter active, he also provided those beautiful potted orchid plants at our gatherings. Quiet but effective, he is. I'm sure he is promptly on time with his newswriting for the 442nd Bulletin while I try to be on time at 2:00 a.m. on the morning the writing is due.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR 1989

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STORY ON COVER PHOTO

The 442nd Veterans Club members at the Governor's Office on Friday, November 4, 1988 on the occasion of the presentation by Judge Dan Valk from Brooklyn, New York, to Governor John Waihee the New York Bar Journal, "The Brooklyn Barrister" in which the Judge's article highly espouses the tribulations and achievements of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry. Judge Valk has been a strong supporter of the Redress Bill (lobbying, writing and promoting) while it was being legislated through Congress. He has befriended many 442nd veterans, particularly the 522nd Artillery group, after recognizing the dilemma and release of prisoners, mostly Jews, from the Dachau Concentration Camp.

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their projected PC of the 90's at the Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco. It earned raves at the showing, forecasting Next's hopes for the "ultimate machine".

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Sasaki's thrust was with the personal laser printer that goes along with the system. It has 400 dots per resolution, more than the present best in existence. There is immediate access to a library that includes Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, Webster's Thesaurus, Oxford's Dictionary of Quotations, The complete works of William Shakespeare and more to come.

Bravo Curtis! What NEXT?

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We also would like to thank both Shig's, the Iwasaki's and the Futagaki's for spending 1 evening with us and breaking bread with us. We enjoyed it very much. Domo Arigato!'

As I write this, I feel that this report could have been much more interesting with a more experienced writer, but we all felt that this was something special. We experienced more positive things than negative and to think that we did it on our own, truly made this "A TRIP TO REMEMBER"

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News Release

VA CHANGES PAYMENT POLICY TO ASSIST PENSIONERS

Sam Tiano, Director of the VA Regional Office, Honolulu, announced that the VA has amended its regulations to allow pension beneficiaries to receive monthly payments if less frequent payments cause loss of other federal benefits.

As an efficiency measure, the VA makes pension payments on a monthly basis only if the amount of the annual benefit is more than \$228. But for lesser amounts the payment is less frequent. VA pension checks are sent quarterly if the annual amount is \$144 to \$228, semi-annually if the amount is \$72 to \$144, and annually if the amount is less than \$72.

An unintended result of the consolidated payments, however, has been the denial of other federal benefits based on income, such as Medicaid, for the month the VA payment is received.

To avoid this result, the VA on March 11 changed its regulations to allow pension beneficiaries to request monthly payments if less frequent payments cause them to lose eligibility for other federal benefits. The request must be renewed each year and also must indicate which federal benefit eligibility is in jeopardy.

Pension recipients who wish to receive payment monthly should contact the nearest VA Regional Office.

VA pensions are paid to wartime veterans with limited incomes who are totally disabled, or age 65 or older, and to survivors of veterans who meet eligibility requirements. The amount of pension is based on income, and changes in marital or dependency status.

Additional information may be obtained by calling:

From Oahu: 541-1000 (VA Regional Office, Honolulu)

From Big Island: 961-3661 (free direct line to the VARO, Honolulu)

From other neighbor islands: 1-800-232-2535 (toll-free line to VARO, Honolulu)

Veterans residing on Guam may call 344-9200 (VA office in Guam)

Veterans residing on American Samoa may call 633-4206 (Veterans Affairs

Office in American Samoa)

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VETERANS CAN FILE NEW DISABILITY CLAIMS

Sam Tiano, Director of the VA Regional Office, Honolulu, announced that recent discovery of duplicate military medical records by the National Archives will enable thousands of World War II and Korean Conflict Army and Army Air Corps veterans to file for Veterans Administration disability compensation payments.

To speed these claims, the VA has introduced special procedures, collectively called Project Expedite, which involves a massive cross-checking of files to determine cases that can be reopened.

Mr. Tiano stated that by using the new records, VA benefits counselors now hope to assist many veterans whose claims had been denied because no record was available to confirm medical disabilities that occurred during military service.

The National Archives and Records Administration on June 15 advised the VA that it had located a collection of computer tape containing some 10 million Army medical records that partially fill a gap created when a 1973 fire destroyed millions of military files at a federal warehouse in St. Louis. The newly found records cover the years from 1942 to 1945 and from 1950 to 1954.

For certain veterans whose claims for disability compensation were denied since the fire, the VA may now be able to establish documentary evidence to support their claims.

The St. Louis fire destroyed or seriously damaged some 18 million service records, making future disability claims difficult and, in some cases, impossible to process. The newly found medical records were provided to the National Archives by the National Research Council, a private organization that had been engaged in analysis of Army hospital records in the 1950's. The computerized information reflects battle injuries treated in Army hospitals and a sample of hospitalizations for other reasons. The records cover personnel who served in the Army and Army Air Corps.

Veterans and survivors unsure whether their disability compensation claims are affected should contact the VA Regional Office, Honolulu by calling: From Oahu: 541-1000 (VA Office Honolulu) From Big Island: 961-3661 (free direct line to the VAO, Honolulu). From other neighbor islands: 1-800-232-2535 (toll-free line to VAO Honolulu)

VETERANS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q -- I am a service-connected veteran rated 10 percent. My service-connected condition has worsened. Can I be reevaluated for an increase of my percentage of disability?

A -- Yes. You should submit a written request to the VA along with any medical evidence you have to substantiate the claim.

Q -- Is there a time limit for applying for VA compensation?

A -- There is no time limit, however, the date of application is a factor in establishing the effective date of payment. In addition, it may also be more difficult to establish entitlement if a claim is filed long after the disability was incurred.

Q -- I served six months of active duty with the National Guard. Am I eligible for VA medical benefits?

A -- National Guard members are only entitled to VA medical benefits if they have a disease or injury which was incurred or aggravated in the line-of-duty while on active training.

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seems to be sitting on this committee from Hilo as he maybe. The "ICHIBAN" from Hilo, JONAH & RENE MORIMOTO were here in the big City to attend a wedding so had a most lengthy talk story and the Hilo-ites will try to get out the old gang that used to be strongest group in Hilo once upon a time. To name a few of those long-time no see such as NORIO HARADA, "OPELO" KAJIWARA, "JUNIOR" MANABU UYEDA, it should be a good one if we can get them all out for that one night. Who knows this might be a good time to revive those Hilo wreckers. With an understanding that we'll be there, JONAH will be doing some hustling to try and put the Hilo K-s on the map once again. Looks like it's sure going to be a busy one.

Bringing to a close this October happenings, heard from RUDY TOKIWA the Bay area Hanco and he reports that 1989 will be a busy one with the planned trip to Bruyeres, France once again, having heard from PIERRE & SERGE. As it now stands this shindig should take place some time in July. With details forthcoming will call it Pau-hana for now. Take those vitamins and keep 'em perking. Bossman GEORGE IWAMOTO sends his very best to all as we hear from him on a pretty regular basis with a once a month phonecall and letters in between. Till again.

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