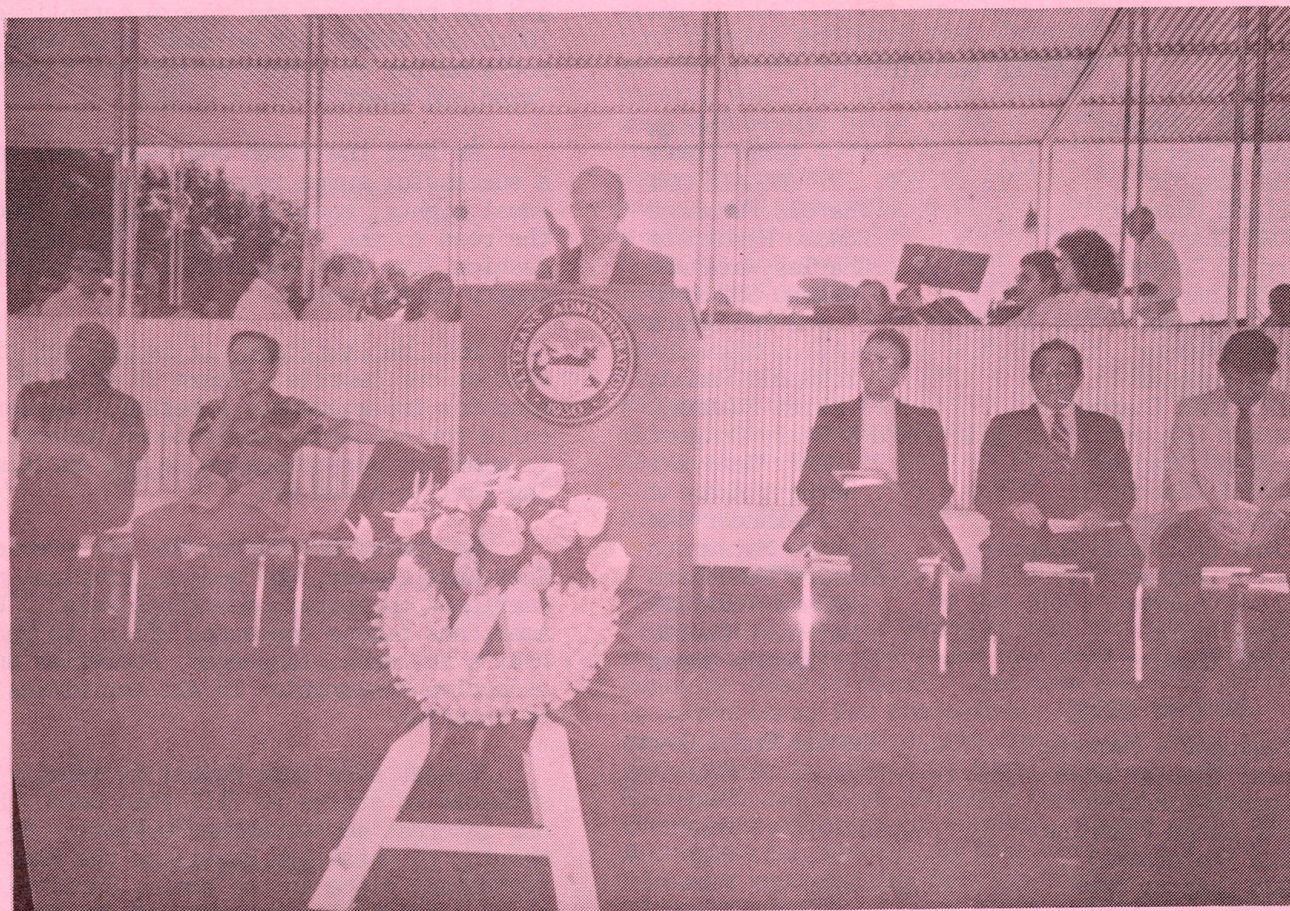


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It was good to touch bases again with A.A. "Bud" Smyser, an old friend, at the Punchbowl Memorial service. Smyser, contributing editor of the Honolulu Star Bulletin, and Mrs. Betty Smyser were staunch supporters of the club in its early years and helped us to establish a firm foundation in the community.

Bud Smyser's inspiring and thought-provoking Memorial address is printed in full elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The thrust of his message was that the KIAs being honored that day did not die in vain. The historic, overwhelming response of the Volunteers and the tremendous war record established by the 100th and 442nd left no doubt that Americanism is not a matter of ethnic origin but a matter of the "mind and heart".

He felt the 100th and 442nd gave impetus to a successful surge toward Statehood and full equal rights, eased ethnic tensions, and opened the road to the Aloha spirit. We helped to fashion "the most successful multi-ethnic community in the world."

But, he cautioned, it is not yet time to rest on our laurels. There is still room and need for improvement. A better, happier Hawaii calls for continued enlightened support. Bud had in mind our participation in the exciting, emerging Pacific-Asian era.

He quoted Dr. Victor Hao Li, president of the East-West Center, who sees a "critical need for Americans to better understand Asia". Unless Americans make a concerted effort to understand Asia's cultures, languages, societies and history, effective cooperation in all activities will not be fruitful.

Smyser adds that Hawaii is ideally suited and situated to strive to fill this need. He solicits our interest and concerned support. He feels helping to establish Hawaii as the East-West intermediary place in the coming Pacific-Asian era to be a "logical outgrowth" of the dreams that motivated us in the World War II years.

Of major interest to many members is the Resolution adopted at the last Board meeting, requesting Hawaii's Congressional delegation to postpone implementation of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. The benefits provided by the law are supported but the method of payment for this program is of much concern. The cost starts at \$800 a year and is scheduled to increase annually, based on the income taxes you pay.

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PRES. MESSAGE/continued

The U.S. Military Institute is interested in your wartime experiences. The Institute maintains the finest military library in the U. S. and one of the best in the entire world. Should you have a penchant to be archived, let your Board representative know. The Institute will send you the material for your comments. Your submissions will be preserved in the 442nd Infantry Regiment collection in the Archives Branch.

END

IN MEMORIAM

RONALD K. HIGA

Ronald K. Higa, an active member of Livorno Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on March 16, 1989.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS FUMIO ISHII

Francis Fumio Ishii, an active member of George Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on April 30, 1989.

IN MEMORIAM

GORO TOKUMURA

Goro Tokumura, an active member of Easy Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on May 7, 1989.

IN MEMORIAM

SHIGEO WARASHINA

Shigeo Warashina, an active member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on April 27, 1989.

RURAL CHAPTER NEWS

By Kazuma Oyama

TATSUO MIURA - January 25, 1916 - March 23, 1989, that's all that his gravestone may read. However, there is so much to say about Tatsu. His portrait at the altar in the Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission where his memorial service was held on March 28, showed a smiling Tatsu Miura. I think this is the face that most of us will remember - that of a vibrant man. I think he was the original "Don't Worry, Be Happy" man who, no matter what the problem, would say "No sweat, can do."

Tatsu was one of the founders of Rural Chapter 442nd and a prime mover in the formative years of the Chapter. He initiated many of our fund raising projects that financed our picnics and Christmas parties in the younger, children raising years of the Rural Chapter members. He even donned the Santa Claus uniform with a pillow inside at the annual Christmas parties. An expert sign painter, and skilled at silk screening and stencil spraying he printed Rural Chapter's baseball and basketball uniforms, and shirts and T-shirts for members to wear to meetings and community functions. He gave freely of his time and also made a large monetary contribution to the Chapter. In his active days as a commercial sign painter many of the business signs in Wahiawa could be attributed to Tatsu. The largest and most prominent was the annual new car sales signs that he painted in multi-colors on the Service Motor show windows fronting on Kamehameha Highway in Wahiawa.

Tatsu Miura, like several others, was a "draftee-volunteer." He was drafted and stationed at Schofield Barracks and volunteered when the call to form the 442nd was made. By coincidence he died in March - the same month in which he volunteered for the 442nd. At the memorial service Eddie Imamura gave the eulogy, Gary Yamaguchi spoke in behalf of Rural Chapter, Tadashi Matsumoto and Nobuo Takamori represented the Chapter in offering of incense. Other 442nd members offering special incense were Masaji "Shadow" Kurozumi representing Service Company, and Tatsumi Yamauchi, a very close friend of Tatsu. For fear of missing some names I will not attempt to list the many members of the 442nd who attended the service.

A better late than never item. All the incumbents volunteered to stay in office for another year so the 1989 Rural Chapter officers remain as follows: President - Tadashi Matsumoto; Vice President - Sam Kihara; Recording Secretary - Futao Terashima; Corresponding Secretary - Kenichi Sakamoto; Treasurer - Yutaka Kajiwarra and Welfare - Nobuo Takamori.

END

NOTES FOR A TALK TO 442nd VETERANS
Punchbowl Cemetery - March 25, 1989

By Bud Smyser

I often have wondered what would have happened if back in 1943 you men of the 442nd instead of volunteering for combat had gone instead to some place like Thomas Square and staged a demonstration shouting, "Hell No, We Won't Go."

You could have justified it on the basis of the treatment of internees of Japanese ancestry from the American West Coast.

But you didn't. And I think Hawaii's history is better and happier because you didn't.

To have refused, even if justified, would have exacerbated ethnic tensions in the islands.

I don't know what else would have happened. But it is not too hard to believe that the move toward Statehood and full equal rights would have been set back.

I can even believe that Hawaii today might be a U.S. commonwealth like Puerto Rico, rather than a state, or still a U.S. territory, or even a county of California as someone proposed.

I don't know if our ethnic tensions today would be as bad as Fiji's. That would have depended on successor events. But I'm sure our community ethnic relations would hardly be as good as they are today. It might be hard to call us the land of the aloha spirit.

So the community owes you a great debt.

And so we can say with great conviction that your comrades who died in combat, and whom we particularly honor here today, did not die in vain.

* * *

That is a tremendous contribution. Few generations are so spectacularly challenged. And fewer still respond so magnificently.

You are assured a permanent place in the histories of these islands.

And you have added to that with outstanding postwar records of individual accomplishment and community service.

* * *

By now you may have a hunch that what I am going to say next is that you nevertheless should still not rest on your laurels -- and that is right.

I want to point to a new opportunity ahead. It is one that your World War II record helped make possible by building Hawaii into the multi-ethnic, harmonious place that we are. We aren't perfect in our ethnic relations, far from it. But we aren't so bad either. And what we have is simply the most successful multi-ethnic community in the world.

I have challenged people numerous times to name me another place where so many people of so many diverse races get along so well -- and never have had one named.

Call it what you want. The aloha spirit is a good name. It is something intangible but immensely valuable. It is a little like breath, however. You only really appreciate it and miss it when you don't have it.

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Now that quality can help Hawaii's people to capitalize on an opportunity that can enrich all our lives.

- It can make Hawaii a more exciting place to live by stimulating sports, recreation, culture and the arts.
- It can diversify our economy.
- It can provide more of the middle class jobs that today are in short supply.
- It will stimulate education for all.
- It will help eliminate the drain drain that forces some of our brightest young people to go to the mainland to see jobs.
- It can be achieved without stimulating excessive growth.
- And most of all it can further enhance our ethnic pride and aloha spirit, regardless of our backgrounds.

* * *

What am I talking about? Let me quote briefly from something Kenny Brown, businessman, architect and a close adviser to the late Governor John Burns, told a recent University of Hawaii graduating class:

"Both the Eastern and Western civilizations have been animated by the search for knowledge. The Western civilization has typically used this knowledge to control those elements of the world with which man interacts. Man pries out Nature's secrets in order to conquer her.

"In the East, on the other hand, knowledge has been more often used by man to help him conform with Nature rather than change her.

"Now these two systems are studying each other across the Pacific. And Hawaii, the product of physical geography, now finds itself in a crucial situation in a new geography -- the geography of ideas, philosophies and cultures.

"We are positioned between the two great cultural forces which face each other across the Pacific. Because we are a product of both...we are in a position of influence...

"We must make ourselves a welcome way station for those who now carry on East-West dialogue and commerce...We can create here a model society which combines the best in Eastern, Western and Polynesian values and techniques."

Let me quote also from Dr. Victor Hao Li, president of the East-West Center:

"A critical need is for Americans to better understand Asia. Unless we can substantially raise the level of expertise about Asia -- its cultures, languages, societies and history -- we cannot expect our country to work effectively with the region. Our capacity to deal with Asia and the Pacific is growing more slowly than the need."

* * *

Here, then, is a future role Hawaii is ideally suited to fill -- and to fill with all the advantages to our own people that I mentioned earlier.

In working for the last two years on a booklet called "Hawaii's Future in the Pacific: Disaster, Backwater or Future State?" and on last December's Congress on Hawaii's International Role I have come to a rather unexpected conclusion.

This is that the main thing standing between us and fulfillment of the role mentioned above is perception -- our perception of ourselves, and others' perception of us.

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Maybe I can explain it with one word, "Geneva". That probably conjures up images of economic and political conferences, summit meetings and a place for world-decision making. Only secondarily do most of us recall that Geneva is also a great resort city on a beautiful Swiss lake.

Say "Hawaii" and different visions flash into minds around the world. Beautiful scenery, beaches and climate. Lovely dancers.

Yet we have the potential to be an East-West intermediary as significant in the Pacific as Geneva is in Europe. We have the potential to serve the world and also serve ourselves. Not only in academic and business. But in sports, culture, arts, health programs, science, peace and mediation -- a whole rainbow of activities that, like tourism, could touch just about everyone in the community directly or indirectly.

What we have to do is to recognize this, and then persuade others to recognize it, too.

Last December's Congress recommended creation of a Hawaii International Action Commission in the Governor's Office to move us in this direction. A bill to do this is having a rocky passage through the 1989 legislature.

If the Commission should emerge I hope its first key goal will be to work on this question of image. I would judge its year-to-year success by polls showing whether more people here and abroad are coming to recognize Hawaii as an East-West meeting place potentially as significant as Geneva.

If they are, then I think a lot of the other things the Congress hoped for will begin to happen almost automatically in both the private and public sectors. International activity can then become a truly important segment of our economy -- hundreds of millions -- the newest adjunct since tourism. If you doubt that remember that almost one-third of our tourism income, comes from abroad, is already international, over \$2 billion.

Most of that \$2 billion, of course, is vacation-oriented. But there is a big segment that is not. That is the segment I hope and believe we can build on to the advantage of all our people. It can be far bigger than sugar or pineapple or all agriculture combined.

The Congress, incidentally, laid down strict Quality of Life guidelines to help us discriminate between businesses we want and those we don't want. Those we want would preserve the aloha spirit, show respect for our land and environment, help promote the physical and mental health of our people, include our disadvantaged people in their opportunities, try to talk things over rather than confront, and put into the community as much as they take out. You will note no tests were proposed for ethnicity or place of origin...just measures of conduct applicable to all. It is one of the few such codes ever adopted by a representative community group anywhere in the U.S.

This is a cause in which you can help with your interest, concern and the prestige of your support.

It is one that would not even be worth mentioning if Hawaii were a torn and divided community.

It is a logical outgrowth -- in fact a very idealistic outgrowth and fulfillment -- of the dreams that must have motivated both you and your fallen comrades back in the World War II years.

Hawaii a recognized East-West intermediary place serving both sides in the new Pacific Era. Hawaii...as much a part of the world as a part of the U.S. Hawaii, a place whose citizens of all races are very proud with much of their pride tracing back to the tides you set in motion back in World War II.

Thank you.

END

A NEED....MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

George Nakasato, Chairman
LR Planning Committee

John F. Kennedy once said, "...change is the law of life...and those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future..." We concur with that statement and of the changes that inevitably will take place, even within our organizational structure.

Our Long-range Planning Committee was formally established in late 1987 to help direct such future changes in a more constructive manner and not let changes occur in a haphazard, unguided way. And our planning process was aimed to harness the best thinking that exists within our own organization and, to some extent, from the community.

To this end, our Committee received from our members numerous suggestions and ideas that could eventually be incorporated into our future plans. One of the key issues was membership expansion, i.e., the need to promote the concept of perpetuity of life membership among members of the 442nd families. As early as 1956, our Charter and its By-laws flagged this as an important part our peace-time mission. By accepting this concept, it was felt that we could sustain our organization over the long haul.

Today, we find that such a goal was not attainable.

And there were a number of reasons for such a result. As someone mentioned recently, "...to generate interest among young nikkei's is no easy task...no longer is there an interest or reason to hold siblings to share the parent's life style or involvement in community or organizational affairs (in this case, with the 442nd organization)." And each tends to go their own way and doing their own things, a part of our heritage.

BUT WE MUST TRY AGAIN.

We must promote the concept of perpetuity of life membership and encourage our spouses and siblings to accept life membership in our organization. (Our By-laws allows such a transfer, one member per life member). We must show and tell them about the benefits one might acquire as a member of our organization and a chance to sustain the mission and purposes of the 442nd Veterans Club; of the potentials of an organizational base to plan, organize and direct a program to meet their own social needs as well as participate in community affairs; and of the advantage to utilize the Clubhouse and its facilities as a gathering place for group action activities.

WE ARE SURE SUCH GOALS ARE ATTAINABLE.

To ease the process to apply for such a transfer of life membership, the Committee has prepared a form (see elsewhere in this Bulletin) for your use. A second form is also available in case where the life member died without applying for transferred life membership.

Another idea about membership expansion emerged recently, the issue of establishing a new chapter for current sons and daughters of life members. It is modeled after the highly successful group, the Maui Sons and Daughters of 442nd Veterans. This idea enhances the concept of "transferred" life membership since both groups consist of young and viable members of the 442nd family. But, more importantly, it can be incorporated now. A core group of 40-50 members could initiate an attractive program of chapter activities, in our judgement.

This proposal seems like a viable option to expand our membership base.

Again we strongly urge all life members to discuss such an option with their sons and daughters and, if appropriate, encourage them to join and be a partner in the 442nd movement. A feedback to this issues will be welcomed by the Board.

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In summary, let's hope these ideas on membership expansion can grow and become an important cog in our future plans.

TRANSFER OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

442nd Veterans Club

The undersigned, _____, Life Member
of the 442nd Veterans Club, hereby designate _____
of _____ as his "Transferee" of his
rights and privileges as a Life Member of the 442nd Veterans Club. If
for any reason my said designee cannot or is unable to accept the Life
membership I hereby designate the following alternates in priority order.

DATED: _____, Hawaii, ____ day of _____, 198 ____.

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442nd Veterans Club

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NOTE: Use this form to transfer life membership to a member of your
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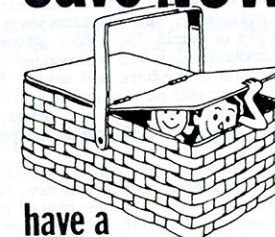
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KEYNOTE SPEECH AT "HOLOCAUST DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"
AT PEARL HARBOR NAVY CHAPEL
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM, May 5, 1989

by

S. Don Shimazu, Pres., 522-B Chapter of 442nd Veterans Club Speaking for the Liberators

Chaplain Thompson, Members of Our Armed Forces, Veterans, Honored Guests, Fellow Americans:

Today, we are gathered here to remember the holocaust, the particular holocaust which was perpetrated on the Jewish people by Adolph Hitler in World War II.

To those who know, it is one of the blackest chapters in the annals of "man's inhumanity to man". I said, "to those who know", because there are many who don't know; and there are some who vocally, purposely, and stridently say that it never happened. The first-hand experiences of members of the 522 Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team at Dachau are part of the proof that says: "Oh yes, it did happen!"

Briefly, our time before the Dachau encounter was mostly in joint actions with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which was an all-volunteer, all-Nisei outfit except for its Caucasian officers. There is much I can say about the many exploits of the 442nd Combat Team, but my allotted speaking time does not allow it.

Just before the Rhine River Crossing into Germany, the 442nd was split into two parts. The regiment of infantry and the company of engineers were sent back to Italy, while the artillery battalion was assigned to elements of the 7th Army to help with the Rhine River crossing. That was in early March of 1945. Once the Rhine River was crossed, and the Siegfried Line was breached; the front became very fluid. Artillery targets became scarcer and scarcer, fire-power became more and more concentrated and the rate of advance became a rat race. The situation was such that the artillery was often in front of the infantry. I remember our outfit traveling many times right on the autobahn, and in broad daylight with impunity. In the forest alongside the super-highways were Germany's latest aircraft, the brand new jet fighters, parked for want of fuel, ammunition, and pilots. Some were still in packing crates.

We were about 10 miles northwest of Munich and close to Dachau when we began to see people in prison garb all over the place. They were gaunt skeletons with only the skin over the bones and with eyes sunken deep in their sockets. Looking at them, one had to wonder how they were still alive. I was told that it was one of our 522nd's scout teams who were ahead of our main body who shot off the locks of the main gate to free the prisoners. By the time we got there, it must have been in the late afternoon and probably on April 29, 1945. After making our own camp, some of us entered the Dachau compound which was surrounded by a high barbed-wire fence, with prisoners still milling around everywhere and asking for food. Some of our men I was told took the time to look around at the crematoriums and the living quarters; others saw store rooms full of civilian shoes, clothes, etc.; and still others saw rail cars full of dead bodies. I can still smell the pervasive odors of death.

When I entered the Dachau compound myself, I recall going to the command building and there I remember seeing the Rev. Martin Niemöller dressed in the same prison garb of blue and gray stripes seated on a couch and apparently waiting for something. I recognized him immediately from pictures I had seen of him in my high school social studies classes. I was impressed on that occasion with the air of serenity about him.

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In the course of that afternoon, I recall that we were all given strict orders not to give them any food. For one thing, there were so many of them; second, the battalion's resources at the moment were limited; and third, we were told that in their condition, they cannot handle ordinary food. We were told that more appropriate food would be prepared for them by our mess crews, and I believe that those orders were carried out.

When we sat down for chow that evening, we ate in our own Hq Battery area which was off-limits to the prisoners. Our food-scrap disposal sump, however, was at our camp perimeter; and there we saw many of them standing around watching each person scrape off the scraps into the sump. I did it too, and I still remember them saying: "W(V)arum? Why? Why are you throwing that food away?" It was hard, but military discipline, as you know, is very strict and hard, too.

In spite of the orders, I found out later that some had secretly fed some of the prisoners with improper food, and also that some prisoners had died. I learned too that some of our people saw other prisoners stripping and eating meat from dead horses along the road.

More recently in 1984, a large group of 442nd veterans visited Europe to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Bruyeres with the people of Bruyeres. In connection with that trip, those of us who were in the 522 F.A. Bn. of the 442nd made time also to visit Dachau in Germany. I think most of us, myself included, found that the Dachau Camp preserved as a museum for posterity was different from the one we liberated back in 1945. The layout was very different. It turned out that there were actually several separate prison compounds in the area all known collectively as Dachau. The publicity which followed our visit and the meetings we have had with Jewish officials and survivors there and in Munich, triggered a lot of interest of all kinds -- especially because the news stories mentioned that we were the liberators. Since that time, there have been claims and counterclaims by many American Army units saying that they were the ones who opened the gates, or that they were the first to reach Dachau, etc. They may all be right, but could be speaking of different Dachau camps. In the case of the 522's Dachau encounter we would not be able to say which camp, too, if it weren't for my remembrance of my encounter with the Rev. Martin Niemöller. That encounter, I believe, has made possible the pin-pointing of the particular camp we were connected with because other records have also placed the Rev. Niemöller in a particular Dachau compound from where he was transferred to another location at a particular time on a particular date.

In Hawaii today, there is a "Hawaii Holocaust Project" which is trying to record for posterity as much of the first-hand accounts as possible. You may contact Ms. Judy Weightman, a UH Law Professor and volunteer leader for further information.

In conclusion, let us all hope that mankind will never again see another Hitler, another Holocaust, and another 6,000,000 people processed thru extermination camps like the Dachau we saw.





By Stanley Kaneshiro

Up Front

Planning continues for the 1990 Reunion in Kona and will keep you all informed as detailed plans materialize. Since accommodations in Kona will be in four separate hotels and B Chapter members would like to be together in the most convenient hotel (preferably, Kona Surf, host hotel), an early head count is being taken on those planning to attend this Reunion. If you haven't been contacted or counted, call Jerry Ishimoto, our Reunion coordinator right away. In planning or consideration also is a post Reunion or mini-reunion in Honolulu and will let you know as soon as a decision is reached on this. Also in consideration is having some or all Reunion activities by Battalion instead of separate chapters. Majority of B chapter members would like to have Battalion activities but accommodations in four separate hotels, small size of hospitality rooms and the desires of A and C chapter members and their mainland participants must be considered. For those interested in charter boat fishing, call or write me c/o 442nd Clubhouse and I'll see what can be arranged. All day charters for six fishermen on a boat run from \$50 to \$75 each depending on boat, lunch, etc. June is one of the better months for fishing in Hawaii and its almost a guarantee on catching fish. These and other details on the Reunion will be taken up in future Chapter meetings.

As a reminder again, the next family and white elephant night will be at the Clubhouse on August 25th. Mark your calendar now and make an effort to attend this social meeting to get the latest on the Reunion and other Chapter activities.

Taps

Shigeo Warashina (Service), 6/24/17-4/27/89. An active Chapter member until sometime after the Reunion in Los Angeles when he suffered a couple of strokes, Shige finally left us on April 27, 1989 at the age of 71. Shige, as he was known to us, was one of many 442nd volunteers from the North Shore, Waialua, Oahu and served in the Ammo Section of Service Battery. After the war he worked at Pearl Harbor as an auto mechanic and after his retirement from Pearl, worked as a travel agent and tour guide. He was agent and guide for most B Chapter members to the Los Angeles Reunion and Las Vegas. Many Chapter members and spouses attended and/or participated in

his services at the Nuuanu Memorial Park Mortuary's East Chapel on May 2, 1989. Seen also were a number of former artillery men, we haven't seen in years, such as Tokushi Tanaka, Edward Nakagawa, Robert Hirata, Kazuma Kubo and others. A life-time bachelor, Shige's survivors include a sister, Mrs. Chizuko Niki, two sisters-in-laws and a number of nieces and nephews.

April Chapter Meeting

Ladies were invited and near 40 attended this special meeting at the Clubhouse to view some U.S. Signal Corps films on the 442nd in combat. The invitation however was to view a recently acquired film on the 522nd in action but apparently the unidentified film requisitioner got confused or goofed. The business part of the meeting covered Kona Reunion plans, Hawaii Holocaust project and plans to form 442nd Club sansei and yonsei auxiliary organizations. All members were requested to communicate the latter information to their children and grandchildren. This was a bento dinner meeting and much mahalo to the Inouye's for the cake, Shiroma's for the mochi and the Kunihiro's for the teri beef pupu.

Chapter President

Our Chapter president, Don Shimazu, has been very busy during his first few months on the job. Besides directing Chapter meetings and socials with much finesse, he has written and presented an excellent orientation paper on the Hawaii Holocaust Project to the mother club that has resulted in the long sought after funding and support of the project by the 442nd Veterans Club (see below). He has also given a formal speech at the Holocaust Day of Remembrance Commemorative Ceremony which was held this year at the Pearl Harbor Naval Chapel. He also participated in the annual Jewish memorial service for the six million Jews who died in Nazi concentration camps. This service called the 'Yom HaShoah' was held at the local Temple Emanu-El on May 7th and a special presentation was made by the Jewish community to the 522nd Veterans for its part in the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp prisoners in 1945. Other Chapter members at this ceremony were Fred Hirayama, Ted Tsukiyama, Hideo Nakamine and Neil Nagareda.

Hawaii Holocaust Project

This project received a shot in the arm when directors of the Mother Club authorized \$3,000 for the project at its May monthly meeting. Judge Daniel Valk, our friend in New York, has also sent

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in a generous \$100. For those unaware of this project or would like more details on its participants, objectives, funding, etc., please read Don Shimazu's excellent presentation to the 442nd Veterans Club.

Chapter Golf (Rocky Tanna)

The April tournament was at HOC and in ideal weather conditions, but only 3 out of 19 players shot net par or better. They were Jerry Ishimoto, overall winner with a round of 40-42 = 82 - 18 = 64 net. Flint Yonashiro who shot a fantastic 39-38 = 77 gross came in second with a net 66 and Teiji Uehara came in third with a net 72. Three players shot net 80 or higher and all others shot nets 73 to 79.

Front nine had a tie with Kon Kon Shiroma and Roy Okubo both shooting nets 33½. Flint took the back nine with a net 32½. Par three's were taken by Flint, Larry Nakahara and Biggie Nakakura. No one hit the green on the 170 yards 17th hole.

I was fortunate playing with Jerry when he scored his net 64 since he was my partner playing against Don Yagami and Kats Miho. On the front nine, we closed the match on the eight hole with Jerry's game and not much help from me but on the back nine we closed the match on the 15th with my birdie putt. Prizes were awarded to the winners at the College Walk Diner and thanks to Jerry for his \$10 donation to the Club.

Talk about gorillas, there's a Texan named Wilson. For professional competition, he has hit a 3 iron 309 yards and he can easily drive the ball 270 yards while on his knees. To drive farther, he says you should create a big arc with a 'free-wheeling' arm swing and also work on strengthening your back muscles.

Bits and Pieces

Bill Kajikawa (Tempe, Arizona) has written to Harold Ueoka on John Izumi having emergency by-pass surgeries. According to Helen, John's wife, John was still in the hospital at the end of April but expected to have him back home soon at 22 W. 317 Glen Vy Drive, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. As for Bill and Margaret, he's playing golf twice a week and Margaret has her calendar full of club activities. Clinton Shiraishi (Hdq's) from Kauai attended our April Chapter meeting while enroute to the mainland. After retiring from politics, as a State senator and a representative, he's continuing his law practice and real estate business. He's also the current 522 Chapter president on Kauai.

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By Larry Ishida

On March 10th, following members were hosted by Kazu Tomasa and Botchan Okemura at the Clubhouse: Herbie Isonaga, Toshi Hayama, Masa Yamamoto, Quanto Watanabe, Lippy Higuchi, Yoshi Sugi, Jimmy Sakamoto, Moriso Teraoka, and Larry Ishida.

Prexy Kazu Tomasa reported no news which is good news. Pupuu and meeting session shut down at 9 P.M.

April 14th meeting was hosted by Herbie Isonaga and Sweeney Sugai at the Clubhouse and was attended by: Sweeney Sugai, Bill Thompson, Toshi Hayama, Masa Yamamoto, Quanto Watanabe, Richard Nakamura, Kazu Tomasa, Botchan Okemura, Scully Shimizu, Yoshi Sugi, Katon Tanigawa, Moriso Teraoka, Herbie Isonaga, and Larry Ishida.

Bill Thompson and Herbie Isonaga (Co-Chairmen) for 1990 Kona Reunion reported that plans for this function are proceeding on schedule. They expect a record number of members locally and from the mainland to sign up. Plans call for tentative reservations at King Kam Hotel. Chapter functions will include several Chapter nights, sightseeing and golfing. "Old Man" Narimatsu will be the contact and coordinating member on Hawaii. Members are urged to sign up as soon as possible to enable Bill to reserve appropriate number of rooms.

Moriso Teraoka did an excellent job again. This time he hosted and planned Chapter Dinner/Meeting at King Tsin Restaurant on May 13th. The choice of food was very delicious and everyone enjoyed every bit of it. Mahalo, Moriso, for a job well done. Following members attended: Richard/Margie Nakamura, Y. Sugi, K. Tomasa, Masa/Edna Yamamoto, Aileen Yonemori, Hisako Higuchi, Frances Sato, Quanto/Doris Watanabe, Moriso/Florence Teraoka, Botchan/Jane Okemura, Herbie/Sue Isonaga, Jimmy/Mitsue Sakamoto, Toki/Stella Kane-shige, Katon/Toshiko Tanigawa, Bill Thompson, and Larry/Violet Ishida.

Prexy Tomasa again reported no news which is always good news; however, this reporter came upon some bits of dis and dat so I'll pass them to you. Lippy Higuchi, our main waiter was sorely missed especially by the ladies. He was unable to attend this gathering because he was readmitted to the hospital for more testing. He is at Queen's, Pauahi, Room 409.

Sue/Herbie Isonaga will again prepare flowers at our Chapter members resting at Punchbowl Cemetery. They requested flowers be at Botchan Okemura's by May 28th.

Aileen Yonemori reported, Son, Wayne and

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By Joe Shimamura

JANUARY

A Tuesday night Shinmen Kai affair which wasn't a tea-house deal was celebrated at the Wisteria with the following in attendance: KEN & JANE TOMOMITSU, WALT & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, YOSHI & IRENE HIGA, ROBERT & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, KATS & NORA IBARA, RUS & MARY OMOTO, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, RICH & PAULINE ODA, ED & PAT OGATA, BOSSMAN JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JIMMY & MASAKO YANAGIDA, SANDY & MARY TAKESHITA, SEIICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, KENNY & STELLA SHIMABUKURO, CHET & MITS TANAKA, and the singles in the way of long, long time no see AKIRA DOI, KENT KAJIWARA, TOSHIO YAGI, MASAO NOBORIKAWA and are still kicking around CLARENCE TAMAYORI and our forever faithful HELEN MAEDA. The K roster is getting bigger as the years roll by and most happy to see that all the retirees are awakening to the better things of life as they approach their twilight hours as the year's go whizzing by. Not much in the way of business on the agenda except for the nomination of "SUIKA" SUYEOKA as chairman for the 1990 Nisei Veterans Reunion scheduled to take place in Kona. Aside from this, it was a nite of "Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu". Considering the price and getting to take home the nokori's, we do hope that no one went home hungry?

STATESIDE

Got to say Hello and Goodbye to N. "BRAGGAR" KIMURA during the month of December on the latest donation tour to "LOSS WAGES". Still looking fit as ever, he looked as tho he was ready to take this gambling mecca for a nice hot ride. Never got to hear how he made out but you can see that he was right at home as it was all smiles being at his 2nd residence. You just can't take that "shi-go" re" fever away from NOBU.

Still keeping in touch via Alexander Graham Bell and the pony express in between, GEORGE IWAMOTO sound mighty fit but is spending more time in that prone position due to a stiffening neck as he feels that the arthritis is getting the better of him. Still doing a lot of prodding to get GEORGE to come for that Hawaiian holiday before that neck really stiffens up. Pretty sure that the tropical sunshine will do him good.

KIMI WATANABE reports that KIMIO is responding real well to his medication having had some heart problem for some time now. Keep 'em healthy you all. Don't let Father Time get the best of you.

FEBRUARY

The month of the cupid found the K's gathered at the old favorite LIKELIKE DRIVE INN on February the 15th, another week nite with the following able to make it. The HEIRAKUJI's - WALTER & SALLY, HIGA's - YOSHIO & IRENE, KANE-MORI's - TSUNE & HATSUE, MIYAMOTO's - FUJIO & HELEN, NAKATA's - MASA & DORIS, ODA's - RICHARD & PAULINE, OURA's - JAMES & CHARLOTTE and all by their lonesome KAZU KAJIWARA, MASAO NOBORIKAWA, RUSSELL OMOTO, TOSHIO YAGI, and getting to be a steady AKIRA DOI. Almost forgot the TAKESHITA's - HUMIO & MARY and the TOMOMITSU's - KENSHI & JANE. The surprise of the evening as previously predicted TOMMY HORIKAMI and his wife EDITH attended after all these years of absence. Not to be outdone, the unpredictable JOE SASAKI came strutting in with his Japan guest, MITSUKO. This Wednesday evening affair found one country couple able to make it as the ever steady YANAGIDA's - JAMES & MASAKO were present and accounted for. A generous monetary donation was received this evening in memory of the late NEAL KOSASA who went forth to meet his makers 20 years ago. Seems as tho it was only yesterday that this wonderful individual was breaking bread with the K-men, later to serve as the Honcho of the 442nd V.C. for 2 terms. Time marches on.

ECHOES

Collecting was part of the game for many a frontliner, for what reason I don't know? Like the case of the best from the Pearl Country, JOE S. FUJIMOTO, 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon was a money collector whose famous bywords were "cover me while I search him" with every prisoner captured ended up being relieved of his wallet contents before being sent to the rear. Big question is whatever happened to all those kala JOE??? The late HUGH TATARA, the best from Los Angeles who spoke like he came out of Kahoolawe was a ring collector. Thank lord we didn't capture any individual with rings on their snuzzle or dangling from their ears. Never did get to ask HUGH what he did with all those rings?? Yours truly was a watch and pistol collector who has none of these loot left after all these years except for a Walters 32 that was taken from a frontline medics during the lost battalion escape.

Bringing to a close this March typeout as the K-s forego their 3rd meeting of the year to attend the mother club anniversary affair. Till the next one, plug away with those vitamins.

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April

Just a bunch of retirees with nothing much to do, I guess a good way to whittle away the time is to go out for that dinner meeting as the K-men met once again on April 15 with a dinner affair at the Like Like Drive Inn, making it the 4th one for this year. The country crew turnout was rather dismal as JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, Wejiawa and MASA & MISAYO OKASATO, Mililani were the only ones able to make it. I guess the social life must be that much more busier with their "Kumiai" and "kosai's" and their many friends that keep these ruralites on the go. The city dwellers able to make it for this affair were the following singles CLARENCE "JOHNBULL" TAMAYORI, BILLY YAGI, YUKIO TOKUDA, TED NAKATA, the arranger KENT KAZU KAJIWARA, CURTIS MASAO NOBORIKAWA and H. SUYEOKA, with the following chained & balled accompanied by their 1st Sgts MASAO SASAKI & his newest girlfriend, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, MASA & DORIS NAGATA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, TSUNEO & HATSUE KANEYORI, and PREXY JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA. With no OSHIN to rush home to and with not much in the way of business, the adjournment was rather early. As the years whiz by, I guess quite a number are finding that they do have better things to do at home???. So she went for the month of April.

Farewell

The old faithful 4th Platoon boss reports that the K-s dwindling rank chalks up another less with the passing of GEORGE H. KATADA in Los Angeles on March 17th. The K-men had the best baker in the way of GEORGE who was just hard to beat. The surprise for one and all was that KATADA was a native of Kauai who must have left the islands sometime ago as he passed away at the age of 78. Our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of his family to include his wife, SADAKO and his 3 sons and many brothers and sister. Whether they be 78 or 41, March was a most trying month as yours truly saw his eldest nephew go forth to meet his makers after serving 2 tours in Vietnam. Serving with the Vietnamese Rangers on his first tour he had high praises for these die hard fighters as he signed on for his second tour to be highly disillusioned when he was attached to the regulars, coming home a very disappointed combat veteran, all in one piece physically, but rather broken down mentally. Laid to rest in the same cubicle as his uncle who served in the Korean conflict, I guess he has now found his peace at last, young as he may have been, and most probably is going fishing with his uncle day after day in the world beyond. When it's your time to go, age is no major factor in this life of ours as you pick up the pieces and bid final farewell to all.

K-Bits

Never got to see them but just called to say hello was TADASHI & MILDRED OKUDA of Kula. With his retirement, TADASHI is turning out to be quite a fisherman as he hauled in a 58 lb Ulua lately. Looks like the formula to catch the big one on the valley isle is to go fishing just before or 5 days after the full moon. We'll get to test this theory one of these good days when we visit MILLIE & TADASHI who must be spending a lot of full moon nights on the beaches.

In good shape and merrily rolling along are those hustling Hilo-ites JONAH & RENE MORIMOTO who should be visiting the big city to attend a birthday party come June. Busy with her senior citizens program while JONAH tends to his garden and watch those okoles roll by at the shopping center when he's all done with his home work.

TAD MIYAMOTO and wife GRACIE in his semi-retired status here in town for their physical checkup during the month of April, seems to be thriving with old age, as one son is in Washington studying to be an engineer with the younger one matriculating at the local U. This one in a million 1st platoon medics continues to retain the vigor going thru hell and high waters to get to you if you got hit, distinguishing himself by being awarded the silver star with clusters for heroism beyond the call of duty as he carries on life in the quietness of country living as this is how he was brought up. He might have gotten a late start in beginning his family but he is sure making up for lost time as he and GRACIE goes zippering thru life like a pair of newly weds. Short a visit as it was, it sure was great seeing you again.

Echoes

Echoes of the past focuses on incidents big and small that can be recalled as this incidence that took place in the little village town of Luciane where the K-men gets it's first taste of house to house combat. M-Company sends up a few heavy water cool machine guns to reinforce the flanks. Seeing "Kanak" Morita lugging up this heavy stuff all by his lonesome, decided to give him a hand. Not knowing anything about this heavy stuff followed his instructions to set up this heavy weapon. After quite a struggle did manage to set it up overlooking the valley on the left flank, with a good field of fire looking thru a hole in the wall. A crew of a tiger tank, so well camouflaged, that we never got to see it, must have been laughing their heads off watching "KANAK" and I setting this up for no sooner were we comfortably seated ready for any action that

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By Charles Watanabe

Here we go again, it is news time again, seems like a never ending chore especially when trying to think of something to write about you know blank what I mean. Must be repetitious for you and me, and you can say that again.

Now getting on with whatever news I have or what is exciting going on with Hq3rd. Well, how right you are, nothing much, but once the momentum picks up members will be kept busy.

For the month of March meeting held at the clubhouse and called to order by our perennial president, Erni Uno. Calling to order the meeting was proper but looking around and sitting attentively, politely were Sam Sasai, Harold Mikuni, Charles Watanabe and of course, Erni Uno. I know what you're thinking and that's a very good question, I don't have the answer to it. I wish I knew. They don't tell me anything as they are all adults.

But that's alright, Ernie had lots of pupus and refreshment and sometimes it makes for some interesting conversation and fellowship. Ever hear Harold Mikuni talk about his gig days overseas, he was the A & P of the Anti Tank platoon. We get to talk practically of everything under the sun, X rated and all.

Now for the month of April, well it was a little better, I counted seven heads, not bad this time, that's more like it. Must have given Erni a little inspiration to call the meeting to order. Report was about the same, nothing new added, and many unanswered questions. What else did we have on the business agenda. Can't think of anything else.

Meeting ended at the King's Bakery for some coffee and short stacks. Of course, we shouldn't be eating short stacks with all that syrup and smoldered with butter. Makes your mouth watery. But hell, we only live dangerously once. Well, all these were compliments of Takeshi Nakamura and if you missed having short stacks, better start attending the meetings.

Now for some news which to gossip about.

The Nakamuras, Gotos, Kuwatas, and who else are going on a Scandinavian trip. Now if you are a high school graduate with a 2 point average, you should know where Scandinavia is. Do you? I didn't know so I looked it up in the encyclopedia and researched it. Surprised me, it says, All countries where Scandinavian lives, are Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland. I don't know how many days they will be gone but I

imagine couple of months. Well, a very Happy Bon Voyage to them - wish I can say wait I am going too. No rich uncle who left me anything.

Erni Uno and wife Gracie are going on a trip to the mainland for an extended visit since she retired from her Federal work. Erni rises early in the morning to play golf and I hope it's not a problem, I mean the rise in the morning.

David Kaiura just returned from Las Vegas, I am still trying to figure out what David has over there that's so good. How he manages to take care of three dogs, lotta mess, and still care for his grandchildren.

Did not see Bill Kuwata for a while. Too busy baby sitting.

Frank Ishikawa missed a number of meetings, must be in Japan on a trip.

Sam Furuya is on a trip to Japan with a baseball team. Sam still plays baseball, just loves it like Max Isara.

Something of interest of note, Harold Mikuni is an accomplished finish carpenter. Hope you can see the furniture he builds for the church next to his residence.

Have not heard from some of my kotonk friends hope they are fine and doing alright, like Shig Matsufuji, Kay Sato, Mickey Ogata, Horse Tadakuma, and others we met during the reunion.

Well, this covers whatever little news I had and like they say, Don't worry, Be Happy. PAU.

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was a famous artist before Isamu Noguchi's time. Since Chiyo was showing some promise as an artist, Dr. Oguri asked Kuniyoshi to teach his daughter. (Incidentally, Chiyo's grandfather was an embroidery artist. He taught that art at Hart Mountain, Wyoming camp during World War II). Because Kuniyoshi had married a rich woman, he was no longer a starving artist, so he declined to teach Chiyo. Dr. Yuasa, the first president of Japan's Christian University also enjoyed Oguri hospitality. Dr. and Mrs. Oguri have passed away. Their Brooklyn home has been sold. The children live in Kyoto, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Saratoga Springs. Only one remains in New York City.

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS

By Henry S. Kuniyuki

IN MEMORIAM

RONALD KOSUKE HIGA

January 9, 1922 - March 16, 1989

The first issue of the Go-for-Broke Bulletin featured the Ronald Kosuke Higa's fine family in the Livorno Chapter News. After the first issue went to press we received the sad news that Ronald died. With the permission of his widow, Janet, the eulogy given at Ronald's memorial service on Thursday, March 23rd, is published herewith. Pastor Harold Hedrick of the Honolulu Assembly of God officiated at the service held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary, assisted by Pastor Shigeki Kobayashi of Grace Bible Church. An overflow congregation of 500 participated at Ronald's service. Representing the Livorno Chapter, I served as the Master-of-Ceremonies and gave the eulogy.

EULOGY

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with a sense of deep humility I am privileged to give this eulogy, honoring our dear friend, Ronald Kosuke Higa.

May I preface this eulogy with a familiar quotation from ecclesiastes, Verse one and two, Chapter three: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and time to pluck up that which is planted."

We meet this evening under the shadow of a great loss in the passing of our beloved Ronald. Though the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of life is ever with us, each visit of the grim reality brings new sorrow, and humbles us in our daily struggle to survive.

Once again, necessarily, we should pause to reflect and consider the life and work of our dear friend, Ronald, and from his achievements seek to gain inspiration and courage to meet the trials and tribulations of our mortal existence.

As you know, Ronald died early Thursday morning, March 16th at Kuakini Medical Center. Sorrow fills our heart at this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and very personal.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Janet Hatsue; a son, Melvin Morio; daughter, Lynette Leiko; three brothers, Koyu, Richard and Harry; three sisters, Mrs. Shizuko Chinen, Mrs. Jane Akiko Kunitake, and Mrs. Irene Sadako Tera-moto; and two grandchildren, Stephanie and Barry. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ronald Kosuke Higa was born in Honolulu on January 9, 1922, the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Kojin Higa. His dear mom, the late Mrs. Kame Higa, like all wartime mothers, suffered the worrisome anxiety while Ronald served as a replacement trooper to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Ronald was honorably discharged as a Technician Fourth Grade from the Army of the United States. He was among the replacement troopers who were given the distinct honor of bringing home the 442nd Regimental Colors to Hawaii after parading before President Harry Truman in Washington, D.C.

Ronald retired in 1986 after a long and faithful career with Aloha Petroleum, the successor to the Tidewater/Phillips Oil Company.

How often we wish we know the art of expressing sympathy from the heart. We can only hope that others know the things that words alone can't show. However, Janet and family, may you have some measure of comfort from the poem entitled "The Fifth Season".

"In the spring of life, in the flower of youth, everything is bright and new. In the summer of life, time of growth and change, each day brings new dreams to pursue. In the autumn of life, there's a settling down -- contentment and sureness in what we do. And in the winter of life, a peace and a wisdom, time to relax and reminisce, too! But with the passing of these seasons, life is still not done, not through, for there is yet another season, full of promise to renew. And it's this beautiful fifth season, it's this certain second spring, this time of new awakening that brings each persons life full circle, setting every spirit free to enter in a world of hope and boundless possibility."

Janet and family, may the love of God give you peace, may the love of friends give you comfort, may the love of your dear one remain in your heart, and give you strength through the days ahead. On behalf of the congregation present here this evening, may I express our heartfelt sympathy, God Bless you, one and all!

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By Henry Chagami

Chapter Treasurer/Secretary Kaoru Watanabe's recent correspondence to all Cannoneers, both Mainland and Hawaii, provided current information on the 1990 AJA Veterans Reunion to be held in Kona, June 27 to July 1, and also a questionnaire on attendance. The prompt and large number of affirmative responses were gratifying to the Chapter Reunion Committee. So far, those mainland members who indicated that they will attend the Reunion are: Osame & Arthur Doi, Alice & Norman Ugai, Helen & Manuel Kitagawa, Mary & John Kashiki, Kimi & Tooru Taguchi, Marian & Shuki Hayashi, Honey & Gerald Gustafson, Reiko & Thomas Hanami, Mariko & Takeshi Hanami, Katherine & Wally Numotani, Alice & Sam Yoshinari, Ellen & Toshi Suyematsu, Betty & Tom Makabe with son & daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Makabe, and daughter & son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Lew, Yuri & Naoki Misawa and Mary & William Nitta with children Karl, Stuart and Matthew. Hawaii Cannoneers who expect to attend the Reunion are: June & Masami Ohara, Takeshi Mizukami, Natsuko & Henry Chagami, Yukisada Oshiro, Mamoru Morita, John Ushijima, May & Dr. Masaru Koike, Yoshiko & Fred Tanigawa, Takashi Muraoka, Kaoru Watanabe, and Kazu Saiki. Normally present at Reunions, but are missing in the lists above are: Norma and Edwin Shorey, Mae & Tooru Kanazawa, Bill Yanagimachi and Alice & Hajime Yoshizawa. Hope they will be responding soon with other mainland Cannoneers who attended the last Reunion in Reno.

Cannon Chapter will host a post-Reunion celebration in Honolulu for the mainland group on July 1 - 4, 1990. Hawaii Cannoneers who miss the Kona Reunion will have an opportunity to meet with the mainlanders at the hotel and at dinner. At least one round of golf will also be planned. President Takashi Muraoka and his Reunion Committee are planning other events.

Mary & John Kashiki recently stopped over in Honolulu on their way home to Parlier, California from a business trip to Japan. They were tired but in fine spirits when we had dinner with them at the Flamingo Chuck Wagon restaurant. Present were Judy & Kazu Saiki, Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, Barbara & Tom Okino, May & Dr. Masaru Koike, Nancy & Thomas Inouye, Ann & Takashi Muraoka, June & Masami Ohara, Natsuko & Henry Chagami, Akira Okamoto, Yukisada Oshiro, Lincoln Maeda, Fred Tanigawa, Bolo Mizukami, Charles Oda and Mamoru Morita.

John Kashiki is looking forward to the Reunion next year in Kona. More so, because Kona is the site of the International Billfish Tournament held annually. He regularly goes deep sea

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By Terry Ihara

In the last report it was mentioned that PAKALA TAKAHASHI'S and the BEN TAKAYESU'S with their granddaughter were at the Xmas Party. What was missing in that report, and the writer expresses deep apologies, were the names of TSUNE & YAE TAKEMOTO from Hilo who were also at the Party. Also missing was news about SABURO OUCHI who retired from the Honolulu Police Department, his second retirement.

SHIGERU THOMAS OOKA, STOOKA in abbreviation, June Ooka and daughter Ralene recently returned from a three week excursion to visit his parents grave on Oshima Island in Yamaguchi prefecture. Actually the OOKAs joined a group excursion of western Japan (ura Nihon) for 15 days and spent another week visiting with relatives in Yamaguchi as well as paying homage to his parents who are buried on Oshima Island. STOOKA can't say enough about the beauties of the cherry blossoms as well as the azaleas, wisterias and other spring flowers of Japan. Besides the family took a special trip to see the cross Island bridge that connects Honshu, the main Island with Shikoku in the Inland Sea. In Tokyo they also visited Japan's Disney Land. The OOKA'S have much more to report so invite them for dinner and they will put a show on for you.

Another EASY Chapter member, JUNO KANESHIGE and wife AMY together with granddaughter MOANA KEKAHUNA splurged on a vacation trip, also to Japan. It must have been a splendid sight to see JUNO shepherding his family on a free spending vacation. The mupuna must have enjoyed it most. She is 10 years old. What a vacation for a 10 year old with doting grandparents. Knowing JUNO it must be the best for MOANA and MAY.

EASY CHAPTER wishes to extend its heartfelt condolences to LARRY IWAHASHI in the passing of his mother last month. Although not a dues paying member of EASY CHAPTER, mention will be made here of the unfortunate passing of GORO TOKUMURA, 4th Platoon, Mortar Section. GORO died on May 7th after a massive heart attack that morning. Services were held last night, May 10th, at the Nuuanu Mortuary. GORO was a life member of the mother club. The Chapter extends its heartfelt condolences to his surviving family.

TOKUE OUCHI, the better half of the SABURO OUCHI'S, recently went to see her doctor for a thyroid condition which she thought was affecting

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her voice. As it turned out the Doctor in checking her esophagus found a large tumor which actually was causing her gravelly voice. TOKUE had the tumor surgically removed and fortunately for her the tumor was benign. SABURO is having problems with his right thumb which is acting like a trigger finger. He has a splint on that finger and because he is right handed the splints are the removable kind. Otherwise he, like Senator DAN, would have difficulty performing certain necessary body functions.

DEBBIE SHIGENAGA of the RAYMOND SHIGENAGAS has one of the most interesting and desirous of jobs one can find. Besides drawing a good salary, DEBBIE'S job takes her all over the Pacific Ocean as well the Indian Sea. She is stationed at Pearl Harbor but her Federal duties takes her or will take her to the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Diego Garcia, Singapore and Okinawa. As one who had to do similar travels when employed, the writer hopes Debbie will take some vacation time during these travels and visit the nearby out-of-the-way places. Once she settles down and has to pay her own way, these out-of-the-way places will likely be places you'd like to visit if you have the time and the resources. As a Procurement Analyst she will be traveling to all these places on a Temporary Duty Status on the government. All this and still able to enjoy mother's cooking while at home station.

You've seen ads on TV which shows young men and women enjoying the good life before they hardly reach middle age. They'll soon be high lighting the accomplishments LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA'S eldest son, CRAIG. Sometime ago it was reported here that he was building a mansion in the more expensive section of NEWTOWN. Well, he's closed down the original store at Kapahulu but has built a chain of stores now numbering four at the following locations: Ward Warehouse, Pearl City, Ala Moana and Waikiki. He's not thru yet as plans for his fifth outlet is being made for Kahala. His philosophy about business is, if you don't try you'll never know whether or not you made the right decision.

In a quiet way WAICHI TAKEMOTO is doing his thing. Besides husbanding his several rental units, he has been actively engaged in promoting the culture of Orchids. Apparently this all started when he was principal of Little Kuni School where there was an Orchid Club in the community. Subsequently this interest carried over to his principalship of Kipapa School and on to retirement. On a trip out Burma some years ago, WAICHI went bananas when the group visited an Orchid Nursery in Bangkok where he purchased a number of not too common specie plants ostensibly for breeding purposes.

PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI have been visiting here in Honolulu and were at the EASY CHAPTER LADIES NIGHT DINNER, May 9, at the PAGODA EAST ROOM. The dinner was one of four dinner meetings planned for this calendar year primarily to provide ladies night out meetings where spouses can participate in Chapter meetings as they wish as well relieving them of wifely duties at home for the night. Attendance is always good for these affairs and the following were there: S.T. & JUNE OOKA, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, LAWRENCE & LOUISE IWAHASHI, JUNO & MAY KANESHIGE, BOBBY MAEDA, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, HIROSHI OKADA, HIROSHI OTAKE, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, RAYMOND & LAURA SHIGENAGA, RAYMOND SHIROMA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, SHIGEO TANASHIRO, CHIKATO & PATSY TESHIMA, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, RALPH YAGI, CHICKEN YAMADA, YOSHINO YAMAKI, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, NOBU & BETTY YONEDA and the writer. Because the meeting was a short one, there was much time for socializing which is also another purpose of these dinners. As the group ages long time relationships become dearer and like wine it improves with age.

There will be at least 21 EASY Honolulu representative in San Diego come September to attend the annual nationwide EASY COMPANY reunion. Attending the reunion on a package deal which includes a visit to Las Vegas following the reunion are: MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO & daughter, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, JUNO KANESHIGE and this writer. MAUI OKAMURA is still anxious to travel to Mexico City and Guadalajara and he is looking for company. The group will be leaving Honolulu on the evening of the 20th of September, arriving Los Angeles the following morning. From there Honolulu EASY will join Los Angeles EASY and together drive down to San Diego.

While this writer was in San Diego to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Public Television Stations and PBS in early April, he did meet with NOBE TAKASHIMA who is the general chairman of the Reunion. The writer was informed that things were going smoothly but that registrations were a bit slow. Invitations were sent individually to all the names with addresses available so if you did not get an invite, there is still plenty of time. NOBE TAKASHIMA'S address is 498 Arizona Street, Chula Vista, CA 92011 or contact TERRY IHARA, phone 988-3685 in Honolulu.

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By Harold Fukunaga

During the past three months (Mar - May) we had many events, such as banquets, dinners, visitors from the Mainland and the shocking death of one of our old time member, Francis Ishii. We also were fortunate in receiving some interesting news from our Los Angeles friend, Mary Karatsu.

Francis Ishii

We were shocked to hear of Francis Ishii's death (due to aneurism), because we had seen him at several dinners and he seemed to be in reasonably good health, except for his case of diabetes, which he had under control. He enjoyed playing poker with the G Chapter members whenever there was a get-together, whether it was after the monthly chapter meetings or dinners.

The funeral service, held on Sunday, May 7th, was well attended by our chapter members and other former G Company members, as well as his many friends. Fred Ida did a splendid job of being the master of ceremonies. A grave-side service was held the next day at the National Memorial Cemetery at Punchbowl, with full military tribute. Many of the members, who were able to make it, paid their last respect to Francis. I'm sure we will all miss him at the monthly chapter meetings and dinner parties that we occasionally have. We certainly want to have Grace Ishii continue to attend our social functions in the future...

442 Annual Banquet

Our 442 annual banquet, held on a Sunday evening on March 26 (also Easter Sunday), was unusual, because we usually have it on Saturday nights. Nevertheless, we had an excellent turnout. I guess it shows that nearly all of us are retired, so we don't have to worry about having to go to work on the dreaded "Blue Monday". The site of the banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel was a plus to many of us who don't want to fight the heavy Waikiki traffic. By taking the back approach from Kapahulu Avenue to Kuhio Avenue and left turn into the side parking garage entrance, we found the driving much more pleasant. Anyway, I'm glad that the site is the same for next year.

Our chapter members and wives were seated at three adjacent tables, because each table had a maximum of 8 seats. This banquet gave our wives an excuse to go out for dinner. Our members always enjoy the occasion to catch up with the latest news and refresh old army war stories. After a few drinks and beers, the fellas usually loosen up and make their memories much clearer.

The food, program and entertainment were good. Philip Doi, Director of Consumer Protection for the State of Hawaii and son of former Judge Masato Doi of Anti-Tank Co., 442, gave an informative speech on what his office does. Remember, if you think you were cheated by a merchant or other businessman, please contact him. He might be able to help you.

Among the members and their wives present at the dinner were: Alfred Amis, Harold Fukunagas, Raymond Handas, Fred Idas, Francis Ishiis, Bobby Ito, Toshimasa Kanai, Taketo Kawabatas, John Kikuyamas, Whitey Nakayama, Eddie Ochiais, Hiromi Suehiro and Eddie Tamanahas.

Mainland Visitors

When we heard that Bill and Esther Oda were in town with a group of their friends, the fellas quickly rounded up our G chapter members to treat them to dinner at the Cannon Club at Fort Ruger on March 31st. Bill told us that Gunji Horiuchi, a former 1st Sgt. of Co. C, 442 Regiment, was part of the group. We invited him also, because many of the G Co. personnel received their training in C Co., before the 1st Battalion was dismantled to strengthen the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, before going overseas. In fact, the majority of C Co. personnel were transferred to G Co. I guess, that's why G Co. became a good fighting outfit.

Needless to say, the former C Co. guys, re-newing acquaintances with Gunji, were happy to see him. They included: Mike Shiraishi, Speed Tanna, Raymond Handa, Eddie Tamanaha and Harold Fukunaga. Gunji stated that he was later sent to OCS, where he received his commission. He was later trained as a Japanese language interpreter and sent to Japan, as part of the occupation army.

Bill and Gunji and the rest of their group came to Hawaii to play golf and to sightsee. They played at military golf courses mostly, because they are army retirees.

The following G Chapter members and wives enjoyed the dinner outing: Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Al and Helen Amis, Fred and Dolores Ida, Mike and Lillian Shiraishi, Eddie and Grace Ochiai, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Francis and Grace Ishii, Hiromi and Gloria Suehiro, Eddie and Emily Tamanaha, Speed Tanna, Whitey Nakayama, Raymond Handa and Kenneth and Katherine Fujimoto.

Mike was telling Gunji how good C Co. was in Camp Shelby days. As an example, when the transfer was made, about a month before leaving Shelby, nearly all C Co. transferees were assigned "KP" about once a week. Speed Tanna and

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the writer agreed with Mike's statement. It was a case of discrimination within G Co. against so called C Co. "outsiders". But all of that was laughed off at the dinner.

George Investment Club

The quarterly dinner get-together was held at Orson's Restaurant at Ward Warehouse Shopping Center on April 22. This scene fitted one of the requirements of the club's choice - that it should be away from the traffic congestion of Waikiki and the food should be reasonably good. Everyone seemed to enjoy the seafood dinners specialties.

After dinner, everyone was invited to Taketo and Judy Kawabata's home for coffee and dessert. The men folks played poker, while the women chatted. Grace Ishii joined the men at the poker game. Knowing how good she is at playing poker, one can't help but notice how many piles of poker chips she accumulates in front of her.

Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Francis and Grace Ishii, John and Clara Kikuyama, Mike and Lillian Shiraishi, Speed and Edna Tanna, Hitoshi and Leatrice Matsumoto, Harold and Jane Fukunaga and Judy Kono were present at the dinner and the after dinner gathering.

News from Southern California - by Mary Karatsu

Under the able leadership of president, Jim Makino, "G" Co. has started to blossom again!

One April 1st, the following met at Tokyo Lobby in Alhambra for dinner and meeting afterwards at Makinos: Tets & Dorothy Asato, Bones & Shiz Fujimoto, Jun & Doreen Fukuzawa, Taki & Ann Handa, Toshi Ito, George & Mary Karatsu, Mary Kawabata and sister, Sue Nishinaka, Roy & Fumy Machida, Jim & Masayo Makino, Tom & Sachi Nakamoto, Kay Sekino and Aiko Yoshida.

Several people were under the weather and were missed -- Eddie & Marie Otsuka, Frank & Hisa Konno, Bun & Michi Eguchi. The Jim Nakagawas were in Vegas for a golf tourney.

Good to see Dot Asato back after her knee surgery and understand Fumy Machida had a scare with her back -- but both looked great.

It was especially nice to see "first timers" Tom & Sachi Nakamoto (1st platoon) attend -- and they promise to keep coming. They will be making their first time ever trip to Honolulu this summer for a floral convention.

Several inquiries were made - "Whatever

happened to: Joe Matsuki, Tom Miyawaki, Bill Osaka, John Ono, Roy Kawahara, Bob Maruyama, Art and Henry Tasaka, Sus Inouye, Jerry Shigaki, Mas Kawabe, etc." Hope they will join or get in touch with the group one of these days.

The 1990 Reunion in Kona was discussed and there seems to be plenty of interest -- we counted approximately 30 from L.A. -- and everyone was in favor of taking up the Honolulu offer of a mini-reunion afterwards.

Our annual Las Vegas junket is scheduled for October 13-15 with George Nakatsu in charge (congrats to Mary and George who just celebrated their 35th anniversary!). Over the years we've run into the Hamasakis, Ishidas, Ochiais, Shiraishis and Tannas usually at the Fremont -- hope we're pleasantly surprised this year, too!

At the January 442/100th installation banquet, special tributes were paid to former officers and we were pleased to honor our own Bill Oda who, with Esther, came down from San Jose. The former officers came from all over the country and a beautiful plaque was presented to each one.

At the meeting we had a short devotional moment in memory of beloved "G" Company members Nori Sekino, David Ito, George Yoshida and Tad Kawabata, all of whom still live in our hearts. The rest of the evening was spent talking about and showing pictures of grandchildren!

The 100/442 Association has a full calendar for the year, including a luau in April, Memorial Day services in May and our big reverse raffle fundraising in June.

Post Reunion in Honolulu

Taketo Kawabata, our chapter president, appointed several members to start working on the development of a short reunion in Honolulu after the 1990 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona. He appointed Harold Fukunaga, Fred Ida, Hiromi Suehiro, Al Amis, Speed Tanna and himself to be on the committee. Preliminary plans were drawn up after inquiries were made with the Los Angeles group on the dates and duration of the mini-reunion. Our tentative plans include a 3 day, 2 nite reunion in Honolulu, following the Kona Reunion. The Pagoda Hotel will be site for housing the out-of-town people, because of the reasonable cost and convenient location of the hotel. Two dinners are planned, along with several activities during the days. After more information is obtained, the committee will be apprising the members and Mainland and Neighbor Island groups...

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of April 30, 1989

Apr 1988	ASSETS	Feb 1989	Mar 1989	Apr 1989
	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	1,153.75	1,150.28	1,120.73
	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....	-	-	-
	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..	-	-	-
(none)	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	1,153.75	1,150.28	1,120.73
758,568.26	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent....	749,055.38	754,662.99	798,434.41
758,568.26	Total Loans Outstanding.....	750,209.13	755,813.27	799,555.14
	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...			
172,505.09	Cash in Bank.....	148,809.19	157,420.94	12,263.73
129,903.50	Investment Securities, at cost.....	341,512.84	339,893.93	339,570.75
1,236,392.34	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	1,005,432.17	1,010,313.58	1,075,759.18
100.00	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
55,886.00	Interest Receivable.....	63,814.00	42,018.00	52,238.00
7,608.75	Deferred Expenses.....	7,593.00	6,683.00	6,417.00
	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....			
	Other Assets.....	.34		
20,416.08	NCUSIF Deposit.....	21,394.51	21,394.51	21,394.51
2,381,380.02	TOTAL ASSETS.....	2,338,865.18	2,333,637.23	2,307,298.31
	LIABILITIES/EQUITY			
10,000.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....	20,000.00		10,000.00
1,069.70	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions.....	658.00	300.00	
3,445.65	Accounts Payable.....	2,926.37	2,930.10	2,958.56
2,111,463.34	Members' Savings Shares.....	2,032,953.57	2,045,867.22	2,007,083.88
100,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
145,580.76	Undivided Earnings.....	171,143.37	171,143.37	171,143.37
9,820.57	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	11,183.87	13,396.54	16,112.50
2,381,380.02	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....	2,338,865.18	2,333,637.23	2,307,298.31
	STATISTICAL DATA			
Apr 1988	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months.	1	1	1
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.	-	-	-
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months + ...	-	-	-
191	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent...	170	169	172
519	No. Savings Accounts.....	515	516	514
555	No. Savings Potential Members.....	527	525	523
24	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	11	18	26
4,261	No. of Loans Made Since Organization.	4,322	4,329	4,337
128,745.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	68,921.	119,671.	199,678.
7,184,546.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	7,540,514.	7,591,264.	7,671,271.
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 April 30, 1989

Cumulative 1/1-4/30/88	Cumulative 1/1-4/30/89	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Feb 1989	Month of Mar 1989	Month of Apr 1989
		OPERATING EARNINGS:			
24,410.88	23,034.39	Interest on Loans.....	5,888.11	5,175.49	6,004.60
33,569.16	34,380.90	Income on Svgs Accts.....	13,858.77	7,333.60	5,901.71
3,984.04	10,074.07	Income on Securities.....	2,355.26	2,929.57	2,337.48
.50	1.00	Fees and Charges.....	.25	.75	
2.31		Other Earnings.....			
61,966.89	67,490.36	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	22,102.39	15,439.41	14,243.79
		OPERATING EXPENSES:			
527.00		Conference/Travel Costs....			
351.42	156.82	Association Dues.....		60.00	
850.00	1,000.00	Office Utilities.....	250.00	250.00	250.00
417.56	490.00	Postage/Communication Costs			
		Member Educ/Publicity.....			
208.02	443.29	Stationery & Supplies.....	122.01		
513.20	181.54	Subscriptions.....		130.00	
775.00	990.25	EDP Accounting Services....	60.00	428.74	60.00
78.32		Depreciation-Equipment....			
1,208.00	908.00	Surety Bond Premium.....	227.00	227.00	227.00
1,587.34	1,536.93	Borrowers Insurance.....	379.84	383.48	411.91
1,007.01	958.60	Life Savings Insurance....	239.80	239.89	239.92
440.00	370.73	NCUA Super/Exam Fees.....		250.00	
767.13	750.26	Annual Meeting Expenses....	250.26		
1,460.50	1,579.45	Miscellaneous Expenses....	623.00	300.00	300.00
1,344.72	2,107.26	Staff Benefits/Taxes.....	117.78	1,052.90	39.00
11,535.22	11,473.13	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...	2,269.69	3,322.01	1,527.83
50,431.67	56,017.23	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	19,832.70	12,117.40	12,715.96
596.25		Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...			
(41,207.35)	(39,904.73)	Less Dividends Pd/Credited.	(10,000.00)	(9,904.73)	(10,000.00)
9,820.57	16,112.50	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	9,832.70	2,212.67	2,715.96

Service Chapter News

By Alexander J. Oka

Attendance at the annual memorial service at Punchbowl has increased considerably. Service Chapter members who were there to express their gratitude and thanks were chapter president Masaji Kurozumi, chapter secretary, James Miyake, chapter treasurer, Ralph Chinaka, Martha Morimoto, Alex and Jean Oka. We believe next years participation will be even better. We have many good members in the club whose cooperation can always be counted on. A little encouragement by the leaders of each chapter will result in increased attendance. Since the war, most of us have enjoyed a good life because of the supreme sacrifices by our comrades. While it is true that many of the club members advanced economically, socially and politically on their own individual merits and abilities, we must not forget that the supreme sacrifices by our comrades established the foundation for all of us to grow on. It is only fitting that at least once a year, we express our gratitude and thanks at the memorial service.

Many of us in Service Company have held back on participating in many of the club functions because of the feeling that we did not endure the hardships like those in the rifle companies. I could understand their feelings because it was the same way that I felt many years ago. Fortunately, couple of men from the rifle companies set me straight. Their enlightening revelation was that I should be thankful that I was selected to serve in Service Company. Their reasoning was that someone had to drive the trucks, repair the vehicles, deliver the supplies, deliver the mail, keep the personal records, etc. The important point was that we all did our jobs to the best of our ability. Since we all did our best in support of the rifle companies, we can fully participate in all activities with all the other members. Although the war is over, we should continue to support our comrades by attending the annual memorial service to express our gratitude.

Twenty four members and guests were at the annual banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel. This increased participation was the result of President Kurozumi's idea of spouse participation. Members enjoying the good food and entertainment were Masaji and Toshiko Kurozumi, James and Martha Miyake, Ralph and Grace Chinaka, Susumu and Kozue Awaya, Takuo Furuto, Takao and June Ito, Martha Morimoto, Alex and Jean Oka, Robert and Cynthia Otani, Masami and Margaret Tanabe, Tom and Chic Tanaka and their guests, Mr. & Mrs. Arakawa, and Noboru and Masako Tanoue. The

Awayas couldn't have missed the banquet since their daughter was one of the lovely hula dancers.

Memorial Service for Tatsuo Miura was held on March 28 at Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission. Service Chapter members at the service were Masaji Kurozumi, Sam Yamada and Frances, James Miyake, Ralph Chinaka, Edwin Imamura, Takao Ito, Toshio Nakanishi, Toshio Dixon Yamashita, John Leonida, Hideo Nimori, Tatsumi Yamauchi, Kiyoshi Curly Muraoka, Masami Sashbrush Tanabe, and Alex and Jean Oka. Edwin Imamura presented the Eulogy and Masaji Kurozumi offered incense representing Service Chapter of 442nd Veterans Club. There were messages of condolence from U.S. Senators Inouye and Matsunaga.

During the war in Europe, Tatsuo was with Lt. Rowlands to keep the supplies going to the men of the 2nd Battalion. He worked around the clock and often ignoring his own safety to deliver the much needed ammunition. In the book "Americans - The Story of the 442nd Combat Team" by Shirey, Staff Sergeant Tatsuo Miura is credited with the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantrymen Badge. Not listed in the book for which Tatsuo should have received credit were the Distinguished Unit Badge with oak leaf and the Purple Heart with oak leaf. He was wounded twice during the rescue of the Lost Battalion near Bruyeres. The first time was when a shrapnel tore through his sleeve and slashed his forearm. I learned of this injury when Tatsuo was looking for a replacement shirt. The medics, in treating the wound, had cut off the blood soaked sleeve. A few days later, he received another shrapnel wound. This time it was in his calf. He had the medics patch him up so that he could continue with his work. His presence at the front was critical since Lt. Rowlands was also wounded and had to be evacuated. When my thoughts go back to October and November of 1944, I realize that the Great Lord Buddha must have been looking after Tatsuo and the 2nd Battalion.

Former Lt. Tom Watts was a surprise visitor at the May meeting at the home of Ralph Chinaka. Tom retired as Lt Col and now lives in Boca Raton, Florida. During Camp Shelby days, Tom was the supply officer for the 1st Battalion. He was associated with the baseball team and he and his wife Doris served as chaperons when men visited the relocation camp of Jerome. After the 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn and special companies left Camp Shelby, Tom remained with the 171st. Later he became a transport ship commander shuttling troops to Europe and returning with prisoners of war.

On the health of members, Tom Tanaka is recovering from a virus attack on his nervous system. The virus was so crippling that he was unable to defend his title at the President's

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By Ron Oba

An Apple a Day
Pesticides are the bane
Kills Pests and Humans

An apple a day no longer will keep the Doctor away. Instead it's pesticide, Alar or Daminozide, a carcinogenic agent, makes your Doctor a frequent caller. We're now advised to keep your grandchildren away from apples, apple juice, grapes, peaches, pears, etc. and just about every leafy vegetables. Just when we were learning to become fiber eaters. Pesticides are inside the vegetables and fruits. Washing and peeling won't help, we're told in Nutrition Action. Take away other sins like salt, shoyu, M.C.S., fat, alcohol and sex - yes, sex. Then you have nothing left. Like the old man was saying, "I can't drink, gamble or have sex! I don't know what I'm living for."

Then the other evening my mother said, "Let's go out to eat." I replied, "No, it's too greasy." She answered matter-of-factly, "I don't have long to live." Sooo, we had a wonderful dinner out.

Kauai Reunion

This brings it to the heart of the matter. I hope we are all going to the Kauai Fox Co. reunion on June 22-25 for a jolly good time. Remember, we only live twice - now and the hereafter. Notwithstanding Shirley McLain and reincarnation. Actually the hereafter is the next reunion in Kona, 1990. So see you hereafter.

Yuri Tasaka writes in the next column that 90 plus people will be gathering at the Aston Kauai Resort Hotel for the reunion. Three days of golf, tours and lots to talk about. By the time you read this, our friends from the mainland would have come and gone. People we haven't seen like Sandy Yoshimori will be coming out of the boondocks. Returning mainlanders are interested in the Honolulu post-reunion. Doc and Trudy Mimura writes that they can't make the reunion since Dr. Carol Sie, their daughter, is getting married to Jim Given. Jim and Carol sent the Obas an invitation and a snapshot of the two of them in a Mercedes with a banner on the hood that read, "Almost Married." I guess they can't wait for now and the hereafter. The wedding will be held on Sunday, June 25th at the First Congregational Church in San Francisco with a reception to follow at the Claremont Hotel. Wrote to Doc Mimura to come to our post-reunion right after the wedding since they'll be in Honolulu to close their deal on their condominium in Kaneohe. We'll be seeing a lot more of the Mimuras once they move to Hawaii 6 months of a year.

46th Anniversary Banquet

Through the good graces of Robert Sasaki, our venerable Executive, Fox Chapter was put in charge of the infinities of preparing for a banquet for 440 people and guests. Mich Takata did a good job of M.C.ing the affair. Prexy Paul Yamashita worked very hard with Sasaki to get the chapter members to come out early and arrange for the seating, escort the guests and place the unit standards on each table with the programs. The prime rib - Opakapaka combination dinner was just what the nutritionist had ordered for the discriminating dieters. Those attending were: Paul and Clara Yamashita, Mich and Shinako Takata, Richard and Dorothy Murashige, Tsugimi Masuda, Kats and Grace Nakamura, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Ron and Michi Oba, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Tommy and May Tamagawa and Joe and Sharon Tanaka.

A funny thing happened on our way to the bar. I asked "hard of hearing" Tommy Tamagawa to escort some of the guests and to buy them a drink with a roll of scripts I handed over to him. Before long, Tommy was buying everyone a drink with the scripts. I motioned at Tommy and said in sign language, "Not for your friends -- the guests, the guests, you - - - or what?"

1990 Reunion

Bob Honda of the big Island is already asking the various Fox Chapters to submit a preliminary count of those attending the 1990 reunion so that he can block out the Hotel rooms for Fox company. Fred Fujimoto, chairman of the 1990 reunion was given an updated printout of Fox company veterans so that at the appropriate time everyone on that list, which includes Northern-Southern California, Seattle and other mainland state addresses, should be getting information of the reunion.

Semi Annual Fox Golf Tournament

Again, by the time you get this publication, the golf tournament at Hickam G.C. would be completed. Thanks to ex-Hickam employee, Yoshio Shibuya, we were able to get starting times for Friday, the 26th of June. My educated guess is that either Bill Tanaka or Mich Takata will take home the bacon with Michi Oba, the only distaff player, winning the women's flight. The dark horses are: Bob Sasaki, Paul Miho, Wally Kawamoto and Kats Miho - the standby guests who always fill in and win a prize or two.

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The Booklet

"The Men of Company F, 442nd Regimental Combat Team" was finally finished and distributed to all who ordered copies. The twenty additional copies were sold out immediately. Copies went to the Mother unit, the Historical Society, executive director, Tom Kawaguchi. Comments such as "I relived the actions all over again as I read the stories," "---Brings home, with its informal presentation, the feelings of all the comrades," "Thanks to all those who were willing to have breakfasts or lunches with me to tell their stories. We also appreciate the feelings of those who did not want to relive the past and declined to be interviewed. The stories belong to the men of company F and in the long run I hope everyone is appreciated for their contribution to a small but important part of history."

Big Island News

Sadao Nishida has been busy babysitting for daughter Joan Sakaba in Kailua between trips to Seattle. Therefore, he has been unable to contribute to this issue.

Nevertheless Elaine Okutsu came to Honolulu for the graduation of her niece from the Univ. of Hawaii. She and Michi Oba played Hanafuda all afternoon on Tuesday before departing for Hilo. Elaine is a Hanafuda nut who got Michi to become one while Michi was in Hilo. Anytime you want to find Elaine in her home town Hilo, just go to the Senior Citizens' Center, Hongwanji or the Hilo State Bldg and you'll find her in the Volunteer offices giving directions to visitors between Hanafuda games. Once when the Governor came by, she didn't miss taking a "yaku" while she pointed the direction to the Governor with the penny between her thumb.

Kauai News

By Yuri and Wally Tasaka

Reunion 1989 is fast approaching. Registration Chair George T. reported at the April 19 meeting that 68 people from away have committed themselves for a jolly good time on Kauai. Including the Kauai guys and gals, we anticipate a total of about 90 people.

From the big, big island across the Pacific we're expecting Tak and Toshiye Murakami, Yas Kawashima, Ocean Miyake, Sadao Okuhara and BW, Matt Mikami, Mary and Babe Morino, Hideo and Emi Okanishi, Rose and Joyce Ichihara along with Bessie and Dorothy Suto, Akira and Mary

Sasaki, Curtis Fujioka, and Monti Matsuda. The latest word is that Harold Brown opted for Europe. But I guess we'll see him in Kona for NVR 1990.

We'll rediscover Kauai with tours to Kokee and Hanalei. We feel that everyone, including the Kauai natives, will be pleasantly surprised at the progress Kauai has made. Golfers will have the Wailua Golf Course on Thursday and Friday with the Westin Kiele on Saturday.

Sakura, Sake & Sashimi

Wally and Yuri spent 16 days of sakura, sake, and sashimi in Japan and returned on April 7. Early spring weather caused the cherry blossoms to bloom in March this year; so fortunately for us, samples of the lovely blossoms were found in every city, culminating with "hanazakari" in Tokyo.

Twenty-one Hawaiians and one Californian joined this spring tour of Japan. The highlight of the trip was joining in the celebration of the silver charter anniversary of the Shimonoseki West Lions Club. Wally's East Kauai Lions Club and the Shimonoseki West Lions Club have a twinning relationship. Three nights of international friendship and Lionism, hot and cold sake, fugu sashimi, fugu soup, and fugu chiri provided a memorable experience for the Kauai group. Some of us know now what a karaoke bar is really like; and then some.

Every trip to Japan means new situations. To name a few, Yokohama is prepared for an exposition with the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth in port, Hiroshima station leads into a huge underground cavernous shopping world which is under construction now. On Sado Island, Yuri found persimmon pickled with shiso leaves. Yuki yanagi was a new flower I didn't see before. I know now why Japan is ceaselessly interesting. There's something new to view or to taste on each trip to Japan.

Maui News

By Bob Matsushita

Imua! Imua! Imua! to Kauai "F" Chapter reunion June 22, 23, 24 and 25th.

Members planning to attend: T. Endo, T. Hiranaga, Hideo & Masae Murakami, Takao & Dorothy Ito, Tom & Eileen Higa, Daggie & Blossom Tanaka, Robert & Mabel Matsushita, & Ike & Flo Ikeda will be attending this event. Others have business commitments and are not able to attend.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

The Medics were represented well at the annual 442nd banquet held at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Among those present were Rodney and Iris Fukui, Sueo and Leatrice Fujii, Masato and Mitsuye Inouye, Takashi and Eva Nakamura, Edward and Janet Onaka, Roy and Claire Sakata, Carl and Chiyo Miyabara, Toshiaki and Mitsuye Tanaka, Marge Masano, Mrs. Kenneth Tsunehiro, and Jack and Mrs. Yamashiro. Paul Miho, brother of wartime casualty Katsuaki Miho, gave the invocation. Eva and Takashi had a grand reunion with Paul who married them years and years ago.

We saw Keiji Nitta at Ala Moana Center a few weeks ago. Keiji has retired from City and County Civil Service. He started at the Waterworks and advanced to City Hall. Instead of joining the 442 veterans club, he cast his lot with the VFW after the war. Nitta said he is no longer with the VFW. He was one of the more religious boys during the war. He is reputed to have been an avid collector of German watches.

Wallace Isobe thanked the Medics for remembering his brother Kosaku every Memorial Day at Punchbowl National Cemetery. He sent us a very generous check.

Another Medic has left us. Glenn Yoneda passed away recently. The thin ranks of the Medics continue to decrease.

Kay Kaneshina was a Honolulu visitor in April. She was the houseguest of Mildred and Kozun Nakata. She was kept busy by her friends with many dinner invitations. She visited her husband Hopy's grave at Punchbowl as often as she could.

Tom K. Nishikawa was downed for a while by a recurrent attack of pericarditis. He said the problem goes back 15 years. He seems well on the way to recovery.

During World War II, the Dr. Kanzo Oguri home of Brooklyn, N. Y., was Mecca for the soldiers of the 100, 442, and the MIS. But, before the avalanche of soldiers from Hawaii, the Oguri home was also a favorite place for many famous Japanese. One was Hideyo Noguchi, the world renowned bacteriologist, who made many important discoveries at the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research. Like some snow country Japanese he had a strong affinity for alcohol. Artist Isamu Noguchi, no relation to Hideyo, was another frequent visitor. He had just moved to New York after having had some success in free form furniture designing in California. The attraction at the Oguri household might have been the doctor's blossoming girls. Yasuo Kuniyoshi

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By Tomomi Hamada

Mike Chapter 1989 officers are President, Paul Takiguchi and Treasurer, Shigeru Inouye.

Mikers are active in various 442 Veterans Club activities. For 1989 Ralph Tomei is leading the Ukulele Club as its President and Yori Inouye its Treasurer; Mamo Furuya is the President of the Uta-no-kai. The Ukulele Club has Ted Yanagihara who is helping the group on their vocal presentations.

We took an eleven-day tour of Japan visiting Kyoto then on to Shikoku. We landed in Osaka and the airport was very nice. However, getting our luggage was something else. The plane was packed with Japanese Nationals returning from Hawaii and invariably lots of omiyages. The duty free items were on the baggage ramps and the airport personnel kept on announcing over the air requesting that they pick up their duty free items. Then to make the situation more complicated, the Nationals were not clearing fruits and meat brought back through their Agriculture people. So this information had to be broadcast. So those of us who had checked in early in Honolulu had to wait. Finally got our baggage and our journey began.

The airport bus from Osaka Airport to Kyoto took 55 minutes on the expressway. Of course the polite busdriver explained that delays would be possible if there was a traffic tieup.

The hotel we were booked in was across the Kyoto Railroad Station. That night we saw a man peddling noodles in a yatai. Too bad we didn't have a chance to sample his wares.

A city tour of Kyoto took us to the Ginkakuji (Silver Pavilion), Heian Shrine, Nijo Castle and the Kyoto Handicraft Center. However, the weather did not cooperate and the rain came down in sheets. The bus driver was telling us that the cherry blossoms were all but gone because of the rains.

Ginkakuji was built by Ashikaga Yoshimune in 1483. In contrast to the elaborate Kinkakuji built by an earlier Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, Ginkakuji has a monastic appearance throughout its gardens, tea houses and buildings. Yoshimasa had countless tea ceremonies and even today the spring water used by Yoshimasa is there. Soami, a renowned garden architect planned the garden. It became the prototype for all gardens and all gardens are patterned after his style particularly in positioning tea ceremony houses.

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The next stop was the Heian Shrine dedicated to Emperor Kammu, the founder of the Heian Capitol. Brightly colored buildings are replicas of the first Imperial Palace though smaller in scale. Nijo Castle built by Tokugawa Ieyasu was our next stop.

Left Kyoto and headed for Okayama. Changed trains and arrived at the Kojima Station. Our hotel in Kojima had a magnificent view of the Seto-ohashi Bridge as well as the inland sea. At night you could see the cars going over the bridge.

The hotel van took us to the railroad station to catch the express train to take us over the bridge. Because we had ample time, the van driver gave us a view of the bridge closeup. The engineering feat that went with the construction can really be appreciated.

Went on a city tour of Takamatsu visited Ritsurin Park. Saw a variety of ironwood trees. Went up to Yashima Plateau and got a panoramic view of the city. We had the local specialty sanuki udon for lunch. The uniqueness of the udon was that it was served immersed in hot water in a wooden tub. The sauce was served from a tokuri and condiments of grated ginger and sliced green onions accompanied the sauce. That evening we went browsing through the shopping arcade of the city.

Enroute to Kochi prefecture drove along the Yoshino River. Kochi is very mountainous and the drive along the river very cliffy. The driver explained that when there is a storm, the river rises six to seven feet above its present level so the men who take tourists down the rapids constantly watch the water. As soon as the water appears muddy, the boats are taken out of the river. We had lunch at the Ryugado Grotto rest stop and walked through the cavern. Visited the center where the famous onaga-dori, long tailed roosters, are kept. The roosters are quite hammy and as soon as the cameras are pointed their way they pose. The caretaker explained that she has been having some trouble lately with the chicks. The tails drop off for some unexplained reason after they reach approximately 12 centimeters.

Visited Katsurahama. Katsurahama faces the Pacific Ocean and storms are common occurrences. Understand if you are in the area just prior to a hurricane, the stormy seas are quite a spectacle. Guess it must be like our North Shore during the winter. The statue of Sakamoto Ryoma faces the ocean along the beach. The arena where the famous fighting Tosa dogs perform are close by. We then proceeded to the factory where they made katsuo bushi. Visited also the paper museum where they make handmade paper.

Left Kochi and proceeded to Matsuyama. Visited the factory where they made tobe-yaki pottery. Visited the Matsuyama Castle. There were some remnants of cherry blossoms left but the night viewing of the blossoms were over so the castle ground were closed after 5 p.m.

Left Matsuyama by ferry and on to Hiroshima. Did the tour of Miyajima. Now the placed is paved and walking is quite comfortable. In fact they have a brand new modern hotel on the island as well. While we were walking on the island, we could hear the sound of stone-crushers. The shrine that was started by Toyotomi Hideyoshi was being renovated. It was difficult to picture any modern equipment being used amidst the quiet atmosphere of the place. That evening we had a delicious kama-meshi dinner at the Suishin Restaurant.

We did a city tour of Hiroshima visiting Hijiya Park, the Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum.

Departed Hiroshima and headed for Osaka on the Shinkansen. Our hotel was close to the railroad station and lots of department stores. From the hotel room we could see the various colored railcars heading for the Osaka suburbs. Then home sweet home back to Honolulu.

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Day Golf Tournament on Kauai. Tom was the winner of the two previous tournaments. All the golfers at the tournament noticed that the "champ" was not participating.

George Mabe of Denver is recovering from a kidney operation. Hope to be well enough to attend the Reunion next year. Otto Hori has been confined to his home due to crippling diabetes. All other members are nursing one or more ailments. They have all reduced their consumption of alcohol and all have quit smoking but Robert Otani. Otani being the lone holdout, he often gets the stink eye whenever he lights up a "grave digger".

John Leonida is still active in this post retirement job of tour escort to Las Vegas. J. B. mentioned that he gets to see many Service Company members in Las Vegas. John is the proud grandfather of twelve and also became a great grandfather. While J.B. was having his hands full with twelve grandchildren, James Miyake was proudly accompanying his one and only grandchild around the Kahala Mall.

The Chinaka's will be on cruise to Alaska in June. The Chapter will have a weekend outing in November at Mokuleia.

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By Mino Suzumoto

The Head Coach of the Kaiser High School baseball "Cougars" team, presently making a strong bid for the State championship, is WAYNE OKUMA, sibling of our KENNETH. Heck! Someone in the family had to have talent! But then, come to think of it, Mr. K himself use to be a pretty decent pitcher for our Co. I softball team (together with CHAMP), once upon a time, long, long ago, remember? You don't? Ah, well, such is the fate of one's fame! It sure is a fleeting thing! In KENNETH's case, that is. Meanwhile, our "Congratulations!" to WAYNE for his splendid achievement!

During the interim: We're sincerely sadden to learn that SADA O "Mimi" HASHIMURA of Lahaina, Maui had passed away. Perhaps more widely known as "Puukolii," he certainly was one of the best liked guys around. On behalf of Prexy TERRY ARATANI, may we offer our deepest condolences to FLORENCE and the remaining next of kins. May his soul rest in peace. I can't help but recall that before the days of statehood, Co. I use to travel around the islands on Territorial Conventions. He and I once bunked overnight at Hiroshi & Miodori Aruga's home in Hilo.

Before our memories of the 442 46th Anniversary Banquet, (together with its Golf Tournament and the Memorial Service segment) grows too dim and fades completely into oblivion, let me acknowledge those Itemites and Itemites at heart who showed and continue to show up at the annual gala event, (Grand Ballroom, Pacific Beach Hotel): Our prexy TERRY & ELSIE ARATANI; BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA; RICHARD & NIKI OSHIRO; BILL & PEGGY NAGANUMA; BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA; KENNETH & BETTY OKUMA; MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO; DONALD & BARBARA KAMEDA; MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA; WALTER & JANE FURUKAWA; FRED & EVELYN OISHI; GEORGE OSHITA, SAB ITAKURA & BRA GOKAN, from Kauai; TOGO & GLORIA NAKAGAWA; C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO; STAN & TERRY YAMAMOTO; RALPH & MARY KAWAWAKI; ELE GONZALES (Guest); FRED HAYAKAWA (Guest); CHAMP SUZUKI & BELLA NAGATOSHI; TAD FUJISHIGE & guest (the only no-shows. Probably forgot the date); MITS & SUMI OSHIRO. In the order the requests for banquet tickets were received.

In a nut-shell: Friday, Golf at Mililani; Saturday, Memorial Service at Punchbowl; Sunday, 442 Banquet, Pacific Beach, is the way that weekend went.

BRUNO was the honcho in charge of the Golf Tournament. He's written a column of his own, so, look for his report elsewhere in this Bulletin. Incidentally, due to circumstances beyond his control, Mr. B cancelled his Scandinavian countries tour, originally scheduled for the latter part of this year.

The Saturday service at Punchbowl was conducted under a brilliantly hot morning sun. Seen at that scene paying homage to our "fallen" comrades were: KAZU TAKEKAWA; BRUNO YAMADA; HIDE MATSUMOTO; HAROLD WATASE; RICHARD & NIKI OSHIRO; SAB ITAKURA; BRA GOKAN; KENNETH OKUMA; BETSY YAMAMOTO (KOPPE's WIDOW); JEAN MATSUSHIGE, sister of the late KATS (Wimpy) MATSUSHIGE and their mother MISAYO, plus yours truly. The Invocation was given by the Rev. DONALD ASMAN of the Manoa Valley Church. The Memorial Address was by A.A. "BUD" SMYSER, Contributing Editor of the Honolulu Star Bulletin. The Royal Hawaiian Band did the musical honors.

The "Cold Tree," or Primavera, which was planted there just to the left of the plaza, by the club in 1987, still seems to be in it's infant stage. Barely 7 to 8 feet tall. Hardly grew at all, seems like. Can't wait to see it stretching up skywards, 35 feet and more. And imagine that tree covered with its shimmering gold colored blossoms! It's a native of Central America, I hear tell. Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama and its environs. Meaning, this beautiful tree comes out of the same area like the ugly guy called NORTEGA. How can that be?

The Co. I "Kona List" 1990, continues to mount. Are you there, SADA KUBOTA, MAKO FUJIOKA, GILBERT HAKODA, KENJI "Popeye" SEGAWA & Co.? Add to it: TOMMY UMEDA; RALPH KAWAWAKI; MASA KOBASHIGA & FRANCIS SUGAI and times that by 2.

Also, from L.A., courtesy of JIM YAMASHITA and released by BRUNO: TONY HARABURDA; NOBO IKUTA; JIM KAWAMINAMI; TOM KINAGA; AKIO KUMAMOTO; FRED MATSUMURA; RON MATSUNAGA; CHUCK MIYADA; JIM MIYAMOTO; BILL MORITA; FRANK NAKASHIMA; ENRO OKADA; WILLIAM OKAZAKI; TONI SAKAMOTO (surprise!); TAK SENZAKI; FRED SHIGAKI; JIM MAYASHITA; MIN YOSHIOKA. And you don't even for a moment think that these guys are coming here by themselves, do you?

From SHIRO KASHINO country, there should be 15, up to 20 Itemites & Itemites at heart: KASH & LOU; KIM & MASSIE MUROMOTO; CHARLEY, JANE and daughter CATHY OKADA; GEORGE MORIHIRO; BILL OZAWA being among them.

FRANK SHIMADA, writing out of San Jose and the Bay Area, in late April, (quote): "...as of now you can expect a minimum of about 45 people from this area" unquote.

On top of all this, BRUNO says he expects to hear from VIC IZUI (Chicago) "any day now."

Learned through the "vines" in mid May that MICHIO KATO, wife of the late KIICHI, was able to travel alone and visit her 2 sisters and a brother living on the mainland, U.S.A., and had

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just returned. Sacramento, Reno, Tahoe and Long Beach were among the places she was able to cover (by car, driven by her brother). It was an enjoyable, but, exhausting trip she says, after I contacted her. Admits to growing up in Blanco, CA, where she was born. "It's a small community close to Ft. Ord," she pointed out (And how well some of us know it). The nearest "big town" was Salinas. Attended school in Chula and Salinas, she says. Present plans calls for her to go on an European trip with her sister from Sacramento, even as this goes to press, when the latter urged, encouraged and promised to take care of her. Even to the extent of coming to Hawaii and escorting MICHIE from here. Indications are she'll go. All "I" Co. join me, I know, in wishing "Bon Voyage!" to a brave lady! The late "Beanie" HAYASHI, Co. I, KIA, was her brother.

Super-tanker Exxon Valdez; Bligh Reef; big, big oil spillage; Prince William Sound; Prudhoe Bay. Mix them all together. Shake them well and what proper name can you conjure up? HANK NAKAD of Homer, Alaska! Sure hope that the life style of our fellow Itemite is not being ruined by this "greatest marmade disaster of all times!" Isn't it a bit ironic?! After he spends all that time and money (out of his own pocket), coming all the way here to Hawaii, trying to promote visitations to Alaska! And to his part of the world, in particular!

Circumstances compels me to remind you now, that this years Co. I Christmas Party will be held on the 2nd Sunday in December. Same place.

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fishing off the coast of Mexico and will now get a chance to do it off the Kona coast. He wants volunteers to accompany him on his fishing expeditions while at the Reunion. It seems that Hawaii Cannoneers, including myself, get seasick. My father was a commercial fisherman, whose fishing grounds was off the Waianae coast. As a youth, I had to accompany him for several summers on his fishing trips. Each trip was for about a week. The first day out was dreadful because I always got seasick. After the first day, it was better. I can also remember getting seasick on the Lurline and on the transport to Italy Aside from the seasickness, fishing is great fun

The new Cannon Chapter officers; president, Takashi Muraoka, vice-president, George Tonaki and secretary/treasurer, Kaoru Watanabe have been doing a great job since their installation.

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By Allen Nakamura

The aroma from the clams and crabs cooked in black beans and oyster sauce, drifting across the grounds of Memorial Hall, meant only one thing - it's Shinnenekai time for our combined "L" and LIKM chapters. Our chefs, Kuro Tomasa, Kila Haraguchi & Ralph Shishido, did it again! They can be proud of their excellent outdoor cooking. Lucky for us, that they enjoy cooking!

Cooking outdoors is a wonderful gathering place to reminisce and catch up on tall tales and small talks. It's like a watering hole, with beer in one hand and pupu in the other. The main dish was steak, with sashimi, maki sushi, salads and other appetizers, and desserts brought by the families.

Good organization makes for a greater participation which means success. This is exactly what happened as we had over 100 families and friends on this Sunday, 2/26/89, following some mediocre years. Kudo's to chairman Victor Yamashita, who called a committee meeting of Kuro, Yoshiji, Allen, Hide N., Yoshito, Isa & P.K., an unheard of thing to do up to now, as planning for this event was always done at the chapter meetings, amid noise, interruptions, laughter and what have you. It goes to show what strong leadership can do. Terrific job, Victor!

It's gratifying to see so many take part in this family oriented shinnenekai. The contributions from families (we assess a small amount) and prudent purchasing of door prizes, ingredients and careful accounting by treasurer, Isa, who reported that the cost of the event this year was a paltry \$62 to the chapters.

As always, preparations of the menu had to be done early. Besides the trio of Kuro, Kila & Ralph, the early birds were Joe/Nancy Oshiro & Paul/Yuki Takiguchi laboring in the kitchen. Betty Nakahara, because of her mother's death, was not able to be present but it seems this group of dedicated workers are early at all of our social events. Thanks a lot! Whitey Saito who brought the crabs was also early on this day. Dyna who pulehu'd the fish was there too but left early. Marion Matsumura who always surprise the fellows on the pupu's had fishhead this time. Hapa Fujimoto brought Salami. All terrific pupu's!

Pauline Tome, Timmie Yamashita & Doris Ishida did a bang-up job in charge of the desserts. It seemed like a 'who's who' in the

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bakers field of the variety of desserts spread out on the table. Marion had "Tsukemono rice & Avocado jello"; Pauline, "Apple cake & Baked manju"; Timmie, "Mango cake"; Doris, "Cherry cheese cream cup"; Florence Saito, "Haupia"; Genny Matsumoto, "Mochi"; Michie Shishido, "Chocolate mochi"; Terry Jichaku, "Apple cake"; Hilda Takiyama, "Jello cream cheese cake"; Chiz Shoji, "Apple pie"; Boochie Leong, "Peach pie"; Sumiko Sumikawa, "Mizu yokan"; Guests: Betty Ihori, "Banana bread" & Pat Protzman, "Brownies".

To quench the thirst from all the pupu's and desserts, Ray Sumikawa brought 2 cs beer, 2 cs soda, & 3 ctns of "White Zinfandel, Chablis, & Rose" litter wine-pac; Soda donors: Yoshito Tome, 2 cs; Allen & Victor 1 cs each. Bill Oshiro donated qt of VO; Art Forcier donated \$25 in lieu of 2 cs of beer. These were in addition to purchases of refreshments by the chapters.

Hide Nakayama made wise purchases for door prizes of 20 lb bags of rice, toilet papers, etc. We've had excellent entertainment on the guitar & ukelele by Jiro Watanabe, Yoshito, Paul Takiguchi & hula by the pro, Paul Matsumoto & a surprise hula by Paul T. Our historian, Henry Ishida who religiously have taken pictures of our events since 1983, that the albums are crowding space in his home. P.K. were again kind enough to let us use his Karaoke PA system. The lucky number drawing for door prizes were efficiently handled by Jacob & Terry. The raffle drawing were expertly conducted by Terry & Lani Matsuura.

The assortments of jewelry, earrings, necklaces, watches, brooches, all quality items again donated by Tommy Kakesako & Kazuo Fink brought in \$200 for our treasury. This raffle drawing has become one of the hi-lites of this event, with suspense mounting each year wondering what good fortune will be in store at \$5 contributions for the drawings.

Lawrence Fujii caused excitement, surprising us with all the different plants: Fuchsia, Pothos, ORA Tri Colors, Agloanema silver queen, Lecther ferns (Haku lei), & orchids. Bill Hagio also brought beautiful orchids & plants. Rodney Nakayama, Hide's son, donated 4 carrying bags from Honolulu International Country Club. Donations also from Flora Watanabe of 3 1/2 gal jar of salad dressings and Mabel Fujimoto's 2 baby blankets handcrafted by her mother. All of these were for door prizes besides Hide's purchases.

One big Mahalo! to all of you - our Shinnenekai is alive & popping! The following were present to share in the fellowship: Yoshiji/Betty

Aoki & family, Terrance/Janice Kong & children, Roger/Alisa Au & children; Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto; Richard/Chizuko Furukawa; Bill/Harumi Hagio; Kila Haraguchi; Jacob/Terry Jichaku; Tommy Kakesako; Casey Kasadate; Edna Kuramoto; George Matsumoto & his guests, Tom/Dorothy Fukunaga; Jimmy/Shirley Yamashiro & Dr. Bob/Pat Protzman; Paul/Genny Matsumoto; Cowboy/Marion Matsumura; John Naganuma; Allen Nakamura & family, Kiaaina/Cynthia Medeiros & children; Hide Nakayama; Kazuma Ogata; Fumio/Michiko Ogata; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Bill/Lilly Oshiro; Whitey/Florence Saito; Tad Sakai; Kobe/Chiz Shoji & family; Calvin/Lyn Shoji & children; Hilda/Isa Takiyama; Yoshito/Pauline Tome; Jiro/Flora Watanabe; Victor/Timmie Yamashita & family; Dr. Boyden/Angel Yamashita & children; Hajime/Lani Matsuura; Ralph/Michie Shishido; Charley Akira/Lei Akiko Gerlach & sister Sadie Dudoit & children; Henry/Doris Ishida; Ray/Sumiko Sumikawa; Art Forcier & Betty Ihori; Ernest/Gladys Uno; Dr. Wilfred/Boochie Leong and their families, Dr. Daniel/Patty Phillips & their childrens & Dr. John/Sally Dong & their childrens. Also their guest, Iris Enoki.

It was nice to see Edna back in circulation and long time no see, Gerlach's, who now lives in Hauula. Also Richard & Tad who were seriously ill last year, just about this time. Tad who caused all kinds of problems when he was ill in the publications of the bulletin not being published, will accompany the goodwill baseball team to Japan, his first to his ancestors homeland, in recognizing his long dedicated service as editor of the bulletin. You well deserve this trip! But woe! is us scribes. The deadline is now moved forward to May 15. But, what the heck, it's all for a good cause. Have fun, Tad!

The 442nd VC Memorial Service held at Punch-bowl cemetery on Saturday, 3/25/89, had the following next of kin in attendance: Mrs. Matsuno Fujinaka & Mrs. Hazel Hedani, mother & sister of KIA Noboru Fujinaka; Richard & Gladys Kashiwaeda, brother of KIA, Goro Kashiwaeda; Edna Kuramoto, wife of Suelo Kuramoto; Mr/Mrs. Larry Kishinami, sister of KIA, Hiroshi Watanabe.

Attending from "L" chapter were: Kobe Shoji, Fumio/Michiko Ohashi, Hide Nakayama, P.K. Matsumoto, Allen Nakamura, Victor Yamashita, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Jiro Watanabe, Tad Sakai, Yoshiji Aoki, Yoshito/Pauline Tome and club executive secretary, Robert Sasaki.

Sunday, 3/26/1989, 46th Anniversary Banquet was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel, Grand Ballroom. Those in attendance occupying 3 tables

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were: Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Yoshito/Pauline Tome, Isa/Hilda Takiyama, Fumio/Michiko Ohashi, Tad Sakai, Wally/Mabel Kawamura, George Matsumoto, P.K./Genny Matsumoto, Victor/Timmie Yamashita, Allen Nakamura, Matsy/Aya Takabuki, Bill/Lily Oshiro, Kobe/Chiz Shoji, Edna Kuramoto, Kazuma Ogata & Hide Nakayama.

Fred Fujimoto, the general chairman for the NVR made the announcement that the registration forms will be mailed out on 7/31/89. Anyone from "L" chapter who needs more info on the NVR can contact me. As of this date, I have received communications from Larry Tanaka of Sacramento that, tentatively 29 people indicated they'll be here in Honolulu 3 days prior to the NVR in Kona. They will occupy 16 of the 50 rooms which I have reserved at the Pagoda Hotel in anticipation that others will be coming. The other info I have is that Ken Higashi of Seattle is chairing their group and are now having meetings to decide on the Honolulu portion. Letters have been sent to Kats Funamura of Kauai, Francis Ohta of Maui and others on the mainland living in areas other than SF/Bay area, LA, Seattle: Elbert Izumi, Chicago; Kenji Tani, Morton Grove, Ill.; Kenneth Inada, New York; Frank Nomura, Arizona; Utah; Roger Smith, N.C.; Tom Teramoto, Fresno; Doc Corbiere, Sparks, Nev.; Soichi "Pop" Koizumi, Reno; Frank Chikami, Reno. Letters can only be mailed if we have the address. Let me know if you know anyone else we've missed.

Chiyoeko Fujii, a fixture at Kaimuki Dry Goods who practically ran the business as chief boss, finally able to retire. How many years did you say you worked there? Anyway, congratulations! Remember, you are a lady of leisure now.

Another retiree altho' this one is semi-retired and now act as a consultant, to Alexander & Baldwin once or twice a week, is Dr. Kobe Shoji. To a question, "how that you have time on your hands, what do you do?" Answer, "clean house and hang pictures". You ask honest questions, you get honest answers, ha! We should be seeing more of him at chapter meetings now, other than the wahine volleyball season, of course.

These days, you miss out a lot if you don't attend the chapter meetings as we have interesting things happening at times. It's not only the, cornbeef & cabbage, left over stew from lunch, cold slaw, kim chee, coffee, beer & soda that you'll miss prepared by Kuro, Kila & Ralph when he's not working at his part time job but

we've had a historic moment at the April 14 meeting. For many years, Fumio Ohashi was urging us to tape the 442nd song & 'Miken No Hana' to no avail. Finally in our declining years, altho' the voices didn't seem to decline, we finally taped the 442nd song on request from our LA group thru Jiro Watanabe. With Jiro's tape recorder and background ukelele music by Jiro & Yoshito, the entire group joined in the taping of the song. Jiro also had song sheets for those not familiar with the words. Not having sung this song for quite sometime, we were out of focus in the timing the first time, so we up-beat the tempo the second time and I can tell you it sounded just perfect on the playback tape. Fumio has'nt lost a touch with the baton, I mean the chopstick.

Those who were at this historic taping were: Kobe Shoji, Stanley Watanabe, Tommy Kakesako, Hajime Matsuura, Fred Paliatico, Kuro Tomasa, Tad Sakai, Fumio Ohashi, Kila Haraguchi, Nippy Leong (typographical error as Lippy in the last issue), Wally Higa, Mickey Kurokawa, P.K. Matsumoto, Jiro Watanabe, Yoshito Tome, Victor Yamashita, Hide Nakayama, Toshi Nakahara, Kazuma Ogata, Henry Ishida, Casey Kasadate, Paul Takiguchi, Yoshiji Aoki, Isa Takiyama, Bill Hagio, Lawrence Fujii, Cowboy Matsumura, Jacob Jichaku, Allen Nakamura, Hide Nakayama, Raymond Sumikawa & Isa Takiyama.

Our deepest sympathy and condolence to Betty Nakahara & Gloria Oshiro, who lost their mother and father respectively, Mrs. Hatsue Fukuda & Mr. Tadaichi Akiyama. May they rest in peace.

Bill Oshiro who spent a month in Japan earlier because of illness of his brother has returned again, this time for a longer stay according to Bill. It is a distressing & difficult times for Bill. Our hearts & prayers are with you for your brother.

Just got word in response to my letter from "Doc" Corbiere, that they won't be able to make the Kona reunion. Many of you may recall at the Reno reunion, and learned that Miriam Corbiere was afflicted with the dreadful Parkinson's disease. "Doc" wrote that she is unsteady and under heavy medication now. Our heart and prayers are also with you Miriam.

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The caption below was taken from the Seattle NVC newsletter.



KARI K. YOSHIMURA, winner of an NVC scholarship, was unable to attend the NVC installation dinner-dance so her mother, Roberta Hirahara (left), and grandmother, Chiz Hirahara, represented Kari to accept the scholarship. -- Photo by Jiro Todo.

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Credit Union

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. If a Hawaii credit union receives an out-of-state district court subpoena for information, must the credit union respond?
- A. No. Out-of-state district courts have no jurisdiction over Hawaii credit unions. Such a subpoena must be filed through the Hawaii state court system, pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and rules of civil procedure.
- Q. If a member with an individual share account passes away, how does the credit union turn over the funds to the surviving spouse?
- A. If the deceased member's total assets are \$20,000 or less, the credit union must receive a "Small Estate Court Document" declaring the surviving spouse to be the true beneficiary to the funds.
- If the estate is larger than \$20,000, it must be probated and the credit union must contact the administrator or attorney of the decedent.
- Q. What should a credit union do with a deceased member's individual share account of \$500?
- A. Attempt to locate the family and determine who is the true beneficiary. If that fails, the account is considered abandoned and eventually will be awarded to the state.



By Hichi Matsumoto

442 Annual Banquet

Our 46th Anniversary Banquet was held at our favorite Pacific Beach Hotel. Been there so many times must be more than part owners by now. This event was the third and last of the three days celebration. Started with golf, followed by the memorial service and this banquet.

Kotoshi our chapter's participation was futsuno toshi yorimo sukunakatta, due to a good many maitoshi tsutomete dete kuru people had other commitments; like, marriage in the family, family reunion, traveling, hospitalization, to name some. Oh yes, they were missed alright but never feel 'em because we had sitted amongst us Mister 1990 Kona Reunion himself, Fred Fujimoto & Da Boss Lady, Midori. Also the most generous couple, Jim and Tomiko Ihara of Sparks, Nevada. Unlike past years' banquets, this year we were sitted eight people per table, roomy, not kyuku-tsuna so had the freedom to move about freely.

Was more than lilibit sabishii for "Da Borots" (members of the 442 Ukulele/Hula Club and Uta No Kai), no can show their stuff during the "half time" show, like the previous two years. Nareruto, somehow you kinda take to the life in the fast lane. As usual no more the luck of the draw (pulled straw for preferred sitting), us poor guys and gals were isolated it seemed, somewhere deep between left and center field. One consolation, tooku from the blaring music. Another was closer to the bar and all important, benjo.

Fred Fujimoto, General Chairman of the 1990 Reunion in Kona, had his time at the dais and gave a detailed progress report as to naniga nambo suru. Everything's right on schedule and applications will be sent out shortly, at least nine months prior to the Reunion. So, when you receive 'em, no hottoku, no play deadhead and sit on 'em, take immediate action because gonna be on the first come first served basis, which is only pololoi.

Rodney Yamashiro, past president of the Mother Club the past two years was the recipient of a handsome plaque for a job well done. He EARNED it. Our chapter's past two presidents, him ni yoh sewa ni natta. Like, for instance, whenever they get stuck presiding at chapter meetings (reporting on happenings at BOD meetings) their famous last words, "eh, Rodney..." and he had to tasukeru them. This year's president is no different and emryonashi yoh sewani nariyori. Being the immediate past president, Rodney sits on the BOD.

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The food, nan datta kano, anyway, remember it wasn't a boo-fay but was served. This for sure yoh oboetoru, the drinks was atarimae yorimo taka katta so shoganashi was forced to nurs'em.

The katana (saber) used for the anniversary cake cutting ceremony by the Mother Club officers was donated to the club by Gilbert Kobatake. It was awarded to him for having the best ROTC company at UH in mukashi, mukashi, oomukashi back in '34.

Memorial Service

The 46th Anniversary Memorial Service was held at 9 a.m., Saturday at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. Our 232nd Chapter was well represented by the next of kins, as well as the present day active members and their wives.

Special thanks to Hazel (Walter) Matsumoto for the hard work and time put into calling the next-of-kins of the KIAs, and also of the boys passing away since returning home, whose remains are interred at Punchbowl. Arranging for transportation too, to and from.

Wasn't any problem like the past years in locating our people (next of kins) to kakeru leis, courtesy of our Mother Club. Had an easy recognizable "232" sign (Hazel's idea), red numerals on white background which nobody even how mekura demo was able to spot 'em, even from a distance.

Kotoshi, our chapter somewhat played a prominent part in the program with Rodney Yamashiro (da bugga look dapper all dolled up) doing the M.C.ing and Eleanor (Yoshinobu) Ando accompanied by Jane (Sam) Yamao (522) made the wreath presentation.

Nantoka shiran but totemo atsukatta. Ase kaite meniota. Atcha kotchi from other years', the audience were sitted facing the broiling sun. Most likely, more than just a few, kogeta.

Chapter Meeting - March

Evening's discussions were centered mostly on the upcoming 46th Anniversary Banquet (March 26) and the Punchbowl Memorial Service the day before. Also latest and detailed reports by Walter Matsumoto on matters pertaining the chapter and people on the ailing list. Best news of

the evening was learning that Richard Murakami who recently underwent major stomach operation has been released from the hospital and convalescing and recuperating at home.

Pupu connoisseur Gary Kawate's main entree of the evening was go deep-fry da aikane kara moratta halalu (size of giant irikos). Wuz so onolicious da bugga went bust da mouf. Ochazuke ni motte koi. Some of the not-too-well versed guys in eating fish go try hemo da meat from the bone, whereas the old pros go kamu da head and all, downing everything, bone and all. Konban never get rice but no sweat, went substitute with Tommy Hirao ga motte kita manju and mochi. Eh, not bad combination boy, only thing missing was ocha.

The chapter went on record to have a 1990 Reunion shirt of our own (232nd Engrs/Band) and went yatou Eddie Sato who lives in Chicago to design da shatsu no logo, something with an Engrs/Band theme. A top flight artist and very meticulous, whatever he undertakes, he no going forget to turn over every stone or something like that to get da max results. We just know the finished product going to be a knockout.

Dohmo arigato to Ethel (Edmund) Ezuka for the brand new up-to-date roster sheet of the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter personnel. Lists all da tame ni naru things like, wife's name, telephone number, etc. at your fingertip. The just discarded one was so furui and poroporo de was hanging by the so-called hair. Kawaisoon. Yoh kiwo kikasete volunteered her services without being asked. People like her makes things so much easier and good to have on your side.

Chapter Meeting - April

"Eh, Richard (Murakami), we (chapter) are in dire need of your professional expertise." As you all must know by now, Richard is the chapter's parliamentarian and as good as they come. The problem (it became with him not present), everybody knew what was what but somehow no can seem to put the right words in the right places to make it fit. You know what we are trying to say, eh. Our meetings are as informal as you want 'em but like to keep things in perspective. Richard is one of the important guys that you no miss 'em until he's needed.

"Old pros" at this Reunion game, Tommy Kiyosaki and Walter Matsumoto were appointed and they both gladly agreed to serve as Co-General Chairmen of the upcoming Reunion to be held in Kona, June of next year. Everybody agree that they are

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the best, no monku there. Wasting no time, already this meeting night, a meeting was scheduled for the earliest possible date to get the ball rolling.

Eh, guys are not slowing down but slow down seta, period. Not some but tamageru hodo plenty. With the new administration on the time conscious side, meetings start at 7:30 pm (give or take a minute) and believe it or not this night the premise was vacated by 9 pm, no fooling. Took only hour and a half to hold the business (not monkey) meeting and the "un-business" meeting (beer time) and go sooji da place (with Gary Kawate, Jimmy Nakamura & Mervyn Takano doing the bulk of the work) too, imagine. No can figgah. In da prime time days, was a common practice to close shop at say, around midnight and go elsewhere for not one but a couple of night caps before calling it a night. Dem days da good wife used to say the following morning at breakfast, "Late eh." Now days, mada okitoru that's why says "Early, eh." And the no can understand part is everybody retired, yet. "Haji!" but shoganai, no.

Chapter Meeting - May

This was the kickoff meeting with the wives for next year's Reunion. A rather slow evening with not much old or new business, the president's job was duck soup. Opening up the meeting and after a short report of happenings at the BOD meeting, turned over the remainder of the evening to Co-General Chairmen Walter Matsumoto and Tommy Kiyosaki. Much was said about dis'n dat. Chairmanship of various committees are being sought and filled. You can volunteer now and get your pick or wait to get appointed later, up to you. Besides the usual variety of pupus, everybody partook in the delicious home-made pastries supplied by the attending wives. Thank you all for showing up, the ladies especially, another similar meeting will be held in the very near future.

"Eskimo" Friends

Kono atsumari with the Fujioka's (Tad & Cherry), hustled by our Program Chairman/Director Joe Sato, was held at our clubhouse on Saturday night, March 18. It was another one of their leisure trips to the Islands. Richard Urada's (a good buddy since Shelby days) home in Pearl City and their (Fujioka's) time-sharing condo on Maui was in a way their home base where they hung their papale while here. Comes regularly every couple of years. Had three Fujioka's in the 232nd Engrs. Co. so mahigawanyohni, Tad was known as Seattle no Fujioka.

They've been calling the 49th State home (after moving from Seattle) for several years now but get to see them way more often than the stay live here but chapter functions ni dete kon guys. Joining them on this trip were Cherry's imoto and husband, a member of "A" Battery, 522. Upwards of 30 members and wives came out to reminisced and chewed da fat with the guests.

Strictly an outdoorsman, Tad, a veteran retiree now, spends most of his leisure hours boating and fishing (taking care of the family first, of course). Mitara sugu wakarui of his rugged outdoor lifestyle because da iro on da kuroi side. Beeg and Husky and still in terrific shape. No sign of any opu and the massive chest still ochitoran. Never asked but he still looks able to do a couple of fast laps. Just a reminder, he was a standout sprinter (freestyle) on the University of Washington huskies Varsity Swimming Team during their glory days, that's senso (WWII) ga hajimaru mae.

Had a generous slice of salmon in da chumon seta catered food, guys go ask Tad, ono (good like da fresh kine he catch up in Alaska) or what. Da box bento from Chunkey's, across the street from the old Honolulu Stadium had to be good. After all, it was blessed by our Bon San, Rodney Yamashiro. Being Japanese food, da blessing was in Japanese too. Talk about akamai-ness. P.S. Whenever we see, hear or think about Tad & Cherry, the very first thing comes to mind is food, food, and more food. The people that attended the 1982 Reunion in Los Angeles and later went hele-on to tour Alaska with Tommy Kiyosaki, knows only too well what we're talking about.

Anyway, after scheduled one night stay in Glacier Bay (remote and daremo oran looking kind place), and upon returning to the mainland the next day, the Fujiokas were gonna fete the entire Kiyosaki Karavan and chanto had everything prepared and ready from "soups to nuts." It wasn't to be. Fogged in and the only means of commuting is by plane, so tootoo shoganashi against everybody's wishes were forced to spend the longest (and second night in the wilderness somewhere out in nowhere, hara hette was dream-of what was in store, waiting for us on the other side. Oh, da kaukau (we had about 40 people) tabe raren hodo etto atta. Due to the unexpected one day delay, lost the scheduled stay in Juneau, so sono mama, lock, stock and barrel (Fujioka's omiyage) took 'em with us and flew down to Red Lion Inn, neki to Sea-Tac Airport and went chow down. Man alive, did we have a feast. Still yet can taste 'em.

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Jimmy & Tomiko Ihara

Jimmy & Tomiko Ihara of Sparks (tonari mura to Reno) Nevada, came "home" to attend their daughter's wedding. The following evening, futaritomo erai demo waza waza made time and joined the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members and wives for the 46th Anniversary Banquet. Jimmy had a heart by-pass operation not too long after the Reno Reunion. Only about six months now since but stay looking real good. The secret of it all he says, no park and anchor your okole one place but keep moving, the more the better.

Some things are worth retelling if not suman and this is one of 'em. Never will we ever forget the attention and hospitality (spoiling us rotten and loving every minute of it) given to our chapter members, wives and friends by them and Tom & Mary Hiraki of Seattle, Wa., during the Reno Reunion last year from tsuita toki to sayonara time. Every day was a lavish party. Not the fancy looking haole kind and ajiga kiitoran food, but us guys ga sodateta sukina hekka, konkon kind things. Odon tacha yappari Nippon Jin ja. Us guys, one of many never did miss lunch (was more like breakfast, lunch and dinner combine) even once bambai going miss out on you know what, eh. One thing overlooked and never did thank our Reno Reunion hosts and hostesses for was keeping us dekiru dake occupied and busy upstairs, delaying our rushing downstairs to the casino. Sukoshi kangaete miruto, they took care of us in so many different ways. Dohmo arigatai. Sumimasen.

Jimmy, a 20 handicapper, golfed with the boys at Pali Municipal Golf Course (232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club Tournament), day before returning home. Never did get to play with him (different four-some) but people no hanashi kikunoni at the 19th hole, he can move the ball and plays a sound game. No let that handicap fool you because he hit the ball with authority. Some local guys like to say, "smash 'em."

Otagaini the chapter tried to "pay back" at least a little something like take 'em to a dinner for everything heaped on us but no can do, they operating on a very tight schedule. So, in parting told 'em, next year (Kona Reunion), we "pay 'em back." Oh yes, they mark the calendar awreddy.

No, no pau yet of their generosity. How can, not to mention of their lawyer son (gomen, forgot the name) picking up the tab for the chapter night cocktail hour at the Reno Reunion. Wonderful reunions don't just happen, caring people like the Ihara's make 'em happen.

Kona Reunion

Important stuff like this 1990 Kona Reunion, we no fool around but get to the root and start planning from the word GO. Never too early to get organized and get things going. On the outside kara miruto, one reunion looks no different from another but somehow omou yohni ikan, know what we mean? Da oyabuns of the steering committee are Tommy Kiyosaki & Walter Matsumoto, the Co-General Chairmen. Da kobuns are Hichi Matsumoto (1989 pres.) and Joe Sato, next year's president. One man's humble opinion, a very formidable group. Lilibit jiman but jibun homen nara homete kureru mon inai.

On this very first meeting, Da Oyabuns, senmon along this kind of work, had each on his person a portfolio with information galore. Da kobuns came empty handed and played the supporting role to the "T". Us lilibit akamai guys went makasu everthing to da honchos. You'd be surprised just how much one can contribute by clamping up. No humbug or make any kind iran sewa when things are on a roll. In plain English, leave well enough alone. All you other guys, no start feeling good, you not off the hook yet, far from it. The committee will solicit your kokua and not wanting to disappoint anybody, promises something for everybody. You'll be hearing from them soon enough. Good Luck.

Golf

There is no such things as "IMPOSSIBLE," because it happened. Mits (Tofu) Honda, with strokes to spare (imagine), won the March 9, 442 Retiree Golf Club Tournament, which was played at the hilly Pali Municipal Golf Course. What made the victory more significant, it wasn't an ideal day for golf with some Nuuanui mists and the ground more than lilibit zurui from recent rains. 97-29 = 68 was the new "champ's" score. Pali is a tough and challenging course even on good days so a net 72 (par) puts you in good position to win, place or show. Otoboke like go say, "eh, this net 68 score get chance win today or what." Happiness for him but the poor guys within earshot (at the 19th hole), auew braham, da mimi itai and uzuita. Radio nara agu to you can turn 'em off anytime. Sonovagun, da bugga went make the "Impossible Dream" come true.

Bull Namba and his two partners won the grand prize with their combine total low net score of, nanbo datta kano, anyway was too close for comfort from the second place team. They were the guys that took home the loot. The new format (for more winners and spread the wealth) used starting this year, lilibit confusing at

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first but once you get the hang of it, no problem. It may not be the best but it'll do for now until somebody comes up with something better. Only after the tournament pau and all the score cards turned in, then the three men team partners are known, are made so everybody stay in the dark. The main thing is even nanbo junk you stay playing, hagaii demo no haboot, no give up and neshimi ge'ev'em your best your two other partners jam up sen yohni. A team effort, that's the bottom line.

Not even a week later (still savoring his hisashi buri win), disaster struck. The newly crowned "champ" playing in the March Engrs. Tournament at much much easier (flat) Makalena Municipal Golf Course, hyokutto had an off day and skied to 113-29 = 84. How you figgah. Which brings to mind an old saying which goes something like, "Nothing recedes like Success." This crazy fascinating game of golf, you think you get 'em but you no get 'em. No fight 'em, enjoy 'em. No try beat 'em because you only going end up down on your knees. The other champ Bull Namba was sewashii with the Legislature in session, so was a no-show.

Konishi Testimonial

Testimonial dinner for Hawaii's own Salevaa Fuuuli Atisanoe, better known to the sumo world as Ozeki Konishiki, pride and joy of Nanakuli, was held on March 28 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Was one big gathering (at least 500 people) with the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City, sitted at the head table with Da Main Boy. What suguto caught the eye was wariaini not too many Japanese in the crowd, seemed like way more gaijin. Being one of the Mother Club's BOD, attended on the house (Mother Club purchased a table for ten). Fellow 232nd Engrs/Band member was past president, Rodney Yamashiro had the honor too.

You dunno just what massive and marui-ness is until you see Konishiki in person and more so, at close range. Futosa, osoroshii and tamageru hodo futoi. Semo takaishi, but da yokoga especially, da opu sooo big and tight looking, pin sashitara, you think for sure da bugga going bust into a million smitherenees.

Him miruto, you shake your head in disbelief, thinking how can a human being can get that large. Hippopotamus to amari kawari waii. Just thinking how many chanko-nabe he can put away at one sitting is frightening. We not sure if our ear still yet somewhere around "20/20" or what, his Nihongo hanasuno tashikana and fluent (to us anyway) and no can detect anykind flaw or

accent. Karada, yuuta toorini huge and vast but toshi-wise (24/25?) mada wakai that's why get the kawairashii looks. Stretching it lilibit but were he on a NFL team roster, he would be listed not as a nose tackle nor nose guard but "WL", whole line. Must take anybody at least a couple of minutes just to walk around him to size him up.

Video hi-lites (football) of his pre-sumo days were shown. That time kara already had (gigantic size) the makings of a champ. Usually on an occasion of this nature, we go to eat and that's takusan. This one went to see and saw more than an eyeful. For this show, tada ikumoni felt lilibit kinododuma. Seeing him in person alone was worth the price of admission. Da Main Boy finished with a very respectable 10-5 record in the recent Spring Grand Tournament held in Osaka.

Convalescing

Me and Da Good Wife paid Richard Murakami a get-well-real-soon visit. Very much up and around now, he is receiving visitors as of late. Been just a little more than two months since the operation but seems much longer. Whatever ordeals encountered, gaman sete, he's in a pleasant and high spirits and stay looking good, da irome too. Da once koeta buta (180 lbs) is now a yasete yagi (140 lbs). Put on display his prized possessions, hara ni katamatta gallstones, various sizes with the larger ones almost the size of golf balls. A gift from the doctor for souvenir, meniota wasuraren yohni. Realizes dis kine stuff going take time to heal and accepts it with a shrug of the shoulder. This man is blessed, having a wife like Lily, daughter like Cynthia, and sons like David, Roger & Dickie. All of 'em kara yoh sete morawareru. He is having the best of care, da kine even nambo okane dashitemo, no can buy. Dis bugga Richard is one tuff hombre yutara.

Sick Call

Yutaka "Pilute" Miyashiro was hospitalized konaida for a couple of weeks. Water in the lungs gena. This tough and muscle bound looking bugga been having his aches and pains imagoro. Like the rest of us furui guys, old age must be creeping up. Lately too, the legs been giving him bad time, so no see 'em at Makalena his home course. Eh you, hayo pau natte come out, the boys miss you at chapter meetings and also at the golf tournaments. You trying to give us chance or what. Feeling much better now, relaxing and taking it easy at home.

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Dis Tommy (Kiyosaki) no yatsu, nosan yutara. He come home with Charley & Margie Ijima from the "Love Boat" cruise kara omotara naniga he no even take time out and next day went take off to Japan and Korea on business, representing the Hawaii High School Athletic Association. And what, atchi ittara suguto got sick and was hospitalized for several days. A daijina commodity, sick pau natta ato, they (Japan's sports bigwigs) taking no chances, Tommy was escorted (they insisted) home not by any Tom, Dick & Harry but the sports editor of Asahi Shimbun, one of Japan's foremost dailies. Oi, otchan, you donkon naran bai. Him no byoki, ashiga kaii noyo, that's why dokosan demo kya hatte ikasutai.

Sports

What a pleasant surprise, running into Chikara Fujiyama (remember him?) konaida at, you guessed it, Hosoi Funeral Home. This place something like Las Vegas, hiisa min people miru. Last time saw him was some long time ago at Kanraku Tea House, when Harry Fujii hustled a testimonial dinner to honor Tommy Kiyosaki for coaching the "Governors" football team to Farrington High School's second and last championship. Just like the ammy days, "Chika" looks in tip-top shape and could go a fast couple of rounds at the drop of a hat. Chika was one of the earlier health conscious guys. If memory serves us correctly, his nickname was "Mr. Clean."

Charley & Margie Ijima went on a "Love Boat" cruise (at their age? mada genkina no) and whadya know, returned home not only in one piece but looking chipper than ever. Dis kine trip must be on the motte koi side for them, being mada on the young and energetic side. For sure, they had their money's worth. Asked him, where (the trip) was. And you know him eh, "What the hell, one ocean some place." The food on board ship fabulous, tabe taihodo, anytime of the day or night. Only thing, the drinks jibun ga harawan nara. Margie made sure on this trip to meet up (and did) with her No. 1 oni-san, whom she missed last year (due to some communication foul up) on the way home from the Reno Reunion. Tommy Kiyosaki, da humbug bugga went tag along as "chaperone."

Doc & Mary Kawamoto took time out from their busy daily schedule (him working and she mago sitting) and attended son John's wedding in Las Vegas. No, he never win. He no need 'em.

Calvin & Lily Yasuhara went to Chicago (and later to NY & DC) for the wedding of their niece. Masao & Yvonne Yamasaki took their brood (kids, kids, kids) to a Disneyland holiday, fulfilling a promise made to da magos, a couple of years ago. Tommy Kiyosaki again went to the Far East. Seven reasons why the turnout at the annual banquet was below par.

Another "stranger," Frank Yamamoto, we get to see 'em now and then at Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course. He looking good.

Condolence

Deepest sympathy to Tommy Hirao and family of the recent passing away of their beloved mother.

END

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During the weekend of May 4th thru 7th during the HCUL Annual Meeting bumped into "Big" George Kawakami in Kona. As usual, this person is full of vim and vigor and has asked how the Maui Delegation to Kauai Reunion was responding. I did say we will have a delegation and will be prepared for this event.

During our 12:00 noon shot-gun Golf Tournament in Keahou Resort Golf Course, guess who came along after completing the 18th hole, "Kats" Matsumura. I told him you're sure practicing for the Kauai event, aren't you? He responded that he & wife are planning to attend.

I told him "Big" George is present here today and must be around. He did say he will meet with him before we head for our respective shot-gun Tee off. Kato was very enthusiastic of this Kauai Trip and was very anxious to play the Kiele "new" Course. From what I have heard it is a very challenging course.

Everything here is quiet and settled with no particular news to report except the June Kauai Reunion.

In conclusion, Okage sama de ogenki de minna Maui no tomodachi tasha de nichu nichu no koto wo tsutomete ima sai. Dewa Kauai shima de ai masho. Sayonara.

END



By Bruno Yamada

ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

522-Baker Chapter's Don Yagami devoured the Mililani Golf Course on March 24 when he fired a solid 41-39 during the 46th Anniversary Golf Tournament. Don, who is a 15 handicapper netted 65 to walk off with the President's award. The nearest competitors were Bill Tanaka, Ed Tamanaha and Tom Nakamura who all came in with 4 under par 68's.

Wally Kawamura, Stan Kaneshiro, Mas Kodama and Ken Kawate all with identical 69's, while Robert Miyaji was the lone 70. Sixty four golfers participated including 12 players from Club 100 and 3 from the island of Kauai.

KAUAI TOURNEY

The Association For Retarded Citizen of Kauai will host their 5th Annual Golf Tournament on Kauai, September 15, 16 and 17 at the Westin Kauai Lagoon, Kiahuna and Wailua golf courses. Chairman Tsukasa Murakami (Cannon) invites all members from the 442 and their friends to join in this fun tournament. For more information on this tournament, contact Bruno Yamada or Tsukasa on Kauai (245-4132).

Retirees Golf Club

By Eddie Tamanaha

On April 6, 1989 at the Makalena Golf Course, 28 members assembled to eagerly tee off. After all scores were tallied, Milton Uchigaki was the winner with a net 64. One stroke back with 65s were Bobby Hirayama and Rusty Honda finishing second and third respectively under our tie breaker system. Best nine were turned in by Teruhisa Nishiyama front nine with a net 32, and Charley Igarashi and Maui Okamura back nine with 29s. Nearest to the hole were won by Smithy Koga, #6 hole and Teruhisa Nishiyama #17 hole.

April 20, 1989, 28 members showed up at the Pali Course. Maui Okamura was hot this day as he shot a net 64 to walk away with first place. Two strokes back for second was Milton Uchigaki with a 66. Another two strokes back were Lefty Sugihara and Tom Mayeda with 68s, but Lefty was declared third under our tie breaker system. Best nine were Bruno Yamada, front with net 32 and Tom Mayeda and Rusty Honda tied at 34s for the back nine. Masami Doi won the closest to the hole #7, and Speed Tanna #15.

May 4, 1989 at the Ft. Shafter Golf Course, 27 members gathered early in the morning, a little wet morning. However, Herb Isonaga liked it as he came in with a net 64 to garner first place. A shot back to take second was Mike Mikasa. Another shot back was Milton Uchigaki for third place. Best nine were Milton Uchigaki 31.5 front and Lefty Sugihara 32 back. Closest to the hole were Rusty Honda #5 and Ed Tamanaha #17.

May 18, 1989, 29 members were present at the Makalena Golf Course. Ed Tamanaha came in with a net 67 to squeak in for first - unusually high score for first at Makalena. A stroke back with 68s were Mike Mikasa, Speed Tanna and Champ Suzuki. Our tie breaker declared Mikasa second and Tanna third. Best front nine were turned in by Yoshi Higa, Tom Mayeda and Harry Tokushige net 33s, and back nine Champ Suzuki 30. Closest to the pin were won by Harry Tokushige #6 and Tadashi Kunishige #17.

The 19th hole is still the best hole for most of our members. Pali clubhouse seems to be the most popular. Maybe, its because of our tee time at Pali - 11 a.m. against early 8:17 a.m. at Shafter and 9:30 a.m. at Honolulu Country Club.

Our tournaments for June, July and August are: June 15, Pali; June 29, Makalena; July 13, Shafter; July 27, Pali; August 14, Honolulu Country Club; and August 31, Makalena.

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would come our way, in came a screaming 88 and all we could see of that water cool machine gun was the water that came spurting out of it's jacket. Miraculously, all we got was some dirt in our faces as this was the last heavy water cool machine gun that I got to see for the duration of the war.

So she went for this one as we bring to a close this April report on this the 28th date of the 4th month of this year. Keep 'em healthy till then.

END



Veterans Administration

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q - Are the proceeds from National Service Life Insurance considered as income for VA's Improved Pension?

A - Yes, under the current pension program, proceeds are considered as income.

Q - Will the change on March 15, 1989, making the Veterans Administration the Department of Veterans Affairs affect my VA benefits?

A - No. The law making the VA a cabinet department only involves changing its name and making a few organizational changes. The new Department of Veterans Affairs will assume responsibility for all existing laws and regulations currently administered by the VA that provide benefits and services to veterans.

Q - My husband passed away and I filed a claim for his VA life insurance proceeds. Before the claim was received by the VA Insurance Center, his monthly premium was deducted from his compensation check. Will his premium be refunded?

A - Yes. Any premium payments made subsequent to the death of the insured will be refunded.

Q - My husband died and was buried in a VA National Cemetery. I was advised that I would be entitled to a total of \$450 as a burial allowance; however, I only received \$300. Why?

A - The \$450 burial allowance that was quoted to you included \$300 to be applied toward the veteran's burial expenses and \$150 as a plot or interment allowance. Interment in a National Cemetery was authorized in lieu of the interment allowance.

Q - I live on a very modest income and find it difficult to make my monthly National Service Life Insurance premiums. I don't want to lose the coverage. What can I do to reduce or waive premium payments but still retain coverage?

A - You may choose one of the following options: 1) To reduce the cost of premiums, you may reduce the amount of coverage, in multiples of \$500. 2) You may also apply your dividend to purchase paid-up insurance which would allow you to periodically reduce the basic insurance as new paid-up additions are purchased. Since the basic insurance would be reduced, the premium would be lower. 3) If you have a permanent plan policy that has a cash value it may be surrendered for reduced paid-up insurance. For example, a \$10,000 20-payment life policy effective May 1, 1980, at insurance age 50, would have a cash value of \$3,014.40 as of May 1, 1989. This cash value, used as a single premium, would purchase \$4,601 in paid-up insurance. Also, all National Service Life Insurance policies provide for waiver of payment of premiums for total disability starting before your 65th birthday.

Q - Is there a toll-free number for the Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Center?

A - Yes. You can call the VA Insurance Center at 1-800-422-8079 if you have any questions regarding your insurance policy.

Q - Can I use my VA-guaranteed home loan to buy land I plan to build a house on in the future?

A - A VA-guaranteed loan cannot be used to buy undeveloped land unless it is part of a package that includes the building of your home.

Q - I receive education benefits from VA. Can I set up a direct deposit of those checks?

A - No. Only compensation and pension benefits can be directly deposited to a personal bank account.

Q - I receive VA disability compensation payments and would like to know why I did not get a W-2 form from the VA for income tax purposes.

A - VA compensation payments are not taxable and do not need to be reported.

Q - Can a veteran receive pension benefits from the VA as well as Social Security payments?

A - Yes. You may collect Social Security and VA pension payments as long as you remain within the appropriate income limitations.

More VA news next page

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA OFFERS VETERANS TOLL-FREE INSURANCE SERVICE

Veterans and dependents with questions about government life insurance policies can phone a VA insurance specialist toll-free from throughout the U.S.

Sam Tiano, Director of the VA Regional Office Honolulu, announced that most insurance holders and beneficiaries now can obtain immediate service on address or policy changes, dividend information, and other actions by dialing 1-800-422-8079 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT.

Those callers whose records may not be readily available will receive a return call or written response.

The phone service is made available through modern telecommunications that provide insurance specialists with instant computer access to premium data.

Dividends for VA policyholders are paid automatically to those who continue to pay premiums, usually on the anniversary date of the policy. No application is needed. More than 3 million veterans this year are sharing in the 1988 dividend distribution.

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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family visited and returned to Guam where he is in the Import business.

Larry/Violet Ishida plan to visit Northern European countries from June 9th thru July 3rd -- Kibidim Sweden, Finland, Russia, Poland, East/West Germany, and Holland are included in the itinerary.

From all of us to Michelle Tomasa, Tomizo Saruwatari, Lippy Higuchi, and Morris Masunaga, our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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VETERANS CAN FILE NEW DISABILITY CLAIMS

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 benefits.

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.

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.

On June 15, The National Archives and Records Administration advised the VA that it had located a collection of computer tapes 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 Counsel, a private organization that had been engaged in analysis of Army hospital records in the 1950s. The computerized information reflects battle injuries treated in Army hospitals and a sample of hospitalization for other reasons. The records cover personnel who served in the Army and Army Air Corps.

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