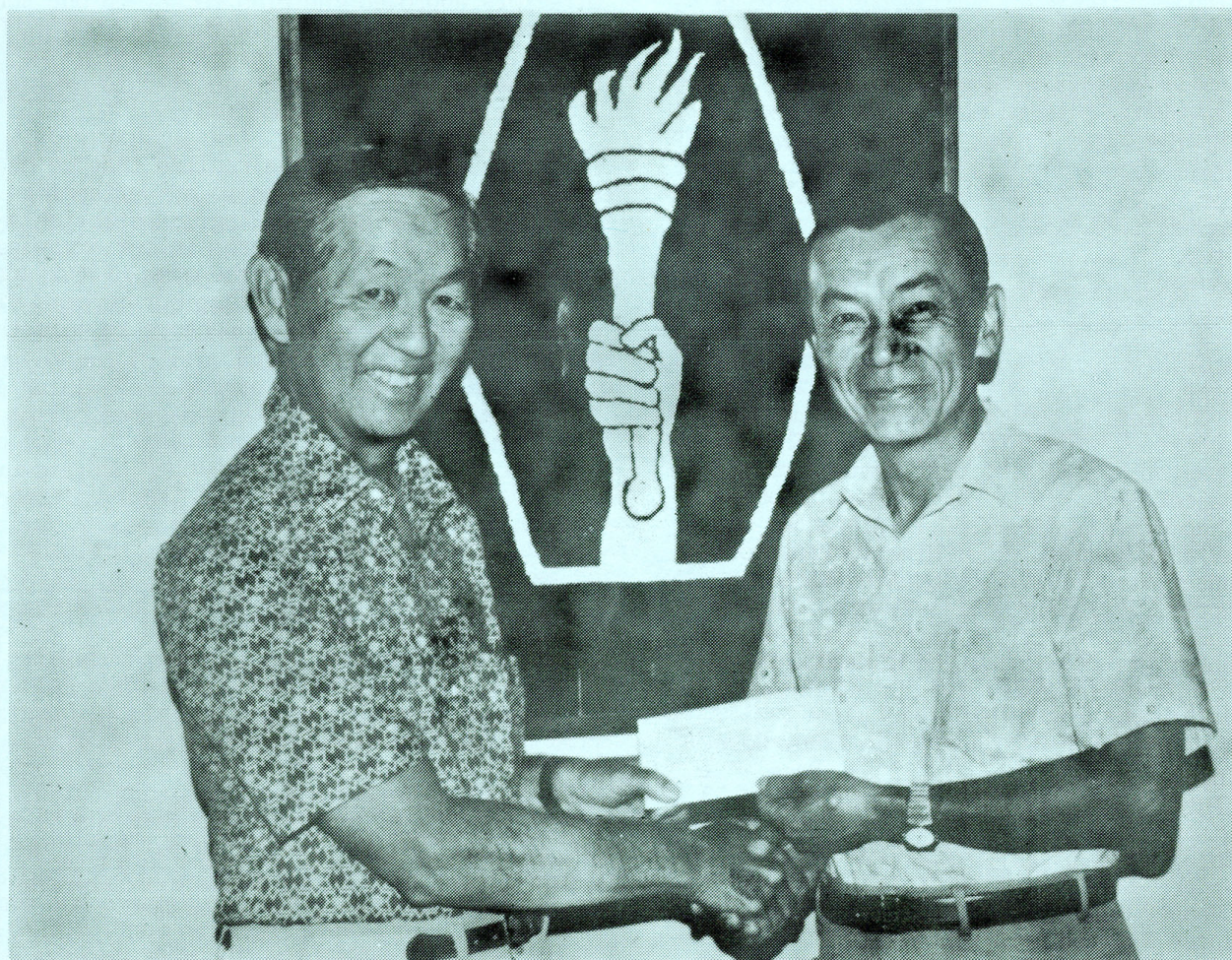


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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The recent Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona and the many chapters' post reunions in Honolulu gave many of our members opportunities to see our wartime buddies and rehash old wartime experiences. As we grow older and the ranks get thinner, we cherish these reunions more and more. Judging from the responses from the mainlanders and our local 442 members, many are saying "when is the next reunion?"

Plans are being drawn up to celebrate our 50th anniversary of the 442 Regimental Combat Team activities in March 1993. The Board of Directors approved the plan to set up our 50th anniversary in March 1993 with a 442 RCT reunion. George Nakasato has been gracious enough to accept the role of the chairman of this project and I'm sure he will do a good job.

As we grow older, we realize that we need to consider passing the baton to our offsprings. We have started the ball rolling to establish a "Sons and Daughters of 442" chapter in our organization, so that they can carry on the name of 442 after we're gone, so let's hope that our members will encourage their sons and daughters to join this group.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

REMINDER

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

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

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

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

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IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD HISAO OGATA

Richard Hisao Ogata, an active member of 522-B Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on June 18, 1990.



By Harold Fukunaga

Reunion Highlights

Now that the Nisei Veterans Reunion has come and gone, we need to take some time to catch our breath. It was a busy but enjoyable time to renew our friendship with our Mainland buddies and their spouses or guests.

Four of us from Honolulu attended the Kona Reunion and thereby gain a headstart in greeting the Mainlanders before their arrival in Honolulu, to participate in our G Company Post Reunion in Honolulu. Taketo Kawabata, Mike Shiraishi, John Kikuyama and Harold Fukunaga joined the Mainlanders in Kona, but came back to Honolulu one day earlier than the Mainlanders to assist the rest of the Honolulu guys in picking up the Mainlanders at the Aloha and Hawaiian Airline arrival gates for transportation to the Pagoda Hotel.

Taketo Kawabata, our Transportation Committee chairman had our Honolulu members and some wives assigned to pick up the Mainlanders at their designated arrival times. There were some minor mixups, because some of the Mainlanders arrived on earlier flights and a few on delayed flights. Most of the arrivals were on time, so the Kawabata pickup schedules were fine. One of the big hang-ups occurred when Tets and Dot Asato, along with Tommy and Alyce Kokka were shown as arriving at 12:04 p.m., but arrived after 3 p.m., because they were not aware that the plane ticket showed a later departure than they thought they were supposed to leave. Fortunately, they picked up a van from the U-Drive company.

That evening (July 1st), we had our welcome dinner at the Pagoda Banquet Facility. Hiromi Suehiro, who was instrumental in making the reservation and setting up the dinner did a fine job, because the Facility was spacious and the food excellent, judging from the comments made by the participants.

After the dinner, everyone trooped up to the hospitality suite, located on the penthouse. Alfred Amii, our hospitality room chairman, had the room well set up with food and drinks and chairs to permit all attendees to sit and catch up with news from the 1988 (Reno Reunion) to 1990. Also war stories were rehashed by the guys, even though 45 or more years had elapsed. One can imagine the din of noise the 100 or so people can generate, when groups of 2 or 3 people are chatting. Al Amii made sure that the food and drinks were plentiful.

Monday's events were well planned with sightseers all assigned to a group of drivers assigned by Ray Handa and Whitey Nakayama, co-chairmen of sightseeing event. Their itinerary of Punchbowl Cemetery, to pay respects to G Company fallen comrades; Pali Lookout, where 25 to 30 miles per hour winds were blowing; and to Dole Pineapple Cannery Tour, where lunch was served, were enjoyed by all. They even gave the sightseers added tours of Hanauma Bay, Blow Hole and Sandy Beach, but were stopped by the police, because of dangerous brush fire just past Hawaii Kai.

Fred Ida led a group of 24 golfers to the Honolulu Country Club, where they fought the sand bunkers, ponds and rivers and tall grass. Many of the golfers were bemoaning the fact that they lost many golf balls in the water. The writer lost 2 balls in the water. Many thanks to Eddie Tamanaha for arranging the play at the course.

Mike Shiraishi escorted 4 Mainlanders to Kuhio Beach in his car, so that they could catch the catamaran ride that morning. They all made it safely back to the hotel after the ride.

Some Mainlanders spent the time to catch up on shopping at the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Hope they didn't mind the short walk of 3 blocks from the hotel to the shopping center.

Monday evening highlight was the Chinese dinner at the China House, hosted by the Mainlanders. We, Honolulu guys, appreciated this gesture by the Mainlanders. Judging from the laughter and steady din from the conversation among the diners, the dinner was a success.

After the dinner, we all went back to the hospitality room, where everyone had a chance to continue the stories from the night before. Again food and drinks were flowing even though we had just finished a 7 course dinner at China House.

The next day was a free day for the Mainlanders, who could do whatever they wanted to do, because of the schedule of events set up previously. Many went shopping, while the golfers had an early morning call, to depart from the

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hotel by 6:30 a.m., to go to Mililani Golf Course. In spite of an early tee off time at 8:10 a.m., there was a group of Japanese tourists ahead of us. We were skeptical, as to whether we would have a frustrating day, following such "hackers". As it turned out, it wasn't too bad, because the golf course marshals kept the tourists playing at a reasonable pace. Thanks to Fred Ida, our golf group was assigned to foursomes and everything went smoothly.

Most of the Mainlanders left on July 4th, so our Honolulu drivers had no trouble driving through very light traffic. I guess the Mainlanders were glad to be going home, even if they had a good time. You know the saying, "The best part of any trip is to come home." Because of the assignments drawn up by Taketo Kawabata, everything went smoothly in transporting the Mainlanders to the Honolulu Airport.

This reunion was a success, due to all the hard work done by our Honolulu members and the wives. So, we salute each and everyone of you for your contribution. Also, the Mainlanders were gracious guests and many thanks to them for donating beef jerky, smoked salmon, fruits, nuts and monetary gifts. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Side lights of the Reunion

While in Kona, Roy Machida caused a commotion at the Kona Country Club. He had a van, which was used to transport some of the golfers to the golf course from the hotel. After the first day of golf and lunch, he couldn't remember where he left his car keys. He searched his golf bag, pants pockets, golf cart and every other place he could think of, but he couldn't find the keys. He enlisted Tets Asato and Tommy Kokka to help him find the keys. After about an hour of searching, he looked into his golf bag again, and lo and behold, the keys were at the bottom of the golf bag pocket which contained his golf balls and tees, etc. Guess, we're all getting old and forget lot of things.

G Company Reunion Golf Tournament was a two day affair. Everyone ended up a winner but the real winners were as follows:

First Day:	George Miyasaki	69
	Taketo Kawabata	70
	Min Miyamura	70
Second Day:	Roy Machida	71
	Tom Kokka	73
Overall Women:	Dot Asato	152
	Midy Kotake	154
	Kaz Miyamura	157
	Alice Kokka	167

Overall Men:	Tets Asato	145
	Fred Ida	145
	Ed Tamanaha	145

Tets Asato declared Winner by luck of the draw. All scores are net.

Mainland Visitor

Recently Carl Ogawa and his wife, Aileen, were in town to attend his niece's wedding. When word about his presence in Honolulu was heard by our Chapter, we got together for a dinner at Monterey Bay Cannery in Ward Center. Because of the short notice, many of our members were unable to attend the dinner, but there were enough to have a nice get-together. Among those who attended were: Speed Tanna, Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Alred and Helen Amii, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Whitey Nakayama, John Kikuyama, Eddie Ochial and Hiromi Suehiro. Carl was apologetic in telling us that he was sorry that he wouldn't be able to attend our Reunion in Honolulu, following the Kona Reunion.

Tragedy in Washington

"Nibs" Morio from near Seattle, Washington, called me one evening in Mid-June to tell me that John Uno and his brother, Jack Uno and his wife were killed in an automobile accident recently. John's wife, Pat, was seriously injured in the accident. According to "Nibs", the Unos had attended a ceremony at a former relocation camp and were returning to Seattle, when their car had a tire blowout and cause the car to go out of control.

The four of them and another couple, Kay and Donna Tsuboi, were planning to attend the Kona and our Post Reunion in Honolulu. We're all saddened by this unfortunate accident and wish Pat Uno a speedy recovery.

News from our Los Angeles Friends

By Mary and George Karatsu

On June 27, 1990, the main contingent of "G" Chapter Southern California left LAX at 1:00 p.m. for the AJA Reunion in Kona. After a short lay-over in Honolulu, we were to continue on to Kona, but our plane's rear engine wouldn't start, so we were delayed. We arrived at the Kona Surf Hotel just as the Welcome Banquet was starting. We hurriedly checked in, picked up our registration packets and went to the banquet in our tennis shoes and comfortable travel rags. Luckily, the fellows had their souvenir white shirts in the packets so were able to make a quick change (our baggage hadn't arrived as yet). Since the banquet was held in the spacious outdoors in the parking lot, no one really noticed!

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The host committee had pre-arranged sight-seeing tours for those who had signed up and others journeyed to the beautiful Hyatt Waikoloa, Mauna Kea, Kohala, Kamuela, Parker Ranch, Captain Cook, the City of Refuge (have forgotten the new name--couldn't pronounce it anyway) and other points of interest. Jimmy and Alice Doi took the helicopter ride over the erupting volcano and Rummy Machida went "down under" in the submarine Atlantis.

One of the memorable moments of the Kona Reunion was our Company Night. Other units had pre-planned elaborate affairs but since we had no previous contact with any "G" on the Big Island, we had 65+ "G" members with nowhere to go. It was too late for the hotel folks to help us out, but we did lean on the special events manager to let us use a portion of their beautiful gardens on which tables and chairs were set up for their cocktail hour. Luckily for us, we looked up Sandy Iwashita of Kealahou (whom we had met on an Europe/Bruyeres tour in 1984) who owns Sandy's Restaurant and she graciously prepared a wonderful feast for us at the last minute (chicken, fried fish, teriyaki beef, sushi, lots of gohan and takuan) -- including Harold Fukunaga, Taketo Kawabata, John Kikuyama and Mike Shiraishi who joined us from Honolulu. It was especially nice to get to know those who were there for the first time.

To top the evening off, Mac Sewake, whom we had not seen or heard of since Italy, dropped in out of the blue. He was a professional photographer in Honolulu for many years and just retired to Kohala. He just happened to have his equipment in the car, so we had a great time posing for group pictures.

It was good to see Jack Kondo from Hilo who drove down just for a few hours to say hello.

Our own Roy Machida did "G" Company proud by winning the AJA Open in Kona.

Our mini-reunion in Honolulu was super, as usual -- and we really appreciate all of the arrangements that were made for us at the Pagoda -- the dinners, sightseeing, shopping, golf, the hospitality room, etc.

The Mainlanders came from many parts of the USA:

Georgia	Jimmy/Alice Doi
New York	Roy/Virginia Greene;
	Richard Itanaga
Illinois	Stanley Serikaku

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RURAL CHAPTER by Kazuma Oyama

The obituary read: Yano, Francis Muneji, age 72, Wahiawa, passed away on August 28, 1990, in Ketchikan, Alaska. Ketchikan was quite a distance from his home and family in Wahiawa but he was there doing what he loved to do and had done several times before - fishing. It's always tragic for anyone to die but in Yano's case there is consolation in the fact that he died as a consequence of something he loved.

An overwhelming number personal and family friends gathered at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission on September 5, 1990, at the memorial services to offer incense and pay their last respect to Francis M. Yano. Many of the Rural Chapter 442 members were present. Participating in the services were Sam Kihara and Nobuo Takamori who offered incense in behalf of Rural Chapter; and Gary Yamaguchi who gave a message of condolence in behalf of the Chapter. Helping at the "choba" were Chapter members Futao Tera-shima, Yutaka Kajiwara, Joe Usui and Gary Yamaguchi. Helping with the parking was member Kenichi Sakumoto and perhaps others I failed to see.

I first met Yano in 1942, when some of us Nisei members of the disbanded 395th Quartermaster Battalion (Fort Ruger) were assigned to Company B, 370th Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks. The 370th was later redesignated the 1399th Engineers. Yano was already a supply sergeant. Like several others who already were in service he volunteered for the 442nd in March 1943. He was assigned to the A/Tank Company and besides the Combat Infantryman Badge he had earned the Glider Badge as a result of the A/Tank Company's participation in the invasion of Southern France in gliders. We renewed our acquaintance after the war---again at Schofield Barracks but now as civilians. He was the supervisor of the Stock Control section of the Schofield Post Engineers. Subsequently he received several promotions during his civil service career.

Although hampered by cardio-vascular ailments he was an active member of Rural Chapter and was responsible for the success of our annual Shinnen-Kai. He made the reservation at the Pearl Country Club and participated in the buffet menu selection - resulting in an extra item "on the House." He also handled the bingo games and the drawing for door prizes. No doubt, he will be missed! R.I. P. Francis.

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By Henry Chagami

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Cannon Chapter. John Mikasa was elected president, Yukisada Oshiro, vice-president and Lincoln Maeda as secretary/treasurer. John was elected president so fast that he did not have a chance to protest or decline. The past officers, president Curly Muraoka, vice-president George Tonaki and secretary/treasurer Kaoru Watanabe performed the duties of their respective offices outstandingly and now deserve a rest. We look forward to a continuation of excellence by the newly elected officers.

Tooru Kanazawa reports of his hectic Sushi and Sourdough book schedule since departure from Honolulu on Friday, July 6, 1990. On Saturday, July 7th, he spoke at a book party at the Japan Center in San Francisco; on Sunday, July 8th at the Methodist Church in Berkeley; on Monday, July 9th at San Jose to a standing room only group of 40 persons; and on Wednesday, July 11th at a gathering of 180 as an after luncheon speaker in Sacramento. It must be a tiring schedule for an 83 year old, and it is hoped that book sale is going very well.

A big mystery at the Kona reunion was the conspicuous absence of Akira Okamoto. Unfortunately, Akira's mother became gravely ill before the reunion and was hospitalized. She passed away shortly after the reunion. She lived a long, fruitful life and was active almost to the end. Our condolences to Akira and his brothers and sisters. Condolences also to Ethel and Dykie Kunishige on the recent passing of Ethel's mother, Mrs. Hamayo Nakatani at age 95 years. Mrs. Nakatani was a living legend in the town of Nanakuli. Dykie also lost a brother not long ago.

The Kona reunion was a huge success for the Cannoneers. Credit goes to the untiring efforts of John Ushijima, Kazu Saiki, and Kaoru Watanabe with able assistance from George Tonaki, Bolo Mizukami, Masami Ohara, Charles Oda and Alfred Goto. Many others helped with their time, transportation and financial contributions. We should give special recognition to president Curly Muraoka for a great job of coordinating the planning of the reunion. We missed his presence during the reunion due to illness and wish him speedy recovery. Most of all, we should salute the ladies for once again they were perfect hostesses during the reunion and post-reunion. Our thanks to June Ohara, Judy Saiki, Mabel Watanabe, Barbara Okino, Margaret Tonaki, May Koike, Reiko Oda and Nats Chagami. As usual, the mainland Cannoneers were most generous with financial contributions and we thank them for the favorable condition of the treasury. Additionally, Mary and John Kashiki

gave cases of peaches and nectarines, Reiko and Thomas Hanami gave cases of cherries and seedless watermelons and Helen and Manuel Kitagawa gave See's chocolates and candies.

The reunion commenced for Cannon Chapter at the Naniloa Hotel in Hilo, as the group gathered and greeted the mainland Cannoneers and their families on their arrival on June 26, 1990. The following day, the group toured the Volcano area and Akaka Falls. Bento lunch was enjoyed at a park before the long ride on the Hamakua Coast highway to Kona with a break at the Shopping Center in Waimea.

The highlight of the reunion was Chapter Night at a very large studio building adjacent to the residence of Allen and Michiyo Konno located in Holualoa Heights. Mr. Konno is a friend and client of John Ushijima. Mr. & Mrs. Konno hosted the affair, provided the workers, a great assortment of delicious food and drinks, and entertainment, all at no cost to the Chapter. Allen and John were practically the whole show with their wonderful singing talents. Incidentally, Mrs. Konno is a professional opera singer. The sunset and the panoramic night view of the Kona area from the studio was breathtaking. To Mr. & Mrs. Konno, who were such wonderful hosts and gave so much of themselves, we give a million thanks and will not forget their generosity and kindness.

Present at the Chapter Night was Mrs. Nancy Sugihara, who is the sister of Kiyuichi Matsumoto. Kiyuichi was killed in action on the second day of combat and Cannon Chapter's first casualty. Nancy also attended the Farewell Banquet and the Memorial Service. Nancy lives in Kona.

John Kashiki, an avid big game sport fisherman was joined by Naoki Misawa and Norman Ugai to fish the waters off Kona. On the second day, John caught a marlin weighing about 100 lbs and Naoki brought up an ahi over 100 lbs. They did not fail in supplying ample marlin and ahi sashimi for the cannoneers. Norman Ugai says he had the biggest strike and complained loudly to everyone that the fish got away because someone deliberately cut his line. He did, however, catch a painful sunburn.

The Cannon Chapter post-reunion banquet at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel was a great success. Many members and wives who missed the reunion in Kona, attended this function. June Ohara, who volunteered to chair the program did a great job entertaining everyone. Thanks especially to the wives for all the goodies and work done to keep the hospitality room well stocked. The suite

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was spacious with a spectacular view of Waikiki. Those who hiked up Diamond Head one morning will long remember the long climb and the great view. The visit to Punchbowl Military Cemetery was well attended. We were happy to have Mrs. Matsuura join us.

The reunion was a golfer's paradise. It began with a round of golf at the Volcano Golf Course on June 26, then a two-day reunion tournament at the Kona Surf Country Club on June 28th and 29th, and another round played at the Waikoloa King's Course on June 30th. A final round was played on Oahu on July 2nd at the Pearl Country Club. Golfers were Norman Sato, Bolo Mizukami, Alfred Goto, Gus and Honey Gustafson, Everett Matsui, Arthur Doi, Tooru Taguchi, Charles Oda, Dr. Masaru Koike, George Tonaki and Henry Chagami. Norman, Bolo, Gus, Tooru and Henry played all five days of golf, while the others played one or more days. Our sincere thanks to Alfred Goto who treated the golfers royally while we were on the Big Island.

CANNON CHAPTER NEWS

By June Ohara

Reunion Reflection

It's 4:45 A.M., a refreshing time to "talk story" during our daily half-the-valley walk. Grab your hat while I wear my newest...the red and white Nebraska hat. This morning's topic, of course, to reminisce on the Veterans' Reunion... from Hilo to Kona and then at Waikiki.

As you said, the reunion gets better each time. The fellowship of our often-met friends and the first-timers make the event an interesting and exciting combination.

From the first hour of orientation at Hilo's Naniloa Hotel conducted by Kaoru Watanabe and Kazu Saiki, we knew that a very successful reunion was in store for all of us. Betty Makabe's kinpira gobo, her delicious dashi together with Mabel Watanabe's somen sure hit the spot! Happy to see so many eager faces and outstretched hands of welcome...standing up to greet us was Honey Gustafson (wheelchair in Reno '89), the fatherly good Captain and Norma Shore, the Kashikis looking fit and healthy, the Hanamis...all four of them, Linda and Willie Fujioka, Linda's two sisters and Mitsie Miya, the Kitagawas, the Suyematsus, the Ugais from Nebraska, the brother-sister combos of the Hayashis and the Dois, the Nittas - family of five, and first-timers...from Albuquerque, the Enomotos and their guests and world jet-setters from California, the Sugiharas. Coming stag were Tooru Kanazawa, Tooru Taguchi and Sam Yoshinari. Never mind the drizzling showers of Hilo, we had so much news to catch up.

The relaxing and entertaining (bus driver) bus ride to Kona was enjoyable. Reaching Kona, we were overwhelmed by the crowd but happy to get together with the Andows and the Nunotanis. The hospitality room was a beehive of activities as the two ladies, Judy and Mabel took very good charge of the hospitality room along with their husbands...we realize the difficulty of such a task in very unfamiliar grounds. Kaoru can tell you some very funny stories about shopping in Kona Village. The activities were carefully planned and led by our top surveyor whose professional career involves much Hawaiiana....we benefitted so richly from Kazu's vast collection of Hawaiian history, legends and land studies. Of the three top resort hotels, most of us were impressed by the elegant Mauna Lani Hotel. The structure and its natural environment especially the oceanview stand out in perfect harmony. We hope Linda's coral graffiti still remains as a reminder of the 442nd Infantry Veterans' Reunion along the airport Highway. Our lunch stop at the old and quaint Manago Hotel was memorable as we licked our chopsticks to the country-style cooking of sweet lima beans, onishime, teriyaki beef or chicken, grilled pork chops and homey salads.

The gorgeous sunset over the bay viewed from the hilltop mansion of John's friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kono was so-o breathtaking! The fabulous steak dinner prepared by John's Kona friends was magic...steaks and fish grilled Hawaiian style and even the clean up by the Kona Menchunes. The culminating program consisted of the host's rendition of popular stage plays with the rich baritone singing of John accompanied on the piano by Tosh Suyematsu. We hope to have Betty sing her karaoke songs at the next reunion!

Our post reunion event at Waikiki's fabulous Princess Kaiulani tower suite was the ultimate! Thanks again to Kazu's connection, we enjoyed the very best view overlooking world famous Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach. The highlight of the reunion for so many of us was the hike up Diamond Head Crater.

As we finally near the end of our early morning walk up our steep hill, we'd like to thank everyone who generously helped hosting at the hospitality room with chores to ice our drinks, replenish or serve all the generously contributed fruits, tsukemono, pupus, fava beans, barbecued beef slices, sashimi, dried fish, pastries, fresh flowers, potted orchids and fresh flower leis, clean up and providing transportation as well as all the generous monetary contributions. We really can't thank you enough!! Topping all the previously mentioned gratuities, we most sincerely appreciate your participation...for it is because of your presence that we received much much more in return.

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By Terry Ihara

The 1990 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona with over 2000 veterans and friends gathered was an awesome affair and much thanks is due Chairman Fred Fujimoto (232nd Engineers) and the group he put together to host the reunion. The most fortunate thing about the reunion, however, was the perfect weather that the man above provided throughout the four day affair especially since the veterans were housed in three different hotels and bussed to the main functions at Keahou Beach Resort hotel. To top it all, the banquet hall was outdoors under the stars. Credit also should go to the Keahou Resort Beach Hotel to be able to utilize the manpower resources to stage the two huge Aloha and Sayonara banquets which fed 2000 plus dinners in eight buffet lines in a very efficient manner.

For EASY Company guests who were housed at the Convention Headquarters hotel, the reunion was doubly delicious as TSUNE TAKEMOTO was able to get for EASY a superb Hospitality Room. Those Big Island EASY boys outdid themselves to provide us visitors with the kind of hospitality which is going to be difficult to match. The Hospitality Room was huge and ideally located and the food provided was beyond description.

For three mornings JIMMY NAKATSU, chef at the Volcano Hotel and his crew of his wife, JIMMY HAMASAKI, CABBIE FUJINO and HARRY TACHIBANA, HIDEYUKI NAGAI, and honcho TSUNE TAKEMOTO served breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon or Portuguese sausages, rice and papayas--all you can eat. Also assisting in the preparation of the meals and pupus at various times were MARY UYEDA, SALLY SHIGETAKE, MIYO NAKASONE, KAY SUGIHARA and others. Also very helpful from Kona was TIGER AOYAGI's widow who also happens to be TSUNE's cousin.

The buffet table was always laden with sashimi, jerked meat, tsukemono, baked breadfruit, cheese, rice, peeled papayas, whole cooked crisp, smoked salmon, almond and macadamia nuts and other assorted goodies. That being the case the Hospitality room also served as a place one ate his lunch. Of course the ex supply sarg from Los Angeles once again brought over a bash of fruits which was enjoyed by all. It was small wonder that the fruits were as fresh as they were considering KIYO YAMATE and his family spent a few days on Maui before making their way to Kona. It is likely that the jerked beef and smoked salmon were contributions of the Seattle Chapter. The oranges came San Diego via NOBY TAKASHIMA. HARRY TACHIBANA caught the wholeholes in Hilo's Wailoa River basin.

Kona is noted for its huge avocados so SALLY YOSHITAKE prepared some delicious avocado sandwiches. The baked ulu or breadfruit did not have a very long table life as they were consumed as rapidly as they were served. Both the avocados and breadfruit, baked and raw came from the orchard of Kona's HIDEYUKI NAGAI. All kinds of liquid drinks, both hard and soft including tea and coffee, were available at all times. The beer drinkers got their beer from kegs. For the golfers the kitchen crew had breakfast ready for them at 6:00 a.m. and on the second day, KAY SUGIHARA also prepared musubis so golfers wouldn't have to go hungry until pau golf at about 2 p.m.

Little need to be said about the golfers except to say that the Course was not particularly easy. This meant, for the golfer playing the course for the first time, ballooning scores and a resultant group of frustrated men and women whose egos were shattered to the point of thoughts of forsaking that ancient scottish game. For the better players the course must have been a real challenge. Keahou Resort Golf is a Championship Course and really not for the average duffer who normally plays his golf regularly in the friendly confines of a local course.

As to the people who attended the AJA Veterans Reunion from EASY COMPANY and who enjoyed the Big Islanders brand of Hospitality, the list is long but will be reproduced here. They are: KAY & FUMIKO AKIYAMA, MINORU & FUKIO FUJITA, FRANCIS & PATRICIA FUKUHARA, SEIJI HATA (Friend of Mack Shoji), TATS & MARY HIROKAWA, VIOLA HORI, Widow of TOM, IKE IKEGAKI, JAMES & HATSUKO ISHII, ELAINE ITO & son GARRY (Elaine is the widow of KOO), SHIGE IWAMASA (the only son of Maui), JOE & YASUKO KAGETA, GEORGE KANATANI, TOM & MAY KATAOKA, SHIG & YONE KIYOMURA, KELLY & FUMI KUMAYAMA, JOE NAKATSU, JOU & KAYE OKITSU, JACKSON & JANE ONO, ROY & MARGE OZAWA & son, ALLEN, LAWSON & MINEKO SAKAI, BILL SEIJI, MAS & EMI SHIOZAKI, MACK & AIKO SHOJI, WALTER & EMI SUGAWARA, NOBORU TAKAHASHI, MIKE & NANI TAKAMINE, NOBY TAKASHIMA, TOM & ROSE TAKATA, FRANK & KIMIKO TAKEUCHI, GEORGE & MISUZU TANO-NAKA, JOHN & YOSHIKO TOGASHI, SABURO TSUBOI, MAS & ANN TSUDA, SUMA YAGI (sister of the late HAROLD KATO), GEORGE & MIYOKO YAMADERA, BEN & HISA YAMANA, KIYO & MITZI & YAMATE & son LYLE, KIYO's son & daughter in law, GLENN & VIRGINIA YAMATE, ROY & KATSUKO YANAI and GEORGE & RUTH YOSHIMURA.

The Honolulu Chapter was represented by the following: MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, TERUO IHARA, DANIEL K. INOUE, JUNO KANE-SHIGE, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, THOMAS T. & JUNE OOKA, RAYMOND SHIGENAGA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, NOBORU UESUGI, TOMO & MARY UYEDA and SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE. JENICHI SHIGEMATSU represented Kauai, and as stated earlier,

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SHIGE IWAMASA was the only MAUI EASY at the Kona Reunion. The Big Islanders were mentioned earlier but for the record, the following were there: CABBY FUJINO, JAMES HAMASAKI, HIDEYUKI NAGAI, Mr. & Mrs. JAMES NAKATSU, HARRY TACHIBANA, TSUNE & YAE TAKEMOTO and the widow of TIGER AOYAGI. By simple addition, the list above represents 111 individuals.

Except for WALTER & EMI SUGAWARA & JOE & YASUKO KAGETA and the Big Islanders, the above listings make up the major portion of those in attendance at the HONOLULU MINI REUNION at the Ala Moana Renaissance Ramada Hotel, first to through the third of July. Others who joined the mini Reunion in Honolulu are the following: TOM & ANNE AKINS, CHARLES ARAKAKI, MASANO HASEGAWA, GEORGE & JUDY IWASAKI, KAY KANESHINA (widow of HOPPY CHIYOTO), HAROLD & WINNIE KISHABA, AYATO & TOYOKO KIYOMOTO, HIDEO MIZUKI, PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI, ROY & WUTA TSUYA, PAUL USHIYAMA, and BILL & RUBY YOKOBE. In addition EASY HONOLULU members and spouses who did not go to Kona and who bore the brunt of the work involved in preparing for the mini Reunion are as follows: SHIGERU ASATO, LARRY & LOUISE IWASHI, AMY KANE-SHIGE, ROBERT MAEDA, DON MASUDA, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, HIROSHI OKADA, HIROSHI OTAKE, GEORGE & HARUKO OYAMA, LAURA SHIGENAGA, RAYMOND SHIROMA, JON T. & NANCY SUZUKI, SHIGEO & ELLEN TAMASHIRO, ALAN TANAKA, GEORGE & DORIS TANDO, CHIK & PATSY TESHIMA, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, HIDEKO UESUGI, RALPH & DOROTHY YAGI, CHICKEN & ROSE YAMADA, YOSHIWO YAMAKI, NOBUO & BETTY YONEDA and TADAO & SAKE YOSHIMOTO.

If you subtract those not attending the EASY mini-reunion who were in Kona and adding the balance to the others only attending the HONOLULU Mini Reunion, you get a figure something like 152 individuals. Although more and more of our friends are leaving us, a gathering of 152 individuals is still a sizable number seeking to remain active for reunions such as this. Hopefully, the attraction of Seattle will make it possible for more mainlanders to get involved.

The Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, July 1st, was truly something. The array of foods on the buffet table was out of this world. Every kind of food a normal Japanese family eats was there as well as others usually reserved for special guests. The EASY women truly outdid themselves. For those who could not prepare their own goodies, shared expenses, and thru TOMO had ZIPPY's prepare their contributions. All in all, it was a joyous affair with much hilarity as well as some sober discussions of experiences of long ago. The venue was perfect as the number of people there would have twice overflowed EASY'S Hospitality Room and this change was

made on the recommendation of its Chairman, RAYMOND SHIROMA at EASY'S June meeting.

July 2 was a day of Golf for the men and a trip around the island of Oahu for the balance of our visitors. In all 41 visitors and WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO accompanied the tour to provide the color which they both say was completely unnecessary as the driver, COUSIN LOPAKA, was superb. So good that the TAKEMOTOS enjoyed the tour as much or even more than the visitors. LOPAKA was very knowledgeable about the Island and the cultures of Hawaii. He made no tourist jokes and was very sensitive of the desires of visitors in the kinds of places he visited like inside the crater of Diamond Head, former U.S. Senator Hiram Fong's Plantation Gardens, the Pali and MATSUMOTO'S SHAVE ICE place in Haleiwa. On the suggestion of WAICHI TAKEMOTO the group had lunch at HALEMA PLANTATION in Kemo where the group was entertained with participating Hawaiian dances. All in all everyone enjoyed the tour very much and in the words of WAICHI, the quality of the tour even surprised him because it was SO--GOOD.

The next day, Tuesday, WAICHI was also involved in assisting KIYO YAMATE and some mainland guests visit the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Hawaii being so far from the mainland the visitors felt that the visit to the Cemetery was imperative as this probably may be the last time they will visit Hawaii considering the distance as well as their ages. Col. TOM AKINS made a special effort to visit the grave of DAN AOKI, his 1st SGT. and chief aide when AKINS was Company Commander of EASY COMPANY. WAICHI said that he arranged for the delivery of the flowers and KIYO collected the funds of which an excess of \$50.00 was turned over to GLENN NAKASONE.

Monday nights affair at China House was also a ringing success. This is the one main event Senator DAN INOUE was able to attend and spend the whole evening with EASY. As busy as he is, he was however able to be with EASY all three nights; coming back later in the evening to the opening night festivities (though he was there very early in the evening), as well as returning to spend time at the Hospitality Room on the other nights. The dinner at China House was again of high quality and the prevailing mood of the evening was one of high spirits and warm friendships.

The ALOHA BANQUET at Zippy's Iwilei banquet room culminated EASY'S Honolulu Mini-Reunion with more good food and much mixing plus dancing to JOHN T. SUZUKI'S electronic orchestra. Recognizing the age of the group, JOHN T. wisely

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included mainly ballroom pieces with quite a few waltzes. Many, many thanks JOHN T.!!! The whole evening was a gala affair befitting HONOLULU EASY'S final contribution to a reunion of men who faced death together some forty plus years ago in Europe. Door prizes were awarded to the lucky winners and the management of ZIPPY'S, thanks to TOMO, actively assisted in giving EASY cost free the cake as well as bar services.

PAKALA TAKAHASHI, now very comfortably retired on Maui in Lahaina where he lives the life of a Hawaiian fisherman in his element--the sea. As such he caught and prepared the delicious taco puppus with ogo for the three nights of the mini-reunion. In addition he prepared the slices of sashimi for the reunion which were purchased in Kona by GLENN NAKASONE.

Now to prepare for the next mini-reunion. At the August dinner meeting, there was much discussion as to what to do following the mini-reunion in Seattle. Options considered were going to Alaska by ferry or air or a possible tour of the National Parks in the Northwestern U.S. A tour of Alaska's three major cities; Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage with visits to Mt. McKinley and the Denali National Park area during transit from Fairbanks to Anchorage is a possibility. This latter segment of the trip may be covered by bus or by train. Delta Airways and Air Alaska are the two airlines that provide intra state air service in Alaska. Having recently returned from a fishing trip to Juneau, Alaska, this writer is aware that only Delta airways can make the roundtrip from Honolulu and thus save dollars. Air travel is always cheaper if a trip is confined to one airline. Problem is that Delta goes to Seattle by way of Los Angeles, arriving Seattle at about 8:30 in the morning.

The National Parks tour going east from Seattle taking in the Grand Coulee Dam in eastern Washington and possibly the Glacier National Park, the Yellowstone National Park and south towards Reno with visits to visitor destination areas in between is another possibility. Enough for now.

On the Saturday preceding Memorial Day in May, EASY CHAPTER once again placed flowers on the grave plots of 37 of our comrades who are resting in peace at the National Cemetery at Punchbowl. Despite his ailing condition, HIROSHI OKADA had the half gallon can receptacles ready with 20 penny finishing nails glued to the cans for implantation into the ground.

One final note is the list of golfers who participated in the HIC and Mililani Country Club tournaments. The HIC course was limited to men

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By Mino Suzumoto

Exercising my prerogative and a warm "Thank You!!" to fellow Itemites BRUNO YAMADA, RALPH ARASHIRO and CHAMP SUZUKI, for taking over the Co. I news column, keeping track of our monthly meeting attendance record and the dispensing of liquid refreshments during same respectively, during my absence. All 3 kuleanas would have ordinarily been mine. Had to let them know I'm thanking them a ton!

Kona was HOT. Yet, nobody made an issue out of it. Not while Los Angeles was sweltering in 102 degrees temperature. And parts of Arizona was registering near the 109° mark. And too, I wondered if that haze, especially noticeable against the early evening skies, since the festivities at the Kona Surf were being held outdoors, was resulting from that Kalapana lava flow making its way to the sea 70 miles directly due east, south-east, as the crow flies (better make that a mynah bird, since we don't have crows). If it was "vog" it probably skirted around towering Mauna Loa, rising 13,679 feet into the atmosphere.

With 1700 World War II veterans, their wives, in-laws and associates converging into that resort town, the sponsors of the 1990 Kona National Nisei Veterans Reunion must have smiled all the way to the bank.

Conspicuously absent and sorely missed: the FRED MATSUMURAS, Gardena, CA (May 15 was his "C" Day and chemo-therapy must have thrown him for a loop); the SHIRO KASHINOS, Seattle, WA; the HANK OTSUKIS, Livermore, CA.

MAKOTO FUJIOKA (immediate past president, Hilo Co. I) lost his father just 3 days before the opening of the NVR. The senior Mr. FUJIOKA would have been 104 years old had he survived another few weeks, so I've been told. On behalf of our own prexy TERRY ARATANI, may we take this means to express our deepest condolences to MAKO & ETSUKO and the remaining next of kins. May the father's soul rest in peace.

JIM YAMASHITA'S "Co. I 442 Directory" (name, spouse, address, zip, phone, etc.) which he keeps revising and distributes gratis to every Itemite and Itemite at heart during the reunion years, now lists 265 names, from coast to coast, Alaska, Hawaii and Roppongi, Japan even. Has got to be the best thing that's happened to us since sliced bread and I've told him so. How about you?

Never thought I'd see the day when LARRY ISHIKAWA, one of Item Chapter's better golfer, forsaking the game and going on a tour, instead.

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But there he was, right before my eyes, with the likes of HIDE MATSUMOTO, KAZU TAKEKAWA and a bus load of Itemites and Itemites at heart, headed for the OTEC (Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Project) plant on the Keahole coast, in close proximity to the airport. To learn beside the obvious, the love style of the oysters, prawns, limu and of all things, the cultivation of strawberries. Scheduled as a "special event" by our Big Island Co. I hosts to accommodate the non-golfers, that excursion in my estimation, was a winner! Incidentally, our tour guide and moderator REBECCA CROCKETT (officially lists herself "Public Affairs Specialist," The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii) informed us that fundings for the project at both federal and state levels, will run out in 2 years. And at that point in time, everything there, the whole works will stop and be dismantled. (Unless some Japan interest moves in and run the place. No! Just joking).

Couldn't help but notice MICHIO KATO, with sor GARY, having a "mini" ball and managing to take everything in stride. That other wahine who kept shadowing her throughout turned out to be her sister YUKI FUJIMOTO of a Sacramento, CA. address. Then there was another sister OSAME DOI with her husband ARTHUR of Seattle, WA. Also, her brother SHUKI HAYASHI, Davis, CA. with his MARIAN (Both ARTHUR & SHUKI were members of CANNON Co., 442, I've been told). All in all, the HAYASHI clan surely must have made the most of it. Another of her brothers, of course, was the late "Beanie" HAYASHI, Co. I, KIA, ETO.

TAD FUJISHIGE and traveling companion "EDDIE" Toledo Dairy" LOPES, off and gone to parts unknown most of the days. If the former (no time for golf) had told me he had climbed nearby Mauna Loa in the time span, I'd have believed him.

"Chapter Night," spent at the "Daifukujji Temple" turned out to be a most enjoyable affair. Thanks in large measures to GILBERT & YAEKO HAKODA (the only Itemite actually residing in the perimeter) and to MASA "Cowboy" & Eunice KAWAMOTO, my source tells me. And "including every member's wives," my host insisted. The affable Hawaiian gentleman who drove us there that evening was PETER HOOHULLI, he of the flowing white beard and mustache.

Among things I didn't know. HANK & MITZI NAKADA, now residing semi-permanently on the Big Island with their son, raising macadamia nuts.

And now, wasn't all that happenings in the "Co. I Hospitality Room", suite 402, King Kamehameha Hotel, Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, absolutely fantastic?! Can you imagine having the coffee perking at 5 in the morning? With pastries, sandwiches, the whole kaboodle thrown in? Not to

mention the ono-licious kau kau & pupus endlessly gracing every table in sight, day and night! It was a tremendous undertaking and our Big Island counterparts did a tremendous job! Me thinks, here, is where the moss covered adage "Never did so few, do so much, for so many," so aptly applies Accommodating approximately 150 guests and catering to their every whim and fancy were: KENJI "Popeye" & HIROKO SEGAWA (arrigato, paesan); YUKI & ASAYO NAGUWA ("honcho" of project and 1990 Co. I Prexy, Hilo); SADA & AMY KUBOTA (an elder statesman, he); HIROSHI & MIDORI ARUGA (he controlled the cash register); KIICHI & NELLIE SONODA; TAKA & MIENO ARAGAKI (baker par excellence); MONY MURAKAMI; CHESTER & KIKUYO NAKAMA; MAKO & ETSUKO FUJIOKA; RICHARD "Curly" & SETSUO KANAYAMA; HITOSHI "Hunter" & IRENE KOHARA; MASA & SUMI MATSUBARA; TSUNE & ELLEN SHIIGI. And, of course, the aforementioned "Cowboy" and GIL HAKODA. Admittedly, some Itemites named here were not present in body due to circumstances beyond their control. But, nonetheless, they had all contributed mightily from the very start, Mr. KUBOTA assured me.

Following is a few excerpts taken from an "open letter" he sent: The Kona NVR "90" is now history. On behalf of the Big Island Itemites, I wish to thank you participating Itemites and Itemites at heart for helping to make the reunion a great success... We also want to thank all those who sent, or left us generous monetary gifts to help us defray expenses. And to those who brought loads of goodies for our hospitality room, we certainly appreciated your thoughtful generosity and say "ARIGATO"... I'm only glad that no one fell ill or were injured during our marathon activities... We now look forward to being with you at the next reunion. Be it in Honolulu, the West Coast or Washington, D.C.... Again, Mahalo and Aloha from the Big Island. Stay healthy till we meet again. Buddily yours, (signed) Sadaichi.

Manpower, or the lack of it, plagued our Maui counterparts too. Maybe, it was much more so a factor here, than with NAGUNA's group. Still, augmented by their young strapping sons and other Itemites at heart, SUGURU and his bunch showed us what "Maui No Ka O," really meant. And for that, we, who were their guests, are sincerely grateful. Although headquartered at the Maui Beach Hotel, facilities at the Maui Palms next door and its "Maui Room" in particular, was utilized to the fullest. The evening "outing" at the Wailuku Community Center Hall was another memorable affair we recorded. The food and drinks were delicious and varied and lots of it. Couldn't help, but, see that the distaff side had put in beaucoup hours and effort, into its preparation; much like their Big Island counterpart. With the pace slowed down drastically, compared to Kona, Maui

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was more of an R & R (Rest & Recuperation) for most of us. And we fully appreciated that too. Those who were on the scene, showing us their brand of hospitality: SUGURU & BETTY TAKAHASHI with son CHARLEY; SADA & JANE NAKAMA with DAVID & RANDY and son-in-law KENNY RANKIN; KIYOKI KOKI; MOTOSHI & EDNA TOKUNAGA; JOTOKU & DORIS ASATO; BEN & ESTHER NAKAMURA; CHARLEY & MITCH OTA; EDDIE TANAKA; FLO HASHIMURA; MARY NAKAMURA; MASARU TANAKA (Co. L); SANFORD & AKIE SAKAMOTO and son GLENN.

Back in Honolulu, Ch'rman BRUNO YAMADA's greatest dilemma was "transportation". With our guests flying in at different hours, it was an assignment he wouldn't wish on anyone, he said. After much agonizing, he asked JOE OKIMOTO & KENNETH OKUMA to perform the task. Voila! Itemites here are still talking about the superb job put forth by the pair!

"Entertainment" was another supposedly sticky problem. But, as things turned out, wasn't the KATS OTO Combo" we had at Pagoda Hotel, a terrific bunch? (Performed "no charge" because of the special "Aloha" he had for Item Chapter. True). Plus the IRENE SAKAKIDA's "Matsudai Mitsuchidori School of Dancing," a troupe of youngsters (and adults), which came on in tandem with the musical group, really made our night.

For your information, that was KATS himself on the "synthesizer" (piano like instrument); BRUCE HAMADA, on the drums; HENRY "Boxhead" YOSHINO, flute and saxophone; LAWRENCE SHINSATO, bass guitar. TED SHIMABUKURO and MYRNA SUEMORI were the vocalists. She in particular, commanded the veteran's Capt attention with her hauntingly melodic rendition of songs, of World War II vintage. KENNETH OKUMA MC'd and did an excellent job.

The "China House," known for its delicious cuisine, its magnificent palace-size dining hall with its ornate red and gold oriental decor, had one drawback. Knowing this Mr. "B" decreed "no program, as such, except for a few brief speeches." But, boy, was "Comraderie" oozing out all over the place that evening! Both the kotonks & budda heads trying to outdo the other!

Dinner at "Victoria Inn" was a different affair. Billed as a "karaoke night" with BRUNO as MC, the honcho for the evening FRED OISHI made sure everyone there was letting their hair down and have a good time. WALTER FURUKAWA, CHAMP, ELLEN YAMADA, ELSTE ARATANI, the Co. I Choral Group, HIRAM, all had their moments in the lime-light. And wasn't DORIS KUMASHIRO, ELLEN's kid sister and widow of the late Dr. RICHARD "Tarball" KUMASHIRO, just great?! And before the rest of you participants begin protesting, let me ask

"How many of you received an encore the way she did?" Case closed, Hal ... All in all, Mr. OISHI did put in a lot of hours and effort into the program and deserves our gratitude. Nice going, FRED.

Interjecting my "thank you," here, to Ralph ARASHIRO; Terry ARATANI; Tommy HARIMOTO; Bert KATO (Kiichi's son); Peter NARUSE and C.B. SAKAMOTO, for giving us a helping hand in making the hall at the Victoria Inn, presentable to our guests.

Managing the most successful Co. I Hospitality Room ever (Pagoda Penthouse) were the husband & wife team of C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO. With assists from HIRAM DOI and ELE GONZALES. Here too, the sumptuous dishes, pastries, kau kau in any shape or form, kept coming in, in endless fashion day and night. And the amber colored stuff kept flowing as though they were no tomorrow. Plus wine, vodka, scotch, bourbon, what have you ... It was a beautiful large room to begin with. Permitting everyone to sit or move around comfortably as they saw fit. GAY was so impressed with the cooperation she received from our "auxiliary", she hoped the men folks somehow will show their appreciation in return. We did. That evening at the "Suehiro Restaurant" where all the wives were treated to a free dinner was the result. And, that too, turned out to be another memorable event. Both "managers" wishes to thank all those who so generously contributed to the success of that Hospitality Room (like all that Chevas Regal, buffalo jerky and gourmet style salmon that came with the Chicago group). And a success it was. Enjoyably so. Congratulations, to all involved.

Some sizeable monetary donations were received by Item Chapter during this post-reunion period and we'd like to gratefully make the acknowledgements at this time: EDDIE YUKAWA, aka YAMASAKI, Japan; NOBO & ROSE IKUTA, L.A.; TOM & ROSE KINAGA, Co. "M", Palos Verde Estate, CA.; FRED TAKENAKA, Brackenridge, PA.; CHOSEI TAMASHIRO Kauai; VIC & MICHIO IZUI, the TANAKA brothers, GANJI & GEORGE, FRANK & TOE SAKAMOTO, WARREN & MILLIE FENCL, all of Chicago; Co. I, Southern California, % JIM YAMASHITA; Co. I, Seattle, % CHARLEY OKADA; JIM & MARIAN YAMASHITA, La Habra, CA.; MITS & YUKI YAKUNA, Honolulu; HIDE & VIOLET MATSUMOTO, Honolulu; RALPH & JEANETTE ARASHIRO, Honolulu; GEORGE & REIKO MATSUSHITA, Sacramento, CA.; SAB & YAE FUJITA, BARBARA NAGAREDA, NANCY NAGAREDA, MAE UCHIDA, BETTY HARDY, all of San Jose, CA.; LAWRENCE & MRS. MORI, Garden Grove, CA.; GEORGE & ESTHER BUTO, Torrance, CA.; FRANK & MERRI NAKASHIMA, La Mirada, CA.

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Our golfers too, were made happy by: U.S. Senator DAN K. INOUE; Dr. RON MATSUNAGA; FRED HAYAKAWA, JOE HANZAWA and CHAMP SUZUKI...Youngster AARON ZAIMA of San Jose corralled Sen. INOUE's trophy, while SHIRLEY NAKASORA, FRANK SHIMADA's sister-in-law, picked up the trophy put up by Item Chapter.

Localites were commenting on how well organized FRANK's San Jose, group of 17 wahines and 7 menfolks were: taking care of their own airline, hotel, land transportation problems, etc. Along comes CHAMP and offers, "Oh, that bunch is easy. Find them a golf course on any island, drop them off and they'll stay satisfied forever!" Amen.

YUTAKA ISEFUKU, Davis, CA, says "If I had known Hawaii was this beautiful, I would've come a long time ago. I missed out a lot, it seems."

The "1991 Co. I Reunion" in Reno is tentatively set for the Sands Hotel & Casino complex. Presently have a choice of 3 dates: Oct 20 & 25; Oct 27 to Nov 1; Nov 3 to 8. We'll discuss this after something more concrete develops. Hopefully, 250 Itemites and Itemites at heart will be attending. 100 - 125 rooms are being blocked off. So...you better stay healthy! In the meantime, see BRUNO if you're interested.

Overheard this statement made by a kotonk: "This was the greatest (post) reunion ever! I'm glad I brought the family!" I tend to agree. But then, having had a hand in it, I could be prejudiced. Ha! Let's face the fact though. Gen'l Ch'rman YAMADA did a bangup job. TERRY ARATANI picked the right guy for the right spot. (I regret that time and space prevents me from listing all of the "Thank You" and "Congratulatory" cards and letters received. And BRUNO got them by the ton! "Mahalo NUI LOA!" to you all, just the same!)

On a sad note: Mr. KANICHIRO NAKAMURA, MASA's father passed away recently at age 94. Services were held at the Hosoi Garden Mortuary with representatives of Co. I actively participating in the ceremony. Our deepest condolences are offered here, to HELEN and the remaining next of kins. May his dad's soul rest in peace, over more.

Ironically, I'm reminding you in this time slot that our 1990 Co. "I" Christmas Party as scheduled for Sunday, Dec 9, Victoria Inn. See you there. The second Sunday in December, remember?

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

Although the Medics representation at the Kona AJA Reunion was small, the get-together was a most successful one for all those who were there. From the mainland came Aiko and George Minata of Spokane, Washington; Nellie and Joe Saito of Ontario, Oregon; Fusa and Harry Abe and granddaughter Lauren of Farmingdale, New York; and Joyce and Donald Nakashima of Lodi, California. Oahu visitors were Mitzie and Masato Inouye, Claire and Roy Sakata, Mitsuyo and Toshiaki Tanaka, Florence and Jerry Ogawa, Iris and Rodney Fukui, Lionel Ikebe, Edward Onaka, Marge Wasano and her lady friend, and Nancy and Herbert Akamine.

Chapter night for the Medics was held at the venerable Manago Hotel in Captain Cook. In addition to the groups from the mainland and Oahu, Big Islanders Herbert Okano and Masahiko Onodera and their wives attended the get-together. It was a night to rekindle old friendships and recall the trying days of World War II. Again we praised the good guys and doubly cursed the bad ones. Often told tales were retold and some new ones appeared.

Herbert Okano retired as a Kona Waena High School counselor and has become a successful coffee and macadamia nut farmer. We learned some interesting things from Okano about former Kona agricultural enterprises such as sugar cane, rubber, cotton, tea, and pineapple. Japan capital had funded the unsuccessful sugar industry during the early part of this century. Even a railroad had been built to haul the sugar cane.

Onodera retired as an electrical inspector for the county of Hawaii. He is a part-time farmer in Waimea. He has retained the exuberance that he was known for during military service. He entertained us with comical war-time stories.

Besides attending the scheduled reunion events, the Medics used two vans and two passenger cars and visited the Natural Energy Lab, a coffee mill, Hiatt Waikoloa Hotel, City of Refuge, Kilauea volcano, and circled the island of Hawaii. Lionel Ikebe, Ed Onaka, Roy Sakata, Toshiaki Tanaka, and Jerry Ogawa did the driving. Ed Onaka coordinated most of the activities.

It was good to see Vic Izui again and also Royal Manaka and Herbert Sasaki of Service Company. Manaka helped us with information about his fellow Monterey resident, a family friend who had moved from Hilo to California about sixty years ago. We wondered whether we had heard correctly when Mississippi resident Sasaki said that Hattisburg is considering a reunion for the 442nd.

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Another "you saved my life" drama involving a Medic unfolded at the reunion. It happened at the rental car return depot of Budget cars at the Kona Airport. A stranger asked "Aren't you Ogawa, the H Company Medic?" "Lieutenant Peterson!" Jerry exclaimed, recognizing him almost immediately. It was their first meeting after that fateful day when Jerry treated the man with a bloody chest-full of Germany shrapnel, in the early days of the Italian campaign. Peterson never returned to the company so Jerry had wondered over the years whether the badly wounded man had survived. Now his fears are over.

Donald Nakashima wrote "First of all, I want to thank you and the rest of the guys of Hawaii and their wives for making it so exciting for us during the recent 442nd reunion. I can't thank you all enough for spending so much of your time with us. I am looking forward to the next one."

"I am sorry that we couldn't spend a little time after Kona in Honolulu, but we had already planned to have the family reunion on Molokai, where we spent a week together. We had a great time, not much night life but lots of beaching and hiking for the kids. Sure ate well and between the Kona trip and Molokai, I gained five pounds."

More or less, back in the same routine. Had a lot of volunteer work to catch up at the hospital. I am sure they had left it purposely undone."

Nellie Saito's note read "Sorry to be so late acknowledging all the goodies and a wonderful time during the reunion. We, too, think "chapter night" was special and will always be. Kona boys and their wives certainly added a little spice to the cake, so to speak. Sure hope they will join us for the next Nisei reunion."

"We've had a very busy July and most of August. Saw Aiko and Ike at the all Japanese Portland reunion. Met so many internees we hadn't seen since leaving the centers during the war and after. It was another fun reunion."

"We had our two week fishing trip to Canada and did well."

"Take care - stay healthy and hope to see you in two years. Where?"

Harry Abe wrote "Trying to get my letter writing and get these pictures off before taking off again (my home town, Portland, Oregon, is having a reunion of the native Oregonians this

weekend. I haven't been back for over 40 years so it'll be something to see old high school and college friends again that we were so drastically separated from more than 40 years ago. The Portlanders are dedicating a memorial part to the Isseis with Japanese gardens, cherry trees, sculptural columns depicting scenes of Japanese-American life at this waterfront park, which is near the old "Japan Town." It'll be an emotional weekend.)

"I was just writing Ted about the United flight attendant's telling us as the plane was circling Honolulu and Waikiki on our way to L.A. --she said, "Say Aloha to your dream-world!" And "dream world" it was for the 10 days that Fu, my granddaughter Lauren, and I were there. With such royal treatment, with all the eating, all the sightseeing, and the camaraderie we felt we didn't have enough time. Hawaiian Hospitality, we always say is tops! Guess next time we'll have to take in some of the outer islands. Think seeing the Big Island with the volcano, the coffee fields, Waimea, Kailua, the Polynesian Revue - all of it just gave us so much to marvel at. My little granddaughter was ecstatic about Hawaii when she got home, especially with the snorkeling at Hanalei Bay. She's going to come back to Hawaii to live, she says!"

"One of my friends from Co. G was in China House that Monday nite, and he agreed with Fu and me that the Chinese and Japanese food in Hawaii was of completely different caliber from that on the mainland. Fu is trying to remember the different combination of food so she can tell our Chinese friend who owns a Chinese restaurant."

"Thanks again to the Medics for the super super tremendously good time you gave us both in Kona and Honolulu."

Masa Nomura sent us a post card from Canada dated July 14, 1990. She was on a more or less sentimental journey, retracing a trip that she had taken with husband Dick in 1965. She and her friends were taking the scenic route through northeast Canada, enjoying the rustic beauty of the land. After Montreal and Ottawa, Masa planned to visit Hana Masuda and relatives in Seattle, her old home town.

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NVR KONA

By Allen Nakamura

"After 45 years, yes, many are strangers even those I remember then, have grown older and looks a little different. Tay Nobori looks the same. Shig Kosugi not much change. Hide Nakayama was hard to recognize at first, visa-versa". A letter printed verbatim, received from Richard Y. Honda of Honolulu, Kona is just what reunions is all about!

Richard, address unknown at that time, a former T/5 cook with Hide was tracked down by Tom Mizuno with the slightest of info and the only known "L" Co., vet living in Kona. It was also a good thing that Tom was able to get me the address of Iwao Yonemitsu, a former Sgt in the 4th platoon from Naalehu, another of the 45 years ago, long time-no see buddy. He looked amazingly trim and youthful. He was there with his lovely wife Alice, a retired school teacher. The clean Naalehu air and lifestyles sure did wonders for them. Anyone for moving there?

Iwao & Alice postponed their earlier plans to visit their daughter on the mainland, just about the time of the reunion to be with us. The only drawback was that they were not able to stay at King Kam with the group. But, meeting all the old buddies hopefully compensated for the interruption. Yep, it was nostalgia - the kind that we all dream about!

Congratulations to Fred Fujimoto, the NVR chairman and his hardworking wife Midori, who sent me all the computer printout lists and his able committee for a wonderful NVR. Thank you for bringing the reunion to Kona. Who knows, we may never have had the chance to meet our buddies of 45 years ago if it was not for this NVR.

For us it was a good reunion, if not an outstanding one. Some say it was the best, it well could have been. It was a mixture of humorous and at times anxious moments as: Shaken tempers & nerves; Police escort; Kona's only morning paper sold out; Rubbish down the chute; Forgot golf bag; Lost seat on the van; Missing riders; Early airport arrivals, etc. So--sit back, relax, recapture the good times and enjoy.

It all began with a organizational meeting of my expanded committee on Jan. 24, '89. It was a challenge of having to host for the first time a reunion on the neighbor island. But with a gung-ho spirit and, "We owe it to them", as a rallying motto, the committee met the challenge head on and came up with what we thought was a

fine program. Only, it turned out to be an outstanding program with help from so many. The terrific response from the wives for the general meeting on May 20th was very encouraging. It was the final link in welding the program together. Letter after letter received, mentions to thank the ladies, especially in the hospitality room and the good foods at Matsumoto's and Aoki's.

The day of reckonin' finally came as the Honolulu group boarded the Hawk AL, Flt 348 at 10:20 AM, 6/27, Kona bound -- HAPA/MABEL FUJIMOTO, JAKE JICHAKU (TERRY who was to come on Friday, took ill and missed the entire reunion), CASEY KASADATE (KIMIE cancelled out), GENRO KASHIWA (MURIEL arrived on Friday, after some concern by Genro due to her delay in arrival), WALLY/MABEL KAWAMURA, GEORGE MATSUMOTO, P.K./GENNY MATSUMOTO, COWBOY/MARIAN MATSUMOTO, TOSHIO/BETTY NAKAHARA, ALLEN NAKAMURA, HIDEO NAKAYAMA, KAZUMA/TAMA OGATA, FUMIO/MICHIO OHASHI, JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, FRECKLES/GLORIA OSHIRO, BILL/LILY OSHIRO, WHITEY/FLORENCE SAITO, BOB/LILY SASAKI, ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, VICTOR/TOMIKO YAMASHITA and KENJI/LOUISE TANI of Chicago who left & returned to Honolulu together with us. KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI came on Aloha AL. RAY SUMIKAWA, airline? JIRO WATANABE came on Friday and left Saturday. Edna Kuramoto cancelled out also with sister Juliet.

The Northern California group who came to Honolulu for the pre-reunion left on Aloha AL, Flt 92 at 12:55 PM, 6/27/ Kona bound with YOSHILJI AOKI in charge of the bus boarding. From Sacramento: JOEY ISHIHARA, RAY NOMURA, RAY ORITE, FUMIKO OSHITA, ROY/KIYO SATO & son, KENN, LARRY/ BARBARA TAKAI, LARRY/AMY TANAKA, TOM TERAMOTO & son, WAYNE, FEB/AMY YOKOI & sons, KEVIN & SCOTT, SHIG/ROSE YOKOTE (band), TOSH HAMATAKA (MIS), PAUL HIGUCHI, WALTER MATSUOKA (MIS), DAG NAKATO-GAWA, SHIG/MARY SHIMAZU (MIS), PAUL/EMMIE TAKEHARA. From the SF/Bay area: HIDE/MERRY KIYOMURA, TAY NOBORI & ANN NAKAMOTO, KEN/LOUISE SAKANASHI (from Hayward), TOMINAGA's, HENRY/INGE & JOE from Chicago & New York, MEL/KIYONO & TOM/FUMI TOMINAGA, BILL/MIYO TOMURA.

Then, there were others who left at different times to create some problems for us, but due to members as KILA HARAGUCHI, who took care of PAUL JOICHI from Chicago; YOSHITO TOME, who had SHIG/ RUBY KIZUKA, and JIRO WATANABE. FRANK/FRANCES NOMURA & 2 granddaughters (I misplaced my notes on their names) and also took care of SAM/YOSHITO IKARI & their guests, ELAINE YOGUCHI & GENE (that's how she spells her name) SHIMAZU from Rosemead, California on THURSDAY, 6/28. MIN/CHICKIE SUMIDA caught earlier ride with Jacob. STANLEY TAKEMOTO, BLAISDELL FARRINGTON (we thought it was two persons, but it was a whole person and beeg! but gentle), and JIRO/JEAN NAKASO who had their own

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transport. I hope I didn't leave anyone back in Honolulu!

On a more serious note, we are very sorry that TOM/SUE OKUBO who chaired the RENO "L" Chapter reunion and who worked so hard for our enjoyment then, cancelled out on the recommendation of the doctor due to his sister's grave illness. We missed both of you at the NVR.

The Seattle group of: ROY/SEI FUJIWARA & son TODD, KEN/AKI HIGASHI, SHIG/MARY KOSUGI, ART/FLO KOURA, had almost a 2 hr stopover in Honolulu the afternoon of 6/27/where DYNA MATSUDA met them for the frozen salmon sent over by TURK SUZUKI who drove 62 miles to the Seattle airport, before the group left for Kona. PETE KOZU scheduled to come, also had to cancel out. JACK/LIL SAMESHIMA who came on Northwest Airlines had a 3 1/2 hr delay in Seattle, yet was able to arrive in time for the welcome banquet. Still others who were here for the NVR were: ROBERT/DOROTHY ISHIMATSU of San Jose; ANDY/KAZUKO HAYASHI and TOM MIZUNO of Hilo; KIYOSHI KAYO Ota of Boston. It was unfortunate that the late registrants whom I learned of only from the final computer printout received, had to stay at the Keauhou Hotel. Paul Joichi with info from Tay knew of the reunion. Kiyoshi Ota, I still don't know his source. But, we're glad they could come, as they're another of the first timers at any reunion held. We missed all those who could not attend.

KING KAM HOTEL

With Jacob & Victor in charge at the hotel on our arrival after a scramble to load our personal luggages & boxes of hospitality room items on the Roberts bus, Isa, P.K. & myself thru the courtesy of Wally who had a rented car, were able to rest at the hotel lobby before picking up the 3 vans later in the day.

I had anticipated problems from the hotel as we weren't buying any beer for \$42 a case nor \$45 for hors d'oeuvre from the Queen Emma Suite as a hospitality room. As I dealt with all "hakujin's", you can see where my feelings were. It sure weren't for the "hakujin's". To compound matters, the King size bed was still in room 245. Awe! more problems. Off to another meeting with "hakujin lady, Sharon. But, you know what? She was real sweet & nice, the bed was quickly removed. Not only that, the hospitality rooms are on the 2nd floor. The same floor where they have the sales office and they all use the back door & stairs where all our foodstuffs and beer! are carried up to the hospitality rooms. They closed their eyes to all the going on's. No more worries. No can give um' stink eye anymore about the "hakujins". They nice people!!

HOSPITALITY ROOMS, 243-245

We couldn't have asked for a better arrangement for the hospitality rooms. If we had taken the Queen Emma suite, it was on the far end of the hotel, same 2nd floor where most of the Seattle group were. Imagine the problem it would have been -- double awe period! To top of the perfect setting, some of the key people for the hospitality room had rooms on the same 2nd floor -- Fujimoto's, Mizuno, Nakahara's & Matsumoto's (direct across), Takiyama's & who else? Hide & Allen had Room 241. J. Oshiro's were on the 5th floor, made it sukoshi hunbug.

It was now time for the chairs, tables, etc., to start disappearing from some of the rooms for rooms 243-245. Time also for the purchases from the KPA Super Stores where Tom had made all arrangements with his personal friend, Barry Tani-guchi, owner and president of KPA Stores who's office is in Hilo. Betty Nakahara, a retired school cafeteria manager did the purchasing of the fresh vegetables, cold cuts and whatever was needed that wasn't brought over from Honolulu. With Jacob right there to pay the bills, Tom got all the beer, wine, soda, and the four slabs of fresh ahi for sashimi that he was able to arrange with Ralph Mistek the store manager at the Kailua-Kona store, to keep the slabs of ahi in the cooler. Ralph Mistek was the manager of the main Gem's store in Honolulu when Jacob was the vice president-controller. It was, light at the end of the tunnel -- the 2nd purchases of beer, soda, etc., were on consignment, all win situation!

Back to the parking lot to the rear entrance where the army of men in cadence, hiked the purchases the necessary two floors up. Good thing, it was only two floors up, otherwise your guess is as good as mine, ha! So began the popular watering hole, Room 243-245. But wait, something is very noticeable. The guys are not drinking as much. We have as much soda as beer. Father time finally caught up it seems. You noticed that the wives are much happier these days?

Terry Jichaku who was taken ill, nevertheless, had the Hospitality Room Hostesses assigned in groups of four with boss lady for each days group. That's why we have general meeting. Akamai these wahines! Altho' there were some adjustments made because of cancellations and the Saturday's assignment were carried out by the northern California & Seattle ladies in my call for help to Larry Tanaka. Reason? Because I told them all local's will be on the Saturday's Van Tour. Some chairman, pulling rank, ha! Besides, the boss lady for Sat, Chiz Shoji with

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Kobe left for Hilo in their rented car to attend a wedding. Assignment for Sat was, Gloria Oshiro, Florence Saito, Muriel Kashiwa.

Other groupings with *Boss lady. Group 1: *Timmy Yamashita, Nancy Oshiro, Lily Oshiro, Hilda Takeyama. Group 2: *Genny Matsumoto, Marian Matsumura, Tama Ogata, Michiko Ohashi. Group 3: *Mabel Kawamura, Mabel Fujimoto, Lily Sasaki. So with BOSS LADY BETTY NAKAHARA in charge, I'm sure there were other ladies involved. Boy, what feast was prepared including breakfast to boot!

Some members have a penchant to be in the limelight while others such as Hapa, Toshi, Joe, without fanfare, methodically take care of the necessary things like icing the beers, sodas, etc., in the coolers brought by Richard Honda and in the bathtub! It was no mean feat to go get the ice cubes because, many times the ice bin are empty and had to go to different floors for the ice. There were others I suppose, that have helped on different days.

It was fantastic how the ladies were able to work together in the limited bedroom space with the 3 brand new 'manaita' brought by Tom, placed on the dresser, table, bathroom counter, bed, chairs. The knives and rice cooker were brought over by Joe & Nancy. I brought the 30 cup percolator and Iwao Yonemitsu went back home to Naalehu and brought his rice warmer, percolator and electric skillet. Just what we needed! But as Hapa experienced, gotta keep it on low heat to avoid the smoke alarm and hotel employees, ha!

Jack Sameshima brought over at least 15 water sealed plastic bags of fresh Kazunoko & raw Oysters, packaged in blue ice. Talk of gourmet foods, this was the ultimate. Tom Mizuno had the rare Opihi's & specially made Ika Kim Chee & goat Jerk Meat. The Sakagami's, Mas/Beulah via Ken Higashi sent over dried Herrings & Smelts. Pete Kozu sent over 4 cs of Bing Cherries. Yonemitsu's Daikon tsukemono & assorted Fish Cakes. Columbus Italian Dry Salami's from Northern California group. Almonds & grapes? Pkgs of Mixed Nuts from Sam Ikari. Pineapples from Yoshiji. Mango's from Richard Honda. Tamana-cucumber tsukemono, Spinach dip plus Banana cake, Apple bread, Garlic bread for desserts & breakfast from Marian Matsumura. The sashimi & sushi ordered by Tom and the musubi's made by the ladies. We even had sausages & bacon with the instant coffee & tea for breakfast. The instant Saimin didn't fare too well. It's one after drinking but the guys stopped drinking too much! Hats off to all who helped in Room 243-245, including the guys in the hallway to talk stories, etc. Thanks to Tama Ogata for the corsages to the ladies. Huli-huli chicken bought by Vic/Timmy out on a stroll.

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SOLD OUT! Toshi Nakahara bought all the West Hawaii Today, from the newstand fronting King Kam Hotel. The papers were all in Room 243-245. Sub headline, AJA Vets recall tribulations of war. Hospitality room, scene of interviews. Short quotes. JACOB: "Racism still existed in states while hospitalized. They no say nothing, but give you stink eye!" VICTOR: "After 3 days, I was ready to go home after volunteering for litter bearer". MIN: "Our company was fortunate not to lose too many from tree bursts in the Lost Battalion action." There were more quotes from these three, but sorry, lack of space.

VAN TOURS

7 AM early starting time to avoid tourists traffic says tour guide Tom Mizuno. With Tom & I in the lead van with he driving because of what he described as, dangerous winding road going down the south side of the island. The winding road was drivable. But the electrifying ride was something else. P.K. refused to go the same route for Saturday's tour for the local members. But, Ken Higashi says it wasn't that bad! "We're making good time" says Tom. It was rush, rush, driving that finally we had to stop and wait for Isa & P.K. They refused to go over the speed limit in order to keep up! There were some nerves & tempers shaken.

It was funny as we were so far ahead of the scheduled 5:30 P.M. ending, that it was only 2:30 PM as we reached Waimea, only an hours ride from Kailua-Kona. We probably could have stopped at the Seaside Restaurant in Hilo where Tom once worked, to see the Golden Talapia, Ulua, 25 lb Koi, Rainbow trout, etc., raised in the back of the restaurant. We stopped on Saturday, the mainlanders would have enjoyed it too. It's not a fancy eating place. The shaved ice everyone ordered there, hit the spot! ha!

The riders with Tom benefited from his knowledge of the island. Some of the more interesting places and stories he pointed out, the lush MacNut Farms, the South Point, the cherry trees planted along the highway near Waimea but because of the strong wind, it failed to bear fruits and rounding up of the goats once a year towards the cliff into the ocean. This is no B.S. says Tom.

The highlight of course was the visit to Kalapana & Kaimu beach. The awesome amount of pahoehoe lava & the Painted Church presumably

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moved to safer grounds, we'll forever remember. Because of the distance & time factor, decision was made to go to the visitor center but not to the crater area.

The Nani Mau Gardens was all what Tom said to be. The exotic plants & flowers is a gardener's dream. Replica of the volcano crater & children's playground were in the process of completion. The parking lot was being extended for this World Class Attraction. Tom's wife Toyo & he works here, catering mostly to Japanese tourists. The bento lunch was superb, coordinated by Toyo. Thank you Toyo not only for the lunch, but especially for being patient & understanding why Tom was needed to stay with us at the reunion.

Need to say good words for Travel Adventures, Inc. & Karen Harimoto, a small agency where you receive personalized services. In our predicament for transportation need for the golfers, she arranged a 7 seater van for 2 days at their cut-rate costs in my request for help at the last minute! She was also responsible for our 3 - 15 seater vans. Isa & I had Tom on different days on the van. P.K. had his faithful karaoke equipment but no one cared to sing it seemed, especially from Waimea where many were seen dozing. Jacob, who drove in the afternoon in my place, hardly can keep awake, ha! Isa & P.K., driving without relief, qualifies for a commendation ribbon!

NATURAL ENERGY LAB OF HAWAII

Many thought this was the most interesting visit Tom arranged for us in the itinerary, instead of the bleak & dull picture he had projected. With the readily available karaoke equipment in P.K.'s van, Claire Hachmuth, G.M. of the Keahole Point lab, made her presentations much more clearly with the karaoke equipment and the voluntary assistance of Jacob who was just itching to be useful, and he was!!

The explanation of Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) process to generate electricity, exploiting the temperature difference between the deep and sun warmed surface water. The benefits of the cold water to aquaculture came as a complete spinoff. The Maine lobster liked the constant 70 degree baths that they matured to 1 pound in 3 years, instead of the normal 7 years. "So, how can you tell it's a he?" quipped Jacob. Never a dull moment! ha!

There were other sea-life experiment as Sea Urchin, Abalone (could cost \$135 full grown), Ogo and Kelp which grew 17" a day! Nori experiment was suspended during summer time. She

reiterated that this is only a research facilities. Toshi lost his seat on the van, as no one relinquished a seat on the return trip!

WAIKOLOA HYATT REGENCY

It is what everyone said, "Fantastic!" at least from the grounds outside. I wonder how it's in the inside? I guess the rich needs a hotel like this to spend their money to relax. For us, it was back to poor man's lunch.

CHAPTER NIGHT

The change in location to the Kahaluu Beach Pavilion was a good move. It was spacious & private, just what we needed for our program. The luau by Teddy Akau must have been good because everything was gone. Comments heard, "the tastiest kalua cabbage." It was my daughter Cyndi's suggestion to have a luau in Hawaiian country. Of course, it was right down the alley for P.K. and his hula dancing.

The entertainment led by P.K. & Jiro, who forgot the song sheets for group singing went well. Times like this, we need participation from the mainlanders and they didn't disappoint us. Dorothy Ishimatsu joined by Fumiko Oshita & Emme Takehara danced the Tarko Bushi. Ken Higashi surprised us with his baritone voice. Jiro Nakaso & Ken Nihei recited poems -- we're moving up in class! Dag Nakatogawa & Blaisdell Farrington played the uke and sang. Locally, besides Jiro & P.K., Isa, Gloria, Marian, Freckles, George M. and Fumio sang well. Jacob made everyone laugh with his story on Toshi being told by the maid, not to throw rubbish in the laundry chute. It belongs in the rubbish chute! It was told with such straight face that many still believe it happened! ha!

GOLF - WOMEN

Other than Joey Ishihara who won golf balls for having closest to the pin on #12 & #17, the rest were silent for I haven't heard anything. Ah! but the ladies, plenty excitement winning both ways, top & bottom. All the practice times at Oahu Country Club paid off for Chiz Shoji, the top winner! Timmy Yamashita, who nearly forgot her golf bag going to the airlines on Isa's van said, "wait, my golf bag!". "Gee, mo bettah leave the bag behind, the way you play golf". Such insult but it was in good sport. Make for good article. Congratulations anyway!

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WELCOME & FAREWELL BANQUET

The banquets held outdoors with Japanese lanterns hanging overhead was a great success to Fred Fujimoto's yearlong hardwork. The Welcome banquet had so many speakers. One of them was Leonard Oka, son of "Hekka" Oka of Maui. It was a surprise to us, but made us feel good when he mentioned his dad's "L" Co. friends are sitted up front. He received a well deserved ovation from the 1700 gathered for the banquet, for his humble but sincere and emotional message of the "Maui Sons & Daughters of the 442nd".

"L" Chapter were well represented at the Farewell banquet as Matsy Takabuki, was the principal speaker. He was very eloquent in his delivery. We were glad to meet with "Whitey" Kurasaki of Kauai that night. He came with the Turk Tokita group from Kauai. He seemed to have picked up weight, not unusual at our age.

It was quite an experience to be escorted by two young Kona cops, a Hawn Filipino & Italian Japanese, (some combination) to the farewell banquet. Those who saw me get off the police jeep must have misgiving thoughts, ha! Would have been fun if I was the only one dropped off by the Robert's bus, which was standing by for stragglers like me. I became late as I had to report a minor damage to the van, when I backed into the metal barrier in the 1st parking lot which had no forward exit. So I asked the cops to take me to the banquet. Plenty ohana, right?

MEMORIAL SERVICES & DEPARTURE

Some of us, the silent crew mentioned earlier, were not able to attend the services as the hospitality room had to be cleaned up. All chairs & tables returned to the respective rooms, etc. It was a good reunion. We're truly sorry that Elbert/Sachi Izumi of Chicago & Jun/Bev Yamamoto of Hollywood were not able to make the reunion because of illness. Elbert who has diabetes and in wheelchair now, has been in and out of hospital. Jun was struck with a heart attack. I know they would have been here, as they communicated with me early on. We're glad that Min Sumida was able to make it, even with his heart condition.

As we bade aloha to our friends, you must all have realized how tired you were on board the HAL for the flight home. Than y'all. You were great!!

We graciously thank our brethren chapters and individuals for the generous donations we received. NORTHERN CAL ASS'N, \$700. SEATTLE "L" CHAPTER, \$200. (We turned down their \$500 check). LA "L" CHAPTER, \$300. MAUI "L"

CHAPTER, \$200. KOBE SHOJI, \$250 (Winnings from DAV convention). GENRO KASHIWA, \$80. \$100 each from EDNA KURAMOTO, FRANK NOMURA, KEN HIGASHI, IWAO YONEMITSU, MIN SUMIDA. \$50 each from KENJI TANI & ROBERT ISHIMATSU. \$40 each from BILL OSHIRO, SHIG SHIMIZU, ANDY HAYASHI. HIDE NAKAYAMA, \$30. SHIG KOSUGI, \$50. ROY FUJIWARA, \$25. RAY SUMIKAWA, \$100. TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA donated \$100 each to "L" Chapter General fund & LIKM Chapter. MIN/CHICKIE SUMIDA donated \$100 to the Emiko Nakamura Scholarship Fund.

Finally, thanks to my committee members: JACOB/TERRY JICHAKU, TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA, ISA TAKIYAMA, VICTOR YAMASHITA, P.K. MATSUMOTO, JOE OSHIRO, JIRO WATANABE, HIDE NAKAYAMA & TOM MIZUNO who was responsible for the itinerary. You were all terrific. I could'nt have formed a better committee! I also want to thank LARRY TANAKA of Sacramento for sending me all the info in our planning and to KEN HIGASHI of Seattle as my contact there.

ORBITUARY

KATSUTO "KATS" SUZUKI, active member of Maui "L" chapter died on 7/19/90. "Kats" who had by-pass surgery about 10 years ago, died from surgery complications and problems with the arteries. Info received from Jiro Watanabe who grew up together in Kahului with "Kats". Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Rose Hiroko and her family.

PRE-UNION

We also had a pre-reunion from 6/24 - 27 with Pagoda Hotel as the Hqtrs. Our friends from SAC & SF/BAY AREA had formed a Northern Cal Ass'n with membership from other vet groups, and 41 members arrived with Larry Tanaka leading the way in absence of Tom Okubo. It was a good thing we knew in advance of the 3 cs Summer Crest Peaches; 2 cs Black Amber Plums; 3 cs Red Flame Seedless Grapes; 2 cs Bing Cherries; 3 cs Columbus Italian Dry Salami they brought along. Tom Okubo also had 2 large frozen abalone.

Genro's brand new covered truck was a god-send, as we loaded 10 golf bags to help ease the transportation problems. Mickey/Tatsue Kurokawa & Paul Nakahara were of great help to Isa, who had the most difficult job of all in coordinating the arrivals & departures. The rental cars the group had, helped tremendously in transportation not only at the airport, but also to & fro to the receptions.

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With so many first timers in this group, the visit to Waimea Bay Park & the individual chauffering to see the city sights were appreciated by them. Some were surprised by the vastness of the city. Vastness? ha!

With hard liquor supplied mostly by Genro (I asked for 1 or 2, so he gives me 6. Some generous this guy!), our first reception was at P.K./Genny's home. It was a pot luck dinner & what spread it was. List by Genny who prepared the turkey & ham: Betty Aoki/Chiyoko Fujii, Chicken; Mabel Fujimoto, ass't fishcake & char sui tray; Hapa brought Chivas Regal; Mabel Kawamura helped bake ham; Betty Nakahara/Nancy Oshiro, tossed green salads; Lily Oshiro, Chicken; Chiz Shoji, somen salad; Flora Watanabe, helped make kalua turkey & tsukemono; Tatsue Kurokawa/Michiko Ohashi/Gloria Oshiro/Florence Saito/Timmy Yamashita, desserts.

The 2nd reception was held at the Aoki's as they wanted to do this from the good of their heart, since they're not going to Kona. Unfortunately, as some of the ladies had their goodies on the table and left without Betty knowing, she wants you to know that she appreciates your contributions. The main menu by Betty was a tasty, unusual half-a-chicken. The entertainment was great with the hula by Emmie Takehara & Ellen Farrington. The ukelele & singing duets by Dag Nakatogawa & Blaisdell Farrington, and Tom Tomina-ga and the usual local performers.

The chapter night with catered food and barbecued shrimp pupu's by Kuro & Kila at the convention hall, and entertainment by Jiro & his troupe were enjoyed by all. Kinya Mikami of Boston, who was in Genro's platoon and vacationing in Hawaii with his wife Ruth, made a surprise appearance at the chapter night brought over by Genro. John Naganuma's solo rendition of his singing style and steel guitar playing brought on comments as, "who's that? He's good!"

The Tomina-ga's who were not able to take part in our activities as they had sort of a family reunion here. The brothers were all big with the exception of Tom who was afflicted with emphysema being the short one. We were to learn later that we cannot load beeg guys on the van and hope they'll be comfortable. Good 't'ing we had only Blaisdell Farrington on the van tour!

Ken/Aki Higashi spent sometime in Honolulu after the NVR visiting relatives as did Art/Flo Koura. Ditto for Shig/Mary Kosugi, staying at Pagoda. They were entertained by Cowboy/Marian Matsumura, joined by P.K. & Genny for a lunch at the Matsumura's. In the evening, Eddie & Ruth Oshiro had them as dinner guests at the popular Roy's Restaurant in Hawaii Kai.

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By Yori Inouye

Ukelele and Hula Club Performances

The 442nd Ukelele and Hula Club was once again invited by the Oahu Retired Teachers Association this time to perform at its annual luncheon meeting at Waikiki Lau Yee Chai on May 16th. Hula dances by both the ladies and the men, the musical accompaniment and choral numbers by this lively group were well received. Chapter members at this event were James Kanemori, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Ralph and Alice Tomei, David and Janet Umeda, Gladys Uyemura and Grace Yamashiro.

On Sunday, May 20th, this group was also invited by the Pearl City Community Church to render a few choral selections at its special anniversary and groundbreaking services. The group also performed with singing and dancing during the fellowship luncheon. In addition to the Chapter members named above, the following performed at the church: Mitsue Shishido, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Betty Tomikoshi and Yori Inouye.

Janet Umeda was in charge of these two events and did a splendid job of coordinating both programs. And if that wasn't enough, she even made the hakus and hair pieces worn by the hula dancers. Her selfless giving of her time, talent and resources is truly admirable; mahalo, Janet. Hiroshi Yamashiro, our ever faithful photographer, was also there taking pictures for the club history book. Mahalo to you too, Hiroshi.

Kona Reunion

How was Kona? Well--if you were not fortunate enough to be there, you missed a great reunion. Going through registration was a painless process as the committee on the job was well organized. It was such a great pleasure to reunite with our chapter members and guests, named as follows: From the mainland, Oliver and Patricia Fiddler (guests of Clarence Sawamura), Tom and Rose Kinaga, Arthur and Yori Kitagawa, George Maekawa, Jimmy and Fumiko Masuda, Tosh and Yoshie Mayeda, Bill Okazaki, Clarence Sawamura, Frank and Fumi Segawa, Shiro and Florence Takei, Ike and Betty Taniguchi (guests of Frank and Fumi Segawa), Dick and Sumi Tochiwara, Sam and Sai Ushio and their guest June, Yoshito and Alice Yamada, Seiki and Alice Yoshimura, and Bob Yuruki. From Hawaii, Takemori Akamine, Norio and Mary Akutagawa, Tadao Beppu, Michael and Kimiyo Ide, Shige and Yori Inouye, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Tommy Kikuchi, Wallace and Priscilla Nagao, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Isamu and Kay Takayesu, Paul

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and Yuki Takiguchi, Ralph and Alice Tomei, John Tsukano, David and Janet Umeda, Dick and Gladys Uyemura, and Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro.

The Welcome Banquet on Wednesday, the first night, was an exciting event as we greeted old friends and some new ones coming for the first time. There were leis galore for all the folks from "America" with many warm embraces all around. These leis were graciously strung by Frieda Kanemori, Nancy Nomura, Kay Takayasu, Alice Tomei, Janet Umeda and Grace Yamashiro. The program and sumptuous oriental buffet dinner were very enjoyable.

Scheduled on Thursday night was the Polynesian Review. The kau kau was interesting, with the usual kalua pig, lomi salmon, etc. together with namasu and fried rice (typically Hawaiian). Some among us were lucky enough to watch the pig taken out of the imu for the first time. The show was a dynamic fast-paced review of music and dances of the Polynesian Islands of Fuji, Tahiti, Samoa, New Zealand and Hawaii. Part of the show was audience participation where a few people were hand-picked from the audience to take a wiki wiki lesson of the Tahitian dance on stage and then perform. Well, as it turned out, the two best performers were none other than our Paul Takiguchi and Jimmy Masuda. Roy, those two could sure shake their kokles. Good sport, guys.

Chapter Night on Friday was the most fun time for all in a more informal and cozier atmosphere. Serving as MC for the evening was Paul Takiguchi. Reserved first on the agenda was the call for a moment of silence in memory of all deceased Chapter members as their names were read as follows: K.I.A., Yasuhiro Arata, Robert Hempstead, Yasuo Hirayama, Tsugito Kajikawa, Katsuhiko Kanemitsu, Kenji Kato, Mitsuharu Kuboyama, Chikao Nishi, Ralph Potter and Haly Tanaka. Died after the War: Hawaii, Yoshito Fujimoto, Richard Goto, Minoru Gushiken, Emmet Higa, Minoru Ikehara, George Ishikawa, Joseph Kiyonaga, Francis Kodama, Clarence Koike, Toshio Matsuura, Edward Miyake, Melvin Nagasako, Wilbur Obara, Masayoshi Ohira, Kenneth Oshiro, Harry Shigeta, Toshinori Shimazaki, Haruo Tachibana, Joe Taniguchi, Shangy Tsukano, Kenneth Zukeran; Mainland, Tatsuya Ariyasu, Fred Dobana, Arthur Fukuoka, Kay Kashiwabara, Yoshio Kato, James Kirita, Jim Kitsuse, Tiny Nakamoto, Wataru Nakashima, Ted Obata, King Satake, Sadao Sasaki, Isao Tabata, Charlie Tanaka and Charles Miyada.

It was good to be served a nice sit-down dinner for a change. Invocation was given by Grace Yamashiro. Program for the evening was very informal, with Ralph Tomei being MC for the entertainment portion. Everybody got a chance to be a

borot. The Ukulele and Hula Club girls, Yuki Takiguchi, Alice Tomei, Janet Umeda, Grace Yamashiro and Yori Inouye wowed the gang with a few hula numbers, accompanied of course by our very talented ukulele players, Jimmy Kanemori, Paul Takiguchi, Ralph Tomei and David Umeda. And, oh, yes, Paul Takiguchi's solo hula number of Laupahoehoe was a great hit. Only a very few like Jimmy and Fumiko Masuda, Janet Umeda and Yori Inouye were brave enough to do some solo karaoke singing. Florence Takei was unable to show us the full extent of her talent in tap dancing for lack of a stage, music, proper attire and shoes, but like a true sport she showed us her good form to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Flo, next time we get the whole works, okay?

Interspersed between the dancing and singing were jokes, stories, impressions and info sharing of all sorts. Topping the list of joke tellers was Ralph Tomei, followed by David Umeda, Yuki Takiguchi, Paul Takiguchi, Oliver Fiddler, Frank Nomura, Wally Nagao and others. And of course they started with only the clean ones at first. Paul Takiguchi reported on the many recent activities and happenings of Mike Chapter and members in Honolulu. Tom Kinaga attempted to set us straight on M Co. matters in LA. He explained that M Co. there is known as I Co. and actually run by M Co. people like Bill Okazaki, Tom Kinaga and Dick Tochihiro. Confusing yeah? So Tom, if our understanding of this is incorrect, you'll have to try again next time.

Paul Takiguchi and Frank Nomura touched upon many of Tadao Beppu's outstanding contributions to our society. Tadao has had a distinguished political career in Hawaii serving 16 years in the State House of Representatives, the last 8 years as Speaker of the House. He is deeply involved with Special Olympics as the State Director for Hawaii, serving in that capacity as the last nonpaid volunteer. He also served for two years on the Board of Directors of the Japanese Cultural Center, acted as Chairman for its Capital Fund Raising, and continues to be a member of this Fund Raising Committee. Further, he is an active member of the DAV Keehi Lagoon Memorial Committee. How about that? On top of all this, Tadao still finds time to participate in our Chapter and 442 functions. We are indeed proud and fortunate to have him.

Congratulations are in order for Paul Takiguchi who currently holds the post of Commander, LIKM Chapter 11 of the DAV.

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Jimmy Kanemori was recognized for his dedicated efforts in handling all logistical matters for our trip to Kona and arranging for Chapter Night facilities in spite of his recent heart bypass surgeries on two separate occasions. Much mahalo, Jimmy!

Shiro Takei shared personal experiences, benefits and advantages of living in a retirement home. A continuation of his discussion of Sunny View Lutheran Home is included herein following Reunion news.

Then came the X-rated skit "Onna No Asa," co-starring David Umeda and Paul Takiguchi as the leading ladies and Alice Tomei and Grace Yamashiro as the leading men. David and Paul were so cute a couple of the guys actually asked to be introduced to them. Janet Umeda and Yori Inouye played as extras flaunting their oversized boobs. Final number was the Go for Broke Song sung by all the guys--no doubt about it, they're getting better every time.

The local folks got really lucky--we all got bags of goodies to take home that evening, thanks to the following donors for their generous gifts: Raisins and dried persimmons from Seiki and Alice Yoshimura, pistachio nuts from Yoshito and Alice Yamada, fresh cherries from Dick and Sumi Tochihiro and Tom and Rose Kinaga, and almonds from Shiro and Florence Takei.

The farewell Banquet on Saturday was upon us before we knew it. With all the good times we were having it was hard to believe this was the time for our big Aloha. The camaraderie amongst those present was much in evidence as we feasted on a great continental buffet dinner. This time we had good tables; we got to eat first.

Last event of the Reunion was a Memorial Service on Sunday morning to honor our fallen comrades, with special tribute paid to Kona's homegrown heroes, Colonel Ellison Onizuka and SFC Rodney Yano. This beautiful service touched all our hearts and was a fitting end to a wonderful reunion.

In addition to the activities scheduled above there was plenty for everyone's pleasure such as fishing, submarine ride, scuba diving, shopping, sightseeing, and much more.

A 36-hole golf tournament was also held during the reunion. Our own Bill Okazaki was one of the big winners, capturing first place in the "B" Flight with a net score of 70-71. He took home a new driver and other nice prizes.

Congratulations, Bill! Tom Kinaga and Dick Uyemura were also in the tournament. Their smiles weren't ear to ear after the tournament but they both did okay--only nobody heard their scores.

There were many distinguished guests at the reunion. One of the most unusual had to be Oliver Fiddler, a Hall of Famer in softball. He was the middle man in the triumvirate--catcher, pitcher and centerfielder--that took on any nine men softball team. Oliver and his wife Patricia were guests of Clarence Sawamura of Minot, North Dakota. Frank Ishikawa (3rd HQ) was introduced to Fiddler as the top pitcher in the 442. Bet they had a ball together. Maybe we should bill 3rd HQ for taking so much of Fiddler and M Co's time.

We acknowledge receipt of the very generous monetary gifts made by Shiro and Florence Takei, Tosh and Yoshie Mayeda, Michi Miyada, and Yoshito and Alice Yamada and express our sincere thanks to all of them. Our appreciation and thanks also to Ralph Tomei for his untiring efforts with oodles of phone calls and letters in pulling everything and everybody together for a successful reunion. There are many more members who deserve recognition for contributing in some way toward the programs, entertainment, hospitality, transportation, etc.; and to each and every one of you who attended, please know that you made it all wonderful and worthwhile--Mahalo!!

Post Reunion--Honolulu

On Monday, July 2nd, a post reunion was held at the 442 Clubhouse for the benefit of Oahu members who didn't make it to Kona to meet with the mainlanders. Some of the mainlanders departed before this event but the Oahu turnout was tremendous. It was really good to see some of the busier folks we hadn't seen in a long long while like Seiki and Daisy Arakaki, Sidney and Nancy Hashimoto, Sueo Iwamoto, Jack Izutsu, and Kazuo Mihara. Other local folks present were Norio and Mary Akutagawa, Tadao and Alice Beppu, Mamo and Edith Fureya, Hatsuko Gushiken, David and Kiyo Gushiken, Barney and Esther Hajiro, Shige and Yori Inouye, Ernest and Dorothy Kamisato, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Tommy Kikuchi, Harold Kudo, Melvin and Millie Kunishige, Eiichi Matsuda, Yoshinobu Matsushima, Edwin Matsuzaki, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Haruko Obara, Thomas Sakamoto, George and Sachiko Sakihara, Ralph and Mitsue Shishido, Isamu and Kay Takayasu, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, Toshio and Emi Tsuji, David and Janet Umeda, Toru and Jean Yamaguchi, and Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro.

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Mainlanders were George Maekawa, Tosh and Yoshio Mayeda, Shiro and Florence Takei, Dick and Sumi Tochiwara, Yoshito and Alice Yamada, Seiki and Alice Yoshimura and Bob Yuruki.

Again there were lots of leis: the mainland ladies all got specially made hakus too--they looked really elegant. Everybody got a good fill of the wonderful refreshments and Japanese food catered by Misuzu.

Program for the evening included a repeat performance of some of the song and dance numbers by the Ukulele and Hula gang in Kona; karaoke selections from Enji Tsuji, Betty Tomikoshi, Mamo Furuya, Yoshio Teruya, Janet Umeda and Yori Inouye; and plenty of jokes in between.

An interesting highlight of the program was presented by Tadao Beppu regarding the Distinguished Service Medal and Citation received by Barney Hajiro of this Chapter. Barney was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on 5 April 1945 for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, as an automatic rifleman, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, on 19, 22 and 29 October 1944. While acting as security guard on top of an embankment, he rendered assistance to allied troops attacking a house two hundred yards away by directing fire at an enemy stronghold. As a volunteer for outpost security, when his company held a forward attack position, he and his squad leader ambushed and captured a heavily armed enemy patrol. In a drive for "Suicide Hill," he fearlessly met fire with fire and single-handedly silenced two machine gun nests and two enemy snipers. As a result of his heroic actions, the attack was successfully concluded. His Citation for Military Medal is quoted below:

CITATION

PRIVATE BARNEY F. HAJIRO, UNITED STATES ARMY
MILITARY MEDAL

"Private Hajiro killed or wounded two snipers with BAR fire while on Security duty. Again, on outpost duty, he ambushed enemy patrol, killing two, wounding one, and capturing sixteen. Later on, when enemy machine guns killed eight and wounded twenty-one comrades, Private Hajiro went after the enemy alone. Duelling fully exposed, he killed with BAR fire three at the first next twenty yards distant and killed one sniper protecting the nest. Duelling, as he walked slowly into machine-gun fire from the second next twenty-five yards away, he killed two, plus the one sniper protecting the nest. Private

Hajiro was riddled by the third machine gun in the side and arm.

The first action on October 19th occurred during the drive of the 3rd Battalion for the ridge east of Bruyeres, the second action on October 22nd during the advance east of Belmont. The third action took place two kilometers east of Biffontaine, Eastern France, on "Suicide Hill" in Foret Domaniale de Champ, on October 29th, 1944, on the third day drive by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team that effected relief of the "lost" 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry."

Action has been taken on behalf of Barney Hajiro to submit these awards for display at the Gallery of Heroes, United States Army Museum, at Ft De-Russy. George Nakasato (F Co.), a Trustee of the United States Army Museum Society has been extremely helpful in getting this submission through to appropriate channels. George indicated that we will be informed by the Museum Curator as soon as the awards are ready for display. Many of us know Barney as a down to earth, good natured, very unassuming sort of fellow who would disclaim any act of heroism on his part. But what a real living hero he is! You'll love knowing his wife Esther too--she's friendly and ever so pleasant. Not only that, she makes the most delicious andagi for us to enjoy at our parties.

Living in a Retirement Home (By Shiro Takei)

The following is a continuation of our discussion of Sunny View Lutheran Home. We would like to reemphasize items we may have already mentioned at Chapter Night in Kona and some covered in the preceding bulletin.

We paid \$68,000 (\$72,000 from July 1st) for our 2-bedroom apartment and are paying \$1,664 a month for the two of us, eating one meal a day. We have a full kitchen and can cook all our meals but are required to report in to our dining hall at least one meal a day. We get house cleaning once a week; towels and sheets are laundered for us; the utilities are free except for the telephone. We are wired for an intercom system and are equipped with an emergency call system in bathroom and bedrooms where the pull of a cord will bring help in a rush.

Average age of the residents in the Manor complex is 85. We in the mid-70's are the younger while a few are in the 90 to 100 range. The daily report will mention the death of as many as five residents in a day but that is unusual. Deaths can occur in Skilled Nursing as well as at hospitals off campus.

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We are delighted that we will receive care until death. Our kids will not need to look for a convalescent home, for example. Recent residents in the Villas, our complex of apartments, include a retired music professor of San Jose State University, a UAL maintenance supervisor, an FAA administrator, a Crockett Refinery supervisor, secretaries, librarians, school teachers and many more, and Flo and Shiro.

We recently had a patio warming party for which the Manor provided the wine and punch while the Villa residents took peanuts and chips and other pupus. Our Chaplain blessed the patio for us.

The program includes movies, cultural programs, musical entertainment provided by groups such as the ukulele players and dancing grandmas that Flo belongs to in Santa Clara Senior Center.

Flo golfs once a week when she feels like it while Shiro tries to walk 18 holes twice a week with two to three kotonks, partners of at least 10 years duration.

The meals have been excellent but we have complained about creamy soups and too much cheese in sandwiches, salads and other things. Corrections are made in due time.

The accommodation fee is not refunded after five years similarly as at the Arcadia located on Punahou Street, south of Wilder Avenue. Within the first five years, if we choose to move out, a 1/64 refund in the months remaining of the five-year period is made. We will not leave! God willing.

We attend Lutheran services every Sunday morn; golf partners are nil but bridge players are many in number and are great players at that.

Come visit us in Sunny View Lutheran Home. It is the best.

But, with the good are the unpleasant. We do not visit the Skilled Nursing Facility because residents are aged and are sleeping or are slumped in their wheelchairs, often crying and yelling, a few walking about aimlessly. One lady often plays the piano all from memory. She plays beautifully. Flo goes to the Skilled Nursing Facility once a week to play bridge with a lady who is in a wheelchair. Mentally she is sharp.

Bits 'n Pieces

The following lucky members have been blessed with new grandchildren recently--congratulations! Ralph and Mitsue Shishido--their very

first, a girl, Erin Akiko, born on Girls Day; a pleasant change for them after having had two sons of their own. Tommy and Harriet Kikuchi--their second, a boy named Trace Matsuda, born in January. Frank and Helen Kimura of Reedley, CA --their first also, a boy, Adam Hideo Shinkawa, born in June.

You must have noticed by now that Ralph and Alice Tomei have been sporting around in their spanking new Honda, only because Ralph got rear ended recently and got his old car totalled. Mostly, we're glad he sustained no serious injury.

Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro made a big move end of July. They sold their home and farm in Kahaluu and are now temporarily up in St. Louis Heights looking down on us. What, no more bananas?

Have you ever looked at the handsome clock hanging on the wall at the 442 Clubhouse office? That clock was a gift to Mike Chapter from Clarence Sawamura some years ago and in turn given to the 442 Club for its use. Now we think of Clarence every time we check out the time. Another item you'll find on display at the Clubhouse is a plaque given to us from Seiki Yoshimura which was presented to him by the Mayor of Bruyeres on a recent trip there. Thanks guys!

Coming attraction

Be looking for a real treat in the next issue. Featured in it will be an interesting story of our good friend Jean Bianchetti of Vagny, France, written by our illustrious author of "Bridge of Love," John Tsukano. Don't miss it.

Europe Revisited (By Shiro Takei)

In early August 1990, we visited Europe. Most of our journey was in Germany but we did touch the Netherlands, Northern France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein (a small principality that is only one-twentieth of Delaware), and Austria.

We took this journey to revisit actually the village of Oberammergau that is located between Innsbrook and Munich. We went to Oberammergau to see the famous Passion Play that is put on by the villagers every ten years. Flo and I missed it in 1970 as our travel service was unable to secure tickets to the Play for us. We, however, did take a train ride from Innsbrook and saw the rehearsals at the theater. It was just a glance. In 1990, the village seemed to be somewhat bigger than in 1970 but everything did look familiar but only strangely so because of the 20-year interval between visits.

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The Passion Play is all about Christ from His entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem to His crucifixion and ascension. The play ran for five-and-one-half hours--two-and-a-half hours in the morn and three hours in the afternoon with a three-hour lunch break. We ate our lunch in less than an hour and went shopping till curtain time in the p.m.

We highly recommend a visit to Oberammergau, the next time in 2000, as the Play is offered only every ten years. The performance was in German but an English translation was provided which permitted us to follow almost line-by-line.

We earned an unexpected dividend as we stopped at the Hilton in Strasbourg. One day, we visited the Black Forest where dollars were spent for wood carvings. The next day we journeyed southerly into northern France and visited the town of Colmar. Here, unexpectedly, we visited the Museum of August Bartholli, the creator of the Statue of Liberty that sits in New York Harbor and welcomes European visitors to North America. Since Mr. Bartholli designed the statue, he also created the Torch which 442nders wear as a shoulder patch.

The town of Colmar is in a valley that lies between the Black Forest and the Vosges (pronounced Voj) mountains. We located Bruyeres on the map that it seemed but a few miles away, perhaps but 20 to 25 miles distant. At the hotel, we mentioned that our comrades were still buried in Epinal and the desk clerk asked, "Do you want to go? It is only 200 kilometers away (about 120 miles distant)." On a Hitler-designed auto-bahn it would be a two-hour drive, more or less. We declined because we were scheduled to leave--88 strong and in two buses--old and youngsters 13 and 16. Speaking of the auto-bahn, we got on it in Amsterdam and, curiously, we took a peek at the speedometer to see whether we might be flying (nearly) at 100 miles-plus an hour. To our disappointment, we read the meter and the bus was going about 55 m.p.h. We learned that busses and commercial vehicles must maintain the slow rate. For private vehicles, there is no speed limit. Many cars frequently just zipped by our bus.

After Strasbourg, we entered Switzerland, then to the principality of Liechtenstein, and to Munich, scene of the 1972 Olympics. Munich is near Dachau that 522 Artillery-men liberated in late May 1945. Enroute, including a cruise on the Rhine, we saw many castles and rich vineyards. We dined in fine style and even enjoyed an Indonesian dinner in Amsterdam and a one-hour-and-more ride on the Canals of Netherlands.

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS

By Henry S. Kuniyuki

To keep the Livorno Chapter members better informed as to the 442nd Veterans Club director's meetings, especially for the Livornites who have not attended Chapter meetings, a brief summary of Chapter actions taken relative to the Board's business agenda is hereby presented. Livorno Chapter noted that the Mother Club's financial status is very healthy. As to the Chapter polls taken whether the Mother Club should sponsor a family picnic, by a vote of seven ayes and ten nays the picnic suggestion was defeated. On the proposal to donate a sum of money to the Okinawa Cultural Center, the Livorno Chapter members are of the opinion that such donations should be on an individual basis. The Chapter members were encouraged to submit the survey questionnaire, requested by the U.S. Army Military History Institute, just as soon as possible. It was noted that only twenty Army units have been chosen to acquire source material for the Military History Institute among the many hundreds of units which served during World War II. Livorno Chapter members who have not as yet received the survey form should obtain same from Executive Secretary Bob Sasaki. The first installment of \$10,000 donation to the Japanese Cultural Center was presented to the President of the JCC by President Harold Fukunaga. As you may recall, the Mother Club agreed to donate the sum of \$100,000 to JCC in ten equal installments. Speaking of donation request to the 442nd Veterans Club it was emphasized that such requests should be first submitted to the Club's Executive Committee. At the August 6th Board of Director's meeting, the Long Range Planning Committee made several recommendations as follows: First recommendation is to update the current office system; the second recommendation is to form a new chapter of 442nd Sons and Daughters; and the third recommendation was to begin planning for the Club's 50th Golden Anniversary. The gala affair will be held during the third week of March, 1993 in Honolulu. Long Range Planning Chairman George Nakasato volunteered to head the 50th Anniversary program. The Board of Directors approved the formation of the Sons and Daughters Chapter, which will be organized as a separate corporate entity. The primary purpose of this new Chapter is to perpetuate the 442nd Veterans Club. It was noted that such an organization already exist on the Island of Maui. As to the eventual turning over of the valuable Headquarters property to some eleemosynary group, no decision has been made to date. Executive Secretary Sasaki announced that the reprint of "American", a publication on the history of 442nd RCT, is available at the Club Office at a cost of \$20.00. Another publication, Sushi and Sour Dough, authored by a former Cannon Company veteran,

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Tooru Kanazawa, is also available at a similar cost of \$20.00. Due to the untimely passing of 2nd Vice President Richard Ogata, the 3rd Vice President Ronald Oba will assume the 2nd Vice Presidency. It was decided to leave the 3rd Vice President's position vacant until next election. Livorno Chapter members who of late have not attended our monthly dinner meetings are encouraged to participate and receive these reports about the Mother Club's activities first hand. As usual our Chapter meetings are held at the Wailana Coffee House on the second Tuesdays of each month.

Executive Secretary Robert Sasaki informed the Chapter Reporter that, according to Frances Watanabe, it is permissible to visit Wilfred at Kaiser Medical Center. Chapter members are also urged to visit Katsumi Sakotani at the Care Home located in the Salt Lake subdivision. Chapter members are continuing to keep the travel industry very happy by frequent trips all over the world. Chapter Secretary Takamori and his wife, Kikuye, will be travelling the Southern area of the United States for 18 days. Business tycoon, Minoru Nagasako, has a busy buying trip to Taipei and Seoul scheduled. Raymond and Mimi Tanaka will be touring Japan on a 28th-day trip. Minoru also will be Las Vegas bound for his Lahainaluna Class Reunion in October which will include sixty former classmates and wives. Las Vegas aficionados include the Takaez and Oides. Currently Tsugio "Butch" Sakai and his wife, Janet, are visiting their daughter in Aomori, Japan. Jerry and Ethel Doi also visited with their daughter in Sacramento. The Mitanis will be visiting British Columbia.

Other Livorno Chapter news of note include the honors received by Jerry Yamamoto, from the Kotohira Temple for his dedication, at the Shrine's seventy anniversary celebration. Congratulations are in order to the Nagasako Family as Minoru and Mitsuye are the rightfully proud grandparents of their grandsons, Reuben and Oren who are now students respectfully at University of Southern California and Syracuse University. Jitsuyoshi Nakandakare has finally decided to retire from his business as a shop owner in Chinatown.

Chapter Reporter closes this quarterly report by again requesting Chapter members to keep him posted as to news of interest.

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By Stanley Kaneshiro

NVR Kona 1990, see below, is now in our store of memories with those of Reno, Kapaunali, Los Angeles and others many long years ago. Getting back to our regularly scheduled annual events, mark your calendars now if you haven't already for our Xmas party on December 14th at Victoria Inn, starting at 6:00 P.M.

Taps

Richard "Rick" Ogata, December 1, 1922 - June 18, 1990, a long-time active member of B Chapter and the 442nd Veterans Club (mother club) passed away June 18th at the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu at the age of 67. Rick was 2nd Vice President of the Mother Club at the time of his death. A retired Senior Vice President of First Federal Savings and Loan Company, he was also a member of the Church of Christ L.D.S., the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Hawaii Economic Study Club. Born as the sixth son, eight child and later of ten children of a poor sugar plantation carpenter in Makaueli, Kauai, Richard, a name given to him by a caucasian teacher because she couldn't pronounce his Japanese name, grew up on the island of Kauai excelling in school work. The principal of Makaueli School once called his mother to her office, just to inform her that Richard was an exceptional student. In high school, he was senior class president. Rick entered the University of Hawaii in 1940 as a pre-med student but dropped out after a year for lack of funds and worked as a milk delivery man. Volunteering for the 442nd in March 1943, he was assigned to Baker Battery, 522 Artillery Battalion. While in the service, he sent home as much as \$75.00 a month to support his sister through college. After returning from his war years in Italy, France and Germany, Rick attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana and later Northwestern University in Chicago where he met Alma Sonoda, on a blind date, and they were married in March 1951. Returning to Hawaii in 1953, he received his CPA license and worked for the Navy Audit office, Young Lamberton and Pearson, forerunner of Haskins and Sells, and retired in 1981 as a senior vice-president for First Federal Savings and Loan.

Besides his academic achievements, service to many clubs and organizations, including the 442nd Veterans Club as Treasurer for many years, and his love for golfing, Rick will be remembered most for his exceptional melodious tenor voice. He starred in school operettas and musicals and also sang on the radio station on

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the Island of Kauai. As a member of the 522 Artillery Battalion and the 442nd Veterans Club, Rick was the 'voice' and in spite of all his popularity and stardom, he was always humble, gentle, compassionate and 'yasashii! We will miss him for he offered much to all he came in contact with.

Rick is survived by his wife Alma, son Winston and wife Rachael, daughter Marcia and husband Marcus Peterson, daughter Freda and husband Calvin Weber, daughter Wendy and a total of eight grandchildren.

NVR Kona

They did it, the Kona, Hawaii hosts. Small in number, with only Fred Fujimoto, his clan and a few buddies, they put together another reunion to remember and they should be highly commended. Kona, still a small resort town and not a convention city, the hosts nonetheless had the hotel arrangements, transportation, baggage handling, banquets, program entertainments, tours, golf games, souvenirs, fishing, etc. for nearly 1,600 participants all arranged or provided far beyond expectations. They must have also prayed very hard for good weather, with their banquets held outdoors, and even the seas cooperated. No one could have asked for more or better.

It is impossible, bulletin space-wise, to report or cover all 522 activities and members who participated in this Reunion and we can only highlight a few. The 522 hospitality room, assignment secured by Tsutomu Fujimoto (Charlie), uncle of Fred Fujimoto, was a winner with an adjoining lanai, for the overflow crowd, that overlooked the hotel grounds and to the ocean. The contributions, fruits, nuts, fish, cured meat and pork, candies, pastries, etc. by many and especially by our mainland buddies were as they say 'just too much'. A few of our islanders provided karaoke machine, coolers, utensils, brochures, etc. The registration and finance crew and the many volunteers, more specifically our island spouses, working and supporting the hospitality room were just magnificent. The aloha and Go-for-Broke spirit permeated the hospitality room. The U.H. Dachau Project TV and camera crew and also Katriel 'Kay' Schorzy and his TV crew were in operation throughout the Reunion. Also interviewing 522 members was Thelma Chang, free lance writer from the West Coast. The once-in-a-lifetime catch of a 151½ pounds ahi or tuna just beyond the Kona reef by Gashouse Ishihara was another 'whale of a take'. The fish was so huge, Gashouse had to have it carved or fillet and delivered to the hospitality room in chunks although he wanted to have the whole fish hauled straight to the hotel to display his feat. Much mahalo to Jerry Ishimoto, 522 Reunion Coordinator, for a job well done and also to hospitality room

chairman Hideo Nagamine. There were many, many others who gave time and effort consistently and we can't identify you all and can only pray that, that someone upstairs has you all in mind.

I've been asked to acknowledge via this bulletin all who contributed cash and food items for the Kona Reunion, and if I miss some of you, please forgive. Cash contributions were from Yuki Akaki \$100, Lt Al Binotti \$100, Dr. Harold Harada \$25, Henry Urada \$100 and Lester Kato \$75. Donations of food items were by Kiyoshi Okano (case apricots), Sadaichi Higa (fresh lychees), James Hoshi (boxes of chocolate candies), George Ohye (5 bags nuts and things), Tsutomu Fujimoto (frozen lychees), Jerry Ojiri (manju, dried akule and potato chips), Harry Ishii (pickled ginger), Sam Morikawa (pickled peaches, brownies and cookies), Dick Yoshimura (case smoked salmon), Sus Ito (2 big bags peanuts), Frank Yasuda (6 boxes chocolates), Joe Hattori (2 lugs cherries, 2 boxes honeydew melons, 2 boxes cantaloupes, 2 boxes nectarines, 2 lugs peaches, 3 large boxes arare and just too much), Yoshio Fujita (2 lugs strawberries), Fred Ishikawa (5 cases pineapples), Hiroyoshi Imoto (2 boxes oranges, 2 boxes olives), George Mine (taro chips, potato chips, macadamia nuts), George Ishihara (one fresh 150# ahi), Toshio Iwata (almonds, peanuts and dried fruits), Yoshio Taguma (sashimi, pipikaula and char-siu), and Masato Hirata (potato chips and macadamia nut candies). Mrs. Jeanne Herbst, Manager of Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corp. Visitor Center in Hilo also donated macadamia nuts

Post Reunion

The bento dinner at Club 100 with Charlie Chapter, the golf game at HCC and dinner at Tripler's Officers Mess were all held as scheduled with much aloha for our mainland visitors. Much mahalo to Walter and Martha Inouye, Rocky and Leatrice Tanna and all others who assisted in decorating the Club 100th Clubhouse. Also to MC Kats Miho and the other B chapter members and spouses who participated or assisted in the program, in preparing and serving pupus and manning the bar. The dinner at Tripler was again one of much aloha and an interesting one as each person had to prepare his own Mongolian dinner by selecting the meat, fish, vegetables, sauces and spices he/she wanted. This was also the final Reunion/Post Reunion aloha night and there was some sadness as all sang Hawaii Aloha and Aloha Oe. Here again there were a number of generous cash contributions from our mainland guests and they were as follows: Kiyoshi Okano \$127, James Hoshi \$125, Norman Funamura \$50, Sadao Kodama \$100, Henry Togami \$100 and Mas Mori \$200. Judge Daniel Valk also donated another Mets T shirt and suggested

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that it be raffled instead of auctioned as we did with the first he donated.

Our post reunion coordinator, Fred Hirayama, deserves our thanks for the time, effort and stress he absorbed arranging for the dinners, hotel accommodations and transportation for our mainland guests. Also much mahalo to Nancy Uchigaki and Chiyo Shimazu for the flowers at Tripler.

Reunion Wrap-up

Hiromi Fujiwara, our Chapter Treasurer and Reunion financier, assisted by Biggie Nakakura and Joe Obayashi, did yeoman work accounting for all 522 participants and collecting and dispensing funds for the Reunion and Post Reunion. For the Kona Reunion his figures show 150 made it to Kona and of this, 38 were Able, 46 Charlie and 66 Baker. Because of the many cash and food donations, the Kona Reunion ended with a surplus of \$3,023.76 and by mutual consent, all cash donations were distributed to the respective chapters and the balance of \$2,573.76 distributed to the chapters based on each chapter's number or percentage of participants.

One last note for the Reunion and that is to say 'well done' to Don Shimazu, our Chapter President, who was the MC at the Battalion night dinner in Kona and who absorbed the usual punishment as leader.

Ladies/White Elephant Night, August 24th

Just a few words to let you know near 35 met at the clubhouse for this bento dinner. Kats Miho was auctioneer again assisted by Rocky Tanna and Roy Okubo. Collection agent, Biggie Nakakura, collected near \$350 from sales of tsukemono, cookies and other goodies. For those who missed this event, there were also like-new golf clubs for \$10, golf balls at half price and some interesting plants.

Chapter Golf (by Rocky Tanna)

June 25th, HCC

Two days before the NVR in Kona, sixteen golfers teed off for this event and the winners were:

Overall - Ken Kawate, net 67
Front - Joe Obayashi, net 33½
Back - Don Yagami, net 32½
Par 3's - Joe Obayashi, Larry Nakahara, Ken Kawate and Don Yagami

July 2nd, HCC

Eighteen members and five mainland guests participated in this post-reunion game. The guests were Allen Nakamura (Hdq), Mike Kawaguchi (Hdq), Jim Hoshi (Hdq), Mas Mori (Ser) and Kaz Umetsu (friend of Gashouse Ishihara). With perfect weather, the guests had nothing but good words for golfing in Hawaii. Winners for the day were:

1 - George Muramari, 87-22 net 65
2 - Jack Shiroma, 93-27 net 66
3 - Walter Inouye, 92-23 net 69
4 - Allen Nakamura, 86-15 net 71
5 - Kenneth Kawate, 83-11 net 72
6 - Mike Kawaguchi, 93-20 net 73
(tie) - Rocky Tanna, 93-20 net 73
7 - Jerry Ishimoto, 92-18 net 74
(tie) - Stanley Kaneshiro, 98-24 net 74
Par 3's - Mas Mori, Kenneth Kawate and Kaz Umetsu (2)

Allen Nakamura, Jack Shiroma and Jerry Ishimoto donated their winnings to the golf club and Boyan Higa donated a dozen golf balls. After the game, lunch with the guests was at the HCC snack shop.

July 17th, HCC

This was qualifying day for the Club's annual match play championship and since only sixteen golfers checked in, all qualified for match play beginning August 20th. Winners for the day were:

Overall - Teiji Uehara, net 67
Front - Stanley Kaneshiro, net 31½
Back - Flint Yonashiro, net 32
Par 3's - Milton Uchigaki, George Muramari and Flint Yonashiro with no one on the 13th green.

August 20th, HCC

This was the first day of match play and the winners were: Teiji over Mits, Flint over Akabo, Don Y. over kon-kon, George over Ken, Walter over Koyu, Biggie over Rocky, Milton over Joe and Larry over Stanley. Regular play winners for the day were lead by Teiji Uehara, second month in a row.

Overall - Teiji Uehara, net 66
Front - Ted Tsukiyama, net 32
Back - Jerry Ishimoto, net 32½
Par 3's - Boyan Higa, Koyu, Biggie and no one hit the green on the 17th

Note for all golfers

On October 15th, the Golf Club will host lunch at Gibson's Shopping Center Chop Sui House and all who plan to attend this luncheon should inform Rocky for space reservation.

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By Charles Watanabe

Foregoing all previous months report, I will report on the AJA Veterans reunion held in Kailua-Kona on June 27 to July 1, 1990. Nothing much to report on the business end, anyway. Not that Erni is sleeping on the job, but that's the way it is--tell it like it is. But did you know that Erni missed the meeting for the month of August? Of course, with three grandchildren and a new born recently named Daniel Mark Olmos, it's understandable. Three "cheers" and a "Banzai," "it's a boy!"

I questioned Erni how come he missed the last meeting, and he replied "I forgot." I guess he is getting there like the rest of us, and what with three of them, "I forgot" is good enough answer this time.

Now for some news about the reunion in Kona. After much planning, anticipation, and patiently waiting for that day, it is now all history. Time just came and passed by. Already it is time for the next one. "Think about it." Anyway, all the planning and anticipation helped us to better prepare for the 1990 reunion.

Arriving in Kona, and with two vans, Hq 3rd members drove to Kona Hilton, and prepared to open the doors to our buddies from the mainland. Of course, many of them did not arrive till the following day. That was fine for it gave us time to further prepare the social room and to check on the room assignments of those arriving from the mainland. Everything worked out fine as a clock the first day. Time just ticked away, everyone enjoying every minute of it.

Now with everything set, the social room was ready to hold about fifty people. With plenty of pupus and refreshments, the Hq 3rd nite of the reunion was really getting lively. Just about everyone had arrived and greeted each other to talk about the younger years; hence, it was talk all nite long. Pappy Iwamoto circulated his Camp Shelby album, taking us back that many years.

The word is "amazing" how young everyone looks; you haven't changed a bit, only less hair and bigger waist line and tends to forget more often.

During the day, everyone went on a sight-seeing trip...no planned affair...just go to the end of the road and turn around...and head back, which will take good part of the day. Of course, there are many points of interest, historically, as you travel along the way. We stopped at few places like Kawaihae, Pololu Pt, then to Waimea, Kamuela, Parker Ranch, Waipio Valley, and finally,

returned to Kailua Kona via Mamalahoa Hwy. There's a lot of territory to cover, with lava land galore. All the lava to see till you say enough is enough. While in Kamuela, stopped at the Kamuela Shopping Center for lunch, ate at the Great Wall Chop Suey, which gave me time to say "Hello" to my daughter Sandie Williams, who owns the "Kamuela Kids," a children apparel shop.

Kamuela is like being on the mainland...cold and windy...not a place for a warm blooded person like I...cannot stand cold weather.

To continue through Waimea would be going towards Hilo, and decided we've covered enough grounds for one day. All the sightseeing cannot be done in a day, for there are places to visit on the other side of the island like Volcano House, Kalapana, and Hilo.

We did not spend all of the time sightseeing. The wives like to shop so they spent their time looking for bargains and craft sales, visiting Kimura Hat Store to shop for lauhala hats and Kailua Town for T-shirts and Aloha shirts, etc. Much time was spent enjoying things around Kona, buying anything that's Kona and Hawaiian, of course, if it was reasonable...also looking for good places to eat and visiting other shopping centers.

Arriving in Kona, we met Erni's brother-in-law Ed Kaneko. He and Erni's sister Kay, who own a sizable farm in Kona with coffee, flowers, and whatever else growing, opened their place for our guests to visit and enjoy. "Thanks" Kay and Ed for your warm hospitality during our visit there, and also for providing the sumptuous poki, sashimi, and the beautiful flowers from your garden, which enhanced our social room.

Now that I mentioned food, all the goodies were made available through the generosity of members from both here and the mainland. We have to mention that the all-you-can-eat pupus and snacks included beef steak, dried meat, mango bread, soy beans, Ika squid, Tako, lichee, manju, chocolates, candies, pastries, king salmon, salmon file (salmon from Sa Nakata), puff rice cake, pistachio nuts, almonds, smoked fish, huli huli chicken, soft and hard drinks and other refreshments, too numerous to mention them all. It was "ask and you shall receive." If you missed anything...well, you didn't ask.

I want to say "Thanks" for everyone's generosity, especially to the mainlanders who are more than just friends.

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A special "Thank You" goes to Bill and Yaeko Kuwata, who arranged all the hotel rooms, social rooms, and more special "Thank You" to Stacey Kuwata (Bill and Yaeko's son) and Cameron Hewines...they made it possible for all to happen. The service at the hotel was fantastic, nothing goes by unnoticed to please our comfort, Da Kine best, Hq 3rd never had it so good. Stacey and Cameron also invited us over to their apartment for breakfast; it is along the: forget which hole by the golf course. Good thing Tommy Tamashiro, Horse Tadakuma and Ted Oye did not know which apartment it was. Be terrible to have a golf ball landing on your hot cakes, eggs and coffee...causing a big splash.

Incidentally, if ever you're in Kona, there's a place called Bun in the Sun. Stacey is the baker and manager. Stop by for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Very delicious pastries too. Before I forget to mention, Stacey and Cameron reside in Palena Village, Keahou.

Remember the name, Murphy Matsuoka? Sure, everybody knows Murphy; he was the strong man of Hq 3rd. Strong in that he had muscle and strength As to his whereabouts, he is in Kona, works at a Hotel. Served in the Army during Korean war and retired. Murphy showed up in the social room eager to see all his friends. Another mystery solved.

Enjoying the reunion from the mainland were, Ben and Dorothy Fukutome, Tats and Sumiko Iwate, Shig and Ritsuko Matsufuji, Ken and Takako Miyamoto, Victor and Anne Moriyasu, Harry and Harriet Nakayama, Ed and Chieko Okazaki, Ted and Sunkie Oye, Bernard and Doris Perlswieg, Kay and May Sato, Orville and Maude Shirey, Horse and Fumi Tadakuma, Roy and Grace Uyeda, and Sa Nakata. I always thought of Sa as local.

If you thought the reunion in Kona was it, better think again, not so with Hq 3rd. After returning to Honolulu, whoever (mainlanders) stopped in Honolulu and visited Waikiki, and most of them did, were invited to a dinner at Sam and Michi Sasai's residence. What a "FABULOUS" dinner it was. All you can eat of the bountiful spread, what an event! If you know Michi, you don't get just anything, you get treated to a superb gourmet, da Kine very good kine.

The evening was fun filled, fast talking and chatting, and just enjoying every moment of it. Our heartiest MAHALO to the Sasai's for their graciousness, generosity, and warm hospitality. Also thanks to the other wives who lent their talent in preparing the various dishes to make this evening a memorable one indeed.

So what else was in store for our visitors? Hold your horses, not through yet. The following nite was a ladies nite out so off they went to "Hale Koa" for dinner and floor show. Well, that was all right, for the men folks had a stag nite at the DAV Kakesako Hall, enjoying an evening of bull session. Everything was just fine with more food and a good turnout, especially by folks we hardly see except occasionally like Max Fujinaka, Robert Owan, Walter Omura, and Ed Fujiwara.

This just about covers the reunion news; any thing I missed will be reported at a later date, the nite report.

Now for some Da Kine news and more acknowledgements. I will cover as much and just as fast as I can so you don't fall asleep.

Just heard that Robert and Edna Kuniyuki went on a sentimental journey to Italy. Will cover this later. Thanks to Robert and Edna for an additional, generous contribution to our treasury. Hope the IRS doesn't get on our tail.

Also to Ai Yamada for contributing towards the Memorial Day flowers. "Thanks" to Ai Yamada, very much.

Also, the mainlanders have contributed very substantially to Hq reunion treasury. To them "Much Thanks" for your thoughtfulness.

Thanks to Pappy and Doris Iwamoto for the album and refreshments for the reunion.

Did you know that Hal Mikuni fell and broke his arm? Hq 3rd now has broken foots and arms. Take care Hal.

"Thanks" to Janet Matsuda for the lei's provided for in Kona and at the ladies nite out.

Again to Ed and Kay Kaneko for the genuine hospitality extended us at their farm, and all the poki's, sashimi, and flowers...words are inadequate.

Stacey Kuwata and Cameron Hewines, sincerest "Thanks" to you for all your hard work and unbeatable Hawaiian hospitality.

I don't know if you're tired of all this reading by now, but here are a little more, just so it won't slip my mind.

Notes of "thank you" received by Erni Uno and Charles Watanabe, from Hq 3rd members...excerpts follows:

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Barney and Doris Perlswiez - "Thanks" for everything, the kids loved the show at Hale Koa.

Ted and Sunkie Oye - Let's stay well for our next reunion. "Thanks" for everything. Love to play tennis.

Tats Iwate will try to stay in shape for the next reunion. Sumi is fine and very much appreciative of all the attention she received.

Ken and Takako Miyamoto - Many "Thanks" for all the omiyage.

Horse and Fumi Tadakuma - "Thanks" a lot and we mean it too.

Sa Nakata - "Thanks," it was hard work so appreciate it more than ever.

Roy and Grace Uyeda - "Thanks," but what happened to all the mangoes, guavas, pineapples, and bananas trees, etc. we heard so much about. Thanks for everything...the memories.

Answer to Roy, sorry you did not like the lava. Was hoping to sell you some.

If ever you need a driver who has the knack for showing visitors around, just call on Hajime Matsuura. He is a mountain goat and a knowledgeable driver, where he gets his energy from is beyond comprehension. He not only has super unleaded, but extra super booster to recharge. "Thanks" Hajime, you're the best Hq 3rd ever had.

While we are into saying "Thank You," I might add Mr. Erni Uno's name to the list. He not only took charge of the reunion, but he also did all the pre-reunion newsletter reporting. Kept the club informed of everything...a job more than well done. "Thanks Erni," and also to Grace, who must have had something to say and do to make the reunion the success that it was. After all a special woman is always behind a special man. Or is it the other way.

A final note of interest: Janet and Shigeru Goto entered a Karaoke contest. Result? Ask Shigeru...and he'll tell you "only forgot the words."

All pau for now. Da kine thing is tired, so aloha and mahalo...more lava to you.

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS By Alexander J. Oka

The enthusiastic participation by all members of Service Chapter resulted in the success of the Kona Reunion. Special recognition for Ralph Chinaka for coordinating all events and to James Miyake, Masaji Kurozumi, Tom Tanaka, Ichiro Hasegawa and Charles Saiki for their assistance.

Mainland members at the reunion were Masami Endo, Phillip and Mary Ichino, Royal and Hiro Manaka, Gen and Dolly Ogata, Harold and Jane Riebesell, Herbert and Arnice Sasaki, and Yoshiro and Julia Tokiwa. From the Big Island were Yukio Ishihara, Isamu and Aiko Kanekuni. From Kauai Charles Saiki and Ted and Clara Yamate. From Maui Richard and Alma Hashi and daughter Carol. From Oahu - Susumu and Kozue Awaya, Ralph and Grace Chinaka, Gordon Furuto, Ichiro Hasegawa, Mike Inouye, Terry Itaki, Takemi Kajikawa, Masaji Kurozumi, James and Martha Miyake, Toshio Nakanishi, Alexander and Jean Oka, Masami and Margaret Tanabe, Tom and Chiyoko Tanaka, Noboru and Masako Tanoue, and Sam and Frances Yamada.

In charge of the hospitality room was Masaji Kurozumi assisted by Terry Itaki, Charles Saiki, Masami Endo and Ichiro Hasegawa. Special thanks to Ichiro Hasegawa's sister for providing transportation and for arranging for the supplies. Also to Toshio Nakanishi for assisting Hase by being in charge of the "Motor Pool".

The Hospitality Room was overflowing with goodies. The Manakas in addition to a gift to each member of the reunion, provided two delicious cases of cherries. Phillip Ichino also contributed delicious case of cherries and a case of nectarine. Herbert Sasaki for several boxes of unique New Orleans Purline Candies. Richard Hashi for loads of Maui Weiners and chips along with a huge tray of Sashimi and several bottles of joyful beverages. Charles Saiki for the huge 96 quart cooler full of delicious seafood-opihi, poki, etc. Saiki lugged the cooler all the way from Kauai. Harold Riebesell's gift was a beautiful magnetized address book for each member. The outstanding feature of this gift was the beautiful "Go for Broke" logo on the front. In addition to the above mentioned gifts, many members made substantial monetary gift to assist in financing the reunion.

Thursday was a free day enjoyed by many members with a walking tour of Old Kailua Town. That evening was the Polynesian Show.

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For Friday and Saturday the Chapter chartered a school bus to visit the north end and the south end of the island. Since there were about 50 members at the reunion, the school bus with capacity for 55 passengers was obtained. It wasn't until that we got on board did we realize that the 55 passengers was for high school students and not for senior citizens with solid foundations. Fortunately, all the wives had maintained their high school figures so that we were able to sit comfortably throughout the trip. Friday's tour was to Honokaa to see the Macademia nut factory and to Waipio Lookout. This was followed with lunch at Kamuela and finished with a drive by the luxury hotels along the Kona coast. That evening was Chapter Night with a dinner cruise on Captain Beams Cruise Ship.

Saturday was the tour of the south side highlighted with the visit to the Volcano National Park. After a brief visit at the museum, the group went outside the park for lunch. The original plan was to have lunch at the Volcano House. Since the workers were on strike, we honored their picket line and went elsewhere for lunch. Fortunately Susumu Awaya knew of this quaint place called Volcano Village. On the return trip there were brief stops at the City of Refuge and at a Kona Coffee Mill. Our bus driver was from South Kona and his knowledge of the area added to our enjoyment.

The post reunion activities continued on Oahu with a Chinese dinner on Sunday, a potluck dinner at the Miyakes on Monday and concluded with a Teahouse party on Tuesday.

Each departing mainland participant was presented with a beautiful lei prepared by Chic Tanaka. The leis were so beautiful that some of the ladies preferred to take them home in the plastic containers to be preserved for additional memories of the reunion. Chic, we thank you for your beautiful contributions. The leis were the most appropriate and wonderful way to conclude a memorable reunion.

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Back at home we are going through jet-lag that all travelers suffer through. Yet it is nice to be home. A quick evaluation after two weeks in Middle Europe: economic cooperation is possible; political unity even in the distant future is not probable! Aloha from Cupertino!

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By James Sakamoto

The Kona Nisei Veterans Reunion has come and gone and this item will commence with names of Hq 2 participants: Col. James & Joan Hanley (CA) and Col. Bert & Hannah Nishimura lead the contingent. The Anti-tank Platoon was headed by our long lost leader, Kenny Masamitsu and wife, Mary (CA) and followed by Bill Thompson; Toshi & Ruth Narimatsu; Pat & Misako Hagiwara (WA); Herb & Sue Isonaga; Larry & Florence Hashimoto; Yoshito & Yuki Mizuta (WA); Takashi Okemura; Richard & Fumi Yamamoto (MD); Ed & June Sasaki (TX); Wally Ueki and Edwin & Hisa Shimabukuro (CO). A & P Platoon was represented by Sueo Higuchi; Yasunobu & Margaret Shoho; Yoshio Sugi; Katsuaki & Toshiko Tanigawa; Harry & June Morikawa (CA); Matt & Setsuko Shishido (CA) and Mitsuo & Thelma Sato (WA). Communication Section: Jack Tagawa (CA); Larry & Violet Ishida and Nobe and Margie Miyamoto (CA). I&R: Masa Yamamoto and Toshi & Grace Hayama. Medics: Kazuo & Michelle Tonasa and Bob & Aiko Endo (CA). Cook: Fred & Sue Sugimoto. Supply: Richard & Marjorie Nakamura. Clerk: Yoshio & Doris Watanabe. Guest: James & Margarette Murakami (CA). (Margarette is the sister of Pete Matsuoka, a much loved and respected anti-tanker, whom we lost in France. He was a great athlete and would have been an All American candidate as a running back had he been able to continue on to college.)

Goro & Yuri Tanamachi (OH), in spite of Goro's poor health, intended to be in Kona. However, fate proved otherwise and Goro passed away on May 22. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Yuri and family.

James & Mitsue Sakamoto were also anxious to join the gang at the reunion but Jimmy was struck by stroke in May and had to cancel their plans. Fortunately, he is making good progress and is recovering nicely at home.

Steve & Nora Takenouchi were scheduled to be in Kona, but Steve's health took a turn to the worst and so they also had to revise their plans. (On a very sad note, I regret to have to insert the news of Steve's death on August 14th). Our most heartfelt condolences to Nora and family.

Tad & Adelle Sakai (NY) would have been present if Tad's health permitted. We can only surmise that his condition has not improved to weather such a long journey.

We heard from Al Salter twice regarding the reunion and he and his wife were looking forward to the reunion. In his second call he reported

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that he was scheduled for a serious operation in April and that if he recovered in time to travel, he would definitely be with us. We have not heard from him since so we wish him well and speedy recovery.

On a happier note, we are delighted that Lippy Higuchi has made remarkable progress and is now well enough to travel and even drive. His presence in Kona has renewed our trust that others now suffering from various ailments may well, indeed, be able to join us in our Golden Anniversary in 1993.

Our appreciation goes to Bill Thompson whose tireless and generous efforts made the reunion in Kona a big success. His search for addresses of long lost brethrens was sterling and his persistence and cajolery resulted in an outstanding number of 59 Hq 2 people who showed up in Kona. All of his undertakings were at his personal expense for he refuses to be reimbursed by the Chapter; this includes all the booze and other goodies for the various functions. Effort will be made to compensate him in one way or the other.

The volcano and Kohala tours he arranged were not only memorable but perhaps never to be duplicated. As a favor to Bill, Momi Lum, the Kahuna Nui (guardian-priest) of the Mo'okini Heiau made a special trip to Kona to conduct a comprehensive tour of the Mo'okini Heiau and the birth place of King Kamehameha I. Bill also planned for guided tours through the fabulous Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and the Volcano Observatory.

At this juncture, the four golfers; Larry Hashimoto, Salty Mizuta, Wally Ueki and Herb Isonaga wish to thank Bill for the complimentary round of golf he arranged for them at Mauna Lani. (Larry and Salty, who was the "star", beat Wally and Herb very badly. The losers alibi is that Wally was not up to par because he kept the Hospitality room jumping till the wee hours with his singing and continuous lubrication. To answer the question, how come the four were the invitees to play at Mauna Lani? It should be pointed out that anti-tankers were accommodated by their former platoon sergeant.

While on the subject of golf, in addition to the four golfers already mentioned, Bert Nishimura and Yuki Mizuta participated in the Reunion Golf Tournament. Prizes were won by Yuki and Larry. The others bombed out.

Chapter eight was held at the famous Teshima Restaurant. Because Ruth Narimasu's sister is Mrs. Teshima, we were royally feasted. The entire Hq2 contingent of 59 were present for good food, fun and battle stories which sounded more intriguing than reality.

The heart of the evening was a program prepared by Bill Thompson. He put on a slide show of photos taken during military service accompanied by appropriate popular tunes of that era. Where Bill found the photos of the then youthful warriors remain a mystery and raises one to wonder whether we were fighting or on a photo tour. Salty Mizuta was again the star in the presentation with two mademoiselles in his arms.

The evening ended with a few tears when Bill solemnly concluded his slide show with photos of the final resting places of several of our KIA's.

At the Chapter Farewell Dinner at the Hilton, we enjoyed Toshi Narimatsu's inimitable soulful singing and strumming of the uke - just like old times. But most delightful was having his wife, Ruth jumping up during his performance to proudly exclaim "that's my husband."

Wally Ueki entertained us continuously. His performances in the hospitality room was particularly noteworthy. Age has mellowed his vocal chords and the romance he brought back from yesteryears were greatly enjoyed by all.

Salty Mizuta provided his rendition of Hawaiian songs. He has not lost his style nor the words to the old songs. Somehow it appears that he passed up on his theme song "Tiny Bubbles" this time. It could be that I was not present when he sang it.

Speaking about remembering old songs, it was most amazing to hear Sus Yamamoto sing; not only the first verses of the Italian and French songs, as is the case for most of us, but he could go on into the third and final verses of all of them. He either practiced those songs prior to the reunion or his powers of retention is super.

The reliable combo of Larry Ishida and Kazu Tomasa was always available. They contributed immeasurably to the entertainment with their songs and accompaniment for our many erstwhile performers.

Mary Masamitsu should be awarded a prize for the most attentive and appreciative listener. She put her heart into every tune and mouthed the words as they were sung. She seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the reunion and assured us that Kenny will no longer be lost to future events. (The Masamitsu's left for Kauai immediately after the reunion in Kona to visit with Moto Okada, his driver, Baggy Tsuchiya and Steve Takenouchi).

Events at Kona was followed with a chinese dinner at Maple Garden in Honolulu. We were joined by most of the visitors except those who

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had to leave directly for other parts. Steve and Nora Takenouchi made a special trip from Kauai to join us. It was a brave and moving gesture for one so ill to hazard a tiring journey to visit with old comrades. (Sadly, it proved to be his expression of farewell to all of us).

It was good to have some of the locals like Rusty Honda, Shoho and Larry Hashimoto present at Maple Garden. It would be nice to see them more often and have others whom we have not seen for ages join us from time to time.

To conclude the reunion phase of this report, we would like to thank our mainland friends for the generous donations they made, both in goods and money, to help defray expenses. Your kind gestures are greatly appreciated and will encourage us to strive harder for a successful reunion in 1993.

Moriso Teraoka who arranged for the dinner at Maple Garden, was featured in the June 12 Star Bulletin. The lead paragraph reads "Say 'thank you' to Moriso Teraoka, the man who transformed a weed covered hillside on Diamond Head into a world-class cactus and succulent garden. And he didn't plan it to improve his property, he did it for us."

The garden is located on the new campus of Kapiolani Community College and if you should drive by the upper parking lot of the campus, you will be treated, not only to a beautiful display, but you might find Moriso, his wife and grandchild tending the garden.

In May he received one of the four 1990 Beautification Awards presented by the Outdoor Circle. The awards, given annually since 1912, recognize outstanding landscaping projects on Oahu. Moriso was the only individual to be honored this year. The other awards went to the Department of Transportation and a religious organization.

Before I close this report, I would like to remind all that the army service questionnaire which was circulated in Kona should be completed and returned to the U.S. Army Military History Institute as soon as possible. The 442 RCT is one of only 20 World War II units selected for the preservation of detailed records. Your personal experiences and thoughts are a vital part of the historical record of the unit. Most of us choose to keep our war experiences private but here is an opportunity to express them somewhat anonymously. The questionnaire is lengthy and time consuming. I suggest that you answer only those questions you wish to answer and do not get bogged down trying to recollect situations. (The questionnaire is available at the Clubhouse for

those missed in Kona or at the last Chapter meeting).

This report is closed with the sincerely thoughtful talk given by Col. James Hanley at the Welcome Banquet. He was recognized at the reunion as the senior surviving officer of the 442 Regimental Combat Team.

THE NISEI LAMENT

(with apologies to President Lincoln)

By Colonel James Martin Hanley

Two score and seven years ago

At early morn of a day of worship

The sun-spotted eagles of Japan

(Emulating Icarus in the end)

Swooped and rose and swooped again

Leaving in their wake death and destruction

On that beautiful Isle

The Pearl of the Pacific

Our nation was thus thrust into a World War
Which may well have determined whether this nation

Or any nation

Conceived in Liberty and

Dedicated to the proposition that

All men are created equal

Might long endure

It harvested for Americans of Japanese ancestry
Shame - Fear - Frustration - Suspicion

They were vilified and accused

Rumors were rampant of

Disloyalty to America and

Obeisance to an Emperor

The response of the Government was

Internment!

Behind Barbed wire

Internment!

Under Armed Guard

Internment!

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For the duration of the war

(Just think for a moment)

One-Hundred-Twenty-Thousand

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Japanese American

Men and Women

Children and Infants

Citizen and Alien

The response of the Nisei was to answer

Vilification with a turned cheek

Charges of disloyalty with enlistment

In the Armed Forces

Sneers with blood -

Blood spilled on foreign soil

Echoing through the Nisei Community

Came a call for volunteers

Volunteers for the Armed Forces

(As "Enemy Aliens" the draft spurned them)

In Hawaii the response was overwhelming

On the Mainland they volunteered under armed guard

A most difficult and wrenching decision

For each Nisei

One might have expected that from behind barbed
wire

The Nisei to a man would have replied to the call
"Free my brother -- then I will join your army"

In the event the call was met many times over
And over again

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team became a reality

Many - too - too - many

Gave their last full measure of devotion

They redeemed their honor with blood

Many thousands served in the Military Intelligence

Service in the Pacific Theatre

In combat with their ancestral homeland

With equal valor

The nation has not forgotten

The blood toil and tears of the Japanese American

Note the upbound in the civil rights movement

To which the sacrifices of the Nisei made a

contribution

But has it forgotten the insensitivity

Of branding a segment of its citizenry

Saboteurs and disloyal flunkies of a foreign power

And hysterically incarcerating them?

What did these stalwart men do?

They fought gallantly at Mount Cassino in Italy

In a brilliant operation against Mount Belvedere

In the renowned capture of Bruyeres in France

In the famed rescue of the "lost Battalion"

of the Texas 36th Division in the

Vosges Mountains of Lorraine

What has been said of these men

What have their Commanders said

This is what has been said

This is what President Franklin Roosevelt said

This is what he said

The proposal to organize a combat team consisting of

Citizens of Japanese ancestry

Has my full approval

Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart

American is not, and never was

A matter of race or ancestry.

And this is what Congressman K W Stimson said

This is what he said

If any race living in America

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Should have lost faith in America

It should have been the Japanese Americans

They had begged and petitioned

For this (chance to prove their loyalty)

For two long bitter years

And when they were at last given the opportunity

The response was overwhelming

These volunteers became the most decorated unit

In our military history

General George C Marshall Army Chief of Staff

said this

This is what he said

Clark took them (the 100th Battalion)

They were superb

They took terrific casualties

They showed rare courage and

Tremendous fighting spirit

Everyone wanted them

We used them ... dramatically

In the advance in Italy.

What did General Mark W Clark Fifth Army

Commander say?

This is what he said

General Marshall gave me strict

Personal instructions

To report to him immediately the outcome

Of your first baptism of fire

After your engagement I said

They performed magnificently

On the field of battle

I've never had such fine soldiers

Send me all you can.

Colonel Charles Wilbur Pence

The beloved and highly respected

Combat Team Commander said this

This is what he said

It was my great honor and privilege

To have under my command

These fine young men whose character
And courage were above and beyond the call

Who carried every mission

Performed every duty without stint

In the best American traditions

And what does this former Battalion Commander say?

This is what I say

One could not have commanded a more

Moral, harder working, more conscientious

Group of men

The youngest fully and deeply felt the

Racial tone of events

In and out of battle they were

Generous, caring and self-sacrificing

Each Man, without exception

Did more than his full share

Were they brave?

Bravery is a word without specific definition

If it were to be defined as self-sacrifice for
others

Then they were brave beyond measure

Did they prove their loyalty?

A dozen times over - and over again

They were the only American soldiers called upon

To validate their birthright---

American

And let us not overlook the soul-searing trauma

Suffered by the Japanese Americans

Rejection and discrimination have left their mark

But it is buried deep in the psyche

And few are ken to it.

The Nisei Veteran says it all in this manner

This is what he says

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"With malice toward none
 With charity for all
 With firmness in the right
 As God gives us to see the right
 Let us strive on to finish the work
 To bind up our wounds
 To care for those who shall have borne the battle
 To do all which may achieve and cherish
 A just and lasting accommodation between all
 Americans
 One with the other".

There march our comrades lost in the valiant effort
 We hear the tramp of boots
 Through the haze and shadows
 Here and there a raised hand in salute
 The marching shades say to us
 "Well done! - you have kept the faith"
 We say: "Heroes all!
 March on through eternity that those who follow
 Will know your sacrifice"

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And what should we as Americans say of the Nisei
 This is what we should say
 We should highly resolve
 That the dead shall not have died in vain
 That the Japanese American sacrifices
 Shall not be lost in the mystic of time
 That this nation shall have a new Birth of Freedom
 And shall develop racial, ethnic and religious
 Bonds of harmony and
 That we shall revere this Government
 Of the People By the People For the people

2/12/88 JMH

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By Edward Ishiyama

Charley Chapter participants at the Kona Reunion agreed that the Reunion was an uplifting experience because of the genuine Camaraderie and Fellowship exhibited by Charley members, some of whom had not seen each other for over 45 years.

It appears that the Reunion was a huge success judging by the big turnout of mainlanders and local Hawaiians, with everyone enjoying the various daytime activities planned and unplanned. From all indications the organized evening activities, such as the Banquets and Battalion night Festivities, were enjoyed by all. The informal activities during the day, however, were the highlights for most mainlanders, courtesy of cab drivers, Tsutomu Fujimoto, Harry Ishii, Masato Hirata, Kokomo Hokama, Jimmy Shigeta and the number 1 chief tour conductor, our bon vivant Akabo Takasaki. These tour guides took the visitors everywhere sightseeing, shopping, etc., etc. Thank you gang.

The hospitality room was the most popular hangout for the visitors during the day because it was stocked with all kinds of beverages as well as fabulous kau kau and goodies such as sushi, sashimi, and all kinds of pastries everyday of the Reunion. The localites acted as bartenders, waiters, gofers, etc. and I'm sure the visitors appreciate that. Hardrock Nakamura was Charley's chief cook and bottle washer assigned to the hospitality room detail.

The post reunion activities in Honolulu were also enjoyed by the visitors. The organized planned activities were a Battalion bento gathering at Club 100 in which events involving the Dachau Concentration Camp were highlighted. On Monday, July 2, Charleys (5 tables strong) converged at the Inn of the Sixth Happiness for a fabulous Chinese Dinner. Franco Tsuzuki, a partner in the restaurant, arranged the kau kau, assisted by Sada Higa.

During the day various Oahu members volunteered their services to squire the visitors around various places of interest, as well as shopping and dining out. The mainland visitors were impressed with the personal attention given them and appreciate our efforts and hospitality.

The mainlanders who attended only the Kona phase were:

Mr. & Mrs. Manabi Hirasaki
 Mr. & Mrs. Mas Ogawa
 Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Takeshita

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Mr. & Mrs. Fumio Okamura
 Mr. Frank Yasuda

The mainlanders who attended both the Kona and Honolulu Reunion were:

Mr. & Mrs. Sus Ito
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nakatani
 Mr. & Mrs. George Oiye
 Mr. & Mrs. Tee Sugita
 Mr. & Mrs. Tad Tokuda
 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Yamanoha
 Mr. Chester Girard & Daughter, Pam
 Mr. Mac Nishimoto
 Mrs. Evelyn Domoto
 L. Hamaguchi
 Rita Oshima

From the Island of Hawaii, we had:

Mr. & Mrs. Tsutomu Fujimoto
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ishii (Kona only)
 Mr. & Mrs. Masato Hirata (Kona only)

From Maui:

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Morikawa (Kona only)

From Honolulu:

Mr. & Mrs. Sada Higa
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kunimura
 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Shigeta
 Mr. Kokomo Hokama
 Mr. Hardrock Nakamura
 Mr. Akabo Takasaki
 Mr. Franco Tsuzuki
 Mrs. Jane Yamao

The planning and execution of the various logistics involved in reunions of this magnitude was a tremendous undertaking. As we all know these things don't just happen - it has to be orchestrated. Fortunately, we had excellent co-conductors in Sada Higa and Kokomo Hokama who meshed the various pieces together which resulted in beautiful harmony. Besides the co-conductors, the various players in the orchestra who played prominent roles were, Tsutomu Fujimoto, Harry Ishii who "volunteered" to be the liaison for the Kona phase and of course "Hardrock" Nakamura who was the Overseer for the Hospitality Room.

For the Honolulu phase, the biggest headache of handling the transportation logistics fell on the broad shoulders of Dr. Bob Kikawa, who effortlessly coordinated this function without a hitch. Kokomo Hokama was the "ALOHA" Committee, welcoming as many visitors as he possibly could manage and also seeing them off.

Our thanks to all who gave of themselves so that the Reunion could be a success.

Our thanks also to all those who contributed goodies to the Hospitality Room.

Our special thanks to the following for donating to the Chapter treasury:

Masato Hirata, Sam Morikawa, Sus Ito, Tad Tokuda, Frank Nakatani, Nelson Akagi, George Oiye and Chester Girard.

Our condolences to Lt. Chester Girard and family. Lt. Girard's wife passed away shortly before the Reunion.

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Nevada	Dewey/Kiyo Fukui
Washington	Charles/Amy Furumasu; Clement/Rosalina Miyaya; Noboru/Mary Morio
Idaho	Sam/Mary Ogawa
Colorado	Ray/Marguerite Sakaguchi
Michigan	Frank/Dorothy Kuroda
Northern Calif.	Tom/Alyce Kokka; Kingo/ Midy Kotake; Minor/Lilly Miyasaki and Yukio Okamoto
Southern Calif.	Tets/Dorothy Asato; Bones/ Shiz Fujimoto; Taki/Ann Handa; George/Chiye Hayashi; George/Mary Karatsu; Mary Kawabata and Sue Nishinaka; Roy/Fumy Machida; Jimmy/Masayo Makino; Tom/Sachi Nakamoto and their personable son Greg; George/Mary Nakatsu; Kay Sekino and Aiko Yoshida. There were several other guests who joined us also.

It was another very enjoyable and successful reunion -- and we're already looking forward to the next one!

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By Akira Fukunaga

They came from all points and were conquered. The Tank-Killers converged on Kona from Staten Island, Hyattsville, Md.; Newtown, PA.; Chicago, Seattle, Bellevue, Manteca, Stockton, Torrance, La Mirada, Gardena, Glendale, Salinas, L.A.; Maui, Oahu and Hawaii. All acclaimed the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion "The Best Ever".

Our accolades go to Chairman Fred Fujimoto and his volunteers who engineered and fashioned a most memorable event. Especially noteworthy were his prayers for "No Rain" to insure the success of the outdoor banquets.

On the A.T. end we are indebted to Prexy Kazuo Kiyonaga and his mentor Mitsuo Akiyama for spearheading the chapter functions. Mitsuo and Shizue had red and white indentifying leis to begin the festivities.

Deserving of special, beaucoup Mercis are Goro and Yayoko Inaba. A. T. chapter was a happening at their legendary Kona Hotel. It was the perfect setting in Kona. The Hotel, perched high in picturesque Holualoa, was blessed with welcome coolness and a sweeping view of the golden Kona Coast.

To match this setting, the Inabas overwhelmed the Glider Troopers with an unbelievable array of American, Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiian cuisine unmatched by even the most renowned.

In the entryway there were pupus: pipi kaula, smoked pork, smoked meat, pistachio nuts, kim chee style cucumber and tako, squid and onion pickled and cherries. A good start!

Beyond the entry in the foyer -- W O W ! !

Fruit salad, toss salad - carrot and celery with dip, potato salad, boiled bean sprouts - shoyu and vinegar, fish cake, beans with miso sauce, tako and squid, namasu, shoga, zuiki picked with fish, stuffed aburage, musubi with ume and ginger, sekihan - good luck rice, tempura, sashimi, kakuna, broccoli-cauliflower-crab salads, chow mein, kalua pig, chicken long rice, laulau, mandarin chicken, turkey, shrimp, steamed fish (rock cord), baked ham, barbecue meat, sushi, warabi rice, opihi, fresh pineapple.

For dessert - kanten haupia, pineapple upside down cake.

Just about reunion time Jerry Hulse, a noted Times travel writer, was visiting Kona to write about "Hawaii, My Old Friend". A good portion of

his article, which appeared in the L. A. Times featured his impressions of the Inabas' Kona Hotel. The core of this article is reflected in this written comment by a guest of the hotel. His statement: "This hotel has heart and soul and personality. Kindness, generosity and hospitality abide."

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Hiroshi Kaku, Staten Island, was there with his three cameras for his popular candids and group pictures. For the group picture portion he had about a dozen assistants who remembered to bring their own shutters. Group picture taking was prolonged as late arrivals dribbled in two or more at a time. There will be many different group pictures. As the gathering grew, benches had to be brought out, strays ushered back in the fold, regrouped again and again. We'll depend on Kaku to come up with the official one.

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A piercing two-fingered whistle from Akiyama silenced the throng, over-stuffed after the sumptuous repast. Minoru "Chappie" Kishaba took over as M.C. His laid back, dry humor had Tank-Killers and spouses in a jolly mood throughout. Then it was Hoopuna time, the Hawaiian gift-exchanging tradition.

Eddy and Gladys Murakami brought walnuts from Stockton.

"Chappie" and Mollie Kishaba, La Mirada, came through with crocheted pot holders and hand towels. Mollie didn't own up to the many hours she enjoyed preparing for this get-together.

Joe and Doris Mori, Kula, presented the spouses with exquisite dolls made from parts of the Protea blossom. A creative gem, no less. Hubby Joe looked on proudly. We'll wager everyone has his protea doll prominently displayed at home.

The pair from the Northwest - George, Maly and Melissa Tamura, Bellevue; and Hifumi and Matsuko Saimo, Seattle; distributed Key Chains and contributed the Crabs and Cherries for feast for the ages.

The Honolulu group had chocolates for all.

The Hilo A.T. passed out Kona blend coffee.

The Inabas topped it all with Kona Home Grown coffee. Goro has 100 coffee trees planted in his backyard.

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Everyone was happy to see Amy Sakimoto, First Lady of A.T., looking so well. Amy was one of the first to preview the First Hawaiian Bank's commercial on a Go For Broke reunion. She was asked by Mr. Park, manager of the L.A. office of Milici, Valenti, Park & Gabriel, producers, to see if she recognized any of the veterans. Surprised and elated she immediately pointed out the Hawaiian stranded in Iowa City.

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At every reunion a "stranger" suddenly shows up. This reunion's welcome surprise was the unpredictable Joe Mori, retired Maui fire-fighter turned gentleman farmer. Forty-four years passed before this meeting.

Still vivid in his memory is when the kitchen crew, after dallying in the PX, was late feeding A.T. Co. on maneuvers. Flash lights were required to scoop the food. All hell broke loose and the C.O. summarily took away their spoons, forks and ladles. However, he enjoyed his years as a cook and today takes credit for the survivors at the reunion. He claims his fare prompted the GIs to toughen up and develop cast-iron stomachs. This stood them in good stead all these years, he concluded, amid guffaws.

After the reunion we were privileged to sample some of his dried persimmons. We enjoyed one of the best. He's certainly making good use of his acres in Kula, raising persimmons, protea and whatever comes to his fancy.

Tetsuji Kajiya, a long lost brother, is also a persimmon grower in the Kula area. In fact, his parents were one of the pioneers.

For those who did not attend the Reno reunion Harry Inouye was another "stranger" that few recognized off the bat. Jack Kaguni, Masato Doi and Ko Hata were looking forward to testing Harry's low handicap. A former starter at the Paradise Country Club he used to score against movie actors and other celebrities that played there. Due to blindness in his left eye, he cannot follow the flight of his drives anymore. So the anticipated duel did not come off.

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Somehow the subject of nicknames in A.T. Co. came up. Here's an abbreviated list:

Chappie, Pluto, Savage, Flash, Putt-Putt, Bow Wow, Camel, Yellow, Petite, Mino, Onion, Tak, Hot Sauce, H. P., Smiley, Kats, Carradine, Doc, Ko, Rugged, Super Duck, Sunshine, Chilly, Pops, Feeduke, Bull, Angel, Cup Cake, Akut, Ham, Kun, Oscar, Chowhound, Pee Wee, Mole, Dyke, Lefty . . .

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All are approaching the age when a mysterious shrinking of the body takes place, Judge Doi affirms this medical phenomena. He swears that he measured 5'4" when he stood tall at induction, today he is down to 5'3".

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Akiyama reports that 25 gathered at the Fujii Restaurant in Hilo for a mini post-reunion in honor of the Tamuras and Melissa and the Saimos. The NW pair were able to explore Pele's playground in detail. Then they made all the stops by meeting the rest of the mainland gang at the Hee Hing, Honolulu, for a delicious seven course dinner. Other mainlanders there were: Angel Ikenaga, Chicago; Hattoris, Kishabas, Murakamis, Nakatas, and Kaku. Twenty-five Honoluluans were hosts.

At the Honolulu gathering Shiroku and Mrs. Yamamoto and Wallace and Mrs. Kagawa were warmly greeted, for many did not make contact with them since the end of war. Many goodies were awarded as door prizes and the Tamuras lightened their going home baggage with gifts of canned salmon.

It was a wonderful, wonderful reunion. The Best Ever.

The mainlanders truly enjoyed their stay in Hawaii. And the Islanders loved having them.

George, Maly and Melissa express the consensus of our friends across the sea with these words in a recent communication:

"We had a really wonderful time at the reunion. You guys are really something else. Your hospitality knows no bounds. When I hear people speak of 'Southern Hospitality', I think, Now that's a real misnomer, if I ever heard one. More appropriately it should be 'Hawaiian Hospitality' the ultimate graciousness, kindness, and generosity, all performed with a certain style and pizzazz."

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Just think how much fun we had playing the musical numbers at our final banquet. We worried about the gift prizes but you had more fun just passing those number cards in the musical circle! The feeling of sharing and caring is truly precious which we cherish all these years . . . this heartwarming experience blossoms with enrichment at every reunion!

Mahalo and fondest aloha,

Masami & June

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by
Ron Oba

Kona Skies So Clear
Languishing Past and Present
Virtues are extolled

Bite my lips. Never say never. So what's a T word? Treasury Bills? Human defense T-cells? No, you dummy, it's a Bushwack - New TT Taxes!

Kona Reunion

A momentous event conceived in promises, nearly aborted by high prices was finally delivered after a trimester of suspense. Hotel reservations, transportation and prayers to keep the reins in check were labored by Caesarean efforts - thanks to the reunion committee, especially Fred Fujimoto.

The 1990 reunion is now a thing of the past. There were splendid speakers extolling the virtues of past accomplishments and pleas by Glenda Nogami of the U.S. Army Military History Institute to tell it as it was; and by Vincent H. Okamoto for the L.A. Vets to bury the hatchet.

It took me several hours to answer the 18 pages of questions like: Yes, there was prejudice. Yes, there were fights. Yes, we were scared in battle. Yes, the army did not keep us informed at all times. Yes, we were not prepared for the realities of war, and yes, major surgical services were not immediately available on the front lines like in "Mash."

Our chapter night seafood buffet, at the Keauhou Beach Hotel arranged by Yas Deguchi, of clams, oysters, sashimi, crab legs, tako, mahi-mahi, chicken, beef, salads and desserts turned out to be the best cuisine we experienced.

Mich Takata whipped up a very delectable array of Karaoke singing, hula dances, dance exhibitions, and a skit by the Honolulu group. Mich and Shinako amazed the group with their versatility in dancing a Jive (an International Jitter Bug) to the tune of Kan Kan Musume. If five years from now Michi and I can move like them, we won't need \$14,000 worth of growth hormones, the new fountain of youth. Goichi Suehiro again stole the show as one of the "short pants school kids" doing the "Do Re Mi" (sound of music) in Japanese subtitles. Others performing in Kona and HNL were: George Nakasato, Chikako Shimada, Phyllis Miyaji, Bob Matsushita, Tom Hiranaga, Yuri Tasaka, Elaine Okutsu, Myrtle Nakasato, Michi Oba, Ron Oba, Barney Miyaji, Bob and Sadako Honda and Yas Deguchi.

A funny thing happened to one Munro Shintani. Professor Shintani had a sudden chest pain after the first night's banquet that went away as suddenly as it came. After the next banquet, the 911 ambulance was called and the medic who tended to Munro stated that he was experiencing a humorous daikon indigestion. At the Kona Hospital, the surgeon removed a gangrenous gall bladder. Mrs. Frances Shintani called from the Kona Hospital to inform us that Munro was fine and will be flying back directly to Texas after an uneventful recovery. Frances also stated that Munro wanted to enjoy the fun of a reunion so much that he feared going to see a doctor who might ground him from all activities.

The group returned to the Pagoda Hotel for the three days' post reunion. The planning committee should have had their heads examined for putting on such an extensive program - who needs it after Kona? The answer was a resounding "Go For Broke" by both the host and guests. Golf and the tour to the National Cemetery through Bishop Museum and ending at the Academy of Arts the following day were the high points of the post reunion. The highlight however, was the tea house party at the Natsunoya and the program of entertainment arranged by our Maestro, Mich Takata. The Awa Odori was vivacious, rhythmic and sensuous - the dancers spilled onto the floor from the stage where enthusiastic party goers immediately joined in dancing - it was a real O-Bon Odori. The rest was anticlimactic and I think the guests were just as eager to go home as we were. We hope to see you all at the next gathering with the same old faces, new jokes and borrowed time.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who donated time, money and food. It would be impossible to cite each person's donation so no Hu Hu if you don't receive a personalized MAHALO.

Post Reunion Statistics

Statisticians figure, figures lie. According to Mary Muranaka and Goichi Suehiro, the Co-chair people (excuse please, they're trying to change the name of Manhole to -----hole) of the hospitality room. The post reunion gathering put away 25 cases of beer (it's a lie), 50 pounds of pickled eggplants, cucumber, kim chee, tsukemono (not true), 5 bushels of mangoes, bananas, pineapples, papayas (unconfirmed), one gross of kakimochi, pretzels, chips, mochi dango, yuzu mochi, yokan (false), six pots of cooked rice, five gallons of coffee and tea, 10 cases of soda, one case orange juice, one dozen mixed liquor (spurious - they ran out of sodas), 50 pounds of fish eggs, sashimi,

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poki, smoked salmon, smoked fish (untrue), and that bogus Joe Isuzu was seen everywhere eating and drinking everything in sight (A sham). Lt Brown's daughter, and granddaughter, the Whitneys and Perrys were asking me if the people of Hawaii eat like this all the time? I brought them a plate of Pupus (hors d'oeuvres) and told them to "Eat Up!"

Post Reunion Golf

Morito Otake confided that he's been practicing four times a week on Maui - and it paid off. During the tournament at Leilehua and Pearl Country Clubs, Morito came in first for the 36 hole tournament followed by Toshi Tsukayama and Steve Shimizu of New Jersey. First day winners in order were: Mas Tanibata, Ron Oba, Ken Inukai and Slim Murakami. Second day winners were: Bill Tanaka who also came in fourth overall at the Kona Tournament, Dan Horikawa, Mich Takata and Takao Ito. Michi Oba nosed out Ron Oba by a net stroke of one for the 36 holes! There were prizes and balls for all 28 players donated by Dan Horikawa, Ken Inukai and Dr. Roy Iritani. Thanks to Mich Takata, chairperson for arranging a fine tournament.

New Member

I remember Robert N. Katayama as an A class student at Aiea Elementary School. True to form he has excelled in Civilian as well as in his Military career.

Many of you may recollect that he was a company runner who went on to become a Professor of Law at The Judge Advocate General's School, University of Virginia with selection to Colonel in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps prior to retiring after 20 years of active service.

Bob's civilian C.V. is just as illustrious. He graduated from the University of Hawaii, got his Bachelor of Laws from Yale and later, a Master of Laws from George Washington Law School.

As a student of Washington U. in St Louis, MO, I worked for a successful Corporate lawyer who refused to allow a priest into his house. He turned to me and said, "Ronald, you can't be a successful lawyer and be religious at the same time." Looking at Bob's baby face and clean cut features, if looks can allay misconceptions, Bob's can belie the lawyer's statement. Bob was a partner at Baker & McKenzie, the largest law firm in America, with tours in Tokyo, Chicago and San Francisco; thereafter a partner with Seki & Jarvis and with Nutter, McClennen & Fish, then Special Counsel and Senior Advisor to Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May.

After 33 years of law practice, he has finally come home to roost at the prestigious and largest law firm in Hawaii of Carlsmith, Ball, Wichman, Murray, Case, Mukai and Ichiki as a partner.

Bob is a widower and has three children, Alyce who was Sparky Matsunaga's legislative director and administrative assistant, Rob Jr., a computer software developer, and Kent, a student at Hawaii Pacific University.

We're happy to enlist Bob as a returning member of Fox Chapter. To show his pride in being one of us, he said that his car license plates read "F 442." We appreciate Bob's coming to meetings (once he came by at 10 pm) in spite of his busy schedule and long hours at the office. Welcome!

In Memoriam

He was an athlete whose failing health grounded him. He shielded his injured pride with courage. He passed away after a valiant effort against impossible dreams.

Richard Tadashi "Bolo" Yorita: Tadashi grew up in his father's store as a child. Adolescent Bolo was the elementary school junior police officer who kept order at recesses. Richard won a Silver Star for knocking out two machine gun nests while fighting in Italy. Mr. Yorita was so addressed by his peers as the supervisor of computer services at the Pearl Harbor Naval Supply Depot.

What more can you say of a good athlete and a swell guy. He passed away on May 19, 1990. Service was held at the Hosoi Mortuary followed by a procession to the National Cemetery of the Pacific where Richard is finally at peace. Fox members and wives express their sincere condolences to Frances and sons, Lance, Mark and Keane.

Postscript

Our thanks to Richard Murashige for donating a cabinet for our chapter's use in storing beer and sodas. Refreshment chairperson George Nakasato is relieved that he doesn't have to lug a cooler full of ice and beer up and down his 25th floor condo.

Matt Mikami, Ocean Miyake and Steve Sato finally left for home after visiting or calling friends Walter Kajiwarra, Mike Tsugawa, Kiyomi Yamada, Hisashi Fujiyama, Hank Oyasato, Tsugumi Masuda, Wally Iwanaga, etc.

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Hilo News

By Sadao Nishida

It feels good to feel that a task was well done and we are happy to hear you all say, "We had a good time." We promised you all a good time at the NVR in Kailua, Kona and would like you to know that we are happy to have you come to "break bread" to renew old friendships. Old stories exchanged in the hospitality room brought back many memories both poignant and pleasant. It was nice of Steve and Dorothy Shimizu of New Jersey to come to his old stomping grounds and give us the pleasure of their company. We thank you all for coming to give us the opportunity to host you and for being such fine guests.

We won't report on the events of the general reunion but we would like to report that the company hospitality room remained open, contrary to plans and schedules, throughout one's conscious hours. This kept Yukio Okutsu, Kato Matsumura, Herbert Akana and the girls hopping, sometimes hopping mad preparing snacks for some hearty appetites. The planned snacks moved along as expected but the spontaneous preparation of simple foods like musubi, chazuke, and spam musubi moved like they were never eaten before. The delicious ahi sashimi from the aki caught by Kato, especially for the occasion, the tasty pork and fish smoked in Yuki's smoke house, the tsukemono prepared by Elaine and Sadao, as well as the goodies brought by our guests added to the heavy load on our gastric system. One common remark heard was, "How come these old f--- can eat so much?"

The excellent negotiation by Yasunori Deguchi with the Keauhou Beach Hotel was rewarded by a superb chapter night banquet with choice selections in menu. The program prepared by Mich Takata and the awards and prizes chaired by Kikuye Kohashi were enjoyed by all. We regret that we neglected to express our thanks to Mich for volunteering to help us with the program. Thank you, Mich, for a job well done.

About the time we were checking out of the hotel, Dr. Munro Shintani was rushed to the Kona Hospital, where he was admitted for acute infected gall bladder. The doctor at first thought that Munro could return to Texas for further treatment, however testing proved otherwise and surgery had to be done. Munro was up and about in true Munro style. A group of guys and gals from Hilo journeyed to Kona to wish Munro well and saw him put away a sizeable serving for lunch in short order. Munro and Frances returned to Texas within a week and Munro writes that he is recovering very well. Thanks to EMI and Kato

Matsumura, they took good care of Frances by opening up their home while she waited for Munro's recovery. We all wish you well, Munro.

Our success as the host chapter was through the hard work of our ladies and we all wish to thank them: Sadao Honda, Elaine Okutsu, Helen Deguchi, EMI Matsumura, Jane Samura, Kimi Miyashiro and Bessie Nishida. Thank you.

We would also like to reiterate our thanks to the generous people who brought treats and donated financially to our hospitality fund. We are grateful for your generosity and kindness and to all of you, we hope you had as much fun as we had hosting you. Thank you for coming and keep well in the meantime. We shall all see each other again real soon!!

Kauai News

By Yuri Tasaka

DAILY VIGNETTES OF NVR '90

Wednesday, June 27, Night 1, F Company Hospitality Room in Suite at Kona Surf: Fran Shintani making sure that she ate enough slices of ahi sashimi and takuan for her son and daughters per their request. Fran was so concerned about being sure to eat for them; I wonder if she ate for herself. But, no need to worry. There would be more opportunities to eat for herself in the well-supplied, spacious, well-manned and well-womaned suite numbered 3079.

Thursday, June 28, Acting like a tourist at Waikoloa: The Hilo boys made sure that we got to see the fancy hotel where dolphins cavort and play with people. Kauai people could compare it with the Kauai Lagoons at the Westin where swans, black and white swim in a large pond at the base of the escalator which takes you to the lobby. Jim and Peggy Mita from Chicago were enjoying the Waikoloa.

Thursday, June 28, Night 2, Kona Surf's Hawaii Night: There were 3 generations of Lt. Harold Brown's family sitting together at the luau. There were Harold and Catherine Brown, their daughter, Nancy and husband Ralph Whitley, and Nancy's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Perry; and they all came from New York State and 4 out of the 6 are educators. Steve and Dot Shimizu came to the luau from Oradell, New Jersey.

Friday, June 29, OTEC Visit: What marvelous accomplishments the knowledge of science can bring about! I understand that Kauai's famous Salt Pond has not been in its best productive state. I think I'll go to the OTEC Farm and make paakai (sea salt). Toshio Endo was jealously observed by one of the

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Fox Guys as the abalone was being passed around. He says that Toshio was stroking the abalone believing that, that would help it to grow bigger. I don't know why, but George Kawakami was definitely getting his jollies. If I report this any more specifically, it might receive an "X" rating. When Rebecca Crockett, the speaker, was asked why she referred to the lobster as a "He", she replied simply that she had checked it out.

Friday, June 29, Night 3 in 3079. Jim Mita and Frank Morimoto had John Tsukano's book spread open to the pages which had the photo of the F Chapter nearly 50 years ago. Most of the guys managed to locate themselves and autographed the correct place near their face. But, Masa Agina took nearly 6 hours to find himself in the photo! And this with the help of Suzanne and Wally.

Friday, June 29, Night 3, Chapter Night: We must be getting real old when some of the Honolulu guys go to the extreme to recapture their youth. Picture them with short pants, white short-sleeved shirts with a red bow tie and baseball caps covering their thinning crowns. If people thought that George Nakasato, Ron Oba, Goichi Suehiro, Roy Kubo, and Paul Yamashita looked like 12 year olds, it's because they were trying real hard. Myrtle would not have wanted to be their teacher if they were for real 12 years old. But, they were cute!!

Saturday, June 30, Fuku Bonsai: Some of us went to the Fuku Bonsai, getting lost along the way. It shows the promise of becoming an attractive and interesting garden. Look for it when you are in Kona.

Sunday, July 1, Sayonara Day: It's time to leave Kona and the recaptured memories of war and peace. Thank you to all of you Big Island people, for the goody bag, the tasty food enjoyed in Room 3079, and our marvelous hospitality. MATA AU HI MADE KIOTSUKETE, NE.

MAUI News

By Bob Matsushita

The NV Reunion at Kona, Hawaii was represented by Nancy Endo and Masa Hokama. It was TERRIFIC says Nancy. "F" Chapter nite was well planned and participated. The kau kau was excellent. Entertainment was well prepared and planned by the Oahu delegates with their skit, dancing by Mrs. Wally Tasaka (Nihon Buyo) like a professional, Hawaii was also well prepared with their KARAOKE singing and etc. The SAYONARA banquet was held outdoors with Nelson Doi as the MC and Nancy says he was very much impressed with the speech Matsy Takabuki presented in reference to the NISEI's after their return from WWII and

graduating from colleges and universities to reinforce our ALOHA State to what it is today. It was a hard climb for many but through their determination it is what it is today. Nancy says on behalf of Masa and himself, they wish to express their appreciation for the wonderful hospitality given them. He also says that he is the General Chairman for the Maui County Fair HULI HULI CHICKEN in October and asked the 442nd members to come to this event.

For the post reunion held on July 1, 2 & 3, 1990 at the Pagoda Hotel, the following were present: Blossom & Daggie Tanaka, Eileen & Tom Higa, Dorothy & Takao Ito, Polly & Morito Otake, Hideo Mirakami, Tom Hiranaga & Robert Matsushita. The Oahu Chapter had the hospitality room well prepared. The China House Dinner the first evening was most delicious. The second nite dinner at CESTI BON was equally receptive to us. The third nite at NATSUNOYA TEAHOUSE was the SAYONARA BANQUET. By then we were overly loaded with KAU KAU that neither one of us wanted to perform but couldn't be CHICKEN and did our part to be with the crowd.

During the daytime, non-golfers were taken to excursions by our able KANKO DANCHI KEIOKE NAKASATO & others. Others had the opportunity to shop in Honolulu for OMIYAGE. Naturally, the Golfers were picked up early in the morning. First day Leilehua Golf Course and the second at the Pearl Country Club. It was a pleasant tournament for some although all participants were awarded prizes. The most victorious golfer from our group was Morito Otake. He won the combined tournament. Congratulations and more power to you, Morito.

We who have participated would like to express our whole-hearted appreciation to the sponsors for a well planned reunion. MAHALO!!

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only and the players were CHARLES ARAKAKI, MASAMI DOI, FRANCIS FUKUHARA, SELJI HATA, TERRY IHARA, TOM KATAOKA, SAMUEL KITAGAWA, KELLY KUWAYAMA, NEKA MATOI, HIDE MIZUKI, BERT NISHIMURA, MAUI OKAMURA, LAWSON SAKAI, MACK SHOJI, LEFT SUGIHARA, MIKE TAKAMINE, NOBORU TAKASHIMA, TOM TAKATA, GEORGE TANONAKA, JOHN TOGASHI, GEORGE YAMADERA and GEORGE YOSHIHARA. Four of the above mentioned men's wives joined the group at Mililani and they were PATRICIA FUKUHARA, MINEKO SAKAI, AIKO SHOJI and MISUZU TANONAKA. The only prize winner known is GEORGE TANONAKA. The last and final note is to extend the golfers gratitude and appreciation to JOHN T. SUZUKI for arranging play at the HONOLULU COUNTRY CLUB.

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By Joe Shimamura

MEMORIAL

The Memorial Day trek took place on May the 27th with 12 steady Eddies getting up with the roosters to pay tribute to our fallen comrades led by Prexy - JAMES OURA, WALTER HEIRAKUJI, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, KENT K. KAJIWARA, TOKUO KAJIWARA, EDDIE OGATA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, RICHARD ODA, AKIRA DOI, YUKIO TOKUDA and yours truly were the ones able to make it. Unable to make it after all these years of chairing this affair was ROBERT M. NAGATA, who is nursing an ailing leg and we do hope that he will be able to join us once again next year. This Sunday hike is getting to be quite a tedious task as the old infantry leg isn't what it used to be as we make the rounds completely around the bowl and looks as tho it's time to indulge in some physical fitness program to get the old trench feet back into some kind of a shape? Our thanks once again to that NAGATA no oban for hustling the flowers: With mission completed, it was the usual breakfast at the Flamingo with that Aina Koa flash WALT "KOALA" HEIRAKUJI presiding at this informal affair and all went on their merry way to do their thing for this long weekend.

JUNE

The final get together before heading for that Kona affair was held at the Likelike Drive Inn for the usual dinner meeting. This week nite gathering turned out to be a standing room only deal with the following in attendance: FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, YOSHI & IRENE HIGA, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI - most happy to see you looking so well KAY, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, ED & PAT OGATA, JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, SEICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, KENNY & STELLA SHIMABUKURO and the following soloites, TOMMY HORIKAMI, AKIRA DOI, KAZU KAJIWARA, SANDY TAKESHITA, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, MASAO SASAKI, YUKIO TOKUSA, CLARENCE TAMAYORI, and the 2 old faithfuls, MARY KOSASA and HELEN MAEDA. With the Kona invasion but 15 days away, the final details were discussed with that millionaire brewmaster WALTER HEIRAKUJI coming thru once again as he does his usual hustling and got some donations to keep the happy water boys smiling. For the K-men it started with San Miguel, then Primo and the big switch to Olympia and what's on the menu this time, WALTER?

NEW

Diverting from the customary monthly report as to what's cooking with the K-men, effective

this issue, a new format will be introduced as the K-men discover a new sensational writer in the way of ISAAC "IKE" IKEHARA who retired as the headman of the fishery, aquaculture & wildlife boss of the Guamanian government and who is now a consultant in this field living the life of Riley with plenty of time on his hand. IKE started to put into writing his recollection of important events that occurred serving with the 1st squad, 1st platoon, being it's initial leadersome 47 or more years ago, and displaying an uncanny memory of his impressions of these events from his personal standpoint. This will be the first of his series with more to follow as IKE keeps sending it from Guam.

FOURTH OF JULY, 1944 - "AND THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR"

By Isaac Ikehara

THUMP! BANG! And for a fraction of a second I thought somebody had split open a ripe watermelon, as the young Italian boy sitting on a boulder directly in front of me slumped over without a sound. He was hit by a sniper's bullet coming from somewhere up on the ridge which we later learned was a part of a hill called "Hill 140". As we scattered for cover someone (maybe it was my voice) hollered "Medics!" and a few seconds later we heard the anguished cry of an Italian mama for her 15 to 16 years old boy lying crumpled on the ground.

At 0700 on the morning of July 4th 1944, Company K had relieved elements of Charlie Company of the 100th Battalion in a hillside vineyard. Our mission was to attack the left flank of Hill 140, where the 2nd Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was meeting strong resistance on the right flank. As the 1st platoon of K Co. was assigned the task to take the point, we started off toward the base of a series of fingerlike ridges and hills running east to west that formed the "spine" of that part of Italy south of Pisa.

As we approached the base of the hill, we spotted a farm house and from which a teenaged Italian boy waved and approached us. Since he was speaking only in Italiano, I called for Hiroshi "Suika" Suyeoka who had picked up more paesano talk than the most of us and we began questioning the boy as to where the "Jerry's" were and whether they were there in strength. Shortly after the start of the questioning of the Italian young man, the sniper's bullet coming from the ridge directly behind the farmhouse hit him and he crumpled before our eyes. The bullet could have been meant for me or Suyeoka. Somehow I felt the Italian boy had been vitally hit and that the bullet was not meant for him.

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We reacted by taking cover under the protection of an adjacent ridge which was not occupied by the Jerry's. With the 1st platoon still at the point we made our way to the top of the ridge and then over the ridge and began running down a bull cart trail leading to the bottom of the gorge lying at the base of Hill 140. S/Sgt Curtis Noborikawa and his 2nd squad was now at the point of the 1st platoon and we (1st squad) were in platoon reserve. "John Bull" Tamayori running just in front of me tried to come to a sudden stop since the column in front was slowing down and John Bull, who was loaded down with a BAR gun and ammo and being only about as tall as the gun and carrying a load almost as heavy as he, tripped and fell into a vine covered drainage ditch landing on his back and lay helplessly there not being able to get up because of the load that he was carrying. He just sheepishly grinned with his eyes wide open and I had to bust out laughing even under the stress of an attack situation. I pulled John Bull out of the ditch and we continued to the bottom of the ridge and began our climb up the face of Hill 140.

By this time, it was getting to be late afternoon and as we looked up the ridge where we presumed the Jerry's were dug in and from which the sniper's shot had come from, the incline looked to be almost vertical but it probably was about a 50 to 60-degree incline and by grabbing the bushes that covered the side of the hill, we were able to make some upward progress.

We were not getting any fire from the Jerry's yet but as we progressed to about two-thirds of the way up and with the sunlight beginning to fade and the evening shadows taking over, suddenly Noborikawa and his squad began taking machine gun fire and we heard the call for "Medics!" and we began passing the word back up the column for the machine gun fire to cease for apparently our support fire from a heavy machine gun squad from the Heavy Weapons Company up on the ridge that we had come from was firing at us mistaking us for Jerry's under the quickly fading light. S/Sgt Noborikawa had been hit in the leg and his BAR team had also been hit hard. PFC Sanji Kimoto (Assistant Gunner) was hit in the back and the BAR gunman whose name I have forgotten was also down.

After passing the call for the Medics and to stop the machine gun firing, T/Sgt Atsushi Sakamoto called for the 1st squad to take the point and try to reach the top of the ridge. It was already turning dark and under the cover of darkness, the squad began making its way to the top.

As I reached near the top of the ridge, I heard Jerry's conversing in German and the voices were coming from my left front with a row of low bushes hiding them from view. I signalled the rest of the squad to stand-by until I called for them and I crawled forward another 8 to 10 yards. In the darkness I gauged the distance between me and the voices to be about 5-8 yards. With the distance being so short, I decided to pull the pin on my 5-second grenade and release the handle to activate the grenade after 2-seconds had passed. I released the handle, heard the "pop" and counted 101, 102, and at 103, I lobbed an overhead "sky hook" shot a la Kareem Abdul Jabbar at the voices which had stopped when the release of my grenade handle popped. A few seconds later, there was a muffled "hrrumph" explosion of the grenade rather than a "bang". With a loud shout, I called for the rest of the squad to move up to my position and made preparations to sweep and clear out the left flank. We purposely made a helluva racket to panic the enemy. Platoon Sgt Ted Tanouye of the 2nd platoon reached the top before the squad and I moved out. I told him that I was going to try to clean out the left side and would he take care of the right flank where a bull cart road led to a slight rise covered with bushes.

We moved toward the foxhole that I felt the grenade had dropped in and quickly jumped in front of the hole and in that fraction of a second I saw movement in the hole and fired 2 or 3 quick shots from the hip and the Jerry slumped forward. In retrospect he probably was raising his arms to surrender for we later found out that the grenade had blown his legs out from under him. We continued our sweep further to the flank and met no further resistance, for with all the racket that we had made, the remaining Jerry's had run and with Assistant Squad Leader Billy Yagi and the BAR team securing the extreme left flank, we dug in and stayed on alert for a possible counter attack. The BAR team was made up of John Bull Tamayori and Ted Nakata. The rest of the squad that I can recall who reached the top were Richard Oda, Hiroshi Suyeoka, Bill Kochiyama, I. Kashiwagi and Bill Yagi. I may have missed a few more names. I hoped we had at least avenged the death of the young Italian boy when we took care of the German soldier in the foxhole.

T/Sgt Tanouye and the 2nd platoon had moved up the small hill on the right flank and cleared out the area and dug in to secure the hill. The 3rd squad of the 1st platoon had also dug in with the 2nd platoon.

At about midnight, the Jerry's counter attacked the 2nd platoon position and soon thereafter "Speedy" Joe Fujimoto of the 3rd squad came running to our position and reported that the 2nd

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platoon and the 3rd squad had been pushed off the hill position on the right and had withdrawn down the cliff side. I decided to tighten up my squad and drew Sgt. Yagi and the BAR team closer in and directed the men to dig in with the edge of the cliff just to the back of them and to hold that position and to retreat down the cliff only under extreme pressure from the Jerrys. I was not about to climb that cliff again the next day.

Kenny Shimabukuro and his mortar squad from the weapons platoon had reached the top and had dug in with their 60mm mortars ready to fire. We requested for the mortars to fire about 100 yards to the front as Kenny and his group had to take their tripod off their mortar tube and had to hand aim the tube almost straight up. After firing all of the rounds they had available, like all good mortar squads, they shifted to their secondary position.

Fortunately at about this time, a Staff Sgt. Yonamine (?) of the 3rd platoon which was in reserve reached our position with a walkie talkie radio that was working and we radioed back to Company Hdq. for artillery fire and we were told that we would be getting protective fire from our 52nd Field Artillery Battalion. It was only less than a month since the 442nd Combat Team had entered into combat and we in the infantry units had already come to trust and depend on the accuracy and reliability of our artillery unit. We radioed in our position and that we were trying to stop a German counter attack. We called for "smoke" on the first shot which we indicated would be about 100 yards in front of us. The smoke shell landed just about right and we called for a rolling barrage moving forward at about a 50-yard progression. After reaching about 250 yards in front of us, we requested for air bursts. We kept our heads down with the "bombs bursting in air" with good accuracy and which I believe "broke the back" of the Jerry counter attack for all was quiet thereafter.

Unfortunately two platoon runners, one from the 1st and another from the 2nd reached our position and unknowingly occupied the position that the mortar squad had been firing from earlier. Very soon thereafter, one or two mortar rounds from the Jerrys made a direct hit on the runners and we lost the two runners (my memory had faded after 45 years and I cannot remember the names of the runners, but I do remember that PFC Benjamin Ogata, a hapa-haole from the mainland who was with the 2nd platoon was killed in action on Hill 140 during the counter attack). The Jerrys must have triangulated on the flash from our mortar squad's firing and were able to accurately pinpoint that position.

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By Hichi Matsumoto

1990 Kona Reunion

The two years between the 1988 Reno Reunion to the just past 1990 one in Kona on the Big Island came and went real fast. Time marches on. More like sprinting passing us by.

"Don't change horses in the middle of a stream." We almost were forced to when Co-General Chairman, Tommy Kiyosaki was put on hold, not by choice but his doctor for "abusing" his body, working too hard. This was only two weeks prior to the start of the Kona Reunion. Okage sama de, recovered sufficiently in time so as planned, everything proceeded as scheduled. Chapter president Joe Sato was all set and he was ready, willing and able to take over Tommy's duties.

For always doing wonderful things and taking good care of the chapter members and wives. Fred & Midori Fujimoto were called up on center stage and presented with a shirushi dake kind gift at the chapter night banquet held in the Poi Pounder Room Kona Surf Hotel. The committee had the most difficult time searching for an appropriate omiyage because what can you get for some/anyone that has everything. Anta, futari tomo, dohmo arigato and that's shinkara.

Another thing of note occurred this evening was that the chapter unveiled its latest whachamacallit...Bon-san, Reverend, Minister, Priest or what, in the name of Mits Honda. He won't be listed with the behemoths but get the voice like Thor. You can be sitting in the last pew and no miss out anything. What bugs us now is, how do we address him, Father, Brother, Sensei or what. And Millie led the group in singing and dancing of Hoki-Poki--a lively Hawaiian/Haole number.

The bus ride from the Kona Airport to the Kona Surf Hotel (our 232nd Hq), while passing through Kailua-Kona Town, sure went open up lotta eyes. Yoh hiraketa since the last trip there in 1981 or 1982, at the invitation of the Fujimotos.

Met, make it bumped into Sam Tominaga of Oakland at the opening night Welcome Banquet. After pau went go looking for him for some B.S.ing over a few cold ones. But sonovagun, high and low mitemo, nowhere in sight. Looks like gotta wait for the next Reunion, because through past experience found out that once kitara and get the taste of it, they keep coming back.

Atsuo & Marian Nishioka of Hilo, dohka shiran but probably this was their very first Reunion. Having a lot to catch up, noticed Atsuo especially

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renewing old acquaintances, talking stories with hiisa min buddies and wife Marian meeting new friends. For sure, this wasn't their first and last. And etto pupus motte kita too. Slowly we've been losing people but adding them to the roster is a blessing. Welcome aboard. Atsuo looks in tip top shape. Posture erect, no more any kind abura on him and not gunna-gunna like some of us guys. Still very much active in Kendo as a leader/instructor and from time to time takes his stable to tournaments/matches throughout the state. What dan (rank) him, never did inquire. Maybe, hashigo-dan eh. Anyway, from reliable sources hanashi kikononi, him in the championship caliber.

Had the privilege of meeting Tommy Kiyosaki's One-san and her husband Richard Sakakida, who is featured in the Reunion booklet.

The wives were supposed to take it easy with the chapter going on record that all the meals were going to be catered. It was. Nevertheless, they labored long and hard in the H.R. as well as the registration table up front and at various other places like at the memorial service. The wives, what would we do without them. And yet monku ga aru. Bachi ga ataru, boy.

Somebody asked to nobody in particular, "When you stay in Kona, any part, when is Kona Wind." You know, in any group get some wise guys. That was the cause of a lively discussion among the boys. Anyhow, if you think you get the answer, sumanga shirasete kure.

"Primo" Kikukawa was asked by some ladies, how's about a crash course in cutting sashimi, ryoriya style. Being a sermon in the profession, had a plateful in nothing flat, drawing da ooohs and aahs from them.

"Actor" Shig Ishigaki, waza waza mendokusai noni brought a good size seabass omiyage all the way from the mainland and guess what, for his good intentions, some of the boys kara okorareta. Their monku was, how come no more the fish head. Some consider that (fish head) the best part. Arera the real fish eaters, yo.

Being more of the H.R. body, weakened some and went along with the ladies to take a look see the fabulous and only one of a kind Waikoloa Hotel. That was supposed to be one just to kill some time but sonovagun, turned out to be one of the hi-lites. That place so antonan that should anybody our speed wanting to be a guest there even for just a day, all need to do is pool the resources, pull straw with the blessed going and the rest suck-finger.

Breakfast at Manago Hotel in Capt. Cook was a treat and like going back to the past, talking about the atmosphere, yo. Totan roof and other stuffs, natsukushii yutara. And guess what, restaurant haite mitara, who's there enjoying breakfast, hiisa min Norio Akutagawa's (M) and buddies with their wives. They were guests there. Wanted like hell to try there (Manago Hotel) specialty of the house, da broke da mouf fried akule for lunch but couldn't make it. Now, there's reason for going back.

Sucking up the early morning Kona air was a big lift. Seen going before the sunrise for brisk walks were Hiroshi Arizumi, Takeshi Hirata, Richard Urada and dare datta ka. A frequent companion was Raymond Shigenaga (E).

Da sampo with Kiyoko Kimura and Primo Kikukawa was just that, a very leisure stroll from the hotel to the just across the road golf course no clubhouse restaurant. That no count because way more time was spent having a cold one, rehashing past reunions. You think Kiyoko get stories, go try Primo.

Just by "luck" or what, many of our people were assigned rooms sugu tonari to our H.R. For the sportsmen, it's only golf now. Fishing---deep sea, trolling casting, etc. is history and mukashi no koto. Bowling is something you watch on TV. Walking is for the health nuts. But the most (more than golf) popular past time still yet is exercising their one arm, lifting the 11 oz. cans, which gets lighter with every lift. Consuming not like way back when. For some, slightly less. Others drastically and still others, they've seen the light.

Call Tom/Tommy and Hiraki, Hirao, Kiyosaki, Masamori and Masumami answer. With the ladies too, call Mary and Hiraki, Kawamoto, Kimoto and Yamada go teineini henji suru.

Have you taken notice, more so this time around. You call a guy from this side and he hears you, without answering turns the other way. Making everybody like one ventriloquist. Odon tacha ayyan furuku natta bana. And zannen na too, is mega usui (excuse for guys no like drive at night to attend meetings), mimiga toii, but you try talk stink. Kuchi dake mada tashikana. Hey, two out of three ain't bad.

How can leave out the camera bugs, boo-coo of 'em. Gilbert Kobatake and Tom Masamori get plenty competition now. Men as well as the ladies were going around snapping pictures with reckless abandon as though the films free. Arera daibun totta and kochira daibun moratta too. You no need be one

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photographer but come home with pictures galore to fill more than a good size album...maru mooke, boy.

The shaka gray color golf cap with the "232nd Engrs/Band-Kona '90" worn by all the chapter members, wives and friends was donated by Ken (Tommy) Kiyosaki, a land developer on the Big Island, home based in Hilo. To everybody that made contributions; money, material things, tabemono (pupus, pastries, etc.), time, effort, thank you very much. Honor Roll - Buy ads in the 1990 Kona Reunion Program were the following.

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Hospitality Room

Mention the work Hospitality Room and what's the first thing comes to mind. Yep, you more than right, beer, food and people, not necessarily in the order mentioned. As mentioned, always had plenty beer, always had plenty food and always packed with people like medakas.

The Hospitality Room was the HQ, Nerve Center, Command Post, Day Room, USO, everything for the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter for the duration of the Reunion and what a nigiyakana place it was. A corner suite on the ground floor with the blue Pacific Ocean, sugu outside. Utilized to da max. Never need to pio da light, it seemed. The room (more like good size hall) was some huge and spacious with a "L" shaped lanai, just as if not more big and roomy. Passersby (Kotonk wahines) promenading outside, no can help but take notice and admire our H. R. Enryonashi go invite themselves over and take a peek as to how the other "lives". Asking questions like, "how come you people managed to get a place like this." Who was that now, heiki na kao sete, told 'em, "pure luck." If they only knew that the General Chairman of this Reunion is one of our chapter boys. 'Ats okay, what they dumno, no harm. Included in this "complex" were two king-size honeymoon suites with da kine made mita koto ga nai fancy sunken furoba for you to abiru in. Also a kitchen with all the needed dohgu and several people can utilize at the same time without causing any kind of hardship or jamakure-ing one another.

The always at hand and never seem to run out onolicious smoked fish was da omiyage of the Takeshi Hirata's of Hilo. They say was only chitto but tamageru hodo etto atta. Plenty must be some frightening amount. The golfers, a good number of them, after a long and tiring day of dueling under the broiling hot sun would drag and park their okole in one corner, with plenty of refreshments of course and drown their sorrows. Listening to them missing all the makeable putts, with a little luck, all supposed to be winners. Something on da mezura shii side was da jumbo-size anpan. They no fool around boy, like the island, they like 'em big. Was so da kine that, had to wakeru 'em if not too much for one person to kurau. Food, various kinds were always on the table.

After all the so many past Reunions, Teiji China (until now strictly a golfer and a good one too) yoyatto found out there is such a thing as H.R. and what it is for. Trying to make up for lost time (and he did), daijina shobai dohgu (golf clubs) uchi ni oite, mainichi asa kara ban made, anchored himself to the chair he made comfortable for his okole. His sitting mate was Charley Ijima, and old pro in the game. They were known as the twin "Sitting Bulls." Charley by far the more experienced of the two, ran true to form and never did seem to run out of stories. After all, he's the kingpin and been doing it since Reunion 1. Held court every and all day. If time spent in the H.R. was charged by the hour, their kanjo would be in astronomical figures.

For the nodo ga sugu and yoh kawaku guys, the committee yoh kiwo kikasete for no run out too fast, had draught beer in barrels. Something new to a few (you pour yourself) so at first only foam. Nareruto, which never take too long, no problem, all brew and only libit of that white foamy stuff on the surface. But to come that good, you need practice and lots of it and the unwritten rule was no waste nothing. Getting 'em by the barrel was a big plus.

The occupants of the two honeymoon suites were Tommy Kiyosaki in one and Joe Sato in the other. They putting in overtime night after night is a gross misstatement and only half the story. They're up until the last ones leave, whatever the time and opens up for business, way before the early arrivals Asa hayo kara hitoride making sohdo in the kitchen was Helen Takano. Chumon seta yohni had a room just cross the hall, getting ready for breakfast because not too much later the gang will be trooping in. Remember all that was done voluntarily from the goodness of her heart. You know imagoro, everybody toshi tottoru that's why hayo kara mega sameru, eh. You come late, shikata nashi gotta settle for opala.

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This here (H.R.) place, the boys and ladies too, had the pleasure of meeting, talking and having a few (more like plenty) cold ones with Mark, son of Fred & Midori Fujimoto and Claude Onizuka, Ellison's young brother. We size them up as yakudoshi age. Two aikyo and personable young men. Their parents did an outstanding job. Helped with the reunion, no end. Akamai young men so most likely gaman sete "enjoyed" the boys no kabe ga waitoru, so often told and retold experiences of you must know what. Of which by now, the wives know 'em by heart. The two young men helped brighten up the already nigiyakana H.R.

And this place (H.R.) too, anybody you like see, you see 'em soon enough, if you stick around for a while.

Honolulu Chapter Night

The tea-house (Rainbow Garden) no more da maku (curtain for the stage) but never created any kind of problems. Keeping cool, calm and collected and exercising libit gumption, the supposed to be the river prop (bed sheet) for the evening's "Momo-taro" skit was used instead for da maku and da goza that was brought along for moshimo in the event that any emergency should arise, was substituted and used for da kawa (river, not skin).

The cast of this extravaganza was a director's dream and doko san don sagashi temo, no can find. Selecting da borots, gomen, the players was easier than taking candy from a child. All eager-beavers and very cooperative to the last person. Another big plus was no such thing as lock-out or renegotiating their contracts. All beautiful people. When asked, they answer "yeah" right away and bambai inquire what gotta do. Too late to beg off, already committed and involved.

All "borots" (Filipino word for show-off) and shibai runs through their veins so need coach 'em nothing. Correction, only da Oni went ask just prior to stage agaru maeni. "When he (pointing to Momotaro, da warrior) poke me with da katana, I gotta fall down and ma-ke or what." Kiyo Kimura who no miss nothing went give 'em da stink kind look and went scold him, "Shuwah, wat you teenk." The committeemen yoh kiwo kikasete, to be on the safe side, checked with the tea-house management if the stage no floor daijobuka (because da Oni kakeme daibun aru). The answer was a firm, "Shimpai nai."

Bear this in mind, this was the first practice dry run, dress rehearsal and the real stuff, all in one. But gotta admit, the entire cast assembled for a short pep talk in the semai dressing room just prior to show time, until then, they never







know who was who and what was what.

As the maku unfolded, Oji-chan koshi magego bend over and walk bottsuri bottsuri like with the support of the walking cane (bamboo pole) which towered over him with the bundle of takigi slung over his shoulder. Da Oba-chan, keiko seta yohni, obediently trailed by several paces in the rear with a tarai full of supposed to be pilau clothes for sentaku in the nagareyuru river. Da akanbo Momotaro was a bundle of joy when he went umareru when Oji-chan went kiru open with the mini-katana, the float down the river seta Momo and yorokonde, he went tobi mawaru all around the stage with joy and flexed his (66 years old) muscles? While grinning from ear to ear, flashed his shiroy ha. He may as well, all his own. That concluded the Act 1 (or zenpen for da Japan ni sodateta people) portion of the program and the bed sheet, correction, we mean da maku went shut (just like mukashi no Our Gang comedy). That is after the entire cast joined in singing, "Momo kara umareta...." in the key of "G".

When da maku went open up again for da shimai no kohen portion, the main boy was still Momotaro, but grown to a robust youngster of hatachi. True to the story, beeg and yoka otoko ni natte kiya-gatta. Being an up-to-date, haikara bugga, discarded the traditional sarumata and sagashitemo no can come up with an appropriate malo so shikata nashi settled for a modern day Hawaiian print walking shorts. The trusted katana on the ready at his side in case of any eventuality. In the crucial fight to the finish battle between momotaro and da mean Oni, da Oni never had a chance because he was the no good guy. Besides his katana was so dull no can cut butter even on a blistering hot day. Momotaro's one was razor sharp. And like in the story book, da Oni went the way all the bad guys went, kaput. Of all the classic scenes, the one that lingers in the mind is when Momotaro vanquish-da da mean oni and he stay korogeru at Momotaro's ashimoto and he proudly holding the "Nippon Ichi" hata, triumphantly.

Nobody in the entire cast needed to memorize even a single word or read from a script. Only need to act 'em out. Of the Momotaro story, shiran mon no more that's why everybody kangaete did their own thing. To the last person's performance was super, their posing was even better. Dan benshi/narrator took care of everything. Do we need to mention who da guy and how joto he was. To get da "hams" (actors) on stage was the easy part, to get 'em off was another story. This was the entire casts premiere and sayonara performance. En-masse, they retired voluntarily, abiding with the age old Japanese saying that went something like, "Iikoro de yame toko." Translated means, "No push your luck." "Quit while you're ahead." For the

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Neighbor Islanders that never continue on to the (mini) reunion in Honolulu, they went poho and miss out. Next time, yura no cut out and tsuite koi and no more regrets.

A lilibit something about the "kabuki" performers as they made their appearances: "Oji-chan (Shig Ishigaki). Still yet one of the spry, energetic and jitto sete oraren guy. Not caring for his Ozeki taikaku transform to Yokozuna, stays fit by helping out daily in his popular and busy dry-cleaning establishment in the City by the Bay. With his GI hair cut, was motte koi for the role and was an unanimous first round choice.

"Oba-chan" (Mary Kawamoto), a transplanted kanaka. Very active in the 442 Uta No Kai (singing Japanese enks songs) and a good one too. Shikata nashi, needed to put on a cupie type face mask for some camouflaging because kao no mikake annari wako mieruke.

"Momotaro Da Akambo" (Sot Furuya). Most notably known as the guy that went "reshape" Tommy Kiyosaki's nose. Tried like the dickens but never get the chance to "interview" him because he's always running around snapping pictures and develop seta ato give 'em to da shashin totta people. Another thing, he no possess that common dreadful disease known as "I" (not eye-mentama) trouble. You know, "I" this, "I" that, so no can dig or pry into his past or present...shimoota. Akamai guy this Sot, instead of getting married and make one woman miserable, stays single and make all da wahines happy.

"Momotaro Da Warrior" (Arthur "Primo" Kikukawa --the Cockeyed Mavor of Kaunakakai). Turned over the day to day operations of the restaurant on Molokai Mid-Nite Inn (closes at 8 pm) to his older son. And toki doki, hara ga hettara subito, hele-on to the restaurant and pay'em a vukuri visit. Like the old Japanese kotowaza that went, "Rakuwa Kuno tane, ku wa raku no tane." wakai toki listened to his parents and shimbo seta, so today, ankina and shimpai nashi, living on the easy.

"Da Oni" (Fred Fujimoto, Kona Reunion General Chairman). Wife Midori was overheard saying to the ladies, the day after in the Hospitality Room at Quality Inn. "That husband of mine sure surprised the living daylight out of me." Referring of course to Fred's instantly acquired acting fame. Because up to now, he was always entertained and not the entertainer. Midori-san, murimo naiyo, he gotta cut loose some. After all, he just went pau with the biggest and the best Reunion ever, not to mention two years of continuous and uninterrupted headaches. In Kona, let's make it on the Big Island, when anybody mentions the Fred, they no ask Fred who? They all know. Heem too, he was forced

to wear a face mask, because where you see one smiling Oni--bambai jam up the act, boy.

"Benshi/Narrator (K.K., not Kunta Kinte but Kiyo Kumura). What, who him? If you dunno him by now, hard luck for you. Anyway, he's ummm, dokokara start setara good kano. More better no get started, bambai no more end.

Skit Committee - they went all out to have the guests, mainlanders especially for the key roles. You know, get them more involved. Primo (Molokai) and Fred (Big Island)? Who can monku or dispute, they are naturals. They're made for the roles and atcha kotchi.

Jimmy Nakamura, not our permanent but forever bartender who until tatta konaidamade was not quite up to par is now back to 100%. He had the ole watering hole ready for business by one o'clock. Cocktail hour was announced to start at 6 p.m. or when the first guest arrived.

Rainbow Garden Teahouse cuisine was the typical ryoriya kind food. And now days no such thing as no'nuff always adequate, and nandemo kandemo partake. The grand finale sent everybody home happy. Everybody tatte, te wo tsumaide, while swaying (not because yoota) side to side sang "Hawaii Aloha" with the people in the 442 Ukulele/Hula Club sort of leading the way. With the spacious hall room for just one more was lilibit kyukutsuna side but sono Kawaii was nigiyakatta. Next time, more better get tables and chairs (had only one table and chairs) for everybody. Sitting down time no sweat, you just lop on da zabuton. The standing up, koshi ga nukeruyoh ni menioota.

What got this nights festivities going was Eddie Kanaya's rendition of "The Lords Prayer" on his flute. Totemo good datta. Well, after all he was with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra for many years.

The night wasn't pau for the strong and able because with them it was, "Hospitality Room, here we come". The lesser determined, called it a night with two more long days and nights ahead.

Memorial Service

Date: Tuesday, July 3, 1990
Time: 0930 A.M.
Place: U.S. National Cemetery of the Pacific., Punchbowl.

The 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's (congregation) did themselves very proud, coming out in record numbers for this special memorial service.

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Never did take a head count of any kind but the ball park figure for the day's attendance could be in the neighborhood of a hundred and that's not padding it either. Other chapter members that were also there doing their thing, made kind and flattering comments of our huge participation. "Eh, you guys alright." Meaning something like, what an excellent turnout of caring members and their wives. Give all the credit to Joe Sato and his two associates, Eddie Kawamoto and Barney Zenigami for making it such a huge success. Their un-envious assignment was to pinpoint the location of every grave to be visited so as to cause no slowing down or any unnecessary delay when paying homage to each grave. For your information, our boys' graves are located here, there, and everywhere throughout the cemetery. This committee of three logged boo-coo manhours, like getting all the necessary information from the cemetery office, reconnoitering the area well ahead of time, making sure not to overlook any details, major or minor. Stuffs of this nature, mada yatte nai people, on the outside kara mitara think duck soup, but you go try do'em, you find out differently. Bouquet of flowers (hustled by M/M Honda) were placed on each and every grave by the widow, a relative or person considered closest to the interred. En-masse stood at attention to observe a moment of silence. Also visited and paid respects to Sue (Tommy) Kiyosaki, U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga and Astronaut Ellison Onizuka's graves. The people having the honor/privilage of placing the flowers weren't just picked at random at the gravesite but were selected by a committee headed by Walter Matsumoto, after a study while still at the Kona Reunion. For some people (like them) it wasn't all play but business as usual. This was one time, you can say that everybody was on time. Our "ambidextrous" bonsan, Rodney Yamashiro arrived about ten minutes prior to making the rounds, which is ample time but was scolded for being late. You know why? No more him, no can start. The gist of his sermon before going on the pilgrimage, in part was, "no reunion is complete without memorial service." We say, amen to that. The sermon said at the first grave site was for all. Why ambidextrous? Because he can preach just as good in English as in Japanese. We prefer the English version, better chance to understand him. We repeat, any good thing (like this) doesn't just happen, you got to work hard for it.

Post (Mini) Reunion - Honolulu

Erai noni gaman sete forced the tired body to join in the second Welcome Banquet at Quality Inn, the headquarter of the post reunion in Honolulu. So tsukareta from the just pau Kona

Reunion that tabeta ato, a couple of cold ones nonde went andare cassa to rest the weary bones. One man's opinion, the next time, should there be another, no schedule nothing for the first night after come home and then the second night kara geev'em hell all over again.

Returning home from Kona, saw Jr. Engrs. like Glenn (Yuso) Iwane, Paul (Harry) Fujii, Bruce (Walter) Matsumoto, Arlene Richard Urada's daughter) to pick up their parents at the airport. Could have been others but meni kakatta were the above mentioned people.

Old pros (attending reunions) like the Charley Ijimas, Yuso Iwanes and Calvin Yasuharas, continued to make like tourists and made Quality Inn, with the rest of the mainland kara kita people, home for the duration of the post reunion.

Tommy Kiyosaki was presented with a meritorious award for excellent work and continuous service through the years.

All in all, was a repeat of Kona, but on a lesser scale and slower pace. Hajii, but the guys no more the spark like before.

Misses the early morning Steering Committee breakfast meetings (for the Reunion) at K.C. Drive Inn.

GOLF

George Mukai of Hilo made the best showing among the chapter boys that participated in the Reunion golf tournament. A single handicapper, won low gross honors.

Wall of Fame Golfers

- 3 hole-in-one - Larry Inagaki & George Mukai
- 2 hole-in-one - George Yamada
- 1 hole-in-one - Yuso Iwane, Herbert Kimoto & Tom Matsunami (could be others)

Congratulations to all of them. Larry & George M., three times and so on down. Skill or luck in shooting an Ace. Like which comes first, the chicken or the egg, you can argue until you get blue in the face and still yet.... Reggie "Suzy" Suzukawa of LA but before that of Honolulu, a strong one digit handicapper, never smell one yet. How you figgah!! Where else but in the Hospitality Room you can come up with dis kine dope. No need be smart, all you got to do is lilibit hard but shut your mouf tight and clean da mimikuso from the ear and listen intently. Never had the good fortune to witness any of 'em

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but take their word for it. Like they say, golf is a gentlemen's game and the only sport where a player calls a penalty on himself.

Tireless Workers

Like 1990 Kona Reunion General Chairman Fred Fujimoto stated in his speech at the Sayonara Banquet on the grounds of Kona Surf Hotel, "I hardly did anything" and pointing to wife Midori, sitted with the 232nd Engrs/Band in the over-flowing crowd of at least 1,700, "she did all the work, I only assisted." Honto or what dohka shiran but Fred went bust his okole and Midori no doubt went da kine too. Sun up to way past sun down, they were on the go....here, there and everywhere. Just watching them made us patai. Wakai mon chigau no. The Fujimotos no sons and daughters, oya no yohni were full of vim, vigor and vitality. Parents kara rub on seta noyo. And yet they made time to spend time in Hospital-ity Room.

Tommy Kiyosaki & Walter Matsumoto were the Co-General Chairmen for the Post (Mini) Reunion in Honolulu and also of the chapter's portion in Kona. Preparation went start soon after the last Reno one went pau. What did they do? They only had their finger in just about everything. Everything so well organized and planned, all the committees (men & ladies) had to do was see it through and enryonashi they did, with gusto. Joe Sato, Chief of Staff to the Co-General Chairmen, more than did his share.

Harry Fujii, assisted by Eddie Kamikawa and the boys took care of the headache surface transportation and Lily Okamoto the air portion. They did a splendid job.

The ladies went work like hell too, boy. You no see 'em making gasa gasa in the H.R. (Kona & Honolulu), they doing something else. The men pitched in too but compared to what the wahines did, manini and shireta mon. Some might not agree and haboot but sorry, we call 'em how we see 'em. Thanks to everybody for doing their part. Takes many and not only a few.

Thank You

"Thank you so very much for showing us such a wonderful time". cards and letters have been pouring in from the Reunion ni kita people and never stop yet as of this writing. All beautiful and you can tell from the kokoro kara. Have one in the "can you top this" category and from who else but George Yamada, L.A.'s Mr. 232nd Engrs/Band. He is one of only three that

attended every reunion. Gilbert Kobatake and Walter Matsumoto are the other two. This guy George, he no fool around and write (not that he get chicken scratch), instead he called Morris Miyasato (same squad/platoon and who got 'em to play golf at Leilehua) person to person on the telephone and graciously tell 'em of his appreciation/sewani natta and yoroshiku to everybody. Was very thoughtful and nice, just like him to do a thing like that. Anyway, a night later, Mo answered the phone and you guessed it, the same voice (who could make a mistake) on the other end again and in his higher than high "C" voice (he must have been still pumped up from the Reunion) told Mo the same thing (just like tape) he did the night before. Mo, noted for his calm and cool headedness, let George have his say and him ga pau natta ato told 'em diplomatically, "Eh George, you called me (with the same message) just the other night." After some seconds, George responded with a kinda meek, "I did"? George enjoyed the Reunion so immensely that he no sumasu with just one call. You right on, George, twice is better than none at all.

Finale

Monku? Sure we had 'em (we no hide, we not perfect) and not lilibit either. Not anything new, had 'em since Day One, but not anything that couldn't be solved. No hold back, get 'em out of system, you can think better, which makes for a better Reunion.

Not trying to jump the gun and spreading rumors but with Walter Matsumoto, this probably was chair/co-chairing his last Reunion. He played a major role in all of 'em and did a terrific job too. Being selfish, we hope not. Should it happen, we are not in anyway championing for Joe Sato to take over but you got to admit, he's got all the tools.

One last thing, to all those that participated and assisted in making it one big happy affair, mata attara, humbly onegai itashimasu.

P. S.

No need to tell you because you all know, but we going tell you anyway that Kiyo Kimura was the Master of Ceremonies at the Kona and Honolulu Chapter Night, in the two side Hospitality Rooms and everything in-between.

END

SPORTS NEWS

By Bruno Yamada

More than 212 golfers participated in the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion golf tournament held at the Kona Country Club in Kailua, Kona on June 28 and 29. The 36 hole tournament was divided into three male flight and one women flight.

Dr. Roy Machida, a well known plastic surgeon from Los Angeles shot a (64-65) 129 to capture the A flight and was followed by William Tanaka of Honolulu, another A flighter who fired a (68-66) 134. Chizuko Shoji of Honolulu was the best among the ladies with a sensational 69 on the opening day followed by a 77 for a total of 146.

Following are the twenty lowest scores recorded in each of the four flights:

A Flight		B Flight	
Roy Machida	129	Bill Okazaki	141
William Tanaka	134	Hiroshige Mori	143
Kenneth Kawate	136	Larry Mori	143
Henry Chagami	137	Genro Kashiwa	144
Bill Andrews	139	Allen Nakamura	144
George Mukai	140	Harry Okubo	144
Tom Tamashiro	142	Yoshio Higa	145
Kobe Shoji	143	Bob Sasaki	145
Sus Murakami	144	Paul Bannai	146
Satoshi Oekawa	144	Shig Tsubota	146
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Retirees Golf Club

By Eddie Tamanaha

On July 5, 1990, 21 members assembled at the Pali Golf. The small turnout was due to the AJA Reunion held in Kona and post Reunion activities. Anyway, those who played at Pali had a good time both golfing and the 19th hole afterwards. Herb Isonaga and Yoshi Higa both came in with 69s and the tie breaker made Herb number one and Yoshi number two coming in one shot back was Herb Yamamura for third. Jiro Shimomura was fourth and fifth was Harry Tokushige, both with 71s. Tie breaker again decided the 4th and 5th places. Best front nine was Dick Uemura with a net 30, and with 33½, Sho Miota won the back nine. Closest to the pin this day were Speed Tanna #7 and Herb Yamamura #15.

July 19, 1990, at the Makalena Golf Course, 27 members gathered to eagerly tee off. Bruno Yamada was hot this day as he came in with net 64 to take top honors. Right in the back with 65 was Lefty Sugihara for second place. Third was Herb Isonaga with a 66, fourth with one stroke back, a net 67 was Bobby Hirayama. John Bull Kikuyama was fifth with a 68 to round out the winners circle, all one stroke back of each winner ahead of him - no need tie breaker. Front nine was won by Rocky Tanna with a net 31½ and back nine by Bull Namba with 30½. Par 3s closest to the pin were taken by Bobby Hirayama #6 and Yoshi Higa #17.

August 2, 1990, 25 members showed up at Pali Golf Course. Herb Isonaga walked away with a 2 stroke lead net 68 to grab top spot. Yoshi Higa and Bruno Yamada both turned in 70s and with the breaker, Yoshi was second and Bruno third. Kats Ibara, John Bull Kikuyama and Neka Matoi were tied at 71s, but the tie breaker eliminated Neka. So, fourth was Kats and fifth John Bull. The front nine was won by Dick Uemura with 34½ and back nine by Teiji Uehara with 35½. Closest to the hole were won by Jerry Ishimoto #7 and Yoshi Higa #15.

August 16, 1990 had a large turnout at Shafter Golf Course. 31 members teed off with Smitty Koga beating the crowd with a net 63. Hbt on Smitty's heels was Neka Matoi with a 64 to take second. Third was Herb Isonaga with a 66, fourth Jiro Shimomura 68, winning the tie breaker with Bull Namba 68 who was fifth. Masami Doi

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had the best front nine 31 and sizzling 27½ back nine was Charley Igarashi. Closest to the pin were Lefty Sugihara #5 and Bobby Hirayama #17.

August 27, 1990, a recent record 32 members turned out at Honolulu Country Club. To show he wasn't afraid of competition, Harry Tokushige shot a respectable net 68 winning first place by two shots. Rocky Tanna was second by way of the tie breaker over Bobby Hirayama third, both with 70s. Terry Ihara, Herb Isonaga and Tom Mayeda all posted 71s. The tie breaker made Terry fourth. However, the tie breaker still left Herb and Tom tied for fifth, so both shared the honor of fifth place. Herb been shooting real good the past 5 tournaments - in the winners circle 5 out of 5. Best front nine was Charley Igarashi 32½ and Steve Hirotsu back nine with a 34. Closest to the hole were Smitty Koga #4 and Bobby Hirayama #13.

Our tournaments for the rest of this year are: September 13, Pali; October 11, Pali; October 22, Honolulu Country Club; November 19, Honolulu Country Club; December 6, Shafter; and December 20, Makalena.

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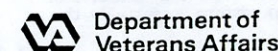
Capt Andrews and his family at Kona played in golf tournaments. His son is a winger and daughter-in-law and grandson also golfing enthusiasts. Lt Girard also at Kona. Toshi Nishizawa still having problems with his eye operations. Neil Nagareda didn't fare too well also with his head operation. Harold and Jane Ueoka on their first trip to Japan in September. Lt Al Binotti did not make it for the Reunion or Post Reunion. Ted Tsukiyama in a few news publications recently as president of Bonsai Club, they will be having a convention in Honolulu. Americans: The Story of the 100/442 Combat Team by Orville C. Shirey has been reprinted and copies for \$20 (includes postage) can be purchased from the 100/442 Veterans Association, Attn: George Nishioka, 1438 Oak Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

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Nobody slept that night and we stayed on alert throughout the night and hung on to our position and waited. Nothing else happened that night and the next morning, Co. K with platoons on skirmish line moved forward in full force and went after the Jerrys but no contact was made for the enemy was apparently retreating to their next line of resistance which naturally would be another higher ground, which we later ran into them again at the hilltop town of Luciano

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. How long does a power of attorney designating a service organization to represent me in VA claims matters last?

A. A power of attorney does not expire. It must be revoked or cancelled. The Department of Veterans Affairs treats designation of a new power of attorney as an automatic cancellation of an earlier one. You may cancel a power of attorney at any time by notifying VA.

Q. I just got married. Does my wife automatically become beneficiary of my VA insurance policy?

A. No. You must notify the VA that you wish to make a change and provide complete identification of the new beneficiary.

Q. Can the interest rate on a VA home loan be changed?

A. The prevailing interest rate at the time the loan is made, established by the Government and set forth in the mortgage note, is a fixed non-adjustable rate mortgage which remains the same for the life of the loan. However, to take advantage of a lower interest rate, refinancing of an existing loan could be an option.

Q. How much will the Department of Veterans Affairs lend to a veteran for the purchase of a home under the GI Bill?

A. VA does not provide loans under this program. Instead, it provides a guaranty of up to \$46,000 to cover losses to the lender in the event the veteran defaults on the loan. The amount of the loan to an eligible veteran is not limited to \$46,000, but is based on the reasonable value of the property and the veteran's ability to repay the mortgage.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. Under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA), who becomes the successor upon the death of the trustee (i.e. the custodian) in the event that one was not designated?
- A. If the minor is fourteen years of age or older, the minor can appoint a successor within sixty days of the trustee's death. Otherwise, a court-assigned trustee (i.e. the "conservator") will be appointed to perform essentially the same functions.
- Q. Can an unemployed member apply for a loan using the spouse as a joint applicant?
- A. Yes. Under Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity Act), a member can apply for credit through:
- *individual credit - the applicant is relying on his won income.
 - *individual credit - the applicant relies on income from alimony, child support, or other person as the basis for repayment of the loan;
 - *joint credit - there are two or more applicants applying for the loan. Both incomes are considered.
- The credit union must consider income received from employment.
- Q. Can a member restrict the joint owner(s) from withdrawing from the account?
- Not unless the joint owner(s) agree to the restriction. If such an agreement is reached between the member and the joint owner(s), the credit union should obtain a written, notarized statement from the joint owner(s).
- Q. A credit union sent the final demand letter to a member whose loan is in default. Subsequently, the member made a partial payment on the loan which the credit union accepted. If the member should stop making payments again, will the credit union need to send out another demand letter?
- A. Because the credit union accepted the partial payment from its member, the final demand letter was not enforced. Therefore, the member will need to be notified again by a new demand letter of any future actions taken by the credit union.

Q. May a veteran with only peacetime service be buried in a national cemetery?

A. Yes, provided the service was under conditions other than dishonorable.

Q. Will my National Service Life Insurance policy lapse for non-payment of premiums even if the dividends held under the Deposit Option are more than enough to cover the premiums due?

A. Yes. The Department of Veterans Affairs cannot automatically make a withdrawal from the Deposit Option account to prevent lapse. However, dividends held under the Dividend Credit Option, can be used to pay premiums.

Q. When I purchase a home using a Department of Veterans Affairs home loan guaranty, will the income of my spouse be considered?

A. Yes. The veteran's and the spouse's income are considered in determining ability to repay the loan.

Q. I just got married. Does my wife automatically become the beneficiary of my VA insurance policy?

A. No. You must write VA and provide complete identification of the new beneficiary.

Q. I have been receiving a widow's pension from the VA for 20 years. If I remarry will I be able to continue to receive the pension?

A. No. When a widow remarries, her pension terminates.

Q. My ex-husband and I were married for 33 years before we were divorced 1989. He recently passed away. Am I eligible for VA benefits as his survivor?

A. No. "Surviving spouse" means the lawful spouse of a veteran at the time of his or her death. He or she must have lived with the veteran continuously until the date of death except when there was a separation caused by the veteran without fault of the spouse.

Q. Can I get a release of liability from the VA if a non-veteran assumes my VA-guaranteed home loan?

A. If the buyer meets with Department of Veterans Affairs approval, you may be released from liability.

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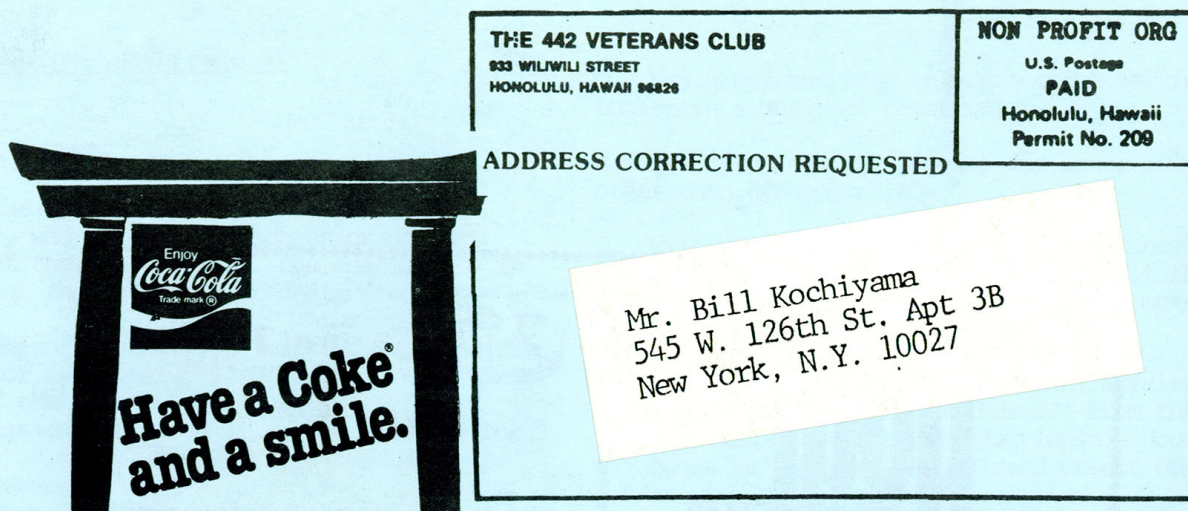
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