

# Go for Broke

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## President's Message

A line in the sand, this is not. The sands of time have shifted too many times over. The familiar features are not the same anymore. The 442nd is on the threshold of change. Many events have come and gone and more events are yet to happen that presages the passage of time that fortells of changes in a time when many of us consider it a time of tranquility.

Example of this is that of the 50th Pearl Harbor Remembrance. It has come and gone with the feeling that an era has passed and may not be repeated for another 50 years with such fanfare. The 442nd played heroic roles during these past 49 years and now we are on the road to pass on our Legacy to our children.

The Sons and Daughters of the veterans have emerged as a viable force. They will be joining the 442nd veterans club soon as a distinct unit to ensure that the ideals we fought for will not be abandoned. They have the enviable task of preventing a repetition of the unconstitutional act of internment committed on our Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII. The slogan for the Golden Anniversary next year is, "Go For Broke -- A Legacy of Americanism." Thus the Sons and Daughters have another enviable task of raising a new generation of Americans. Americans without the need for a hyphenated Japanese dash American. We're getting there. At the Olympics they introduced Kristi Yamaguchi as plain American, USA.

The Golden anniversary chairman, George Nakasato, is planning a last "Hurrah" for next year. A celebration to commemorate 50 years of existence as a veterans club. Certainly we are not going to die on the vine but after the parade through Waikiki, many of us will say, "No more."

Another event that will fall on the wayside is the penultimate Kauai Invitational Golf Tournament. They will quit after next year. The task of conducting a large tournament of this size is getting to be bit too much for our Kauai friends.

But wait, there's a light at the end of the tunnel. The Sons and Daughters are standing there. Our Legacy is in good hands!

Joe Shimamura reports that a certain Don Kelly, relates that his father and six brothers who were in the Canadian Army, The Royal Eddys and Engineers remember the Hawaii soldiers who fought near Casino. Don wants to thank the "Pineapples" from Hawaii who fought so bravely.

Joe was also instrumental in getting Tad Sakai the certificate of appreciation

END

## IN MEMORIAM

SAM NAKAMURA, an active member of 3rd Headquarters, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away in December 1991

TSUGUO TOM IMAI, an active member of Fox Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away in January 1992

SUSUMU "WHITEY" SAITO, an active member of Love Chapter, 442nd Veteran Club passed away in February 1992

HENRY OSHIRO, an active member of Howe Chapter, 442nd Veteran Club, passed away in April 1992.

CALVIN YASUHARA, an active member of 232 Chapter, 442 Veterans Club, passed away in December 1992.

RAYMOND SUMIKAWA, an associate member of Love Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away in April 1992.

## COMMENTARY

By the Editor

### TAD SAKAI

Tad Sakai, Love Chapter, has left a legacy of words and thoughts among the readers throughout Continental U.S., Guam and Hawaii. His meticulous and conscientious approach to the production and delivery of the GO FOR BROKE BULLETIN have set high standards difficult to equal.

## 1992 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For the first time, the traditional photo on the cover of this Bulletin is more pleasing to the eyes. Grace Okamura, our new Executive Secretary, appears to be a rose among .....

Nevertheless, our stalwart leaders of 1992 have already plunged themselves into the work at hand.

Foremost, is the planning of the Golden Anniversary celebration of the founding of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team next year. The officers and committees face the awesome task of organizing, coordinating and implementing the numerous details connected with staging such a tremendous event.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Hats off! to this group of descendants of 442nd members who performed admirably at the recent memorial services at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and the 49th Anniversary Banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

They took over the "whole works" and carried out their responsibilities with efficiency and dispatch. We need not feel apprehensive concerning the future of our club.

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SMITTY KOGA, an active member of Item Chapter, passed away in February 1992.

MABEL MURAKAMI, Clerk-typist receptionist of the 442nd Veterans Club passed away in April 1992.



# 50th ANNIVERSARY PLANS AND THE DRAWING

BOARD by George Nakasato

An exciting five-day reunion plan to commemorate the 50th Golden Anniversary of the 442nd RCT was announced recently by the Chairman of the 50th. It will be held in Waikiki, on March 24th, Wednesday to March 28th, Sunday, 1993. As in the past, the reunion celebration is open to all members of the 442nd RCT, their families and guests. From an early questionnaire survey, slightly over 2,000 people may attend this historical event.

The theme of the 50th reunion celebration will be centered on "GO FOR BROKE: A LEGACY OF AMERICANISM." A discussion is now underway to see how we can reach out and share "our stories" with the community. Arnold Hiura, a consultant on print and media relations, has joined our planning committee and will work on this aspect of our overall program, including linkages to local, national and international media groups. Other traditional reunion activities are still on track, including a 2-day golf tournament played on military courses, banquets at Sheraton Waikiki Ballroom, optional Hawaiian dinner/shows in Waikiki, a fashion show and luncheon, Sunday morning services at Punchbowl, chapter nights, plus a 2-mile Veterans Parade down Kalakaua Ave on Saturday morning. Interests are somewhat high for the latter event. The popular Honolulu Parade Man, Mr Nelson Fujio, agree to mastermind this exercise. More about the parade as it develops.

The beautiful Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel, located on 2500 Kuhio Avenue, Waikiki was selected as our official headquarter for the 50th. We have reservation for 250 rooms plus meeting rooms. Eight (8) other hotels in Waikiki were selected to handle all of our hotel needs, a reservation for 825 plus rooms and at least 12 to 14 hospitality rooms. And with the assistance of Board members, we should be able to assign each chapter/service unit to a specific hotel (prior to registration). In this manner, all registered members and their guests can be housed in the same hotel. More about this arrangement as negotiations are completed.

Attractive reunion packages have been negotiated (tentatively) with Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays (PHH), our official travel service company. For example, a package of airfare/airport transfers/four

(4)nights lodging will range from a high of \$609 to a low of \$524 per person for a twin double occupancy room. Other packages are reasonable and fair, too, including rates for a pre-reunion or post-reunion travel tours to the neighbor islands. Land (only) rates are also available. More about these packages and rates as negotiations are completed for the 1993 season.

Now, a word about Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays or PHH: This is a wholesale travel tour company specializing on tour packages for the mainland/Hawaii market (only). It is a kamaaina company with staff resource scattered and stationed in various hotels in Waikiki. A very reliable company, according seasoned travellers.

We have a contract agreement with PHH to handle all of our reunion service needs, particularly with hotel reservations, travel needs, land transfer services (buses car rentals), and other accommodation amenities. In addition, PHH offered the use of its worldwide computerized reservation system to register, store and retrieve basic information for planning purposes.

PHH will also prepare and print 5,000 copies of informational/registration brochures; 442nd agreed to distribute most of these brochures. Finally, PHH will sponsor a promotional trip to mainland cities - Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles Dallas - sometime in late May or early June.

We, in turn, will receive a "donation" from proceeds derived from the sales of reunion packages. Financially, this arrangement is a plus; on manpower, we can not do it alone. Thus, in order for this system to be effective, we strongly encourage all travellers to sign-up or register with PHH, and mutually, help ourselves.

## PLANS AND PLANNING PROCESS

(as of April 1st):

1. Registration Plan: Registration and reservation procedures will be explained in the brochure, including reservation for banquets, order for souvenir items, fees for registration to attend, fees for golf, etc. The brochure should be completed by early May. A deposit of \$50 per person is required at the time of registration, before July 30th.

2. Banquet Plans: The Aloha or Welcome Banquet and the traditional Sayonara Banquet will be held in the Ballroom of Sheraton, Waikiki. It has a capacity to handle

2,000 people; cost may range from \$524 per person.

3. Golf Tournament: A two-day event will be held at two military courses and tournament plays a capable hands of Bruno Yamada.

4. Souvenir Sales: An official 50th Anniversary shirt will be offered. Price may range from \$25 to \$35 shirts from \$17 to \$20; Sons shirts and other items on sale.

5. Book Sale: A newly published book, BOYHOOD to WAR, anecdote and history of 442nd RCT, will be offered for sale to all registrants. The book was authored by Dr Dorothy Matsuo and based on personal interviews with many members from various chapters. An exciting book, 250 pages of "talk stories" at the home front and from military services.

6. Souvenir Booklet: A 96-page booklet commemorating our 50th Anniversary and an insight to events prior to, during and after WWII. Ad space solicitation is still going on; more assistance is needed.

7. Post-reunion Publication: Tentative plans are being developed to publish a pictorial collection of people, events and activities of the historical 50th. This booklet will be offered for sale to all registrants of the 50th.

All in all, with the cooperation of chapters and mainland coordinators, our reunion plans are moving along at a very good pace. We hope, in the final analysis we can jell together a plan of good things good fellowship and healthy camaraderie during the historical five days in 1993.

## "I CAN NEVER FORGET"

By Thelma Chang

With gratitude in our hearts, all of us here today have much to honor and celebrate. Here, on sacred ground, we honor the deeds of some extraordinary Americans of World War II -- the Nisei SOLDIERS of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who rose valiantly above the binds of war and racism nearly 50 years ago. Here, on sacred ground, we respect the dear price that was paid so that all Americans, including minority Americans, could enjoy the freedoms and civil rights that are often taken for granted today. Here, on sacred ground, we honor the memories of the soldiers and their immigrant parents from Japan, the Issei.

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they died in a freezing, dark forest. The astounding battle would become known as the Rescue of the Lost Battalion. Among the casualties, soldiers who charged up a forest ridge like the pounding waves of an angry sea and fell under the awesome fire of enemy guns. They opened the way to the Lost Battalion. Some of their boyhood friends who survived the ordeal are here to honor them today.

When it was all said and done, the 442nd emerged from World War II as among the most decorated for its size and length of service.

Who are these soldiers who left behind such a stunning legacy for generations of Americans to respect and remember?

I might not have known the depth and range of their sacrifices had it not been for a Hawaiian history course I took in 1980. As students, we learned about social

conditions in Hawaii before and during the war, we learned how Hawaii's veterans changed the course of island history and thus our destinies as American citizens. We became aware of the extent of the prejudice that existed -- the fact that certain jobs, clubs, schools and sections of town were off limits to most Asians. We learned how the remarkable performance of Nisei soldiers contributed toward the extension of civil rights for all Americans especially minorities.



For me, the nisei story was an amazing human drama of honor and endurance. A powerful force in battle, the soldiers blazed through Europe with one spirit, one mind -- Go For Broke. These men with Asian faces did not fit the John Wayne stereotype of soldiers. But when put through the test of fire time after time, the men of the 442nd were at once fierce fighters, gentle liberators and loyal friends to each other and to those who earned their trust.

I wanted to know more. What was their human experience? What were their thoughts and feelings during this significant period in their lives? Considering the magnitude of their sacrifices, why did my history books say so little about them?

The answers would not come till later. During that time, I was conducting research on another war with a different kind of impact on my own friends and classmates. While doing the research however, the 442nd legacy appeared in the stories of the Hawaii soldiers who went to Vietnam and I began to see a pattern.

One thread of the pattern was provided by Bill Kilauano, a pure-Hawaiian from the Island of Kauai. He remembered the time he attended Medical Corps school in Texas. He told me, "Some Mexican guys were yelling at me in Spanish and I told them, 'No habla Espanol, I'm Hawaiian.' And this haole guy walks up to me and says, 'I knew you weren't Mexican. I knew you were from Hawaii. I heard a lot about you guys.' When I asked him how, he replied that his father was a member of the Lost Battalion. This guy from Texas followed me everywhere, and I could do no wrong in his eyes. And he told his other friends about the 442nd." Like the 442nd soldiers before him who spread their island-style goodwill whenever possible, Bill served with great humanity as a medic in jungles of Vietnam.

It became clear to me that many human facets of the 442nd legacy remained untold. Who are these men who have inspired yet another generation of soldiers and scholars? I felt as if someone or something was sitting on my shoulder, saying, "Write me, I will not let you go until you write me."

During the process of seeking answers, I was struck by the warmth and humility that came from the hearts of the veterans. Some of those hearts had been broken from the war. Some of their hearts held scars which never quite healed. "I Can Never Forget," they said. Yet they were the ones who carried me along during some dark moments when the subject became too painful to bear and I wanted to stop the research.

Sitting here are veterans whom I can never forget.

Lit bursts of light, they provided valuable insights not only on war and death but more important -- on life itself. Once, I asked a 442nd veteran from the mainland to describe how it felt to be treated with hostility by his own government and shipped to a concentration camp. He said, "It was like having your own father reject you. It's hard to explain. You wouldn't understand."

I asked, "Did it feel like having a father somewhere, but not really having a father? Did you feel like an orphan, unwanted through no fault of your own?"

"That's it," he said. That's exactly how I felt."

If there was any fault to find with the veterans -- and maybe it's not a fault -- it was their initial reluctance to talk about themselves. When I asked, "Why?" this is what I heard.

"We were brought up that way."

"We're not the type to wear our medals in public."

We just wanted to get on with life.

A particularly striking response came from a veteran who said, "We've been wrongly criticized for the fact that we haven't told certain things...It isn't that we haven't told, it's just that people weren't ready to hear it."

I realized his observation were correct when I came across the following essay, written by the son of a 442nd veteran. His father died in 1971 and is buried here in sacred ground. Like his peers, the soldier returned from the war, got a job, married, raised a family and rarely talked about the war to his children. His son sits among us today and has allowed me to share some of his feelings. He wrote, "Dad, when I was very young, I think you knew I was too wrapped up in myself ... to spend much time thinking about you and me. But as I grew up, I began to think more about you...Dad I didn't know what or who you were as a young boy, as a soldier. The more I thought about you, the more questions I have today with no way of answering them."

"Why did you volunteer for the Army at the ripe old age of 32? I know it wasn't for the honor of your family because grandma and grandpa were long dead. Why did you sign up dad? And what was it like to face a hostile nation while training on the mainland? What was it like to be treated with suspicion? What were you thinking about as you sailed on a crowded ship across the Atlantic heading for Europe?"

"While we were growing up, you and the other dads would sometimes get together and talk about the war. Why did all of you suddenly become quiet when we kids came by and tried to listen? What didn't you want us to hear?"

But most of all, dad, I wanted to ask you about the time I told you I was thinking about volunteering for the war in Vietnam. I thought you'd be happy I'd be following your footsteps. Why did you get mad, dad? How come you told me I wouldn't want to go to war, then wouldn't say anymore? I wish I could have heard your story, dad."

Shortly after my book, "I Can Never Forget" was released, I received numerous letters such as his. They provided me with some very rewarding moments. One recently came from Seattle, the daughter of one of the many remarkable soldiers of the Rescue of the Lost Battalion. Her father had volunteered for service from an internment camp. She wrote: "When my dad recently went in for surgery, I was

angry and afraid. He was such a healthy and active individual, very young in body and mind...Looking through the book, I felt my spirits rise and I felt a sense of peace about my dad's mortality. This was perhaps I felt you had insured that my six-year-old daughter and other Yonsei would know my father and the true contributions he and other 442nd soldiers have made to our destinies. For my father, I felt the book would energize the "Go For Broke" spirit that enabled him to survive all those trying years. Today, he faces another battle."

Nearly fifty years ago, her father and his friends in the 442nd Infantry Regiment fought with honor in Europe against a known enemy. They answered the call with guns, bullets and their blood. Today we too face another battle.

Today, the battlefield is different for the enemy is often covert and therefore insidious. Today, the battlefield is in the heart and the mind and the enemy is prejudice.

We see the effects of racism in our television news and in newspaper headlines. A few years ago, we learned about a massacre of Asian American school children in Sacramento, California. We felt sorrow for the mother of Vincent Chinn, killed by frustrated auto workers in Michigan who thought he was Japanese. We read about attacks on Asian American homes and churches on the Mainland. We hear about racial harassment against Asians and African Americans in college campuses. We are told that ice skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi, an American who earned an Olympic gold medal after years of hard work, might be denied lucrative contracts because she has an Asian face. And the list goes on.

While Hawaii is blessed with a beautiful mix of cultures, we cannot feel too comfortable. There is prejudice in paradise. And even though some of us may escape the pain of racism, some of our friends, neighbors and children may not, especially if they travel to the mainland for college, business or vacation.

I believe this challenge today can be met with the weapons of education and knowledge. I believe the legacy of the



nisei soldiers of World War II provides an important force in the battle against prejudice. I believe this is what was asked by the son who expressed in the essay to his father. "Dad, because you did such a good job of protecting me from the ugliness of your war, my task today is tougher to deal with than yours. Will we hear our wake up call? Will we be true to the legacy you left us? I wish I could hear your story."

I believe the soldiers who are buried here in sacred ground deserve no less -- that by continuing the fight, we honor the sacrifices made nearly fifty years ago. We honor the sacrifices because we can never forget.

END



By Yori Inouye

Mike Memoirs

By Yori Inouye

Annual Christmas Party By Grace Yamashiro

Christmas party for all Mikers was held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 15th with plenty of kaukau from Misuzu and many onolicious desserts from members, lots and lots of prizes and our annual goodie bag. If you don't know what our goodie bag is, you must come to our Christmas party at the end of this year.

Members enjoying the evening included Norio & Mary Akutagawa, Tadao & Alice Beppu, Mamoru & Edith Furuya, Hatsue Gushiken, Barney & Esther Hajiro, Ernest & Dorothy Kamisato, Jimmy & Frieda Kanemori, Melvin & Mildred Kunishige, Tommy Kikuchi, Edwin Matsuzaki, Wally & Priscilla Nagao, Robert Nagata, Richard & Edith Nariyoshi, Frank & Nancy Nomura, Haruko Obara, Isamu & Kay Takayasu, Ralph & Alice Tomei, Toshio & Emi Tsuji, Grace Yamashiro, Joseph & Hazel Yasuda and Mr. Nishioka, guest of the Nariyoshi's

NA We missed some of our regulars due to a conflict of scheduling but we hope to see you next year. Good Guy SHIGE INOUE came to do his job of collecting your dues and when we turned around to offer him some kaukau, he skipped out to join Yori at her annual karaoke musical. MELVIN KUNISHIGE asked us to support the Sons & Daughters of the 442 by submitting the names of our children. Also, that

since they are responsible for the memorial services in March, we should make an extra effort to get to Punchbowl and give them our support. Also, he is soliciting ads for the souvenir booklet for the 50th anniversary in 1993. Call him if you want to place an ad or know of someone who may want to.

JIMMY KANEMORI presented the following slate of officers for 1992:

President - WALLY NAGAO  
Vice President - our perpetual - TOMMY KIKUCHI  
Treasurer - SHIGE INOUE

All were unanimously elected.

RALPH TOMEI announced the following donation of gifts:

Ann Nomura, Daughter of Frank, a case of Lipton products; Mr. Nishioka, 3 brooches; Richard Nariyoshi, 3 poinsettia plants; Wally Nagao, 4 qts of liquor and Priscilla, her delicious rum cake; Hatsue Gushiken, handmade Christmas ornaments and money necklaces; Barney Hajiro, 6 20-lbs bags of rice and Esther - her usual delicious tempuras; Joe Yasuda, 9 pots of blooming orchid plants; Ernest Kamisato, 5 foot stools (Frank wasn't satisfied with one of them, he won two so he and Nancy can clean the yard in togetherness).

Nishioka sensei provided the entertainment for the evening by singing one song in Japanese and the other in Korean. Emi Tsuji didn't bring her karaoke tapes but gave us a rendition of a 'RAHRAH' song she did at the Hawaii/Notre Dame game. (That's the way to go Emi). We had so many gifts, playing BINGO was the highlight of the evening. Multiple winners included the KAMISATOS, FURUYAS, NOMURAS to name a few. HARUKO OBATA finally won a game, so Grace promptly took her home. JIMMY KANEMORI circulated the proposed itinerary for Mike Chapter Reunion in Las Vegas set for March 7-12 at Union Plaza. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there and look for the next issue for all the big winners (TOMMY, it's gonna be you).

By the time you read this, Hiroshi and I will be looking at different sceneries and trying to be like the "kotonks" in California. If you are in the area, give us a call or come and visit at 8761 Lauder Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Telephone: (714) 965-9954. We will not say Good-bye but ALOHA for a little while.

Letter from Noble Taziri

Greetings from Colorado!

It has been several months since we last enjoyed our visit with all of you. I can't thank you enough for the good time Ruby and I had at the get-together and the delicious food. We really enjoyed the entertainment and meeting all the fellows. Although I have a hard time remembering each one of you, reminiscing over the names has meant so much to me and the memories of our years in the 442nd.

When we had made plans to go to Maui I told Ruby that I would really like to go to Honolulu and see the fellows from the company once again. So that trip was the highlight of my dream to see all of my old buddies.

On our return to Colorado we had one of the coldest October that I can remember. However, as they say, "It's a pleasure to live in Colorado" as you never know what the weather is going to be from one day to another. We have had our cold winter days, and we have had some nice sunny warm days. In fact, this week (12/4) has been spring-like and we are enjoying warm sunny days.

Our days are filled with activities so we are never bored. Ruby and I bowl in a senior league on Monday afternoons. We have nutrition lunches three times a week here at our retirement home. There is also potluck dinners, birthday parties, and now holiday parties so time goes by fast. I also enjoy all the football games on T.V.

So far I have been feeling good and hope that I can continue to stay that way so that I can plan on attending the reunion in 1993.

In closing, thanks to you all for the memories and may each and everyone of you enjoy a very Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season. Best wishes to all!

Noble Taziri

Chapter Reunion in Las Vegas

All returned safely, but dead tired, from the Chapter reunion in Las Vegas. The Honolulu group led by Jimmy Kanemori left on Saturday, March 7th, with full of energy and enthusiasm to meet with old friends once again. And of course, Tommy

and Harriet Kikuchi had to make sure they got their fill of the good ole Hawaiian saimin before we left the islands. Going through security check at the airport, Emi Tsuji created some commotion among security personnel when the sensors went peep-peep-peep because of all the gold jewelry, bangles and whatnots she was wearing. On the aircraft when it was their turn for beverage service the stewardess asked Ralph and Alice Tomei what they wanted to drink. They couldn't remember the name of their favorite beverage--it was bloody shame!

When we arrived at the Union Plaza Hotel, our reunion headquarters, on Sunday morning a pleasant surprise awaited us -- Tom and Rose Kinaga greeted us with open arms. They took time from their busy schedule and drove out there the day before to be with us just for one day. A perfect welcoming committee they were. Unfortunately, they had to leave early the next morning since Tom wasn't about to play hooky from classes. It was really wonderful to see all the people we hadn't seen for awhile. The Hawaii group included Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Shige and Yori Inouye, Barney Hajiro, Tommy and Harriet Kikuchi, Toshio and Emi Tsuji, Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro, David and Janet Umeda, Isamu and Kay Takayasu and Ralph and Mitsue Shishido; also Harue Furumoto and Nancy Kouzuki (sister and sister-in-law, respectively, of Shigeo Sorakubo). From California were Dick and Sumi Tochihara, Yoshito and Alice Yamada, Bill Okazaki, Bob Yuruki, Seiki and Alice Yoshimura, Ruby Dobana and her daughter Carrie, Yoshio and Grace Nakamura, and Harry and Mitzi Kumakura; also Mitsugi and Charlene Hane and Matsuo and Masako Taoka (guests of David and Janet Umeda). From Washington we had Tosh and Yoshie Mayeda, their friends Mike and June Iwamoto, Kaun and Sumi Onodera, Bill and Mitzi Kunitzugu, and Ed and Teru Kiyo-hara. From North Dakota were Clarence Sawamura and his friends, Oliver and Patricia Fiddler. From Illinois Yahachi and Minnie Sagami; and from Nebraska Sam and Sai Ushio.

Monday night we all congregated for our banquet in the Turf Room. Jimmy Kanemori had the evening well under control with a no-host cocktail hour and a comfortable sit-down dinner. Everybody relished the generous spread of pupus--beef jerky and pistachios donated by Bill Okazaki, smoked salmon from Tosh and Yoshie Mayeda and Kaun and Sumi Onodera, assorted nuts from Dick and Sumi Tochihara, macadamie nuts and chocolates from



Ralph and Mitsue Shishido. Seiki and Alice Yoshimura and Yoshito and Alice Yamada treated us all with plenty of oranges and raisins to take home. Alice Yamada climbed up the tree herself to pick those oranges, and Alice Yoshimura did the tedious work of cleaning the raisins, so we should enjoy them even more. And what did Seiki and Yoshito do while the girls were doing all the work? That's right, they only supervised. We also acknowledge a cash

donation received from Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro. To all the donors we wish to say mahalo for your generosity.

MC for the program was our ever dependable Ralph Tomei. After Jimmy Kanemori got some logistical matters straightened out the show continued, which went surprisingly well considering the lack of a karaoke machine and the ukuleles. Thanks to Grace Yamashiro, we had a tape recorder. She even had the foresight to get some hula music taped before her move to LA so that she, Janet Umeda, Alice Tomei and Yori Inouye could dance a few numbers for the group. We were also able to get into some karaoke singing using the house microphone. Bill Kunitz gave us a good rendition of the song "Kawa" and has now become the newest member of the M Company Borot Club. Just at this moment, if Bill is reading this, he's probably wondering if that's good or bad. Others braving their way up stage were Mitsue Shishido, Emi Tsuji and Yori Inouye. In between the performances, Ralph piped in with some good jokes which were well received. It was good to meet the first timers like Yoshio and Grace Nakamura from California. They have both recently retired so we'll get to see more of them. Needless to say, we all had a grand time and enjoyed to gether that night.

For the benefit of the mainlanders a sign-up sheet for next year's 50th Anniversary Reunion was circulated, and it was very encouraging to note that all the mainland attendees said YES. So we can look forward to a wonderful reunion in 1993.

Among the luckier winners who brought home some of the green stuff were Alice Tomei who hit a nice jackpot, and Jimmy Kanemori with the Royal Flush on the poker machine. The most unfortunate of the not so lucky bunch was Bill Okazaki. While vigorously exercising his right arm he felt something fall on his

shoe, and when he stooped down to see what it was, his full bucket of coins disappeared. And that's another trick we all learned not to stoop for. We can't all be winners but we certainly had a grand time and look forward to more in the future.

#### Annual Memorial Service and Banquet

We take our hats off to the Sons and Daughters for a job well done--they did a

splendid job presenting the 49th Anniversary Memorial Service at Punchbowl and the Banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel on Saturday, March 21st.

The Memorial service in the morning went very well--it was a solemn ceremony, graced with beautiful blue skies, commencing with the reading of the Roll of the Fallen by the Sons and Daughters. Keynote speaker, Thelme Chang, eloquently conveyed the theme of the program and her book entitled "I Can Never Forget." Among the next of kin recognized at the service were Hatsuko Gushiken (Minoru Gushiken), Sachiko Sakihara (George Sakihara) and Grace Tachibana (Haruo Tachibana).

The annual banquet in the evening "As Time Goes By" was also well received, with Sons and Daughters Speaker, Glenn Mirikidani, and keynote speaker, Bruce Yamashita, bringing very moving accounts of their experiences. Among the 442 Club officers introduced was M Chapter's Paul Takiguchi who moved up to 2nd Vice President. Congratulations, Paul! Seated at the three M Co. tables were Wally and Priscilla Nagao, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Richard and Edith Nariyoshi, Tommy Kikuchi, Tom Sakamoto, Robert Nagata, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, Terry and Elsie Teruya, Shige and Yori Inouye, Tadao and Alice Beppu, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Melvin and Mildred Kunishige, and Shiro and Evelyn Aoki. We wish also to recognize the Sons & Daughters of M Chapter members who took time to be there: Joy and Paul Sugiyama, June and Keith Morimatsu (Tomei daughters), Mark Nomura, and Larry Tachibana. Larry was the guy busy with the video equipment during the events. Thank for being with us.

MAHALO, Sons and Daughters, for your participation and dedicated effort in making these events such memorable ones for your parents. We're proud of you!

#### ETCETERA

Terry and Elsie Teruya welcomed their very first grandchild, Taylor Sakae, born on January 18, to daughter Iris in Honolulu.

Tom and Rose Kinaga were recent

vistors in Honolulu as two scholars with a study group under the Elder Hostel Program. Subjects they covered, if we remember correctly, were The War Years, The Hawaiian People and Island Marine Life. Don't be too surprised if you find the two kotonks know more about these islands than we do. They also were blessed with another grandchild -- a girl named Quinn, born in October 1991 to their daughter Mary of Lafayette, CA.

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By Allen Nakamura

It is with a heavy heart and sadness that we all share in the last 3 consecutive GFB Bulletin, on the report in the death of our comrades.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Susumu "Whitey" Saito who has shown no indication of ill health and in fact played a good game of golf on Friday, Feb. 14, and later that evening had all intentions of coming to our chapter meeting but decided to pass it up as he didn't feel too good. "Whitey" passed away at 10 P.M. that evening from a massive heart attack. He was age 69. He was a soft spoken kind person, liked by all who came in contact with him and very much adored by his grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Florence and her family, son Ronald, daughters Cheryl Ann Naomi, Patricia Patricio, Claire Tani and his mother, Mrs. Yotsu Saito. "Whitey" will be missed.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 19 with many "L" chapter members in attendance. Eulogy by Bill Oshiro:

"Whitey" Saito is leaving me for the second time. The first time we said goodbye was in early Nov. 1944, right after the rescue of the Lost Battalion. He was wounded in action on Nov 11, 1944 and was being returned to the medical aid station area.

Our goodbye at that time was a happy one, for "Whitey" was leaving our Company to go home. The war in Europe was over for him. It was sad in a way, because he was one of the last in our original group of 12, who started out with me at Camp Shelby and ended overseas in Europe. But when he left on that Nov. day in 1944, I was happy for him. Our parting words were, we'll see you at home.

In John Tsukano's book, Bridge of Love, it shows that "Whitey" received the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, and a combat infantryman's badge. These are very honorable awards which many 442 vet's received. I'm sure that all who received them were proud to have been so honored. To me, "Whitey", a name we endearingly latched on to him, was more than those awards portrayed.

"Whitey" was the scout or point man for our squad. On occasions he took turns with the two other scouts in our platoon to lead our platoon of 40 plus people. The safety of our platoon in combat was in his hands. He had to be on the ball and observant at all times. The lives of many men depended upon his alertness and doing the job well. For all the times he assumed those responsibilities, I always felt that we were in good hands. Tho' he was only 20 when he joined 442, he was street smart. One night we were dug in along a railroad track facing the enemy as I was making the rounds on our men's position on a very dark night, "Whitey" alerted me that there was a lot of mechanized movements coming from the direction of the enemy. I told him that I can't hear a thing. "Whitey" said, "Bill, take off your helmet and cup your ears. Sure enough, I followed his instructions and I heard the noise that "Whitey" was hearing. Fortunately for us, the sound indicated that the enemy was retreating rather than coming towards our line. We stayed put with a sigh of relief.

"Whitey" was a good soldier. He was always cheerful, carried out his chores without any complaints and most of all he worked well with others and was well liked by all. I was very fortunate in having had "Whitey" in my squad. If I had to go on a patrol and I was told to take five men, "Whitey" would have been very high on the list.

Lt. Col Sherwood Dixon, 3rd Bn Commander, 442nd RCT said of the 442 that, "if every man of us played his part and did his best, than a hundred years later our descendants could say, and proudly, that their ancestors had marched with the 442nd RCT". "Whitey" Saito was the type of person Col. Dixon was talking about. "Whitey" did his part and did his best. "Whitey's" grandchildren and great grandchildren, can proudly say that, "Our grandpa was in the 442nd RCT".



We of Co. L, 3rd platoon, 2nd squad were proud and privileged to have served in the 442nd RCT with "Whitey". I said earlier that "Whitey" will be leaving me for the 2nd time. This time, it is not only the war that is over for him, but all the health problems and other unpleasant occurrences in life will not concern him anymore. It's fine for "Whitey" but very hard for his loved one's. He will be missed very much! I'm hopeful that the good Lord will see them through this very difficult period. As for his buddies from Co. L, we'll have to rely on memories of the many happy moments we shared with "Whitey". I'm sure that we'll miss him and remember "Whitey" for a very long time. I know that I will. END OF EULOGY.

MINORU "MIN" SUMIDA, age 73 of Montebello, CA., passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1992. As in the deaths of "Whitey" & "Min", it was an unbelievable, shocking phonecall by P.K. Matsumoto on "Whitey" and Terry Jichaku, a close friend of the Sumida's that "Min" died. "Min" who was hospitalized for 10 days with pneumonia, was well on his way to recovery and scheduled to go home on Monday, 20th of Jan., the day that I called Chickie. "Min" who was stricken with a severe heart attack in 1971, died from a weakened heart in the doctor's report.

"Min" was a valuable member of the L.A. group and represented them well, locally and nationally in nisei veterans affairs. In early years when his health was much better, he was my contact person and provided me with immeasurable help in coordinating the L.A. group's attendance at the reunions.

Since his severe heart attack, he was very careful on his health and received approval to travel from the doctor to the Kona reunion in 1990. Altho' he did not take in the road trips, he was one of three "L" chapter members interviewed by a reporter of West Hawaii Today, the Big Island's only morning daily. The interview took place in the "L" chapter hospitality room.

Excerpts from "Min's" interview: "We weren't aware of what our brethren went through on the soldiers that had friends and relatives in internment camps, "but that 1,000 yards was a hell. The Germans were in a very good position because they had been there for years", recalling the rescue of the Lost Battalion when he initially saw a map that showed the battalion only about 1,000 yards from his position. "Our company was pretty fortunate not to lose too many", reflecting on the injuries received by "L" company members from tree bursts during this action.

He related, at least temporarily an exception that 442nd soldiers were traditionally all Americans of Japanese Ancestry. On a pitch-black night, the men were forced to hold onto the pack of the person in front of them to avoid becoming lost while marching through the village. After a while, he wondered who the looming shadow was ahead of him. "He was way taller than us". Further investigation revealed that he had on a different type of helmet and was actually a German who thought he had located his unit. "He was carrying a rifle and everything". He was quickly disarmed and captured. "After we thought about it, we started laughing."

To Chickie, daughters Alison, Barbara, Lynne and the six grandchildren "Min" loved

very much, our sincere sympathy. We will all miss "Min". He was a good man, who commanded much respect from his friends.

SOICHI "POP" KOIZUMI, age 75 died on Sep. 30, 1991 from heart attack. He was also afflicted with cancer. This information came from Bill Hagio who have been in contact with the Koizumi's via Xmas greetings. "Pop" who lived in Reno, finally made an appearance at the Reno reunion much to the surprise of all of us. It was almost 43 years since many have met him again. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Ann and her family.

#### SICKNESS

With all the reports on deceased, it doesn't get much better with so many illness among us, some encouraging recovery, some not good.

VICTOR YAMASHITA our reliable and efficient member in both our "L" & LIKM chapter affairs, is recuperating at home from a benign large tumor located in the groin area. He was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital for a week for observation but test showed that no surgery was needed. Thru medication, the tumor is reduced that he is able to resume a normal life altho' it'll be a while yet before he will join in our activities. Keep your spirits up, ole' buddy, we're all waiting for your leadership and organizational expertise!

KOBE SHOJI who has conflicting schedules with our meeting nights, but always generous is recovering at home from prostate surgery when 1 of 4 polyp was found to be positive. He was hospitalized at Queens Hospital for a short 3 days, but found recovery time takes much longer, like no golf for 6 months! Have patience there my good friend!

JIRO NAKASO of Berkeley, Ca., who really enjoyed the reunion at Kona and having recited a poem at the chapter night, elevating our program a notch higher, was stricken with aneurysm while golfing. He is now in a nursing home. From last reports by Yasu Okinaka, Jiro's good friend, Jiro is able to communicate slightly by movements of eyelids, etc. This info from wife, Jean Nakaso.

Another report by Yasu Okinaka is that, Toshi Tanimura of Seattle who together with Toshi's guests were celebrating Toshi's 70th birthday on Maui when he was hospitalized for a blood clot. After returning to Seattle, Toshi was stricken down with a stroke.

Get Better Soon! may be harder said for some, but good wishes and warm thoughts are with you this day. May yours be a Speedy Recovery!, is sincerely said by all of us to you who are down in health right now.

#### FUND RAISER

December 15, 1991 was an eventful day for our combined "L" & LIKM chapters. It was the day of our annual fund raiser for the Emiko Nakamura Scholarship Fund and for our chapters to carry on our social responsibilities and commitments to the benefits of our membership. We are thankful to have such a generous group of members to take part in this worthy cause to again make it a successful event. Year in, year out it is the same familiar names that are the backbone that donates their hard earned dollars.

Not being able to attend because of conflict in their schedules, these members nevertheless mailed in their generous donations: Bill Hagio, \$50; George Kinoshita, \$100; Mickey Kurokawa, \$20; Doc Miyamoto, \$50; Paul Nakahara, \$10; Hiroshi Nakamoto, \$50; Fumio Ohashi, \$25; Bill Oshiro, \$25; Kobe Shoji, \$150; Yoshito Tome, \$100. MAILED IN FOR EMIKO'S FUND: Bill Oshiro, \$25; George Matsumoto, \$25; Hideo Arakawa, \$10; Hapa Fujimoto, \$50; Genro Kashiwa, \$200.

The following participated and enjoyed the excitement of the evening's activities with, Door Donations (DD) and/or Bid Check (BCK) or Bid Cash (BC): Yoshiji Aoki, (DD) \$20, (BCK) \$37; Kazuo Fink (BCK) \$40; Lawrence Fujii, (DD) \$20; Tommy Kakesako, (DD) \$200, (BCK) \$67; Edna Kuramoto, (DD) \$10; Wilfred Leong, (BCK) \$36; P.K. Matsumoto, (DD) \$10, (BC) \$56; Cowboy Matsura, (DD) \$20; Hajime Matsuura, (DD) \$25, (BCK) \$50; John Naganuma, (BCK) \$52; Kazuma Ogata, (DD) \$50; Joe Oshiro, (DD) \$25; Matsy Takabuki, (DD) \$20; Isa Takiyama, (DD) \$20, (BC) \$54; Ernest Uno (DD) \$25, (BCK) \$112; Victor Yamashita, (DD) \$75, (BCK) \$100; Alice Fink's mother, (DD) \$15; John Fink (BCK) \$39; Jeff/Margaret Cadiz (Fink's) (BCK) \$15; Susan Cup Choy (Fink's), (BCK) \$28;

Dr. Derrick Dang (Leong's), (BCK) \$70; Juliet Murata (Edna), (BCK) \$2; Randal Nakamura (Allen), (BCK) \$114; Mark Olmos (Uno), (BCK) \$10. Various cash bids of Chinese auction, etc. \$292.

Door donations (DD) direct to Emiko Nakamura Scholarship Fund and bid check (BCK): Henry Ishida, (DD) \$50, (BCK) \$45; Jacob Jichaku, (DD) \$25, (BCK) \$125; Toshi Nakahara, (DD) \$20; Allen Nakamura, (DD) \$50, (BCK) \$191.

Not reported earlier thru a slight lapse of memory (which is becoming common these days) by

this writer is that, starting from this Fund Drive donation of \$200 annually will be made to Kuakini Hospital's, Hale Puhama Mau. The generous donations by member participants made possible for Emiko's Fund to receive over \$1,500 and \$450 plus to each chapter.

As in past years, donation was made to Delta Kappa Gamma Society, (DKGS) an organization of professional educators of which Emiko was the state president in 1985-86. This year again, we had the pleasure of welcoming Dorothea Lennon, Emiko's appointee and still the finance chairperson for DKGS and the present state president, Sarah Moriyama.

Dorothea Lennon reported that there were four applicants for Emiko's \$1,000 scholarship which was awarded as two \$500 scholarship to the two finalists, Fern Margraf, Gamma Chapter, Haiku, Maui and Mary Jane Sperry, Mu Chapter, Kamuela, Hawaii. Both of these recipients are in a program of advanced study at UH Manoa, in their decision to go into school administration. We all wish them well in their chosen careers.

#### OISHI'I PUPU DESSERTS

Mouth watering pupu's and desserts which is a BIG, BIG part of the evening's festivities by our hard laboring ladies favorite dishes, make the menfolks real happy. Marian Matsumura had colorful assorted mini-sushi, musubi w/ume and green chili pepper; Betty Nakahara made Kalasu zuke, Senzuke, Warabi, Nasubizuke and Fruit Cake; Edna Kuramoto had Iriko, Shrimp Chips and Star Fruits, a rarity these days. Marian prepared the Star fruits on a plate as seen at Japanese restaurants to make it real appetizing. Smart lady this one, a real pro!

Desserts of Mint candies by Joe Oshiro; Butchie Leong, Chocolate Cake; Terry Jichaku, Cup blueberry cheese cake; Gerry Matsumoto, assorted colored mochi; Lani Matsuura, Mango bread; Doris Ishida, Oatmeal cookies and Baklava. These ladies really deserve our appreciations!

#### DONORS SUPREME

We are very thankful to have friends and members who are able to donate items to be



auctioned for the fund raiser. From John Fink of KHNJ fame, \$100 Jewel Box; Dinner certificate, 2/\$40 Wisteria, 2/\$50 Hy Steak House, 1/\$50 Jacifc Beach Hotel, 2/\$25 Pagoda Hotel, 1/\$50 New Tokyo Restaurant and 2/\$50 Kobe Steak House.

Hide Nakayama, 11 Cattleya orchid plants and assortments of knives. Lawrence Fujii,

Banana shrub, Dwarf Kunquat, Lady Jane Anthurium, Valencia Orange, Dwarf Eureka Lemon, Ixora Little Princess, Ixora Sunkist, etc. Kazuo Fink, PAL T-shirts, 14kt earring, 14kt bracelet, Calculator, Flower Shear, Impulse sprinkler, Clothes rack, M/Mouse quartz clock, Cellular Coder Walkie Talker. Jacob Jichaku, 4 children clothes outfits. Marian Matsumura, 4/handmade pot holders. Edna Kuramoto, 2/handmade bolster pillows. Betty Aoki, Traveling bag, towels, slippers and 2/surprise pkgs. Isa Takiyama, Aqua Fish Wall Painting from Pacific Galleries. Tommy Kakesako, Sweet Leilani musical hula doll, Neko Gin Doll, ass't sterling bracelets, Picture frames, etc. Cindy Medeiros, Sunday buffet dinner certificate at Halekulani.

#### WORKERS

Betty Nakahara, Nancy Oshiro, Terry Jichaku and Kuro Tomasa who came early in the morning to help prepare the ingredients for the evening's chicken hekka deserves a great round of applause. Thank y' all! A spaghetti lunch was also served to those that were there, decorating the hall and doing other chores. Joining the kitchen crew for lunch were: Victor/Timmy Yamashita, Yoshiji/Betty Aoki, Jacob Jichaku, Edna Kuramoto and yours truly. Almost forgot, Kazuo Fink was there also setting up the items to be auctioned.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

George Nakasato's anniversary committee is closely finalizing the timetable of events leading to the reunion other than the head-quarter hotel, which is still in negotiations at this writing. The important thing in the timetable is that the registration forms will be out on April 30, 1992.

As chairman for "L" chapter, my committee had a preliminary meeting in January. The next meeting will be on March 18, when we hope to have more information for you. In the meantime, letters were already sent out to known addresses of former members living in outlying cities or states that do not belong to any groups we have been in contact for years. This was done to let them know of what's coming up in '93. Hopefully it'll be early enough for them to make plans to come to Hawaii. Locally, registration forms and letter will be mailed together to inactive mem-

bers that we have address for sometime around April 30, '92. Registration forms will also be mailed at that time to groups and individuals on the mainland.

Letters were also sent to group contact persons: SEATTLE: Ken Higashi, N. CALIFORNIA: Tom Okubo & Ken Sakanashi. LOS ANGELES: Sam Ikari & Em Miyoshi. MAUI: Kiyoshi Kishimoto & Yasu Okinaka. KAUAI: Whitey Kurasaki. HILO: Tom Mizuno.

Letters to other members: N.Y. Ken Inada; ILL: Yoji Ozaki; CHICAGO: Elbert Izumi; MA: Kinya Mikami & Kiyoshi Ota; LAS VEGAS: Frank Nomura; RENO: Frank Chikami; HOUSTON: H.W. Corbiere; N.C.: Roger Smith; MAUI: Francis Ohta; SAN JOSE: Robert Ishimatsu; CO: George Oye; SAN ANTONIO: Howard DeHoney; NM: Frank Tazawa; WA: Kozo Hiromura. We were finally able to get addresses thru Roger Smith for George Stairs, Rt 1, Mt. Pleasants, PA 15666 and Eugene Harrison, 413 Sunset Dr., Edwardsville, Ill 62025. Write and encourage all to join the gang for the 50th Anniversary.

#### SHINEN EN KAI

Luckily this event could be included in this issue so it won't be too old news. Chairman Victor Yamashita was not able to be present but doing really fine as recovery goes. I occasionally come across him during my walk in the afternoon. The good sign is that the doctor is pleased with his progress. In Victor's absence, president Hide Nakayama took over and did a good job. I guess he found out he really missed Victor's expertise.

Bill Oshiro took care of all the soda and beer arrangements and had it cooled in the refrigerator by the time I brought the ice in my ice chest. Gung ho this member, right on the ball. Bill also donated 2 cs Bud with Yoshito Tome & Hapa Fujimoto donating 2 cs's each soda. Kila Haraguchi later brought in a cs of coke with the result we had lots of refreshments. By the way, Kila & Jane will be moving to Las Vegas shortly where they have a condo. Their Aiea home is being rented out.

Some interesting cuttlefish pupu's that looked like cabbage thinly sliced was from Joe Oshiro. Lani Matsumura brought Tako pupu and Marian Matsumura had Chow Fun besides the sashimi prepared by Betty Aoki donated by Tom Fukunaga. Now you understand why the bar was crowded. ha!

The dinner was catered. But the table that drew raves of excitement were the favorite dishes of different desserts by the ladies. No wonder they're loved so affectionately.

Pauline Tome had not 1 but 3 dessert asst'mt, JELLO CAKE, APRICOT and COCONUT CAKE. Nancy Oshiro, PINEAPPLE CAKE: Lani Matsumura, MANGO CAKE; Amy Ueno, CHOC CAKE; Terry Jichaku, APRICOT CAKE: Butchie Leong, PUDDING CAKE; Pat Prozman, BROWNIES; Lily Oshiro, JELLO CAKE; Michiko Ohashi, COFFEE KANTEN and JIGGERS JELLO; Edna Kuramoto, MOCHI; Cenny Matsumoto had 2 kinds of MOCHI, 1 KINAKO MOCHI; Mitsue Shishido, COCONUT BUTTER MOCHI. Thanks ladies, you sure are the gem of our stomach, er heart. Sorry for the slip-up, but you know we appreciate all your hard work.

You had to give credit to president Hideo for this guy really worked hard. He bought all the prizes from the chapter's, including 20 bags of 20 lb rice he loaded and unloaded from his van all by himself. He also donated 7 cattleya orchids. Oops! I just noticed I skipped my notes, an unpardonable sin of missing the YATSUMI TSUKEMONO (cabbage & mustard cabbage) by Flora Watanabe and Betty Nakahara's DAIKON TSUKEMONO. Sorry ladies. Lucky I caught it on time, right?

We had galore of useful door prizes donated by the following: Jiro Watanabe had 4 cans of Hong Kong biscuits; Jeff & Aimee Chu, 2 bxs of cookies; Hapa Fujimoto, 2 hand crafted baby blankets by Mabel's mom; Lawrence Fujii had all kinds of plant fertilizer, insecticides, 3 bags of potting soil, 28" planter, water hose, slug & snail pellets, besides the Ixora plants, etc. He had so many, hard to list all down. Tommy Kakesako's donations went as raffles for \$5 each. He had Lorus Quartz Mens Watch; Arizona Modern Engine Watch; 2 14kt earrings; 18kt bracelet and decorative plate with Marilyn Monroe photo on it.

We had a good size on his Sunday, Feb. 23, but a little less than last year because of the usual families that have grandchildren & children in attendance. The Finks weren't there as one of their grandchildren was hospitalized for observation. We missed Gloria Oshiro's andagi as Freckle's father had a stroke. Yamashita's for obvious reasons were absent. My family had to take care their hanai auntie from Kona. Good to see the Shoji's there but they had to leave early and their family was missing also. Still, it was made up some with the appearance of Henry & Ruth Oshiro. Henry who was stricken with a severe heart attack some months ago, looked much better with his colors back. Long time no see Amy Ueno with Norman was a good sight to see. The Watanabe's, Stanley & Asako who spend much time in Idaho these days, found time to attend.

Others in attendance: Yoshiji/Betty Aoki & families, Roger/Alisa Au & Trisha & Kristine, Terence/Janice Kong & Rayson Yoshiji, & Maris plus guest, Dr. Drew; Lawrence/Chiyoko Fujii; Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto; Kila/Jane Haraguchi; Jake/Terry Jichaku; Tommy Kakesako; Wilfred/Butchie Leong & guests, Iris Enoki & Frank/Shelly Lock; Dyna Matsuda; P.K./Cenny Matsumoto & daughter Mary and baby Christine; Marian/Cowboy Matsumura; Hajime/Lani Matsumura & family, Jeff/Aimee Chu & Kiyomi; Toshi/Betty Nakahara; Allen Nakamura; Hide Nakayama & family, Rodney/Jill & baby Kayla; Kazuma Ogata; Fumio/Michiko Ohashi & family, Andrew/Tracy/Ryan & Irene; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Bill/Lily Oshiro; Ralph/Mitsue Shishido; Paul Takiguchi; Yoshito/Pauline Tome; Jiro/Flora Watanabe; Tom/Dorothy Fukunaga & guests, Dr. Bob/Pat Prozman & Babs Tatar; Harry/Haruko Kawaoka; Charley/Grace Kimura; Joyce Kim. The Fukunaga's really look forward to this event. Afterall, get plenty door prizes. ha!

Jiro Watanabe with his Karaoke equipment together with Yoshito Tome and P.K. Matsumoto provided the group with mixtures of Japanese & Hawaiian music throughout the day. Everyone went home happy with door prizes.

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO FLORENCE SAITO

I just received a phone call from president Hideo Nakayama as I pounded my last typewriter key for this issue. Hide informed me that, Florence Saito, wife of our late friend "Whitey", upon learning from Hide that "Whitey" had \$515 in the cough-up kitty, said she wish to donate this amount in memory of "Whitey", equally to "L" & LIKM chapter's. Thank you very much Florence, we appreciate your generosity. We can understand the shock and pain you are going thru with the sudden unexpected demise of "Whitey". The void in your lives with his passing, surely must be unbearable. Your strong upbringing in your church and faith in God, we know will give you strength in meeting his crisis.

You were magnificent and stood up well at the funeral services. "Whitey" had a beautiful service with eloquent eulogy by Bill Oshiro. The thought that "Whitey" had many friends at the funeral service, we hope will somewhat help to ease your pain. Please call on us for whatever we can to help you. We would want to continue our association with you at our socials. We'll be happy once again to taste the delicious "Haupia" you often brought to these socials.





By Henry S. Kuniyuki

Since the 442nd Veterans Club has pledged the huge sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, the Chapter Reporter would like to refresh our members as to the mission and purpose of the Center. The JCCH was organized for the primary purpose to support and promote research and scholarship with respect to the arts, culture, history, language and folkways of Japanese in Hawaii. Phase One of the JCCH building complex has been completed on the grounds of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Moiliili. A dedication ceremony and open house were held in February. Phase One consist of JCCH's administrative offices and meeting halls. A magnificent teahouse and garden are situated on the roof top area. The Phase Two design and construction drawings have been started by Okita, Kunimitsu & Associates. Hopefully, construction bids could be entertained by the end of 1992. Phase Two will have a 5,000-square foot gallery on the ground floor to display historical items of interest to the community. The Phase Two plans will provide 300 parking stalls for the public. The unique features of the Phase I and Phase II facilities such as the teahouse, gallery, martial arts dojo, and assembly halls should be used to promote and stimulate interest in Japanese Culture as there is no single place where those interested in the history, culture, values, stories and experiences of the Japanese can go for access to resources. As the designated 442nd Veterans Club representative to the JCCH Historical Gallery Committee I have been privileged to participate in the monthly meetings to plan the preservation and perpetuation of the history of Japanese in Hawaii. The distinguished list of the JCCH/HGC members include, among others, Ruth Adaniya, Leeward Community College Instructor in world history; Toshiko Fukuda, retired public school teacher; Warren Higa, attorney; Dr. Bernice Hirai, retired Japanese Language professor from UH; Keven Kawamoto, an East West Center Grantee; Susan Kodani, Assistant Director of Public Program, Bishop Museum; Jane Komeiji, currently the Chair of HGC and former public school teacher and lecturer at the UH College of Education; Hideto Kono, President of Japan-America Institute of Management Science; Nick Nakabayashi, Sakae Takahashi and Ben Tamashiro, Club 100 representatives; Earl Nishimura, Attorney; Miles Nishimura and Calvin Nishio, Architects; Dr. Franklin S. Odo, Director and Professor of the UH Ethnic Studies Program; Dr. Yoshiko Sinoto, Senior Anthropologist at the Bishop Museum; Raymond Tabata, Assistant Director for the UH Sea Grant Extension Service; Walter Tagawa, retired Major General, U.S. Army; Ted Tsukiyama, Attorney; and Hiroshi Yamamura, Vice

President of JAIME. The objective of the Historical Gallery Committee is to organize and establish a gallery within the JCCH structure which will capture the legacy and heritage of the Japanese in Hawaii. It will provide historical, educational and inspirational resources for the community in general. The 442nd Veterans Club has donated all the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings which were scheduled to be discarded. These minutes will be reviewed by interns from the University of Hawaii for historical data as to our Veterans Club activities since its inception. Oral interviews will be also conducted among selected 442nd RCT veterans to preserve military campaign record. Similar interviews will be conducted among the 100th Infantry Battalion and MIS veterans by the HSG Oral History Subcommittee, headed by Ted Tsukiyama of 442nd and MIS Veterans Clubs.

Haruto Harada, a Gateball aficionado, said that it is a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, including handicapped individuals. The Gateball rules are very simple, a game requiring just the right amount of physical strength coupled with the pleasure of thinking out a winning strategy. Teamwork is more important than individual skill. It requires equipment similar to croquet and opposing teams of five members each. I understand the game originated in Japan and is very popular among the senior generation. The local teams compete at Ala Moana Park, and on many occasions teams from Japan have come to play. The Gateball sport is now popular throughout the world, with the Gateball Union headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. Haruto is a qualified Gateball referee of the Hawaii Gateball Association, Incorporated.

Livorno Chapter members who participated at the 442nd Veterans Club Federal Credit Union's annual meeting did well on the lucky number drawings. Members present were: Jitsuo Kawada and son; Henry and Emi Kuniyuki; Shizuo Oide; Saburo Takayasu; and Raymond and Mimi Tanaka. Saburo and Raymond continue to do a fine job as Credit and Audit Committee Chairs. Due to effective management, the 442nd Credit Union is financially stable and well respected among the Credit Union League.

Chapter President Minoru Nagasako encourages those who have not been attending the monthly Chapter dinner meetings on the third Tuesdays of each month at the Likeli Restaurant to come and enjoy an evening of comradeship. He would also like to see those 442nd replacement GIs, who have not enrolled in the 442nd Veterans Club, do so as we would be happy to welcome them on board. A good sixty percent of our Chapter members of twenty appear at the monthly gatherings.

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by Joe Shimamura

1992

Greeting this new year with a total count of those that were fortunate enough to be able to make it to the Reno affair in October of 1991. The Oahu crew led by that honcho JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA were FUMIO & MARY TAKESHITA, STANLEY & THELMA HASHIMOTO, ED & PAT OGATA, KENSHI & JANE TOMOMITSU, GEORGE & MIEKO YOSHINO, MASAO & MICHIO OKASAKO, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, KATS & NORA IBARA, WALT & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, THOMAS AND EDYTH HORIKAMI, ROBERT & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, SEIICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA, YUKI & RACHAEL TOKUDA, SAKAIDA's son and daughter in law VERNON & CINDY, HELEN MAEDA & sister, RUBY, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, KENT KAJIWARA, CHARLIE IGARASHI, RICHARD TAKESE and the Guamanian who came flying in after breaking the bank at Las Vegas, ISAAC & BETTY IKEHARA. Almost missed the tour boss MARY KOSASA who fortunately came back with her voice still intact.

The Valley Isle crew led by that Wailuku honcho TAD TAKAMATSU came thru with 22 strong in the way of TADASHI & MILDRED OKUDA, YASU & MARY WAKAMATSU, CLARENCE & CORA MATSUMOTO, TOSHIO & MISAO KUBOTA, TOSHIE OKAMURA, ELAINE KINA, DOROTHY YAMATO, CATIE SYLVA, ROGER KATSUTANI, TETSUO HAMADA of Hilo, MINORU & KAY TAKASHIMA of Kauai, FRANK HAMAI, TETSUO HORITA, BESSIE TOKUHISA, ROSE TOKUHISA, and coming all the way from Las Vegas, GEORGE FUJIWARA who relocated to this city that never sleeps living on Maui prior to his relocation.

The crew from big America came whizzing in from all over as far away as Florida in the way of JEAN NAGATA, just one of our active widows. Led by the ichiban hustler RUDY TOKIWA & JUDY, the following were in attendance: TOICHI & MRS. DOI, JOHN ENDO, JUNE GOTO, HARRY & BETTY HOSHIKO, TOM & MARY KAWANO, KIYOSHI & MIDORI YOSHII, TED & MRS. MATSUSHIMA, FRED & MRS. SHIOSAKI, GEORGE & MRS. UCHIMIYA, SLIM & EDITH YEI, PETER & MRS. OGATA, JIM & MRS. TAZOI, FRANK & LILY MATSUDA, NOBUO & MINNIE KIMURA, OLIVER HAYASHI, JIM TOKU SHIGE, HARRY NAKABE, ICHIRO KASHIWAGI, TOSI OKAMOTO, JOHN MATSUDAIRA, YORIO AOKI, WILLI SAKAI and first time on the scene, ex-Honolulu DONALD & MRS. NAKASHIMA who just happen to be an ex Kapalama boy.

This started off as a junket to get in some gambling time by the Oahu crew and ballooned into this grand slam of an affair, with a 100 plus in attendance. The Oahu & Maui crew operated out of the EL DORADO Hotel while the statesiders were lodged at the SANDS, COLD AS IT MAY HAVE BEEN, it was within walking distance. The hi-lites of this affair was a steak or salmon dinner with all its trimming, hosted by the Big America K-3 who did a bangup job of making this long time no see affair a most successful one. Beaucoup fruits, stateside omiyages and comradeship all night was the order of the day. The Hawaii crew reciprocated with passing out madadamia nut chocolates, macadamian nut in the can donated by that millionaire bookkeeper of ours, KAZU KAJIWARA with all the distribution handled by H. SUYEOKA and his many helpers. For the lovely big America ladies, the treat was a beautiful orchid corsage, flowers donated by JANE & KENSHI TOMOMITSU and put together by MARY TAKE-SHITA, SALLY SAKAIDA, MICHIO OKASATO, MILDRED SHIMAMURA and the boss lady herself, JANE. JOHN MATSUDAIRA, that Seattle hot shot who comes thru in the cutest way came to this affair armed with his donation in the way of some smoked salmon, pupu ichiban. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of all who pitched in, we can once again chalk this off another successful affair of the Kingsmen in action.

Making the deadline for this 4 nights affair was R. ODA who cause an incident that has the EL DORADO HOTEL staff wondering whether the hallway walls on each floor should be painted a different color. Returning to his room one day, ODA found that he couldn't open his door. Calling the security guard to open it up, he found that his was a bare room with no clothes or personals in sight. Got frantic at this point thinking that a robbery had taken place. A big commotion caused the security guard to probe further into the mystery of this empty room. As it turned out, it actually was no big thing when they found out that ODA just actually got off the wrong floor and was looking at the wrong room. Don't be surprised should you see a new paint job on your next visit to the EL DORADO. Most of the high rollers took a shellacking on this junket except for a few lucky ones like, TADASHI O., MILLIE O., KAZU K., JAMES O., ALAPAI T. and BOBBY H. Was it worth going thru all the trouble of putting this all together? I think it



was. Seeing all the happy faces smiling away despite the smasharee at the gaming table and slot machines. Was especially nice seeing ROGER KATSUTANI who was right at home in this familiar atmosphere as it was also for that high roller from Minnesota, NOBU KIMURA. Noticeably missing for the first time was that big plunger from Pasadena, GEORGE & KAY ABE.

So she went for the big one in 1991 as it was closed out in grand style.

#### VISITORS

It looks as if the cityites will be in for a busy visitors year as they come pouring in from big America. To start off, it was RUDY TOKIWA and ERIC SAUL in January doing some interviews for their holocaust project. So busy, just to see RUDY for about 5 minutes on the day he was ready to head home. Next was MARILYN CEVENE, daughter of the late GEORGE NISHI who toured Maui, Kauai and called to say hello as we were able to get together for at least half a day. This being MARILYN's second trip here it was nice seeing this young lady once again. January the 15th, THAT Seattle Hotshot DICK NAITO accompanied by his boss, MARY came winging in from Hilo. Having gone on a China tour and spending a few days in Japan, a drop in to Hilo to visit an old friend and it was 11 nights in Honolulu for the NAITO's More Seattle-ites are expected to be visiting in the near future in the way of TOSHI OKAMOTO and FRANK & YURI MATSUDA.

You can bet it's going to be a busy year as this first report for this new year is submitted on this 20th day of January 1992. Till the next one, keep 'em healthy. To the family of JIMMY TATSUDA, 1st platoon, who was the lone ranger from Ketchikan, Alaska, we wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy on this loss of another frontliner.

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522-C Chapter News By Edward Ichiyama

522 FA Bn

A round of applause or two is due George Oiye and Sus Ito. These two engineers, orchestrated, administered and managed the October 1991, not so "Mini" 522-C Chapter Reunion in San Francisco.

What started out as an off year "Mini" evolved into an ambitious, varied and unusual reunion, more so than anticipated by anyone. The Hawaii members who attended the affair all returned euphoric, heaping accolades at our mainland brethrens for their hospitality and generosity. The pineapples are all wondering - How do we reciprocate the kindness accorded them.

To say that the reunion was well attended and interesting does not do justice to the planners. We estimate that approximately 50% of all the "C" Btry members presently living here in Hawaii, as well as in the mainland U.S. were there. Additionally 3 members of the 36th Division, as well as other guests, including Thelma Chang, Author of the 442nd Book, "I Can Never Forget" were there.

Hawaii attendees, some accompanied by wives, were: Fujimoto, Higa, Hokama, Ishii, Kobatake, Kunimura, Kodama, Maruo, Morikawa, Nakamura, Orita, Sakamoto, Sato, Shimaoka, Takano, Takasaki and Tsuzuki.

Mainland attendees, some accompanied by wives, were: Akagi, Andrews, Baba, Girard, Hibino, Hirano, Hirasaki, Honda, Ito, Kohagora, Kobayashi, Kurohara, Masuda, Minaga, Nakatani, Nishimoto, Oiye, Okamura, Okazaki, Ratcliffe, Takahashi, Takeshita, Tokuda, Tsukamoto, Yasuda, Yamanoha, Imoto, Binotti and Araki. Wives representing their husbands were also present: Mrs. Domoto, Mrs. Kawamura and Mrs. Oshima.

The activities planned for the reunion were unstructured. Members were given the option to visit various places such as the Wine country, etc. Dinners were also left up to the members with only the last evening reserved for a formal gathering.

The Hospitality Room, as usual, was the gathering place for long lost buddies to meet. (There were several guys who were figuratively lost who surfaced for the first time since we were discharged) to exchange pleasantries, to reminisce, to have a few laughs and perhaps, to shed a few tears together. The kau kau was simply outstanding. To quote the members "There was no need to go to lunch nor to dinner because the Hospitality Room spread was so bountiful and delicious." The tables were laden with delicacies such as freshly steamed crabs, kippered salmon, roast turkey,

honey cured ham and other gastronomical delights too numerous to mention. The generosity of the mainlanders in providing these goodies is duly noted here - Mahalo and Danke.

This reunion will undoubtedly be remembered by all because the members had the opportunity to meet with the Dachau Holocaust Survivors. "C" Btry was invited to a bagel and sushi brunch with these survivors who were also having a reunion in San Francisco at the same time. The meeting of "C" Btry and the survivors group was in conjunction with the Holocaust Oral History Project which received extensive media coverage - both broadcast and print - in California as well as in Hawaii. Several of the victims in the particular Dachau Concentration Camp, who were helped by the 522nd FA Bn, were present at the meeting. The irony of the situation - European members of a persecuted minority group being rescued by members of another persecuted minority, many of whose families were still interned, was recognized and highlighted by the Media. The tears were not confined to the survivors alone. A number of "C" Btry members such as Charley Kobatake, Jensen Takasaki, George Oiye and Sus Ito, who were among the first to enter the compound, also were overcome with emotion in recalling the gruesome sight they had encountered. It was a painful experience for them to express their feelings to the Media because the details of the atrocities committed within the Dachau Concentration Camp were locked in the inner recesses of their memories for 46 years.

On a lighter note, the "C" Btry Album compiled by George Oiye, Sus Ito and their gang, which contains the pictorial History and Anecdotes of the members, is truly a collectors item and will be cherished by all. How George and Sus managed to

commandeer these priceless pictures is a mystery. The anecdotes were really funny and brought chuckles from us all. "Naka" Sakamoto is still the undisputed champion story teller, but look out "Naka", here comes Yuki Minaga, George Oiye, Sus Ito and Captain Gus Ratcliffe. At any rate the pictures and anecdotes of our exuberant youth were recalled with considerable relish. Albeit with subdued maturity now reflecting our age perhaps.

The majority of the Hawaiians visited Las Vegas after the Reunion. They have not discussed their "skills" very much, so discretion being the better part of valor, I have not inquired as to the relative thicknesses of their wallets upon their return home.

Meanwhile back in the pineapple plantation, Jensen Takasaki, Sada Higa, Tsune Maruo, Bobby Kikawa, George Suenaga and Eddie Ichiyama were involved with the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of Pearl Harbor. We volunteered our services to man the Telephone Information Center to answer inquiries from the general public concerning the activities planned during the Commemoration Period. They spent one day a week apiece for approximately 7 weeks in this community service. Sixteen 442nd members participated in this project.

Our 1991 Christmas Party was a huge success due greatly to the Westside wahines who were in charge. Kokomo Hokama, a very astute president, delegated the entire project to these wahines. Bouquets to: Mrs. Marge Maruo, Peggy Higa, Jane Yamao, Jean Orita, Pat Morishima, Masae Shimizu and Sachiko Sato. These wives were responsible for the good, games, prizes, clean up, etc. etc. In addition to the pupus and desserts prepared by the aforementioned, Tsune Maruo and Cowboy Morishima, our squidders, prepared and provided the Tako; likewise, George Suenaga, the Aku Sashimi, attractively sliced and arranged by his wife, Ritsuko. Special thanks to Mrs. Sachiko Sato for the Lahaina nasubi, Kim Chee, and other exotic pickled vegetables which she obtained from the caterer, and to Mrs. Masae Shimizu for contributing her artistically created decorative ornamental pieces for door prizes. Danke also to Peter Ogata, Tsune Yoshikawa and George Miyake who were unable to attend.

Planning for the big "50" Reunion in 1993 has begun. Sada Higa and Jensen Takasaki are the coordinators for "C" Btry. For those of you planning to attend, please contact Sada or Jensen post haste. The logistics involved for this 50th Anniversary Reunion is immense so we need all the help we can muster.

Auf Wiedersehen

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By Yoshio Watanabe

# Installation

January is the month in which we elect new officers to lead 2nd Hqs Co. Out went Toshi Hayama who did a wonderful job in 1991 and in came the new president, Bert Nishimura. He will have a difficult job planning for our 50th Anniversary.

An installation dinner was held at Wisteria Restaurant, hosted by Richard Nakamura and Yoshio Watanabe. Also honored were Herbert Isonaga, Vice President, and Takashi Okemura, life-time treasurer. Everyone was making lots of noise so everyone must have had a good time.

Our chapter gained one more new member. He was with the Anti-Tank Platoon at the final push. He is Herbert Uyeda.

Attending were: Toshi and Grace Hayama, Suelo Higuchi, Larry and Violet Ishida, Herbert and Sue Isonaga, Richard and Marge Nakamura, Hisako Higuchi, Bert and Hannah Nishimura, Takashi and Jane Okemura, Kenneth and Vivian Saruwatari, Yoshio Sugi, William Thompson, Katsuki and Toshiko Tanigawa, Moriso and Florence Teraoka, Kazuo and Michelle Tomasa, Aileen Yonemori, Yoshio and Doris Watanabe, Masa and Edna Yamamoto and Herbert and Hisako Uyeda.

## Christmas Party

By Toshi Hayama

Our Christmas party was chaired by Ishida, Tomasa, Okemura and Hayama Company and was a huge success. We had delicious seven course Szechuan cuisine at the King Tsin Chop Sui on Young Street. Kazu got together with the manager and requested that the food not be too spicy so it was very delicious. We all enjoyed from soup to dessert. Yoshio Sugi and Lippy Higuchi provided the drinks and the delicious pupus before the dinner. After dinner we all went to the clubhouse for entertainments. Christmas carols were sung to the accompanists of Larry and Kazu with the words and pictures prepared on slides by Bill Thompson. Larry and Kazu also entertained us with Karaoke singing.

The table was filled with delicious desserts prepared by Violet, Margie, Jane, Vivian, Doris and Grace. Michelle Tomasa had a gift prepared for everyone present.

The following were present to make our last gathering for the year a memorable one: Toshi & Grace Hayama, Hisako Higuchi, Lippy Higuchi, Larry & Violet Ishida, Herbert & Sue Isonaga, Toku & Stella Kaneshige, Joyce Masunaga, Richard & Margie Nakamura, Bert & Hannah Nishimura, Takashi & Jane Okemura, James & Mitsue Sakamoto, Ken & Vivian Saruwatari, Frances Sato, Yoshio Sugi, Katsuki & Toshie Tanigawa, Bill Thompson, Kazu & Michelle Tomasa, Yoshio & Doris Watanabe, Masa Yamamoto and Aileen Yonemori.

Our new president will be Bert Nishimura, who was volunteered into the position by Herbie. 1992 meeting schedule was prepared by Herbie and was distributed. An enjoyable 1992 is in store for us by the new set of officers from the west side.

## On a Social Note

By Yoshio Watanabe  
Toshi Hayama

Two Headquarters, held two dinner meetings with wives to celebrate Christmas and to install new officers. The December dinner featured a Chinese dinner at King Tsien following by a social evening at the clubhouse. Toshi Hayama, Larry Ishida, Takashi Okemura and Kazuo Tomasa, aided by their wives, were responsible for planning as well as conducting the distribution of gifts. Christmas carols were sung to words and music prepared by Bill Thompson. Enjoying the festivities were: Toshi and Grace Hayama, Suelo Higuchi, Larry and Violet Ishida, Herbert and Sue Isonaga, Takashi and Jane Okemura, Bert and Hannah Nishimura, Bill Thompson, Hisako Higuchi, Richard and Marge Nakamura, Kenneth and Vivian Saruwatari, Moriso and Florence Teraoka, Michael Sugai, Kiyo Shimizu, Frances Sato, Joyce Masunaga and Toku and Stella Kaneshige.

Richard Nakamura and Yoshio Watanabe hosted the installation dinner at Wisteria Restaurant in January. Toshi Hayama turned over his gavel to Bert Nishimura, incoming president. Herbert Isonaga, Takashi Okemura and Bill Thompson will assist in making this a unmovable year. Herbert Uyeda, who joined the AT platoon in the waning years of

the war prior to Ghedi and his wife, Hisako, are joining the 2nd Hqs group. We had a better than average attendance with the presence of Masa and Edna Yamamoto, Aileen Yonemori, Katsuki and Toshiko Tanigawa, and Yoshi Sugi joining the regulars.

On February 8, Bert Nishimura joined other Pearl Harbor survivors in receiving the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal in ceremonies held at the Visitors Center, Arizona Memorial concourse.

George Oka, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon member now living in Chicago, renewed friendship with Honolulu members at China House on February 28. George, a bachelor, has made his home in the Windy City as an industrial designer and returned to attend the VVV's 50th celebration. Pat Yoshio Nakagawa, former 1st Sgt of the Company, made one of his rare appearances to honor George.

Attendance at the annual banquet was sparse, however, many members attended the Memorial Service held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Surviving spouses, Hisako Higuchi, Joyce Masunaga, Frances Sato, Aileen Yonemori were among those present.

## Following December 7, 1941

War had finally come to Hawaii.

Hawaii had no territorial guards. The two Hawaii National Guard units, the 298th Infantry Regiment and the 299th Infantry Regiment, had been federalized a year earlier. After extensive training at Schofield Barracks, the 298th was deployed on the island of Oahu and the three battalions of the 299th were scattered among the remaining four major islands - Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai-Lanai. While the soldiers were busily engaged fortifying defense positions the territory organized a Hawaii Territorial Guard to defend key civilian targets. Forming the nucleus of the HTG were the cadets from the University of Hawaii ROTC. The majority of these cadets were niseis.

In February 1942 the War Department ordered that all persons of Japanese ancestry be reclassified as "Enemy Aliens". First, the 370 men in the Hawaii Territorial Guard were demobilized and

discharged. To replace them, the Business Men's Training Corps was activated.

With the arrival of National Guard units from the mainland, the Hawaii National Guard units, 298 and 299, became expendable. The nearly 1500 niseis were to be relieved from assignment and sent to the mainland for safe haven. This was in May 1942.

William Thompson now picks up the story of what happened to the disappointed and frustrated niseis of the Hawaii Territorial Guard.

## The Varsity Victory Volunteers

February 1992 marks the 50th anniversary of the Varsity Victory Volunteers. The "VVV" as we commonly call them, have a history that needs to be told time and time again. John Tsukano has written extensively about them in his memorable book: THE BRIDGE OF LOVE. As they celebrate their 50th anniversary, we veterans of the 442nd RCT should recall their contribution as it is part of the legend surrounding the 442nd RCT.

It was on that fateful morning of December 7, 1941 that the University of Hawaii ROTC unit was mobilized to counter a purported landing of Japanese paratroopers on St. Louis Heights. This turned out to be just a rumor; however, for the ROTC it was the real stuff as they were issued rifles and ammo to face what could have been invaders. Later in the afternoon, the UH ROTC unit was incorporated into the Hawaii Territorial Guard, HTG. Since the National Guard became part of the federal troops, the HTG took over the duties of guarding Territorial government installations and key utility and port facilities.

About six weeks later, early in the dark hours of morning, the HTG was awakened and all those of Japanese ancestry (AJA) were ordered out of the HTG; to put it bluntly, all the Nisei soldiers were kicked out of the Guard. This action was based on the ill-advised orders from military higher-ups. This action was part of the hysteria during the dark days following December 7, 1941 which also saw all those of Japanese ancestry on the mainland marched out under gun to "relocation centers." Those nisei in Hawaii in the regular Army were segregated



and initially, stripped of their firearms. Later, they would become the 100th Infantry Provisional Battalion.

Fortunately, the Nisei kicked out of the HTG did not concede to this setback easily. They set out to prove what President Franklin D. Roosevelt would say one year later; "No loyal citizen should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of ancestry." However, let us get back to our story. These Nisei, once part of the UH ROTC program and lately of the HTG, with the assistance and counsel of dedicated community leaders got together and petitioned the military authorities to use them in the defense effort. With straight forward sincerity, they wrote: "Hawaii is our home; the United States our country. We have but one loyalty and that is to the Stars and Stripes. We wish to do our part as loyal Americans ..."

Since existing military regulations precluded the issuance of arms to those of Japanese ancestry, the only recourse was for the military to use these Nisei as laborers. This offer was accepted and, thus, was born the Varsity Victory Volunteers, VVV, 169 strong. For nearly a year, they toiled - digging ditches, repairing and erecting military buildings, stringing barb wires, and other menial tasks. They were paid G.I. wages, but they were only a para-military group as they were banned from possessing firearms or holding sensitive military positions.

The intercedance of local community leaders who doggedly defended the loyalty of the local Nisei undoubtedly played a major role in turning the tide as military authorities finally rescinded their dictatorial orders excluding AJA from serving their country. Can you imagine, by order, the draft boards had the Nisei classified as 4C: Enemy Alien! We owe deep thanks to our community leaders who certainly represented Americanism at its best when they insisted race was no criteria for determining the loyalty of Hawaii's citizens. The VVV will certainly not forget these men who stuck their necks out for the Nisei; men like Hung Wai Ching, Charles Hemenway, Leslie Hicks, Joseph Farrington, Riley Allen, John Midkiff, Dr. Andrew Lind, John Burns, Charles Loomis and others whose names are recorded in other chronicles relating to the VVV. Local AJA community leaders also

joined in this effort to eliminate prejudice and injustice against the Nisei.

About a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Nisei were once again accepted for military service. The sincerity of the VVV, the brilliant training record of the 100th Infantry Provisional Battalion, and the desire of the Nisei on the mainland to serve their country made the "4C" draft classification of the Nisei seem irrational. President Roosevelt proclaimed: "The Principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

This proclamation signalled the call for volunteers to form the 442nd RCT. The military allowed the VVV to disband; at long last the Nisei of the ROTC & HTG could once again fully serve the country of their birth. Many of the VVV enlisted in the 442nd. Some were later inducted to enter military intelligence service where their background enabled them to effectively serve as interpreters. Whether in Europe or in the South Pacific-Asian theaters of war, the VVV served their country well. Their war record is a story in itself.

Upon their return from the war, the ex-VVV members established an enviable record of community service. But that, too, is another story. For now, we hail the VVV on their 50th anniversary. And for our Hq 2nd Bn chapter, our best wishes to VVV-ers: Herbie Isonaga, Ken Saruwatari, Sus Yamamoto, Pat Nakagawa and George Oka.

The University of Hawaii Alumni Association has just announced that the VVV members will be the honorees at the 1992 alumni banquet to be held in May. This will be a unique honor, the first time the alumni association has chosen a group instead of individuals. Let's hope that those of us who are UH alumni, and especially those of us who attended the UH under the G.I. Bill of Rights, will participate in this ceremony commemorating the contribution of the VVV to our Alma Mater and to our country. Our congratulations to the VVV.

# Varsity Victory Volunteers Honored

By Bill Thompson

The 16th Legislature, State of Hawaii, formally recognized the contribution of the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV), a group that will be observing its 50th anniversary milestone in 1992. It was some 49 years ago that the VVV, made up of University of Hawaii ROTC cadets, stood up for the AJAs. It has been a matter of record that the outstanding contribution by the VVV members helped open many doors for AJAs to enlist once again and serve our country. The resolution offered by Representative David Y. Ige and his colleagues, House Concurrent Resolution #193, relates to the role played by the VVV and calls upon the University of Hawaii to honor these former UH students with a Commemorative Marker on the UH-Manoa campus.

Concurrent approval of the resolution in the State Senate was managed by Senator Mike McCartney, chairman, Senate Education Committee. University officials who appeared before the Legislature expressed their full support to the measure.

The Commemorative Marker should be ready and be placed on the campus prior to the 50th anniversary observance of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1993. Most of the VVV members volunteered to serve with the 442nd RCT and contributed much to its distinguished record.

The 442nd Veterans Club extends its thanks to our State legislators for their thoughtfulness and appreciative support in honoring the VVV. We look forward to work with University officials and, together with VVV members, help develop an appropriate Commemorative Marker on the Manoa Campus, attesting to the sacrifices and patriotism by members of the group.

## News from Abroad

"They were the finest servicemen the Army ever produced".

These were the opening words of an article appearing in the NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, the largest newspaper in the State of New Jersey, which reported a speech given by Al Slater, former Lieutenant with 2nd Headquarters Company. Slater spoke to the Spotswood High School History Club, Spotswood, New Jersey, in February. He also distributed copies of "The Japanese American Creed".

The article goes on:

That is the opinion of retired Army Capt Alfred T. Slater of the 442d Regimental Combat Team. As a lieutenant during World War II, the former South Plainsfield resident had 200 Japanese-American infantrymen under his command in Africa, Italy, France and Germany between 1942 and 1945.

"They were incredibly brave and loyal--the most dedicated military men you could ever hope to find," said Slater, who now lives in Toms River. "When they did something, they did it to the best of their ability, and they did it unquestioningly."

Slater spoke at a special meeting of the Spotswood High School History Club in the school's media center. Thomas Kometani of Warren, who was in an internment camp during the war, also spoke.

Slater vividly recalled the troops' fearlessness in battle.

"We were in the Vosges Mountains of France in 1944. Our assignment was to rescue the 141st Infantry Battalion of the 36th Army Division from Texas, who had been cut off by the Germans for about a week," explained the 79-year-old Slater, who retired from the Army in 1965.

"It took us two days, but we were able to save them. Because of the war, anti-Japanese sentiment ran high, even in the Army. But when we reached them, one soldier said he was never so glad to see a 'Jap' soldier in his life. The Japanese-American soldiers were made honorary Texans in gratitude.

"During the war, these Japanese-Americans spearheaded seven major military campaigns," Slater recalled. "We had wounded ones who had gone AWOL (absent without leave) from the hospital so they could rejoin their unit in battle."

Frank Yusko, a social studies teacher at the high school who doubles as the history club's director, said 6,000 Japanese-Americans served in the South Pacific in World War II.

"Their job was to provide military intelligence," he said. "It is estimated the war was shortened by two years because they interrogated prisoners and translated enemy documents."



Slater said that when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, an act that drew the United States into the war, the 100th Infantry Battalion, composed of Japanese-Americans, was part of the Hawaiian National Guard.

That battalion first was sent to North Africa to fight Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's desert troops, Slater said. Then it was sent to Italy, "where they fought from Salerno to Anzio to Casino," he added. "Casino is where we (the 442d Regimental Combat Team) joined them in June 1943."

Meanwhile, in February 1943, the U.S. War Department had asked for 1,500 Japanese-American recruits from Hawaii and 3,000 from the mainland.

"In Hawaii, 10,000 volunteered. After screening, the Army took 2,800 of this total and more than 2,000 from the continental United States. Eventually there was a total of 5,210 officers and enlisted men under arms, which included the 100th Infantry Battalion," Slater added.

The 442d Regimental Combat Team was actually composed of four sections - the infantry, a battalion of field artillery, a company of engineers and another company of medics, Slater explained. After completing basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss., the 442d was shipped overseas, where the 100th joined them. Some men from the 442d were left behind at Camp Shelby to train Japanese-Americans to replace soldiers killed or missing in action.

Of the 5,210 Japanese-American officers and enlisted men in the 442d, which also included the 100th Battalion, 727 were killed and 3,884 wounded.

"These Japanese-Americans were later awarded 4,164 Purple Hearts for incredible bravery plus many, many other medals," Slater said.

"The 442d Combat Team was and still is the most decorated unit in the Army's history."

Yet prejudice still reigned, even after the war, said Slater, who received the Bronze Star and 12 other medals for distinguished service.

"American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Hood River, Ore., as one example, refused to allow Japanese

-Americans to join their clubs," he added. Brian Stubbs, 16, a sophomore at the high school and a history club member, said he hoped his classmates had learned an important lesson.

"I thought it was very important to learn about this," he said, "so this kind of prejudice doesn't happen again."

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By Jerry Ishimoto

# December

The annual Christmas party was held at the usual time. What was unusual was the turn out. Nice to see that more members and guests are coming out to socialize and enjoy our Autumn Years. Might as well for who knows, eh? Another unusual thing was that we didn't have any Christmas things like plays/skits/Santa Claus or community singing of carols.

After mess, TED TSUKIYAMA introduced guest speaker, ERIC SAUL, former curator of Presidio Military Museum who is now active with Jewish Holocaust Victims Organization. If you've read the other evening rag, you'll know that Mr. SAUL was here to document and substantiate the 522nd FA Bn. participation in the opening of concentration camp of Dachau and vicinity. Recently he was responsible for the presence of 10 Dachau survivors with Charlie Btry's reunion in San Francisco. An anecdote of that occasion will be of interest to fellow HQ Btry members of KIYOSHI OKANO, a transplant from Ewa. When a survivor learned that KIYOSHI was there at Dachau, she was so grateful she wanted to adopt him. SAUL's quest for more photos and narratives of interaction of members with DP's are producing results as members who were reticent till now for one reason or another are willing to 'talk story'. The survivors are hoping to establish a monument in Dachau and there'll be a tour for all interested to visit the site and meet the survivors in May.

Something to ponder: We saw a lot of DP's frozen to death after escaping the hot ovens of Dachau. Irony? ... or a small consolation that they died as free men?

The elections (the term is used loosely here) of Chapter President followed. The outgoing President, DON YAGAMI read the names of the condemn-oops candidates and the members were to give thumbs

up or thumbs down--off to the lions. The first name was STAN KANESHIRO. A credit to STAN's devotion to civic duty for he accepted with the proviso that he choose his officers. Since there were no one accusing him of sexual harassment or adultery, it was granted. Thus, a fine supporting cast was named albeit their arms appeared twisted. FRED HIRAYAMA, Vice

Pres; HAROLD UEOKA, Secty; HIROMI FUJIWARA, Treas. Not exactly Parliamentary Procedure but hey, don't knock it. It's effective and faster than filling justices to the Supreme Court. And in the words of STAN the Man, we need good men to plan for the upcoming big reunion. Amen, and we will not vote to limit their terms in office.

## ETC:

FRED HIRAYAMA and IRENE NAKA were the luckiest in bingo. IRENE hit bingo with such regularity, groans and moans with 'again' were heard all night. FRED won only once. There are two kinds of luck. On one game when only four 'N's' were called, MARTHA INOUE had them all on her card. Bingo! The urinal trough at Victoria Inn reminded TOM MAYEDA of the urinals on board the troop ships. Especially about standing on either ends when the seas were rough. Besides TOM, JENSEN TAKASAKI and RUTH KIMURA were the new faces. NANCY HIGA trying to explain how BOYAN got his name BOYAN. If you have 2 hours, ask her since the story goes back to his childhood. And if you have 2 minutes, ask BOYAN how he barely qualified but went on to win the club championship. When HAROLD UEOKA was asked what he shot at his first try at the Chapter golf, he gave a straightforward answer--156. One wag just had to ask him "and what did you shoot on the back nine?" Shooting 156 is a darn good score if you're 156 years old. Harold doesn't have a handicap because he hasn't played enough. Which brings to mind a story. A kindly old lady when she met SAM SNEAD asked what his handicap was. SAM - I do not have any. KOL - Well, don't worry son. If you keep on playing, they'll give you one. BULLDOG NISHIZAWA is enjoying golf even with his eyesight impaired. He should be paired with someone whose eyesight are still good so they can watch for his ball. But then again--they can see but they forget. TOKU TANAKA and FRANCIS TSUZUKI, not exactly novices are recent members. FRANCIS is most welcome as we can go to his Inn of Sixth Happiness for the 19th hole. ROY FUJII making his comeback after a long respite.

As in the movies, the credits come on last.

Decorations: MARTHA INOUE, LEATRICE TANNA

Center Pieces: MARTHA and her Gang. Appreciate MARTHA giving her center piece she won to my domestic engineer who was unable to attend.

Prizes: WALTER INOUE, the Sgt Bilko of this outfit who had hustled enough paper products, e.g. towels, toilet and facial tissues.

Beer, Soda and Pupus: ROCKHEAD TANNA, BLACKEYE MEKARU, HIROMI FUJIWARA, WALTER INOUE. This year we didn't run out of libations or are we slowing down?

Chivas Regal: DON SHIMAZU

Monetary Donations: ALMA OGATA, IRENE NAKA, KEN KAWATE.

## January

STAN takes over the Chapter reins like Slitz Beer (with gusto)

MARGUERITE VITMARD of 24 rue Roch 88640 Granges Sur Vologne, France, a retired school teacher sent \$20.00 to HIDE NAKAMINE for club use. Merci beaucoup. Nous aimons que vous reveniez tres prochainement. Also a letter of thanks from LYN CROST STERN to HIDE for having been sent THELMA CHANG's autographed book, "I Can Never Forget". She had nothing but praises for the contents and also for the construction of the book. The name LYN CROST--I can never forget. The time in Germany when couple guys and this scribe were detailed to dig a slit trench with enclosure for the visiting combat correspondent. Another 'thank you' letter from ALMA OGATA to the boys for being invited to the Christmas party and being part of RICK's life. You're welcome--and hey, he enriched our lives too. Silent SAM HIRANAKA is the watch dog of the Mother Club's coffers for this year. No more White Elephant sales. The wives were all for it but the husbands objected because what they're shelling out for the elephants were more than peanuts. JESSIE and BIGGIE's hot-selling eggplant tsukemono will be missed. The bottom of the old Coors cans



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have different configuration from other beverage cans, so says ELLEN KUNIHIO. So how come she knows this while you beer boozers don't. Simple. She collects these cans to use in baking. Howzat again?

## February

More chairman appointed: Reunion, FRED HIRAYAMA; Hospitality, ROCKHEAD TANNA, ROY OKUBO; Golf, DON YAGAMI, ROY OKUBO; Publicity and Hospitality for Visitors, JOE OBAYASHI, HIDE NAKAMINE; Budget and Finance, HIROMI FUJIWARA, BIGGIE NAKAKURA.

## March

46 people signed up for the annual banquet but only 45 showed until KATS MIHO sighted KIHE MIYAMOTO nonchantly sitting among the 'H' Co. and had to send someone to retrieve her. The banquet was for Sons and Daughters too. How come only the TSUKIYAMA's brought their son, TIM and this scribe w/two daughters whom everybody said must look like their mother? MITS and ELLEN had Mr. and Mrs. SHIMIZU as their guest, but they weren't their son or daughter. The very talented 25th Div combo took the veterans on a nostalgic trip by ad-libbing thru the wartime hits and the theme of the banquet 'As Time Goes by'.

## Golf Update

By Rocky

16 Dec 91, HCC. Our fiscal year starts in Dec 91 and ends in Nov 92. We have 30 members trying to win Monthly Ace, Two-man best-ball, Two-man two-ball, Match Play, Turkey Shoot, Reindeer Shoot and Ace of Aces. Today 25 golfers showed up, weather was excellent and 10 golfers shot net par or better. This tournament was for Ace of Aces and Reindeer shoot.

Ace of Aces won by Rockhead Tanna w/net 63.

## Reindeer Shoot:

1. Rockhead	63	9. Tom	70
2. Teiji	66	10. Larry	71
3. Toshi	67	11. Ted	72
4. Boyan	69	12. Roy	73
5. Walter	69	13. Milton	73
6. George	69	14. Ken	74
7. Joe	69	15. Jack, Toku,	
8. Biggie	70	Don Y.	74

## C.P.'s (closest to pin)

#1 Tom	#12 Tom
#4 Ted	#14 Teiji
#7 Toshi	#17 Don Y.

19th hole was FRANCIS TSUZUKI's Inn of The 6th Happiness.

## 13 Jan 92, Nagorski Course (Ft. Shafter)

20 golfers came out for this tournament. Weather was very good w/Kona wind. Many golfers hit their ball on the #1 green. KON KON who never played at Shafter before shot a net 63 to win the Monthly Ace He was bragging the course played so easy.

## Other winners

Don Y.	64	Rockhead	64	Stan	67
Francis	64	Toshi	66	Joe	67

## C.P.'s (closest to pin)

#2 Larry
#8 George
#11 Mits--eh? Let me check that again. It's true!
#13 Jerry

Congrats to Milton for winning the Monthly Ace. Also to Mits for winning a CP for the first time since joining the golf club.

## Two-man best-ball

1st Don Y & Jerry	62
2nd Biggie & Milton	64
3rd George & Larry	66
4th Walter & Toshi	69

## 11 Mar 92, Leilehua Golf Course

20 early risers got up before dawn to make the trek to the chilly uplands to try for the Monthly Ace. As WALTER put it, 'it's worse than going to work' ..... but he came in the money which made it a little better than going to work.

Monthly Ace: George 68

## Other winners

Don Y.	69	Milton	71
Walter	69	Kuba	71
Joe	70		

## C.P.'s (closest to pin)

#2 Boyan	#12 Rockhead
#5 Jerry	#17 Don Y.

Couple weeks ago George hurt his wrist at the #14 hole at Pali. He called his doctor when he got home saying that he'd like to come in tomorrow and have it examined cause it's hurting like mad. The doctor said not to come in tomorrow cause he's going golfing. George won the Monthly Ace with his wrist still taped. Probably helped his swing by keeping it straight.



By Herbert Akamine

This year's 442 anniversary banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel was attended by many Medics members. Among our couples were the Sueo Fujis, Lionel Ikebes, Masato Inouyes, Howard Kozumas, Ted Matsuos, Takashi Nakamuras, Noboru Ogamis, Jerry Ogawas, Carl Miyabaras, Roy Sakatas, Toshiaki Tanakas, Albert Tsukayamas, Edward Onakas and their annual guests. Marge Wasano and Mildred Nakasone were also there. Dorothy Matsuo told us about an interesting meeting with a folk arts type painter in Beijing in 1989. The friendship resulted in a sponsoring of the Chinese woman painter's works by Matsuo at the Queen Emma Art Gallery. We were also glad to meet some other chapter members like the Lizo Honmas, A.J. Okas, Ray Tanaka, Mino Suzumoto, Biggie Nakakura, and Tokuo Furuto. Mrs. Honma gave us news about Bruyeres. She said one of the 442 friends came here from France but part of her vacation was spent in a hospital.

We received Christmas greetings from mainlanders Masa Nomura, Harry Abes, George Minatas, Tosh Yasutakes, Vic Izuis, Donald Nakashimas, Joe Saitos, Sally Kazama, Kimi Imamura, and Kay Keneshina. Mrs. Nomura sent her annual gift to the Medics. George Minata reported on his Christmas card; "We are both healthy and family all in good shape at this time. My mother who is 93 broke her right hip

in January, had another hip replacement and is walking fine. Two years ago she broke her left hip, had a complete replacement and that is okay too. Tough old bird heh.

Aiko and I have played a lot of golf this year. We participate in weekly club and monthly city tournaments. Both of us have been playing 3 to 4 times a week. Aiko's handicap has improved to 25. I am now playing to an 8. Last summer we joined a mixed group and traveled into Canada and played a few courses there. We also went to Reno, lost a few bucks, and played a little golf. The weather has gotten cold and snow is starting to fall here. Like the birds we're thinking of going south for a month; or so."

Joe Saito's Christmas card had this information: "Well, another holiday

season is on us and the libations and feasting are starting. It doesn't take too much of it to reach the saturation point anymore. The B-1 and Tums become a standard part of my diet.

Nellie has had cataract operations in both her eyes and is now impatiently looking forward to a pair of glasses to fit her new improved condition.

It appears that the 5-year drought we've been in is about to come to some kind of a conclusion which is very pleasing.

Richard and his wife after 17 years of marriage had a baby girl who is almost 9 months old, and of course will be spoiled rotten but who cares. They are really thrilled.

We hope to stay healthy for a trip to your state in '93."

An interesting item in the local newspaper caught our attention recently. It was about a bar mitzvah ceremony that the Roy Sakatas' grandson had undergone. The boy is the son of Ronald Sakata who administers the new drunken driving law. Ronald was a classmate of John Waihee at the University of Hawaii law school.

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By Harold Fukunaga

Another year has gone by and that means we need to add another year to our age. Most of the fellas are pushing 70 or are there. We should be glad that we have lived these many years and should



enjoy every minute of it, since these are bonus years.

### Shinnenkai

Our annual new year's party was held on January 28th at the 442 Clubhouse. We had an excellent turnout, including the members, wives and even some of our sons and daughters. It was gratifying to see some of our sons and daughters becoming more interested in our chapter and 442 activities by their attendance.

Taketo Kawabata arranged for the food through Suehiro Catering Service. As usual, the food was plentiful and satisfying. We had enough drinks to satisfy everyone present. We need to thank Ray Handa and Takeshi Onuma for bringing the delicious dried and smoked tako for pupus. There might have been some other people who brought some other pupus, but if there were, thank you also. I noticed that more and more of the members are drinking soft drinks nowadays. I guess, we're getting tamer or more health conscious.

Whitey Nakayama, our chapter president, welcomed all attendees and introduced the sons and daughter present. After the dinner, Eddie Ochial set up the bingo games and it was good to see that many of the wives won prizes.

Hiromi Suehiro, our conscientious treasurer, was busy collecting the annual dues and penalties from the members. He also collected the dinner charges. He was heard, saying "I collected a bonanza tonite".

It was good to see our former Company Commander, Capt. Bill Aull and his wife, Mary at the party. He usually spends a few weeks every year in Hawaii, so he makes it a point to attend our chapter meeting or party. We're always glad to see him. He was telling us that he brought good luck to Taketo Kawabata when they played golf at Honolulu Country Club, where Taketo is a member. Taketo made a hole in one in one of the par 3 holes.

Among the participants who attended the Shinnenkai were:

Whitey Nakayama, Ray and Pat Handa, Harold and Jane Fukunaga, Takeshi Onuma, Taketo and Judy Kawabata, Fred and Dolores Ida, Eddie and Grace Ochial, Eddie and Emily Tamanaha, Satoru Gota, Bill and Margaret Yokochi, Speed and Edna Tanna, Hiromi Suehiro, Yoshi and Carol Yoshiwa, Bobby and Yoshiko Ito, John and Clara Kikuyama, Shigemi and

Betty Ishizaki, Lillian Shiraishi (Mike was in Vegas), Bill and Mary Aull and Kenneth Y. and Billie Sugai...Note: It was good to see Sugai again after so many years. We hope to see him more often.

### Sons and Daughters

Jan Kawabata, Darryl Yokochi, Dean and Rene Ochial, Kent Ochial, John Ito and James Jr. and Christy Kurata (Late Jimmy Kurata's son and daughter-in-law).

### Hospitalization

Al Amii was not able to attend our Shinnenkai, because he was ill. He was in Straub Hospital after being operated on for a bladder condition. We hope to see him soon at our chapter meetings after his recuperation.

Mike Shiraishi was operated on a heart by-pass operation at Queen's Medical Center. We understand that he is recuperating and getting some treatments at the Rehabilitation Center of Hawaii also. We hope that Mike can rejoin us at the chapter meetings soon.

### Memorial Service

The Memorial Service held on March 21st at the Punchbowl Cemetery, to honor our fallen comrades, was conducted by our Sons and Daughters. It was a very emotional and beautiful ceremony. They produced a very fine program, which was far superior to any other memorial service held in the past.

The roll call of all 442 Regimental Combat Team members, who were killed in action, opened the program and it was a very emotional rendition, as several of the sons and daughters took turns to read off the names, especially some readily recognizable G Co. guys' names; such as, Charles Harada, Katsumori Higa, Howard Urabe, Kaname Kanemoto, Thomas Jitchaku,

William Nakamura, Shigetoe Niide, Toshio Numa, Steve Yagi, Tetsuo Ito, Tetsuro Nakakami, Seikichi Oshiro, Leo Kikuchi and others. I had to keep drying my eyes and blowing my nose with my handkerchief during the read off.

The rest of the program was well organized with appropriate music furnished by the Royal Hawaiian Band and our 442 Uta No Kai singers. The messages delivered by Gene Castagnetti, head of the Punchbowl Cemetery, and Thelma Chang,

author of the book, "I Can Never Forget", capped an excellent service. The Sons and Daughters deserve a big hand for the handling and organizing the entire program.

George Chapter attendees were: Robert Tanna, Taketo Kawabata, Whitey Nakayama, John Kikuyama, Satoru Gota, Hiromi Suehiro, Eddie Ochial, Harold and Jane Fukunaga and Grace Ishii and her granddaughter.

My two daughters participated in the program. Carol was the Mistress of Ceremonies and Amy took photographic pictures of the event.

### 49th Anniversary Banquet

Even after providing such a good memorial service in the morning, the Son and Daughters again planned and produced our annual anniversary banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel in the evening of March 21st.

They were able to get the 25th Army Division Band's Orchestra to play the music prior to the program and during the meal. Their musical selections included many songs of our era (World War II days). Their singer even provided renditions, similar to Satchmo Armstrong, bringing much accolades from the audience.

The program as highlighted by Glen Mirikidani's "letter" to his deceased father, who was in the 442, but passed away in 1971. It was a very emotional "letter", which sought answers to questions asked of the father, who was reluctant to discuss his wartime experiences. Bruce Yamashita, the keynote speaker, gave a blistering talk about the discriminatory experiences he endured while going through the Marine Corp Officer



By Alexander J. Oka

Chapter Officers for 1992 are President - Masaji Kurozumi, Vice-President - Sam Yamada, Secretary - Ichiro Hasegawa, Treasurer - Ralph Chinaka. Reunion Committee - Ralph Chinaka, Tom Tanaka and Allan Masuda, Social Committee - Takao Ito, Sam Yamada and Masami Tanabe.

Attendances at the monthly meetings continue to be high - January, 18 members; February, 16 members and March, 18 members. Chapter President Masaji Kurozumi

expressed his appreciation to all the members for the excellent support throughout the years and also expressed the chapters appreciation to the Chinakas for their superb hospitality in accommodating the members for the monthly meetings. Treasurer Ralph Chinaka announced that there were 27 dues paying members for 1991.

When President Kurozumi announced the parade on Kalakaua Avenue as part of the 50th celebration, many of us questioned the length of parade. The walk will be a breeze fellows; we won't be carrying the 9 pound rifle. As for the dress for the parade, we will be wearing the anniversary shirt and hopefully some veteran-like headwear. Perhaps our comrades in Los Angeles can help us in designing and procuring such headwear. I can just picture Chapter President Kurozumi strutting down Kalakaua Avenue dressed in his reunion shirt, a red white and blue overseas cap and carrying the Service Company guidon.

Thanks to the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd, the attendance at the memorial service was the best in many years. Chapter members at the service were Masaji Kurozumi, James and Martha Miyake, Tom and Chic Tanaka, Mike Inouye and Alex Oka. Mrs. Harry Mirikidani and Glenn were also at the service.

Thirty members and guests were at the annual banquet. Susumu and Kozue Awaya, Gordon and Florence Furuto, Ichiro Hasegawa, Mike Inouye, Takemi Kajikawa, Masaji Kurozumi, Allan and Sara Masuda, George and Hisako Miyashiro, Toshio and Clara Nakanishi, Alexander and Jean Oka, Michael Oka and Sandra O'Neal, Masami and Margaret Tanabe, Tom and Chic Tanaka, Sam and Frances Yamada, Mrs. Mirikidani, Mr. and Mrs. Arakawa, guests of Tom and Chic Tanaka, Son Michael has joined the Sons and Daughters and designed the program for the memorial service and banquet. Ralph and Grace Chinaka were unable to be at the banquet - the first time in my memory. They, along with the Kajiwaras left that morning for the Caribbean cruise.

The 442nd Choral Group beautifully sang the Go For Broke Song, America the Beautiful and other patriotic and era songs. In the choral group were: Susumu Awaya, James Miyake, Tom & Chick Tanaka. The golf tournament regults were announced. Tom Tanaka was the co-winner with net 67.



Glenn Mirikidani was the speaker for the Sons and Daughters and his subject was "A Letter to My Dad". Touching on things that he wanted to hear and discuss with his father but just didn't have the opportunity since Harry Mirikidani died 20 years ago in 1971. Harry Mirikidani was a truck driver in Service Company and rose to the rank of T-5. In Camp Shelby, although there were other higher ranking non-coms in the hut, Harry was selected as hutment leader. The hutment leader had the distasteful task of getting the men to clean the barracks for the weekly inspection. Harry was the perfect leader to get things done.

James S. Miyake was elected Third Vice President for the club for 1992. James was born and grew up in Koloa, Kauai. On December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked, he volunteered for the Hawaii Territorial Guard along with other members of the University ROTC.

In January, 1942, he along with all guardsmen of Japanese Ancestry were discharged. He then volunteered and became a member of the Varsity Victory Volunteers performing "engineering" work at army private pay. A year later, he volunteered for the third time and joined the 442nd. He was assigned to Service Company and eventually to the Regimental supply office (RSO). Through out the war he and Ralph Chinaka were responsible for the rations for the 2nd battalion. After the war and graduation from college, for 10 years he served as counselor and Asst professor of Sociology at the University of Hawaii. Then for 8 years as Director of the US Educational Commission in Bangkok, Thailand. Five years as Director of US Fulbright grantees orientation and 3 years as US Education and cultural affairs officer, US State Department of Honolulu. After that he returned to work for the State government for 11 years at the Department of Education and retired in 1983.

Wife Martha also retired from the Department of Education and is now in real estate. Their children are son, Garrett and daughter, Christine and one grandchild.

Hopefully, Jim will work up the ladder to become president of the club and thus become the second member from Service Chapter to be president of the club.

While we are on the subject of club president, the first member from Service chapter to serve as club president is Tom Tanaka. Tom has been one of the most active member since the club was formed years ago. Pictures taken in 1953 show Tom actively participating in reunion activities at Kewalo Inn. He was one of those who entertained Capt Matheson during the 1953 reunion. He and Chic participated in all the 442 picnics at Bellows Field and Kapiolani Park. I remember Tom & Chic joining the gang at the annual Camp at Sunset Beach. After participating in their golf tournaments, Tom and Chic would drive all the way out to Sunset Beach to be with the gang. At about midnight, he and Chic would drive all the way back home to get a few hours of sleep before taking part in the next day's golf. This was long before the H-2 Freeway was built. The drive from the North Shore to town was on the old Kam Hwy via the spooky road thru Kipapa,

Gulch. For many years, Tom and Chic opened their home for Service Chapter monthly meetings.

The Service Chapter member who has the most remarkable wartime record is George "Oscar" Miyashiro. Actually, Oscar did not serve in Service Company during the war. He joined Service Chapter because of his close association with Tom Tanaka. During Camp Shelby days, he was with "E" Company and later volunteered for the 100th and was then assigned to "C" Company when the 100th was at Anzio. In Thelma Chang's book "I Can Never Forget" Oscar tells of his experience as a POW, they ran into a company of German soldiers and thus; the table was turned and Oscar became a POW. He spent the remainder of the war at Stalag 7A. Service chapter really benefited by his association with us. He and Hisako have actively supported all of our activities. The Oka family was indeed fortunate in having Oscar become a member of Service Chapter because wife Hisako, until her retirement, was the cafeteria manager at Waiialae Elementary School and she looked after all of our 4 kids who went to that school.

About 10 years ago, Wallace Ige, who now resides in Fullerton, loaned me a document titled "Service Company, 442d Infantry Regiment, 5th Army Association Card Members". This is a listing of Service Company men who joined the 5th Army Association in 1945. Unfortunately,

the last page of this list is missing. Of particular interest is the 1945 home address of the men on that listing. Susumu Awaya - Makahiki Way; Richard Chagami - Aiea; Ralph Chinaka - 18th Avenue; Harry Fujiwara - Matlock Avenue; Tokuo Furuto - Laie; Ichiro Hasegawa - Kamuela, Hawaii; Toshiaki Hayashi - Hilo; Mike Inouye - Lanai City; Terry Itaki - Kohala; Takemi Kajikawa - Halekauwila Street; Yutaka Kajiwaru - Haleiwa; Francis Kurisu - Algaroba Street; Masaji Kurozumi - Mahali Place; John Leonida - Wahiawa; James Miyake - Hana Lane; Kiyoshi Muraoka - Ahana Lane, Shiro Nagasako - Nuuanu Avenue; Toshio Nakanishi - Oahu Country Club; Hideo Nimori - Kapakahi Road; Alexander Oka - Waiiala; Herbert Oshiro - Kaili Street; Robert Otani - Liliha Street; Tom Tamai - Winam Avenue; Masami Tanabe - Lahaina; Richard Tanaka - Kelehone Place; Thomas Tanaka - Kukui Street, Noboru Tanoue - Peterson Lane; Bill Toma -

Makawao, Maui; Paul Uehara - Kahuku; Harold Yamabe - N. King Street; Charles Yoshimura - Waiola Street; Shunichi Hatada - Hilo; Yukio Ishihara - Paahau, Hawaii; Isamu Kanekuni - Hilo; Ralph Kubo - Coyne Street; Harold Sogi - Paalea Street; Jitsuo Yoshida - Algaroba Street; Charles Saiki - Kapaa; Takeshi Tanimoto - Makaweli; Mitsuo Tokita - Lihue; Theodore Yamate - Kapaa; Richard Hashi - Liliha Street; Hirose Inouye - Wailuku; Kunio Kikuta - Lahaina; Masami Maeda - Paia; Masami Endo - Los Angeles; Richard Hamanaka - Hilo; Philip Ichino - Los Angeles; Shintaku Ige - Ahua Road; Akira Imoto - Lindsay, CA; David Kirihara - Livingston, CA; Harry Komatsu - Sacramento, CA; Royal Manaka - Monterey, CA; George Morikawa - Long Beach, CA; Junji Nakashima - San Leandro, CA; Gen Ogata - Helena, Montana; Fred Segawa - Poston, AZ; Homer Takahashi - Loomis, CA; Yoshiro Tokiwa - Poston, AZ; Toshi Tora - Layton, Utah; George Mabe - Atwood, CO; Harold Riebesell - Lima, Ohio; Thomas Nishitani - Seattle; Lee B. Hawkins - Ravenna, KY; Sam Katsumoto - San Luis, CO; Matsuo Miyake - Waimea; Joe Itagaki - Kemoo Farm, Mike Masaoka - Salt Lake City; Tadashi Morimoto - Paia, Maui; Shozo Saito - Los Angeles; Peter Matsukawa - Vineyard Street; Harry Mirikidani - Hall Street, Charles Miyaji - Wheeler Field; Koji Akimoto - Kaluhikahi Lane; Akita Anzai - Hala Drive; Masaku Fujita - Los Angeles; Hiroshi Ige Inamine - Hilo; Richard Mishima - Hotel Street. While going over the above listing, I noticed that couple of our members were from Poston, Arizona and I was wondering what type of community Poston was - that is - until it dawned on me that Poston was that concentration camp in the Arizona desert.

The February 16th issue of the Los Angeles Times - Orange County Section has several articles on the 50th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9006. One of the article mentions that about 1,800 of the Japanese Americans of Orange County were interned at Poston. Our interest in Poston is because so many of our comrades volunteered while imprisoned in that camp and another reason is that we have two daughters who are now residents of Orange County. Daughter Patricia - Mrs. Henry Handman, resides in Anaheim, and daughter Jennifer - Mrs. Dennis Putney, resides in Mission Viejo.

Another article in that paper credits Mrs. June Masuda Goto's letter in convincing President Reagan to support the redress. That same article also states, "The signing of the redress bill culminated efforts that began almost two decades earlier, when the Late Edison Uno, a community leader of San Francisco and a columnist for the Pacific Citizen, a publication of the Japanese-American Citizens League, first proposed the idea of reparations for Japanese Americans."

The February 3rd issue of the Advertiser has a nice article of the Chagami Family - owners of the Forty Niner Diner in Aiea. The article mentions that Henry and Richard served with the 442nd. Henry is the Go For Broke Bulletin reporter for Cannon Company and Richard is one of the most faithful supporter and member of Service Chapter. During the war Richard had the title of Regimental Carpenter.

Takao Ito announced a Las Vegas Mini reunion sometime in mid September. Masami Tanabe announced that the annual camp at Mokuleia will be on the October 16-19 weekend.

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By Henry Chagami

The Cannoneers' party held at the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel on February 7, 1922 was a great kickoff for the new year. Delicious food, beautiful atmosphere and wonderful company made for a very enjoyable evening. Present were Mary & John Mikasa, Judy & Kazu Saiki, Irene & Lincoln Maeda, Barbara & Tom Okino, Reiko & Charles Oda, Mabel & Kaoru Watanabe, June & Masami Ohara, Natsuko & Henry Chagami, May & Dr. Masaru Koike, Mamo Morita, Andrew Kawamoto, Yukisada Oshiro, Norman Sato, Bolo Mizukami, Takashi Muraoka and Nadao Yoshinaga. The ladies received a gift of a long-stemmed





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rose for Valentine, courtesy of the Mikasas. Thanks again to Kazu Saiki, who made the arrangements with the hotel. Our appreciation also to president John Mikasa, vice-president Yukisada Oshiro and secretary/treasurer Lincoln Maeda for continuing their excellent work for the Chapter.

Plans for the chapter reunion at the Fremont Hotel, Las Vegas May 25-29 are proceeding well according to Kazu Saiki. Arrangements with the Fremont Hotel were negotiated by John Kashiki. All cannoners, from both the mainland and Hawaii will be staying at the same hotel. Our thanks again to Mary & John Kashiki for their untiring efforts and generosity at all times. The Hawaii group will include Kazu Saiki & son, Leith, June & Masami Ohara, Reiko & Charles Oda, Yukie & Tsukasa Murakami, Lincoln & son-in-law Paul Shinagawa, Mitsue & Kazuyuki Kudo, Yukisada Oshiro, Norman Sato, Bolo Mizukami, Mamoru Morita, Takashi Muraoka, John Mikasa and Alred Goto.

The 49th Anniversary Banquet held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 21, 1992 was a great success. Congratulations to the Sons & Daughters organization for an enjoyable evening and interesting program. Indeed, they are loaded with talent and the tradition of the 442nd will be left in good hands. Attendance was below par for Cannon Chapter. Present were May & Dr. Masaru Koike, their daughter Kathy Puetz & her husband Richard, son John Koike & wife Erin, June & Masami Ohara, Mamoru Morita, Andrew Kawamoto, Bolo Mizukami, Norman Sato, Kazu Saiki, Yukisada Oshiro, Dykio Kunishige and Henry Chagami.

Earlier in the day, the memorial service was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. This event was also ably conducted by the Sons & Daughters. Cannoners present were June & Masami Ohara, Yukisada Oshiro, Mamoru Morita and Henry Chagami. After the memorial service flowers were placed at the grave sites of our fallen comrades.

A member of the Sons & Daughters is Kathy Puetz, daughter of May & Doc. Koike. Kathy became interested and joined the organization after reading a written account of the 442nd by Doc. Koike. The account was written for all his children. Kathy's husband Richard also began attending meetings. Richard is a graphic artist and designed the art work on the Sons & Daughters T-shirts. He has his

own business and also teaches at the Honolulu Community College. Kathy has a degree in psychology and works at St. Francis Hospital. Kathy & Richard were married 3 months ago. We consider her as Cannon Chapter's representative to the Sons & Daughters.

To continue with the rest of this distinguished family, older son John Koike is a dentist with offices in the 1441 Ala Moana Building. His wife, Erin, works in the office of an engineering firm. Another daughter, Anna Mae Schuyler lives in Fremont, CA. and is a psychiatrist occupational therapist. She and husband Michael have a 3 year old son named Sean. Younger son, Alan Koike, is an M.D. in psychiatry and presently is serving his 2nd year in residence in Sacramento, CA. Number one is, of course, Dr. Masaru Koike. He is an M.D. in urology. His office is in the Kuakini Medical Center. He served on the Executive Board of Kuakini Hospital and was Chief of Staff at one time. Wife, May, is a registered nurse. She was a housewife for many years until the children were grown. Then she started working at Doc's office and found it so enjoyable she still works there doing everything around the place. Their children all attended Punahou and mainland colleges. They had at least one child in a mainland college from 1973 to 1990. At times they had 3 in college at the same time. It must have cost a huge fortune to educate all their children. Doc Koike has his golf. May has her 3 year old grandson, Sean. They visit him every chance they have. My hat's off to May, who is always cheerful and full of enthusiasm. Thanks, May, for graciously giving me your time during working hours

which allowed me to complete this interesting assignment.

One Sunday morning...early By J. Ohara

It was dark at 3:30 A.M. on January 12, 1992 waiting for Masami to get ready for our Sunday walk but the thought of 2,000 points for frequent caller program prompted me to make the early morning phone call. Guess I got Tosh out of bed at 6:30 A.M., Wyoming time---Tosh's question, "What time is it in Hawaii?" Nevertheless, he was happy to hear from both of us but he had to call Ellen because he wasn't too sure of his "hearing" that early in the morning. It was nice congratulating Ellen for giving up smoking after fifty years!!! She said she's trying to prove to Tosh and her doctor

that she's healthier than they both think. The phone call may have caused Ellen and Tosh to write one of the most touching, heart-rendering letter I have ever received. To be sure the letter is placed in my precious treasure box of happy memories. After the morning walk I called the Mayedas, 7:00 A.M., California time. Chuck asked if I was visiting our daughter Iris in Torrance and calling from there. No, I was calling from Honolulu at 5:00 A.M. It takes Chuck and Masami to compare their medication. It seems Chuck takes more pills because of his unoperable heart condition. We assured Haru and Chuck that we would visit them after our mini-reunion in Las Vegas. The third call went to Wally and Kathy Nunotani. I'm never sure if I'm calling too early or too late but it was 7:30 A.M. in San Francisco. Wally and Kathy are the busiest persons we know. Both of them

have very heavy schedules with church and community service and at Wally's pet project at NINJA. Now that Wally is the Commander of DAV he is almost impossible to reach. I was very surprised to hear that Wally had a heart attack on December 16, 1991. This second frightening attack - while playing with his grandchildren at home. Wally had his first attack and bypass surgery ten years ago. Spending about three weeks in ICU at the hospital, Wally was discharged only the day before our phone call. He is feeling much better and will be able to attend the mini-reunion in Las Vegas. Kathy was disappointed that Charles Oda wasn't an officer on the 442nd executive board. She knew Ron Oba would be a good president. Kathy had met Ron Oba during their 40th anniversary reunion trip to Bruyeres. Next a call to Yae Furusho of Sebastopol since I know the Nunotanis and Furushos are very close friends. For many years, the Nunotanis brought crates of apples from Tom Furusho's apple ranch for their buddies in Hawaii on his frequent trips home. I was visiting my sister in nearby Petaluma. We chatted for a while and learned that Kathy herself has been under doctor's care because of her back pains. I was happy Yae is very healthy taking care of her grandchildren and helping her son, Mark. Mark has an interesting job contracting the harvesting of small fruit ranches and selling the products to a large market chain. The fifth family on my telephone list was John and Mary Kashiki. The Kashikis are hard at work planning our mini-reunion in Las Vegas. They would like to try something different as an added treat for the mini-reunion.

My Sunday morning was spent catching up on the news of the mainland Cannoners and the afternoon was for calls to local buddies and friends. I had to call Chet Tanaka of Kaneohe because Chet and Missy are dear friends of the Nunotanis. A very close friendship developed while Chet Tanaka was writing his book, Go For Broke in San Francisco. I found out from Missy that Chet too was in the hospital recuperating from an emergency complicated diabetic condition. Phone calls followed with the Okinos, Watanabes and the Saikis. Good or bad news, the telephone is so essential and I did "Go for Broke" with my long distance calls that Sunday, but I'm sure you'd agree it's always pleasant to hear "live" voices.

Friday, March 13, 1992 Masami received a telephone call from our friend in Seattle. Joe Hamaoka called that Bill Yanagimachi passed away. Masami and I had the pleasure of traveling to the neighbor islands with Bill at one of the reunions. We'd like to remember Bill as a fun-loving, yet very caring person. In the 1973 tour of the islands before the official reunion in Waikiki, Bill's room was used as the hospitality room at Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Some of us remember how considerate he was when he brought his oldest brother, Harry to the 1980 reunion in Waikiki. Curly remembers how Bill went out of his way in Seattle to refill an oxygen tank for Curly's travel mate after the reunion in Los Angeles. Our deepest sympathy to both his wife, Pearl and their son. Our fondest Aloha to Bill Yanagimachi from all of his buddies in Hawaii.

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By Charles Watanabe

Well, what is going on with Hq 3rd? Nothing much more than the usual, another new year and a year older, with added aches here and there, and more bills to pay.

But it's time again for another news report so let me dwell through my notebook and see what I have written. As a starter, it says Christmas Party, December 18, 1991. Sounds like this should have gone into the previous news report...

Members gathered at the Discovery Bay's Bon Appetit restaurant for some fine French gourmet dinner. It was wine-and-dine French style, with lots of "oui oui" and "merci beaucoup." That's the extent of my French language today.



Of course, madame and mademoiselle come naturally. I know my French like I know my Japanese, which means I don't speak both. That evening was an extra special one with owner and chef Guy Banal looking in on us personally, making sure that we lacked nothing, not a thing. It was that sort of a special dinner. Michi & Sam Sasai took care of the arrangement and saw to it that evening that everything went smoothly. The liquid refreshments flowed generously all evening. This was made possible through the generosity of Michi & Sam Sasai, Bob & Edna Kuniyuki and Irene & Takeshi Nakamura. Mahalo for your thoughtfulness.

After dinner, as if that wasn't full evening, the gang scooted over to the Sasai's for a short meeting and continuation of the festivities, more desserts and coffee. Then the best part of the evening began. What is the best part? The arrival of barefoot Santa Claus, of course, fully attired in red and white, and looking pretty proper with the aid of a stuffed pillow. Hard to find anyone matching Saint Nick's specifications. That's why Santa had a little problem, complaining that his lap was getting tired with all the grandmas taking turn sitting on his skinny lap to ask for a special present. I didn't hear him complain last year. "Osumalla," David, is age catching up with you or just too many grandmas to please all in one evening?

Frances Tsubata picked an excellent gift, a leisure outfit, which she modeled right away, and looking like a teenager, had everyone oohing away. The gifts were very appropriate and appealing to everyone's satisfaction, it seemed. With the delightful evening coming to a close, it was time to say, "See you all at the next Christmas party."

Adding to the merriment of the evening with their presence were Bill & Yaeko Kuwata, Shigeru & Janet Goto, Janet Matsuda, David Kaiura, Frances Tsubata, Sam & Harumi Furuya, Robert & Edna Kuniyuki, Takeshi & Irene Nakamura, Lani & Hajime Matsuura, Sam & Michi Sasai, Erni & Gracie Uno, and Charles & Clara Watanabe.

Now let's get into the swing of things...into the year 1992. The first meeting of the year was held at the clubhouse in January. Very little was reported and discussed in way of business except to set the agenda for the year

and coming events. However, we all know by now that Shigeru Goto, the fiery man on-the-go, is our new president, which means another great year is promised. My Chinese friend said, "This year of monkey, so velly goot, you eatum lots of chop suey, roast duck and dim sum."

Taking his advice that this is "velly goot year," and to celebrate New Year Chinese style, Hq 3rd decided to go to a chop suey dinner at Hee Hing restaurant. After enjoying a velly goot dinner in a leisurely manner, the members and wives were invited to the Nakamura residence, just a stone throw away.

What was on the post dinner agenda, you ask? Yes, desserts and drinks were in order. Of course, nobody refuses dessert, the kind Irene serves. Not changing the subject, but how are your cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes and weight, lately? Mine's just fine, and yours? All's fine, so more da kine pie anyone? The clock ticked away as conversation continued on whatever, or wherever, and what else ails you. The remainder of the evening was spent watching a video about a Japanese naval officer on a 2-man submarine, who was taken prisoner during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He learned very quickly the humanely manner in which prisoners and his people back in Japan. Taking time

out to enjoy the relaxing evening were Sam & Harumi Furuya, Janet Matsuda, David Kaiura, Erni & Gracie Uno, Sam & Michi Sasai, Takeshi & Irene Nakamura, Bill & Yaeko Kuwata, Frank & Grace Ishikawa, Hajime & Lani Matsuura, Doris, Pappy & Patti Iwamoto, Shigeru & Janet Goto, and Charles & Clara Watanabe.

The above covers the highlights of main events. Now for a little bit of dis & dat. Did you know that the Matsuura's granddaughter, Kiyomi Schu, is getting to be a celebrity? Her picture graced the cover of "This Week, Oahu," December 16, 1991 issue, in conjunction with the 10th Annual Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl 1991. They couldn't have picked a nicer model. Keep up the good work, Kiyomi!

A bit of sad news is that Shig Teraji, we all know him, passed away on November 16, 1991. He was a personable fella to know, and served as a field commission officer. Our condolences to his family. "Aloha, Shig Teraji, we will miss you."

Barney and Doris Pearlsig were visiting in Honolulu after spending a few days in Maui. Must love the fish and poi, or the chop suey, as served only in Honolulu. Had a get-together with them at the Won Kee restaurant for a "velly goot" dinner and recalling old times. Barney must miss the boys.

A tour to Philly and Atlantic City is on for April 16-26, 1992, led by Sam & Michi Sasai. Anyone interested should contact the Sasai's because it promises to be a well-spent 10-day tour.

Just a reminder from our treasurer that if you forgot to mail in your club dues, do it right away; otherwise you'd be left behind.

Well, this about does it. Nothing much more to write about that I can think of. As an added reminder, the 50th reunion is fast approaching and you can start counting the days. Mark on your calendar March 24 - 28, 1993; place: Waikiki Hotel. Call Erni Uno if there's anything else you'd like to know.

In closing, three banzai's for Sam Sasai, a Gold Medal award winner, for a

wonderful job done to make 1991 a memorable year. Cost lots of money but was worth it.

"All pau and revoir."

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By Mary Sakai - Carol & Patti

# March 1992 Newsletter

President	Kazuo Kiyonaga
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Pacific Northwestern RAY TSUCHIYA reminds us that a successful organization takes teamwork, volunteer help and MONEY. "We must carry on the works and messages that these people so nobly advanced." RAY opens up an invitation to visit HIM.

GEORGE & MALY TAMURA - The Abnormal became the norm after 11 months of house renovation...no room was spared. Daughter LISSA survived ordeal. Whew! Friends over? "Who wants to entertain, only to muss up the place again!"

TAK HATTORI sent copies of his newsletter articles from TANKBUSTERS...any new subscribers? 100/442 NEWSLETTER, 1438 Oak Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015. TAK & SUMI travel, party, dinner/dance, travel, party, dinner/dance...

First lady of LA, AMY SAKIMOTO's son PHIL is in Washington, D.C., NASA director as Astro Physicist teacher. Other son is a manager for Nissan. AMY mentioned FRANK SETO & DAVID KAWAGOYE are hardworking men for the Veteran's Administration of 100th-442nd L.A.

MITSUO AKIYAMA, #1 honcho on the Big Island informs us about last year's Kona get-together at GORO INABA's with about 70 members, spouses & friends including HALO HIROSE from Maryland. Another party was in order when TOMATSU NAKAMOTO of Honokaa came home for a visit. Big Island folks love to party. GORO INABA holds the fort in Kona; TAKEO BUTTERMAN HAMAMOTO lives alone nursing a bum knee but visits Honolulu often to see daughter & 3 grandchildren; MASAO HAYASHIKAWA (anthurium man) of Pahoa & JAMES HIDEO KATO golf every Wednesday; MITSUGI NAKAHARA golfs too & visits Kona to see son and family; Dr. MASAICHI SAGAWA works part-time in his dentistry with son and daughter who are both dentists; BOBBY TAKEMURA retired as a mason and is busv

at home; TADAO TANOUÉ relaxes after retiring from a big anthurium farm; GARY MATSUMOTO keeps busy with Makule Retiree softball games; NOBORU NAGASHIMA retired as a truck farmer but seems to be busier going to Honolulu & Kauai to spend time with sons, doing carpentry jobs for them; MITSUO & SHIZUE AKIYAMA visit Honolulu about 10 times a year to babysit their 4 grandchildren; TATS OSHIRO, cheerful despite being in a wheelchair, resides at a Care Home. From The Hawaii Herald, "MITSUO was recognized with a resolution from the University of Hawaii Board of Regents for his efforts in helping to establish the Mauna Kea summit as a world-class astronomical research site in November 1991." Proudest 11 year old grandson, DANIEL MITSUO AKIYAMA, congratulated his grandfather in a special letter.



Ko and Janet Hata hosted Goro and Yayoi Inaba of Kona. They came for the annual banquet. Great to see him looking well.

LIZO & YVONNE HONMA housed MARGUERITE VILMARD of Grange/Vologne near Bifontaine with grandson BETRAND and friend. They were entertained by veterans of K. Co., 522-B Battery Engineers & 100 Bn. celebrating 45th Anniversary together--which was held on Maui.

Who's playing fast pitch softball in the Meija Makule Men Softball League? TATS OMIYA! MURIEL & TATS get together, between his swimming and fishing, her mahjong and bowling, to connect in Vegas 3 or 4 times a year. Need a time clock? Check out eldest son DEAN, #2 EARL, a manager for Hawaii Concrete Products, keeps busy with wife & 2 children. Youngest BARON, Kalani High School's cafeteria manager, is like his father married, into fishing and softball coaching.

RICHARD & KATHERINE MIYAKAWA, synonymous with "pikake", work semi-retired in between walking daily around Kahala Mall. KATHERINE is a familiar face at Kilauea YMCA in the pool. Their clan grows... EDWARD & GAIL CHUN have 2 boys, BRADFORD & DEVIN; SIDNEY & KRISTINE have 3 young uns, MARY, KAREN, MATTHEW; COLLEEN KIM with LINA & MARA; LEIGHTON & CORA busy with MELISSA & 1 year old KALEN; STANLEY & DIANE LOUIS active in Japan.

CHILLY SASAKI reported about SEATTLE's Anti-Tankers annual dinner, a party with MAC MAMIYA, HI & MATSUKO SAIMO, JIM KUSE, ICHI NAGASAWA, MABEL MAEKAWA, GEORGE & MARY TAMURA.

Great golfing buddies for ??? years strong... JUDGE MASATO DOI, KO HATA, HALC HIROSE, JACK KAGUNI & CAMEL YOSHINAGA are still seen on the greens with irons and legs.

SACHIKO FUKUNAGA, promoted from desk work to "escort" service at Castle Hospital as a volunteer "feels much better than sitting."

HARRY & JANET TOKASHIKI will be "reunioning" with daughter JACKIE & RICHARD's family in Vegas. HARRY is into the "G's" - golfing, gardening.

TOSHIO MORIYAMA our "lei" man is feeling better and is in full swing of "lei-ing" again.

CAMEL YOSHIMASU's daughter LYNN volunteers teaching for Vietnamese, also is a beautiful "ceramicist" whose husband GLEN works at Washington State in IBM programming.

ISAO OSHIBA annually visits Vegas, takes ballroom dancing, cleans Kapunahala classrooms, 6 rooms at 20 minutes a room is 2 hours a day. Any questions about the "none" fruit? Any pains? Ask ISAO.

MATSUO KAMINISHTI retired and became ALICE's chauffeur to care for her 94 year old mother in Waialua. MATSUO gave up fish for vegetables & flowers. Instead of catching fish, he's cooking it.

TSUNETO HOTSABUCE & THELMA MIZUSAWA are busy, busy. HOTSABUCE recovered from his illness & back to normal.

KENNETH YOKOYAMA enjoys & does a little of everything. Wife HELEN still works part-time.

AKIRA FUKUDA was a little under the weather. MITSUKO is still working... good for her!

JITS KUNICHKA still a painter but spends more time in the air. Lucky JITS. Son in airlines gives dad benefits like 8 free trips to Vegas a year plus free room & board.

Why haven't we heard from MARY SAKAI? Unless you want to talk about grandchildren, no sense call. Eldest CAROL promoted in C & C building dept. keeps son EDDY and daughter MARI and mother MARY in line while serving on Seagull's board. PATI added #3 KARI last year amid teaching at Dole Intermediate, working with CHAD's pre-preschool readiness and JEANNE's Brownie Troop leader activities.

AKIRA "SUNSHINE" FUKUNAGA touched and brightened our lives. We hope to continue his legacy and our legacy by keeping our newsletter alive.

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By Terry Ihara

At least one member of EASY Chapter is returning his time and language ability to the community which gave him his place in the sun. He is SHIGE YOSHITAKE who has a long background in the Japanese language as well as having served with MIS following his assignment with EASY COMPANY. His father was associated with the Japanese press. SHIGE volunteers once a week as a docent with Japanese speaking volunteer team at the Bishop Museum. To prepare himself as a docent he recently completed a four week training program at the Museum. Classes were conducted in English followed by discussions and review in Japanese. Lucky SHIGE as he is the lone male among the group of ten docents.

SHIGE is also featured in Kapiolani Community College's NaMo'lelo Hawaii, The Stories of Hawaii, a schedule of Lectures, Events and Tour for Kapiolani CC's schedule of events for July/September, 1991. SHIGE taught a class in the JAPANESE NEW YEAR as part of the Kapiolani CC's offerings in the area of CELEBRATIONS.

The 49th anniversary of the founding of the 442nd RCT was celebrated this year on the 21st of March and EASY CHAPTER, unlike the last few years, was represented at the party by 26 members plus one guest. It was like EASY of times past when it usually occupied at least three tables. At the banquet were the following: SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, JUNO & AMY KANESHIGE, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, CHIK & PATSY TESHIMA, JOHN T. & NANCY SUZUKI, GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE, EDWARD PESTANA, MAUI OKAMURA, BOBBY MAEDA TERUO IHARA and his brother JAMES from Reno, Nevada who sat with his 232nd Engineer friends. It was real welcome sight to see JOHN T. & NANCY SUZUKI as well as EDDIE PESTANA at the banquet though the numbers were the real accomplishment. One person missing who always attends these functions was HAZEL OKAMURA MAUI says she was visiting on the Valley Island.

The event this year was coordinated by the junior 442nd members and if that is how these young members of the next generation will manage the assets of the 442nd corporation, the corporation will

be in good hands. The program for the evening was outstanding and unlike our generation the kids were particularly articulate in professing their dilemma of the lack of communications between the two generations and the need to continue fight for the very ideals we fought for in WW II. On the former it still is not too late for members of the 442nd to break the silence and communicate with our kids. On the latter, much credit is due BRUCE YAMASHITA for his relentless battle against racial prejudice, something we thought we overcame in fighting the war. If racial justice and equality is to prevail in the United States of America and the world of which we are the acknowledged leader we must stand up and fight for those precepts which made our country what it is. After all, there are more people of color in the world than whites and it won't be long when the people of color may be ruling the world as the center of world power is slowly moving away from Europe towards the Americas and the Far East. It won't happen in our lifetime nor even in the next generation but it is coming.

Plans for this summer's EASY mini-reunion are complete and EASY Honolulu will be represented in Oakland by 24 members and spouses. Those who will be making the trip to Oakland and Reno are: Mr. & Mrs. JUNO KANESHIGE, the KOZUN NAKATAs, the MAUI OKAMURAs, the OUCHI's, SABURO & TOKIE, the LEFTY SUGIHARAs, the SHIGE TAMASHIROs, the CHIK TESHIMAs, the TADAO YOSHIMOTOs, the SHIGE YOSHITAKEs and the odd couple, EDDIE PESTANA & TERUO IHARA. NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI and the WAICHI TAKEMOTOs are going only to Oakland. Reports from LAWSON SAKAI indicate that attendance in numbers at the reunion this year will not be as great as it was in Seattle.

Plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the 442nd Regiment Combat Team are almost complete. From information gathered from here and there it seems that the contract for the total Hotel and Air package has been given to one hotel outlet which in turn will be able to offer complete Hotel/Air packages including ground transfer costs at reduced prices. The unofficial price quote of a high of around \$600 to a low of \$500 for the package seems more than reasonable but hotel designation for the separate chapters is still on hold. As for the Chapter night affair, EASY is



negotiating with Waikiki Lau Yee Chai for a Chinese dinner which will include MOCHI DUCK as one of the dishes. Hopefully the choice of Lau Yee Chai will preclude the necessity of providing transportation as it will be within walking distance of all the hotels in Waikiki. For information of EASY COMPANY members, Senator DANIEL K. INOUE expects to be in Hawaii from March 24 through the 28th to attend the anniversary events. EASY Company stag teahouse party for EASY Men only is planned for the 24th of March. Contact has been made with (Capt.) Colonel THOMAS AKINS and Lt BYRON "GENE" BURNS of Laurens, South Carolina and they both plan to make it if all is well next year. Serious planning will have to be made as soon as attendance for next years anniversary celebration will be humongous.

EASY's annual Christmas party was again held at Zippy's Twilei Banquet Hall on the 2nd Tuesday night of December. As always it was an event that members look forward to as an evening for socializing and sharing of gifts and door prizes. All who attended the party went home with something useful, whether the prize was a bag of rice, coupons for dinners, plants, cookies or home made preserves, everyone went home happy. A always, PAKALA and BETTY TAKAHASHI flew in from Lahaina, Maui with lots of Pakala's famous octopus pupu. Since the event took place over three months ago, the writer's memory is a bit hazy as to those present at the party so the listing of names will be dispensed with

Con't remember writing about Stooka's son, Nelson, in Alaska. He has access to one of those Alaskan airplanes which he shares ownership and flew Stooka and June on a plane ride over the Fairbanks area. Nelson is a teacher by profession and available to the Alaskan School districts for assignment as the need arises. It seems Alaska is a mecca for young and adventurous school teachers so there does not seem to be a shortage of teachers.

As one gets older the framework of bones get brittle and break easily. Just such a thing happened recently to MAUI OKAMURA. He was on a stool trying to reach something up high when he fell off the stool and fractured his heel bone. They put him on crutches with a cast on his feet which he had to endure for a month. He's okay now but his

heel is not just ready to withstand the powerful drives he hits off the tee.

This writer thinks we should write more about our kids. This has been done on several occasions so when asked about one's family please share the information so that Chapter members can be kept up-to-date as part of the larger EASY family. The writer will begin with his family of three children. Son Michael, the oldest, after years as a stock broker decided at age 38 to become a chiropractor, a four year plus grind. Michael is a Chaminade graduate. He has a year more to go so if you are in need of straightening of your backbones, he'll be ready to serve you next year. Michael married twice and divorced twice. Has one daughter, age six and a half who lives with her mother. Daughter Lei graduated from the Manoa campus of the University of Hawaii in Hawaiian Studies after about ten years of College. She worked for years as a bartenderess at Monterey Bay Cannery and now works part time at Qantas Airlines. She will not take a full time job. She has one daughter, age eight and 2/3 years. Our "bonus" daughter, Carol who came to us 10 years after Lei, graduated with a masters in Computer technology from Stanford. She now works for Data House and is childless. Now that you are fully informed about our family, anything you can do for them will be appreciated. Before closing this writer is always mindful that he has forgotten to write about something very important and a reminder is never taken as a criticism so give him a call. All for now.

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By Mino Suzumoto

During the interim, some good news and some bad. First, the bad news. Tragedy continues to plague our chapter. ROY SOMEDA (mortar section) died Dec. 16, 1991 of stomach cancer. His memorial services was a private affair. He leaves behind 2 sons. He was 67, making him one of the youngest member of the Combat Team. Those who knew him well, join the family in their grief. May his soul rest in peace.

HITOSHI KOHARA of Naalehu, passed away on Feb. 2. We offer our deepest sympathy to wife, IRENE and to the many next of kins he left behind. "Hunter," as we knew him, was a familiar figure at

most of our reunions, locally and on the mainland. The latest, being the Co. I Mini-Reunion in Reno, this past October. He will be missed. May his soul rest in peace.

SMITTY KOGA's demise on Feb. 5 of aneurysm and other complications left us stunned. He was an individual who we expected would "live forever." Services were held at the Downtown Mililani Mortuary on the 10th. Cremation and inurnment at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific were performed the following day, with full military honors accorded. Born in Waialua, he was 69. Co. I conveys its sincerest condolence to his remaining kins. May his soul rest in peace. He died knowing full well and with deep satisfaction that sons GUY and GLENN will carry on the 442 legacy through active participation in the (Oahu) "Sons and Daughters of 442" movement. Item members directly involved in the ceremony: TERRY ARATANI, BRUNO YAMADA, JOE OKUMOTO, STAN YAMAMOTO, HIRAM DOI, CHAMP SUZUKI, HAROLD WATASE. At the family's request.

KENJI "Popeye" SEGAWA, Naalehu, not feeling too well was on his way to the infirmary when he suddenly collapsed and died, on Feb. 25, I've been told. Hilo born, he was 72. Our deepest condolence to HIROKO and to all those whom he loved. May his soul rest in peace. As I recall, Popeye, WALLY FUKEDA (Kia), TAKEO SATO (Kia), TAKEO SUMA and myself, we'd go rushing to the beer garden after training (Shelby) instead of going to the Co. I mess hall. And now it can now be told that he was one of my source as

to what transpired among the Item old timers, after I had left the outfit in Italy. (For the un-initiated, he was KIICHI SONODA's brother-in-law.

Before my retirement in Jan 1990, my then boss DAN INOUE confided that Easy Chapter members were dying at the rate of one per month! He keeps "E" Co. roster the same way as JIM YAMASHITA does ours. Item Co., we're getting there.

As promised, here are the names received too late to classify, regarding our (Dec. 8) Christmas Party: MITS & SUMI OSHIRO, JOE HANZANA, BOB MIYAJI (2 HQ) and PEGGY ANN YAMADA (BRUNO's pride and joy).

Speaking of the Christmas Party, I'd be very remiss in my duty if no acknowledgements were made of the many donors who helped nudge our year-end

festivity towards being the highly successful event that it was. We continue to be blessed with the support of long-timers KAZ MUTO (Fairfield, CA.) and SETS TANDO (Chicago, IL). And in more recent years, that of MASAMI ISO (San Jose, CA). Then, there is, of course, GEORGE TANDO of Easy Chapter, to whom Prexy TERRY ARATANI have extended an open invitation to join us as our guest (DORIS, too), to which he so far has continue to prudently decline.

DANNY YAMASHITA included a note along with a check of more than a generous sum, saying in effect, while he couldn't be with us that evening, he'll be wishing us the very best of the Holiday Season. Others who rose to the occasion and responded so magnanimously: KENNETH OKUMA; GEORGE OSHITA (Kauai); DON KAMEDA; TERRY ARATANI; HIRAM DOI; TOMMY UMEDA; WALTER FURUKAWA; VIOLET MATSUMOTO; ANDY YAMASHIRO; SHIG MATSUMOTO; the TAKEKAWA youngsters STEVEN, JUNE and NEIL, although they themselves were not present, but, left the chores to papa; BETSY YAMAMOTO; MITS OSHIRO; MICHIO KATO, in memory of KIICHI; and CLARENCE TABA. "Mahalo Nui Loa!" to all.

The "big door prize" winners: TOMMY UMEDA, island of your choice, trip for 2 with car rental privileges. Also DALE PECK, Polaroid camera and case. Congratulations! (All through the courtesy of the TAKEKAWAs).

CHAMP was Gen'l Chr'man; FRED OISHI, in charge of program. While TERRY & BRUNO shared m.c. honors. Yours truly assumed the decoration duties, ably assisted by TOMMY UMEDA; TERRY; BERT KATO; CHAMP; C.B./GAY SAKAMOTO; KENNETH OKUMA and TOMMY HARIMOTO, who couldn't be there that evening. A sudden flash-back: Believe it or not, my very first committees (1984-85) consisted of RALPH ARASHIRO; KIICHI KATO; TAD FUJISHIGE, TOMMY UMEDA and myself. The good Lord forgive me if in a moment of candor I say there never was a bunch of more deaf guys than these! In more recent years, MASA NAKAMURA and RICHARD & NICKIE OSHIRO too, have volunteered their services.

The ARNOLD SUZUMOTO being interviewed on the TV screen and local papers on sharks of Hawaii, is my son. His background: Specimen Collection Manager, Lethology Division, Bishop Museum. And I'm acknowledging it here, only because KENNETH OKUMA and some others have been giving me hell for being so slow and reluctant about it.



Took in the 27th Annual Kauai State-wide AJA Golf Tournament (Mar. 16-19, Wailua) and learned that next years 1993 event would be their last hurrah. Old age catching up with all concerned. Headquarters was at the beautiful Coco Palms in Lihue, with its spacious Hospitality Room and lush tropical landscaped surrounding. Our Kauai counterparts were just great! Couldn't help, but, marvel at the hospitality extended us "city slickers from Oahu". SAB ITAKURA, GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA and BRA GOKAN (now actually residing here in Mililani) sure did themselves proud! Can you imagine Mrs. OSHITA preparing those hot meals to accommodate a room full of golfers, plus one non-golfer?! Take a bow, all of you Kauai-ans!

An added bonus of going on a trip of this sort is, you get to renew friendship with people like BARBARA HARUKI, widow of the late ROSCOE HARUKI (232 Eng). I had first met her in the mid-1950s. A bunch of us veterans known then as the "mu-mu" (purple heart) gang combined with the "B" Chapter boys (pilutes) numbering perhaps 25 over all, had invaded Kauai. On our way to an outdoor picnic at Haena Beach Park, we were told to stop at ROSCOE's house for coffee. To our shock and surprise, a typical "New Years Day spread" had been prepared for us! And me, with wife DOT and 2 tiny tots, LAURA,

4 and ARNOLD, 3 tagging along, never forgot their brand of hospitality. And what a gracious hostess BARBARA was! Ask JENSEN "Akabo" TAKASAKI (522 FA) or WALTER HEIRAKUJI (Co. K). They were there! So was BRUNO, CHAMP, BOB MIYAJI (2 HQ) and others. Incidentally, when I mentioned her name to BRUNO, he responded with a "Yeh, I kind of regret that I didn't get together with her the way I should have!" (Would you believe he and I shared Rm. 442 at the resort?)

The 442nd Memorial Service held at Punchbowl (National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific) at 8:30 A.M., Sat., March 21, in conjunction with the Combat Team's 49th anniversary, drew a large assemblage of veterans, their wives and family and friends. Our chairman of veterans affairs, KAZU TAKEKAWA, estimates a minimum of 30 Itemites and Itemites at heart, being among them. Including FRED & BEA MATSUMURA (Gardena, CA.) plus FRANK SHIMADA (San Jose) and his small band of golfing San Jose-ans. Also GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA from Kapaa, Kauai.

With mixed emotions and yet proudly, KAZU presents the list of the next of kins of our "departed comrades in arms," who showed: DONALD & BARBARA KAMEDA (his brother FRED, I believe was our first KIA); RICHARD & NICKIE OSHIRO, brother of CHOYEI, KIA; HARRIET HORIUCHI, widow of MASAKI, with daughter and her family; MICHIO KATO, widow of KIICHI; FUMIO SATO, brother of TAKEO, KIA; BETSY YAMAMOTO, widow of "Koppe" YUKIO; VIOLET MATSUMOTO widow of HIDE with son MIKE and daughter JO ANN, with their families; HILDA YONEZAWA, sister of NOBUO "Doggie" AMAKAWA, KIA; ULULANI CHANG, "hanai mother" of the late TAD "Mongoose" FUJISHIGE; GUY & STEPHANIE KOHA and GLENN & SHARON KOHA, sons of the late SMITTY KOHA, with their wives.

THELMA CHANG, authoress of "I Can Never Forget," the latest book to feature the exploits of the 100/442 Veterans of World War II, was the keynoter. And if she didn't bring a tear or two out of you, you weren't there. She was great! The Royal Hawaiian Band was there and they did what they do best! It was a beautiful morning, under spankling blue Hawaiian skies. The "Sons and Daughters of 442" (Oahu) put together a memorial service that will long be talked about. Without hesitation, I'd say "It was a job well done!"

The 442nd Anniversary Banquet, Pacific Beach Hotel in the heart of Waikiki, needed all of 7 tables to accommodate our people. No other company came even close. (Here too, the "Sons & Daughters" who were in charge did a remarkable job. Better than one regular chapter, a particular one that I know of). Seen at that scene: (Listed in the order as their reservations came in) TERRY & ELSIE ARATANI; CHAMP & BELLA; BRUNO & ELLEN; MINO & DOT with LAURA and ARNOLD; TOGO & GLORIA NAKAGAWA; KAZU & WINNIE TAKEKAWA; BILL & PEGGY NAGANUMA; LARRY & MARIAN ISHIKAWA; HIRAM DOI; FRANK SHIMADA, SLIM NAKAMURA, BOB & ROSANNE SAKAMOTO, JOHN SUMIDA, all of San Jose, CA; TOMMY & MARI UMEDA; GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA of Kauai; STAN & TERRY YAMAMOTO; DONALD & BARBARA KAMEDA; HAROLD & FRANCES WATASE with VIOLET MATSUMOTO; FRED & BEA MATSUMURA, Gardena CA. with her sis, ELSIE IHA, plus her guest: JOHN & LOIS NAKAGAWA (TOGO's); ELE GONZALES; BOB MIYAJI; LIZ NISHIOKA and her mom (BOZO seriously ill); MICHIO KATO (learned that she catches a ride with BETTY OKUMA practically every week, Wed., I believe, to shop); KENNETH & BETTY OKUMA; TOMMY HARIMOTO with VIVIAN

MIZUMOTO; JOE HANZAWA; FRANCIS SUGAI; WALTER & JANE FURUKAWA; CLARENCE TABA; DANNY & MARY YAMASHITA. HANK NAKADA (Homer, Alaska) who was committed to attend, cancelled at the last minute (on Kauai) to rush back, due to an "emergency" of an unknown nature to MITZI, who was to meet him at Stanford (University).

Item Company acknowledges the monetary contribution made by DICK & MARY NAITO (Co. K) earlier in the year, during their stop over here in Hawaii and enroute home to Seattle, WA. after an extended tour to China.

Also, more currently, that of JOE & MIYO NAKATSU (Co. E), Seattle, WA., for their donation to Co. I, made in memory of the late SMITTY KOHA. To DICK & JOE, on behalf of Prexy TERRY ARATANI and BRUNO & CO., "We're extremely grateful! "MAHALO NUI LOA!" Itemites will recall that MARK NAKATSU of our local FBI office is JOE's son. All, in turn, are very, very close to our buddy "KASH" says LOU KASHINO. And she thanks us for entertaining the NAITOs, during their short, abbreviated stay here.

The Co. I 1992 Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas came Oct Oct 18-22 is rounding out very nicely. So far, nearly 200 Itemites and Itemites at heart have committed themselves. Slightly ahead of our last year's Reno binge. Delta Air Lines will be our carrier. California and Fremont Hotels and Casinos will furnish accommodations while KAREN HARIMOTO and her "Travel Adventures, Inc.," is the agency we want to keep in touch with. Contact BRUNO or JIM YAMASHITA at his Lattabra, CA. address for further information.

Our Co. I Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 13, at Victoria Inn, Kaimuki. That'll be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Mark it on your calendar ...Arriverdecì!

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By Ron Oba

White out, Yellow in  
I'm an egg or banana  
Yellow out, white in

We have been advised that all people born in the year of the monkey to please turn themselves in to the Dept. of Agriculture. There is an amnesty for you guys if you go peacefully. Monkey see, monkey do, so be there!!

More monkey business: A gaijin told me that during this period of Japan bashing you want to be an egg - white on the outside and yellow inside. But when in Japan you want to be a banana. Yellow on the outside and white inside. Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Do tell me, who ate the banana? Don't you know? This is the year of the Monkey!

Christmas Party. For some it was a party; for others it turn out to be a headache. We have struggled for the past few months to nominate a new president since incumbent Ron Oba was to become the 442nd Vets Club president. Just about everyone of note had served at least once as president and reluctant to serve again. According to Ron we were at the crossroads to becoming either extinct or endangered species. So we devised a lottery -- first in line, first to serve but in order to keep members from quitting, they had a right to refuse to serve. When Paul Yamashita's name was pulled he offered to serve as treasurer only. None of this c--- about Secretary-treasurer stuff!! Bob Katayama immediately offered to serve as secretary when his name was fished out of the bucket. The die was cast. When Yoshio Shibuya's name was Lottoed, everyone applauded so loudly that no one heard him say, "NO." If he did no one cared. He's now our new president. He also turned the dull and morbid party into an enjoyable one for the rest of the evening. Thanks Yoshio. Look at the positive side. Good things come to goo people.

As usual we had door prizes galore. Donors were: Jean Okamoto, Canadian Club; Clara Shibuya, Santa Claus dolls; Roy Iritani, Crown Royal and Chevas; Tommy Tamagawa,

Chevas; and chips and dips donated by the ladies - didn't get their names. Potted plants from Shige Higa's friend, "Glenn's Flowers and Plants."

Shinnen En Kai: Cocktails at 6 and home-ward bound around 8. The food was great, and the people were great but we were home by nine in time to watch the Rainbows lose to Stanford. Guess watching the tube is more entertaining than gossiping - nothing to talk about. Everyone's too retired to have anything amorous or assignments -- oh, for the likes of the Smith, Thomas and Tyson.

Those attending were: Kimi Gusukuma, Shige and Rose Higa, Ken and Joy Inukai, Mineo Inuzuka, Dr. Roy Iritani, Bob Katayama, Roy Kubo, Barney and Phyllis Miyaji, Mary Muranaka, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Ron and Michi Oba, Yoshio and Clara Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Mich and Shinako Takata, Tommy and May Tamagawa, Joe and Sharon Tanaka, Bill and Audrey Tanaka, and Paul and Clara Yamashita.



# In Memoriam

Tsuguo Imai, 75, once active and vigorous member of the Fox chapter died after a lengthy illness on Jan 4, 1992. He was a Sergeant, Foreman and premier golfer in his prime. Best of all he was a good husband, father and provider. Our sincere condolences to Florence and her family.

Usako Oda, mother of Michiko Oba was the first president of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society, Honolulu Hawaii chapter. She passed away on January 15, 1992 two days before her 93rd birthday. He will be remembered by her devout students and the elegant flower exhibits she arranged at various centers such as the Academy of Arts, Jikoen and shopping centers.

## Anniversary Activities

Another pleasant Kauai outing has come to an end. And the winners were: Bill Tanaka, Mich Takata, Tommy Tamagawa, George Kawakami, George Teraoka, Mas Tamayei and Dan Horikawa, not necessarily in this order. At Hickam, Bill again tied for first place with Tom Tanaka. Other winners will be listed elsewhere in this issue.

The Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific was organized beautifully by the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd. It was well attended and those present repeatedly informed others that this was one of the best memorial service.

The following annual banquet was also one of the best attended. Lt. Governor Ben Cayetano who sat on our table was equally impressed with others that the anniversary banquet highlighted interesting aspects of the Sons and Daughters. It was a fitting climax to our anniversary activities.

## Kauai News By Yuri Tasala

Life goes on a dizzy, crazy, speedy course, but none of those cars have the label "F Troop".

George Kawakami, Wally Tasaka, and Yuri were F Troopers at a 442 dinner meeting at Kauai Chop Suey on January 31, 1992. When queried as to what was cooking in his life, George replied, "Nothing." So that was that!

I Company's George and Margaret Oshita brought along their sons, Clayton and Marvin. Dot Ishida, whose husband

belonged to L Company, had her daughter Lorrie and son-in-law Lance Eto. Clint Shiraishi of 522 Hdq invited his son, Marshall, daughter, Joy Kukino and grandson Jordan Kukino. They should have received awards.

Otherwise Tom Shimaoka and Barton Nagata were there for 522 Hdq., Paul Akama for B, Turk Tokita for H, Mino Takashima and Norman Kimura for K. Bill Kanekiyo and Jimmy Takemoto and Kenneth Ishii for Reg. Hdq., Mitsuru Doi from B 100th, Kazu Senda from D 100th, and Bob Tsuda, added to I Co. So, having 2 represent F Company was par for the course.

## Lion George and Lion Wally

George said that nothing was cooking but I saw him on March 1st at the East Kauai Lions Pancake Breakfast; but, yes, he was not cooking anything.

## Update on Masa's Mansion

Masa still has not returned to his Pua Loke mansion. "Long time no stay, Masa."

3 months; 12 weeks; 84 days More!!!

2,016 more hours; 120,960 minutes;

7,257,600 seconds more!!! Thank goodness for calculators.

## Hilo News

By Sadao Nishida

Greetings you all!

1992 came and seemingly going by so fast, we in the South haven't even had a chance yet to enjoy our annual Shimen En Kai party. Here it's March already and plans must be made for our reunion in Vegas and L.A. No wonder we find our heads getting like a good spread of "salt and pepper". We are, however, thankful that we are functioning as well as we are. Exactly who might be making the reunion is not known yet but we hope there will be a good representative group. Hope to see you all in Vegas and L.A.

Nothing of significance to report from the South this quarter, but we all wish to welcome home Dr. Jim and Trudy Mimura who are home to spend the winter at their home in Kaneohe. And, we were all thrilled and happy to see Ron, all decked up and rubbing shoulders with the Commander-in-Chief, Dec 7 on T.V. The guy looked pretty good.

Our thoughts and prayers for your good health are with you Roy, Hank, Warren, Tom, Ike and the rest of you who aren't feeling too well. Hank, it was nice seeing your picture and reading about the VVW in the Malamalama.



By Hiichi Matsumoto

## Christmas Party - 1991

So far this is one of the best Christmas party ever. What made it so extra super was our Sons & Daughters and grandchildren joined the chapter members for the very first time. Silly question...of course our dear and kawaii wives too, no more them, no more party. With money (not iran hodo but sufficient in da ginko, wives and grandchildren were honored guests of the chapter, the treasury taking care of the "damage." Lilibit late in doing something good like this, but what the heck, better late than no more. More like ancora this type of party next year so plan your holiday season schedule accordingly...like going on a trip. No like hear any kine monku nobody went tell you anything.

Boo-coo magos came out, quite a few of our sons and daughters too. The youngest mago in attendance was about 2-1/2 years young and the oldest in the mid-teens. Get quite a few more older ones, maybe next year they come out. Had several sons and daughters and they were in the late 30's and early 40's. The more makule ones nearing 50 (wow) hope they come, they are the earlier umares. Probably some are bidding their time, testing the market first. With so many people attending, young and old, big and small, was a nigiyakana affair and try making a who's who list was next to impossible. Atarimae nara, going down the line and without even half trying you know who came and who never come.

Shimpai nashi, like always the party was in good hands, make it the very best. Doc Kawamoto was the General Chairman and with big assists from who else but Kiyo Kimura and Joe Sato...you get them 'nuff, you have everything. These guys been at it, not only so long but so good at it too. The only thing you need to tell 'em...take over. Modest Kiyo Kimura says: Eh, no fool around boy, we still getting better. Like they say, if something no stay broke, no get smart and fool around and try go make 'em better

and make 'em worse instead. They were the evening's MVP, no, not Most Valuable Players but Most Visible People. From the very hajime of the program to zembu

sumumade working hard all the time to please...why you think the parties are so good all the time. The perfect setup... Kiyo (MC/DT) does all the adlibbing, Joe (Guitar) the music maker and the other guy in between, making "humbug." Kiyo and Doc's strategy is no need too much planning, bambai you gotta think what going follow next and when you do that everything get all jam up. Oh, the DT stands for Designated Talker.

Hey, the hiisa nakatta parlor games made a great comeback and was a tremendous hit. Some games had three generations in close huddle knocking heads and going at it trying to solve the problem to win the first prize. Had games for da kids, for da adults and for teams. Bring back natsukashii memories. And too the amazing thing is they come up with da kine futsuna monga omoi dasan games. The games were so da kine, Nikki Kurio called Kiyo for some "recipe." Wanted to use 'em for the clan's Christmas party. They are a close knit family. Susan, first of Kiyo's & Blanche's six kids played a prominent role in setting up the games.

The long time min Santa Claus reappeared after some long hibernation and was played by who else but Yuso Iwane. He played the role just like it was invented special for him. A natural, no need makura for da opu. After he made his appearance, he was the kid's best friend for the remainder of the evening. Performance-wise, on a scale of 1-10, we give 'em 9-7/8--osorete one kid cried. No fool around boy, he get talent in more ways than one. Now, he's retired from baseball (softball) and golf is his game. He could be far from the best but he sure can put up the numbers.

Blessing the food this year was Margie Ijima--breaking the ice for the opposite sex. The chapter members are strong believers for equal rights and dekiru dake like to spread the wealth. No like shake the boat and make enemies and cause trouble with all the past men bon-sans at this late stage in life, but Margie proved equal to the test and gave a good account of herself, and makoto ni the blessed saretu food tasted so much better. She just might "convert" Charley yet...or awredy. Just curious, what they call a wahine bon-san anyway. Rodney Yamashiro, bon-san emeritus was in attendance, so were the others at least ippen



yatta guys, which make quite an impressi list.

From far awayand tsumetai (to us) Denver, the Masamoris (Tom & Lil) took a few days off from the 30-40 degrees weather (atata kai to them) came to join us, nice of them to do so. In coming, they traveled well over 4,000 miles, closer to 5,000 and we have a few 232nd Engrs boys living not even a couple of miles away and reasons unknown to the club, mada kao hitotsumo miseta koto ganai. The welcome mat is still and always out.

Reliable/dependable Nominating and Election Committee Chairman Walter Matsumoto, announced and introduced the new incoming officers for next year, 1992. 1991 VP Doc Kawamoto automatically moves upstairs to be da atarashii Daitoryo. His Vice Daitoryo will be Mits Honda; Secretary & Treasurer, who else but Masac Yamasaki & Monte Okamoto. Get three holdovers from the previous year so actually only one new member will be joining the executive board. After all these years, Walter is still battling a perfect 1,000%. Every candidate he and his committee (Joe Sato) put on the slate got in, unanimously. And they no even campaign and spend a penny.

With donations galore for door prizes from the members and wives and boo-coo envelopes with money inside from the chapter, had more than enough prizes for everybody. You know Santa Claus, a kind and generous and considerate old fellow, he no like see anybody go home sad face and empty handed, more so at this time of the year when the theme is, 'tis the season to be jolly...Somebody was overheard saying, "Eh, they reading out the names of the donors, no can play deadhead and no give nothing, boy."

The evening's grand prize and a real neat and classy one was another one of Ann Namba's latest fashion creation and the lucky ticket holder was Yuri (Yashuide) Ishikawa. Making a long story short, Ann designs, sews and hitoride does everything start to finish with no outside help. Does all the buying too and omo on Japanese silk used for making kimono. Her no product nara, you no need worry for any kind duplication, all originals. Her parents are Dr. & Mrs. Ryoji "Bull" Namber. That's how Doc pronounce 'em -- rascal bugger that. Some of the boys were rubbing 'em in to the husband that da katta prize nigahara for Zippy's, McDonald's, etc. Only for

special haikara dining places like the Japanese tourists call it, The Black Oketsu (Orchid). That's no problem and no sweat for him, cause mama nara, first last and always. Besides etto aru eh.

Jimmy Nakamura was a one man gang, partner Gary Kawate must have gone AWOL. No trace of him. Hitoride, he took care of the old watering hole. Now days, things are getting better, guys kiwo kikasete, go help themselves. Barney Zenigami lived up to his name (zeni) and took care of the all important money portion.

Calvin Yasuhara, the premier hustler for Christmas parties, not feeling quite up to par lately, arrived early but erai yute left early, meeting with only da hayo kita people.

We, the chapter members and wives as well as very happy and arigatai, okage samade our sons and daughters grew up to be nice people and upright citizens like konya, the young male adults, they kinda hold back and make lilibit yoosha (which is good) so we took it upon ourselves to serve them whatever their pleasure. They take one or at the most two and pau. Made us think, it's never too late, maybe we can learn something from them.

One of the pleasant surprises of the evening was meeting up with Terri (dunno her married name), #2 daughter of Masa & Yvonne Yamasaki. Here, this personable and cheerful young lady come up smiling and say, "Hi, you remember me?" Lost for words? Kuchi akete only stare, mouth kara nannimo den for awhile. After regaining some composure back, sukoshi usô yute, answered, of course. Murimo nai for us not recognizing her sooner. If memory serves us correctly, the last time her mikaketa toki was at the 1964 reunion at Seattle. That makes how many years now...anyway, some long time ago. And her no kotode this too omoi dashita. Coming home for the holidays while attending Colorado State U. up Fort Collins, mendona noni, waza waza brought back several cases of Coors beer (those days no distributor in Hawaii) and father ni, for the boys for chapter meeting yute went tanomu him for motte kuru yohni. And the father no drink beer, how you figgah. We tell you, how can forget da kine stuff.

Had a nice friendly and interesting chat with Cathy, #2 daughter of Bessie & the late Ben Ono. Never get any difficulty recognizing her, used to see her at Ben Ono's Texaco Service Station in Pearl City when going fishing with Da Beeg Fisherman. Now, she and big brother (and we mean big) Brian operates the service station. And Mom busy with her new occupation, mago mori, comes around when hima ga attara. Also went story-up with Glenn, #1 son of Yuso & Minnie Iwane. Used to see him around now and then, usually at UH football games at Aloha Stadium. Eh, you know what, we found out that talking with females, easier and more hansu koto go aru.

The grandchildren, the young and small ones, they cute boy. You tell'em go up on the stage for singing of Christmas carols, they no yosha and push the other kids, you go up first (like before days). Imagoro, no such things as enryo, kakette go up on center stage all set to do whatever asked of them. Kids, the're lotta fun. Like who the guy said, "Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too."

#### Memorial Service

The 442nd Veterans Club 49th Anniversary Memorial Service was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Saturday, March 21, 1992 at 0830 hours. The theme was: "I Can Never Forget," the title of Thelma Chang's book. In our opinion, should be on the best seller list. The Sons & Daughters, who were in charge of this memorial service honored her by having her deliver the keynote speech.

Almost always, on this day, it's either rain or shine and kotoshi mata kogeta. Given a choice, we prefer a hot blistering day over a rainy and windy day when you can freeze your under side. We very much rather kogeru (mo daibun kogetoru) than nureru. Ningen okashii no, when hot, they monku, when cold they monku too. Reminds of a poem that went something like, when hot, they like 'em cold, when cold they like 'em hot, always wanting what is not.

Something different at this memorial service was reading out all the KIA's names of the 442 RCT by the planning committee members. The Sons & Daughters did one helluva job, well planned and for sure required plenty of their time. No

fool around, boy, they were all properly dressed....Sons in suits and Daughters in dresses.

The 442 Ukulele/Choral group was asked to sing and responded with the following selections: America, the Beautiful; Kanaka Wai Wai; and finished with Let There Be Peace On Earth. A word to the wise, if you wanna get the best seats in the house, join the group, all reserved and choice seats.

Braving the mid-summer like heat and sitting in the audience were: Barbara Haruki, Mary Kawamoto, Gilbert Kobatake, Walter & Hazel Matsumoto, and Rodney & Nora Yamashiro. Maybe had some others but aredake meni kakatta. The attendance was better than the past several years but still yet disappointingly sukunai. To get more people to come out, arega mondai yo.

#### Annual Banquet

The morning's memorial service at Punchbowl earlier in the day was handled by the Sons & Daughters of 442, so was this banquet. Everything was done in grand style and with class. The groups leader Glenn Mirikidani and staff deserve much credit. Nothing was left to chance, no delay in form and everything went on schedule. No more dakine hit or miss stuff.

Was a busy day for the Choral Group, that's how they like'em, more busy the better. They performed in the morning at the Memorial Service and ancora for the banquet. The songs sung in order were: America, the Beautiful, God Bless America, Ka Wailale O Nuuanu, Lili Marlene and Go For Broke. The last two numbers were sung by men only. For more "fire power," borrowed guys from the Uta No Kai and whoever from the mother club at large wanting to chip in whatever talent and from the 100th too. The people that couldn't make the morning service caught 'em (the choral group) later at this banquet. For those that never attend either event, hard luck. The group's next performance is...whenever an invitation is extended. The songbirds from our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter: Eleanor Ando, Doc Kawamoto, Eddie Kawamoto, Hich & Janet Matsumoto and Joe Sato.



Eh, how about our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's Sons & Daughters (our takara), they showed up in good numbers and we see many many more coming out in the future. The daughters, we'll give you by their mareseta mae maiden names because the married names wasurete shimota or never catch'em when shokai seta toki and too easier for you. Da kita people: Kathy (Doc & Mary Kawamoto) and husband, two daughters of Dr. & Mrs. George Goto, Linda (Yasu & Yuri Ishikawa), Keith & wife Eileen (Hich & Janet) Matsumoto, Karen (Leatrice Nakashige), Gail (Rodney & Nora Yamashiro), and the Yamashiro granddaughter's husband. Gomen nasai, if we missed anybody. With their coming we yoyatto made five tables, 10 per. Mukashi no yohna plus ten tables are history.

Jimmy Ihara of Sparks, Nevada was the pleasant surprise of the evening. Tomi-chan (our pet name for her), his better half, areto tsuite kita but daughter kokua suru tsumoride kita that's why banquet ni kitai datta but kon datta. Her yo, danna san wo asoba sete, jibun hitoride go do all da tego. Jimmy really lucky buga, having such a nice hard-working and caring wife. Eh, yura mo, mira mo too, our kawaii wives kara yoh sete morawareru. Odon tachi hontoni arigatai. Agyan sete morattemo, more often than toki doki monku ga dete kuru. Bachiga ataru boy. Not too late to amend the ways.

Kiyo Kimura was his usual outstanding self, making his rounds going from table to table, doing what he does best, making people laugh--plenty people hara kakaete. Sue Nakasone for one, sittid at our table was laughing so long and hard, her no mentama kara futoi namida ga enryo nashi poro poro nagare yotta. You would have done the same were you sitting there. The amazing thing about this multi-talented man is Nihongo or haolego tsukotema no make no difference, he can tell jokes with the same effect. All the while wife Blanche iiko sete sitting in place. Of his Goodwill Tour visiting friends, her ga hara tateru koto nai, afterall he just doing his job. True or false...some people, they waza waza go through the trouble of finding out if him ikuka or ikanka, if ikan nara dem mo ikan.

Many thanks to the Choral Group's Sensei, Ted Yanagihara, retired music teacher from Farrington High School. He's

the spark plug that makes things happen and how. Him no okage samade the group is where it is today. He is the glue. In class he no fool around, he stops everything whenever he notice flaws (etto aru) and go step by step and try to make corrections. The finished result amazing hell no, he no make you a good singer but a better one when you started and get you to better understand things as to what, why and dakine stuff in the music field. Time flies in his Monday night singing class, the fastest one hour, everybody would attest to that. Another outstanding thing about him is he homeru you and he can dakine too. His class by itself osoe kata is so that even singled out, you no feel hurt, disgruntled, but wanna try all the harder to see if can get to the next level. Maestro-san yo, when he speaks the class listens, not from fright but respect.

One of the many things the old folks used to say time and time again to us young guys then, still yet mada stay hana-paa in our mind...yura wakaishi ni makase tokuyo. How true, only now, we are the furui ones. The Sons & Daughters, all of them are about yakudoshi age, give or take a couple of years. The 442 Mother Club no future shimpai nai and couldn't be in better hands. All of them honto ni rippana hito tachi. You know, the Sons, you like'em for your son-in-law. The daughters, you like'em for your daughter-in-law.

Was like old times again with 600 plus in attendance, a good many more than previous years. We won't be a big surprise should more people show up next year, in fact we expect it. It'll cause one big problem but a good one, gotta get a bigger place.

Thanks to the Banquet being held at the Pacific Beach Hotel. We made our annual pilgrimage to world renown Waikiki's Miracle Mile. Big deal, boo-coo tourists hurrying to go nowhere.

The evening's program was a loaded one, good and enjoyable. Maybe was a tad too long for us not makule nariyuru but natta people. Mind you, no monku, just constructive criticism from a dedicated 100% backer of the club who cares.

#### Chapter Meeting - January

The very first chapter meeting of the year turned out to be a very good one with an excellent turnout. Was field day for chapter treasurer Monte Okamoto and yorokonde with a grin from ear to ear he went corral all dem guys--collect the annual dues yo, from da yoh dete kuru guys as well as da mettani dete kon guys. You know him eh, dekiru dake he like to shimau things, the sooner the better and yukkuri enjoy the remainder of the year. Because get good chance he might not see some guys until next year or beyond.

Konban no meeting futsuna toki yormo nago katta, was fruitful and had iro iro na things to discuss, major and minor. The new Daitoryo sure put to good use the president's gravel. Up to now no presidents, the gavel seemed like was only a kazarimon--excess baggage and kakuse toru in the brief case. This night the gavel made up for lost time and came crashing down on the poor table for you dunno what and how many times. Make you think he never owned a toy when he was a kid. The new president means business, prior to calling the meeting to order, he summons his VP (Mits Honda) to sit neki to him for moral support or should anything unusual hyokutto come up. Yuda tai teki. They make a good tandem, two very vocal personalities and grew up in the same mura--Wahiawa.

Besides connoisseur Gary Kawate's specialty of the week, the chapter's First Lady (Mary Kawamoto) and Helen Takano (again) contributed. And this Helen yo, tatta konaida operate sete and mada recuperating and yet...her nosan yutara. For you non-Kumamoto ken speaking people, going be lilibit dakine to comprehend that hyobolic kotoba "nosan". You gotta somewhat grow up with it to get the true meaning.

The wives that come to the chapter meetings catch on fast--they know the game. Now, no need to tell 'em join in and help yourself. Dragging a chair on the carpeted floor (no tell Bob Sasaki, now) to the round table front of the door, plunk down their okole and after a couple of wiggles for the right fit, enryo nashi go yobareru with the men folks.

Retiring chapter president Eddie Kanaya started the new year on a sour note. He spent New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in the hospital for dakine balloon job, you know they call 'em angio something. Okage samade everything turned out yoroshii. What surprised him on Ganjitsu Day, for asa meshi, instead of the usual western style breakfast, he was served ozoni. Imagine, in a haole hospital. Him ga yuh noni, had all the ingredients like mochi, mizuna, etc. Mitara he said looked atarimae but tabete mitara, umo nakatta. Aji ga hitotsumo kiitoran. No can compare with home cooking. After all wife no cooking ni nare-tara, no come even close and no can compare.

Eh, the mother club generous boy, passing out decals to commemorate the combat team's 50th Golden Anniversary for you can ibatte hittsuku to your car no windshield. Maa, shiran uchini agyan natta baina. Osoroshii.

#### Chapter Meeting - February

What a big difference just a month makes. Unlike the previous month's meeting when the meeting conductor's gavel came crashing down continuously all night long, bang, bang, bang. This night only twice when calling the meeting to order and meeting stands adjourned. So was shizukana. Looks like this guy, things sugagu...meaning his omocha (gavel) yo.

In the absence of our mettani yasuman forever secretary, (Masa Yamasaki), VP Mits Honda was directed by his "boss" to take over. Masao was recuperating at home from a recent bout with...he was stricken with dakine he no can shishi kind ailment yo. No need make anykind shimpai because shijitsu shite, he's coming along real fine. Now, enryo nashi dete kuru. Everybody's good friend George Yamada knows only too well.

Konya had iro iro na things to tsumamu on. The First Lady (Mary Kawamoto) went gibu boo-coo musubi (miteru mae we went wolf down two) nori maite had shoyu tuna inside. Hazel Matsumoto's contribution was sekihan and daikon no tsukemono. All the mentioned goodies along with Gary Kawate's specialty of the week was a combination hard or should we say, no can beat. And the clincher is when you go wash'em down with beer. Eh, this got us thinking, the wives attend the meeting for the meeting or for da pupus...whatever, we love to have 'em.

50th Golden Anniversary (1993) General chairman, Walter Matsumoto reported



on the Reunion Steering Committee's first meeting held two days earlier. Was a short but productive meeting. Walter being an old timer as well as an old pro at this, going be duck soup. But on second thought, sukoshi kangaete miruto, the chapter lost some key men within the past few years, which no doubt will be hurting.

#### Chapter Meeting - March

The not so good news was half of our Pupu/Refreshment Connoisseurs, Jimmy Nakamura was stricken (with something we dunno what) earlier in the day so shoganashi was forced to call on Joe Sato and tanomu da goodies for lug'em to the evenings' meeting. Jimmy felt much better come evening time but was ordered by his doctor to rest and take it easy at home. Maybe guys no take notice but Joe always seemed to be the one called whenever any kind help is needed. You know, too, he's so dependable he no kotowaru and you no hear anykine monku from him. Let's say, if and when he gets annoyed, he just shrug his shoulders.

A very pleasant surprise of the evening was Takeshi "Joe" Hirata of Hilo dropping in to meet the boys. He stay looking good and has already committed himself to attend next year's Beeg Reunion.

Chapter Secretary Masao Yamasaki is still recuperating at home from his recent operation. Care-wise, he's getting the best, having a caring wife like Yvonne.

Was Yutaka "Pilute" Miyashiro's first meeting in months. Him mitara healthy looking bugga but lately he's been having all kinds of health problems and continuously been in and out of hospital. He's looking good and feels good, only sukoshi yaseta dake.

Chapter General Chairman for the 50th Golden Anniversary, Walter Matsumoto reported that everything's going well and on schedule. Although about a year till Reunion time, he already has received more than expected applications...of course heading the list was George and Mary Yamada.

Our First Lady's main entree konban was...furikake musubi. Aredake do jyoto, no need hokan mon. Again enryo nashi had our share.

#### Man of the Year(s)

You must all know by now but we going tell you again anyway, that Warren is the #1 son of Barbara and the late Roscoe Haruki of Kapaa, Kauai. A thing of this magnitude (wow, big word boy) should be repeated and repeated enryonashi, no hold back. The whole town (Kapaa) and the island

(Kauai), make it the whole state of Hawaii should be proud of him. The way this young man is getting promoted is unbelievable, usono yohna and mind bogging. The old Japanese folks have a better expression... mega mawaru yohna or something like that. Man alive, tada last year alone dake, you think how many times write-up and shashin mo shimbun ni deta about his promotions. Him making headlines in the business world is good and not too good for this furui nariyori reporter. The good first, makes us feel good to know him personally, even just for lilibit demo. Also, long time kara friends with the mother. The father too, him no ikitotta aida. The not so good part, he's giving this makule and burned out reporter unneeded extra work. Nah, just kidding, we look forward and love to do this kind yorokobi news, any time and how many times demo okay, no more monku..... our pleasure.

The real Roscoe that we all knew, loved (how can you not like and take to a man that went bust his okole just for you can play and enjoy golf..Kauai AJA Golf Tournament...not only a few times but for years and years), respected (at times even against heavy odds, he never was one to back down once his mind was made up...like an old proverb; a wise man makes his own decision an ignorant man follows the public opinion was no tongue-tied shrinking violet and said what was on his mind and blunt too at times. Whatever he did, he did with gusto, none of that hambun stuff. Like any father with a son considered on the genius side, toki doki, he used to brag some. Atarimae yoh, who wouldn't in his right frame of mind. You no brag at least sukoshi demo, you not pololoi donka setoru. Like the old people from the old country would say: jibun no ko, jibun ga homete kuren nara, homete kureru mon wa nai. Honna kotsubai... how true. Now, as things turned out, Roscoe never did too good a job then. We talking about him go homeru the son, yo. The only sad part about all this is Roscoe's not around to share and enjoy all the glory and wonderful happenings along with Barbara

Warren is our Man of the Year(s) for this year, the next and the next...until someone equal comes along. No like kill anybody's fight, but going be some hard. Not impossible, but let's face it, not likely. He is perfect example of the old saying that went: you can't keep a good man down. Make us feel real dakine knowing him just for chotto demo, so can you imagine for the mother. Barbara is not only one very akamai, but also, wakattoru and shan

shan woman, too, so no problem, she can and will handle it...been Roscoe's wife. The \$64,000 question now is just how long will this young exec stay put at this CEO position. Selfish on our part, but we hope for a while, at least anyway. The fingers starting to get the cramps. Donkon naran bai.

The Garden Isle is not too big a place stretching it some, just about everybody knows everybody so you can imagine the commotion the continuous promotions must have caused and ohsodo pluses at the Haruki's. Barbara's telephone for sure was forever ringing from well-wishers wanting to express their omedetos. That's okey imakara nambo mucha ni tsuko temo denwai dai shimpai sendemo yoka.

Warren, Our Man of the Year(s) is the new PRESIDENT of Hawaiian Telephone Co.... one of the bigger firms in the State of Hawaii. The old folks would say something like, oi, ano Haruki no boy taishita mon. This young buck made all us buddaheads, young and old alike, very proud. Oh, we mentioned it a couple of times already. Like we said, worth repeating. Remember, until not too long ago, this kind job/position was only for da haoles, not any kind but the handpicked prominent ones. Others, orientals (Japanese especially) no need bother to apply. With that prestigious position, he inherits the alright "BUCK." Him, Roscoe's kid...no sweat. Earlier days a Japanese man getting hired for any kind job at any level by the company was something to brag about. Warren is Jack Benny's age...and too, never observed his yakudoshi yet. He went "put" Kapaa on the map, boy. P.S. The following article appeared in the March 1, 1992 Honolulu Advertiser. In parts it read:

"Warren Haruki was named recently to the Board of Directors of the First Hawaiian Bank...Youngest president (Hawaiian Telephone) in the company's 108 years history."

Eh, no can blame the mother (Barbara) if she ibatte throws her chest...no erase...breast out boy. Anyway, her next time ootara, toote miruyo, how it feels to be dekin.

#### Jr. Engineer

Timothy is the son of Kiyo and the late Jim Hirabayashi of L.A. He was about ten years old when he first came to Hawaii for the 19...AJA Reunion. See, mo wasure

toru, donkon naran yutara. You guys with good memory, remember him? He was the little boy that said grace at the chapter's teahouse party. Mada oboe dasan? He served in the Air Force for four years, went on to college after getting his discharge from the service and is presently employed as a robot engineer for the TRW Co. in Irwindale City. Is this the same place the L.A. Raiders Professional Football Team of the NFL was gonna build a football stadium? Just curious on our part. We don't remember too much about young Timmy. His father, a little during Army days and got to know him better at the reunions. Recall Jim was a cook in the company and used to see him serving food when going through the chowline. Took Jim some time to attend his first reunion, but once coming and getting the taste of it, nothing could stop him arekara. You can say, he was a regular after that.

#### Sick Call

A couple of months back, Helen (Mervyn) Takano under went triple heart by-pass operation. Being a strong-minded and healthy woman as well, is making a speedy recovery and mamede doing fine and recuperating at home. Konaida, dropped in sete mitara, irome ga very good and just about ready to go back to work, just waiting for the good word from the doctor. We heard and knew of a lot of men going for this kind of operation, but for a woman..hajime te. We thought dis kine dakine was for men only. Looks like wahines get stress too, yeah. We thought a person like Helen no more time to get any kind prolonged illness or major operation and get laid up for ever chotto no aida to deviate from her everyday hectic schedule. Naze yutara, she's so gasa type in doing anything, at least sannin tomo no shigoto suru. Boy, just by watching her in action knocks you out. What a nice and generous person she is. Sai sai: her ga kon demo pies and cakes (yes, plural) bake sete tanomu the husband chapter functions in motte kuru yohni. A living treasure.

#### Flash

Bob Ishikawa, one of the better golfers, and might as well make it athletes, too, in the 232nd Engrs/Band was involved in a two car accident on Kauai after playing in the Kauai AJA Invitational Golf Tournament. Okage sama de, he wasn't injured which was the main thing, only shaken-up and nothing negative showed up in any of



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the numerous X-rays taken following the mis hap. Hito no hanashi kikononi, this was Bob's first ever participation in this popular tournament. An again, hanashi kikononi from the returning golfers, next year (1993) will be the "Sayonara" tournament after some, anyway boo-coo years.

This was at the 442 Retiree Golf Club March Tournament at Pali Municipal Golf Course. Jensen (Akabe) Takasaki (522C) also a participant at the Kawai tournament and an early returnee to enable him to play at Pali with the 442 Retiree Club which he is a member notified us; "Eh, Bob Ishikawa got into a car accident and the car was a total wreck. Ed Ezuka (a close buddy) stayed back with him, that's all I know." The boys were heading for the airport and home, when it happened.

Called Bob's house soon after pau play ing golf. Was a big relief when he answered the phone and warai nagara said, "Everything okay." Him and Ed caught a later flight home. Material things can be replaced, but not your all daijina body.

# "Where There's Hope"

Note: The following is a work by Eddie Sato of Chicago, a 232nd Engrs from the very start...basic training days to discharge. He was very much involved in the reparations thing. Due to its length, it will be presented in several installments.

## Where There's Hope

It was on a wintry day in February, when a request for something onreparations arrived in the mail. Taking this on was a challenge. First, may it be said that much is owed to the folks who helped in small ways to make it all happen. Both moral and financial support came from non-JAs as well as JAs. This was a team effort.

The question often asked is, "When and where did it all begin?" To be specific, you would have to go back to a Sunday, when strangers began giving the Buddhaheads in Hawaii and the Kotonks on the U.S. mainland the "dirty looks." It was when the future looked bleak, because Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor. Yes, it was December 7, 1941, when the heads of families were arrested by the FBI and later sent to the Department of Justice detention camps in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Bismarck, North Dakota; Missoula, Montana; and to the only "family camp" in Crystal City, Texas. There were other DOJ camps.

In Hawaii, you had the Sand Island (Honolulu Harbor), the Honouliuli, and the Volcano military camps.

Months later, another memorable day took its place in history when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. The order authorized the removal of both the young and the old as well as the infirmed from designated military areas on the West Coast. Those wishing to leave on their own from the restricted zones were able to do so before March 30, 1942. It was done at their own risk and expense. Under Exclusion Order No. 1, JAs from Bainbridge Island were the first to be told to "take only what they could carry." This occurred on March 31. What was the reason for the hasty removal? The government's excuse was wartime military necessity and national security. Nestled across the bay from Seattle, Washington was the Bremerton Naval Yard. The first stopover along the way to internment were the bus rides to the assembly centers. This began in late Spring. Twelve of the assembly centers were in the State of California. The largest with 18,000 was at the Santa Anita racetrack. The smallest with 260 evacuees was at Mayer, Arizona. The housing in Oregon was set up in the Portland Livestock Pavilion.

There was pressure from Washington for the removal of a large segment of JAs from Hawaii to the mainland, but a directive issued on March 13, 1942, was turned down by the Hawaiian Department on July 1. There were those who were rounded up from the Islands who suffered the consequence of having to be moved from camp to camp. Very little was known of the exclusion of Alaskans of Japanese ancestry who were of mixed blood; half-Indian and half Eskimo. The older members of the families were moved to Lordsburg, New Mexico, while the young men ended up at the assembly center in Puyallup, Washington. In camp, the Alaskans felt they did not belong. It was the middle of summer, when the sooty journey by rail got under way. There were tirides to Granada, Colorado; Topaz, Utah; Minidoka, Idaho; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; followed by the rides to the swamplands of Jerome and Rohwer, Arkansas. The permanent camps in Arizona were Poston and Gila. In California, it was Manzanar and Tule Lake. During the internment, dissidents were moved to a little-mentioned Moab, Utah and Leupp, Arizona. The mental anguish experienced at the isolation camps were gut-wrenching. When the war ended in 1945, the problem that confronted the military was what to do with the internees who were still in camp.

Most of them did not want to leave. Many had already departed. Others had no place to go. Tule Lake was the last camp to be closed. The lights were turned off on the night of March 20, 1946. No matter where they went after they got out, they were not exactly greeted with open arms. In or out of uniform, the treatment extended to JAs who served in the Armed Forces was no better.

What seems like a long long time ago the first inklings of redress was proposed as early as 1970, when it was suggested that those whose constitutional rights had been violated by the US Government should be compensated. What was asked of former internees was, "How is it that you people didn't start earlier with redress." The answer was, "Getting resettled meant finding a job, going to school, and raising a family." In other words, those coming out of "camp" had to start from scratch. However, a generation later, thoughts of redress did begin to surface in the minds of some of the internees. By then, their offsprings were coming of age and wanted to know more about the past and what their parents went through nearly a half a century ago.

To be continued in the next issue.



Tsuka Murakami accepting Governor John Waihee's trophy from the Governor's Kauai representative, Mr. Eric Honma.

## 442nd RETIREES GOLF CLUB

By Eddie Tamanaha

My humble apology to Tadashi Kuni-shige for leaving him out of my last article of all club members who made hole-in-one. Tadashi made his ace on our June 29, 1989 tournament held at Makalena Golf Course. With Tadashi's Hole-in-one, our club had a total of 8 Holes-in-one!

December 5, 1991, 27 members assembled at the Fort Shafter Nagorski Golf Course. The weather was clear but the course was a little muddy from previous days' rain. However, Teiji Uehara came in with a net 65 to take top honors. One stroke back with a 66 was Stan Yamamoto for second. Another stroke back was Lefty Sugihara for third with a 67. Fourth was George Ikinaga with a 68 and Rocky Tanna came in fifth with a 69. Best front 9 was Hichi Matsumoto with a net 31½ and back 9 was won by John Kikuyama with a 32. Closest to the hole on the front par 3 was Bruno Yamada and Tadashi Kunishige took the back nine par 3. This day was also our Annual Meeting which was held at Inn of the Sixth Happiness. We did not hold any special tournament, instead we made awards as follows:

Played all our tournaments: 3 balls each to Doi, Mayeda and Uemura.  
Missed one tournament: 2 balls to Kikuyama.  
Missed two tournaments: 1 ball to Kuni-shige.



YOSHIO HIGA receiving Governor John Waihee's trophy from Kauai representative, Mr. Eric Honma.



Best low net average based on 16 tournaments (70% participation)

- 1st: Rusty Honda, 71.13 6 balls
- 2nd: Stan Yamamoto, 71.69 4 balls
- 3rd: Lefty Sugihara, 71.89 2 balls
- 4th: Bull Namba, 72.06, 1 ball
- 5th: Bobby Hirayama, 72.28, 1 ball
- 6th: Harry Tokushige, 72.42, 1 ball

Best low gross average based on 16 tournaments.

- Lefty Sugihara, 82.32, 3 balls

All those who attended this luncheon annual meeting who didn't win any balls today: 1 ball each.

Also, Harry Tokushige was awarded one dozen balls for his computer work in keeping our handicap and slope scores in the official USGA system. Our annual meeting was held after the awards with the following officers being elected for 1992:

- President: Ed Tamanaha
- Tournament: Tadashi Kunishige
- Handicap: Tom Mayeda/Harry Tokushige
- Secretary/Treas: Maui Okamura
- Schedule: Ed Tamanaha

The menu for lunch was Scallop soup, mixed vegetables w/beef, Egg roll, Peking duck w/bun, Jumbo shrimp w/broccoli, House special noodles, Steamed fish, rice and dessert. Plenty of food and drinks, all paid from club treasury.

December 17, 1991, 24 members gathered at Honolulu Country Club. We welcomed Ron Oba and Ken Kawate into our club this day. Stan Yamamoto was hot as he took first place with a net 64. Rusty Honda was close behind for second with a 65. Lefty Sugihara, Neka Matoi, and Mino Tamashiro were tied for third at 66 but with our tie breaker, Lefty was declared third, Neka fourth and Mino fifth. Best front 9 was won by our new member Ron Oba with a net 31½ and back 9 was won by Kats Ihara with 32½. Closest to the pin was taken by Bobby Hirayama on the front 9 par 3, and Harry Tokushige on the back 9 par 3.

January 23, 1992, 32 members showed up at the Fort Shafter Nagorski Golf Course. Being the first tournament of the New Year and the long rest from the last tournament, seems everyone was eager to play. Hichi Matsumoto was the best this day as he turned in a sizzling net 62. (Maybe, it was because he was relieved of tournament chairman's duties). Two strokes back for second was Masami Doi with a 64. Tied for third were Dick Uemura, John Kikuyama, and Herb Yanamura with 67s. With our tie breaker system, Dick was declared third, John fourth and Herb

fifth. Best from 9 was won by Tom Mayeda and Bull Namba with net 33s; best back 9 was Kats Ihara with 32. Closest to the hole on the front 9 par 3 was Rocky Tanna, back 9 par 3 Kats Ihara.

February 6, 1992, at the Pali Golf Course, 27 members gathered to try for top honors which went to Neka Matoi who turned in a net 68. Teiji Uehara and Lefty Sugihara tied for second at 70 but our tie breaker system awarded Teiji second and Lefty third. Tied for fourth were Rocky Tanna and Yoshi Higa with 71s. Tie

breaker made Rocky fourth and Yoshi fifth. Best front 9 was Mino Tamashiro 33½ and back 9 Dick Uemura 32. Closest to the pin on the front 9 par 3 was Ed Tamanaha, back 9 par 3 Rusty Honda.

February 20, 1992, 26 members showed up at the Makalena Golf Course. The scores were unusually high for this course. Maybe it was due to the fairways not being mowed following the rains. Anyway, Minoru Tamashiro eked out the crowd at net 66 for first place. One stroke back with a 67 was Rocky Tanna for second. Third was tied by Tadashi Kunishige, Ron Oba and Dick Uemura with 68s. With our tie breaker system, Tadashi was third, Ron fourth and Dick fifth. Best front 9 was Ed Tamanaha with a net 32½. John Kikuyama had the best back 9 with a 29. Closest to the pin on the front 9 par 3 was Yoshi Higa and the back par 3 was Dick Uemura.

March 5, 1992, 31 members arrived early in the morning at Fort Shafter Nagorski Golf Course. The weather was perfect and the scores reflected this. Rocky Tanna was hot this day as he nosed out the close competition with a net 62 for first. Tied for second were Teiji Chinna and Bull Namba with 63s. With the tie breaker, Teiji was second and Bull third. A stroke back with a 64 for fourth was Teiji Uehara. Tied for fifth were Masami Doi, Yoshi Higa and Herb Isonaga, even with the tie breaker they were all tied. Best front 9 was turned in by Tadashi Kunishige with a net 30½. Back 9 was won by Tom Mayeda with a net 27½. Closest to the hole on the front 9 par 3 and the back 9 par 3 were scooped by Teiji Chinna.

17 of our members journeyed to Kauai for the Kauai 442nd Golf Tournament March 16-19, 1992. Those making the trip were: Yoshi Higa, Bobby Hirayama, Rusty Honda, Kats Ihara, Charley Igarashi, George Ikinaga, John Kikuyama, Tadashi Kunishige, Sho Miota

Ron Oba, Akabo Takasaki, Ed Tamanaha, Minoru Tamashiro, Harry Tokushige, Teiji Uehara, Bruno Yamada and Stan Yamamoto. Bruno Yamada made the plane and hotel reservations. We joined the Item Co. members for the hospitality room which was beautiful and well stocked with food and drinks - thanks to the Item Company gang especially the ones on Kauai. Our members made out very well in the golf tournament. The results should be in the article by Bruno Yamada. All those who went to Kauai had a very good time as usual. Yoshi Higa was the big winner in our Retiree Club jackpot and came in first place in the 3 442, 100, MIS flight. Sorry I didn't have

the list of all the winners of the Kauai Tournament and our jackpot.

March 19, 1992, 18 members showed up at Pali Golf Course. The turn out was very poor due to members on trips, some of those who went to the Kauai 442nd Golf Tournament not back, and the 442nd Ann Golf Tournament to be held the next day March 20th. Those who went to Kauai and caught an early flight back to play this day were: Yoshi Higa, John Kikuyama, Akabo Takasaki, Ed Tamanaha and Teiji Uehara. Neka Matoi turned in a net 65 to take top honors. Three strokes back with a 68 was Rocky Tanna for second. Hichi Matsumoto was third with a 69. Tied for fourth were Teiji Chinna and Masami Doi with 71s. Teiji was fourth and Masami fifth according to our tie breaker system. Best front 9 was won by Steve Hirotsu and the back 9 was taken by Teiji Uehara. Closest to the hole on the front and back 9 par 3s were scooped by Herb Isonaga.

March 20, 1992, 17 of our Retiree Club members played at the Hickam Air Force Golf Course. They were: Yoshi Higa, Bobby Hirayama, Rusty Honda, Kats Ihara, Charley Igarashi, George Ikinaga, John Kikuyama, Tadashi Kunishige, Harry Tokushige, Teiji Uehara, Bruno Yamada, and Stan Yamamoto. All these 17 members also played in the Kauai 442nd Golf Tournament. The following 5 members played in all 3 tournaments, 4 days (or 5 days?) March 17 and 18 Kauai, March 19 Pali-our Retiree Club, and March 20 Hickam: Yoshi Higa, John Kikuyama, Akabo Takasaki, Ed Tamanaha, and Teiji Uehara. Yoshi Higa's game is on as the results show-came in at Kauai and Hickam. Somehow he had an off day at Pali, his home course, where he failed to place.

Our 19th hole is still going strong--now mostly at the golf course restaurant and lounge. There are the same few who always head for home the last. None the less, all enjoy the fellowship of the 19th hole.

Schedule for the next three months:

April 2	Makalena	12:00
April 13	HCC	9:30
April 30	Shafter	8:17
May 14	Pali	12:30
June 1	HCC	9:30
June 18	Shafter	8:17
June 29	HCC	9:30

We lost another one of our dear member, Smitty Koga, who passed away on February 5, 1992. Funeral was held on February 10th. Many of his friends and our Retiree Club members were there to pay our last respect. We will all miss him at our club tournaments. Maui Okamura has been missing from our tournaments due to a slight fracture at his ankle. Wish Maui a speedy recovery so he can take back his treasury job for our golf club from Lefty Sugihara who is doing it temporarily.

Aloha for now.

#### KAUAI 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament By Bruno Yamada

Kauai's Tsuka Murakami became tired of presenting prizes for twenty five years, so this time he stood on the receiving end, when he captured the grand prize in this year's Kauai 442nd Invitational Tournament. His magic touch on the greens and accurate short game netted him an eight under 64 on the first day followed by a 68 for a 132 and a two stroke victory over Honolulu's long knocker, Yoshio Higa who came in with a 134. Tsuka was awarded the Senator Dan K. Inouye's trophy, Governor John Waihee's koa bowl and a set of irons. Yoshi Higa was presented with a set of woods.

Kazuto Shimizu of Club 100 was next in this flight with a 135 while Mas Tamayei of Los Angeles was two back with a 137. Minoru Takashima, Harry Tokushige and Takashi Matsuda was all bunched up with 139.

The Super Senior Flight (over 70) was won by a newcomer to the tournament, Bert Nishimura who posted a very respectable 66-69, 135. Bert was followed



very closely by Honolulu's Walter Furu-kawa with a 136, Engineer's Edmund Ezuka did very well for his first showing firing a 137. Bert Nishimura was awarded a set of woods for his accomplishments.

Ted Hirayama, the younger brother of Robert Hirayama (K) came all the way from Smogville to walk off with the Invitational flight with a 70 on the first day and a record 61 on the second day for 131. Mamo Kotake who also hails from Los Angeles was next with a 134 followed by Joe Hanzawa with a 138. Ted Hirayama was also presented with a set of woods.

One hundred twenty golfers from California, Alaska, Hilo, Honolulu and Kauai enjoyed this years tournament played under beautiful weather. Chairman Yuki Arashiro and his Kauai crew did a super job again. For twenty six years we enjoyed your gracious hospitality and we'll be there in full force to enjoy the final tournament on March 22 and 23 of next year.

# Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament

March 17 - 18, 1992

## AWARD WINNERS

### AJA COUNCIL FLIGHT

OVERALL LOW NET -- TSUKA MURAKAMI 132

1. YOSHIO HIGA	134
2. KAZUTO SHIMIZU	135
3. MAS TAMAYEI	137
4. MINO TAKASHIMA	139
5. HARRY TOKUSHICE	139
6. TAKASHI MATSUDA	139
7. TOM TANAKA	140
8. BILL TANAKA	141
9. MITS NAMBU	143
10. STAN TAKAHASHI	144

### SUPER SENIOR FLIGHT

1. BERT NISHIMURA	135
2. WALT FURUKAWA	136
3. EDMUND EZUKA	137
4. TAD TAKIGUCHI	139
5. SLIM MURAKAMI	140
6. TAD TAMAGAWA	142
7. MAXIE MUKAI	143
8. GEORGE OSHITA	143
9. RICHARD HAMADA	144
10. HENRY AZEKA	144

## INVITATIONAL FLIGHT

1. TED HIRAYAMA	131
2. MAMO KOTAKE	134
3. JOE HANZAWA	138
4. KEN KAMIYA	139
5. CHUNKEY MIZUTANI	139
6. DICK TAKEMOTO	140
7. GEORGE NOSAKA	141
8. OWEN OTA	143
9. BRIAN HIRAYAMA	144
10. FRED HAYAKAWA	145

## Anniversary Tournament By Bruno Yamada

David Arakaki, a guest participant from the Los Angeles area made the Hickam Air Force Base golf course look easy when he shot a six under to beat veteran golfers, Tom and Bill Tanaka who were both tied up at 67. Tom and Bill had to divide the President's award and the second prize money of \$160. David being a non-member had to be content with the \$80 gift certificate.

San Jose's Frank Shimada, LA's Ted and Brian Hirayama, Ken Watamoto, Larry Hashimoto and Yoshio Higa captured the fourth to the ninth place with 68s.

Don Yagami, Masa Sugihara, Dan Horikawa, Dick Uyemura, and Joe Hanzawa divided the rest of the awards with 69. Eighty one players participated in this yearly tournament which followed the Kauai Invitational. Thank you again to Sammy Souza and Tad Kitaoka for letting us use their plush layout and also mahalo to Stan Yamamoto, Hiram Doi, Frank Shimada, Tony Miyamoto, Bob Sasaki and Bill Tanaka for all the kokua.

## WINNERS

1. DAVID ARAKAKI	66
2. WILLIAM TANAKA	67
3. TOM TANAKA	67
4. FRANK SHIMADA	68
5. LARRY HASHIMOTO	68
6. TED HIRAYAMA	68
7. BRIAN HIRAYAMA	68
8. KEN WATAMOTO	68
9. YOSHIO HIGA	68
10. DON YAGAMI	69
11. MASA SUGIHARA	69
12. DAN HORIKAWA	69
13. DICK UYEMURA	69
14. JOE HANZAWA	69
15. ED IMAMURA	70
16. NORMAN SATO	70
17. SADAOKU OKUHARA	70
18. TOM HARIMOTO	70

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

from Glenn Mirikidani

Being asked to help with the 49th Anniversary Annual Memorial Service and Banquet was a chance to express my appreciation to my father and mother and to the 442nd Veterans Club for all that they had done for me and my generation in the war and afterwards as parents. Thank you for the opportunity.

Since the Memorial Service and Banquet I have been in the enviable position of being thanked by so many of you whom I had set out to thank. It is a truly memorable experience to be thanked by your heroes. It was reading the accounts of your experiences in Europe that planted the seed years ago that caused this year's events to be put together by the Sons and Daughter For I wasn't the only one who read and heard those stories and came to the same conclusion that you guys are terrific.

And for all our enthusiasm, if it were not for some very special people, we would not have been able to pull off these events. The support, guidance, and faith of these people helped get us through. So, a very special thank you to Veterans Club President Ron Oba, former President Harold Fukunaga, Sons & Daughters Liaison Ernie Uno, former Executive Secretary, Bob Sasaki, 50th Anniversary Chairman George Nakasato, current Executive Secretary Grace Okamura, 442nd Choral Group Director Ted Yanagihara, and Office Secretary Mabel Murakami.

There are so many things to recount about how each of you helped me, us, in your own special way. There was Mr. Oba's insight and patience and Harold Fukunaga's understanding and quiet counsel. There was Ernie's judicious comments and spontaneous enthusiasm and George's vision and encouragement. There was Bob's gruff fatherly advice and Grace's getting things done before I asked for them. I will always remember Ted Yanagihara's patience and attempts to accommodate a tone-deaf musical ignoramus who faced the piano the wrong way. And there was Mabel, always there to take the questions and calls on our behalf for which we hadn't provided the answers.

I, also, want to thank the 442nd Choral Group for your support and patience with me. I do so love your music although I am in awe at the kind of dedication it takes for all of you to put on the kind of

inspiring quality performance you do.

I, also, want to thank those sons and daughters who were a part of the planning and execution in getting this thing done. I want to recognize Joe Uno, Memorial Service (M.S) Logistics Coordinator and Banquet Master of Ceremonies (M.C.), Tommy Uno, M.S. Logistics Coordinator, Guy Koga, M.S. Program Coordinator, Representative Carol Fukunaga, M.S. M.C., Arnold Suzumoto, Banquet Logistics Coordinator, Glenn Koga, Banquet Program Coordinator, Grace Fujii, Accessories Coordinator, Eileen Sakai and Wayne Oura, Public Relations Coordinators, and Secretary Jan Kawabata. Thank you also to David Tsubata, Laura Suzumoto, Jon and Lois Nakagawa, Barbera Olmos, and Ron Nomura for your support when it counted.

I, also, want to thank Dean Anzai for coordinating with the 100th/442nd Reserve. Thank you, also, to Michael Oka and Mike Oka Designs for the art work on our flyer's and on the printed programs. Thank you to Amy Fukunaga and Keith Tsubota for the photography.

The Sons & Daughters' task of putting together the Memorial Service and Banquet was made considerably easier because of the foundation and momentum created by Representative Carol Fukunaga. Carol had organized the "Sharing the Legacy" event on November 11, 1991 which provided us the experience of planning and working together that was to prove invaluable on the Service and Banquet project.

The 49th Anniversary celebration is history. Hopefully, it is just the inaugural event for the Sons & Daughters. There is much work to be done for us to become a viable, durable organization. The 50th Anniversary Celebration, that milestone that has been called the Vets' "Last Hurrah" is just around the corner. I believe the Sons & Daughters to be in a position to do so. If the memory, the obligation, the pride, the challenge, the association, etc. kindle a need to check it out, come check out the Sons & Daughters. Have your say. Make your input. It's the right time.



GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Go For Broke National Veterans Association (GFB-NVA) is a national association for all living AJA veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and Canada. It also welcomes and honors the Caucasian officers who served with the 100th/442nd RCT and MIS personnel during World War II and the years of the occupation.

GFB-NVA will honor, celebrate and pass on to the coming generations of AJAs the "Go For Broke" spirit that began with our Issei forbears who risked much to come to America. That spirit was consecrated on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific in World War II. It also sustained those who stayed confined in barbed-wire camps until finally released to rebuild shattered lives.

GFB-NVA will remind all Americans that AJAs who volunteered from Hawaii... and from behind barbed-wire mainland internment camps where 120,000 were unconstitutionally confined... wrote a shining page in U.S. history and changed the course of their own destiny.

GFB-NVA's immediate goal is a monument in the nation's capitol. It will celebrate the greatness of the "Go For Broke" spirit on the battlefield and in the hearts of those who were denied their constitutional rights of citizenship and liberty on the basis of racial hysteria. Finally, it will celebrate greatness in a nation that, however slowly, acknowledged a terrible wrong and offered apology and redress in the Civil Rights Act of 1988.

This monument will not idealize war, or individuals or units who served. It will stand as a reminder to future generations of AJAs all Americans of every racial origin, color, and creed that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It will be a fitting reminder that the tragic days of 1942 for Japanese Americans did happen...and that they must never be allowed to happen again to anyone.

For membership information write: Go For Broke National Veterans Association, Membership Department, 210 N. Shadydale Ave., West Covina, CA 91790 or call: (818) 338-8310.

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Announcement

Monument Design Competition Reopened and Deadline Extended

Washington, D.C. -- Go For Broke National Veterans Association announces the reopening of its design competition for a national monument to be erected in the Washington, D.C. area. This is the result of changes in the legislation required to build the monument.

This monument will memorialize the "Go For Broke" spirit of Americans of Japanese descent who served and fought for the United States in World War II. This is exemplified by the "Go For Broke" tradition of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which fought in the European theater. We should also recognize the significant contributions of those who served with the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific War.

The monument will bear quotes and statements from U.S. Army Generals of that period in addition to quotes from three Presidents of the United States.

It is of historical significance to note that many of the veterans who served in World War II volunteered from barbed-wire enclosed concentration camps located in different parts of the United States. 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds who were birthright citizens, were summarily relocated and interned without trial or hearing during this period, 1941-1945.

It was determined by the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1983 that this internment was due to racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership. There was never a substantiated case of espionage or sabotage before, during and after Pearl Harbor.

The estimated cost of the design and construction of this monument is \$1 million. The winning design entrant will receive \$5,000 for his/her effort. Only one award will be given. All preliminary design sketches become the property of Go For Broke National Veterans Association.

The new deadline for entries is October 15, 1992. The winning entrant, will be notified on or before February 15, 1993, after full consideration by a panel of judges selected by GFB-NVA.

All interested parties should write for their copy of the announcement detailing all requirements. Contact: James T. Suzuki, Chairman, Design Committee, Go For Broke National Veterans Association, P.O. Box 358, Woodinville, WA 98072.

Go For Broke National Veterans Association, Inc., is primarily but not limited to, Japanese American war veterans. It is chartered in the State of California and its foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

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January 1, 1992  
Greetings to the Boys of the 442nd,

Like many Americans, I found that the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor brought back memories for me. I was too young to comprehend the events of the war, but as we were growing up I learned so much about all of you from my father. He told many stories, both sad and humorous, about his relationships with you. You became heroes and role models for the Dixon children. He always spoke of you with such respect and pride. He even tried to teach us to speak pigeon English. He always pointed out your love for your parents and families and our country.

Maybe some of you will recall his Christmas letters. So many of you showed such respect for my dad by writing every year. We used to love reading all the news. In 1953 Dad was highly honored to be asked to give the main address at the reunion luau. He spent hours deciding which stories to retell. I used to have a copy of that speech, but somehow it has been misplaced. I'm sure some of you recall that evening. That entire week was one I shall never forget.

When my father died in 1973, we were most fortunate that Irene and Takeshi Nakamura and Tom and Kathy Crowley were close by and able to attend his funeral. I think, perhaps, they were amazed at how much all of the Dixon children knew about all of you. Soon after that I copied many of the letters written to Dad during the war from officers and enlisted men. That booklet is one of my treasures.

It was so wonderful when my husband Tom and I had an opportunity to visit Hawaii several years ago and see so many of you again. Some of you were even talking of retirement. In my American history classes, when I teach about World War II, I borrow stories from my father and those letters in an attempt to teach my students about prejudice, honor and loyalty. I also brag a bit when I tell them I know some of those war heroes; they were my father's "boys."

Excuse my rambling, but you have been on my mind lately. Perhaps all I mean to say is thank you all for being such positive role models and heroes for the whole Dixon family for so many years. Thank you, especially, for being such an important part of my father's life. He loved all of you.

My mother has been blessed with good health. She enjoys the activities of her six children and twenty grandchildren. She sends her regards and wants you to know that you are always welcome to visit in Dixon.

I wish you all love, joy and peace.

Fondly,  
Louise (Dixon) Corken

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OAHU AJA COUNCIL

President Ronald Oba appointed Mr. Koon Hin Choy of MIS to head a committee for a Beer Bust, scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 1992 at Club 100 in an effort to promote togetherness and better communication between the 1399, 100 Battalion, MIS, and 442nd Veteran Clubs. Chairman Choy will be expecting volunteers to help plan for the Beer Bust.

CLERK TYPIST POSITION

The untimely death of our clerk typist, Mabel Murakami, has created a void in our 442nd Veterans Club office, which we sincerely regret. Please help us recruit your college son or daughter or friends of your children to apply for this part-time position in answering the telephone, typing, and keeping records; word processing skills would be desirable.

Notice.....Notices.....

As of the next issue, every chapter will be responsible to provide a 3 month schedule of meetings as to time, place and occasion, to be printed in the Bulletin, since notices will not be sent out monthly from the office.





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of February 29, 1992

Month of Feb 1991	ASSETS	Month of Dec 1991	Month of Jan 1992	Month of Feb 1992
6,123.23	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	1,366.37	1,366.37	1,366.37
-	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....			
1,733.72	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..			
7,856.95	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	1,366.37	1,366.37	1,366.37
779,682.29	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent....	733,995.77	721,142.52	702,517.11
787,539.24	Total Loans Outstanding.....	735,362.14	722,508.89	703,883.48
( 1,148.81)	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...	( 1,148.81)	( 1,148.81)	( 1,148.81)
221,256.15	Cash in Bank.....	219,244.19	346,173.98	433,713.78
740,602.81	Investment Securities, at cost.....	844,910.96	842,750.43	845,057.09
772,810.30	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	638,923.51	621,925.69	599,696.92
2,717.00	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	1,277.00	1,277.00	1,277.00
19,497.00	Interest Receivable.....	14,658.99	15,044.00	15,185.00
7,427.50	Deferred Expenses.....	8,348.54	8,704.41	8,704.41
	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....	500.00		
	Other Assets.....			
20,769.31	NCUSIF Deposit.....	22,568.43	22,568.43	22,568.43
2,571,470.50	TOTAL ASSETS.....	2,484,644.95	2,579,804.02	2,628,937.30
	LIABILITIES/EQUITY			
21,000.00	Unearned Int on FNMA P/O.....	9,193.00	9,193.00	9,193.00
126.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....		10,000.00	20,000.00
2,207,819.58	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions.....		250.00	522.00
100,000.00	Accounts Payable.....	6,232.16	2,344.14	1,818.40
235,903.83	Members' Savings Shares.....	2,117,454.66	2,204,536.85	2,242,693.37
4,224.47	Regular Reserves.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Undivided Earnings.....	235,903.83	251,765.13	251,765.13
	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	15,861.30	1,714.90	2,945.40
2,571,470.50	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....	2,484,644.95	2,579,804.02	2,628,937.30
Feb 1991	STATISTICAL DATA	Dec 1991	Jan 1992	Feb 1992
1	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months..	-	-	-
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months..	1	1	1
1	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months + ...	-	-	-
137	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent....	122	120	121
498	No. Savings Accounts.....	493	493	494
496	No. Savings Potential Members.....	484	484	484
8	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	57	3	5
5,438	No. of Loans Made Since Organization..	5,488	5,491	5,493
35,935.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	461,638.	17,000.	28,169.
8,495,065.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	8,920,765.	8,937,765.	8,948,934.
12,079.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization..	12,079.	12,079.	12,079.
4,960.	Amount Recovered on Charge-offs.....	4,960.	4,960.	4,960.



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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended February 29, 1992

Cumulative 1/1-2/28/91	Cumulative 1/1-2/29/92	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Dec 1991	Month of Jan 1992	Month of Feb 1992
		OPERATING EARNINGS:			
11,319.91	10,367.27	Interest on Loans.....	6,078.83	5,358.31	5,008.96
10,173.96	8,492.37	Income on Svgs Accts.....	4,984.23	5,064.30	3,428.07
9,323.91	9,011.29	Income on Securities.....	8,433.17	4,735.36	4,275.93
.25	.75	Fees and Charges.....	.25	.50	.25
104.68	100.28	Other Earnings.....		87.36	12.92
30,922.71	27,971.96	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	19,496.48	15,245.83	12,726.13
		OPERATING EXPENSES:			
250.00	207.05	Staff Retire Bnfts/Taxes...	17,762.25	207.05	
74.09	114.09	Conference/Travel Costs...			
500.00	500.00	Association Dues.....	474.00	64.09	50.00
300.00	221.00	Office Utilities.....	250.00	250.00	250.00
28.00		Postage/Communication Costs		163.00	58.00
28.68	107.85	Member Educ/Publicity.....			
	47.19	Stationery & Supplies.....	51.79	107.85	
719.13	1,638.78	Subscriptions.....	198.00	30.00	17.19
		EDP/Profession.Services....	324.38	1,150.42	488.36
		Depreciation-Equipment....	360.00		
		Surety Bond Premium.....	955.00		
712.02	623.20	Loan Losses.....			
447.35	421.84	Borrowers Insurance.....	316.10	314.82	308.38
		Life Savings Insurance.....	213.35	210.92	210.92
		NCUA Supv/Exam Fees.....	188.00		
887.20	920.00	Annual Meeting Expenses....		920.00	
627.97		Miscellaneous Expenses.....			
1,123.80	225.56	Ofcrs/Cmte/Dir Expenses....	500.78	112.78	112.78
5,698.24	5,026.56	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...	21,593.65	3,530.93	1,495.63
25,224.47	22,945.40	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	( 2,097.17)	11,714.90	11,230.50
(21,000.00)	(20,000.00)	Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...			
		Less Dividends Pd/Credited..	(10,410.67)	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
4,224.47	2,945.40	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	(12,507.67)	1,714.90	1,230.50





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### REPORT OF THE 1991 CREDIT CMTE TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Your Credit Committee presents the following comparative summary of our loan activities for 1991 and for the previous several years:

Purpose of Loan	1988		1989		1990		1991	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Auto Purchases/Repairs.....	26	\$249,782	35	\$417,308	26	\$363,186	28	\$348,229
Vacation and Travel.....	28	89,750	16	56,900	12	32,250	15	56,630
Home Improvements/Furniture....	4	22,350	6	23,900	4	31,800	4	11,200
Business and Investments.....	2	2,900	2	10,500	2	4,500		
Medical/Dental Expenses.....			1	1,000	2	5,200		
Taxes and Insurance Premiums...	3	15,400	1	2,000	2	5,500	2	6,400
School and Education.....	1	3,500	1	5,000	1	500		
Anniversaries/Weddings.....	4	18,500			2	6,000	1	2,500
Refinance.....	6	13,700	2	6,000	4	15,993	5	33,390
Miscellaneous.....							2	3,289
<b>TOTAL LOANS GRANTED.....</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$415,882</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>\$522,608</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$464,929</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$461,638</b>
Average \$ Per Loan Granted.....		\$ 5,620		\$ 8,165		\$ 8,453		\$ 8,099
No. Loans Outstanding 12/31....		171		160		146		123
Average \$ Outstanding Balance..		\$ 4,444		\$ 5,281		\$ 5,761		\$ 5,979
Loan Balance at Yearend.....		\$759,952		\$844,997		\$841,177		\$735,362

The number of loans made in 1991 continues to reflect the downward trend of the past several years. On the other hand, the average dollar loaned reflects an upward trend. As usual, auto loans constitute the major portion of our loan program and loan portfolio. We remind all of you that our auto rates continue to be at 8% for new cars and 9% for used cars. A new loan program will be announced at our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully,

*Sabu Takayasu*

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January 27, 1992

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