

PAST WINNERS

1992	Tsuka Murakami	Kauai
1991	Bill Tanaka	Honolulu
1990	George Taketa	Hilo
1989	Bill Tanaka	Honolulu
1988	Tom Tanaka	Honolulu
1987	Tom Tanaka	Honolulu
1986	Daniel Aoki	Honolulu
1985	Henry Shibata	Kauai
1984	Jiro Shimomura	Honolulu
1983	Toshio Munetake	Honolulu
1982	Fred Ida	Honolulu
1981	Charles Mizutani	Kauai
1980	Mich Takata	Honolulu
1979	Walter Niitani	Kauai
1978	Kats Miho	Honolulu
1977	Frank Shimada	San Jose
1976	Everett Odo	Honolulu
1975	Tom Kiyosaki	Honolulu
1974	Bill Tanaka	Honolulu
1973	Glenn Koga	Honolulu
1972	George Niitani	Kauai
1971	Minoru Takashima	Kauai
1970	James Oshita	Kauai
1969	Norman Sato	Honolulu
1968	George Yamamoto	Kauai
1967	George Oshita	Kauai
1966	George Oshita	Kauai

442 Retirees Golf Club by Eddie Tamanaka

April 2, 1992

27 members gathered at Makalena Golf Course. The weather was clear and windy but started to rain as soon as we were pau. Takshi Kunishige and hayy

Tokushige came in with net 66. With our tie breaker system, Kunishige was declared the winner, Tokushige second. One stroke back with 67's were Yoshi Higa, and Tom Mayeda. Again, with our tie break, Higa was third and Mayeda fourth. Hich Matsumoto came in fifth another stroke back with 68. Best front 9 was won by Steve Hirotoni with a net 34 1/2, and back 9 was Dick Uyemura with a 28. Closest to the pin on the front 9 was taken by Minoru Tamashiro and Tadachi Kunishige took the back 9 par 3.

April 13, 1992

28 members showed up at the Honolulu Country Club. The weather was nice and clear. The course was being renovated and it played par 34, 34, 68. Herb Isonaga liked the new set up by coming in way ahead of the crowd with a net 62 for first place. Rocky Tanna was second with a 66. 3 players came in with 67's and with our tie breaker the following was determined: third, Bruno Yamada; fourth, Tadashi Kunishige; and fifth, Akabo Takasaki. Best front 9 was Sho Miota with a net 33 and best back 9 was Harry Tokushige also with a 33. Nearest to the hole on the front 9 par 3 was Rocky Tanna and back 9 par 3 was Yoshi Higa. Since the snack shop by the swimming was closed, we headed of the Moanalua Golf Course for our 19th hole and awarding of prizes. As usual, everyone enjoyed.

April 30, 1992

24 members gathered early in the morning at Fort Shafter's Nagorski Golf

Course. Harry Tokushige was in top form as he came in with a net 61 for first. One stroke back with a 62 was Tom Mayeda for second place. Another stroke back with 63's were Akabo Takasaki and Teiji Uehara. With our tie breaker, Takasaki was third and Uehara fourth. Tadashi Kunishige was fifth with a 64 another stroke back. Best front 9 was Rusty Honda with net 31 and best back 9 was Ron Oba with 31 1/2. Closest to the hole were Harry Tokushige front 9 par 3 and Bruno Yamada the back 9 par 3.

April 14, 1992

At Pali Golf Course, a scant 20 players showed up (Lots of our members were traveling). Lefty Sugihara was the best his day as he turned in a net 71 to take top honors. One stroke back were Hichi Matsumoto and Kats Ihara with 72's. With tie breaker, Matsumoto was second and Ihara third. Mits Honda was fourth with 74 and Yoshi Higa fifth with 79. Best front 9 was Tadashi Kunishige and the back 9 was Neka Matoi. Closest to the pin were Jiro Shimomura front 9 par 3 and Lefty Sugihara back 9 par 3.

June 1, 1992

25 players showed at Honolulu Country Club. Rocky Tanna and Dick Uyemura came in tied at net 66. Tie breaker declared Tanna first and Uyemura second. Third was Milton Uchigaki with a 69 for third. One shot back with 70 was Lefty Sugihara for fourth place. Another shot back with 71 was Masami Doi for fifth. Best front 9

were tied with 33 1/2 by Bobby Hirayama and Kats Ibara. Best back 9 was Minoru Tamashiro with 34 1/2. Closest to pin were Charley Igarashi and Rusty Honda.

June 18, 1992

25 members were present at Fort Shafter's Nagorski Golf Course. The weather was wet with rain off and on. Yoshi Higa was the best this day taking top honors with a net 66. 4 shots back with net 70's were Tadashi Kunishige and Jiro Shimamura. With our tie breaker, Kunishige was second and Shimamura third. Tied at 72 were Steve Hirotsu and Teiji Uehara. Hirotsu was declared fourth and Uehara fifth, again with our tie breaker. Best front and back 9's were Tadashi Kunishige and Yoshi Higa respectively.

June 29, 1992

25 players showed up at Honolulu Country Club. The course was still playing 34, 34, 68 par - the 1st and 9th holes being renovated. A net 61 is still a very excellent 7 under par game. Charley Igarashi did it this day to take top honors by 4 strokes. Second was Ed Tamanaha with 65 and 2 strokes back with 67 for third was Lefty Sugihara. Steve Hirotsu was fourth with 68. Tied for fifth even with our tie breaker were George Ikinaga and Yoshi Higa with 69's. Best front 9 was Dick Uyemura with net 33 and best back 9 was Rusty Honda with a 34. Closest to the hole on the front 9 par 3 was Masami Doi. Terry Ihara took the back 9 par 3. 19th hole was again held at the Moanalua

Golf Course Restaurant and as usual everyone enjoyed the plentiful pupus, refreshments, and fellowship.

July 13, 1992

25 players again assembled at the Honolulu Country Club. We had 3 tied at net 69 and with our tie breaker, Yoshi Higa was first, Rocky Tanna second, and Ed Tamanaha third. One shot back with a 70 was Maui Okamura for fourth and another shot back was Charley Igarashi with a 71. Best front 9 was Ron Oba with net 33. Best back 9 was Minoru Tamashiro with 34 1/2. Nearest to pin were Rusty Honda and Ed Tamanaha.

July 23, 1992

24 members gathered at Fort Shafter's Nagorski Golf Course. Terry Ihara and Yoshi Higa were hot this day as they both turned in 68s. With our tie breaker, Ihara was declared first and Higa second. Coming in a shot back was Ed Tamanaha with a 69 to place third. Jiro Shimomura and Bobby Hirayama were tied at 71 and with our tie breaker, Shimomura was fourth and Hirayama fifth. We've been making good use of our tie breaker system recently. Best front 9 was registered by Tadashi Kunishige with a net 34. The back 9 was Teiji Uehara with a 35 1/2. Closest to the hole were Dick Uyemura and Rusty Honda.

August 6, 1992

24 members showed up at Pali Golf Course. Bobby Hirayama was the only one to shoot net under par to claim

top honors. He turned in a net 71 to nose out the rest. Yoshi Higa and Ron Oba posted net 73s and with our tie breaker Higa was second and Oba third. Another tie at 74 were two players and again with our tie breaker, Dick Uyemura was fourth and Teiji Uehara fifth. Best front 9 was tied by Jiro Shimomura and Akabo Takasaki. Our tie breaker uses the best net score on the front 9 on even numbered days and best net score on the back 9 on odd numbered days. Today being the 6th of August, an even numbered day, Shimomura and Takasaki were declared still tied and split the prize. Best back 9 was Neka Matoi with a net 37. Closest to the pin were Rocky Tanna on the front 9 par 3 and Akabo Takasaki on the back 9 par 3.

August 17, 1992

29 players gathered at Honolulu Country Club. Steve Hirotsu was in the groove this day as he shot 8 under par, net 60 for first place. Neka Matoi and Milton Uchigaki were 4 shots back with net 64s. With our tie breaker, Matoi was second and Uchigaki third. Bruno Yamada came in fourth with a 66, nosing out Tom Mayeda who placed fifth with a 67. Best front 9 was Ed Tamanaha with net 30 and Rocky Tanna took the best back 9 with a 31 1/2. Closest to the pin was Rusty Honda on the front 9 par 3 and Kats Ihara took the back 9 par 3. Again, we headed for the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant to hold our 19th hole shindig.

August 27, 1992

31 members showed up early in the morning at the Leilehua Golf Course. Ed Tamanaha was very lucky this day as he missed hitting many trees to score a net 68 to take top honors. Lefty Sugihara scored a good second 9 but was 2 strokes short with a net 70 to place second. Tom Mayeda and Bobby Hirayama both posted net 71s and with our tie breaker, Mayeda was third and Hirayama fourth. Masami Doi came in one shot back with a 72 to take fifth place. Best front 9 was Rusty Honda with a net of 35 and John Kikuyama took the back 9 with a 34. Closest to the pin was taken by Yoshi Higa on the front 9 par 3 and Ron Oba took the back 9 par 3.

Annual KMC Golf Tour

On September 8th, 17 of our members will make our 8th annual trip to KMC (Kilauea Military Camp) and Volcano Golf Course. Those making the trip are: Yoshi Higa, Steve Hirostu, Rusty Honda, Tets Ihara, Herbert Isonaga, John Kikuyama, Tadashi Kunishige, Neke Matoi, Tom Mayeda, Lefty Sugihara, Akabo Takasaki, Ed Tamanaha, Minoru Tamashiro, Teiji Uehara, Dick Uyemura, Ron Oba, and Herbert Yanamura. Thanks again to Bruno Yamada for arranging the plane reservations and vans and Herbert Isonaga for reservations at KMC. Those who are not going to KMC will miss a good golf tournament with lots of fellowship. However, they'll have their own tournament at Pali Golf Course on

Thursday, September 10, 1992. Good golfing to all wherever they play.

Schedule for the rest of 1992:

Sept. 10	Pali	11:36
Sept. 24	Shafter	8:17
Oct. 5	HCC	9:30
Oct. 15	Makalena	11:48
Oct. 29	Pali	11:00
Nov. 12	Shafter	8:17
Nov. 23	HCC	9:30
Dec. 3	Leilehua	8:03
Dec. 17	Makalena	11:48

We have been missing Maui Okamura, Jiro Shimamura, and Sho Miota from our tournaments; however, they are back with us once again. Hope they have recovered from whatever problems they had. We are all in the seniors category so take care of yourselves and enjoy life.

Aloha for now.

*Other News*Seminar: Legacy of the 442nd by
Hiromi Suehiro (G)

Sponsor: Sons and Daughters
Speakers: Ted Tsukiyama and Masato Doi
M.C.: Ernest Uno
Date: August 15 - University of Hawaii
Attendance: 100+

The following are excerpts from the seminar:

What made the 100, the 442nd, and the MIS perform so well under the most adverse of conditions?

The speakers credited it to their parents who taught them filial piety, honor, duty, obedience, loyalty, devotion, trust, gratitude, and not to bring shame to the family. These were the stuffs which propelled three Banzai charges credited to the men of the 100 and the 442nd.

The anti Japanese sentiment and the fear of the threat of the yellow peril took root in the early 1920's when the immigrant plantation workers banded together and went on strike for better pay and improved living conditions. The newspapers railed against them and accused them of sabotaging the economy to take over the islands. A Congressman came to Hawaii and proposed that local born Japanese be denied citizenship to the US. A Colonel DeWitt wanted to put all Japanese behind barbed wire. This is the same notorious DeWitt who sent over 120,000 Japanese to concentration camps on the mainland 20 years later.

Leslie Hicks, Ernest Hemingway, and Colonel Fielder were remembered for their contribution in helping to keep the Japanese in Hawaii from being transported to inland United States.

A special tribute was reserved for the genial Hung Wai Ching, the father and inspiration of the Varsity Victory Volunteers. Without Hung Wai, there would not have been the triple V, and without the triple V, there may not have been the saga of the 442nd. The entire Japanese community owes Hung Wai Ching our everlasting gratitude. Has he

not existed, we could very well be living in the dark ages even today.

The anti Japanese sentiment which had its origin in the early 1920s continues on to this day. We need only witness corporate America's reluctance to employ Kristi Yamaguchi, the Olympic gold medalist, to endorse their products. Every gold medalist before her was given lucrative contracts. We all know about the trials and tribulations of Bruce Yamashita with the Marine Corps. Only two days before the seminar, Ted was at the Punchbowl Cemetery and was asked by a tourist which side he was on. For a man like Ted, who volunteered no less than 3 times, first with the Hawaii Territorial Guard, the triple V and the 442nd, and after fifty years, it was too much to take. Taketo Kawabata informed me that Ted has done extensive research here in Hawaii and in Washington and has tons of documented proof of discrimination against the Japanese before and after the war, and may write a book.

Write that book, Ted.

Go For Broke Exhibit at Bishop Museum by Henry Kuniyuki

Bishop Museum, the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History, had a special evening for members of 442nd Veterans Club on Thursday, August 27th to see the "Go-For-Broke" exhibit produced by the National Japanese American Historical Society. The NJAHS is a membership organization dedicated to the

presentation and reservation of Japanese American History. Over one hundred 442nd Veterans and friends had the privilege of viewing the special exhibit which was hosted by the Sons and Daughters Chapter of the 442nd Veteran's Club. Vice President for Community Relations Sue Kodani of Bishop Museum graciously arranged the open house for the exhibit and reception at the Atherton Halau. President Ron Oba expressed appreciation to the Bishop Museum and members of the Sons and Daughters Chapter of the 442nd. The refreshment expense at the reception was funded from the president's discretionary fund. The "Go-For-Broke" exhibit of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team started in June of this year and ended in September, 1992. Some of the exhibit items will be displayed at our 50th Anniversary Convention next year by a contract with the Bishop Museum.

522nd Dachau Research Committee 100th/442nd by Hideo Nakamine

The 522nd Field Artillery Battalion Dachau Research Committee 100th/442nd RCT was initially an informal group formed in response to the many requests for information about the 522's presence and role in the liberation of prisoners at the concentration camps of Dachau, Germany.

Around the mid-1980's, numerous queries came from such organizations and individuals as the Jewish Veterans, Hawaii Holocaust Project, JACL-

Legislative Action Committee, the National Japanese-American Historical Society, the Japanese-American National Museum, the "Go-For-Broke" National Veterans Association, French historians and government officials, Loni Ding (documentary moviemaker), and Ben Tamashiro, 100th Infantry Battalion historian, etc.

Through the ensuing years for research and recording oral histories, the scope of the committee's activities has expanded to other 100th/442nd campaigns. These include Bruyeres, the "Lost Battalion" rescue and the experiences of Nisei prisoners of war. It became only recently known that the 100th/442nd POWs were among the first Niseis to witness Jewish prisoners at some of the camps in Germany. In light of today's disturbing rise of Nazism in some places of Europe and the US and the fact that some deny the holocaust ever occurred, it is critically important that the voice of every known witness be heard and recorded for future generations.

This committee sent a letter to the Officers and Board of Directors of the 442nd Veterans Club, requesting that members and resources of the club be involved. The committee also asked the 442nd Veterans Club for recognition as an official functioning committee. In 1988, the officers and Board of Directors formed the 442nd Historical Committee and adopted the 522nd F.A.Bn Dachau Research Committee 100th/442nd as one of its official functioning committees.

Through the years, the committee sent research materials and documents to the officials of many interested

institutions and offices in various countries, including Europe, Japan, and the United States.

Many other people and places became the repositories of our research data. these include the Governor's office, Senator Inouye office, legislators, the University of Hawaii, the State Archives, producers of film documentaries, news reporters and writers.

The 522nd played a role in the fight for reparations. Our story had been forwarded earlier to the Japanese-American Citizen's League Legislative Education Committee and the late Judge Dan Valk of New York. Judge Valk became a strong, influential supporter of the Nisei cause.

Recent projects and people have also played an important role in making the Dachau story better known. For example, I Can Never Forget, the highly praised book by Thelma Chang, and Boyhood to War, the recent book by Dr. Dorothy Matsuo. "The Hawaii Herald," the Club 100th, 50th Anniversary Committee, the 442nd Historical Committee and historian Eric Saul have also received our materials. In turn, they have told and retold the stories of our Nisei soldiers to an ever-growing audience.

Lyn Crost Stern, a retired WW II correspondent for the "Honolulu Star Bulletin," gave much assistance to the committee. She was very impressed with Thelma Chang's book I Can Never Forget, calling it "outstanding" and "lively." Crost-Stern considers Chang's cording of the 522nd experience at Dachau the most complete to date.

Writers such as Chet Tanaka and John Tsukano have contributed greatly to the information about the 522nd encounter at Dachau. Tanaka's 1982 book Go For Broke was the first to show the diary of Ichiro Imamura, a witness at Dachau. Lyn Crost-Stern is the first known journalist to write about the 522nd's historical meeting with the Jewish prisoners of World War II. Ted Tsukiyama, member of this committee and 442nd Historical Committee contributed much assistance.

It is the desire of this committee to give the full story of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, Dachau Research Committee, 100th/442nd RCT to the 442nd 50th Anniversary Committee.

The "Lost Battalion" Has Returned by Sgt Ralph G. Martin

(Staff Writer, "The Stars and the Stripes")

ON THE 7TH ARMY FRONT, Nov 4 (Delayed) -- The coded message that came into a regimental headquarters one night more than a week ago said, simply, "No rations, no water, no contact with headquarters....four litter cases."

Not too many miles away, on the bald top of a thickly wooded hill, a battalion of 275 soldiers were spread out in a area of 300 by 350 yards, digging their foxholes deep, using knives to whittle down trees to use as cover, folding blankets around the trees so that they wouldn't make as much noise when they can down.

They were quiet because surrounding them on all sides, somewhere among the closely grouped tall pine trees were approximately 700 Germans. They were quiet because they knew they were a lost battalion, and they didn't want the Krauts to know it.

They had already had their first taste of the hell to come. Not only was the CP overrun and sliced off, but the Nazis had thrown two full companies at the,, coming from different directions, followed by an immediate buildup. That plus heavy shelling, intense small arms fire, concentrated counterattacks that they had somehow managed to beat off.

Now they were digging in, tending the wounded, burying the dead, sending radio messages.

One of those wounded was the communications sergeant who composed the first message. Second Lt. Erwin Blonder of Cleveland took over, hugged that radio, slept with it, prayed over it, from then on.

From then on....

"Do you know what I'm thinkin'?" said Pvt. William Murphy. "I kept thinking how wonderful it would be back in my old job as a street car conductor in Chicago...and I kept thinking that no I finally had something to tell my three kids when they grew up. Y'see I've never been up in combat before. I'm a replacement; this was my first time. But I'll tell you something funny...honest to God..I wasn't scared...I really wasn't."

But a lot of guys were scared...a helluva lot of guys. The oldtimers knew what the score was. There's not too much you can do when you're cut off

like this, with only so much ammo, with no water, no food, no nothing.

Still, they were simple, essential things to do. All four looeys formed an advisory council with 1st Lt. Martin Higgins, of Co. A, having the final decision. A little guy from Jersey City, a 28-year old cavalry officer who came into the infantry only five months ago, Higgins had a lot of decisions to make.

First came the defense problem. Quickly, the companies spread out in a complete 360 degree circular defense with light and heavy machine guys strategically distributed. There would be no surprise attack.

Then came the shakedown. Every soldier emptied his pack, so the battalion could pool everything. The collected stuff included everything from small stoves to gasoline to a few precious chocolate bars. There were all kinds of other things.

"We never really knew how damn many different things the average doughfoot stows away in his pack, even in combat," said 1st Lt. Gordon Nelson, Dedham, Mass., Co of D Company.

But those things didn't last long. And then, very soon, the water situation became much more critical than the food shortage. Finally they found a mud puddle out of their area. It was dirty, stagnant -- but it was water. They could boil some of it, but not too much. Even the smallest fires caused smoke, which might very easily give away their position.

Trigger Itch

And they couldn't get this water whenever they wanted to. They had to