

## LABOR OF LOVE: The Story of the 442nd Aloha Week Float

When Nelson Fujio, Honolulu Parade Man, approached the Sons and Daughters of the 442 about entering a float in the 1993 Aloha Week Floral Parade, they imagined a simple flatbed with some ti leaves and anthuriums. What they eventually produced was a three dimensional spectacle which won the Queen's award. BOYD YAMASHITA, chairperson of the Sons and Daughters Special Events Committee says, "It started as a small idea with 2 people at the first meeting and then grew and grew to where over 90 people participated on the Friday night before the parade."

The simple plans began to grow when JOE and TOMMY UNO, sons of ERNIE and GRACE UNO, 3rd Headquarters, stepped in with technical advice. They developed plans to erect three dimensional designs on the flatbed, including "442" in eight foot high numbers, and hands reaching from an archway to grasp a torch. "Joe's technical expertise allowed for 3-D figures which elevated our original design from a simple flatbed covered with ti leaves to a competitive and indeed award-winning float," said BOYD. The "442," hands, and torch base were covered with dried flowers early in the week before the parade, with many people donating their time and energy to lay the groundwork for the float.

The end product, a dazzling combination of dried and fresh flowers and ti leaves, was completed in the very early morning hours of the parade day, Sunday, September 18th. Beginning late Friday night, over 90 participants helped in applying red ginger, hebeconia, red and white anthuriums, and countless other blooms, some purchased, some donated by the Sons and Daughters and 442 members. Aloha Week Floral Parade floats are required to be completely covered with flowers and foliage.

By 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 1993, the completed float was in line on Ala Moana, with a dazzling array of other floats from hotels such as Outrigger Hawaii and Hilton Hawaiian Village. Before the judging com-

menced, the 100/442 Color Guard, carrying the United States flag, Hawaii state flag, and the Regimental color boarded the float and stood to the rear, with seven veterans lining the benches in front of them. The veterans were: club president RONALD OBA, 50th chairman GEORGE NAKASATO, ERNIE UNO, SHIGERU GOTO, RICHARD URADA, RODNEY YAMASHIRO, and GEORGE YOSHINO. It must have had been the right combination of design, flowers, and handsome veterans as the float was awarded the Queen's Award, equivalent to second prize in the non-commercial division. "The Queen's award was more than we expected," said BOYD YAMASHITA. "Since we began with no budget and 2 people, the interest, participation, and award are flattering."

The parade itself proceeded down Kalakaua Avenue, beginning at Ala Moana Park and commencing at Kapiolani Park. Thousands of tourists and kamaainas lined the parade route, and many were clearly touched by the 442nd float. Announcers read of citation and medals awarded to the 442, and explained it's history and significance to Hawaii and the nation. "Crowds acknowledged the hard work and the role the veterans played in their lives," said GUY KOGA, Sons and Daughters Chapter president. "A real "chicken skin" time was had by all participants and workers alike."

The 442 would like to thank the Sons and Daughter for their tireless effort in spreading the legacy of the 442. Exposure in the nationally televised Aloha Week parade was an honor and a thrill for all, and the men of the 442, your dads, thank you for your labor of love.



## PRESIDENT'S

Report **Camp Shelby**

Camp Shelby celebrated its 76th Anniversary on May 9, 1992. At the Armed Forces Museum Dedication were 442nd veterans, who had flown in to attend the open house. Approximately 3,000 soldiers and families of the 31st, 37th, 38th, 43rd, 63rd, 65th, 69th, 85th, 87th, 94th, and the 99th Division that trained in Mississippi attended. The program prominently recognized that the Japanese American 442nd RCT, the 100th Battalion and S Company (MIS) were the most decorated and famous outfits that ever trained at Shelby, which was established in 1917. 100,000 troops from all branches of the U.S. military train there. At the ceremonies the Master of Ceremonies and then the commander of the base, General Walker, introduced the 442nd veterans RON OBA from Honolulu, HIRO TAKUSAGAWA from Los Angeles, and Lt. Col. HERB SASAKI from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Dr. TED YENARI, MIS, from New Orleans. We were given a rousing ovation and felt proud for the rest of you. The 442/100/MIS were the only outfits given special rooms for the display of posters and memorabilia. Ted and Herb set up 2 TV's that ran continuously showing the ex-

ploits of the three outfits with Walter Cronkite narrating the story of the evacuation, etc. money out of pocket, Ron came back and convinced the Board of Directors to donate \$5,000 towards our special section. The Sons and Daughters have also donated \$500. A Memorial monument was also erected along Memory Lane by Ted, and the donation will help defray some of the expenses.

**Japan-Hawaii High School Baseball Goodwill Tour**

On June 9th, a contingent of 18 High school baseball players with excellent credentials from throughout Hawaii left for Osaka, Japan with chairman KATS MIHO, president RON OBA, Since Ted and Herb were spending expenses Advisors GEORGE NAKASATO, MASA YONEMINE, and LILY YONEMINE, and coaches DUNN MURAMARU AND RIKI INOUE of Mid Pacific Institute. They were met by their Japan counterparts who accompanied the team throughout Kyushu: Fukuoka, Saga, Ohita, Miyazaki, and Kagoshima. The month of June sees rain everyday. Before each game the Japanese players and coaches would run our with buckets and sponges and virtually suck the rain puddles from the ground. Of course the score didn't matter since we were on a goodwill tour and lost every game to the Japanese players who are now bigger, taller, and stronger. They all had the same uniform swing and wanted to know how to hit the home run ball as REGAN OHIRA of Mid Pac hit a grand slam in a losing cause.

The Hawaii players were hosted by the Asahi Shimbun and the Japan High School Baseball Federation and its officials:

President NAOTAKA MAKINO

Vice-President KAZUYUKI MATSUI

Secretary General TAKASHI TSUCHIHARA

Staff Members KAZUHIRO TANABE and SHIGEMI KITO.

**A Jug of Water for the People Surrounded by Water**

WARREN FENCL, who's always thinking of the 442 members, writes that his buddy from the 34th Division., President Emeritus CHARLES



SMITH, loaded his truck with gallons of fresh potable water and drove to Camp Dodge in Iowa to help with the shortage of drinking water during the Midwest storm that inundated the water pumping plants. He made several trips to camp when someone asked him who was doing the good deed and donating the precious water. CHARLIE replied that the 442nd veterans from Hawaii are the ones donating the water. Thank you CHARLES and WARREN — old soldiers never forget!

### **58,000 National Memorial Burial Records**

AMY HIGASHINO FUJINO, sister of EDDIE H. of the 522, retired from her West Oahu District Director Librarian Systems job in 1992. No rest for the dedicated as GRACE, our Exec. Sec. called and asked her to glean the 58,000 files of veterans buried in Punchbowl. AMY jumped right in and bursted the filed by name, outfit, company, and dates of burial. Each chapter now has a complete list of their members' plot number and the knowledge that there is a master list in the office as well as one for the 100th Bn. AMY was presented with a grateful gift. Thank you, Amy.

### **October 16, 1993 European Tour**

Your president is meeting with European tour agencies to help the members plan a memorable trip to Bruyeres-Biffontaine for the 50th Anniversary Reunion. The mayors of both cities emphasized that the date is October 16, 1994. The president's committee has been meeting weekly to thrash out four different packages with the tour companies which will include the basic tour through London, Amsterdam, Paris, etc. for the first-timers. Veteran travelers will be hitching on to RALPH CHINAKA'S group who will end up in Spain and Portugal. MARY KOSASA is working with the 522nd for a trip through Dachau, Germany, Switzerland, Nice, and Spain (if you like bullfights). RON OBA is looking for eight more guests to go along with his group through Paris, Florence, and back. The tour company will also present a Mediterranean ship cruise for 7 days and 14 days by land to Bruyeres for those who hate to travel by bus.

Please be advised that the committee has

selected Carlson Travel-World Class Travel, Inc. after presentations by other travel agencies. The 442nd is doing this for your convenience and is not endorsing any one company. They will shortly present four travel packages available to you, those briefly outlined above. Having made these arrangements, the Mother Club will not be taking reservations, down payments, or other incidentals related to your trips. Please call MIRIAM TURNER or CISSY CHOW at 831-3400 or cellular 221-6059 to get more details and reservations. And those interested in being group leaders or escorts of groups of 30 to 40 people should call the clubhouse and contact the Travel Committee.



**EDITOR'S**

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### **50th Overseas**

Momentum appears to be building up. Various tour groups sponsored by 442 chapters and individuals are formulating plans for this epochal celebrations in Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France. The coordinating travel agency will be the Carlson Travel Network.

Tour guides and leaders will begin informing us of the details of their itineraries through this Bulletin. As you may realize, this event culminates the Golden Anniversary of the distinguished accomplishments of the 100th and 442nd Infantry Combat Team.

If the last 40th Anniversary in Bruyeres (where a record number of veterans, families, and friends converged in the town) is any indication, this 50th promises to be just as memorable and enduring. The two places of visitation are making arrangements to make this celebration an enjoyable and inspirational one.

### **Keiro**

A setting benefiting a community-owned nursing home stands the 150-bed establishment atop a hill in a section of Seattle, Washington.

It is a well-planned, designed, and landscaped

building which serves this cohesive and cooperative Asian community. Its initial purpose was to provide accommodations to the Issei where they would be surrounded with personnel and conditions more akin to their needs and comforts.

At the present time, more and more niseis are utilizing the services. In these times of hard-to-find reasonable and accommodating nursing homes, this is a blessing and a rewarding accomplishment of this Asian community. Annually, a fund-raiser is conducted at a chop suey restaurant which donates the proceeds to this project.

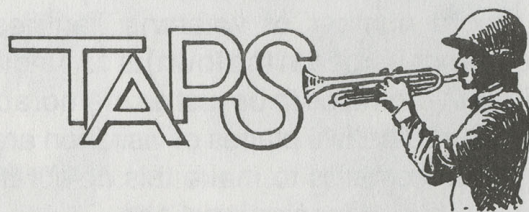
Any person visiting Seattle should make it a point to visit Keiro.

### **Omedeto & Arigato**

Once again, our Sons and Daughters surpassed our expectations by producing a prize-winning float in the Aloha Week Festival Floral Parade. Much time, effort and ingenuity went into the creation of this outstanding float.

The 442 and insignia (the Torch) stood out like a beacon commemorating the Golden Anniversary of this illustrious outfit. Of course, the young and hardnose figures riding on the platform added to the gaiety of the occasion.

We salute the Sons and Daughters for undertaking this enormous task and coming through with flying colors. *(Editor note: Please see accompanying article for more details on the 442nd float and keep your eyes open for candid shots of the float, taken before and during the parade.)*



William Horii, a 522-B member, passed away in April, 1993.

Ted Tadao Sakai, a Hq 2nd member, passed away April 21, 1993.

Noboru "Lanai" Okamura, a Hq 2nd member, passed away May 27, 1993.

Kiyoto "Duke" Endo, a Item Company member, passed away in June, 1993.

Ralph Kawawaki, an Item Chapter member, passed away in June, 1993

Donald Nakamura, an Anti-Tank Chapter member, passed away in June, 1993.

Kazuo "Hapa" Fujimoto, a Love Chapter member, passed away June 28, 1993.

Gold Star mother Mrs. Hina Kijima, mother of Hq 2nd S/Sgt Tadashi Kijima, passed away July 8, 1993.

Sugiichi Hiraga, a 232nd Engrs member, passed away July 11, 1993.

Tadao Beppu, a Mike Chapter member, passed away July 22, 1993.

Yasura "Yas" Kawashima, a Fox Chapter member, passed away August 1, 1993.

Herbert Ishikawa, a 232 Engrs member, passed away September 1, 1993.



On Memory Lane  
Monument stands proudly, see?  
Our torch was still there

The streets along the French Quarters and Bourbon Street are hopping with tourists ten deep from sidewalk to sidewalk. The whole street has been made into a promenade with people from East and Midwest gawking into the

topless bars. Lt. Col. HERB SASAKI of Hattiesburg and Dr. TED YENARI of New Orleans took HIRO TAKUSAGAWA and me to enjoy the night life of New Orleans before going to Camp Shelby for the dedication of the Army Museum (see President's report). TED's wife exclaimed, "You mean you took HIRO and RON to the French Quarters? People are being stabbed daily." Luckily, HIRO and I didn't carry purses to be snatched. However, Japanese student YOSHIHIRO HATTORI was shot to death by RODNEY PEAIRS a few months before in Louisiana. Dr. YENARI says, "If you concern yourself about each incident and fail to see the forest for the trees, you'll never know how beautiful the South is." Lt. Col. SASAKI adds to it by saying that we must educate the deep South of the Japanese American's contribution and its rightful niche in American history through the museum and monument by repeating the gallantry of the 100/442/MIS over and over again. That man is on a mission!

Here in Hawaii we turn our noses at catfish filet or cringe suspiciously of alligator steak fried Cajun style. One must try and experience it before blinking because if you don't know anything about a subject and express an opinion, that's prejudice. Catfish in tiny bits deep fried, tastes like any good fish and without its muddy odor. Alligator meat is white and tender and tastes like a cross between fish and chicken. Of course you can't beat raw, chilled oysters shucked before your eyes and dipped in chili sauce, horseradish, and lemon - all you can eat - till your wallet says 'nough. Cajun and gumbo dishes are cooked all the same way - hot, hotter, hottest - poured over wild rice or on the side. Meats and vegetables are chopped into bits like chop suey. "Why wild rice? You Southerners like long grain rice?" "No, wild rice is cheaper and abounds all over the South." Oh, yes, they eat a dozen crayfish with every meal. Big head, small body - Where the meat?

Dr. TED YENARI, 73 years young, has been participating in the World Masters Seniors weightlifting competition for several years and has a bunch of gold medals in weightlifting. He

also runs the 55 meter and 100 meter dashes. He says that the events he gets involved with are generally uncontested! He has the medals to prove it.

After the reunion, this issue seems anticlimactic with everything that had to be said was in print in the last issue. However, we'd like to thank all those who brought nuts, oranges, fish, fruits, etc. for the hospitality room during the reunion.

How do you know it's going to be a rotten issue? I'm late and missing the deadline of September 15th changed to the 10th. St. Peter told someone that he has tee time for him next week in heaven. You go to the toilet and find the zipper in the back of you so you decide to sit instead. You call for the weather report and they tell you that your hurricane insurance was canceled. You make reservations for Russian ballet and they seat you at the circus watching Russian bears riding bicycles. You see, you can't tell ethnic jokes anymore because you don't remember who your children got married to. And you shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition. P.S. Take metamucil, it'll smooth things out.

### **Fox Golf at Hickam**

Sixteen Fox members and guests enjoyed a beautiful golf day at the Hickam course on May 14th. The individual low net scores were:

Tied for 1st: BILL TANAKA & DAVID IRITANI (net 67)

3rd: MAS TAMAYEI (net 71)

4th: ROY KUBO (net 73)

5th: ROY IRITANI, JR. (net 74)

Low net, front: TOMMY TAMAGAWA (net 34)

Low net, back: JOE OHBAYASHI (net 35)

Par 3's: MAS TAMAYEI, JOE TANAKA, and DAVID IRITANI

### **TEAM CALCUTTA**

1st: BILL and HICHI MATSUMOTO (net 63)

2nd: RON OBA and SHIGE HIGA (net 64)

3rd: DAVE and YOSHIO SHIBUYA (net 65)

Several dozen golf balls were donated by Dr. ROY IRITANI, DAN HORIKAWA, and BABE "GINZO" MORINO. Our next tournament will be at Leilehua Golf Course on Friday, November

5th.

## In Memorium

YASURA "YAS" KAWASHIMA

Yas was born in Seattle, Washington, was drafted from a relocation camp. He joined F Company in Sospel, France and returned to Long Beach, California, where he operated an auto repair shop. He then worked for the city of Long Beach as a heavy equipment maintenance man.

He told me that once he got the taste of reunions, he never missed any. He was at our 50th Anniversary Reunion and although he looked like he had lost some weight, he was all smiles and talked with everyone.

He passed away on Sunday, August 1, 1993 after an operation for stomach cancer. We'll miss his low-key presence at our future reunions, but we know his spirit will be with us. MRS. HARU IMAI.

We all remember HARU and MINO IMAI from past encounters. MINO passed away some years ago. On February 8, 1993, HARU joined her husband, leaving three sons to care for their flower farm in San Fernando Valley. Some Fox members in Hawaii maintained home stays with them on visits to their farm and vice versa. After MINO died, we hadn't seen HARU very much, but the memory of their lasting friendship will remain with us.

## Dinner Meeting

At our last chapter meeting, it was unanimously approved that we have a fully paid dinner meeting at an elegant setting. Your president will be meeting with his committee to look into an appropriate place to reward all of us, without exception, who worked so diligently to make our mainland guests remember the last reunion as the best ever. By the time you read this, your dinner will have passed. Maybe this newsletter will be printed so fast that you won't have time to digest it. The dinner, I mean. Take Imodium.

# Kauai FOX Fables

## FOX Kauai

I don't know why I do this! Why am I getting this bit of chit-chat to Ron Oba when I should be doing the last minutes of my secretaryship with the State Legislation Committee of the AARP, or typing out the form letters to my class reunion next year, or writing some articles for the church Grapevine? Yeah! Why am I doing this first? These are just rhetorical questions. No answers anticipated, accepted, or appreciated. How's that for assonance?

A good reporter goes where the news is. So, I went to the source of the news for this writing.

In May when the AARP SLC held a forum in Kailua-Kona, who do I spot in all his distinguished (not extinguished) countenance registering for it? No other than YAS DEGUCHI. It was an unexpected but pleasant surprise to have one Fox chapter person admit to being eligible for AARP services. Thanks for being there, YAS.

In July daughter DALE and I visited in Stockton, California. According to the map Turlock was not too far away (based of Kauai calculations) so I called KAORRU MASUDA. He and YURIKO drove from Turlock to visit. They were kind and generous to offer bread and breakfast but I had to decline due to a cold. YURIKO and KAORU have a busy schedule! Next time, with great sweepstakes winnings, we'll get our own car and drive to Turlock, YURIKO. But DALE and I appreciated meeting you in a different setting.

I knew that I would be in Hilo in early August for my niece's yakudoshi; so I warned ELAINE in March that I would call on her for some anthuriums. I kept to my promise and got more than I had bargained for. Besides those beautiful okutsu anthuriums, I was treated to breakfast at the Firehouse and a side tour to Hilo Longs. Travel is beneficial! Thanks ELAINE and YUKI, for your ever-present generosity and hospitality. I'm sure that WALLY appreciated

the anthuriums.

WATARU KOHASHI had time enough only to call and ask for directions to WALLY'S grave, but there was some contact. I had a surprise meeting with GEORGE TERAOKA - he was leaving and I was going into Longs for the pre-Fernanda preparations. GEORGE looked well at that time, despite the impending Fernanda. MASA AGINA was polishing his newly repaired and repainted car at his house which needs to be repaired. Despite the awful situation, MASA and his cute dimple always have a friendly welcome for all. You're one of a kind, MASA.

The rest of the time I've been coping with remodeling the house and trying to find what was put into which box when I was gone; then deciding what should be thrown out or put away. I still have not located the packet from my accountant that tells what my next estimated payment is. I only know that it is due on September 20! Be prepared to bail me out!

## Maui FOX Fables

August 1, 1993, Sunday was the Mother Chapter's annual picnic which was held at the new Kalana Park Pavilion hosted by "F" Chapter and the Sons and Daughters. NANCY & TOSHIO ENDO chaired this event and assigned members to prepare menu, refreshments, cooks, etc. Upon our return from Long Beach, CA, MABEL and I prepared the necessary assigned items to be purchased or to be brought to the picnic area. Early arrivals at the picnic grounds were AILEEN & TOM HIGA, DOROTHY & TAKAO ITO, MORITO OTAKE, BLOSSOM & DAGGIE TANAKA, and IKE IKEDA as we drive in to the picnic grounds. We were followed by NANCY & TOSHIO ENDO in their son's pickup loaded with the refreshments and food items, MIYO & TOM HIRANAGA and MASAO & HIDOE MURAKMI since they had to pick up from the caterer's the Sunday morning items which made them a little late in arrival. KANJI WAKAMATSU'S assistance in supply-

ing us with the cubed ice for our refreshments was most appreciated. The advance group had the kitchen tables cleaned and ready to prepare the necessary salads, coffee, tea, etc, etc. Speaking of efficiency we men folk were busy lighting the grill and preparing ourselves for the broiling of teriyaki, hot dogs, steaks, etc. Before we could start going, the wives had all the items before us to expedite the broiling process. From then on it was like an assembly line type of an operation with no time to "goof off." Item after item were broiled in proper manner and even at the end we had even "o nasu or nasubi" freshly broiled. We had ample pupus on hand for the early arriving other chapter members. Broiled steaks, nasubi, fish, and IKE IKEDA'S delicious boiled peanuts. Didn't hearing any grumbling at all since they were all content with our pupus. When we were ready to eat Chairman asked LANKY MATSUMOTO to give the invocation to partake the food. Naturally, being the host we made sure all other chapter members ate first and we got in the tail end of the line to load our plates. No wonder we waited long for the line to end, our wives had so many good items on the table that we weren't able to pickup everything served. After lunch, the Sons and Daughters handled the games. Speaking of prizes, so many good items to select from make it rather difficult. We want to specially thank the Sons and Daughters for their generous contributions. Everyone got a prize to take home. After cleaning up the pavilion, we headed for home, rather tired. It was an excellent day for a picnic although the Kihei sun was rather hot.

We were reminded by the Mother Chapter General Chairman TOSHIO ENDO of the upcoming Maui County Fair Broiled Chicken Concession Booth: Thursday, October 7, 5 p.m. to closing - L & M Chapter; Friday, October 8th - Sons and Daughters; Saturday, October 9th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Chapters I & K; Saturday, October 9th, 5 p.m. to closing - Chapters E, F, & Tutto; Sunday, October 10 - Sons and Daughters.

DOROTHY and TAKAO ITO joined the Maui Colt All Stars on August 8, 1993 and headed for

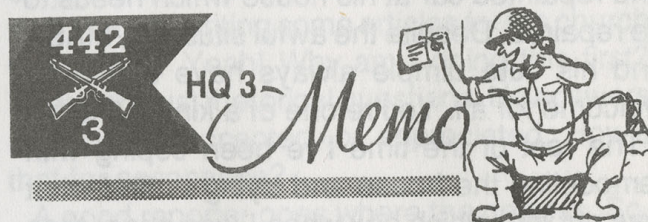
Lafayette, Indiana. Their grandson IAN is a member of the Maui Colt All Stars. During the Colt World Series, their team took 2nd by a loss to the Fountain Valley, Los Angeles team. Due to the 1st place team being unable to participate in the Colt Super Series at Beaumont, Texas, the committee decided to have the Maui Colt All Star replace them. Although they weren't as successful in Texas, we were informed that team members were treated royally in Lafayette as well as in Beaumont. The team coaches, players, and parents were extremely grateful for the wonderful hospitality given them. DOROTHY and TAKAO returned home immediately after the Lafayette Colt World Series. We asked TAKAO how was it. He responded as to how exciting it was to see his grandson play, although he returned home "some tired."

August 28th, 1993 was the Sons and Daughters-sponsored Golf Tournament at the Waiehu Golf Course. The following veteran organizations were invited to participate: Club 100, 442 Veterans Club, and the Maui AJA Veterans, Inc. Tournament Chairman was CHARLIE TAKAHASHI, son of SUGURU TAKAHASHI of "I" Chapter. 39 golfers participated in this tournament. It was a scramble with a scotch putt tournament with 2 mulligan given out right. We teed off in threesomes and it looked as though grandpa, father, and son were made as a team.

The nineteenth hole was held at the Waihee Park adjacent to the golf course. Plenty of food was prepared for the hungry golfers. Presentation of the gifts was made by CHARLIE, with



prizes ranging from air coupons, certificates to private golf courses, cases of beer and soda plus many other prizes. We especially want to thank father SUGURU TAKAHASHI for handling the food at the nineteenth hole. He did a wonderful job. Not letting down son CHARLIE, who also did a wonderful job. We wish to congratulate both father and son for a job well done.



### Reunion News

The much anticipated and heralded 442nd Golden Anniversary Reunion is all pau and done with. Now it remains a treasured memory for years to come. The many months of careful planning, the confusion (little bit), and sometime the agony of frustration etc., are all behind us and now we are that much closer as a team, much wiser for having been through it all. Ultimately, it was the greatest satisfaction we felt when the excitement of it all settled down. The many letters and notes of appreciation and praise we have received since have really affirmed our feelings and reassured us that the 50th Reunion has been an emphatic success. So are you ready for another?

The successful reunion could not have been achieved without the many hours spent by the various people (442 officers, chapters, families, friends, Sons & Daughters) in preparing guidelines, planning, organizing, disseminating, and coordinating to the details. Hq 3rd, although small in numbers, carried out commendably its share of responsibility.

The first order was to form a steering committee: SAM FURUYA; TAKESHI NAKAMURA; SAM SASAI; and ERNI UNO, General Chair. These were the chapter planners and organizers and such and deserve much credit for their efforts. And of course, we need to recognize the members and wives who have willingly taken

on the duties as principal of various committees. To them, our heartiest appreciation for the many hours spent in preparation and seeing it through the end. They are: Hospitality Room - FRANK & GRACE ISHIKAWA; BILL & YAEKO KUWATA; DAVID KAIURA: Chapter Night at Waialae Country Club - TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA and SAM & MICHU SASAI: Aloha Picnic - SAM & HARUMI FURUYA and CHARLES and CLARA WATANABE: Omiage - SHIGERU & JANET GOTO; TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA: and Bus Transportation - ERNI UNO. Also need to mention JANET MATSUDA for overseeing the lei making sessions. And to all the rest of the members and wives (TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, the IWAMOTOS, and the MATSUNAGAS) we couldn't have done it without you.

Hq 3rd welcomed the arrival of our mainland counterparts on Tuesday, March 24. It was a busy day for the Hospitality Room (HR) committee who was charged with the important task of getting the rooms set-up at the Outrigger East Hotel. There were posters and banners to place on the walls, refreshments and pupus to be transported in and made ready, and many other minor things to take care of. Keeping the HR accessible and comfortable at all times was of utmost importance. At first glance, the social room seemed inadequate in space, but as time went by, everything worked out fine. Conveniently, most of the Hq 3rd mainlanders were staying at the Outrigger East. We thank you, mainlanders, for the many gifts of food items which were received in the HR to be enjoyed by all. Real ono food!

Before long, the social room was humming with conversations — greetings like “your long lost brother - how much weight you put on?” It was like going back to the days at Camp Shelby. Hq 3rd had shared much cohesiveness, camaraderie, back then, and you could see these qualities permeating as they greeted one another. It was a joyful time of renewing old friendships. A warm “AloooooHa!” is extended to those who traveled from near and far to join

in the celebration of the 50th Reunion: BEN & DOT FUKUTOME; FLORENCE HONDA (CLYDE); HENRY & MARY HATTORI; DAVID & SUE HIRAYAMA; AL & FRAN KAWAMURA; KEN & TAKAKO MIYAMOTO; SHIG & KO MIYAMOTO (MITCH'S brother) SHIG & RITSUKO MATSUFUJI and JEAN; VICTOR & SHARON MORIYASU; HENRY & VICKI NAKABAYASHI; HARRY & HARRIET NAKAYAMA; MIKI OGATA; TED & SUNKIE OYE; BERNARD & DORIS PERLSWEIG and guests BERT & BERNICE BRADLEY; KAY & MAY SATO; NOB & BLANCHE SHIMOTSUKA; ORVILLE & MAUDE SHIREY; SAM & SHIZ SUGIMOTO; JOE & MIYO TABATA; HIROSHI & FUMI TADAKUMA; GEORGE & DOROTHY TANAKA; ROY & GRACE UYEDA; KENICHI YOSHIKAWA; and SUEO & MARCELLA YOSHIKAWA. Locally, we welcomed participants TOMO OGAI and ED FUJIWARA.

### Highlights of the Reunion

Day 1 - An overflowing crowd converged into the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom (nearly 2800 strong) and sat down for the Aloha Banquet. It was a night of dress parade with the men in their featured sport shirts and the women in their aloha fineries...not to be outdone by the men. Carol FUKUNAGA served as Mistress of Ceremonies. After welcoming everyone, and with her usual finesse, she kept the program moving smoothly all evening. Understandably, it was a busy night with messages by keynote speaker U.S. Senator Daniel INOUE and other speakers and many announcements. Entertainment included our very own 442nd Ukulele, Hula, and Choral Club, and the visiting French delegation.

Day 2 - Golfers headed for Leilehua Golf Course on the Leeward side...good chance to see that part of Oahu. The women attended a fashion extravaganza, featuring Anne NAMBA designs which they thoroughly enjoyed (a rare treat to see an array of vintage kimono fabric creations), not to mention the parade of beautiful models.

Evening brought a change of pace for it was Hawaiian Luau and Show on the lawn of the Sheraton Hotel on a balmy Hawaiian night.