

gery, but they were no match for NOBI. For as JOE said, "God, she is so strong that she put me to shame!" doing the work around there. Atta girl, NOBI, it's not often that we men take notice of how hard you women work day in and day out. Thanks NOBI!



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

We started 1994 by sponsoring a food booth at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii's New Year's Festival at the Moiliili Community Center on January 8 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This project was planned to allow for S&D camaraderie and community involvement. We sold out everything except some burgers. We served mini bentos, chicken musubi, STEPHANIE KOGA's famous teri burgers, soft drinks and sushi. The sushi was kindly donated by GLENN & DOREEN (SASAKI) MATSUDA's aunt and uncle's company, Akyth, the famous catering company that we like to use. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and met many friends from the community. This was the second year that S&D participated and we hope to have more S&D join in the fun!

Out of action for a few months was S&D president, GUY KOGA, who was resting under his physicians orders. His brother, GLENN, reported that GUY was so bored that he was baking and baking to occupy his time. As many of us know, GUY is a workaholic, employed by Kodak, volunteering at his church in Hawaii Kai, the 4H club that he and wife, STEPHANIE advise, as well as being the 3rd vice-president of the 442nd Veterans club and president of the Sons and Daughter of the 442nd RCT chapter. (Whew!) The rest of our members are doing our tasks and reporting to GUY as he rests and recuperates, awaiting the time when he can join

us again. (We are still waiting to sample his baking). Until then, let us pray for GUY's wellness as he waits upon the loving and great Lord for His guidance and sustenance.

The 442nd Archives and Learning Center

The ARTIFACTS COMMITTEE has catalogued over 50 items in the archival collection. Volunteers led by ALVIN YOSHITOMI, include RODNEY ONZUKA, WADE WASANO, and TERI TOKUNAGA. This is a very interesting committee as you get to see and handle real artifacts and memorabilia from WWII to document and protect. More items are being donated to the Archives and Learning Center. We gratefully recognize the response of the veterans and their families (the Nishimura and Tanaka families) who have so graciously and generously contributed their collections to our center.

These artifacts will be used for displays in the community and at schools as we present educational forums focusing on events commemorating the history of World War II as well as our cultural heritage.

The ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE, led by ALAN MIYAMURA include his wife, CHARLENE, and ALVIN YOSHITOMI. The film editor is DENNIS SAKATA, husband of KAREN SAKATA. This project has been staffed and operated by this most caring group of 442nd relatives. Their dedication is wrapped in sincere compassion and total commitment and hundreds of personal hours working with and interviewing the volunteer veterans. They are now in the process of editing the film that will be shown during the 51st Anniversary reunion banquet. ALAN and ALVIN have spent their own funds acquiring some necessary equipment to facilitate and operate this project. Veterans and families may wish to be interviewed and be filmed for posterity. This is voluntary and forms are available to read and sign.

Data Entry Committee

Led by AMY FUKUNAGA, the gang is working on documents gleaned from the National Archives for data entry. AMY, IRENE MESINA

and VINCE EBATA are teaching volunteers how to enter this information into the Filemaker Pro program created for this. (We definitely need more help here; come and learn.) They say it is very easy and have scheduled time to teach anyone willing to learn computers to work on this committee. MR. RICHARD "SUS" YAMAMOTO, 442ND veteran, from Maryland, who with his wife and TED TSUKIYAMA's sister, are going through boxes of records stored at the National Archives in Washington D.C. MR. YAMAMOTO came home to Hawaii recently for his brother's funeral. He visited the Archives and Learning Center speak to this committee to explain the retrieving of records and the indexing system created to facilitate this project. The computer learning is so much fun as volunteers, GENNY GOTO, DOREEN MATSUDA, CARY MIYASHIRO, FRANCES TSUBATA, NELSON FURUYA, TIM HATA, LINDA TOMA, and GRACE TSUBATA FUJII are discovering. ERNI UNO was on this team, however, he is pursuing a goal in the Christian ministry and will be occupied. ERNI mentioned that in reading the document copies he found it emotionally sad, learning about our companies and battalions and the various hardships they encountered during the war. I can see that perhaps some 442nd grandchildren might like to volunteer also! They are more adept at using computers than we sansei who were born during the "pre-computer age" are.

Education Committee

The Education Committee member, GREGG YAMATE, DOREEN MATSUDA, and TERRY (KAWAMURA) SASAHARA, organized the beginnings of the "Seeker's Classes" by inviting participants to speak about their experiences and emotions of events during and surrounding World War II. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions. Much time was spent in discussing how to organize future curriculum and participation in the next series of classes slated for this summer. We hope to have more veterans and wives participating. TED TSUKIYAMA wants to bring HUNG WAI CHING to a large event

where more 442nd families and friends could hear MR. CHING speak about his involvement in the 442nd birth. MR. CHING is a great speaker and will probably draw a large attendance.

Perhaps other events and classes could include the chaplains wives, MRS. MASAO (AI) YAMADA and MRS. HIRO (HISAKO) HIGUCHI, who have many letters written to their husbands by the veterans and their families during the war. There is so much to learn and not enough time.....

Special Events Committee

The S&D were asked by the Great Aloha Run committee to volunteer to coordinate the refreshments for the runners and walkers. The special events committee led by BOYD YAMASHITA, JOE AND TOMMY UNO, VELMA KAWAMAE, AND SHIRLEY IGARASHI, and over 40 plus S&D and friends showed up before 5:00 AM (some at 4:00 AM) on February 21 (President's Day holiday) for instructions and to work. BRYAN YAMASHITA, even recruited about 10 students from his Farrington High School social studies classroom. What a great teacher he is as we could see by the smiles and happy conversation. They are a refreshing group of students. It was too bad that we ran out of food for the groups of racers and walkers that came in later. It made some of us sad to see them go unrewarded after their participation.

Membership Committee

The membership committee led by EILEEN SAKAI, has been successfully producing many social events such as the Halloween party, chaired by KAREN YOSHIDA and the Christmas party, chaired by DALE ANZAI along with their staff of volunteers. They all worked very much at creating the fun atmosphere with great food, fine fellowship, games, prize donations and entertainment and we all eagerly look forward to more events from these enterprising and dedicated members.

This summer they are planning an old-fashioned "GO FOR BROKE" picnic reminiscent of

the '50's when we "kodomo" (children) entered races, tossed water balloons and played other games to win cherished prizes. (Remember the pencils, composition tablets, etc. -we thought we were hot stuff!) So, we are really looking f-a-r and w-i-d-e for the perfect picnic site for over a hundred plus, plus picnickers. If anyone out there knows of this picnic area please let S&D know how we can obtain the use of it. Call the 442nd office and leave your information. Phone 949-7997.

Can you just imagine 442 grandparents and grandchildren playing competition game together and with each other !!!!! (Wow, way to go!!)

Membership in the Sons and Daughters Chapter is \$25.00 annually. Members receive a special S&D cloisonné lapel pin that many of us wear on a daily basis. The LEGACY CONTINUES newsletter, edited by ED GOTO, published each year and informative up to date bulletins are also mailed. S&D on our database will continue to receive information till the end of summer 1994. Thereafter only certified members will continue to be informed.

There are two types of memberships. Regular member are sons and daughters by birth or legal adoption residing on Oahu and associate members are people who are these offsprings residing away from Oahu and other people who are interested in being associated with the 442nd RCT veterans organization. There are approximately 225 members. Monthly meeting are held the 3rd Thursday of each month, except December as that is a busy month. The committees meet monthly or as necessary to organize activities and to work on projects. As evidenced by the number of you volunteers rounded up to help with the 50th anniversary banquets, memorial service and Honor and Sacrifice parade through Waikiki, you can see we are well represented in the 442nd heritage.

It is heartwarming to meet new members and to discover that our bonds will be strengthened due to the fervor we feel for the 442 legacy. As this keeps up we will become a viable world organization dedicated to continuing the legacy and influencing others towards goodwill and

peace on earth.

Talk to me, Dad

It is hoped that with time remaining our generation and future generations may experience a satisfaction of knowing all we want and need to know about our heritage, past and present to enable the legacy of our culture to become firmly entrenched in our hearts and souls and minds. "Talk to me, Dad... Talk to me, Mom... Talk to me, Grandpa...Talk to me, Grandma... Please tell me what I want and need to hear to gratify my curiosity now and later in my life. You are my real heroes and heroines...not some celluloid personality that doesn't know who I am... so please, talk to me, tell me your story..."

The many stories being written in these Go For Broke issues are gratefully appreciated. Thank you, veterans, for telling us what we have been enlightened with. Please keep it up and for those who are still contemplating writing about your thoughts, please start right now or soon. For those of you who are writing now, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We look forward to reading and hearing soon.

Let us learn from the past in order to plan for the future. If not for ourselves, then for the thousands of issei and nisei and our future generations. Also, for the hundreds of boys (yes, they were very young) who gave their patriotic lives, never to return to their families and homeland alive nor to have the privilege of marrying and raising families of their own.....

Are we kids proud, you bet we are, because we're Americans and we are so blessed to have the lives you gave us.



by ED ICHIYAMA

President KOKOMO HOKAMA phoned one day,

several months ago, informing me that NAKA SAKAMOTO and I had volunteered our services to the Sons and Daughters Oral History Project. Good soldiers that we are, NAKA and I dutifully reported to the oral history room on a Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Incidentally, the oral history project occupies one of the apartments on the ground floor behind the clubhouse.

WALTER INOUE of 522-B Chapter, whose services were also volunteered, joined NAKA and me. We were initially informed that the taping would last about an hour, however, 4 hours later we were still in there having a good time and winning the war all over again. WALTER and NAKA are extremely wonderful storytellers with incredible memories, remembering events that happened 50 years ago with considerable clarity. Many times during the taping, I wondered to myself whether I was in the same outfit with these two, or even whether I was in the same war. ALVIN YOSHITOMI and his Oral History Project members were duly impressed with the stories. If other 442nd veterans who are sure to follow enjoy talking story as much as we three did, then the success of the Oral History Project is assured.

ALVIN is requesting volunteers to step forth now because our ranks are thinning; thus there is a sense of urgency. Video presentation is an effective means of preserving history for our sons and daughters and for the generations that follow. The taping was informal and spontaneous (without rehearsing) so the video comes out as though comrades are conversing with each other. For the 51st reunion, ALVIN has extracted excerpts from 9 interviews and summarized them into a 30 minutes presentation. ALVIN had interviewed only 9 of us; he know there are many, many more storytellers out there. So you veterans, please call ALVIN at the clubhouse as soon as possible for your taping schedule.

Sick Call

PETER OGATA underwent yet another surgery but according to KOKOMO and BOBBY KIKAWA who visited PETE at the hospital, PETE is upbeat and optimistic. He was discharged and

is recuperating at home, ever eager to resume his hobby of producing cement pots. He has donated many of his creations to the "C" battery Christmas parties. Get well soon, PETER. ALICE will see to that.

HENRY KOBAYASHI is still under the weather. His wife MABEL is an excellent caregiver, so HENRY is in good hands. Our Charley Battery representatives - TSUNE MARUO, GILBERT NISHIMI, and NAKA SAKAMOTO keep us informed of HENRY's situation. Hang in there, HENRY and MABEL.

Welcome

A hearty welcome back to MIKE AKAMINE. MIKE is a symbol of strength and determination. He was felled by a stroke a few years ago but did he bemoan his fate and indulge in self pity? Not our MIKE. He tackled hundreds of hours of therapy, although at times it may have seemed like an exercise in futility. Today MIKE is able to ambulate very well with the aid of a cane and attends our functions and monthly meetings regularly. Of course talking stories at the meetings are wonderful therapy for MIKE, and incidentally, he does pretty well in that area. Also nurse and caregiver KAY deserve a big hand.

A welcome back also to STANLEY and HELEN SAKAI who have returned home to roost after spending many years in the Los Angeles area. They are presently residing in Wilhemina Rise instead of Mililani where they lived prior to moving to the mainland. STANLEY is already acclimated because he is now a member of the 522 golf club; he is also a regular attendee at Charley Battery functions and the regular monthly meetings. The poker gang at the meetings want to thank you for your contributions, Mr. SAKAI. Please hang around awhile.

Farewells

A fond farewell and aloha pumehana to the following "C" Btry members who recently started their journeys to the land of eternal peace. Our sincerest condolences to the families of our departed comrades.

DUKE OYAMA, an original member of "C"

Battery, died in Hilo, Hawaii. DUKE was employed by the County of Hawaii. He is survived by widow KATSUKO and children.

BILL HONDA, formerly of Maui, died in La Puente, California where he resided for many years. He was an active member of the "C" Battery contingent residing in the Southern California area. He was a mechanic. He is survived by his widow HAZEL and children.

TEE SUGITA, a long-time resident of Los Angeles, passed away there. TEE was one of the more active members of the Southern California contingent. He attended the majority of "C" Battery reunions whether they were held here in Hawaii or on the mainland. In between reunions, he and his wife KAY frequently visited Honolulu. TEE was an engineer employed by the State of California. He is survived by his widow, KAY.

SHARKEY KOBATAKE, an active member of "C" Battery, passed away in Honolulu. SHARKEY, an expert in the art of reflexology, spent the bulk of his post-retirement years catering to the health needs of his friends all over Honolulu. SHARKEY unselfishly dedicated and committed himself to better the lives of his friends.

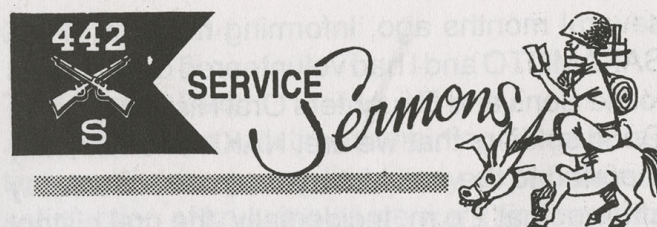
SHARKEY was also one of a handful of 522nd members who journeyed to Israel last year to be honored by the government of Israel. They were honored for their roles in entering one of the concentration camps in Dachau and helping the prisoners.

He was extensively interviewed by the media in San Francisco in 1991 during "C" Battery's Sushi and Bagels reunion with the Holocaust victims of World War II.

SHARKEY was a customs inspector with the U.S. Customs department. He is survived by his widow, THELMA and children. Charley members assisted in the funeral service with the "choba."

Mahalo

Mahalo to Mrs. KAY SUGITA and to Mrs. THELMA KOBATAKE for their generous donations to "C" Battery.



by ED IMAMURA

Election of Officers for 1994

The following members were elected officer for this year at our regular chapter meeting at RALPH CHINAKA's home on Friday, January 14, 1994: President, MASAJI "SHADOW" KUROZUMI, Vice President, KIYOJI "SAM" YAMADA, Secretary, TAKAO "JUICY" ITO and Treasurer, RALPH CHINAKA.

SHADOW KUROZUMI, our perennial president of our club, has been Kaicho of our club for the past 34 years. Co-incidentally, we have been holding our monthly club meeting at RALPH's home for the past 34 years. We are grateful to both SHADOW and the CHINAKA's for their outstanding dedication and kokua for making our club a strong and cohesive group.

We have a strong turn out of about 20 members at our regular monthly meetings. The guys all look forward not only to talk stories with the other members but to enjoy the warm hospitality of the CHINAKA's and to enjoy the onolicious spread that is prepared by GRACE with the help of JEAN OKA and MARTHA MIYAKE.

Christmas Party - 1993

This is a belated report of our annual Christmas dinner party which was held at the Kabuki restaurant at Waimalu on Saturday, December 11, 1993. A big turn-out of 38 persons attended the dinner and the "Casino Night" activities which followed the dinner at TAKAO "JUICY" ITO's house.

Those present were: SUSUMU AND KOZUE AWAYA, RALPH AND GRACE CHINAKA, GORDON AND FLORENCE FURUTO, ICHIRO HASEGAWA, EDWIN AND AMY IMAMURA, MIKE INOUE, TAKAO AND JUNE ITO, TAKEMI KAJIKAWA, YUTAKA AND TOMOE

KAJIWARA, MASAJI KUROZUMI, ALLAN AND SARA MASUDA, JAMES AND MARTHA MIYAKE, GEORGE AND HISAKO MIYASHIRO, TOSHIO AND CLARA NAKANISHI, HIDEO AND DOROTHY NIMORI, ALEXANDER AND JEAN OKA, ROBERT AND CYNTHIA OTANI, MASAMI AND MARGARET TANABE, THOMAS AND CHIYOKO TANAKA, NOBORU TANOUYE, KIYOJI AND FRANCES YAMADA AND TOSHIO YAMASHITA.

The "Casino Night" activities which was co-chaired by "JUICY" ITO and SAM YAMADA was held at the beautiful home of "JUICY" and JUNE ITO at the Royal Summit at Aiea. The gang enjoyed both the casino games and the fantabulous desserts. thank you, JUNE, for being the charming hostess and to EUGENE FUNAKI and YVETTE MUTA, the ITO's daughter, for helping with the casino games. We wish to thank Long Drugs, Holiday Mart, Marujyu Store, JUNE MUTA Realty, and many of the club members for their generous donations for the casino and bingo games. The winners of the crap game were: ALEX OKA, SHADOW KUROZUMI, CYNTHIA OTANI and MARTHA MIYAKE.

George Mabe, Westminster, Colorado

We received a long and interesting article written by Bud Wells, a feature writer with a Colorado paper about GEORGE MABE, a truck driver with Service Company, who almost missed serving with our Regiment.

GEORGE was reared along the South Platte river at Little Atwood, Colorado and was drafted into the Army at Sterling in October, 1941. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and completion of basic training, he was unfortunately sent to Fort Ord, California where a keen-eyed officer discovered that he was of Japanese ancestry so he took action to boot GEORGE from the Army. George returned to the vegetable farm at Atwood until he was recalled to active duty a few months later and eventually joined our Regiment in early 1943.

Discharged late in 1945, GEORGE met a beautiful gal named MAY at the Cosmopolitan

Hotel in Denver. GEORGE and MAY HASHIMOTO, from nearby Steamboat Springs, were married in 1947. Although they lived in the Denver area, GEORGE found his life's occupation at a chick sexing school in Pennsylvania and spent parts of each year employed by large hatcheries in Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri and South Dakota until his retirement in 1973. Because of their Japanese ancestry, GEORGE and MAY met denial several times in efforts to purchase homes in Denver in the early 1950's. They found their ideal home in the right neighborhood in 1955 in Westminster; they've been there since. They raised two daughters and now enjoy two granddaughters.

The MABEs spend many hours weekly walking through the Westminster area. GEORGE enjoys fishing and yard work may MAY is active with the Westminster District 50 Association of Retired School Employees.

In the interview with the report, GEORGE made little of his wartime efforts and stated, "I was just a Colorado farm boy who went off to serve my country, just like all the others."

Nice going GEORGE AND MAY. Stay healthy and enjoy the good life. We are proud of you.

New "Go For Broke Bulletin" Reporter

The following conversation took place between JENNIFER BAKER, the club's Executive Secretary and me in early February. (*Readers, please take this article as a "fun" story.*)

Jennifer: "442nd Veterans Club, Jennifer speaking."

Me: "Hello, Jennifer. This is Ed IMAMURA from Service Co. I need some help."

Jennifer: "Yes, how can I help you?"

Me: "I was appointed by our president, SHADOW KUROZUMI, as the new club's Bulletin reporter and I need some guidelines in writing and submitting articles for the bulletin. I'll be happy if I could write half as good as my predecessors, ALEX OKA and "JUICY" ITO."

Jennifer: "Yes, I know. Both ALEX and "JUICY" were outstanding writers. The Bulletin is a social-type paper. As MR. KENNETH OKUMA, the former editor of the Bulletin wrote