

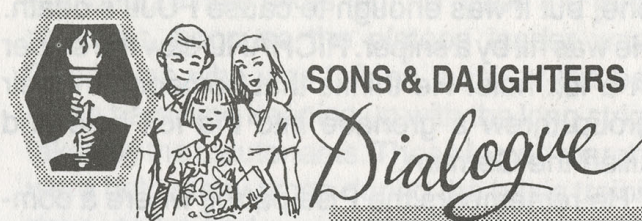
wife. We are proud of her devotion under such a stress. Please call her if you can.

The September mini-reunion in Kauai is definitely scheduled - the L.A. members will arrive Tuesday, 13th, and stay for 4 nights, leave for Maui on Saturday, 17th. They will stay on Maui for 3 nights (17, 18, 19) and return to Honolulu on the 20th. Some of them will be going back to L.A. or to Honolulu after the reunion in Kauai. On the 20th and 21st, the Honolulu Chapter will host the visitors - one at the Clubhouse and one at Parc's Cafe. Members will be assessed a minimum charge of \$12 for the two nights. The Chapter Treasury will cover the balance (we're rich!). Most of the L.A. members will leave Honolulu on the 22nd, Thursday. There are about 26 members from the mainland attending: Hawaii members attending are: YOSHI & HARRY KIYABU, BESSIE & CHARLIE OKAZAKI, ELEANOR & TETS KUROSAWA, WONG YOSHIMOTO, RONALD SAKAI, HARU SUMIDA, ALLEGRA & JACKSON MORISAWA. VIRGINIA & EDDIE HASHIMOTO will come from Las Vegas to join us. Kauai reunion date for Honolulu members are 15th and 16th (2 nights), leave Saturday, 17th. Any other members who wish to join us, please contact CHARLIE or HARRY (no piano piano.)

The Seattle/Canada trip is still on the agenda for next year. We hope to finalize it before the end of this year.

It is likely that only two members of the Howe Chapter will be attending the European/Bruyeres tour in October. ELEANOR & TETS KUROSAWA are listed as participants in the tour.

Howe chapter pins are still available. Do we want golf shirts and caps for the September reunion in Kauai and Honolulu? Please call HARRY or CHARLIE and let them know your preference. We have to make up our minds soon.



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

### 51st Anniversary Memorial Service

\*\*\* THAT SOLEMN PRIDE THAT MUST BE  
YOURS TO HAVE LOVED SO COSTLY A  
SACRIFICE UPON THE ALTAR OF  
FREEDOM \*\*\*

These immortal words have been engraved in stone at the top of the stairs beneath the statue of *Lady Columbia* at the National Memorial of the Pacific at Punchbowl where the 51st anniversary memorial service of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was held. President Abraham Lincoln spoke these words to a mother who had lost 5 sons in the Civil War.

We cannot fathom the grief suffered by this noble and loving mother. A nation and her people can only pay our humble respects to their gallant soldiers and to honor the memory of their great sacrifices and pray that there will be no more wars, more peace on earth and goodwill towards one another.

DR. KENNETH P. MORTIMER, UH President and Chancellor of Manoa campus, warmly encouraged the audience on the continuation of collecting oral histories citing the document that described DR. ERNEST MURAI, his father-in-law, who was one of the AJA citizens that brought support to the formation of the 442. DR. MORTIMER, graciously accompanied by his lovely wife, LORRAINE, expressed the sentiments that were possibly in the minds of veterans and their children. His entire speech is included in this GFB issue.

The Sons and Daughters chapter conducted many weekly meetings organizing the 51st anniversary events on March 26, 1994. We all now know that the 442nd offspring are dedicated to



perpetuating the legacy of the 442. To UNCLE HENRY KUNIYUKI, JIMMY MIYAKE, and STANLEY KANESHIRO, wells of tears appear whenever I reflect on the faith you bestowed on all of us. By your words, "You can do it; Don't worry; You're doing fine," this was the fuel that we all needed to carry on. Your positive attitudes and support are tremendously appreciated, even if we did not express that sentiment to you often enough. May we, the sansei, convey that same confidence and hope to our future generations as you did for us.

Ever since attending my first 442 memorial service at Punchbowl in 1987, six months after my Dad, EDWARD KIYOSHI TSUBATA (3HQ) passed away, it was extremely comforting for my Mom, Frances, brothers, Keith and David and me to know that his buddies honored their departed brethren with a memorial service during the Regiments Anniversary. We are certain other 442nd families and friends feel the same.

Mahalo nui loa to the S&D and friends who placed 400 flags at Punchbowl the day prior to the service. They were: GLENN MIRIKIDANI, DOREEN MATSUDA, DAVID TSUBATA, ALVIN YOSHITOMI, JENNIFER BAKER, EILEEN SAKAI, GAIL NISHIMURA, TERRY SASAMURA, JOE and TOMMY UNO, ED and GENNY GOTO. and LES UEOKA. Apologies to BRYAN YAMASHITA (who came at 8:00 a.m. due to my miscommunication). Chapters were asked to relay to the memorial coordinator their individual requests for flag placement however, due to no response the volunteers placed flags on graves of those veterans interred nearest the memorial service. The fluttering flags were a beautiful, breathtaking sight to behold as many tourists commented that they felt fortunate to visit the cemetery and also seeing the Avenue of Flags put up by the gracious and hardworking Punchbowl staff, directed by MR. GENE CASTAGNETTI.

Thank you also to the following for being in charge of: Refreshments-GLENN KOGA; Wreaths-DAVID TSUBATA; Leis-EILEEN SAKAI, GAIL NISHIMURA; Ushering-JOE UNO; Traffic-TOMMY UNO and Punchbowl staff; Rifle

squad and Color guard and the loan of his vintage 442 WWII uniforms-ALVIN YOSHITOMI; Program printing-JENNIFER BAKER, JACKSON MORISAWA, JOE UNO; VIP tent-GENNY and ED GOTO. Also, mahalo to all S&D who ushered and served as hosts: MARIE YAMASHITA, DALE and DEAN ANZAI, MARK NOMURA, GARRET SAKAKIDA, MAY KAWAWAKI, DOREEN and GLENN MATSUDA, STEPH, AMEE, MARC, SHARON KOGA, GARY FUJII, NIKI FUKURODA, BRYAN and ASA YAMASHITA, TERRY SASAMURA, ALAN, APRIL, ANDREW YUKITOMO, BARBARA UNO-OLMOS, NELSON FURUYA, GREGG YAMATE, SHIRLEY IGARASHI, VELMA and LYNDA KAWAMAE, and ALAN KUBOTA, of LENS CAPES, our official photographer. To anyone we may have, inadvertently, omitted, we apologize. From now, we will have sign in lists.

Presenting the S&D wreath were S&D vice presidents, MR. JOE UNO and DR. BOYD YAMASHITA, who were instrumental in producing the Aloha Week Parade float tribute to the 442 RCT-50th Anniversary and the Golden Anniversary Waikiki parade March 27, 1993.

Listening to the 442 Choral Group's renditions of "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and "America, the Beautiful", truly were emotional moments. Thank you, choir, and to director, MR. TED YANAGIHARA, generous 442 friend, for donating his time and expertise, and for rehearsing the S&D chapter in the surprise *Go For Broke* singing salute to the veterans, wives and guests accompanied by the strong and melodious voices of the choir men. LYNETTE & BOB MATSUYAMA of the Kona S&D chapter came up with this great idea and her hula choreography was a big, big hit.

To fine artist UNCLE JACKSON MORISAWA (Howe) for designing the programs and lapel pins we are selling, thank you again for your fine artistic talent! Thank you, RICHARD PUETZ, son-in-law of DR. MASARU KOIKE (Cannon), for designing the graphics of the 1994 T shirt! He also designed the 1991-92 edition.



## Ilikai Anniversary Banquet

A salute to ALVIN AND SUSAN YOSHITOMI and drivers and movers who brought ALVIN's entire collection of WWII and 442nd displays and many volunteers including RUSSELL NAKAISHI of the L.A. Sons and Daughters of 100/442, who helped them set up the room. We're sorry we didn't obtain all of their names for this column. Other displays were created by S&D chapter committee members: Data Entry: AMY FUKUNAGA, IRENE MESINA; Artifacts: NELSON FURUYA, ALVIN YOSHITOMI; Special events: VELMA KAWAMAE and ALAN KUBOTA; Membership: EILEEN SAKAI, ED & GENNY GOTO; Oral History: ALAN and SHARLENE MIYAMURA and ALVIN YOSHITOMI; and Executive Board:- GUY KOGA.

Thank you DOREEN MATSUDA, MARIE YAMASHITA, and GENNY GOTO, for coordinating the reception tables and EILEEN SAKAI and GAIL NISHIMURA for coordinating the souvenir sales and the many S&D who worked at these locations.

LES UEOKA, banquet chairman with the able assistance of DALE ANZAI, room coordinator, worked hard to enable the over 700 veterans and guests to enjoy themselves. No portion of the planning was left to chance. Every aspect of this banquet was thoroughly planned. The seven course Chinese dinner that was not possible during the 50th reunion finally made its appearance. Thank you also to UNCLE MINO and ARNOLD SUZUMOTO for making the miniature 442 company guidon flags and stands for the banquet tables. Everyone looks forward to seeing them.

## Other Good News

We are most happy to report that S&D President, GUY KOGA, is back at work as a field engineer with KODAK, and recuperated from his recent illness. "BOY-SAN", just listen to STEPHANIE, your family and doctor. (Readers, there is a story about the name "Boy-san".) Your dedication to the 442 legacy is legend among veterans, wives and our community. You have

set a high standard for commitment to the success of The 442nd Veterans Club. We know your dad, SMITTY, must be smiling in glory.

## Who's Traveling?

ED GOTO, new assistant *GO FOR BROKE* editor, and GENNY GOTO attended work seminars in Seattle and Washington D.C., respectively and returned home in time to attend daughter, STEPHANIE'S Punahou baccalaureate and commencement exercises...EILEEN ("Born to Shop") SAKAI went straight from planeside to mallside to visit favorite haunts in and around San Francisco with her pals. This BankoH VP does this a few times a year to either recharge her energy or unwind from her daily on-the-go schedule (either way, it works!)...GAIL NISHIMURA and her mother went to the east coast for a family friends wedding in which GAIL was an attendant. They also toured the American History Museum and new Holocaust Museum in D.C. They had a great reunion with GAIL's college pals and families.

AMEE KOGA, Kaiser High School sophomore, eldest of GUY and STEPHANIE's two super kids, has been selected to travel to Korea this summer as part of a student educational visitation program. The exciting part of this news is that AMEE will be visiting the *Land of the Morning Calm* where she was born...VELMA KAWAMAE and daughter, LYNDIA, traveled to Sacramento. LYNDIA enrolled in college and VELMA, like all good mothers went to help her daughter set up residence. LYNDIA worked with the S&D during the 50th anniversary parade, the Aloha Week float and parade, the Great Aloha Run, and on many other projects. Her cheerful presence is very much missed.

DOREEN, GLENN MATSUDA and daughters NADINE & CHRISTINE, went to DISNEYLAND! DOREEN's duties as secretary for S&D meetings would be equivalent to earning an Olympic Gold. Visiting that enchanting land is much more exciting when you're seeing it through the eyes of your little children...TERRY, ROSS, REED, and RAWLIN SASAMURA went to the beautiful and enormous Hilton Waikoloa for a weekend



jaunt. The boys are getting their wish to swim with the dolphins.

### **With an Attitude of Gratitude and a Salute**

The Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT convey their deepest appreciation to the following officers who have served on our board. Their terms of office is coming to a close and they have decided not to seek office again for various reasons:

GUY KOGA, president, will serve as ex-officio on the next board. GUY is the 3rd VP on the 442 Executive Board and will continue to be the Archives and Learning Center Chairman, 442 Foundation Board member, and Planning Committee member. GUY has traveled to Maui, Kona and Hilo to encourage support and activity in their 442 S&D chapters. He also attended the Los Angeles Museum Conference to learn about archival operations of various AJA organizations. This was a great networking opportunity.

DR. BOYD YAMASHITA, vice-president of special events, is pursuing his masters degree in public health. As you know, you had to be in Siberia if you didn't know that BOYD was the point man that rescued and with the guidance and leadership of NELSON FUJIO, the Parade Man of Hawaii, produced the 442 "LAST HURRAH PARADE", the HIGHLIGHT OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY. BOYD also organized the committee for the GO FOR BROKE, 442ND RCT Aloha Week Parade float that was designed by JOE UNO. That float won the Queen's award and the plaque is displayed at the 442nd clubhouse showcase.

JAN KAWABATA, secretary since 1990 until DOREEN MATSUDA came on board. JAN is now in the beginnings of a career change that has taken up so much of her valuable time. She went back to college for another degree in primary education after having worked as a paralegal. JAN is one of the 10 remaining active members of the S&D steering committee that was formed to weave our dream into fruition. She will definitely help us, as necessary, in many other valuable ways.

ALAN R. YUKITOMO, treasurer, served the

Sons & Daughters during a massive growth period that included the 50th reunion activities. The tremendous amount of paper work and hours of accounting necessitated his becoming involved practically fulltime. During this time he opened his own accounting firm and attended the Los Angeles conference and the Maui S&D membership luncheon. ALAN is treasurer of the 442 FOUNDATION, and member of the 442 Planning Committee

AMY FUKUNAGA, chairman of the Data Entry Project, is continuing her responsibilities in this committee with IRENE MESINA. AMY has started a new career as a paralegal with the Legal Aid Society after her first career as a librarian. She has declined to be a candidate for the board of directors but will consider this in the future. AMY has been asked to serve on the 442 Historical Committee of the veterans club along with ALVIN YOSHITOMI.

### **S&D Annual Membership Meeting**

The S&D chapter will be conducting their **1994-1995 Board of Directors Election** at the annual S&D GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. From this board, the executive officers will be selected. The date is **JUNE 23 (THURSDAY), 7:00 P.M.**, at the **442 CLUBHOUSE**, 933 Wiliwili Street, 1 block Diamond Head of McCully Chop Suey going east on King St., behind the Texaco service station. Parking is on street and we obtain permission to park at the service station after 5:00 p.m. as long as we don't block other cars. The officers of the S&D are committed to upholding the legacy and must be dedicated in attending all meetings.

As time goes by, the S&D chapter and 442nd children who are members of their father's chapters will be tasked with the governing of the 442nd Veterans Club. Many decisions concerning our responsibilities are being made and it really behooves us to define our roles and our intentions in the 442nd future. A large part of our involvement must be the learning process of operating this organization. We must learn from the past to plan the future.

There is a 442 Planning Committee chaired by



HARRY TOKUSHIGE addressing, researching and structuring the immediate and future plans of our organization. Currently 3 S&D's are on the committee doing a lot of listening and learning. There is 1 son on the House Rules committee and 2 sons sitting on the 442 Foundation board.

### Reasons S&D become members

*"I never realized how much my membership in the Sons & Daughters meant to my dad...It's made him so happy!"*

*"Despite the 442 RCT being the most decorated unit in U.S. history, the history books utilized in our schools only dedicate a paragraph, at best, to document our father's accomplishments during WWII. We must ensure that their story is told."*

*"Through the oral history program, my dad has told stories I've never heard."*

*"I've lost my dad...but, through the Sons & Daughters, I still feel a connection with him."*

*"I want my children to experience the old fashioned family picnics and Christmas parties that I remember so well."*

*"Meeting the sons & daughters has been like finding a long lost cousin."*

S&D renewal forms, charter member lapel pins and membership lapel pins have been mailed. Many responses from new members and renewals of membership are arriving in the mail daily. A HUGE ALOHA TO THE NEW MEMBERS! We look forward to meeting you in person soon. Don't stay away.

It was pleasantly surprising to hear DR.KOBE SHOJI say that his grandchildren seem to be more interested in the 442 than his children are. This 442 pride and appreciation is rubbing off on my own children, GRANT, GUY and LACIA also. Oh yes! Just want to announce we have a SUPER SPECIAL 442ND GOSEI GRAND-DAUGHTER named: GLORIA MARY FUJII! Proud parents are GUY and LACIA. Proud NANA is FRANCES TSUBATA (3HQ). As a friend once said, *"If only I knew how much fun grandchildren were, I would have skipped having children!"* Just teasing kids, The Lord knows you are very special to HIM and us.

### First Oral History Video Workshop

On May 28, Saturday, the Oral History Committee conducted a video interview with ERNI UNO and CHARLIE WATANABE, 3HQ members, during a special workshop designed to show other S&D the "How to's" of video recording of oral history. 442nd S&D from Kona, LYNETTE MATSUYAMA, and Hilo, BARBARA FUJIMOTO and LILY KUROYAMA flew in for the day. S&D Oahu learners, DOREEN MATSUDA, LINDA TOMA, ALAN KUBOTA, JAN KAWABATA, TOMMY UNO, JOE UNO, ALVIN YOSHITOMI's friend, TERRY TAKAKI, GAIL NISHIMURA, and advisor, UNCLE JIMMY MIYAKE attended this workshop being given by ALAN MIYAMURA, ALVIN YOSHITOMI, and interviewer, GUY KOGA.

The results of this oral history workshop were 100% OUTSTANDING!!! Please ask ERNI and CHARLIE (interviewees) and the learners, "What happened?" It was a watershed moment. This experience was a very special, and most meaningful moment. It can only be told in their own words and through their heartfelt emotions as evidenced by the tears and hugs that followed. If only news reporters from all media were there; it would have been a real scoop. Now ERNI and CHARLIE have something that is truly called a "PRICELESS GIFT" for their sansei children and yonsei grandchildren. This is on video and will be used by the Archives and Learning Center. (Note to other S&D clubs and families: Please hurry; time is running out; get your interviews now, before it is too late.)

We definitely need to recruit two more teams to obtain all the video interviews soon. This work is time consuming, fascinating and has its personal rewards in hearing more first hand stories of the 442! There is a 5 year projection. We will be contacting 250 more veterans who have volunteered and/or may consent when asked, to be interviewed by our teams. We really need more human resource to operate this project before time runs out!

**"I just saw him..."**

As some articles for the *GO FOR BROKE*



bulletin were being entered into the data file, this writer answered the 442 office telephone. The voice on the line was DOROTHY SUZUMOTO's calling to ask to speak to BOB SASAKI. As BOB was on the mainland DOT's message was taken for him. DOROTHY, herself, called to inform us that MINORU SUZUMOTO had passed away during the night. It felt so shocking and unbelievable that I unconsciously blurted out something to the effect of: "No!, It can't be true!" DOT answered, "It is true, MINORU passed away last night." The anguish inside wanted to deny what was just heard. So many people were shocked at the sudden loss; they had just seen MINO; "I just saw him..." "He looked fine..." "He just attended a credit union meeting..." "He was just at the clubhouse" and so on. I felt robbed of a special uncle. Sometimes I just hugged him because of how special he was. Always a gentleman. He knew my Dad and said to others. "Hey, this is EDDIE TSUBATA's daughter!" Just like UNCLE SMITTY KOGA did. That really meant a lot to me and always will. We extend our deepest sympathy to AUNTY DOT, ARNOLD and LAURA.

### Old Fashioned "Go For Broke" Summer Picnic

HURRAY! There will a 442 summer picnic at the DAV Youth Hall at Keehi Lagoon Park (Thank you, UNCLE TOMMY KAKESAKO!). All members will be notified with a flyer to be passed out to the 442nd Board of Directors for information dissemination. The date is August 14, (Sunday), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Menu, cost, etc. are being discussed. Ideas for games, donations of prizes, entertainment, and other possible suggestions are needed. Call us to help in any way you wish. We want Volleyball!, Races!, Eating contests!, What-evah! More crazy the better! We HOPE TO RIG UP THE 442 RCT BANNERS TOO! Let's share with everyone who the 442 is! Bring your other best friends too! MAYBE the finale will be the "GO FOR BROKE" song.

### Final Notice - This is your Last Issue!

This next Sons and Daughters' *THE LEGACY*

*CONTINUES* newsletter will be the last issue to be mailed to all S&D names on the original mailing roster. Thereafter, only bonafide (dues paying) members will receive the newsletter. Should you wish to inform your children of the S&D chapter please encourage them to join. We currently have approximately 240 members. Call us for membership forms. We will be happy to send them. Membership is still \$25.00 per annum whether regular or associate. New members will receive a free S&D cloisonné pin. No, this exclusive pin is not for sale.

We want to report any family news in this column. Please write to us: 442nd Veterans Club, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826 (Attn.: GRACE FUJII). We need news *2 weeks before* the next GFB August 30 deadline..

### From our S & D Member in Europe

We will end this column with a heartwarming and encouraging letter to our chapter from Mlle. ISABELLE RUPP, S&D OF THE 442ND RCT chapter member who lives in France and personal friend of UNCLE JIMMY and MARTHA MIYAKE. In her exact words, she writes,

"Dear Sons and Daughters,

Perpetuating the legacy and the spirit of the 442nd Veterans by your commitment for the next 51st Anniversary scheduled on March 26th, I'm daring to write you to congratulate you for all the work done to plan and organize the preparation of this Anniversary for which you are now in charge for the first time. (Ed. note: S&D also organized the 49th anniversary events.) I'm so glad to see the legacy is in good hands. And, as to honor the chapter, "TALK TO ME, DAD", I wanted to assure you of my support in your efforts to continue honoring your fathers. I'll have a thought for you on the 26th March. Don't doubt that, from as far as I am, the French post-war generation I belong to will never forget the incredible sacrifice American-Japanese once made on the soil of my country for our freedom.

With this memory printed in my heart forever, may you accept my warmest regards,

(signed)

ISABELLE."





by HICHI MATSUMOTO

### 51st Anniversary Banquet

The JIMMY IHARA's of Reno, Nevada attended this banquet and headed for home shortly thereafter, after a lengthy five months stay or was it longer? Anyway, daibun nago otta. Their intent was to come for a yukkuri stay and they sure did, leaving home that latter part of last year. When they left their home, they never only went tsumeru the front door shut tight by more likely went "mothball" the house. Da mainland kara kuru people they no fool around boy, they do things in a big way. Inuru maeni said, "Oh yes, we'll be motoring down to Las Vegas (in their recreational vehicle) to join you guys for the Chapter Reunion in early May."

WARREN HARUKI, the brand new President of Hawaiian Telephone Co., was the evening's Master of Ceremonies and did exactly what was expected from him. He is the son of BARBARA & ROSCOE (deceased) HARUKI of Kapaa, Kauai. Most naturally happy mom was there seated among the 232 Engrs/Band members and wives with the kids, her magos. Imagine, this young standout executive never even observed/celebrated his yakudoshi yet. A good and fitting description - Rippana Seinen. He make all of us (AJA's) proud.

The well-organized and established Sons & Daughters of the 442 were in complete charge of the event of the year, as far as the 442 members are concerned. Like always, they did a "Can you top this?" kind of job. We said it before and we say it again, yura/mira (442nd members & wives too) nokete, shinda yohni sete arera (S & D) ni makasete hoga toku. In other words, us guys not to fool around or make any kind humbug in any way - except when asked for advice. Ahem, they just might, to be nice. Eh, you no think, about tim

eus furui guys ankini sitback, take it easy and enjoy the fruits of our hard work - "Kuwa rakuno tane, raku was kuno tane." Deserving or not, they are making us look good in the public's eye. Dohmo arigatai.

Hiisa never been to the Ilikai Hotel (this banquet site), that's why until nareru mademaeni mayoote was going tondemo nai kind places. The change of venue was like a breath of fresh air. Could be the last time for us there was to attend the wedding reception of one of the three sons of GILBERT KOBATAKE.

Individual chapter were asked to take care - pay for the dinner and go kakeru leis of their past presidents of the Mother Club. Ours were "all present and accounted for, sir' WALTER MATSUMOTO (1954-55) and RODNEY YAMASHIRO (1987-88) were in attendance, so were their wives, HAZEL and NORA respectively. BEN ONO and TOMMY KIYOSAKI, both deceased, were represented by wife BESSIE ONO and son KEN KIYOSAKI. KEN flying in from the Big Island where he is a businessman, dealing mainly with heavy equipment work like developing subdivisions, etc. Owns a quarry, too.

Introducing, acknowledging, and honoring all the past Mother Club presidents, with the kansha awards, no doubt was the highlight of the evening's program. A shirushi kind omiyage for all the sacrifices and giving unselfishly so much of themselves.

Besides the Sons & Daughters, a good number of members' children, parents tsurote kita. We're willing to wager a six-pack, all cold ones, more and more will pick it up and start coming out. Meni kakatta Jr. Engrs: CATHY (BESSIE) ONO, CATHY (DOC) KAWAMOTO, DR. GEORGE GOTO's daughter, KENNY (GILBERT) KOBATAKE, BRUCE & son TODD (WALTER) MATSUMOTO, VELMA (RICHARD) URADA. VELMA, a personable young lady, hayoo kara itte went go help at the S & D's Country Store sales counter. Makes you feel good when friend's kids come up and talk to you. Note: The girls, we used maiden names to make it easier all around.



EDDIE KANAYA superbly played the Lord's Prayer on his flute before dinner. "Modest" KIYO KIMURA ga yuhnohi, he was the one that suggested putting EDDIE to "work," no let the talent go to waste.

The ambitious Sons & Daughters even set up a fund-raising country store in the hotel's lobby leading to the banquet hall. Selling shirts, caps, and all kinds of artifacts pertaining to 442 - kinen ni naru stuff. While nosing around window shopping, which uchino nyobo is very good at, spotted a handsome pin of Sons & Daughters. Inquired as to if anybody can buy or what. Was told firmly but politely only if he or she is a member of the Sons & Daughters of the 442. Splendid idea. Make them earn it — no free ride.

With a bottle of beer costing da bakarashii price of \$4, shikata nashi was forced to nurse 'em a little longer and none of that before no yohni, baka nomi mucha stuff.

FRED IDA (G), lousy and rascal bugga dat. Wanting to get our goat, go ask us when the men of the Choral Group was gonna show their stuff - singing of the "Go For Broke" song. Wanted to time his visit to da benjo.

Our table located suga neki to the band, some found it no exactly disturbing but lilibit on da yakamashii side, but to us nantomo nai. The only things we heard, loud and clear over everything else, was HERBERT ISONAGA's (2HQ) trademark laff, piercing and hibiku suru yutara.

The party wuz so da kine - started the count-down for the next (1995) one the following day.

The 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter was represented by some 65 members, wives, sons, and daughters and their spouses.

### Memorial Service

The Sons & Daughters of the 442 were also in charge of the memorial service which was held the morning of the banquet at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. The short but impressive service included in part, the 442 Choral Group under the tutorship of TED YANAGIHARA Sensei, rendering two selections, "America the Beautiful" an "Let There be Peace."

One dedicated and hard worker as well as in the 442 Ukulele/Hula & Choral Group is RALPH TOMEI (M), a gentleman to the core. A Glory Hunter or Publicity Seeker, he is not. His nature is so that he no mind one bit and well satisfied remaining in the background and doesn't care who gets the recognition or credit as long as the job gets done. Always helping around doing da meni kakaran things. Like taking care of the sitting arrangement for the Choral Group. Always get helpers, but one to assume the responsible role, yo. One of the things that makes him likable it he doesn't have the dreadful and incurable disease commonly known in local circles as "I" trouble.

Sonavagun, he gets his picture in the newspaper again - in the Sunday morning Honolulu Advertiser, the following day of the Memorial Service. He has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. He was sitted among the audience. We talking about this guy, RODNEY YAMASHIRO.

The color guard - 100 Battalion/442 Infantry (USAR), a sharp unit, we went size 'em up good but nobody look like a Buddhahead.

### Chapter Meeting - March

After the business (B.O.D. report/old business /new business /communications /etc.) meeting went pau, it was all LILY OKAMOTO, who just about hitoride is handling the chapter's upcoming reunion in early May in L.V. Fourteen more names have been added since the January meeting report, to the growing traveling roster, which now totals 61 that will attend. Our hardworking Reunion Coordinator/Kanko Dancho reports everything is on the go - no scrubbing.

Konya no "Care" table was a sight for sore eyes and was overloaded plus. Just like the opening day of the State Legislature. Only ours mo bettah, all home prepared/cooked and not catered. Go yobareru on da ogochiso before the meeting gets underway seems to be standard operational procedure now days. Makes for contended mood and clearer thinking.

The generous donors: GARY KAWATE, ahi/



aku head cooked sato jyoyu style, beer and soft drinks too; TOMMY HIRAO, Nishodo specials; MARGIE IJIMA, Special of the Week; JANET MATSUMOTO, spam musubi; LILY OKAMOTO, fried chicken; YVONNE YAMASAKI, poki; HAZEL MATSUMOTO, tsukemono. Meni oota, trying to do a good job on all da motte kita goodies. We try to get all da donate seta people's names and give'em their dues. Anyway, moshimo missed seta people ga attara, no huhu, not wazattoo.

The only problem of the evening was what to do with the softball (232nd Engrs.) trophy that way taking up valuable space in the over-crowded clubhouse for years and years. With WALTER MATSUMOTO having lilibit more space in his trophy case at home, members present at the meeting unanimously agreed and went tanomu him and azukeru the trophy in his care as to such time. Part of the barely could make out inscription on da kinda furui trophy read: "Contenders."

KAZU TOMASA of 2HQ, a passerby stopped more than momentarily to take a good look see at our generous pupu table, yodare, ga kobore yorunoni, fuite, quipped, "Eh you guys celebrate oshogatsu every month or what." Somebody on our side with a fast mouth even with a mouthful countered with something like, "Sure boy, now (at this stage of life) we find any kind excuse to celebrate, we no wait for January 1."

When we say da ogochiso wuz kasane totta, is no dakine. Hontoni tamageru hodo etto atta. In the future, it's either the club gets a bigger table or discourage people from bringing so much.

Oh yes, somehow managed to squeeze in some time for meeting. Not all eat and no work.

### Chapter Meeting - April

Latest count attending the reunion in Las Vegas stands at 67 as of this meeting night reported by our leader, LIY OKAMOTO. By-passing the hard work and headache portion, she says what makes it so encouraging is the numbers keep going up and get this, not even one cancellation. During her report, a question was raised from the floor, "This going be an every year thing or what." Answer, "This being the first

time, better play'em by ear."

A very important chapter policy was the evening's main topic of discussion. After going over it for awhile, members present voted to discontinue the placing of flowers on Memorial day at the graves of our departed comrades. Reasons given were, guys getting old, no like drive, da maka not too good. Another way, go visiting and paying our respects to only those interred at Punchbowl is not da akamai and pololoi thing to do. Some of the boys are at Kaneohe, some at private cemeteries, otera and other places. The consensus feeling was each individual family take care their own in the future. Many thanks to those like, EDDIE KAWAMOTO, WALTER MATSUMOTO, JOE SATO and others who contributed so much one way or another, down through the years.

In a way, there was some rejoicing to do, konban. Hisashi buri ni, all four chapter officers were in attendance. Our big four consist of TEIJI CHINNA, Pres., KIYO KIMURA V.P., Secretary and Treasurer, you should know who. MASAO YAMASAKI and MONTE OKAMOTO, respectively.

Communication Guru, WALTER MATSUMOTO was a tad tardy. The reason was watching on TV Kent Merckher of the Atlanta Braves no hit George YAMADA's beloved L.A. Dodgers. That's okay, George, wait till next year.

Us konjyo no pilau guys wazatto go hirogeru da fabulous display of food on the table closest to the main entrance where everybody no can help but get an eyeful and good whiff as well. No let up (da food) they keep coming, enryo nashi. Just like rerun. KAZU TOMASA "What, again?" the president's gavel came banging down on the table, "Meeting stands adjourned, see you in Vegas."

### Chapter Meeting - May

Our first post-reunion chapter meeting May 13, 7:30 PM (just about the time da IJIMA's, who prolonged their stay, plane was touching down at Honolulu International Airport) had almost as many wives as members in attendance. Chap-



ter Pres. TEIJI CHINNA missed the May Board of Directors meeting due to participating in the reunion in Las Vegas with many of his buddies and their wives. So, konban shikata nashi depended on the circularized minutes to conduct the meeting. Wuz a breeze with not too much on the evening's agenda. Almost overlooked an important item. With the 232nd being assigned to the 4th Battalion (comprised of supporting units), like it or not have to wait till 1997 at the earliest for their chance to serve on the Anniversary Banquet Committee.

LILY OKAMOTO received a well deserved loud round of applause for a job well done, announced next year's reunion will be held in the month of April. Suggested date: April 23 to April 28, at California. Sounds good, really good. She also distributed trophies to winners of the slots tournament. The countdown was already started for a reunion yo.

Taking advantage of our meeting night buddies (2HQ) going "AWOL" for the night, WALTER MATSUMOTO showed about half an hour of slides which were supposed to be shown as part of the 50th Anniversary Reunion Chapter Night program. Shown were mostly pictures of past reunions. Enjoyed viewing and reminiscing mukashi no happenings hykutto omoi dasu. The sad part, many of the boys in the slides aren't with us anymore. YOSHINOBU ANDO, FRED FUJIMOTO, SLIM FUJIOKA, ST FUJIOKA, ART HARADA, ROSCOE HARUKI, JERRY HASHIMOTO, WALTER HIRAGA, YASUhide ISHIKAWA, BERT KIKUKAWA, TOMMY KIYOSAKI, GEORGE KURIO, JIMMY KUWAYE, MASAO MAEDO, TOMO MITSUKA, YUTAKA MIYASHIRO, TAKA MIZUKAMI, RICHARD MURAKAMI, PERSHING NAKADA, STANLEY NAKAMURA, JOE NAKAMURA, HIDE NAKASHIGE, EDDIE NAKASONE, WALTER NAKASONE, BEN ONO, YO TATSUKAWA, and CALVIN YASUHARA.

### **Mukashi, Mukashi, Omukashi**

JOE SATO runs into, doh yutara iika.....IRMAGARD FARDEN ALULI (She of a very well known kamaaina family) at the Kahala

Hilton Hotel konaida. She was a guest at a party there and JOE was at another party, playing music for an 80th birthday party. JOE spotted her in the hotel's foyer with friends and approached her and introduced himself and told her of they playing together, way back. Did she recognize him? Kinda muri for her because a person, any person apt to change at least some physically in the course of some 59 years. Like for some mimiga toii naru, da mentama usu naru, and for some da hair ushinote chitto naru. Why, he was a mere teenager then, 17 years old to be exact. The year was 1935. In a nutshell, they both were passengers on the same boat going to Japan. He was asked to join her and play Hawaiian music for the tourists on board ship. He was that good already. He was self taught. Knowing him for more that 50 years it ain't no surprise to us.

Never asked him the reason for he going to Japan because mira kankei nai, eh. Like small kid time, to nosy guys we used to tell 'em, M.Y.O.B. (mind your own business). Funny, things like that, even how long time ago, yoh oboetoru. But today, just yesterday kiita stuff, you stay already forget. How you figgah.

You bet she was very much surprised and happy too being recognized/ remembered and talk mukashi tales with somebody she played music with more than half a century ago. She and Hawaiian music and entertainment go back a long way. Chotto yutara, something like what came first, the chicken or the egg. Even back then she was a top-notch. Still yet today, she is considered with the very best. Sonovagun, what perfect timing. Presently, TED (our 442 Choral Group treasured sensei) is teaching us "E Maliu Mai," composed by none other than IRMGARD FARDEN ALULI herself. A beautiful song. It's the latest of many he taught the group.

JOE traveled to Japan in style, on the Chichibu Maru, which was considered a luxury liner then. Sister ship to Asama Maru and Tatsuta Maru. Prior to that had Taiyo Maru, Tenyo Maru and Shinyo Maru. Ahem, just reminiscing. He didn't mention he went first class or steerage. You know, this guy JOE is one for the book. We never



ever hear him speak Hawaiian but mama mia the Hawaiian songs he knows and all the words by heart.

The band he plays for today, Da Akogares. This group been together for several years and all the players have some kind of connection with 442. Leader of the quartet, JIRO WATANABE (L), plays the steel guitar. JOE SATO, guitar and vocalist. KIYO KIMURA, ukulele, M.C., vocalist and whatever need. TED YANAGIHARA, bass fiddle and sings too.

Talk about experience and age too, enryo nashi, they get 'em. A rough guesstimate of their combined ages total in the neighborhood of 280/285 years, give or take a decade. Whew, that's more makule than our beloved U.S.A. and makes Uncle Sam feel like one kid. But the all important bottom line, they can still play with gusto and good too. If and when they ever decide to hang 'em up, their shobai dohgo will be heading straight to Bishop Museum or someplace equal.

P.S. Did we ever mention before that besides his M1 rifle, JOE used to lug around a guitar? Dunno if he was decorated with a purple heart medal but the guitar went get buss up.

### **Sick Call - GILBERT KOBATAKE**

GILBERT had both his "over-used" and tsukareta knees, left and right, operated on and was "confined to quarters" in Queen's Hospital when we visited him. He expected to be hospitalized for at least another week and then go into rehab. Murimo nai for the operations, after all, anything even how durable can take only so much punishment, no more.

Atarimae no ningen dattara for convenience no tame would go for operating one knee at a time. For dakine style mendo kusaina and waste of time so went Go For Broke and had 'em done all one time.

The knees from continuous pounding were bothering him for quite sometime, but him koraete, gamansete kept putting it off - the operation. The last straw was when he couldn't keep up, him of all people, with his wife KAY on a recent trip to the Orient. Then and there made up his mind, no veering away from it, no matter

what. Why, his willpower is more powerful than the Waipahu Plantation caterpillar. That would "defeat" in any type or form, ugly and he no like.

GILBERT, a health nut, he always took good care of his body, still does, was quite an athlete during his younger school days. Fooled around in all kinds of sports and fared pretty good too but running the mile in track and amateur wrestling was his "meat." Wasn't an all-star but was good enough to make the varsity and letter in both sports. Later years, turned to jogging (extensively), playing paddle board, etc., at the "Y." The competitor he was, he always played to win, by the rules, of course.

Played in the 442 softball league and more than held his own against guys much younger. Besides the softball team, he also sponsored the bowling team (had several) for many years. Wanting to show their gratitude, the boys tried like hell to win one (softball championship) for him but aredake dame datta. Closest the team came was bing the "Bridesmaid"....several times. If appearance had anything to do in winning games, the 232nd Engrs/Band would be undefeated champs every year. With shirt, cap, and even jacket too would be no contest and be the best outfitted by far. Shaka, that's the word.

Not the like to sit idle and do nothing type but strictly on da "Toki wa kane nari" side, mada good ni naoran maeni, tried to do too much (walk) too soon, kokete shikata nashi was forced to extend his stay in the rehab center.

As of this writing, he is doing real good and recuperating at home. Hitono hanashi kikunoni, wife KAY was hospitalized at the same time too at Queen's for several days for nan datta ka. Anyway her too good natte, ima on the genki side.

The katana used by the 442nd Veterans Club officers to cut the Anniversary Banquet cake was donated to the mother club by GILBERT KOBATAKE. The saber was awarded to him for having the best company, UH ROTC.

### **Sick Call - YUSO IWANE**

Doh yutara iika but no can call YUSO yokozuna at least for the time being anyway, more like



small komusubi, since his recent operation. Note: operations, plural.

Anyway, him yo, for awhile doshokato omoote was in a quandary, needing to undergo not one but two major type operations, the heart and the hara. Both of 'em dakine no can put on hold for chotto demo that needed immediate attention, the sooner the better. Dunno if he went jan-ken-po to make the decision but opted for taking care of the heart by-pass (4) first. And da mira and other guys went odorita part is not even a month later had his not too small opu operated on and hemo some iran stuff. Menioota is a gross understatement of what he had to go through inside of one month.

Yeah, after the two major operation, his mikake drastically changed and now on the streamline and svelte like the good old army days. The only sad part of it all is, it disqualifies him from continuing his promising career as a belly dancer due to the prominent opu hyokutto went disappear. His other half (dancing partner) HOWARD HIRONO now gotta solo or need to hustle for a new partner until YUSO gets back in "shape" or call it a career.

Shirazu ni YUSO contributed a wealth of material to the Go For Broke Bulletin. Coming out at chapter meetings/gatherings, 19th hole, etc. with da kine once you hear, you sugu cannot forget kind stories. Without he knowing, we put 'em in the Bulltin. Him one good and akamai sonovagun so he no going monku. Like to add witty too, like "small kid time, you like and can eat any kind stuff but no can because the family poor and no more the money. Now you can afford but the doctor tells you, no eat dis, no eat day." How kurushii, boy.

Another good one, some years back when the kids were really kids, he told them (two boys and a girl) one Sunday morning, "Daddy going play baseball (442 softball league) today, that's why you go hunt for Daddy's baseball glove and spikes and when you find 'em go put 'em in the car." Wife MINNIE in the house somewhere no can help but overheard him because nanchu temo he get da hibiku kind powerful voice, quipped, "You need the glove and spikes to

drink beer?" Boy, him yarareta so shikata nashi monku yuwazo went zip da mouf.

Anyway, YUSO, yura futari tomo kiwokikasete and yohjin sete get well real quick enabling you folks to attend the chapter reunion in Las Vegas. For awhile MINNIE no guwai wasn't quite up to par so was taking it easy like. But now, looking some good.

Another noteworthy thing about this multi-talented ossan, he with "little" assitence from good buddy DOC KAWAMOTO went koshiraeru, at the same time putting away more than a few tusmetai ones, the pachy cabinet that houses the 442 uta No Kai's karaoke machine which totals several units. The Uta No Kai's pride and joy conspicuously sits right next to the TV, right smack in the heart of the clubhouse. But of course, if you were to check with the other party, the helper, most likely he going say something like, you get the story atcha kotchi. Anyway, all you lucky Uta No Kai members, if you wanna show your appreciation for a job well done and all for tada too, when you see YUSO, thank him, no going cost you a penny. You say you dunno him? Easiest and best way to describe him, he's in da bidanshi class. Brudda (& tita too) if you need more help, time for you to go see KAWAMOTO sensei and get your maka checked. YUSO ga kiko en yohni, behine his back, we refer to him as "STONE" HUDSON.

Like lotta guys, he took up golf kinda of late in life, mainly to fool around with the boys, but never took him long to get his first hole in one. This is no bull, the first time he ever played this "crazy" game, he aced the first par 3 hole while playing at the 9-hole course on Molokai, just outside Kaunakakai town. Took more than some-time for the feat to sink in. "Now," he says, "I try like hell but no even come close to the green." Played catcher (where else) for the softball team and was a thing of beauty watching him block home plate.

### Reunion in Las Vegas

The much, much discussed and talked about and long time machi kaneta 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter reunion in Las Vegas is all pau - history



with plenty of pleasant memories.

How it all got going. At a chapter meeting early last year, LILY OKAMOTO was asked, not told (arekomo shiran that made the difference) if she could handle the reunion, by then-president RODNEY YAMASHIRO, she having experience in the traveling business, willingly accepted the challenge and did one hellava terrific and outstanding job. No doubt, she went bust her bahine working many hours overtime with additions and cancellations and the like. But homete yaruto, kinda hold back and enryo sete says, "It wasn't too bad." Hontoni shinzo no ichiban shita kara dohmo arigato gozansu. No, we never forget her danna-san MONTE for his understanding and patience. Ahem, you can thank him too. Would be nice too, when you run into her, thank her for such a wonderful time. Remember, things no just happen. We chapter members and wives are very fortunate having someone like LILY to take over.

With everybody on the reunion roster present at the banquet (our one and only official gathering), present chapter president TEIJI CHINNA asked the group something like, "If you want future reunions, raise your hand." Seemed like every hand went up and fast. The next question, "Where?" Answer, Here. "When?" Next year. Settled.

From the tone of LILY's voice, it's a done deal, she'll do it again. Consensus feeling of the people that attended the reunion, have the next one in March or at the latest by the end of April. This one was in early May and the temperature was already in the 90's. For the date and place for next year's, went makasu dat up to her.

People that attended (from the mainland): GEORGE & MARY YAMADA, MIN & YAE SUEDA, NANCY HARADA, MARY NAKASONE, KIYO HIRABAYASHI, TOMOYE WATANABE (guest), HENRY KANBARA, KAZ & MAE KIYOMURA, GEORGE & SHIZO FURUYA, TOM & MARY HIRAKI, KENJI & KAZUE YAGUCHI, LARRY & RUTH INAGAKI, HERBERT & MARYE KIMOTO, SHIG & CHIYO ISHIGAKI, TOM MATSUNAMI, TAD & CHERRY FUJIOKA, GENGO & MASAKO OKURA, and WESLY

NARITA.

From Hawaii: FRED ARASHIRO, HIROSHI & EDNA ARISUMI, TEIJI & MICHICO CHINNA, ELEANOR ANDO, HARRY & KAY FUJII, MIDORI FUJIMOTO, BARBARA HARUKI, CHARLEY & MARGIE IJIMA, YURI ISHIKAWA, TAKESHI & VIOLET HIRATA, PRIMO KIKUKAWA, HICHI & JANET MATSUMOTO, JOE & JANE SATO, YOSHIO & CLARA SHIBUYA (guests), LEATRICE NAKASHIGE, RICHARD & CLARA URADA, MASAO & YVONNE YAMASAKI, RODNEY & NORA YAMASHIRO, LILY YASUHARA, BARNEY & BEATRICE ZENGAMI, MONTE & LILY OKAMOTO, and ROBERT & GERT OGINO (guest).

They came from all over. Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, Portland, Bowie, Maryland, Chicago, Juneau, Alaska, Las Vegas, Michigan, Maui, Big Island, Kauai, Molokai, and from Honolulu too. One big happy family for four days and four nights.

JIMMY IHARA and TOM & LILY MASAMORI had to pull out just days before the reunion. JIMMY due to a death in the family. One of the MASAMORI children got into an accident. Hope everything's okay.

More in the next issue.

### **Pershing Nakada's Inurnment**

The inurnment of PERSHING NAKADA's remains was on April 6, 1994 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. The procession was led by a horse-drawn caisson, followed by a marching unit, a band, family members, relatives, and friends. LARRY & RUTH INAGAKI, who live in nearby Bowie, Maryland, attended. The bugler playing taps concluded the short but impressive ceremony.

Sources have it that PERSHING NAKADA was the only AJA officer that commanded an U.S. military unit (232nd Combat Engineers) of any kind in WWII. Retired from the Army as a full-brid Colonel, but to the boys, he was the "Captain."