

NAKAMURA, daughter CYNTHIA & spouse, DUANE MEDEIROS, grandchildren, KANANI/KIAAINA.

HIDE NAKAYAMA, son RODNEY & spouse, JILL, granddaughter, KAYLA. KAZUMA OGATA. FUJIO/MICHIKO OHASHI, son ANDREW & spouse TRACY, grandchildren RYANNE/IRENE. ATSUHSI/RUTH OSHIRO. JOE/NANCY OSHIRO. BILL/LILY OSHIRO, son RITCHIE & spouse LANI. KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI. ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA. YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME. JIRO/FLORA WATANABE. TED/LOVETTE YANAGIHARA. ERNEST/GRACE UNO. VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA, sons/spouses, BYRNES/FLORENCE, grandchildren DYLAN, EVAN, COLIN; BOYDEN/ANGEL, grandchildren, KAI, KELII, KOA. Son Bryan & fiancée LISA. TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA. MASAE YAMAMOTO. EDNA KURAMOTO. ROGER CONDEL. MULIE MURATA & friend. ALICE HORII. ALAN YUKIMOTO & son ANDREW. TOM/DOROTHY FUKUNAGA. HARRY/HARUKO KAWAOKA. BOB, LORI, PAT PROTZMAN. GRACE KIMURA. BARBARA TATAR. ALDEN/BARBARA TROMBLY. JOYCE KIM.

The program ended at 7PM. JACOB & TERRY as they always have in the past, handled with finesse the multitude of prizes to be shared equally by the families with the help of KILA HARAGUCHI to end on time! It was now "TIME TO SAFE JOURNEY HOME. SEE YOU AGAIN IN FEBRUARY, 95."

RURAL CHAPTER

News

by ED IMAMURA

There are ten die-hard members who attend our regular monthly meetings at Dots Drive In At Wahiawa on the fourth Thursday of each month. The beer drinkers JOHN CHINEN (SVC), ED IMAMURA (SVC), RAYMOND KATAOKA, (522), SAM KIHARA (MIS), SAM SAKUMOTO (232),

FUTAO TERASHIMA (I), and GARY YAMAGUCHI (A/T, MIS) make lots of noise and generally out-talk the "otonashii" non-drinkers of YUTAKA KAJIWARA (SVC), NOVUO TAKAMORI (522) and JOE USI (522). But, the non-drinkers, to their credit, can eat more rice and "okazu" than the drinkers. Here's a capsule report about our members:

JOHN CHINEN: He retired from Castle and Cook Dole Pineapple as a housing administrator. We later sold cars at Servco, Wahiawa. He's now an avid ballroom dancer and takes pleasure in going to dance practices every Tuesday and Thursday at the Wahiawa recreation center.

YUTAKA KAJIWARA: He retired as a general manager from the Schofield post laundry. During its heyday, he had about 120 workers under his supervision. He is the classic example of a person who overcame adversity and became successful. Remember, he was one of the 442nd members who was in the plane crash in the Oregon-California border, while returning from Italy in 1945? He lost his right leg in the crash. He golfs three times weekly and had 3 hole-in-ones (aces) to his credit. In his youth, he almost bowled a perfect 300 game. Well, he had 8 consecutive strikes. Hmm!

RAYMOND KATAOKA: He retired from the Schofield Brks Post Fire Department. He was the truck driver for the large and fancy fire wagon. After his retirement, he worked as a bookkeeper at the Schofield NCO Club and also worked as an administrative aid to YOSHIRO NAKAMURA for the State and City Governments.

SAM KIHARA: He was the owner of a large produce store and owner on the Mikazuki Bar and Restaurant in Wahiawa. He also worked at the Mililani Mortuary at Waipio, with a tour company, and taught Japanese at the Wahiawa Community Adult School.

SAM SAKAMOTO: The philosopher of our chapter. He is very knowledgeable on many subjects and is not afraid to express his opinions. He retired as a carpenter supervisor from Pearl Harbor. He helps his wife Betty baby-sit

their grandchildren.

NOBUO TAKAMORI: He's the quiet, dependable, and effective member of our chapter. He retired as a group leader of the Hickam Air force Bas Radio and electronic Department. Now, he spends many hours helping his wife **VIOLET** baby-sit their 2 grandchildren and visiting his dad (102 1/2 years old) who is a patient at the Wahiawa General Hospital long-term care home.

FUTAO TERASHIMA: He has the distinction of retiring at the age of 54, the earliest among the members. He retired as a Logistician from HQ USARPAC, Fort Shafter. He, too, helped his wife **BETTY** baby-sit their granddaughter, but is now back to his old schedule of golfing three times a week.

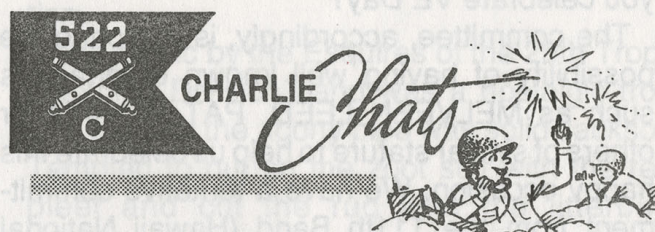
JOE USUI: He retired from Schofield Brks as a vehicle/truck inspector. Although he has a bum knee, he golfs twice weekly. And, he walks instead of riding a cart! We all give **JOE** lots of credit because he takes good care of his wife **MARIAN** who is stricken with a severe case of arthritis.

GARY YAMAGUCHI: I believe this is his 3rd or 4th time serving as prexy. He retired as a Civil Engineer from Pearl Harbor. He and his wife, **HISAE** (not **HISAKO** as previously reported) take care of his mother (97-year old) a former Japanese School teacher. **GARY** is a terrific karaoke singer and at one time took the state championship in the Nodo-Jiman singing contest. He also finds time to golf twice a week.

TADASHI "WINKY" MATSUMOTO: He has the distinction of graduating from McKinley High School (class of 1939) when most of his peers are Leilehua High School alumni. He retired from the Waiialua plantation office as a supervisor of the Civil Engineering Department. He's the current prexy of the Wahiawa-Waiialua Kumamoto Kenjin Club and is also very active with Waiialua Hongwanji church activities.

HOWARD KAWAGUCHI: He doesn't attend our chapter meetings but he comes to our annual Shinnen-en Kai party. He retired as a carpenter from the state government. He used to be a good aikido instructor until his eyes went bad.

MASAYUKI KUKUCHI: MASA, where are you? We miss you at our chapter meetings. Thanks a million for your annual monetary donation to our Shinnen-en Kai party. We miss you.



by **ED ICHIYAMA**

The 442nd Board of Directors recently decide to assign the role of hosting the annual banquet and the memorial service to the various battalions within the organization on a yearly rotational basis; accordingly the 1995 functions will be coordinated jointly by the 522 FABn, the 171st and Sons and Daughters chapters.

The committee met for the first time on May 9, 1994 at the Pacific Beach Hotel, where the banquet will be held on March 25, 1995, to formulate plans for the upcoming events. Since the United States government will officially commemorate the 50h Anniversary of VE/VJ day in 1995, we deemed it appropriate for the 442nd to also observe the 50th anniversary of VE/VJ day; thus this will be the theme for our two events. In planning the memorial service, it was tentatively decided that each chapter be responsible for placing miniature American flags on the individual grave site of its own chapter members interred at Punchbowl. This will assure that each member is remembered.

BILL PATY, former manager of Waiialua Sugar Plantation, former director of the State Land and Natural Resources department, and a former prisoner of war in the European theatre of war with considerable experience in WWII, is tentatively scheduled to be the keynote speaker. His message should be outstanding since he knows and understands the Japanese Americans intimately.

To capitalize on our theme - 50th anniversary of VE/VJ Day - we have decided that the pro-

gram for the banquet will basically reflect the happiness and euphoria that existed throughout the world on VE Day. For example, music, laughter, entertainment and dancing to celebrate our victory will be the order of the day. How did you celebrate VE Day?

The committee, accordingly, is exploring the possibility of having well known entertainers such as MELVEEN LEED, PAT MORITA or others of similar stature to help us celebrate this happy occasion. We have a tentative commitment from the 111th Band (Hawaii National Guard) to provide the music for the banquet. It will feature the *Big Band* sounds of the 30's and 40's, reminiscent of GLENN MILLER, BENNY GOODMAN, TOMMY AND JIMMY DORSEY and others. So all you *CHARLEYS*, get into shape; put on your dancing shoes, and be prepared to cut the rug and to trip the light fantastic as they said then. We need all your support so please mark your calendar and underline March 25, 1995 in RED. Please also be available to help that morning's memorial service at Punchbowl. The committee members are: YOKICHI HOKAMA, JERRY ISHIMOTO, JOE OBAYASHI (banquet co-chair), ED ICHIYAMA (banquet co-chair), 522 FABn; CLAUDE TAKEKAWA (Memorial Day chair), 171st; GRACE TSUBATA FUJII, Sons and Daughters, JENNIFER BAKER, 442nd, and HENRY KUNIYUKI, 442nd, advisor.

On Monday, May 22, 1994, several 522nd members met with NANCY ARAKI of the Japanese American National Museum of Los Angeles to discuss our reunion scheduled for April 27, 1995 in Los Angeles. Nancy stated that one of the highlights of the reunion will be the "522 FA Bn story" which will be on exhibit at the museum to coincide with our reunion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the format and contents of the exhibit. It was generally agreed that the exhibit should include photos, documents, artifacts, newspaper clippings, etc., to specifically highlight the unique role of the 522 FA Bn in such activities as the Dachau liberation.

Regarding the Dachau experience, TED TSUKIYAMA, 442nd historian, cautioned the

members to be particularly careful about discussing our role in this so called Dachau liberation. TED stated that there is considerable discussion currently on-going among the 42nd and 45th Division and the 522 FA Bn as to the role each organization played in the "Dachau Liberation". The story of the Holocaust will be greatly magnified and will receive considerably more media coverage as we approach the 50th anniversary of VE Day in 1995. HIDE NAKAMINE, 522nd Dachau historian, has already received many requests from various organizations throughout the U.S. and even from England for interviews, comments, etc., involving our participation in the Dachau Liberation.

It was suggested that this forthcoming "522nd story" be patterned after the "Unlikely Liberators" exhibit which was displayed at the Kapiolani Community College Library through June 30, 1994. The exhibit featured photos of the 522 FA Bn in battle, in addition to narratives and photos of the Dachau experience, which emphasized the unique role of the 522nd in WWII. We are fortunate because our exhibit will precede a general exhibit of the Nisei soldiers in WWII, which will be shown at the museum in the summer of 1995. Again, all you *Charleys*, please resurrect your old photo albums from your moth-balled chest and let us all contribute our photos and anecdotes to make the "522 story" an outstanding and interesting exhibit for all.

Although the Japanese American National Museum is dedicated to the story of the Japanese Americans in America, the museum is open to the general public and is widely seen by all segments of society. MANABI HIRASAKI is one of the trustees of the museum so let us all support him and make the exhibit a success. All you neighbor islanders particularly NIGALIT FUJIMOTO, TSUKA ISHII, SAM MORIKAWA and OLD MAN SHIMAOKA, you are welcome to contribute. You are not forgotten.

Present at the meeting were: JOE OBAYASHI, HIDE NAKAMINE, NEIL NAGAREDA (B), YOKICHI HOKAMA, SADA HIGA, ED ICHIYAMA (C), ROYCE HIGH, TADASHI TOJO (A) and TED TSUKIYAMA (B) & 442nd histo-

rian.

SADA HIGA and STANLEY SAKAI are busily coordinating CHARLEY'S participation in the April '95 522nd FA reunion in Los Angeles. Their CHARLEY contacts in Los Angeles are TAD TOKUDA and MANABI HIRASAKI. The tentative count for CHARLEY'S at present is 55 members and guests with probably more to come as the reunion approaches. The New Otani Hotel and Miyako Hotel in "Little Tokyo" have been designated as our host hotels. The tentative schedule as arranged by our reunion committee in Los Angeles is:

Thursday, April 27

Registration (10 AM-8 PM)

Japanese American Museum 522nd FA Exhibit

Friday, April 28

Golf

Universal Studio Tours,

Reunion Banquet-New Otani Hotel (6:00 PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner)

Saturday, April 29

Free Day (Shopping, Disneyland Tour)
6:00 pm Chapter Night

Sunday, April 30

Memorial Service-morning

1:00 pm-Leave for Las Vegas

Sunday, April 30-Tuesday, May 2-Las Vegas

Fun Time

Let us all make every effort to attend this reunion. It appears that an enjoyable week is in store for us.

Auf wiedersehen.



By JERRY ISHIMOTO

Baker Chapter had 48 present, two on sick leave and two unaccounted for at the Anniversary Banquet. While other chapters suffer from di-

minishing participants, it is gratifying to see that the Bakers are increasing albeit having our share of the ill, handicap, and cannot drive at night members. Next year's 522 BN reunion in LA should be incentive for even more participation.

The music by the Esquires of the 25th Tropic Lightning Division band was a nostalgic trop. The cat with the agony pipe was solid Jackson. Tempted to put on the zoot suit with the reet pleet and cut the rug with the jitterbug. Afficianados of ballroom dancing such as the OBAYASHIs and NAKAKURAs will now call the East Coast/West Coast swing. Speaking of which - GRACE and ALLEN NAKAMURA, from the West Coast (San Diego) were in town earlier and were persuaded to stay for the banquet and be guests at BIGGIE and JOE's dance club. Twinkle Toes NAKAMURA's are good in what else - the West Coast Swing.

Suggested wear for the men were the official reunion shirt. Looking at the few numbers wearing them, it appears that within one year, many have outgrown their shirts.

Chapter Meeting - April 1994

Put a red circle around March 25, 1995 on your next year's calendar as the date of the Anniversary Banquet. The 522nd Bn consisting of Able, Baker, Charlie Chapters, the 171st Chapter, and S/D Chapter was picked by lottery, to form a committee for planning this event. We should be so lucky with the Publisher Clearing House. Thereafter the schedule will be on a rotational basis; e.g. 522Bn will do the 52nd anniversary, next will be 3rd Bn followed by 2nd Bn, etc. Fortunately we have GRACE FUJII and JENNIFER BAKER, experienced entrepreneurs with us. The naming of committee members proceeds with everyone volunteering someone else. JENNIFER and GRACE graciously volunteered to act as advisors. Other volunteers who didn't protest loud enough are EDDIE ICHIYAMA and KOKOMO HOKAMA of Charlie Chapter; JOE OBAYASHI and Y.T. of Baker Chapter; and CLAUDE TAKEKAWA of 171st Chapter. A fine array of committee persons despite their pro-

tests of modesty. While being committee-minded, prexy JOE OBAYASHI formed a committee for the 1995 522nd Bn reunion to work with the L.A. counterparts. Committee members are STAN KANESHIRO, BOYAN HIGA, and SADA HIGA.

Chapter Meeting - May 1994

Family night and meeting night at the Flamingo Chuckwagon through the efforts of Social Chairman BOYAN.

Guest speaker of the night was DR. NEAL PINCKNEY. He with credentials yea long and variegated and many-faceted role of professor, practicing psychologists, Lt. Col. in Vietnam War, owner/operator of a Japanese restaurant and finally, head of healing heart organization which brings him to the rostrum of the Baker's dinner meeting through the urging of STAN KANESHIRO. If you did not attend the meeting or were asleep during his talk, look for his book on this subject which will be published soon.

First timers on this "wives night out" were VIOLET TAKAMORI, FLO OHARA, SUE HAMAMOTO, KAY NAKAMINE, and MARIAN KAWATE.

Tsk! Tsk!

The dinner meeting was the perfect opportunity for KEN to take his hard-working wife out to dinner, spend a nice night with MARIAN and he socializing with the other members and wives. It was - until time to go home when to his chagrin, he found that he has slammed the car door shut with the keys inside. He who turns the coach into a pumpkin gathers no points.

Etceteras

You've seen women taking pictures with pocket cameras with auto everything but how many go around with those 35mm with flash attachments and do their own focus and speed? DORIS ISHIDA was doing just that at the banquet and HENRY, the official chapter photographer was relegated to the role of her helper. MARTHA INOUE, a believer in preventive medicine, recently underwent a colonoscopy procedure. Her doctor suggested that while her system was

evacuated to go take the upper G.I. test. You know, the drinking barium type. Yuckadoo! Two of the most distasteful but necessary tests - both in the same day? The good news is everything came out alright at the end. MASAE YAMAMOTO, sister of TOKUJI TATANABE, Service Btty sent \$50.00 to the Chapter because TOKUJI was unable to attend the 50th reunion. HAROLD UEOKA missed the last two golf outings because he was lying down and watching TV. Well - not exactly. He was on a hospital operating table and watching the monitors as they probed for his bleeding ulcers. Results? Medication and bland food diet. Bland food? How about having JANE fix you Gerbers food? "Ah, sharuppuyu." You think that retirees have nothing to do but go down to Ala Moana Shopping Center to sit around and ogle the babes? Not so with DAN TADA, Treasurer of the Kamehameha Lions Club who will be going to Kauai in June for an inter island conference. MITS KUNIHIRO, also a Lions Club member will attend. New furniture in the clubhouse but no coffee table to rest your feet on.

Profile of a former 522nd Serv. Battery 1st Sergeant (by Stan Kaneshiro)

We need more publicity for the 522 Fa Bn says TAKEO SUSUKI, DSC and he's beating the bush to locate as many artillerymen as he can to gather as much 522nd wartime memorabilia as possible. He was here to attend the 442nd 51st Anniversary memorial service and banquet, and more specifically to gather information and ideas for the 1995 522nd reunion in Los Angeles of which he is a committee member. His third and youngest son MARK has been working on 522nd memorabilia for many years and has been conducting "show and tell" sessions for churches and other organizational gathering including veterans' organizations. MARK wants to have people understand the plight of the Japanese Americans and saga of the 442nd during WWII.

For some background information on SUSUKI's years after the war, he said he tried to enroll in school in Minnesota after returning from Europe but there were too many veterans returning to

school there then and he couldn't be accepted. So he went West and got his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UCLA. A paleontologist, he received his doctor of science degree from Tohoku University in Japan and spent his years doing curating and research work and teaching at UCLA until his retirement.

SUSUKI says he had no steady girlfriend during the war, anyway, he didn't reveal any then, and got married much later after the war. His wife who was ill and couldn't attend the 50th Anniversary reunion passed away last year. Our belated sympathies to him and his family.

His first son also passed away earlier and left him with two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. His second son is a dentist and his youngest, MARK, is a photo plant manager in a building that was severely damaged by the recent earthquake.

While in Honolulu, SUSUKI's transportation and other needs were generously accommodated by FRED HIRAYAMA. Others who hosted him to a luncheon at the Pagoda were MITS KUNIHIRO, HIROMI FUJIWARA, and HIDEO NAKAMINE.

Incidentally, the story of SUSUKI taking a downgrade to a private after the war is just scuttlebutt or could have been another guy, a SUZUKI instead of a SUSUKI.

Anyone wishing to write to SUSUKI, his address is 1928 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

Golf Scores by Rocky Tanna

March 14 @ HCC

Make-up tournament for the rained-out tournament of Feb.. Individual low net (henceforth will be shortened to ILN), TOKU TANAKA led the low shooters by two to take the ILN and Ace of the Month. Hot on his heels were JOE and STAN who recently got his playing card. If ever there was a "Rookie of the Year" award for this club, it would be a "gimme" for STAN. TEIJI, WALTER, and MITS depleted the cash box all tying with net 70's.

The Two-man Contest (will still be called "Two-Man Team" for lack of a shorter description) was tied by the two-man teams of DON/TOKU and

TEIJI/STAN for first on the money list. Other combi's that had their hands in the money jar were BOYAN/JOE U., JOE O./WALTER, TED/MITS. MITS - golfer extraordinnaire. From apprentice to journeyman in less than a year. CP's on the par threes: #4 TEIJI, #8 CLUB, #13 TEIJI again and #17 DON.

History, or call it lightning strikes this golf club again. Not exactly - rather than lightning, it was the most severe rain storm in umpteen years. Raindrops keep falling on my head, so DON Y. canceled the tournament.

Make-up tournament follows.

April 13 @ HCC

The rainfall may make Mr. KAZU HAYASHIDA happy but it is washing out our fold schedule. We have to make-up to catch-up but thanks to HCC and ROY OKUBO's clout we have additional tee times. You think ROY has influenza with the management? Yes, of cough! Of cough! For the ILN contest, JO U, the dry land player of Kalakaua GC finally learned to play around water hazards instead of in it to tie with DON Y for first with net 68's. JOE U inherits the Ace of the Month since DON Y is previous Ace winner. Others who didn't self-destruct to turn in credible scores were: JOE O., WALTER, KEN, TOKU, TEIJI, and Y.T. who made the cut but felt the cutter's blade on his heels.

TOKU and JOE O. teamed up to share the first place bonanza in the Two-man Team. They were followed by DON/Y.T, STAN/JOE U, JOE O./GEO, and the last place bounty was shared by MITS/WALT and BOYAN/TOSHI. Not enough earnings for TOSHI to put a down payment on a rain jacket. On two previous outings, he got soaked worse than a cat that fell into the goldfish bowl. Mo beta he should ask his son for a jacket instead of that Callaway driver and new pair of Dexter golf shoes he got.

CP's on the par threes: #4 DON, #8 DON, #13 DON. Oops! Seems like the keys are stuck at D, O, N. Here we go: #17 JOE U. With DON monopolizing the par 3s, do you wonder why KEN's career of winning the par 3's is taking a downturn?