

see a place where we'll never go unless it's with a club like that. Tell the golfers we'll go with them again!"

Two booklets, *On Silent Wings* by Kathleen McAuliffe and *Company History Antitank Company 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team*, compiled by Capt. CHARLES SCHETTLER, AKIRA SUNSHINE FUKUNAGA, and JIMMY SAKIMOTO share personal insights as well as interesting information about the military gliders and about "...a gallant company of fighting men...who accomplished their missions as best they knew how."

Our prayers are with MARGARET KAGUNI whose youngest brother is in the hospital with a stroke.

Our deepest condolences to WALLY and YORI KAGAWA whose oldest daughter, KATHRYN, passed away on July 31, 1994. KATHRYN was a Records Management Consultant. Brothers PAUL and KENNETH KAGAWA helped with the funeral arrangements.



by ED IMAMURA

### Birthday Party for Centenarian

Approximately 40 relatives and close friends gathered at the Hale Koa hotel for a luncheon on June 18 to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of the family matriarch, the mother of our prexy, MASAO "SHADOW" KUROSUMI. SHADOW's mother is from Okayama-ken, Japan. She first worked at the sugar cane fields at the Kahana bay area (windward) and then moved her family to Honolulu.

Reporter's Note: I wanted to write more about SHADOW's mother and her family but the ever-bashful prexy said "That's enough." SHADOW,

congratulations and best wishes to your mother for attaining the wonderful age of 100. May she stay healthy and celebrate many more beautiful years.

### Service Company Spotlight THOMAS T. TANAKA, Super Athlete

This issue profiles a veteran of Service Company who is known throughout the State for his golfing and diving skills.

TOM was born on January 21, 1918 in the Palama district of Honolulu. He attended Kaiulani Elementary School, Central Intermediate School, and graduated from McKinley High School. He also received his 2-year diploma from Galusha Business School of Honolulu.

In 1937, TOM won the State Interscholastic High School Diving championship, and also won the State Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) diving championship.

In March, 1943, TOM volunteered for the 442nd Inf. Reg. and was assigned to Service Company as the Assistant Supply Sergeant.

He was a member of the powerful 442nd swimming team from Camp Shelby which won the Southern AAU Swimming and Diving Championship in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1943. The 442nd team also included some well known swimmers like HALO HIROSE, JOHN and SHANGY TSUKANO, CHARLEY ODA, and ROBERT IWAMOTO. Besides his championship diving performances, TOM was also good in the sprints and was a member of the 400 meter relay team. All the members of the 442nd Regiment were proud to hear their swimming team had captured the 5th Army Swimming and Diving Championships in Rome, Italy, in 1944 and 1945.

Upon his discharge from the Army in December, 1945, TOM started to work as a firefighter at the Hickam Air Force Base Fire Department. He served as the Chief Fire Inspector for the last 15 years before his retirement on July 1, 1973.

TOM first took up golf in 1946. He was scoring in the 70's within a few years. This is considered a major feat as golf is considered a very difficult game and 90% of the amateur golfers in the United States shoot scores of 90 and above.



TOM has the enviable record of being a member of the Hawaii Harding Cup golf team for four years. The team is comprised of the best three amateur qualifiers in the state tournament and they compete against the best golfers in the nation in the prestigious Public Links Golf Tournament. He has represented Hawaii at Denver in 1959, Detroit in 1961, Milwaukee in 1966, and Seattle in 1967. He has won many golf awards. Two that he treasures the most are the Senator DAN INOUE's Trophy and a Governor JOHN WAIHEE's Koa Bowl for being the overall winner of the annual 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament in Kauai in 1988 and 1989. TOM underwent a heart by-pass surgery in July, 1992, but his golf game has been just as good as ever.

TOM has been very active with the 442nd Veterans Club. He has served in various elective offices and served as the president of the club in 1979.

TOM and the former CHIYOKO MIYASATO have been married for the past 48 years. They have been blessed with a happy marriage, a son WAYNE, and two grandchildren, BRYCE (12) and MARISSA (10).

TOM, congratulations on your many outstanding athletic and civic accomplishments.

### **Taps - In Memorium**

ROBERT NOBORU OTANI, 73, of Honolulu, a Service Chapter member, passed away on August 8, 1994 in Honolulu.

### **Funeral Services**

The funeral services for the late ROBERT "BOBBY" OTANI was held at Diamond Head Mortuary on the beautiful grounds of Diamond Head Memorial park at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 20, 1994. The services were attended by a large contingent of Service Chapter members and their wives. The REV. HENRY ROBERTS opened the services by giving an inspirational sermon regarding the miracle and precious nature of life.

TAKAO "JUICY" ITO of Service Chapter followed by giving a beautiful eulogy. He mentioned that ROBERT, who is survived by his

widow CYNTHIA, son WILLIAM, daughters CATHERINE and DONICE and 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild, lived a happy, exciting, and full life. ROBERT graduated from McKinley High School in 1939 and volunteered for the 442nd RCT in March, 1943. He was assigned to Service Chapter and drove the ammo truck in Shelby and in the battlefields of Italy and France. He worked as a factory worker in Indiana upon his discharge from the service in 1945. During this period, he moonlighted by leading a combo group in addition to being the vocalist for the group. He subsequently returned to Hawaii and worked over 20 years as a driver/salesman for Fujiya Shoten of Honolulu. ROBERT was a very talented person. He put his heart and soul into all his activities and hobbies: is. music, fishing (surf casting), bowling, and card playing (poker).

JUICY concluded his eulogy by stating ROBERT has been a wonderful husband, father, and grandpa to his family. JUICY joined his fellow veterans in bidding a fond farewell to ROBERT when he said, "ROBERT, may you rest in peace, arrivadeci, and sayonara."

Service Chapter prexy MASAJI "SHADOW" KUROZUMI followed by giving the thank you message of behalf of the OTANI family.

RALPH CHINAKA and TOM TANAKA helped with the Choba.

CYNTHIA, our deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your beloved husband. Please continue to participate in our club activities.

### **Mainland Trip by Reporter**

My wife and I went on a 25-day vacation trip to the East Coast and Reno from June 21 to July 15.

Attention Readers! The purpose of this article is to recommend some interesting tourist sites that you may wish to visit on your future East Coast trips.

### **New York**

We stayed 5 days at our son KELLY and his wife LINDA's place in Brooklyn. They are both



attorneys - he works for Citicorps and she is at McGraw and Hill in Manhattan.

### **Kykuit (rhymes with high cut)**

We took the 2-hour escorted tour of Kykuit, the Rockefeller family estate, which is located near Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown in upper Hudson Valley. Kykuit, the stunning 300-acre site, has been open to the public since early May of this year. All tours are by reservations only and cost \$18; \$16 for the elderly, students, and children. Visits to the estate leave daily (excepts Tuesdays) from the visitor's center at nearby Philipsburg Manor beginning from 10 a.m. and running every 20 minutes. The last tour depart the center at 3 p.m. on weekdays and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. To get to Kykuit, we took the one and a half hour cruise from the Manhattan port terminal at 12th Avenue and 38th Street and up the Hudson river to Tarrytown. Kykuit is a must-see tour for all lovers of beautiful homes, architecture, furniture, statues, and landscaping.

### **Miss Saigon**

As Broadway play buffs, we have watched many plays e.g. Cats, Les Miserables, 42nd Street, Brighton Beach Memoirs, A Chorus Line, Woman of the Year, etc. but I believe Miss Saigon is the best of them all. The helicopter scene near the end of the play is beyond words. ALAN MURAOKA, a UCLA graduate did an outstanding job playing the lead role of "the Engineer." The leading female role "Kim" was played by EMY BAYSIC who is an understudy to RONA FIGUEROA. There were several players with local ties like JADE STICE, CHERI NAKAMURA, CHLOE STEWART, and several others. I recommend all to catch this show.

### **Brooklyn Botanical Garden**

We spent three hours walking through this famous botanical garden. I believe the beauty and splendor of this garden matches with the best gardens of the world, including our own Foster Garden. The Japanese Garden, especially the crimson colored Torii built in the center

of a pond was breathtaking. Another must-see for all visitors.

### **The Airplane Carrier Intrepid**

We took a two-hour tour of the Intrepid Sea and Air Space Museum on our final day in New York. The Intrepid, in full battleship regalia, is docked in Hudson River at West 12th Avenue and West 46th Street. We thoroughly enjoyed the local beet and ale at the famous "Landmark Tavern," located a block away from the Intrepid.

### **Washington D.C.**

The next 15 days were spent at our daughter's and her husband's place in Wheaton, which is located just outside of D.C. SHERRY is a Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist with the Dept. of Justice and PAUL in the Senior Animal Care NCO in the Vetinary corps at Walter Reed hospital. We visited the following places in D.C.

### **Holocaust Memorial Museum**

We spent three hours touring the museum. We could have spent another two hours to watch all the exhibits. We looked for the 522nd exhibit about Dachau but were unsuccessful. Reserve tickets are recommended although tickets may be available at the Museum if you are in the line before 8 a.m.

### **The Pentagon**

As an army career soldier, I always wanted to visit the Pentagon. I was impressed with the beautiful photographs of our military leaders, the battlefield scenes, and the complete list of the Medal of Honor award winners. The walking tour takes 90 minutes and is free to the public.

### **Arlington Cemetery**

We visited the cemetery on the tourmobile tour about six years ago but missed seeing the JOHN F. KENNEDY gravesite. It was only a 10 minutes walk from the Visitor's Center to the KENNEDYS gravesite. We were disappointed because we couldn't find the late JACQUELINE KENNEDY's grave marker. We missed it by



about a week according to the July 31st USA Weekend special which stated that throngs of visitors were lined up to mourn and pay homage to JACQUELINE.

### Baltimore Orioles

It was a great pleasure to watch my favorite baseball team and doubly so to watch our SID FERNANDEZ beat the Seattle Mariners 9 -3 at the Orioles new field at Camden Yards on July 4th. SID just returned from the disabled list and didn't look too sharp but who am I to criticize an athlete who is making 3 million dollars a year.

### Reno, Nevada

We spent 5 lovely days at the Nugget Hotel in Reno. I played only one decent golf game ( a 83 at Rosewood) but my game was horrendous at Lakeridge and Northgate. Caught two wonderful musical shows at the Nugget: the RAY PRICE country music show and the PAUL ANKA special.

### Tidbits

1. I wish to thank our Executive Secretary JENNIFER BAKER for mailing the latest issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin (GFB) to me at my daughter's home in D.C. The bulletin was good for me as I was hungry to read some local news, especially about my friends in the 442nd.

2. I lucked out in finding a roommate for the forthcoming Bruyeres cruise trip. Remember, I made a note for a roommate in the last GFB Bulletin? Anyway, I found one - a female. Yes, my wife has volunteered to join me on the cruise.

3. I had luck in finding a roommate for the cruise, but I've lost my secretary who typed and proof-read my articles for the GFB Bulletin. My daughter LINDA YONESHIGE, a Contract Specialist at the Fort Shafter Contracting office, came over to our home with a large cardboard box, looked at me, smiled sheepishly, and said "Happy Father's Day." Her gift to me was a new Brother's WP-2410 Word Processor. I guess I have to do my own typing now. I'm in trouble because the last time that I took a typing lesson was back in 1937. Woe is me.



### by ALLEN NAKAMURA

Just like a lull in the storm there's a period when news is really hard to come by, especially with our social activities sort of on a vacation during the summer season. But thanks to BILL OSHIRO, GENRO KASHIWA, and KEN HIGASHI of Seattle for their contributions of much needed news, our column will again survive once more plus a tidbit of local news.

### In Memorium

ELBERT IZUMI of 155 N. Harbor Dr. #5306, Chicago, IL, 60601 passed away on July 31, 1994. Services were held in Chicago with KENJI & LOUISE TANI of Morton Grove, IL among those in attendance. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to SACHI and family members.

ELBERT, who was confined to a wheelchair, had his toes amputated a few years back. Because of his diabetic condition, he had numerous health problems as cardiac and kidney failure which resulted in his death. He was age 82. Because of his condition, we all understood the difficult and trying times SACHI had gone through. Her loving care of ELBERT all of these years is truly commendable.

They were scheduled to attend the L Co. Mini Reunion on Sept. 9 - 13 in Las Vegas. They had looked forward to it for many months, having been unable to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration. SACHI will still attend the Las Vegas Mini Reunion. It's all the more remarkable, when you look back on their participation in past reunions held on the mainland, as she drove across the country from Chicago to wherever the reunion was held! Info I have at this time is that to fulfill ELBERT's wishes, there are plans to have his burial at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.



## Sickness and Sufferings

JIRO WATANABE had an angiogram resulting in having to have a angioplastic done to unclog the blood vessel. This only came to surface at the August 12 meeting as no meetings were held in June and July. He was hospitalized 2 months ago at Kuakini Hospital for a week, according to FLORA. I called JIRO on August 15 and learned that he's not fully recovered yet. Presently, he has no taste for food he eats which in his doctor's explanation is that it could be from his abrupt stopping from smoking. To further compound the situation for the WATANABE family, FLORA had a hysterotomy just about the time JIRO was hospitalized.

GENRO KASHIWA was hospitalized in July for a few days, the family having a scare from he having excess bleeding. Diagnosis was a case of diverticulitis. The same problem PAUL MATSUMOTO had the night of ROBERT SASAKI's retirement testimonial a few years back.

VICTOR YAMASHITA was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital on August 11. VICTOR had a recurrence of a benign tumor appearing which was controlled by chemotherapy (the tumor has disappeared since then.) The side effect of this treatment as the doctor said could be the inability to urinate which if it happens, that he should immediately go to the hospital. To get the urine out, a tube was injected into the penis which I can vouch for is the most painful process. I didn't personally experience this pain, but I was a witness to my dad's same process and suffering.

To each of you, our prayers are with you for a quick and complete recovery.

## Long Lost Buddy

Following is a letter written to me by BILL OSHIRO:

"While traveling through the state of Washington on an Amtrak train, we stopped for a little while at Wenatchee, Wash. I recalled that GEORGE YAMAUCHI, who was the squad leader for the 3rd squad, 3rd platoon, Co. L came from Wenatchee.

When we stopped in Seattle for a night before heading to Las Vegas on Amtrak, I asked TORU SAKAHARA (LILY's brother-in-law) to check out GEORGE YAMAUCHI's whereabouts. They evidently knew each other at the University of Washington, pre-war period. About two or three weeks later, I heard from TORU. He sent GEORGE's address. I wrote him and he wrote back.

He stated that most of his working career was with the federal government. During the mid-50's, he was with the American Embassy in Japan as a US Treasury Department representative. He must have held a good position as he was able to take his family with him. In fact, one of his daughters was born in Japan. He did say that he tried to contact me when he passed through Honolulu. We never contacted each other as I was away at school on the mainland or was on the Big Island.

I'm sorry to say that he lost his wife about three years ago. His wife was originally from Los Angeles. GEORGE now lives in a retirement home in Portland, Oregon. He has four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. They are all married and have children of their own. His first son is a doctor and teaches in a medical school in Arkansas. His other son is an architect in Seattle. His older daughters and her husband have been associated with an insurance company for about 30 years and are looking forward to retirement. The youngest daughter and her husband are teaching in Portland. GEORGE has six grandchildren. Three have graduated from college and three are still in grade school. "

Bill thought that he should send this bit of info on GEORGE to me. Thanks a lot BILL, you really filled that gap for me beautifully! I have never seen him since our Co. L days in Europe. Many of the L Co. boys never saw him since also. I don't think he attended any 442nd reunions, even on the mainland.

His last sentence in his letter was "please give my regards to anyone who might remember me."

Because BILL did not get his permission to give out the address, he asks that anyone desir-



ing GEORGE's address that the local members call him (395-2417). The mainland members can write to BILL OSHIRO, 501 Hahaione St., #16J, Honolulu, HI, 96825. I mailed BILL a copy of the L Chapter article on the 50th Anniversary celebration and the list for the Las Vegas Mini Reunion for his discretionary use.

### **Honor Bound - A documentary of the 442nd 50 years later**

The article in the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) was sent to me by GENRO KASHIWA - KPIX-Channel 5 with assistance from the NJAHS is launching a TV documentary, "Honor Bound," the personal story of Sgt. HOWARD HANAMURA's service in Company L of the 442nd as told by his daughter, WENDY HANAMURA, a KPIX reporter. This October, KPIX cameras will follow HANAMURA and 442nd veterans back to the battlefields of Bruyeres, retracing the search for the Lost Battalion and daring nighttime ascent up the cliffs on the Gothic Line.

The on-hour documentary will air on January 1, 1995 and will be accompanied by a week of special reports on Channel 5's Eyewitness News, teacher's guides, video cassettes, and possible PBS distribution nationwide in May, 1995. We are seeking funding for this landmark project through corporate, private, and foundation sources. Members interested in contributing to this special project will be invited to a gala premier screening in December, 1994. Checks can be made to: NJAHS/Honor Bound, NJAHS, 1855 Folsom St. Suite 161, San Francisco, CA, 94103. Write name, address, phone number, and the amount. At the chapter meeting on August 12, 1994, L Chapter approved a \$300 donation to this project.

### **Update - Seattle**

News by KEN HIGASHI on his recently purchased personal computer. Altho' there is more to this machine than he bargained for, having struggled as many did at the beginning, I'll be very disappointed not to receive news regularly hereafter as he gets more familiar with the P.C.

Keep'em coming KEN, you're doing real GREAT!

This wasn't in his latest report that JACOB & TERRY JICHAKU on their Alaska tour on June 11 stopped over in Seattle. Since then they had continuous Hawaii visitors to the northwest. PAUL & GENNY MATSUMOTO who had traveled first to Michigan to visit GENNY's ill sister and went to Seattle for 5 days on the way home to visit their youngest son JOHN and his wife DAWN, who will probably be permanent residents there. JOHN, a CPA, is working in Seattle while DAWN has enrolled at University of Washington for her doctorate in Business Administration.

P.K., GENNY, JOHN, & DAWN got together one evening with the "L" Company groups & friends at the clubhouse. On a short notice, the following turned out to greet the MATSUMOTOS: ROY & SEI FUJIWARA, CHIZ HIRAHARA, MARY KOSUGI, PETE KOZU, JACK SAMESHIMA, BEN & KIKI SUGAWARA, JIM & YURI SUZUKI, MITS & JUNE TAKAHASHI, HARUO & SUE FUJINO, GEORGE & MARY KOZU, TOSH & PEGGY TANEMURA, MAS & HISA WATANABE, SEIJI HATA, BUGSIE MIYAHARA, SHIG & FUMI KASEGUMA, JUGGO & SHIZ HATA, MAS & BEULAH SAKAGAMI, KEN & AKI HIGASHI. There's only one word for the turnout - TERRIFIC!

KEN & AKI were kept busy with Honolulu visitors, as his cousin with her little granddaughter were in Seattle to visit he son stationed at Ft. Lewis (about 40 miles south of their home) and there daughter-in-law, who is expecting their first child. A friend of the HIGASHI's had a friend (a shirttail relative) on a extended tour of the states dropped by, whom they took around on the weekend to see the wonders of the Northwest. This friend is a handy carpenter who'll be doing some extensive indoor repairs - a classic example of pleasure mixed with work! No doubt, the HIGASHI's hospitality is hard to beat!

Between all of these multiple visitors, KEN found time to enroll in the Beginners Computer class in the Spring & Summer under the senior



citizens community Nikkei Horizons program. They offer various classes and also physical fitness program including Tai Chi, altho' he didn't say if he took up this form of exercise. Thanks again, KEN. How about the rest of you out there? Call or write me a line. Nice things can also be written on you!

### Nuuanu Onsen

A carefree and relaxing evening was enjoyed on July 8 at the soon to be sold Nuuanu Onsen Teahouse. This site was selected as a change from the usual restaurants or DAV Youth Building to tie in the night with the LIKM Chapter's installation ceremony. Much to our satisfaction, it was a perfect setting, very conducive for this occasion. The ceremony was just a small part as rest of the evening was spent in casual conversation with the usual "L" Chapter traits, men and ladies bunched separately! To the query of continuing this carefree, relaxing evening at the teahouse received a favorable response. Of course, we'll look into having more oishe'e gochiso and better comfort for the elders - table and chairs!

The ceremony was not without an embarrassing moment for the adjutant - me. Like clockwork, I put together all the necessary things for the evening such as beer, soda, whiskey, pupus, and materials for the installations including the miniature American flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. Lo and behold, the flag is nowhere to be found at the teahouse, only the small round plastic holder is in my briefcase. Apology was made - age and senility is the culprit. Fortunately, I was among a compatible group of friends that the apology was accepted. The mystery of the missing flag was later solved. My grandson must have been fascinated by the flag, a true patriot, had taken it for his own use. The moral of the story is check twice is grandchildren are in the household! Ha!

The following officers were installed with wives in parenthesis: Commander and alternate SEC, ISA (HILDA) TAKIYAMA; Sr. Vice Commander MAMO (ALICE) ISOBE; Jr. Vice Commander and Color Guard, ERNIE (GRACE) UNO; Adjutant

and Alternate SEC, ALLEN NAKAMURA; Chaplain and Service Officer YOSHITO (PAULINE) TOME; Treasurer and SEC JACOB JICHAKU; Judge Advocate KOBE SHOJI; Chaplain Activities VICTOR (TIMMY) YAMASHITA; Sgt. at Arms LAWRENCE (CHIYOKO) FUJII; SEC PAUL TAKIGUCHI; Membership COWBOY (MARIAN) MATSUMURA; Historian HENRY ISHIDA; Off of Day KAZUMA OGATA; Trustees HAJIME MATSUURA & KUNIO FUJIMOTO; Legislature KAZUO (KAZUKO) FINK. The officers were installed by Department Commander LOUIE KAOIWI of Hilo. Others that took part in the evening's relaxation are: BETTY NAKAHARA, GENRY & MURIEL KASHIWA, TOMMY KAKESAKO, KURO TOMASA, and President HIDE NAKAYAMA.



By JERRY ISHIMOTO

### 15 June 94 Chapter Meeting

No new report of the 522nd Bn reunion at L.A. The chairman was absent and so as they say in gov't "they are still working on it." KARI HIRAOKA, granddaughter of SHIRO KASHINO, Item Company, was crowned Miss Nisei Week in Seattle and will be in Hawaii during the Cherry Blossom Festival next year. JOE OBAYASHI, Chairman of the 52nd 442nd reunion is thinking of proposing that she be invited. Perhaps to sing for us?

As of this date, there are 20 Bakers who shelled out the amount almost equal to two months green fees at Ala Wai for the overseas caps to be worn at Bruyeres. An insignia patch will come with the cap.

During the D-Day memorial services, SAM HIRONAKA was at the memorial services of the City and County of Honolulu at Punchbowl.



STANLEY KANESHIRO was at the State of Hawaii services held at the Kaneohe Veterans cemetery.

### 20 July 94 Chapter meeting.

18 members and HILDA KANESHIRO present. Howzat again? Treasurer BIGGIE's report is that the Chapter treasury is alive and well. The local chairman of the 1995 522nd Bn. reunion, STAN KANESHIRO tossed around Resch Tour's proposal for discussion. \$537.00 air round trip with Continental between HNL and Vegas with stops at LAX both ways; rooms at the Gold Coast at \$130.00 for 3 nights. Also requested was head count as to who will be going on to Las Vegas and individual itineraries. By now you should all have received the informative High Angle bulletin from GASHOUSE ISHIHARA wherein all the activities and costs are spelled out. So why are you laying on the couch? Get with it! Already guys are on the ameche calling in reservations to the Miyako Hotel. The reason being that the Hospitality Room is there, and therefore closer to the action and information center.

ROCKY TANNA reports that if the Chapter wishes to buy a bingo set to eliminate the hassle of vying with other chapters for it during the holidays, it could be purchased for \$229 in Las Vegas through BULLDOG NISHIZAWA's son who's there. Shipping and handling will be done by TOSHI's Merchandise Delivery Service. Approved. If BULLDOG goes there and makes money, he should buy it for the club, sez BOYAN. Highly approved!

HIDE NAKAMINE spent \$88.00 to buy up all the surplus 522nd buttons of the Kona and 50th reunion. We know that HIDE is into collecting memorabilia for his museum but all those buttons? Maybe collector's item umpteem years from now?

Speaking of which - HIDE is in receipt of two notices. One is from the 100/442nd Veterans Association of Los Angeles stating that a "Homecoming and Monument Dedication Reunion" is being planned for the summer of 1995 at Camp Shelby, Miss. Dates and details are being final-

ized and will be forwarded to him as they are completed. The other is a flyer from the San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California presenting "Liberators and Survivors (The Unknown Story)." It is to honor MRS. YUKIKO SUGIHARA and her late husband CHIUNE SUGIHARA, Japan's Consul General to Lithuania in 1940, and also the Japanese American 522nd FA Bn of the 100/442 RCT. It goes on to say that the "RCT is the most decorated unit in United States military history and the first Allied troops to release prisoners from the Dachau concentration camp." Heady words which TED TSUKIYAMA, 442nd historian, is agonizing over these days. He is hard-pressed to come up with documentation. To this end, he would welcome any tangible evidence (e.g. photos) and dates of photos more than first person narratives.

### Etceteras

Two lovely ladies NANCY K. ARAKI, Director of Community Affairs and KAORU OGURI, PhD, Curator of the Japanese American National Museum in LA were here on a project. A footnote is added here instead of at the bottom of the page to say that MANABI HIRASAKI, Charlie Btry is on the National Board of Trustees. The description of the project - and I quote from their handout - "The overall scope of this project will be to collect, preserve, and make known the Japanese American military experience from the Issei's first participation in the Spanish American War to the present day concerns and achievements of Japanese American service personnel."

"The museum has begun to establish a significant collection of Japanese American military artifacts, photographs, letters, medals, diaries, documents, and official publications as part of its permanent collection. With the establishment of a permanent collection of Japanese American in the military, the Museum will be able to engage in further development of exhibitions, educational materials, and other programming activities. The Museum will continue to explore



important topics, such as the role of the Nisei WAC, the significant contributions of the Nisei/Kibei soldiers in the Occupation of Japan, and more."

"Our first major exhibit focusing on the Japanese American military experience is scheduled to open in the Theater Gallery, November, 1995." However, there will be a separate exhibit in the Legacy Center on the 522nd FA Bn scheduled to open in April, 1995 in conjunction with the battalion reunion. "This will highlight the anniversary of the liberation of Dachau in which members of the 522nd played a role."

To say that the ladies had a busy time is to put it mildly since NEIL NAGAREDA and HIDE NAKAMINE among others had shopping bags full of photos and stories to tell. NANCY didn't have time to do the line dance and neither did KAORU have time to do the flamenco - even had they brought their cowboy hats and boots and flowing dress and castanets. Maybe next time when they come back in September?

JOE OBAYASHI contributed his "sennin bari" which his mother made for him and which he carried throughout the war. To the uninitiated, a "sennin bari" is a sash which a thousand persons each had sewn a stitch on to it to keep the wearer safe during the war. As you can see, and to the delight of PEGGY, it worked. NEIL may or may not have related his experience about having started his musical career overseas when he liberated an accordion. Said instrument was so bulky and wouldn't fit into his duffel bag without dumping his combat boots or other issues, he abandoned the squeeze box. End of musical career. Too bad. Maybe we would have had another LAWRENCE WELK with Aala Park renamed after NEIL.

### **Etceteras, Etceteras**

On July 17, what started out for this scribe to visit JAMES HOSHI, who is ailing in San Francisco, turned into a golf trip nowhere near S.F. The intention was there and with a "get well" card signed by his golfing buddies, started out for Los Angeles to meet with ALLEN and GRACE NAKAMURA there and to drive up to S.F. Upon

reaching L.A., ALLEN was notified by JAMES through telecon dissuading him from coming up as receiving visitors will exhaust him. Instead, JAMES said he would appreciate it more if we spent the time by golfing. Reluctantly but conforming to his wishes, the NAKAMURAS headed home to Del Mar, CA with this scribe in tow as their house guest.

This was on a Sunday afternoon and after a couple of hours of driving arrived at their mansion in Del Mar heights. Plenty of time to put on the dancing shoes for that's where we headed for in San Diego to the Musician's Union Hall where the dance with a 14-piece band was held. Remember earlier I told you about the NAKAMURAS and West Coast swing? Well, now you know where they hang out. Let me interrupt here by saying that they may get a little competition from ANN and HIROMI FUJIWARA who are no slouches tripping the light fantastic at the Club 100 Dance Club. Lots of senior citizens and as in Hawaii, they sure love ballroom dancing. Spent the night singing karaoke music with his sophisticated big-screen karaoke machine all the while GRACE, the gracious hostess, is serving this guest free beer with ice. Karaoke bars were never this good.

Next day, golf at Torrey Pine North with two of his friends making up a foursome. Ooh, the tough course. The fairways are only yeah wide and beyond that, the roughs are 6-inches high. Since no one was pushing us, we leisurely looked for lost balls while keeping an eye out for snakes and there were plenty in the tall roughs. Balls, not snakes. The following day's golf was at Torrey Pine South. Just as tough. The third day at Coronado G.C. Aha! This course was a little bit more user-friendly. Not much places to get into trouble, so - no balls to be lost or found. The public courses in California are beautiful with well-kept greens and fairways. The Ala Wai dirt players will have a hard time playing on grass here. So JAMES, we sure played golf as per your wishes.

After each day of golf and returning home, there was GRACE with the glass of ice and beer. Sitting at poolside, sipping the cool brew, one



can't help but get used to this luxurious life style and think, "Gee, I wonder what the poor people in the world are doing today."

After the first night, we visited two karaoke bars in San Diego. At both places the hostesses said, "You must be from Hawaii," because we ordered beer with buckets of ice.

I figured after 3 days and nights, house guests, like fish, will start to smell, so reluctantly, it's time to leave this life of luxury. GRACE and ALLEN, generous hosts to the end, treated lunch and saw this "man who came to dinner" aboard the AmTrak. They had even called ahead to L.A. giving my time of arrival there so my brother-in-law could pick me up. The comments I received thereafter was "some guys stay here only a few days and get to ride the Amtrak while we've been living here for years and never rode it."

We feel a deep regret that we did not get to see JAMES for he passed away on 20 July. Funeral services were held 25 July at 1900 Lake Park United Methodist Church, Oakland, CA.

KIYOSHI OKANO of Walnut Grove sent two clippings of the Aug. Pacific Citizen "Orbit" of JAMES HOSHI and YOSHIO WADA, Santa Cruz. YOSHIO, Baker Btry, attended the 50th reunion, sez KIYOSHI. He also says he will attend the SUGIHARA memorial in Japan. Six days of rest from the trip and then head for London, Paris, Bruyeres, and Caen Normandy. Not too much hectic go go, for you we hope.

### 17 August Chapter Meeting

Chapter Meeting and family night with Bento at the clubhouse. In addition to the bento, there were other goodies donated. Kamaboko, chikuwa, and sambai zuke from KISA MIYAMOTO; sliced pickled eggplants from NAKAKURAS - BIGGIE is in charge of the pickling so is he called the pickle-head? His assistant JESSIE just washed bottles; French bread and the cheese to go with this bread from STAN KANESHIRO.

Meeting followed repast. Nothing world-shaking to report. Guest speaker was CLARA KATEKARU and her brother/assistant GARY FUNASAKI. Both are volunteer speakers for the

Hawaii Family Hope Program which is a proposed state program which would help families pay for long term care. No, it's not free. You pay a small percentage of what your Hawaii income tax is. Maybe you Federal retirees who pay no Hawaii tax can get away dirt cheap? Go ask CLARA.

### Golf Scorecard by ROCKY

6 June 94: A special 4-man Tourney. As in horse racing, there were only 3 winners. The "WIN" team being TOKU, WALT, DON, and HAROLD. Eh? HAROLD? Will wonders never cease? "PLACE" team were TED, KON KON, ROCKY, and AKABO. The "SHOW" team being TEIJI, GEO., MITS, and TOM. Also-ran teams were: DON, TOSHI, LARRY, STAN and KEN, FRANCIS, BIGGIE, Y.T. Out of the money, they got exercise and the practice they need.

CP's on the par threes: #4 FRANCIS, #8 CANNONBALL up to his old tricks. These two also-rans did alright. The club won on the other par 3's.

20 June 94: Club Championship Qualifying Day. As they say in the service, either shoot or get off the pot. You'd think that qualifying for one of the 16 places would be a gimme with only 18 guys present. But if JOEO. and MITS picked this day to shoot their worst games of their career then they'll have no problem planning their off-island vacations.

BOYAN trying to 3-peat shot a no-nonsense net 63 to leave the other qualifiers in the dust to also take the Monthly Ace. Other ILN's in this order: DON, ROCKY, TOKU, TOM, KEN, WALT, LARRY, and BIGGIE.

CP's on the par 3's: #4 DON, #8 KEN, #13 WALT, #17 Club.

18 July 94: Start of Match play for the Club Championship. KEN and TED both scratched themselves by not being present at the gate. Both DON and WALTER effortlessly advanced to the quarterfinals because their opponents TOSHI and TEIJI were no-shows. As for the matches that took place, TOKU trounced KON KEN. The close matches were: BIGGIE being bested by LARRY 2 up; BOYAN escaped



FRANCIS 1 up, GEO struggled to come out ahead 1 up after giving MITS 2 strokes per hole.

TOM and JOE U. came in a dead heat and that was settled in TOM's favor not by a photo but by a tie-breaker rule.

TOM savored this day by putting more money on the table for he also won the Ace of the Month. The Bud Lites never tasted better for him. ILNs are BOYAN, Y.T., FRANCIS, JOE O., MITS, LARRY, and DON.

CP's on the par 3's: #4 DON, #8 TOKU, #13 TOM, #17 BIGGIE.

**1 August 94:** An extra four-man team special thrown in for this month. Show time was early, so the birds were still sleeping in the treetops and the bagboys weren't even there to pick up our bags from the cars. The early bird team of BOYAN, LARRY, STAN, ROY O. got the worms followed by teams of DON, JOE U., GEO, AKABO then TOKU, HAROLD BIGGIE. The team of TED, MITS, WALT brought up the rear and when you bring up the rear, what do you get?

CP's on the par 3s: #4 DON, #8 Club, #13 TOKU, #17 LARRY.

At the meeting that followed after the game, it was stressed that course management wants to know three days ahead how many T-times will be used from the number allocated this club. It is so that management can utilize whatever T-times not used. Henceforth, no call to DON or ROCKY means attendance. No call and no show means \$5.00 assessment. No excuses. The only excuse will be - attending a funeral - yours.

**17 August 94:** Continuation of club championship match play and Ace of the Month. LARRY ran amok and shot way over his head to win the Ace of the Month and to put the kibosh on BOYAN's plan to 3-peat. DON and GEO who tied for second on the ILN handily beat their opponents too. DON over WALT while GEO had an easier time by winning by default. TOM took TOKU 3 and 2. In the consolation category, BIGGIE conked KON KON and JOE O. waltzed in by default. Other ILN's were STAN, JOE U., and last and least, Y.T.

CP's on the par 3: #4 DON, #8 CLUB, #13

TOKU, #17 WALT.

The reason CANNONBALL is not winning anything is because he's recovering from - you wouldn't believe it. A bite from a centipede.

19th hole was at the Moanalua G.C. clubhouse where the 522 G.C. picked up the tab which saved the aforementioned winners from buying any rounds. LARRY, who won the Ace of the Month, not through hand-me-downs but like SINATRA "did it my way" settled for fame and donated his fortune back to the club. The Club thanks this true amateur player.



by FRED YASUKOCHI & HARRY TOKUSHIGE

### No Sooner Said Than Done

We ended our last issue but saying, "In closing this edition, and preparing for the next, we need some help from TERRY & MARIE to give us the latest from the Northwest." Well, our roving mainland reporter FRED YASUKOCHI responded with the following report:

JANE and I were up in Seattle, the first part of June, there to see our son receive his master's degree in accounting from the University of Washington and to meet his fiancée's parents who reside in Bellevue. We called MAY NAMBA and the KURIMURAS soon after we got there so we were able to have lunch together with MAY, TERRY, MARIE, EVELYN, and TOSHIMI. They took us on tour around the Seattle area, really on short notice, and went to see a Washington State winery, sold under the name of Chateau St. Michelle wines. Really enjoyed the outing except for the constant drizzle and light rain. We talked about the families and the members of "A" Battery, and got down to the Reunion of April of 1995. They were interested and thought that