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In President Oba's final message published in the Go For Broke Bulletin, he announced the appointment of JENNIFER BAKER as our new Executive Secretary. JENNIFER is the daughter of COLONEL NORMAN and DIANE BAKER. COL. BAKER is the Commander of Quality Management for the Pacific Air Force Command at Hickam Air Force Base. The Property and House Rules Committee is pleased to have JENNIFER serve on the Committee. Incidentally, JENNY is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a degree in Political Science and European Language, which should aid her in dealing with 442nd politics!

Since this is my final report as chairman of the Property and House Rules Management Committee, I express a sincere mahalo to the retiring and new members of the committee. A special thanks to CHARLES ODA who served many years as chairman, vice-chairman, and member of the Property and House Rules Management Committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1994 50th Reunion in France Update

*(The following letter was received on October 23, 1993 from Mayor Alain Thirion of Bruyeres, France)*

Dear President Oba,

In reply to your letter of September 8, 1993, and to help you in the planning of your trip to Bruyeres and Biffontaine in October 1994, I am pleased to give you the following information that you normally need.

\*Concerning Bruyeres: the day of the reunion is Sunday, October 16, 1994, as you already know. And your presence will be greatly significant all day long (from 9:00 a.m. to the middle of the afternoon at least.)

## PROGRAM

9:30 a.m.: Church service in memory of 442nd soldiers

10:20 a.m.: Parade in the main street

10:30 a.m.: Ceremony in front of the memorial to fallen soldiers of World War I

& II (Board buses and cars and drive to the 442 memorial in the forest. It takes about 15 minutes to get there)

11:00 a.m.: Ceremony in front of the 442 memorial. Wreaths. (Board buses and cars back to City Hall)

11:30 a.m.: Reception in City Hall. Speeches. Meeting up with Bruyeres citizens.

1:00 p.m.: Official lunch.

4-5:00 p.m.: End of the reunion.

\*Concerning Biffontaine area: Mayor GEORGE HENRY's wish is that you'd be there on Saturday, October 15 (instead of Monday, October 17th). He said he told you that through J. BIANCHETTI. In the absence of coordination to now, and face to self-centered actions we just offer to you the warm welcome of the citizens of Bruyeres, who gave the proof all long the past 50 years (and often brightly) of their indestructible friendship whatever happens. I wish to you and to your committee a good preparation's work and I will be very happy to meet you in October, 1994.

### Go For Broke National Veterans Association (GFB NVA) Press Release

The GFB NVA has selected an 8,500 sq. ft. Washington D.C. park within view of the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court as its first choice for the location of the memorial honoring the patriotism of all Japanese Americans in World War II. The site, located on Constitution Avenue and Maryland Avenue, NE, must be approved by three independent bodies — National Capital Memorial Commission, Commission of Fine Arts, and National Capital Planning Commission.

"This site was chosen for several reasons foremost of which is the direct linkage between the U.S. Congress and the Supreme Court in the events that so affected all of our lives in World



War II," WILLIAM MARUTANI, GFB NVA president said. "Moreover, there was a consensus among focus group participants in San Francisco, Honolulu, and Washington D.C. for this site."

DAVID BUCKLEY, AIA, a Washington D.C. architect who was retained to guide GFB NVA through the site selection process, proposed five possible locations. He said his review of the criteria for memorial sites, as set forth in the Commemorative Works Act of 1986, stresses the importance of historical linkages between the site and its immediate environs.

"This site is immediately adjacent to the Supreme Court, the U.S. Congress, and is located on Constitution Avenue — all of which are closely tied to the general focus of the Japanese American memorial," BUCKLEY said.

The original proposal to build the memorial honoring the patriotism of Japanese American veterans of all wars, particularly World War II and its total denial of civil liberties to all Nikkei, was made by the late MIKE MASAOKA at a GFB NVA meeting in 1989.

In June, 1991, Rep. NORMAN MINETA and Sen. DANIEL INOUE were asked by the GFB NVA to introduce legislation in Congress (H.J. Res. 271, S.J. Res. 161) to authorize the building of this memorial.

The National Memorial Commission rejected the proposal, stating its policy was to disapprove all ethnic military memorials. Rep. MINETA and Sen. INOUE, in cooperation with GFB NVA leaders, asked for reconsideration, stressing that the proposal was much more than a ethnic military monument.

The legislation was amended to honor the patriotism of Japanese Americans in World War II. The commission passed the amended version unanimously.

Both the House and Senate adopted the amended bill without opposition in the closing months of the 102nd Congress, and President GEORGE BUSH signed the bill into law on October 24, 1992.

The law provided that no federal funds shall be used in building the memorial. The GFB NVA

Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, will be responsible for raising the funds and for designing and building the monument. Foundation membership will include both veterans and non-veterans, Nikkei and non-Nikkei, and men and women.

## THELMA CHANG

*From The Honolulu Advertiser, Tuesday, November 16, 1993)*

Winners of the first Ka Palapala Po'okela Book Awards were announced Friday at a luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel. The awards were established this year by the Hawaii Book Publishers Association (HBPA) to celebrate the best in local publishing. Books published between July 1, 1986, (the date of HBPA's founding) and June 30, 1993 were eligible.

A panel of outside judges reviewed more than 200 books published during this period and selected 53 titles in 13 different categories. The public was then invited to pick their favorites by voting on the ballots distributed in libraries throughout the state. The independent accounting firm of Dector & Williams, CPAs, audited the results of the more than 2,000 ballots returned with 8,159 votes cast, averaging 4 votes per ballot.

The results:

Excellence in Writing Non-Fiction - **THELMA CHANG for "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th/442nd," Sigi Productions.**

Excellence in Technical Production - **Sigi Productions for "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th/442nd."**

THELMA CHANG, author of would like to express her appreciation for all of those who voted for her in the 1993 Ka Palapala Po'okela Charter Book Awards. And in turn, the 442nd Veterans Club congratulates our friend and biographer, THELMA CHANG for her outstanding work.

## JUDY WEIGHTMAN

Congratulations are also sent to JUDY WEIGHTMAN, whose documentary "From Hawaii to the Holocaust: A Shared Moment in



History," won the Documentary Award at the 1993 Hawaii International Film Festival. This documentary tells the unknown story of the shared experiences of the Jews and Japanese-American members of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, focusing on the powerful events leading up to the AJA fighting unit's heroic involvement on the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II. JUDY and WAYNE WEIGHTMAN produced the film, WAYNE WEIGHTMAN wrote the script, and JUDY directed the film with RYAN SEXTON. The film included rare archival footage, location shooting in Israel and Dachau, and testimony from AJAs and Holocaust survivors bring a textured vitality to the filmmakers's message of humanity and remembrance. Well-known actor and activist ED ASNER narrates.

The clubhouse is currently purchasing the tape, which may be checked out of the clubhouse or viewed on the VCR. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the tape may obtain an order form from the Clubhouse. Cost of the tape is \$34.95.

Once more, congratulations to JUDY WEIGHTMAN and associates for their achievement.

### CONSEPTION SANCHEZ

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### Smithsonian Office of Public Affairs

"American History Museum tells GI experience of World War II"

"GI: The American Soldier Experience in World War II" exhibition opens October 29 at the Museum of American History in Washington D.C. The exhibit, which features about 325 artifacts and 125 graphics and photos, is a joint presen-

tation of the National Museum of American History and the National Museum of the United States Army. Among the items on display are a section of barracks (complete with cots and latrine), awards, and decorations, K rations and seven life-sized mannequins in original uniforms and equipment.

### 1994 E Company Mini-Reunion

All veterans of the 442nd RCT and their friends are invited to join us in this "farewell" trip to the former battlefields of the European Theater, World War II.

This time, we will do Italy and France in luxury! Our itinerary begins with departure from mainland, USA on Thursday, June 30, arriving in Venice, Italy on Friday, July 01, where we begin by boarding the luxurious cruise ship "Royal Odyssey" for 12 nights, sailing the Greek Islands, Italy, and France. This ship was refurbished in 1991 and is 28,000 tons and carries 749 passengers, has 410 crew members, and requires only one seating for dining. We will be welcomed by the Captain with a cocktail reception, and he will bid us farewell at another cocktail reception, and our E Company group will be given another private cocktail reception during the cruise.

On Wednesday, July 13, we will disembark and board private buses waiting to take us from Genoa to Besancon, France, arriving early evening for the first night stop enroute to Bruyeres. Thursday, July 14 we will arrive in Bruyeres for lunch, which will be followed by a memorial service for the veterans of World Wars I & II. On the 15th, we will visit the 36th Division memorial, and will return for a banquet, to which we have invited 50 Bruyeres citizens to be our guests.

On Saturday, the 16th we will depart Epinal for Reims, visiting famous wine and champagne cellars before continuing to Paris. In Paris, we will stay at the St. James at Albany, before departing for the mainland US on Monday, July 18th.

On this land tour, daily continental breakfast is included, plus the banquet in Bruyeres. All



other meals are on your own. Baggage handling (one piece per person) at all hotels as well as transfer to the Paris airport on July 18 are also included.

**TOTAL COST INCLUDING CRUISE AND LAND TOUR:**

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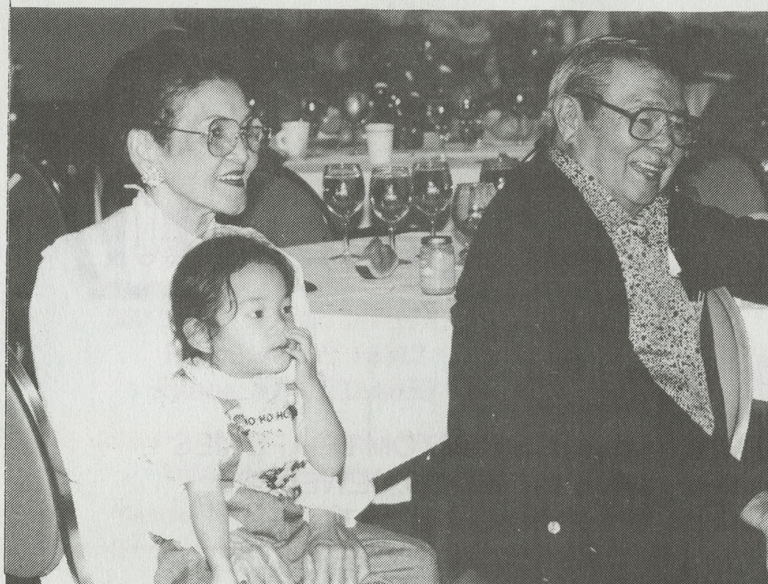
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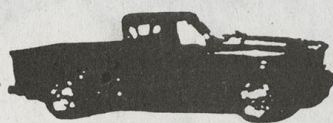




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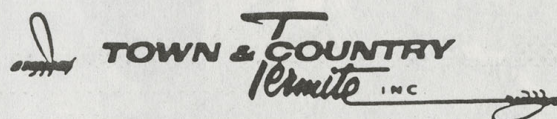
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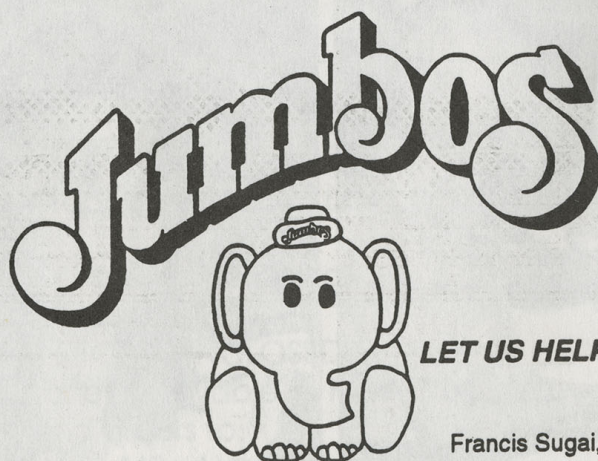
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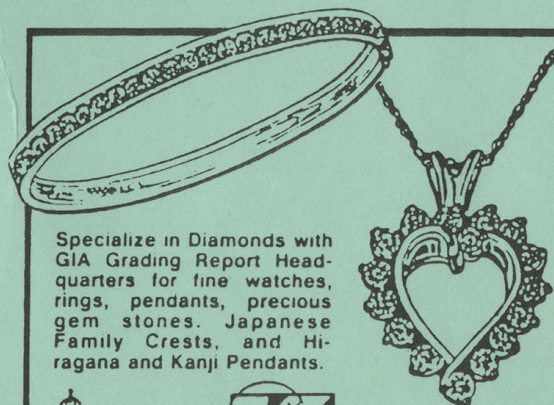
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