



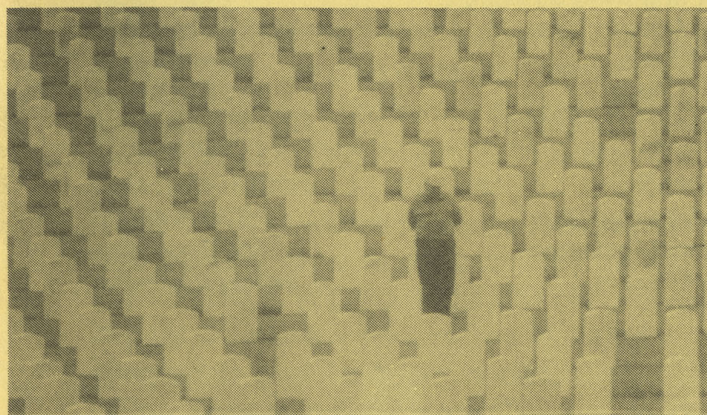
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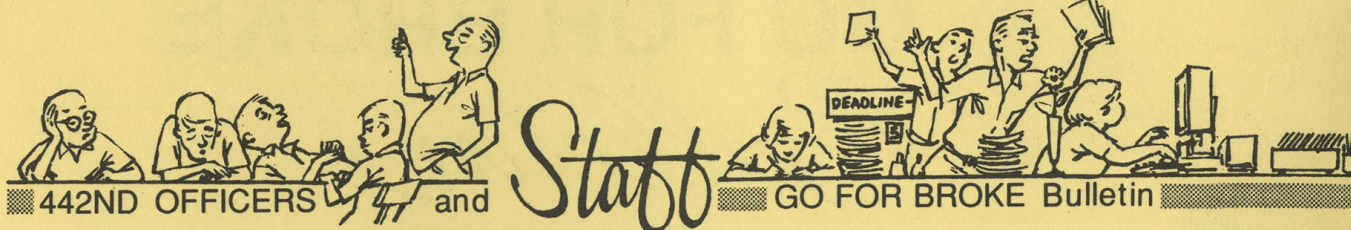
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A Day for Remembering



MACK NOGAKI, a 232nd Engineers/Band Chapter member from Seattle, Washington, leads the Parade of Colors during the Veterans Day observance at Evergreen-Washielle Cemetery where Japanese-American veterans were honored. For more on this story, see 232nd Chapter News

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PRESIDENT'S *Report*



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As the "Go For Broke" Bulleting went to press, the plans for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Annual Banquet were being finalized under the able leadership of JOE OBAYASHI of 522nd B Chapter. The Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific on Saturday morning, March 25, 1995, will be highlighted by the memorial address by former prisoner-of-war BILL PATY. Judge FRANK TAKAO of 171st Chapter is scheduled to serve as Master of Ceremonies. CLAUDE TAKEKAWA of 171st Chapter and his Memorial Service Committee are grateful for the usual effective cooperation received from Director GENE CASTAGNETTI's staff of the National Cemetery. We are also appreciative of the wholehearted support from the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve and the Hawaii Army National Guard. Former Executive Secretary ROBERT SASAKI's granddaughter NADINE MATSUDA was practicing diligently when this report was being prepared to the lead the Memorial Service audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. NADINE is a first grader at Maryknoll School and is the daughter of GLEN and DOREEN MATSUDA, members of the Sons and Daughters Chapter. NADINE will receive moral support from her four-year old sister, CHRISTINE, and her parents. Our own 442nd Veterans Club Chaplain, the Rev. ERNEST UNO, readily agreed to give the invocation, with the benediction to be intoned by Bishop YOSHIKI FUJITANI of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Musical selections by the 442nd Choral Group, appreciated by the congregation in past memorial services, are included in the program to give it a "touch of class!" Members of the Sons and Daughters Chapter, properly

dressed, will serve as ushers and reception hosts. The Board of Directors earnestly desires a good turnout of members and guests to honor our deceased comrades of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

ED ICHIIYAMA, Esq. of 522 C Chapter, chairman of the Banquet Committee, reports that a good portion of the banquet program planning has been completed. Only the entertainment part is still pending, as of the January committee meeting. Hopefully and probably, PAT MORITA will be available to entertain the members and guests. Should his acting schedule preclude his participation, replacement entertainers are standing by. The emphasis of the evening will be on relaxing entertainment. The Awards Committee has met and recommended Kansha Medallion to be given to deserving individuals and organizations. The 442nd Executive Committee has approved Kansha Awards to the following: Director GENE CASTAGNETTI, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; Hawaii Army Museum Society with their President, Major Gen. HERBERT E. WOLFF (Ret.) accepting the award on the Society's behalf; and authors THELMA CHANG and CHESTER TANAKA. In addition, I will be awarding three Presidents Distinguished Service Awards, in the form of handsome desk pen sets. The recipients will be announced during the presentation of awards at the banquet. An innovation at this year's banquet will be the posting of the colors by members of the 522nd Artillery Battalion Chapters. Our talented staff Artist, JACKSON MORISAWA, will design the covers of both the Memorial and Banquet programs. The Banquet Committee expects the membership and guest participation to total 600 plus. Excellent door prizes, donated by local firms and individuals, will be given away, with the stipulation that you need not be present at the banquet. Door prize tickets will be distributed by each chapter president, who will also be responsible for banquet ticket sales. The Sons and Daughters Chapters has been given permission to sell souvenir items during the cock-

tail hours. At the start of the formal program, Chaplain UNO will deliver the invocation, to be followed by a rendition of the Lord's Prayer on the flute by ED KANAYA of 232nd Engrs./Band Chapter. Accommodations at the Pacific Beach Hotel, where the banquet will be held, are available at a reasonable daily room rate. A golf tournament will also be held as usual in conjunction with the annual Memorial and Banquet programs, coordinated by HENRY "BRUNO" YAMADA, Chairman of the Golf Committee. The Board of Directors extend a very sincere mahalo to the Annual Memorial and Banquet Committee members: JOE OBAYASHI (522 B); CLAUDE TAKEKAWA (171); ED ICHIYAMA (522C); JERRY ISHIMOTO (522 B); YOKICHI HOKAMA (522 C); ALAN KUBOTA (S & D); GRACE FUJII (S & D); JACKSON MORISAWA (Staff Artist/Howe); and JENNIFER BAKER (Executive Secretary).

Speaking of golf, the Hawaii Army Museum Society will again sponsor a fundraising competition on Friday, June 23 at the Leilehua Golf Course. The 442nd Veterans Club will again enter a foursome, possibly challenging Club 100's group. 442nd's participation is under the guidance of Golf Chair BRUNO. The Sons and Daughters Chapters of both the 442nd and Club 100 have been solicited to provide manpower requirements of the tournament.

From the administrative standpoint, I am pleased to announce that Finance Chairman KOBE SHOJI and his Committee have recommended a balanced 1995 budget to the Board of Directors for approval. Past President KOBE (Love) has another Past President FRED IDA (G) serving on his committee. Past Mother Club Treasurer RAYMOND TANAKA, current Treasurer SAM HIRONAKA, and Executive Secretary JENNIFER BAKER are the other members on DR. KOBE SHOJI's Finance Committee. The approved budget has been referred to the Planning Committee, headed by ED ICHIYAMA, Esq., to be used in their deliberations for future endeavors.

Councilman ANDY MIRIKITANI had the City and County of Honolulu appropriate the sum of

\$125,000 to establish an AJA Veterans Memorial to be located on U.S. Army property, Fort DeRussy. The proposed location is on the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road. 442nd Veterans Club staff Artist, JACKSON MORISAWA, has been asked to suggest an appropriate plan for the project. Immediate Past President RON OBA represents our Club on the AJA Veterans Council to assist Councilman MIRIKITANI. The memorial is to honor the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Construction Battalion. The President of the 1399th Veterans Club, TOM TAKEMOTO, will be heading the AJA Veterans Council this year in rotation.

On February 10, 1995, the Lions Club International President, Prof. Dr. GRIMALDI, laid a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, honoring 442nd Veterans Club. Our Legal Counsel, ROBERT KATAYAMA officially represented our club. BOB KATAYAMA is a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.



L - R: Mrs. GRIMALDI, Dr. GUISEPPE GRIMALDI, MELVIN NAKAMURA, & ROBERT KATAYAMA.

The 442nd Veterans Club has been honored with invitations to participate at the special and annula functions of several community organizations, such as the Japanese Cultural of Ha-

waii; Military Intelligence Service Club; the Japanese Consulate; Japanese American Citizen's League, Honolulu Chapter; the United States Navys' Arizona Memorial; the U.S. Army Civilian Advisory Group; the AMVETS Arizona Award; and the Hawaii Army Museum Society to cite a few received within the past several months. The Veterans of the Military Intelligence Service installed their new officers and Board of Directors at a banquet held at the Ala Moana Hotel on 28th January, 1995. HENRY H. FURUYA, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, is the new President, replacing GEORGE TAKABAYASHI, who completed a 2-year term.

Through the strong influence of our Senator DANIEL K. INOUE, the Congress of the United States approved a memorial in Washington D.C. honoring all AJA citizens. The Board of Directors has been informed of this major project to be located in the vicinity of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. This memorial was to honor AJA veterans initially, but the U.S. Congress changed the plan to honor all AJAs, especially for the unconstitutional relocation of AJAs during World War II. The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation has been organized to carry out this project. The Directors of this Foundation met in Honolulu on February 17 and 18 to further publicize this program locally. HIDETO KONO, former Chairman of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, is serving as Hawaii liaison for this Foundation. Past President HAROLD FUKUNAGA, a Regional Vice President of the Go For Broke Association, represents our organization with the NJAMF.

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the new Director of George Chapter, their President GRACE ISHII was formally introduced. She is the widow of the late FRANCIS ISHII, inheriting his life membership according to our by-laws. Welcome on board, GRACE!

Our 442nd Veterans Club entities to benefit our general membership - the 442nd RCT Foundation; the 442nd Federal Credit Union; and the Archives and Learning Center among others are functioning well. The Editorial staff of the Go For

Broke Bulletin is commended for a fine last quarter 1994 publication. To assist and advise Editor ED GOTO, the 442nd Executive Committee will serve as their Editorial Board. As President of our Club, I have found a very diverse opinions as to how our organization should function. I sincerely appreciate these inputs to improve our day-to-day administration of the club. May I close this quarterly report with a quotation by THOMAS HUXLEY: "IT IS NOT WHO IS RIGHT, BUT WHAT IS RIGHT THAT IS OF IMPORTANCE."



EDITOR'S

Message

by ED GOTO

Our last edition, which was essentially everyone's report on the European anniversary tour, received a lot of positive comments. Your thanks and recognition should go to all of your individual chapter reporters for putting it all down on paper.

That edition also "set records" for volume, production time and effort, and cost. A big volume like that last one involves extra printing, binding, and mailing costs (postage just went up too!) as well as some tremendous effort by JENNIFER BAKER to put it all together in time to meet printing deadlines.

The additional expenses required to put that "book" in your hands raised concerns among the Club's Executive Committee over the need to control costs involved in producing the Bulletin in general. A first-ever dinner meeting with our reporters was held to discuss that concern.

Although the huge *European Tour Edition* was an exception that will probably never recur, agreement was reached among our reporters that future bulletins should be kept to roughly 80 pages. JENNIFER and I believe that under normal circumstances this should be an easy target to meet without having to cut anybody's

submission.

We want very much to be able to print all the information we receive. We ask for your (our readers) patience and understanding, however, if we must postpone publishing a piece until the next issue.

We're also encouraging your reporters to do their work on computers and turn in it on a "diskette." If you own a computer (Macintosh preferred) and know your reporter, invite him or her to play with it and maybe someday use it to make up your chapter report.

I would also like to ask for your patience and understanding on another matter. While at the same time expressing his appreciation for a job well done, one of our reporters brought to my attention that his article contained a number of errors.

My apologies to you if that last "monster" issue was not well proof read. My needing to take time off from work to coincide with JENNIFER's weekday office schedule did not allow me much time to fine tune all those words and typing. I skipped articles proof read by the reporters themselves. I also admit to rushing through my reading of other articles.

Again, my sincere apologies, especially if someone's name was misspelled. I'm afraid lack of precision is something that you'll be asked to put up with for awhile - blame HENRY KUNIYUKI for volunteering someone who isn't already retired and can edit the Bulletin as a fun project! As time goes on, if I find I can't provide you with the service you deserve, I'll relieve myself of duty, as the saying goes.

Still, please continue to let us know if we can improve what you see in your bulletin. Your comments and ideas are welcome. Until next time.....

CONTRIBUTING

Editor

by JACKSON MORISAWA

Our Inherent Quality - The human character and the rational mind

Omori Sogen Rotaishi, one of the foremost Zen Masters of this era, wrote: "We really don't know whether tens or millions of years have passed since man first appeared on this earth. But we can say that we have progressed to the extremes in many ways, ethically and morally, in the virtue of the Ways, in art, culture, and religion, not to mention science and technology. And yet, why is it that being extremely in want of peace, there has not been an interval between war and conflicts? While possessing nuclear arms, which in an instant can destroy the world and eradicate humanity, people go around crying, 'Peace! Peace!' What is the story the uneasy people of the present age are telling?"

"Because we are part of the evolutionary process, we have plant-like cells and qualities of wild animals. Layers of physical, biological, and human qualities in a unified structure; this is what we can call man."

"Because of this stratification in his world, man commonly uses physical laws like the laws that govern the world of matter and biological laws like laws that govern the world of living things. However, man is blessed with an inherent quality, the human character, which distinguishes mankind from other animals."

"And even a man of noble and god-like character cannot exist for even a single day without depriving other forms of life of their life. This is the sad reality of human beings. Even a very honest and pure person must snatch water away from the earth, breathe the air from the sky, and steal energy from the sun without compensating Mother nature. Otherwise he cannot maintain his existence, even for an instant. This is the sad fate of man. According to this definition then, everyone bears the original sin."

"Consequently, even if a man really loves peace, in order to attain this noble aim, must kill the cow, kill the chicken, kill the fish, and kill the vegetable. To put it paradoxically, man himself falls into the scene of the great destruction of life caused by the survival of the fittest. Therefore, one can say that because there is no peace, one

desires peace. Man's existence basically possesses this dialectic structure. In this way the reality is that human existence is definitely based on killing. There is absolutely no human life that does not include killing or death."

"No matter how strong he is, a man thrown into this world with his animal instincts will find conflict. Man's world will be the same as that of a tiger or wolf because armed might is no different from the claws and fang of wild animals."

This profound perception of human beings was the concern of a great man whose teachings in the Way can alleviate man's spiritual malaise.

We must look deeply into this quality of human character. It has the potential to lift human beings to higher levels of existence. But without an understanding of this inherent quality, we tend to abuse this privilege and instead of acting as human beings, exhibit beastly behavior in an instinct of preservation.

Misuse of this quality also makes human beings the most insincere creatures of the animal world. Cats, dogs, and other wild animals possess true sincerity of nature. Their actions are natural without calculation or intention. Human beings, on the other hand, are obsessed with the rational mind. We believe that thinking before acting is the mark of an intelligent man.

Ever since childhood we have been taught to think. Why is it then that the more we think, the more confused we become? According to a knowledgeable scholar, "thinking" is merely collecting and conjuring stale habits and prejudices harbored in one's mind. Thinking only serves to disrupt an already confused mind. Disruption causes the mind to dwell and in turn disrupt the natural flow of the rhythm in action. This by no means is a natural mind.

A natural mind is free of delusions and harbors no habits. There is an old adage of the Ways: "If you want fresh tea, you must first empty the cup of old tea. Otherwise the cup overflows and never retains the fresh tea." The natural mind must be emptied of all the habits and prejudices accumulated through the years. Only then can

one create or concentrate to deliver the natural flow of action.

Concentration, not thinking is the true base for natural action. Concentration is the means to alert all the senses. It is unconscious or consciousness, therefore, works on natural instincts, the oneness of body and mind. Concentration utilizes an alert mind which prevents intellection to interfere with the natural flow of action.

In Zen concept, a natural mind is a mind of an enlightened person and is referred to as "Buddha nature." All sentient beings are originally Buddha or enlightened person. A newborn baby is the most enlightened person. The mind is empty of any learnings, therefore is void of preconceived thoughts which deter the flow of instinctive action. The naturalness is why the baby cries when hungry, sleeps whenever tired, and exhibits sincerity in all actions.

In growing up, however, we inevitably pass through the gauntlet of man-made laws, ethical and moral conducts, religious doctrines, and technological atmospheres conjured from the rational mind. We usually end up harboring all the input, the habits, and delusive thoughts that cloud our minds. Concentration is impossible in this condition and our actions become preconceived and calculated. We become creatures of our own making instead of nature. We eat because it's lunch time, we go to bed because we have to get up early for work, and our virtue is tainted because we know goodness and its rewards.

When you open the morning paper, what do you see? The news you read everyday attests to the level man's utilization of the inherent quality of human character has taken us. Our claws and fangs are showing.

The need to alleviate ourselves from human despair is present and real. Is there a solution? Some find solace in religion or in the pursuit of the mysterious and unknown; some find solace in alcohol or drugs. But external sanctuaries afford us little more than temporary relief, and religion, while it might soothe one's mind, cannot cure spiritual malaise. In this spiritual vacuum,