

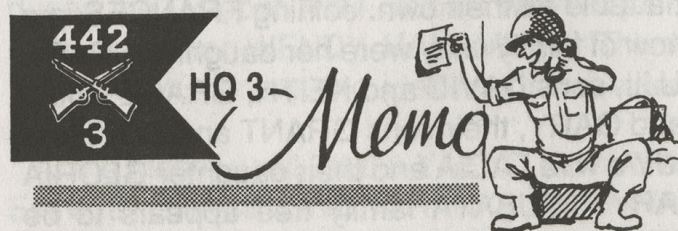
Colors and streamers, ordered and acquired by this Club. ALAN KUBOTA of Lenscape was asked to supply detailed and colored photos so that authentic colors and streamers could be made.

On August 5th last year, a few of us were very fortunate to have been able to entertain French mademoiselles, ISABEL RUPP (daughter of MICHEL & JEAN RUPP) and her friend, MARIE FRANCE, when they came visiting. They left loaded with souvenirs from us.

Our Sons & Daughters Chapter are gathering oral histories of their dads - the going is somewhat slow, but they're hanging in there. At our quarterly meeting of April 8th last year, SHERMAN SHIRAISHI, Attorney-at-Law and son of CLINTON I. SHIRAISHI, enlightened the members of the new Medicaid law. At another meeting some time previously, he provided information on estate law.

Thanks to PAUL OKAMURA, our Club has new Club shirts and Aloha caps with the 442nd logo. The caps came in very handy for those who went to France to help our friends there celebrate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine.

In the meantime, we have lost more members to death: TAKEO MURAOKA on Sept. 28, 1993; JARRETT S. KANO on November 28, 1993; KENNETH T. ISHII on March 20, 1994; MASATO FUJITA on June 8, 1994; and in 1995 so far, HARVEY T. MAEDA, Jan. 7; YATSUJI NAKAGAWA, Jan. 25.; and TAKEO YONEJI, Feb. 23. Our hearts went out to their families.



by CHARLES WATANABE

What is new with 3rdHQ? Well, they did something different this time. Unlike recent years, February's meeting was held during the noon-

time luncheon with the wives joining at the Waioli Tea Room. This was our way of expressing "Thank You" to our "Valentines" in attendance who enjoyed the privacy of a very special room. This occasion also offered a chance to toast the arrival of 1995 - Shinnen En Kai. Everyone had a wonderful time and the meeting was kept short with ERNI UNO briefing the group on the upcoming mini-reunion in Las Vegas. If there are further questions, call ERNI. Enjoying the atmosphere of the recently reopened restaurant nestled in cool and lush Manoa gardens were TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, JANET MATSUDA, ROBERT & EDNA KUNYUKI, ERNI & GRACIE UNO, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

Following is a special report of interest: February was also a significant month commemorating the 10th Anniversary International Friendship Karaoke Song Festival. This event was held in Hawaii by the JAVAC Zen Nippon Karaoke Shinsa Kyokai. Significant event because SHIGERU & JANET GOTO were among the winners in their respective divisions. SHIGERU was presented an award for being an outstanding singer in a special singers division. JANET was honored with a special prize in the advanced singers division. Over 600 singers from Japan, Hawaii, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Los Angeles, and San Francisco participated in the huge musical program that took two days and two nights at the Hilton Hawaiian Village hotel. The overall grand champion was a girl from Argentina. Congratulations to SHIGERU & JANET for their outstanding achievement in their respective divisions. Quite an accomplishment from the same family; maybe one of you will be capturing the grand champion award next time around.

March meeting was held at the clubhouse, and when I say clubhouse, I mean the one on Wiliwili Street, not the one you know where. The usual long faces were there. I mean like TAKESHI



NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, SHIGERU GOTO, HAJIME MATSUURA, BILL KUWATA, FRANK ISHIKAWA, ERNI UNO SAM SASAI, and CHARLES WATANABE.

ERNI UNO presided over the meeting due to the absence of SAM FURUYA who was away on a baseball business trip. His softball takes precedence over our meeting. The meeting brought the boys up-to-date of the 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet of March 25, 1995.

### 52nd Anniversary Events

So as discussed and planned at March meeting, 3rdHQ members gathered at Punchbowl on the morning of the 24th to pay homage to the departed ones by placing the American flags on the gravesides. Then on March 25th, dignitaries, members, wives, sons and daughters, relatives, and friends gathered together for the 9:00 AM Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The 111th Army Band, Hawaii National Guard was very impressive with their participation. Memorial Address was given by WILLIAM PATY, a decorated paratrooper in the



*M.C. ED ICHIYAMA & TRACI TOGUCHI drawing for prizes. Ms. TOGUCHI was recently crowned Miss Hawaii. She will represent Hawaii in Atlantic City.*

Normandy invasion in June 1944. He is also

known to many as Chairman of the Board of the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources from the late 80's to the early 90's. ERNI UNO has become an integral part of our services, officiating as the Chaplain of the 442nd Veterans Club. He gave the invocation at both events. And of course, our thanks to the 442nd Chorale for their time and talent.

In the evening, a banquet was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel with entertainment and door prizes galore. The 111th Army again provided the music for our listening pleasure and dancing. A very talented TRACI TOGUCHI seemed to have captivated the dining room patrons with her excellent singing. It was on the plus side for 3rdHQ in the door prize segment for the lucky winners were ERNI UNO, FRANK ISHIKAWA, ELAINE TAMASHIRO, and JOEY UNO. Others not so lucky but nevertheless enjoying themselves were SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, JANET MATSUDA, BILL & YAEKO KUWARA, GRACIE UNO, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE. The attendance by the Sons & Daughters of 3rdHQ were very noticeable. Enjoying the company of late arrivals SAM & MICH SASAI were JOEY & NITA UNO, TOMMY UNO, and BARBARA (UNO) OLMOS, who are actively involved in the Sons & Daughters. Wasn't it a great opportunity to get to know each other better?

Also very visible were FRANCES (EDDIE) TSUBATA and her family enjoying themselves at a table all their own. Joining FRANCES in a show of family unity were her daughter GRACE FUJII, sons DAVID and KEITH, GRACE's husband GARY, their sons GRANT and GUY, and GUY's wife LACIA and their daughter GLORIA MARY. TSUBATA family tree appears to be thriving. With each passing year we seem to appreciate our time together more and more.

### Condolence

We remember TATS IWATE in our prayers. ERNI UNO reported in the 3rdHQ Reunion



Communiqué, dated March 31, that word was received of the death of TAT'S wife SUMIKO on March 25, 1995. SUMI will be remembered as an active participating spouse in many reunions over the years in spite of being physically disadvantaged. Our deepest condolences to TATS.

### This N' That

Looking through my notes regarding April's meeting, I find very little to report. Unfortunately, my note taking is getting rustier by the year. ERNI, again sitting in for SAM FURUYA, reported briefly on the Camp Shelby Homecoming and the "Go For Broke" Monument dedication. Since no one attended from the 3rdHQ, there were no extensive discussions. Regarding the 442nd RCT Foundation, call ERNI for a brochure if you have not already received one. It's all about the Foundation to help keep alive from generation to generation, the Legacy, the Spirit, and the Dedication of the 442nd RCT.

One more item to report on is the matter regarding Ft. DeRussy memorial. Well, it went back to the drawing board per ERNI; I hope they come up with something that meets everyone's approval. And for those of you who are interested, "Honor by Fire" by LYN CROST is available at the clubhouse. Cost: \$15.00.

The remainder of the evening was reserved for a film presentation. HAJIME MATSUURA somehow had gotten hold of the video entitled "Honor Bound - A Personal Journey." A very emotional film recalling the life and memories of HOWARD HANAMURA, his return to the battlefields of Italy during the October 1994 reunion with his journalist daughter WENDY HANAMURA. Thank you HAJIME for making viewing of the video possible.

At the meeting will BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, ERNI & GRACE UNO, FRANK ISHIKAWA, HAJIME MATSUURA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, SAM SASAI, TAKESHI NAKAMURA, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

On a lighter note, FRANCES TSUBATA recently accompanied her daughter GRACE FUJII on a Caribbean Cruise in the Gulf of Mexico with

stopover at a port city in Mexico, Miami, and Key West, Florida. The trip was made possible because GRACE emerged the top producer of Tupperware sales (for the 1st quarter 1995 or something?) Nice going, GRACE!

The SASAIS enjoyed a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City not too long ago, destinations that have become frequent ones over the years.

Going back to the GOTOS, we learned that SHIGERU & JANET were away to attend the graduation of their granddaughter CINDY from Arizona State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Proud parents are ED & GENNY GOTO of Sons & Daughters. Congratulations to CINDY and the rest of the GOTOS.

Think you're beginning to hear the whistle and jingle jingle or the exciting outbursts and yells of the crowd? Have read somewhere that you don't let anyone tell you that you can't get rich off a couple of nickels. Well, nickels are just my speed and I may be the very lucky one celebrating the huge win. My next report hopefully will be on a certain someone who won it big and stashed away the winnings. Until then, all PAU.



by GLORIA TAGUMA & GEORGE MINE

Our guest writers were participants in the recent 52nd Anniversary of the 522 Field Artillery Bn held at Los Angeles on April 27 - 30, 1995. The Hawaii contingent included GEORGE & HATTIE OZAKI from Lihue, GEORGE & TOMIKO MINE from Hilo, and YOSHIO & GLORIA TAGUMA from Kaaawa. From those of us who were unable to make the trip we thank the three couples for coordinating and packaging the gift program for the mainlanders. Following are their reports of the reunion.

Accolades to GEORGE ISHIHARA and TADD



TOKUDA for a well-organized, fun-filled 522 Field Artillery Battalion Reunion held in Los Angeles at the Miyako Inn and New Otani Hotel. The finale was held in Las Vegas at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino. The Aloha Banquet held in the elegant dining room brought laughter and tears to many of us who attended the affair. The evening was filled with eloquent speeches, beautiful music and hula dances by HILDA KANESHIRO. JANE UEOKA led the group in many poignant songs. The happy musicians from California Hotel and their lovely song bird, LANI was a treat for all. The evening program ended by everyone holding hands and singing Hawaii Aloha.

The highlight of the reunion for the Able Battery spouses and men was the trip to Walnut, California, about 20 miles east of Los Angeles, where we had a pleasant luncheon visit with JOE & FLORENCE HATTORI. JOE had been quite ill and much as he had originally registered to be at the reunion, he had to cancel out. A leader of our previous reunions, JOE & FLORENCE could not make it this time so FRED YASUKOCHI and TOOTSIE YOSHIMURA spearheaded this visit with the help of NOBU & GEORGE SEKI, MARY & JIM KASAI, LAWRENCE MORI, ISEI ANAMI, KOJI KONISHI, and JAMES KURATA. We are happy to hear that JOE is in remission, so we wish him strengthening health and good recovery before too long.

In the hospitality room at Miyako there was food, food, food, galore everyday morning, noon, and night. Thursday when we got it there was a breakfast prepared by the ladies of Charlie battery. For Lunch there was food brought in by all the members' wives. The food was out of this world and everyone enjoyed every bit of it.

Friday, the ladies of Able Battery manned the kitchen fixing early breakfast for the golfers. The lunch hour found SEIKO ISHIHARA among the Able ladies, namely TOOTSIE YOSHIMURA, MAY NAMBA, HATTIE OZAKI, DORIS KUMASHIRO, NOBI SEKI, EVELYN YAMASAKI, GLORIA TAGUMA, SUSIE ICHIUJI, TOSHI TANOUE, FUMI UYEDA, YOSHI

YAMASHITA, and SUSIE MIZUKAMI. Did I miss anyone? I heard someone mention ono chicken, cahzuke gohan, delectable salads, all kinds of delicious okazu and there was a beautiful bowl of fruits. The sliced melons, oranges, apples, grapes, and desserts were enjoyed by all. Note-worthy of mention were the crates of huge strawberries courtesy of MANABI HIRASAKI. Somebody's tsukemono also hit the spot. TOOTSIE and SEIKO ISHIHARA brought their rice cookers to make spam musubi. SEIKO's coffee pot could hardly keep up with the demand and was constantly busy. JAMES KASAI did a wonderful job of slicing sashimi all day and evening. That excellent sashimi, courtesy of FRED YASUKOCHI, was a big hit with the gang.

Baker, Service, and Headquarters Battery ladies manned the kitchen for Saturday. The food was equally plentiful and delicious. It was heart-warming to see all the ladies pitch in for food preparation.

The welcome banquet on Friday was a buffet dinner to which we jokingly commented that we either take two large plates or ask for an oversized platter. With so much food spread-out, our plates were mounded with delicious food. Dinner at the Sayonara Banquet was Teishoku and we were treated to a splendid ozen style serving which caught us by surprise.

One of the speakers at the Sayonara Banquet was MRS. PAMELA WIGDALH, daughter of the later LT. CHET GIRARD, who served with Able Battery during our basic training and later was reassigned to Charley Battery. LT. GIRARD was a familiar face at our previous reunions, spending a lot of time with us, and had been sorely missed this reunion. He passed away last fall. PAMELA expressed her thanks for the friendship and companionship accorded her father, who had written to his family throughout his assignment how happy he was with his association with the men of the 522nd. She conveyed her father's fond memories of the unit, and her family's deep appreciation of how well we had received him.

After the Sayonara Banquet at the Otani, the crowd gathered in the Hospitality Room at Miyoko



and really had a great time. A karaoke machine was set up and of all the performers, MRS. TARBALL KUMASHIRO was easily the most outstanding singer. We go have great talent! HILDA KANESHIRO (Baker) did a gracious hula number, dedicated to JOE HATTORI, always the diligent worker and inspirational leader to all Californians attending reunions. His presence at this reunion was sorely missed.

A big hand for all our mainland friends who went all out and did a wonderful job making us feel welcomed. It was exhilarating to see old friends and some whom we haven't seen for fifty years. You spend so much time planning for us and we do appreciate the welcome, generosity, smiles, handshakes, hugs, and tears we shared. To you our mainland kinfolk's... Mahalo!

To STANLEY KANESHIRO who coordinated the reunion so that we in Hawaii we kept informed about the latest activities, our most appreciative mahalo!

Finally, to our Hawaii friends, who made it possible for us to take some nice gift items for our mainland friends, we wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following: MS. JEANNE HERBST, of Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Co. for the coffee; MR. ALAN IKAWA, Big Island Candies for the chocolate-dipped macadamia nut shortbread cookies; DR. DON & SANDY MATSUURA of Hilo for the Dendrobium orchids and Anthuriums; TADASHI & HARRIET TOJO for the Protea and exotic flowers; and the rest of the Hawaii Able members for their blessings and contributions on this trip so that we could share some "Island Aloha" with our mainland Able members.



By Mary Sakai, Carol Sakai-Feiteira, Patti Laba

TOM NAKATA: TOM wrote "I'm sending you a picture of a sign I see every time we get on Hiway '99' freeway, south of Manteca. They will have a Memorial Dedication on August 4, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in Stockton at the Hilton Hotel."



HENRY & MILDRED IKEMOTO: 442nd President of the Los Angeles area continues part II. "I was selected to be the training battalion 1st sergeant, trainee-type, that is. I didn't have to pull KP or guard duty for the rest of my basic. We finished early, in December '44 because of the 'Bulge' in Europe. We all went to Camp Shanks, NY...then us 'kotonks' were separated from the haole guys and put into a 'budda-head group.' When we were ready to ship, somebody got the measles so the whole bunch was quarantined...I guess it was for several weeks, then early in February, we got words of movement. We were held in quarters...couldn't even go to the PX, as I recall, while we saw the Italian POWs walking freely and coming out of the PX all kind of goodies. On board the USS Washington (I think that was the name) I was given a 'salt-water corporal' stripes and ran the KP duty group.



That was fun. I made friends with couple of Hawaii guys and kotonks...we used to go up to the bow of the ship as far as we could to see the night lights from the other ships...it was a large convoy...and all the lights were supposed to be out. We had a game about who counted the most and the brightest ones. We spent many quiet hours, too. I can't remember the names of any of them.

We debarked at LeHarve, late at night. As we marched off, we were met by the 442 guys...they could pronounce our names good. We got on a boxcar...a whole trainload of boxcars and started moving in the dark. Couple days later, after stopping in the train yard in Paris for a day, we got to Marseilles. I met my sergeant...Lefty Kawamura. Then one day I was pretty sick...very hot...feverish. Next thing I know, I am in a bed at a Station Hospital, sleeping next to an Asian-looking guy, young guy. When I woke up, he was trying to talk to me. I could not understand him at all. I said to myself, "What's happening? Am I that sick that I can't understand what my man is trying to tell me? Is my hearing all shot?" I didn't recall going into battle yet. The sergeant was just telling me that if you're afraid, it's OK because the Jerries are more afraid than you are. We've got lots of ammo and heavy stuff. They have a few heavy stuff, but they're running out of their supplies...and even their replacements are kids and old men. Then, I talked to the guy on the other side who spoke English and I understood. I found out that the Asian-looking guy was a Russian soldier. We smiled and 'signed away' and laughed. By the time I was allowed to leave, the Unit was transferred back to Italy. I was told to get to Italy and found a LST going and arrived at a Replacement Unit in Leghorn. They called 442 but nobody came to get me. I was going to go on my own, but the sergeant said, "Hell, boy, you ain't going nowhere from here unless I say so!" So, when the truck finally came for me, the Unit was in Lecco...the War was over. While I was in Leghorn, I was able to get around a few places with a couple of guys. Then in July, the Army asked for volunteers to go to the Far East. I figured that

they were looking pretty hard and that I might pass the test this time. I did. So, I left beautiful Italy after a few months with the Unit...but I was very proud for having been associated with the AT boys...men, now. I spent a total of 31 years with the Army...but the first year was the most memorable. The 30 years was in the Military Intelligence Service on one way or another, at regimental level in Korea and at the Pentagon for three summers. Eight of the years were active duty and the balance as a reservist. Several of my boyhood friends died in Italy and France. At Epinal, I visited the cross of one of them. I didn't have time to go through the list at the cemetery in Florence."



HENRY IKEMOTO, CHAPPIE KISHABA, "STUD"  
OSHIRO in Luceram, France.

WALLY & YORI KAGAWA: A brunch meeting was held at the 442nd Clubhouse. WALLY will write all about the wonderful meeting for our next issue. WALLY says "because of the poor showing of the trip to Las Vegas, we had to cancel having tours. However individuals may now call JANIS SAIKI, Royal Adventure Travel for individual ticketing and arrangements. If you wish for any information, call JANIS. Los Angeles is a stop-over on this tour.

SEIJI & EVELYN OSHIRO: Update on SEIJI's family...only son MARK MAKOTO OSHIRO lives in Aiea with his family, works for GTE Services Corporation as an Area Manager for the Hawaii



sites at Hickam Air Force Base, JICPAC Makalapa, and Camp Smith. MARK manages more than 30 field service representatives, technicians and engineers in maintaining government computer and communication systems. Wife DEBORAH is the Director of Aiea Hongwanji Preschool in Aiea, overseeing 67 preschoolers. MARK and DEBORAH's two children, eleventh-grader KATRINA attends Sacred Hearts and eighth-grader LANDON attends St. Patrick School. Both have achieved brown belts in karate. SEIJI visits his son and family at least once a year, spending time with them and catching up on local news. Daughter MARILYN and husband RONALD KUGA are both busy, too. MARILYN is the executive assistant to the General Counsel for Orange County Water District; RONALD works for United Airlines as a customer service representative. Oldest son RYSON is 21 and a senior at California State University Long Beach; youngest son RANDALL is 13, attending seventh grade at Spring View School where he was selected for the 1994 all-Star Dream Team for the cities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, California.

GEORGE & MOLLY TAMURA: MOLLY said the "Shinenkai" group is known as the 3 C's: compatible, congenial companions. This steady group of friends are MAC, KEISEO, RAY, MABLE, SAIMOO, MATSUKO, ICHI, MOLLY & GEORGE. They will write about their March celebration next time. Seventy relatives, friends and 442nd members celebrated with a potluck Christmas dinner at George's home.

MITSUO & SHIZUE AKIYAMA: MITSUO updated us on KAZUO KIYONAGA's whereabouts... In a case of emergency, go to MIT's neighbor's house across the street on Fridays at 2:30 where you will find KAZUO with classmate having a drink and reminiscing. OSCAR OMINE is known to frequent Marukai Store. So if you're in dire need of either fellow, you might try those places.

MASATO DOI: A well-deserved rest in Japan for

10 days was offered as an invitation by a friend to MASATO. MASATO responded "I'll go, provided I can see two things: Sakuras Mankai (full bloom) in April and "Rotenburo". These flowering trees only last one week. MASATO said "It was really beautiful even when I was playing golf. The fairways were lined with Sakura trees." The second, Rotenburo (buro means "furo") Onsen of a hot, spring pool. His friend drove him to the Central Alps of Japan, way up on the top of the mountains. MASATO now has experienced being outdoors in a hot spring pool, being able to touch snow at the same time. What an experience!

KAZUO KIYONAGA: KAZUO got ERNEST MARUYAMA's address for publication. ERNEST would like to hear from his former A.T. friends.

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ERNEST said, "Please call or see me when you are in Las Vegas."

MARY SAKAI: WALLY KAGAWA, OSCAR OMINE, MASATO DOI and MARY with daughter PATTI and grandchildren CHAD and KARI attended the 52nd Anniversary program of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. Daughter PATTI traveled to Toronto, Canada to present at the National Asian and Pacific American Education Conference with Professor Aiko Oda from the University of Hawaii. Another family traveler, PATTI's 11-year old daughter, JEANNE, received a first-hand education about their 5th grade early American colonization when she went to Washington D.C. and Virginia for 9 days with her Ahuimanu teachers and classmates.

LIZO & YVONNE HONMA: LIZO and YVONNE need your prayers to help them recover from their physical illness. SALLY NAKAMURA helps two or three times a week. PETITE and MINORU help them, too. It's great to have the assistance they need.



KO & JANET HATA: It's nice and quiet. We take things "day by day."

TSUNETA & THELMA MIZUSAWA: HOTSAUCE and THELMA, MYRNA and daughter FAYE YAMANAKA went to Las Vegas for 5 days. Call THELMA for places to stay, eat and have fun! Our next tour guides?

YUKI & NORA NAKAHIRO: YUKI and NORA are baby-sitting a beautiful, well-loved, 9-month old KELLYANN born September 13th. YUKI and NORA are busy from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. except Tuesdays. You can only reach them after 7:00 p.m.

HARRY & JANET TOKASHIKI: HARRY, JANET and MARY SAKAI are calabash relatives. MARY's nephew Central Pacific's vice-president DAVID YOSHINO's son TROY recently graduated and received a Harry Truman Scholarship Award for graduate studies. Stay tuned for the March Banquet and Club-house Bento Meeting in the next issue!



by JERRY ISHIMOTO

The big story for today of course is the 522Bn reunion which took place in Los Angeles from Apr. 27 and concluded on 3 May in Las Vegas.

But let's back up a little. There were equally important and notable events which took place prior to that. Notable in that the 522 members played a prominent role in it's planning. There was the reunion at the Chuck Wagon for the folk that went on the 50th Anniversary Bruyeres-European Tour. FRED HIRAYAMA planned it to include the off-island people of the Eur. tour who were also here for the Annual 442nd bash. They

included GRACE & ALLEN NAKAMURA of Del Mar; ELLEN & SAIGO NAGAO, ROSELYN & TSUTOMU FUJIMOTO from Hilo. FRED had planned on piping some nostalgic war-time songs for background music but who was listening? The volume had to be turned down because it was interfering with the talk story.

Once again, the impromptu program went into full swing. TED YANAGIHARA, guitar player extraordinary, STAN KANESHIRO and ALLEN NAKAMURA and his ever present traveling companion (ukulele) provided the music for the hula dancers "Lovely" LOVETTE YANAGIHARA, "Super S—" HILDA KANESHIRO, and "The more we get together" JANE UEOKA. Jokes by WESLEY URADA, ALLEN NAKAMURA, and "soup joke" by HILDA KANESHIRO. Then there was MYRTLE SAKAI and MYRTLE SAKAI and MYRTLE SAKAI expounding on her theory of miso soup for male virility. Songs by GARY OHASHI and ROSELYN FUJIMOTO were good for many encores. How quickly time went. "We ought to do this more often" is a song good for many encores for FRED's listening.

The 52nd 442nd Reunion with OIC JOE OBAYASHI with his able staff came to a conclusion. Being Officer-in-Charge of an event of this magnitude requires expertise of management and delegation of duties which JOE acquired in his many years with the military. He didn't get his stripes by just being in the chow line. Among other things, the type of table cloth had to be ironed out; the physical layout of the banquet hall had to be realigned with several meetings with the hotel management; invitations to big-wigs and protocols had to be set. As JOE would say, "Thank goodness the fat lady has sung." A commendation for meritorious service is in order.

The much publicized 522Bn reunion held in Los Angeles during 27-30 April was organized by TAKEO SUSUKI and his son MARK. As elaborate events unfolded, it became apparent that many many people and organizations helped. Locally, the committee headed by STAN KANESHIRO and staff MASAYUKI HIGA, YOSHIO TAGUMA, SADAICHI HIGA and STAN



SAKAI worked with the mainland counterparts. The Hospitality Room, the hub of activity in the Miyako Hotel was hosted by Able Btry. with SEIKO and GASHOUSE in charge of the mess hall. The chilled foods, fruits, and vegetables were thanks to GASHOUSE for lugging the refrigerator from his home in Santa Monica to the Hospitality Room. No mean feat.

The daily food and drinks made available to approx. 300 people each day were the effort of members, spouses, and friends were too numerous to name here - sorry but we will say that it was very much appreciated. A rating of 10. SADAO KODAMA, being in charge of the golf tournament, arranged for transportation of the golfers and clubs for some and the disbursement of the prizes. Although everybody couldn't be a winner, everybody received a pack containing a sleeve of balls and tees.

Fifty years is a long time. Among those present were guys we had not seen in 50 years and if weren't for their name tags which you casually glanced at, you would not have recognized them. JOHN IZUMI, MIKE KAWAGUCHI of L.A. and KOZO KURODA of Idaho to name a few. And then there was WALTER SAKAMOTO of Maui with his distinguished gray hair and mustache who could be mistaken for a wealthy retired rancher. BUDDY HANASHIRO after his recent major surgery has recovered and looks none the worse, thank you. YUKI AKAKI looks like he's still in Camp Shelby. There's no mistaking SADAO KODAMA for the years were kind to him.

Oh, so many people to meet and talk story which can be covered by only a vignette of what took place. When HELEN AKAKI's cranky camera wouldn't work, WALTER INOUE repaired it with a chopstick rather than throwing it away? HQ Btry personnel still looking after Sgt. IWATA by holding a seat for him at the banquets. As TED TSUKIYAMA puts it, he reminded the Hawaii guys of their father. If Sgt. IWATA were younger, he may have been beaten up. Some people make all kinds of excuses for not traveling by a broken left arm didn't keep HISAYO GOTO from making this trip. NEIL NAGAREDA

was moved to tears at Sen. DANIEL INOUE's speech recounting our volunteering was motivated by honor. More than one person poured shoyu into their coffee thinking that it was cream in the creamer. High class hotel? We're used to having shoyu in bottles, right GRACE U.? DON SHIMAZU's daughter SHARON of L.A. did her filial duty and practiced her avocation (masseur) on her dad in the hotel room floor. "Mister Good Guy" SAM KAWANISHI volunteered to drive MARGE KUBA, SUE HAMAMOTO, FUKI OHARA, LAURA MIHO, and KAY HIRAYAMA to the concert hall to catch the stage show "Miss Saigon." With that load of ladies doing back seat driving, no wonder his van jumped the curb doing a U-turn on a one-way street. BIGGIE and JOE waiting patiently as PEGGY and JESSIE leisurely shopped at the Little Tokyo shopping mall. On Sunday, 30 Apr. the Japanese American Museum and American Jewish Committee held a Memorial Program in conjunction with the 522FA Bn Reunion. One of the testimonial speakers was a Ms. JANINA CYWINSKA, a Dachau survivor who recounted her ordeal in camp. She said she was reduced to skin and bones and to expand on the theme "why we volunteered." she said the Nisei volunteered because the skin and bones needed them. Such poignant words. There weren't many dry eyes upon hearing that. In our zeal to volunteer, never in our wildest dreams did we think that there were skin and bones needing us. Gives you a good feeling. The Memorial Ceremony concluded the reunion.

Close station. March order. Load up into buses to airport to shuttle off to Las Vegas for post-reunion activities. Just before boarding, Sgt. IWATA, daughter, and grandchild saw us off by presenting us with 3 boxes of manju and packages of arare. Thanks, father!

The bivouac quarters is the Four Queens for the next 3 nights. Here, everybody was left to their own method to lose their money. Some played in the casino's day and night, while some caught the bus to go visiting the other casinos on the strip to shop or talk with JULIUS CEASAR. There was one day of golf arranged by SADAO KODAMA to play on his friend JACK



KAKUUICHI's resort course. A beautiful user-friendly lay-out. SADAO KODAMA, TED SUGI, BOYAN HIGA, WALTER INOUE, STAN KANESHIRO and Y.T. enjoyed a brief taste of luxurious country club life.

MARTHA and WALTER visited her brother's bachelor pad. Couldn't get over how low the prices of homes are. They should buy a place here too so we'd have a place to stay when we visited. The sayonara night dinner was another memorable night. A night to let the hair down for knowing that soon we'll be parting to meet who know when, if, ever. The Nevada Hawaiians, consisting of musicians from Hawaii provided music for dining and dancing. DON SHIMAZU did a masterful job of M.C.ing and called upon HILDA KANESHIRO, JANE UEOKA, DORIS ISHIDA, and KAY HIRAYAMA for hula dancing. The professional musicians had nothing but admiration for our hula dancers. NANCY HIGA who revealed her hidden talent, rendered an oldie and dedicated it to BLACKIE NISHIKAWA. The song "My Hawaiian Souvenirs" also re-kindled memories for the transplanted Hawaiians. Jokes by SADAO KODAMA which left TEI nervous lest he forgets the punch line. Ukulele playing by "Have Ukulele, Will Travel" ALLEN NAKAMURA with the pros and soloing in between.

CHIEKO TAKATA, widow of JOE TAKATA, B Btry who now resides in Las Vegas was thrilled to be invited by LAURA MIHO to renew old

acquaintances. In the meantime, "Prexy" KATS MIHO was attending his Maui Hi School class reunion elsewhere in Vegas that night.

And so the 50th reunion of the 522FA Bn in history. May we enjoy many more reunions but please, no Las Vegas virus.



*The "Nevada" Hawaiians" at the Las Vegas Banquet.*

### **Scorecard by ROCKY**

**29 March @ HCC**

Ace of the Month in none other than ROCKY! Clap, clap, clap. Individual winners in the other of descending prize wins were Y.T., BOYAN, and JOE S. If you can't win individually, hope that you have been teamed with a good partner for a payday as these first and second place winners of the two-man team were DON/JOE U. and LARRY/STAN. Other winning combis were BOYAN/TOSHI, WALTER/TOKU, TOM/Y.T., BIGGIE/ROCKY.

CP's on the par 3's: #4 TONY, #8 DON, #13 TOKU, #15 ROY.

**18 April @ HCC**

Why is our tournament scheduled on a rainy day? You'd think this was a water sport. KEN using a water repellent ball splashed in with a net 66. KEN being a previous winner, Ace of the Month goes to ROY F. but not without the process of tie-breaker. Soggy but happy two-man combis were: KEN/WALTER, GEO/KATS,



*At the Four Queens Hotel & Casino*