

her father HOWARD HANAMURA of Company L. KASHIWA is also featured in "Honor Bound."

I also thank TAKAMORI MIYAGI who keeps me informed about 100th Infantry activities through the Puka Puka Parade bulletins. Sometimes it is unsettling to be informed of the declining health of friends, former classmates, and contemporaries. MIYAGI says KENNETH HIGA of the 100th supplies him with the bulletins. MIYAGI was featured as the Livorno man by HENRY KUNIYUKI in a recent issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin.



by **BRUNO YAMADA**

Kauai Golf

Anyone interested in playing 36 holes of golf on Kauai on March 26 and 27, 1996 can contact me at 487-3909 or BOB SASAKI at 949-7997. Two separate tournaments, similar to last year's, is being considered. The first will be an 18-hole affair at the Wailua Municipal Golf Course on March 26 and the second at the Princeville Golf Course on March 27.

These two rounds of golf will preclude the 53rd Anniversary tournament at the Hickam AFB Golf Course on March 29. Accommodations and travel arrangements will be arranged by Travel Adventures (808-841-4155).

Anniversary Tournament

The 53rd Anniversary 442nd Golf Tournament will be held again at the Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam Air Force Base on March 29, 1996. First tee time will be 11:57 a.m. and the last will be 1:07 p.m.

Due to limited tee times, the first eighty-eight (88) entries will be accepted.



by **EDDIE TAMANAHA**

August 31, 1995

21 members gathered at Pali Golf Course on a cloudy day but with not a drop of rain. The fairways were dry and hard and had a lot of roll. The greens were also dry and hard and therefore very fast. These conditions were to AKABO TAKASAKI's liking as he nosed out the closest competitor by 4 strokes with a solid net 65. KATS IBARA was the closest to AKABO with a 69 to take second. 2 shots back with a 71 was LARRY NAKAHARA for third place. Another stroke back with 72s were YOSHI HIGA, BOBBY HIRAYAMA, and MASAMI DOI to tie for fourth. Closest to the pin were #4 MINO TAMASHIRO, #7 RUSTY HONDA, #13 BOBBY HIRAYAMA, #15 BOBBY HIRAYAMA. The 19th hole was held at the new and spacious restaurant at the golf course. As usual, everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

September 14, 1995

23 of our golfers met at Shafter Golf Course early in the morning. We teed off just after 8 a.m. RON OBA must have been still sleeping as he turned in a terrific net 60 to take top honors. He beat a group who were 5 strokes back tying for second with 65s. They were JACK SHIROMA, GEORGE MURAMARU, and HERB ISONAGA. Another shot back with 66s were NEKA MATOI and TEIJI UEHARA for fifth place. Closest to the pin were: #1 RON OBA, #5 KEN KAWATE, #8 MAUI OKAMURA, #10 HERB ISONAGA, #14 no one on the green.

Annual Trip

This year, our annual trip to Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) on the Big Island was canceled. Instead, 6 die-hard members, RUSTY HONDA, NEKA MATOI, LEFTY SUGIHARA, AKABO

TAKASAKI, ED TAMANAHA, and MINO TAMASHIRO went to Makaha Resort and Country Club on September 5th for a one-night, 2-day of golf (36 holes) and a continental breakfast deal - also to close up the hotel. September 5th was the last day of the hotel's operation so we were the last four guests of the hotel. In fact, we may have been the last guests of the hotel restaurant on the eve of the 5th having dinner. The West Golf Course, Pro Shop and the Snack Shop just outside of the Pro Shop are still in operation - only hotel and restaurant are being shut down. The Snack Shop workers with 15 years of service were being bumped by the longer service workers from the closed restaurant. We were allowed to golf as a sixsome and this made it easy to figure out winners of bets - syndicates, greeny (closest to the pin but had to make at least par to win greeny) and all no win holes, prizes were carried over. The lunch at the Golden House Chinese Restaurant in Waianae was paid by the winners. Everyone had a great time but the hospitality room (AKABO & ED's room) wasn't busy the night of the 5th. Lots of refreshments and pupus but I guess everyone was getting ready for the next day's tournament. This made it just enough refreshments for lunch the next day.

September 28, 1995

22 members gathered at the Makalena Golf Course. Good thing everyone was advised to arrive early as we were sent out almost an hour before our scheduled tee time. The previous couple of days had some rain and the course wasn't in too good a shape - in fact some members said the whole course was junk. Anyway, TEIJI UEHARA eked out the closest rivals (2 of them) by one stroke, turning in a net 65. (This is a high net score to win at Makalena.) Tied for second were STEVE HIROTSU and MINO TAMASHIRO with 66s. Another stroke back with a 67 was HERB ISONAGA all alone for fourth. Fifth place was a whole gang with 68s - KEN KAWATE, MAUI OKAMURA, and LEFTY SUGIHARA. Closest to the pin were: #4 LEFTY SUGIHARA, #6 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #11

MAUI OKAMURA, #14 ROCKY TANNA, and #17 KEN KAWATE. The awards presentation and fellowship was held at the golf course restaurant and enjoyed by all as usual.

October 12, 1995

18 golfers showed up on this cloudy day but no rain. It rained the night before so the ground was a little muddy and we had to play Winter Rules. Usually, Pali winners scores are in the high or mid 60s but today the winners, TADASHI KUNISHIGE and LEFTY SUGIHARA, tied for first with net 71s. BULL NAMBA was third with a 72. TOM MAYEDA and YOSHI HIGA tied for fourth with 74s. Closest to the hole were: #4 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #7 STEVE HIROTSU, #13 DICK UYEMURA, and #15 BULL NAMBA.

October 23, 1995

A low turn-out of 16 members showed up at the Honolulu Country Club. I was one who was absent (I was on the mainland) but I think some of our members played with the 522nd group who teed off just before us. The greens were lightning fast and all the pin placements were on difficult places, I was told. Therefore, the scores were high - LEFTY SUGIHARA, TADASHI KUNISHIGE, and GEORGE MURAMARU turned in net 73s to tie for first. Alone for fourth place was BOBBY HIRAYAMA with a 74. Tied for fifth were RON OBA and KEN KAWATE with 75s. Closest to the pin were #4 RUSTY HONDA, #8 RON OBA, #13 KEN KAWATE, and #15 LARRY NAKAHARA. The awards and 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant. This is due to HCC snack shop does not have any cooked pupus and lunch. Only chips, peanuts, and cold sandwiches.

November 9, 1995

21 golfers gathered at the Barbers Point Navel Air Station Golf Course. The course was in good shape with the greens excellent. MINO TAMASHIRO liked the condition as he came in 4 strokes ahead with a net 65 to take top honors. NEKA MATOI and MASAMI DOI were tied for second with 69s. Tied for fourth were TOM

MAYEDA and HARRY TOKUSHIGE with 71s. Closest to the hole were: #2 nobody, #8 nobody, #11 MINO TAMASHIRO, and #14 HARRY TOKUSHIGE. The 19th hole was held at the golf course restaurant with everyone having a good time. This was one of the longest 19th holes.

November 21, 1995

27 members showed up at the Honolulu Country Club for one of our best turn-outs. Maybe it was because we were having our annual luncheon meeting to elect our officers for 1996. Even RUSTY HONDA, who is one of our members under the weather, showed up to play. It was hot and humid with lot of places muddy with rains from the previous day. The greens were in great shape but we had to play Winter Rules - clean mud off ball and place. MITS HONDA was hitting his ball straight and out of trouble to claim top honors with a net 69. 2 shots back with a 71 was BOBBY HIRAYAMA to take second. MINO TAMASHIRO was third with a 72 one stroke back. DICK UYEMURA and RON OBA were tied for fourth with 73s. Closest to the pin were: #4 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #8 nobody, #13 TEIJI UEHARA, and #17 YOSHI HIGA.

The 19th hole this day was held at the Wah Kung Chinese Restaurant in Mapunapuna. MAUI OKAMURAA was in charge of refreshments and ED TAMANAHA of the food with the overall planning by the officers. Due to low balance in the treasury, we had to assess each member present to pay for the food. The winner of the day also helped by donating to the cause. The treasury got low because we had to purchase expensive balls from Honolulu Country Club and Barbers Point Golf Course Pro Shops. Our club had to a \$25 Pro Shop certificate each time we played at Barbers Point and a certificate worth \$1 per member golfing that day when we played at Honolulu Country Club. In other words, today we had 27 golfers, so we had to purchase a certificate worth \$27. Pro shop prices for balls are over double the sale prices at golf shops or sport shops. Honolulu Country Club is OK because we get to play at a private club at a very discounted fee. We changed our by-laws to

have the president of the club set the schedule of golf tournaments for the next year. The officers elected (railroaded) for the next year: President & Schedule, ED TAMANAHA; Tournament, RON OBA with assistants HERB YONAMURA and MASAMIDOI; Handicap, TOM MAYEDA with HARRY TOKUSHIGE computer; Secretary/Treasurer MAUI OKAMURA. BULL NAMBA was appointed Membership Chairman with members HERB ISONAGA, HICHI MATSUMOTO, and DICK UYEMURA. The new officers were asked to study the club's financial situation by looking at the dues and the awarding of prizes. At the annual party, awarding of balls are made to members with best tournament attendance, best low net average, and best low gross average based on 65% participation on 18 tournaments.

The remaining tournaments for 1995 are: December 7, Shafter, 8:17 a.m.; and December 18, Honolulu Country Club, 9:42 a.m. The first tournament for 1996 is January 4, Shafter, 8:17 a.m.

Happy Holidays and good golfing in 1996!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

50th Anniversary of VJ Day by EDWARD ICHYAMA

From Aiea to Alaska, from northern California to New York, 600 super annuated WWII AJA veterans and their spouses assembled at Central Union Church in the pre-dawn darkness of 9-2-95. They were gathered there in answer to their country's call to serve one last time. These warriors - once were patriots, patriots still - were there to participate in our nation's 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II activities scheduled for that weekend.

President CLINTON and defense ministers of about 30 allied nations were also present for these activities. The core events of the VJ Day period evolved around the morning memorial service at Punchbowl and the Veterans Parade

in the afternoon of 9-2-95. Both the US Marines, the site manager for the memorial service, and the US Army's 25th Inf. Division, coordinators for the parade, expressed their joint sentiment that the participation by the AJA veterans (100th, 442nd RCT, MIS & 1399 Engineers) was crucial to the success of these core events. The state of Hawaii's End of the World War II Commemorative Committee also expressed its strong desire that the local veteran groups benefit as fully as possible.

Since IWAO YOKOOJI (442-MIS), Chairman of the pre-program Wreath Laying Ceremony, and ED ICHIYAMA were on the Commemoration Committee, it became apparent to both that the participation by the local veteran groups, particularly the AJA veteran groups, was critical. This concern was indicated early in the planning stage because national veteran organizations such as the American Legion, VFW, and DAV were not fully participating in our VJ Day activities because of conflicting schedules. Thus it became incumbent upon the local veterans group, particularly the AJAs, the largest organized veteran groups in Hawaii, to be involved and to demonstrate our commitment to our country with a credible showing. This we did. This we accomplished. We did not fail our state of Hawaii; neither did we fail our country. Above all we did not fail ourselves because we served once again with pride, distinction, and honor.

The Punchbowl ceremony was a shining and defining moment for all AJA veterans. IWAO YOKOOJI used all his guile, finesse, and persuasion to convince the US Marines, CINCPAC, the President's 50th Anniversary Committee, and finally, the White House staff itself with his personal plan to honor deceased WWII veterans with a distinctively Hawaii flavor - the laying of dozens of floral wreathes in a cascade of flowers. IWAO started from ground zero and ended with 82 wreathes. These wreathes provided a beautiful backdrop for President CLINTON's special wreath.

The Punchbowl ceremony was a significant event for the AJAs, particularly the MIS because Bishop YOSHIKI FUJITANI of the MIS deliv-

ered a Buddhist invocation prior to President CLINTON's keynote address. Bishop FUJITANI was seen and heard by millions of viewers throughout the world which brought considerable visibility and pride to the AJA community. This Buddhist invocation was possible only because of IWAO YOKOOJI's influence and insistence.

IWAO did an outstanding job of coordinating the wreath-laying ceremony. The program was well-orchestrated with the US Marines providing the pomp and circumstance, marching in cadence with the wreath bearers representing the different organizations. Mahalo to IWAO YOKOOJI, a seasoned warrior.

The AJAs, particularly the MIS, garnered additional honors during the Punchbowl ceremony because WARREN TSUNEISHI, MIS veteran from Washington D.C., was one of the presidential greeters. Congratulations, WARREN.

In the afternoon parade, about 350 AJA veterans participated, either by marching or riding in one of the 4 trolleys easily identified with a great big AJA veteran's banner on the side. As we marched the march down the parade route through Kalakaua Ave., we were energized by the accolades of the assembled throng, thanking us with recognition and extolling our virtues. Did any of us who experienced the euphoria of that moment, not manifest a tinge of pride?

Prior to the parade I was asked on several occasions by various members of the community why the AJA veterans were parading as a unit rather than intermingling and marching in masse with other WWII veterans. I replied simply that we began as a segregated unit 50 years ago, not by choice but by military orders, thus we became a symbol of a failed democracy gone awry. It was, therefore, important, very important that we maintain and preserve our unique identity as a reminder to all that democracy is a fragile state of being; that a caveat to all is that we, all of us, must and should be vigilant and not take democracy for granted. After all, the Constitution is not a living document but only a piece of paper unless it is properly interpreted and practiced.

On Friday, 9-1-95 at Schofield Barracks, BOB KATAYAMA and IWAO YOKOOJI were privileged and honored to break bread at lunch with President and Mrs. HILLARY CLINTON at the Joint Service Review. IWAO and BOB both stated that they enjoyed the one-on-one conversation they each shared with President and Mrs. CLINTON. Congratulation, BOB and IWAO.

On Friday evening, 9-1-95, during the "Hawaii Remembers" program at the Waikiki Shell, BEN TAMASHIRO of the 100th Bn was one of the featured performers. He presented a very moving and poignant recounting of the trials and tribulations of the 100th Inf. Bn. in combat. His was a personal account of one of his comrades. Beautiful job, BEN.

On Sunday, 9-3-95 at the Inter-Faith Service held at the Waikiki Shell, HARRY FUKUHARA, president of the northern California MIS Chapter, recited a Buddhist prayer. In addition, HARRY played a round of golf with President CLINTON during the VJ Day Commemorative period. Congratulations, HARRY for representing the AJA community with grace and dignity.

The activities of 9-2-95, both the Punchbowl service and the parade, were successful and made possible by the generosity of the Central Union Church and its pastor, TED ROBINSON, Senior Minister. Until arrangements were completed with the church to allow us use of its parking area for our staging area, response to both the memorial service and the parade was lukewarm and minimal. However, once parking was arranged with Central Union Church, the responses gathered steam and did not subside until the evening of 9-1-95.

One of the more exciting happenings was to see hundreds of cars and hundreds of people milling around Central Union Church at 5 a.m. in the pre-dawn darkness of 9-2-95 with sons and daughters members directing traffic with flashlights beaming. What an unforgettable sight; a memorable moment in time.

The buses provided by Gomes Bus Service Co. arrived at the church as agreed at 5 a.m. with the first of 13 buses departing for Punchbowl at about 6:30 a.m. At the end of the memorial

service we were bussed back to Central Union Church for lunch.

Central Union Church's generosity and graciousness in providing about 600 lunches for the AJAs is very much appreciated. These delicious lunches were augmented with Chicken McNuggets, cookies, and punch donated by McDonalds. Mahalo!

After lunch, the veterans were bussed to the parade staging area of Ala Moana Park and the spouses to the reviewing stands near where President CLINTON and the dignitaries were seated. After the parade we were bussed back to Central Union Church.

In spite of the logistical problems involved in moving 600 mature individuals here, there, and everywhere, we were very fortunate because only one veteran was lost in the shuffle. Everything turned out well, however, because this veteran ultimately found his way back to Central Union from Kualoa Park.

(An interesting aside) About a dozen Filipino veterans of the Philippines War decided to join the AJAs for the afternoon. They rode our buses to Central Union after the Memorial Service and nonchalantly and happily joined us for lunch after paying their \$3.00, the cost of the lunch. Mabuhay.

In addition to participating in the core events during the VJ Day period, the AJA veterans were asked to man a telephone information center which was located at the Hawaii Visitor's Bureau's office in Waikiki. The center was equipped with 4 telephones to answer inquiries and to inform the public about the various activities scheduled for the commemoration period. The center was operational for about 7 weeks prior to 9-1-95, with calls averaging about 200 per day during the last week prior to the activity period. The AJAs again provided valuable service to the community.

The following veterans volunteered to man the informational center: HAROLD FUKUNAGA, MASA HIGA, SADA HIGA, FRED HIRAYAMA, YOKICHI HOKAMA, JERRY ISHIMOTO, BOBBY KIKAWA, TSUNESHI MARUO, TED MATSUO, YUZURU MORITA, WALLACE

NAGAO, PRISCILLA NAGAO, MASA NAKAKURA, HIDE NAKAMINE, EDDIE OCHIAI, RON OBA, JOE OBAYASHI, STANLEY SAKAI, DON SHIMAZU, MITSUO SAKAMOTO, PAUL TAKIGUCHI, ERNI UNO, and SHIGE YOSHITAKE from the 442; FUZZY FUJIMORI, KUNIO FUJIMOTO MITSUO HAMASU, RICHARD HASAKA, DON MATSUDA, MARTIN TOHARA, MIKE TOKUNAGA, CONRAD TSUKAYAMA from Club 100; HENRY FURUYA, JACK HIRAI, FRANK TAKAO, KEN WATANABE from the MIS and THOMAS TAKEMOTO from 1399 Engineers. Thank you all for your selfless act to serve our community, which is one of the reasons for the existence of the AJA Veteran Clubs.

A big mahalo to GENE CASTAGNETTI, Supt. of the Punchbowl cemetery for inviting these informational center volunteers to the luncheon at the Punchbowl lookout for the viewing of the parade of ships. Your generosity and graciousness are much appreciated.

Thanks go to GEORGE NAKASATO, the one-man research committee, who provided IWAO YOKOOJI with all the background information concerning the various organizations participating in the wreath-laying ceremony. GEORGE, as well as YOKICHI HOKAMA and SADA HIGA also deserve a mahalo for their help in keeping the wreath-laying program orderly and timely.

Many thanks to ALVIN YOSHITOMI of the Sons and Daughters for providing the WWII-period uniforms for the guideon bearers who participated in the parade. The bearers were led by young man RAY NOSAKA of the 100th, accompanied by ED GOTO, STEVE HIGA, BARRY YAMAGUCHI, and DAVID TSUBATA, all of the Sons and Daughter's Chapters. These men added credibility to us makules who dared to march down the parade route.

Thanks to MICHELE MATSUO, Sons and Daughters, for her help and generosity in obtaining the use of the 4 "Aloha Tower" trolleys. This encouraged many a veteran to participate in the parade.

Above all, a huge mahalo to all the Sons and Daughters of the 100th and the 442nd who

participated and contributed to make 9-2-95 a very memorable day; an unforgettable, unsurpassed experience of a cooperative endeavor by which all future functions involving AJA veterans should be measured. The lead members of the Sons and Daughters, the engineers and prime movers for the VJ Day period were GUY KOGA, ALAN KUBOTA, ANN KABASAWA, and DRUSILLA TANAKA. Thank you, all.

Special thanks to JENNIFER BAKER of 442 and JEANNE ARAKAKI of the 100th for keeping tabs of the roster, for handling the finances, and other myriad tasked too numerous to mention.

It was an extremely interesting and rewarding experience to coordinate the activities of the veterans to a successful fruition; however, for the 75th Anniversary, I will defer to the youngsters like GEORGE NAKASATO and PAUL TAKIGUCHI. Good luck, fellers.

Danke!

442nd RCT Foundation by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

The 442nd RCT Foundation has been fortunate in receiving many donations from our members, former members' widows, and friends. We are also very thankful for two member contributions in the five-figure amounts. We hope that we can be considered in the future plans of the above donors during 1996.

The Foundation is proud to announce that it has granted \$30,000 to the Sons and Daughters Chapter of the 442nd Veterans Club. This support will enable the Sons & Daughters Chapter to hire a part-time archivist to coordinate and operate the 442 Archive Center for a two-year period. The archivist will enable the Sons and Daughters to organize the Center and the four major projects already undertaken:

- 1) Oral History interviews of the 442 veterans, now being recorded on both audio and videotape. Transcriptions of these interviews have been planned.

- 2) Filing, data entry, and indexing of valuable documents pertaining to the 442 and the 100th Battalion, which were recently photocopied and sent from the National Archives in Washington

D.C.

3) Collection and storage of mementos, photographs, and other artifacts from 442 veterans.

4) A library of donated books and materials to be properly catalogued and made available for loan to veterans, their families, and the general public.

The Foundation's board is confident that this funding support will greatly aid and encourage the voluntary efforts of the Sons & Daughters, and assist them towards achieving their goal of preserving the legacy of the 442.

Planned Giving

The Foundation is now prepared to offer information to donors regarding various planned giving programs. Through a variety of planned giving options, donors can discover how they might save on taxes, increase their income, receive money-saving charitable deductions, avoid capital gains taxes, and reduce estate taxes by making gifts of appreciated real estate or securities while helping the Foundation to fund projects that will perpetuate the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Through careful research, the Foundation's Board has prepared informational brochures on different types of planned giving programs. Workshops, whereby interested parties can ask specific questions to experts in financial planning are also being planned.

House Rules & Property Committee 1995 Annual Report

by HAROLD FUKUNAGA, Chairman

The House Rules & Property Management Committee had many areas to work on during calendar year 1995. The following projects were considered the most significant:

1. Renovation of the plumbing fixtures for the apartment units. After many years of making plumbing repairs to the apartment units, the committee felt that a major overhaul or renovation of the plumbing fixtures was necessary, because of repair costs and the difficulty to

obtain replacement parts for the fixtures. After obtaining bids from 4 bidders, Adon Construction's bid of \$25,071.12 was considered the best, considering both their price and reliability. The job was completed in little over a week, because of the planned work and staging of the material. They worked on three apartment units at one time. This work was done with the least amount of disruption to the tenants. This major maintenance had been programmed into the Club's budget from the previous year.

2. Installation of a hand rail at the entrance to the Clubhouse, to assist members who have slight difficulty in walking up the entrance steps.

3. Amended contract with the Charter Properties, our property manager, so that the responsibilities of the property manager and the 442nd Veterans Club are on equal footing, instead of favoring the property manager.

4. Agreement with the Sons & Daughters Chapter to spell out the responsibilities of the 442nd Veterans Club in paying for certain utilities and the transfer of ownership of the equipment and furnishing in the Archives and Learning Center to the club, as part of the umbrella insurance coverage.

5. Establishment of personnel policies for the 442nd Veterans Club employees. In addition, position descriptions of those employees were established.

6. Salary increases for the Executive Secretary and the Maintenance person were reviewed and recommended to the Board of Directors for implementation. They accepted the recommendation.

7. No smoking policy was implemented in the Clubhouse, because of the damage to the floor carpet and furniture. This area needs to be followed up, because a few users (card players) are still ignoring this policy.

8. Recycling of old newspapers and aluminum cans has been started, with the establishment of recycling bins and notification of the apartment tenants.

**442nd Ukulele, Hula & Choral Group
by GEORGE NAKASATO**

It was the year well remembered by all.

Anniversaries and observances of the historical WWII events, including the ending of the war in the Pacific, were fully documented in year 1995. For many of us, the official visit by our Commander in Chief, President BILL CLINTON, in early September was considered "a major order of the day." His appearances in Hawaii helped to focus national (and international) attention to the importance of Hawaii before, during, and in post WWII era.

Of course, the parade along Kalakaua Avenue, with the President in review, brought forth a proud unit of 100th/442nd veterans, marching shoulder to shoulder with other veterans and various military service units. For some, it was a "last hurrah," that is, until the next time! All in all, we added another slice of history to the WWII story.

As to our Club year, 1995 was also filled with exciting memories.

As cited before, our "mixed-plate" of 50 members still meet every Monday evening at the Clubhouse, a congenial group of lively singers, dancers, and instrumentalists. And raring to go. A happy bunch, by all counts.

During the year, we added at least 19 new songs and musical scores to our repertory of musical selections, according to club librarian DORIS ISHIDA; attracted four new members (very few or rarely a drop-out); and by tradition, reached out into the communities and shared with them our interest and understanding of Hawaiiana through songs and dances of Hawaii. For the year, over 450 people were reached via 4 separate concerts: seniors from the Kuakini Adult Day Care Center in Aiea; Japanese Club members of the Lanikila Multi-purpose Senior Center; trainees at the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center; and a group of visiting kindergarten teachers from Kyushu, Japan.

As they say, "everyone loves an audience, at all time." And we're not an exception.

And we wish to mention again that the foundation of our successes still lies with the talented team of instructors, named TED YANAGIHARA, JOE SATO (232nd), and JANE UEOKA (522-

B). Dedicated and talented, especially in motivating and "massaging" individual member to excel in their "performance." And we tend to respond accordingly. Their motto: "Practice, practice, practice..." And of course, our members respond accordingly!

So this was the year it was....stood tall and now we are ready "to go" in year 1996. Our 1996 officers are JIMMY KANEMORI (M), VP CHINAKO TAKATA, and Sec. ELEANOR ANDO. For interested members: come join us and help yourself to another leisure time skill.

53rd Anniversary Banquet by ALLEN NAKAMURA

The theme for the banquet could very well be "Spend the Evening with the Sanseis!"

WENDY HANAMURA, executive producer of the documentary film "Honor Bound" will be the keynote speaker at the annual 53rd Anniversary banquet on March 30, 1996.

The Banquet Committee of Chairman ALLEN NAKAMURA (L), ICHIRO "CHAMP" SUZUKI (I), MUNETATSU "MOON" SAITO (K), JACOB JICHAKU & GENRO KASHIWA (L), RALPH TOMEI (M), SHIGERU GOTO (3rd HQ), ALAN KUBOTA (S&D), and ex-officio members JENNIFER BAKER, Executive Secretary, HENRY KUNIYUKI, President, and PAUL TAKIGUCHI, President-Elect, in unity agreed that WENDY appearing before this group of 442nd veterans, the home of the regiment, is a significant event for all of us to honor and pay tribute to one of our own Sansei's outstanding achievement.

This young Sansei, surmounting all obstacles and hard work, not only in the production but also to obtain financial support which is so necessary and finally to locate a national distributor so that it can be shown nationally, went ahead to pursue her dream of leaving a legacy in videotape for generations to see. As KARLEEN CHINEN of The Hawaii Herald expressed it so well, "...so that the legacy will be passed on to those who will follow us - the need to know who we really are." The "Honor Bound" videotape will be available at the lobby for \$25. Mail - \$29.

"Honor Bound" (HB) will be shown on a big