

screen at the banquet following her speech. What better way are there, than to see the film together with WENDY and among friends to tell her how "PROUD" we are of her! We realize the film was on PBS and Hawaii International Film Festival. WENDY apologizes for not having the premiere showing of HB at the banquet, as she was well into arrangement for PBS distribution way before receiving my letter.

She is an excellent speaker. I know you will be moved by her speech, which comes from her heart in producing this outstanding documentary film. The evening will approximately end around 9:30 - 9:45 PM. No Host cocktails - 5 PM. The program will promptly begin a 6 PM. The musical entertainment will be provided by the 25th Division Combo. The evening we know will not be lacking of excitement with MASATO DOI, the highly respected retired Circuit Court judge as the Master of Ceremonies.

The cost of the banquet is \$25 per person, the same as last year. The dinner of luscious flamed-broiled Top Sirloin on a bed of Bordelaise and grilled Thai Herbal Salmon will be the main course. The menu will also include Chinese Egg Drop soup, Tossed Green Salad, Chef's Special Dessert topped with Kona Blend, Decaffeinated Coffee, or Tea.

The Banquet Bar (1995 prices); Standard Brands - \$3.50. Call Brands - \$4.00. Premium Brands - \$4.25. Soft Drinks & Juices - \$2.25. Domestic beer & House Wine - \$3.25. Imported Beer - \$3.75.

\$2.50 parking to be collected at entrance. Be sure to have parking tickets validated at the banquet.

Following the successful Sons and Daughters method of reservations, there will be no banquet tickets. Each chapter will be responsible for the members and friends for collections of \$25 per person reservations. Deadline is the 442 board meeting on February 5, 1996. Separate tables will be set up for late registrants.

Sons and Daughters will have souvenir items for sale in the lobby.

I have appointed ALAN KUBOTA of Sons and Daughters as the chairman for the Punchbowl

ceremonies.

53rd Anniversary Memorial Service by ALAN KUBOTA

As our fathers get on in years, so do the Sons and Daughters...and what of the next generation?

The Memorial Service of the 53rd Anniversary will see the grandchildren became part of the "Legacy." Young as they are, they will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and present a wreath along with the veterans and the Sons and Daughters.

Conducting the ceremony will be Master of Ceremonies JOE UNO, son of the Reverend ERNEST UNO (3rd HQ). Keynote address is by Honorable Associate Supreme Court Justice of Hawaii, PAULA NAKAYAMA, daughter of HARRY NAKAYAMA of 3rd HQ. She will convey her thoughts on your "*mago*." Chaplain ERNI will lead us in prayer and the Choral Group will again bless us with songs. And a special touch will be added to this year's ceremony.

Please join us in remembrance of your comrades. (Time schedule will be announced at the January Board meeting.)

Other News

KAGAWA Response Letter

Dear ED:

Please permit me to respond to Mr. HENRY KUNIYUKI's comment about me in the last issue of the GFB Bulletin.

The reason I resigned as architect for the proposed WWII memorial at Fort DeRussy is not as stated by HENRY but because I did not agree with the way the project was being managed by HENRY in many respects.

Thank you,
WALLACE K. KAGAWA, AIA
Architect

The 100/442 Memorial Tour

This Memorial Tour (see ad in this issue) is a very comprehensive tour especially formulated

for vets who served with the 100/442. It is aimed at those who for some reason or another was not able to make the much-publicized 50th Anniversary pilgrimage to Bruyeres. It is also an attempt to perfect a tour which could be used in the future for our offsprings who might want to trace our footsteps in quest of the information they seek in keeping our heritage alive.

We are fortunate in obtaining the services of MARK TINNEY, an experienced Tour director of Globus World Travel. He and his wife CATERINA accompanied European World's two busloads of vets, families, and friends during the 50th. They will be in Honolulu in late January and should there be enough people signed up by then, we will try to arrange a get-together while they are here.

If interested, please call ALEC DOLD at 732-9430 or FRED IDA (G Co.) at 734-1386.

Peter Hendrikx Request

Dear Veterans,

Please allow me to introduce myself first. My name is PETER HENDRIKX, 28 and one of my hobbies is my interest in WWII history. I have well over 1750 books in my library, and corresponded with hundreds of officers and veterans, many of whom I am proud to call my friends.

Currently I am conducting military research about the men who are buried at the US Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland. I want to pay tribute to these soldiers by writing a book on a non-profit basis of human interest stories about these men, who are unable to tell their own stories. Too many great stories about these valiant heroes have never been told, and will never be told otherwise. In order to do this, I need your help.

Since your buddy SSgt. ITSUMU SASAOKA is buried here as well, I hope you can answer some of the following personal and military service-related questions.

What was his age, family background, education, and profession? What was his personality and character? Was he married, with children? When and why did he join the paratroopers? What was his job in his unit, and how did he

perform? How did his army career develop? In which battles did he take part before he was killed? In which battle was he killed, and how did it happen? Can you illustrate any of the above question with an anecdote? Do you have a photo of him that I can keep or copy? Do you have any copies of letters, documents, diaries, newspaper clippings, histories, etc. concerning him or his unit that I can have?

Although I realize these questions will bring back sad memories, I hope you will excuse me. I am genuinely interested in the history and the heroic deeds of your comrade, and want to express my respect and gratitude by recording his story. I believe that your stories about him will help to keep his memory alive.

I look forward to hearing from you. Every best personal wish,

PETER J.K. HENDRIKX

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MELVIN "BAGGY" TSUCHIYA

(Dear ED: May I share with the 442 Bulletin a letter printed in the Garden Island sent by MELVIN "BAGGY" TSUCHIYA (5/19/43) of HQ 2nd Bn. VAL TSUCHIYA, BAGGY's son shared this with me.

This might bring back nostalgic memories of those Shelby forced marches every 442 guy is familiar with.

Aloha!

*TED TSUKIYAMA, Historian
442nd Veterans Club)*

Hq Co. 2nd Bn., 442 Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss
May 19, 1943

Editor of the Garden Island:

"How is the Army treating you?" That is invariably the opening of most of the letters we soldiers receive.

You see yourself going on a "short" ten-mile hike - short because you know that there are

longer ones to be made, 25 and 30 mile ones. So vivid is your imagination that you begin to feel the shoulder straps of the field pack biting into your shoulders. You think about JOYCE KILMER and how he poured out his heart shortly before he was killed. He had written:

*'My shoulders ached beneath my pack -
Lie easier, Cross, upon his back...'*

Your arms are not only numb, but blue for lack of circulation. Atlas carried the world, but he was strong. You aren't Atlas, and the world seems to tumbling on your shoulders, getting heavier with each step. Then you start wondering whether you have your own shoes on, for your feet hurt.

*'I march with feet that burn and smart.
Tread Holy Feet, upon my heart.'*

You fear you are going to cry, to laugh! Is the burning heat driving you insane? Desperately you look at the man next to you. He smiles, you smile; each tries to be as brave and as strong as the other. The persistently irritating bark of the non-commissioned officer cuts the air. 'Get in step, Jeep. C'mon, Eight-Ball! Hep, hep, hep!'

*'Men should at me who may not speak
The scrouged Thyback and smote Thycheek.'*

Unexpectedly you hear the dreaded yell, 'Gas!' You sluggishly put on your mask, and then resume your endless march. Soon, your mask holds a salty sea of perspiration.

*'I may not lift a hand to clear
My eyes of salty drops that sear
Than shall my fickle soul forget
The agony of Bloody sweat.'*

The air within the mask is hot, and soon you are gasping. You curse, not caring who hears you, but your voice is muffled. You cannot see, for a mist has formed. Seemingly from a great distance, a welcome voice creeps and seeps into your clogged mind. 'Remove masks!' Such air, sweet air (though it is dusty from the heavy dragging boots in front of you.) Sweet air!

You stop thinking about the air when you hear an officer yells, 'Straighten out you gun!' You suddenly realize how heavy the gun is.

*'My rifle hand is stiff and numb,
From Thy pierced palm red rivers come.'*

At last you are home from the hike. You rush

through your bath, but you are too tired to eat. So you lie in bed and try to sleep. You toss restlessly in bed. The more you try, the harder it is for you to sleep. Towards 1 o'clock in the morning, just when you are about to drop off to sleep, your comrade who sleeps next to you lets out a blood-curdling yell. You and the others in the hutment jump up, hearts beating fast. You realize that your comrade is having a hellish nightmare, and slashing and killing with the bayonet. That, he has learned, is the aggressive killer attitude - the spirit of the gun and bayonet.

We volunteers, even before we ever thought of volunteering, had just such mental pictures of physical hardships and emotional and mental stress. Yet we answered the call for volunteers. We did so because we knew that our country needed us. We realized, also, that our position as Americans of Japanese ancestry was and is unenviable. Our uncomfortable position remains, unfortunately, unchanged.

A few months after the outbreak of this war, I asked the American-Japanese through the "Garden Island" to be prepared for ranking allusions from the blatant lips of intolerant people. One such allusion would be, 'A monkey which had learned to smoke a cigarette is still a monkey.' The intimation there, of course, is that despite the fact that we American-Japanese are being American-educated we are still despicable Japs!

The fallacy of such a conclusion does not consider the all-important fact that in the main, the educability of man is rather humble. This being so, man "changes" or "grows" with different experiences. That is one reason why the United States has been spending much of its income for education. The hope of permanent peace is based on education and the acceptance of the theory of the educability of man. There can be no 'brotherhood of man' so long as one believes itself superior.

Unfortunately, erroneous analogies can be convincingly impressive to some men. An April 13, 1943, a house naval affairs sub-committee heard Lt. General DE WITT declare that 'it makes no difference whether a Japanese is a

citizen or not - he is still Japanese - that cannot change.

Such a declaration leaves us American-Japanese both bewildered and depressed, in view of the fact that this statement was made by a man of high rank in an Army which is fighting for the recognition of dignity of human beings. The worth of this equality and freedom has already been enhanced by the blood of man in his creation. Now, more blood is being added, for those who die know that the opportunity to pursue and achieve is dearer than life itself.

God grant that the American youth of the future may not look back at this chapter of the History of America with shame.

Sincerely yours,
MELVIN TSUCHIYA

Office Offers Brochures

The office recently received many informative booklets from the federal and state government for the benefit of the membership. They are listed below. If you are interested in reading these booklets, or in having xerox copies made, please contact Jennifer Baker at the Clubhouse at (808) 949-7997 or write to the club at 933 Wiliwili St., Honolulu, HI 96826.

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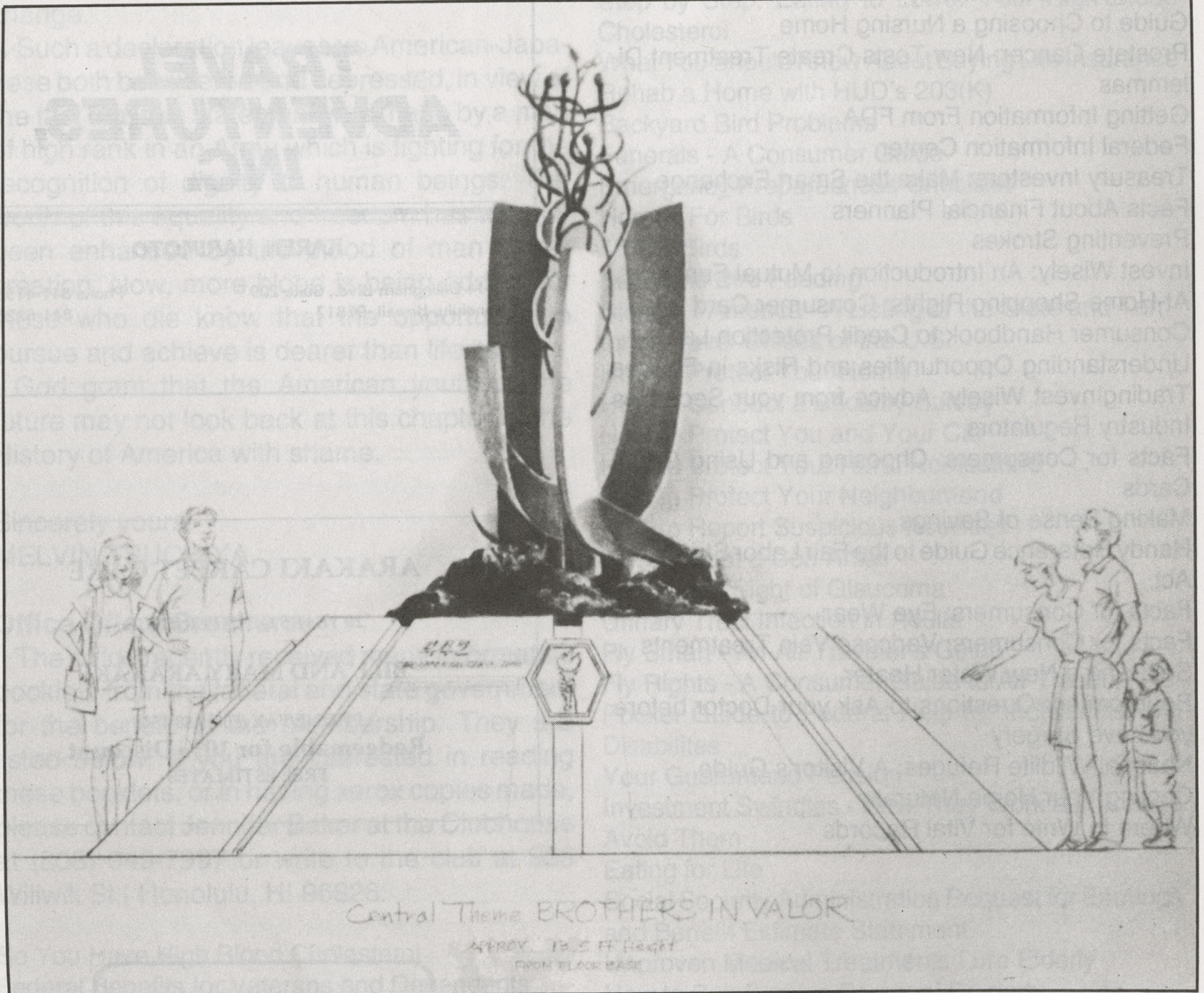
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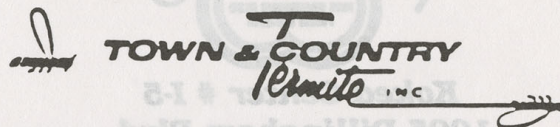


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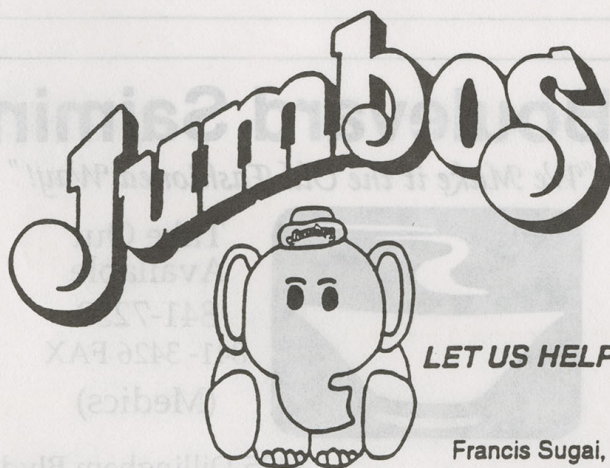
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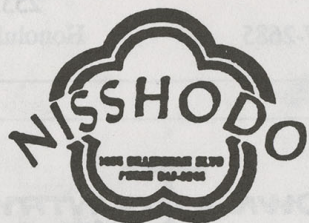
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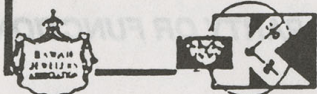


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