

The meeting was turned over to Harry Kiyabu and Karen Harimoto of Travel Adventure who explained the details of our Las Vegas mini-reunion, June 10-13.

Members attending from Honolulu are: Masa & Fumi Kai, Harry & Yoshi Kiyabu, Tetsuo & Eleanor Kurozawa, Marian Miota, Jackson & Allegra Morisawa, Dorothy Nakagawa, June Oganeko, Charley & Bessie Okazaki, Takashi Okuhara, Pricilla Sadanaga, Ronald & Yukie Sakai, Haru Sumida, Sadao & Mitsuko Tachibana, Mildred Tahara, Doc Yutaka & Marjorie Yoshida and Satoru & Doris Yoshimoto.

From Kauai: Masa Agena, Paul & Betsy Akama, Mitsuru & Matsuko Doi, Whitey Kurasaki, George & June Kurisu, Robert Rego, Doris Takatsuki, Turk & Emi Tokita, Robert & Alice Tsuda and Archie & Ruth Watanabe.

From Mainland: Yosh & Betty Fujiwara, Becky, Tom & Ann Hooper, John & Yeiko Imamura, Casey & Yoshi Kasuyama, Chris & Ann Keegan, Mits & Sadame Kojimoto, Clay L. & Will McGuffy, Clay & Emily McGuffey, Robert Meyer, Duke & Dorothy Ogawa, Ted & Chiz Ohira, Don Okamura, Frank & Rose Okusako, Bryson & LeBecca Paddock, Raynar & Marge Peterson, Sus Satow, Joe & Mollie Shinsato, Rodney & Ethel Shiosaki, Melvin & Grace Takamori, Lloyd & Michi Toda, Mike Tsuji, Maurice & Mary Williams, Kozo & Amy Yamane and Frank & Margie Yanagimachi.

Most of the time in Las Vegas will be free. The evening of May 13th will be the get-together for all the members. Some of us will go to Los Angeles for a post reunion. Details of the mini-reunion be written in the next bulletin.

Jeff, son of Mike Tsuji, was on his honeymoon with bride Maria and they made a surprise visit to our meeting. We enjoyed having them over. Maria won two of the tree jackpots in bingo. (H. Chapter wedding gift?) We wish them a happy future!

by Mary Sakai, Carol Sakai-Feiteira, Patti Laba

Tak Hattori

"Many people, even within our own Combat Team do not know about the Anti-tank Co. *unique* history both within and outside of the Combat Team.

Our days at Camp Shelby were much like all other members of the 442nd who trained there. We did the close order drills, the long marches, rifle and machine gun ranges, mortars and bazookas and all the rest including our 37MM anti-tank guns. Later we traded them in for the larger 57MM anti-tank guns.

Our "*uniqueness*" came after we were in combat with the 442nd about 3 weeks. We were given orders to withdraw and move to an area near Rome for Glider training. We were to be attached to the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment. We trained in loading and lashing the British 6-pound anti-tank guns (similar to our 57MM), into the gliders. Loading and lashing Jeeps, Jeep trailers filled with mortar and high explosive ammo, and all our equipment needed for combat after we landed in enemy territory. We took training flights with our equipment loaded in the gliders and towed aloft with C-47s. Every member of the Anti-tank Company became qualified glider borne troops and entitled to wear the Glider Badge.

With our glider training completed, we were moved to an airfield to prepare for the invasion of Southern France. The plan was to have the paratroopers jump in and secure landing fields for the gliders. We would fly in with anti-tank guns, jeeps, troops, ammo and supplies. The paratroopers took off in the early morning light, and at 1600 hours the first of our 44 gliders assigned to us, took off without a mishap.

The flight across the Ligurian Sea to the coast of France was uneventful, but confusion at the landing sight brought some surprises. The gliders were supposed to come in 3 waves but all three waves arrived at once. Some flak was encountered as we arrived over the French coast, so the tow planes cut us loose at 3000 feet instead of 300 feet as was planned. That put the gliders in jeopardy from flak by being in the air longer. One of our gliders got some tail damage from flak, but landed



safely.

Pilots were heading down fast to secure landing sights before someone else beat them to it. Confusion reigned as gliders collided trying to land in the same spot, some had to find another spot at the last minute when someone beat him to his spot. With no motor to apply power and fly around, they only had one chance, and if they blew it, they were in deep trouble. Very few gliders landed without damage, and many were totaled with fatalities. Nine Anti-tankers were injured, six were sent to the 517th Regimental Aid for treatment. The Anti-tank Company gave the 517th protection against tank and armored vehicles as they fought their way to the French-Italian border." More to come in the next issue.

Wally and Yori Kagawa

Anti-Tank Chapter mtg. held on Feb. 7th at the 442 VC Clubhouse with the following present: Jerry and Alice Ayabe, Masato Doi, Sachi Fukunaga, Ko Hata, Halo Hirose, Wally and Yori Kagawa, Jack and Margaret Kaguni, Kazuo Kiyonaga, Yukio Nakahira, Thomas "Oscar Omine, Chilly and Irene Sasaki, Harry and Janet Tokashiki, Whitey and Amy Yamamoto and Guest, Dennis Sasaki, son of the Sasaki's.

53rd Anniversary Celebration on Sat., 3/30—9 a.m. Memorial service at Punchbowl. Masato Doi was emcee for the annual banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel at 6 p.m. with Wendy Hanamura, producer of the video "Honor Bound" as the main speaker.

Guidons: All chapters turned in money to buy their company guidon, which will be used at parades, banquets, meetings.....Raffle to raise \$150 to pay for the company guidon was held. Donation was \$5 per ticket. Prize will be a hand painted Chinese scroll on silk brocade, with a retail value of \$200. (Drawing was changed to be held at the 3/30 banquet.) Shiroku Yamamoto, one of the youngest of our group, will be the guidon bearer at the Memorial service.

Sons and Daughters chapter is seeking additional Oral Histories. Members were urged to be interviewed so that the members' memoirs will be on video. S&D Chapter will participate in the annual Aloha Week Parade by entering a float. They are asking for help in gathering flowers and

working on the float.

Gary K. Nakamura, National Service Officer of DAV spoke at Feb. board mtg. to urge all veterans with or without service connected injuries to become familiar with the benefits and services available to vets. He spoke about two families who went through much hardship unnecessarily because they did not know of available help. His telephone number is (808) 566-1510.

Jack Kaguni led the discussion on the proposed trip to the Big Island this summer. This tour will be for golfers as well as non-golfers. Almost all of those present expressed interest in going.

At the conclusion of the mtg., **Alvin Yoshitomi** and **Guy Koga** of the S&D chapter guided the group on a tour of the new archive, which was very impressive with computers, fire resistant vault, and many interesting artifacts donated by the vets.

Pearl Country Club was the beautiful spot for the May 22nd luncheon meeting for the AT Chapter. Attendees were Jerry and Alice Ayabe, Ko and Janet Hata, Halo and Kiyomi Hirose, Lizo and Yvonne Honma, Wally and Yori Kagawa, Jack and Margaret Kaguni, Hotsauce and Thelma Misuzawa, Sally Nakamura, Mary Sakai, Masaharu Suzuki, Harry Tokashiki, Minoru Tateishi, Shiroku and Amy Yamamoto.

AT Chapter Trip to Big Island

Jack Kaguni was a busy treasurer, seeing that everyone got the correct "shokutsu" (Japanese meal) - discussing our plans for the Big Island trip - Aug. 27, 28, 29 (Tues-Th), 3 days, 2 nights; Hilo to Kona.

Jack and Margaret made a skillful puzzle game, unique with paper yogurt cups and nickles. Very clever.

Tic-Tac-Toes, also made by Jack and Margaret. Everyone played and had a great time. **Janet Hata** was Margaret's able assistant.

HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO

Anti-tanker **Henry** recently telephoned that the Los Angeles City Council had accepted the scheme to list names of all participants of Japanese ancestry in WWII instead of only KIA's and MIA's and requested our support.

Henry and wife **Mildred** sent cards from Calif, Texas, Vegas, Colorado... They certainly are terrific travelers and communicators!

GEORGE and MALY TAMURA

Caught **Maly** leaving for Spokane! I don't think they ever stay home. How wonderful to travel at a drop of a hat!

CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI

Housesitting and babysitting **Chris and Shawn Sasaki** was a pleasure for grandpa **Chilly**. Son **Curtis** took Chilly to pick strawberries on a Californian farm. Chilly was just a happy kid himself - eating and picking strawberries was a fun experience!

Irene had been watering their huge estate and caring for their beautiful gardens. Chilly complimented Irene, "You did a great job!" Two weeks of caring for the yard made Irene's complexion change from delicate white to a two-tone dark skin. It was worth pleasing her husband! What a gal!

KENNETH and HELEN YOKOYAMA

"We're keeping up with everyday chores, relaxing and enjoying good health! Children came on Mother's Day and we truly enjoyed eating "outside food." No one cooked so it was a relaxing family gathering. Try KFC - it's really ono!"

RICHARD and KATHERINE MIYAKAWA

Katherine must still be in Japan. Can't seem to find out if **Gail** is here. **Richard**, please call this reporter and let us know what's happening.

KUNE and KIMI HISATOMI (L.A. AT Chapter)

Kune said **Kimi** is in a convalescent home and is getting wonderful therapy. **Kune** was happy that **Kimi** was getting great care.

AMY SAKIMOTO (L.A. AT Chapter)

Amy is relaxing and enjoying going to the 442nd events and meetings. She's very happy and healthy

JERRY and ALICE AYABE

Las Vegas is a second home to these two. Just returned from a 5-day trip for **Alice's** brother's (**Daniel Kawakami**) daughter's (**Erin**) wedding. More details in the next issue.

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA

Yvonne has her "on and off" days. **Lizo** is still the wonderful cook and is enjoying taking care of his lovely wife!

HALO and KIYOMI HIROSE

This good-looking couple is still busy "twin-sitting." They are enjoying life to the fullest!

HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI

Harry plays golf and softball. He plays tournament golf in California with his friends. Keeps "fit as a fiddle!"

YUKI and NORA NAKAHIRA

Yuki and **Nora** have the sweetest-looking granddaughter. They are real live conscientious babysitters!

Our condolences to wife **Jeanne** and the family of **Adolph (Bruno) Nakamura** who passed away on April 27, 1996. A private service was held. **Jeanne** said **Adolph** is resting at the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. Keeping her spirits up are her two daughters.



by **Hichiro Matsumoto**

March Chapter Meeting: More eating than meeting, we eat to live or live to eat. Nah, we have time for meeting time too. New chapter **President Eddie Kanaya** sees to that. Our conscientious daitoryo's main concern of the evening was to recruit somebody/anybody to serve as the guidon bearer at the memorial service to be held on March 30th at Punchbowl.

One for the book. The ladies asking **Charley Ijima** for recipes and the finer points of cooking. No fool around this guy, he is a very talented man. For one, his cooking reminds of **Primo Kikukawa**, da cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai, nani yattermo

ono.

Another one for the book. Guys like huli-over seeing **Doc Kawamoto** go soji after meeting pau. He probably thinking he was at home. Konaida, wife **Mary** went to the mainland to tego suru their youngest daughter who made them grandparents again for the.....anyway daibun aru.

Walter Matsumoto our head man of the oral history thing being conducted by the Sons & Daughters asked more people to participate and give'em their side.

Herbert Isonaga, 2HQ (we meet the same night) passing our table loaded down with the usual, "you guys, boy."

442 Annual Banquet: The 232 Engrs/Band Chapter occupied five plus tables something on da mezurashii for now days. For the increase in numbers, we can thank our Sons & Daughters...more and more coming out.

To get the evening's program on the road, our **Eddie Kanaya** played The Lord's Prayer on his flute. **Gail (Rodney & Nora Yamashiro) Onuma**, our Mother Club's Executive Secretary, with assist from the 1996 Officers cut the anniversary cake. Da hocho used to do the honors was **Gilbert Kobatake's** gift to the club. A prize he won for having the best company, UH ROTC, 1934. The saber hangs in the trophy case in our clubhouse. The guidon narabete displayed conspicuously up from added much class.

Memorial Dedication: Monument Ground Breaking Ceremony at Fort DeRussy, Monday, March 11, 1996 at 10 AM Splendid turnout from all four organizations...100,442,1399 and MIS.

The Ceremony, nothing fancy and yet impressive and well received by the people that attended. Been sometime seeing so many stars (generals) during the day. Present were: **Eddie Kanaya, Doc Kawamoto, Gilbert Kobatake, Hichi Matsumoto & Walter Matsumoto**. Hazel was one of many wives.

Deko Agetai: The following are bits picked up from the February 28, 1996 Honolulu Advertiser's Food Section. The bold letters read: Much Ado About Mochi. The author was, you guessed it, a Haole wahine.

Chichi dango, habutai, tsumani, uguisu, daifuku, kinakoo dango, hishi, kashiwa, chimaki, kagami. That's the different kinds of mochi **Tommy Hirao** makes at his **Nisshodo Candy Store**. Also yokan, manju, kinyoku, and sekihan. No fool around boy, this enterprising entrepreneur stay yatou eleven people and wife **Edythe** is one of 'em. Being an employee, we suspect she takes orders from the boss like the rest of them. At home nara, dohka shiran but.

Hard, broke the back kind work, the hours long (starting about four in the morning) and that's for every day of the week. No more Sundays or Holidays off. But all da tsukare hyokutto disappear and forgotten when he huli over the cash register drawer after pauhana and starts counting the days take. That's when da tanoshimi part begins.

His kids no like take over. Having good education and good jobs, no like get their hands messy. **Murimo naiyo**.

Today, Nisshodo is primarily a wholesaler and he orosu his product to Shirokiya, Daiei, Marukai and to smaller stores. Once his finger was in the way of the pounder. Before days unlike today, everything was done by hand. Meniota gena. How rakuna now.

This generous tycon, chapter meetings, parties, get togethers, kuru tambini nanika teni sagete kuru, not lilibit but etto. We've been feasting on the very best and not knowing it....nasake nai. Nisshodo is located at: 1095 Dillingham Blvd., Bldg. I-5 (Diamond Head side of Kapalama Canal) Denwa: Hachi yon nana ichi ni shi shi.

Deko Ageta II: **Gail Yamashiro Onuma** is the brand new Executive Secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club. She is the daughter of 232nd Engrs/Band Chapters **Rodney** and **Nora Yamashiro**. For many years she worked for Straub Clinic & Hospital. The panel or whoever went yatou here made a good choice. Akamai, personable, young, energetic, not afraid to speak her mind and one of her biggest asset is shan shan plus. Active with the Sons & Daughters.

Da Yamashiro family and our family became friends while living at Halawa Housing. Da wives used to atsumaru and gab when da yasaiya man

made his stops.

Knew Gail when she was about two years old. In fact she and uchino boy used to play mamangoto. She being about year older, used to be da oyabun. She already wus da leader type then. Da Yamashiro are the first and only da kine...daughter Gail, Executive Secretary and the old man, ex-president of the Mother Club.

Golden Anniversary: **Mack Nogaki** and **Jacqueline Wieland** were married on March 10, 1946...mukashi mukashi oomukashi. And 50 years later to the day, March 10, 1996, their kids (**son Paul and daughter Sylvia**) honored and celebrated with them the 50th Anniversary with a party. Oh, boy, 50 years/half a century. Futari tomo yoh shimbo seta. Dare ga kuro seta kano. The cake for the event must have been one with plenty of room to tateru all the candles.

Da wedding no shashin (on the invitation) yoh utsuttoru and now toh compare setara da couple no mikake anmari kawatto ran. The lucky sonovagun wore his hair long then, and not da "Mohawk" he spots today. With his sharp features he was considered to be on da bidonshi side. Probably our good kotonk aikane (**Mack**) stay wondering how the hell dis bugga (Inquisitive Reporter) living 2,500 miles away got the information. Well **Mack**, it's like this. A reporter's job is to get news (preferably the good kind) no matter how, by hook or crook at times if necessary.

Talked to their son **Paul** on the telephone and by the conversation although a short one, could tell he is a fine reppana seinen. Mom & Dad did a very good job. The last time we saw the kids were many moons ago. Boy, osoroshii yohni how time flies.

Whenever the name **Mack Nogaki** is mentioned, automatic the 1964 Reunion in Seattle comes to mind. After da Reunion pau. sekarashii demo he took a day off from work and took several of us kanakas from Hawaii to witness clam digging, mainland style. On To Kona—by—**Margie Ijima**: On Sunday, March 31st, the day after the inspirational 53rd Anniversary Banquet of the 442nd Club in Honolulu, we Engineers and Band Chapter Members, wives and widows flew to Kona to stay at the Kona Resort Hotel as arranged by our contact in Kona, **Midori Fujimoto** and her daugh-

ter **Lynn Sato**, Manager of Kona International Travel Service. Those who made it to Kona were: **Atsuo & Marian Nishioka** of Hilo, who were there early to greet us, **Barbara Haruki** of Kauai, **Tom & Lil Masamori** of Denver, Co., **Herb Kimoto**, **George & Mary Yamada**, **Kaz Kiyomura**, **Min & Yae Sueda**, of Los Angeles, **Masao & Yvonne Yamasaki**, **Helen Takano**, **Yuri Ishikawa**, **Lily Yasuhara**, **Joe Sato**, **Doc Kawamoto**, **Monte & Lily Okamoto** and **Charley & Margie Ijima** of Oahu.

Our efficient—as—ever hostess **Midori** managed to get us the same big hospitality room again and all our rooms were conveniently located nearby. She had beer and soft drinks chilled and ready for us and also brought a bunch of supplies including rice and rice cooker. The **Nishiokas** brought fried chicken, sushi, tempura and tsukemoto from Hilo, the Oahu bunch brought sushi and pipikaula and **Helen Takano** brought her delicious baked goods.....fruit bars and bundt cake. Other items were added later **Midori** and different members.

Most of us arrived after 2 PM, picked up our rental cars and headed for the hotel. The drive was beautiful with colorful bougainvillias on the road side and we noticed new buildings since our last visit. Some of us not only took in the scenery but also took the wrong turns and many deadends. (Ask **Kimo** for his account, he had the group in hysterics relating his experiences with **Kaz** as his co-pilot). But we all managed to find the Kona Resort Hotel eventually.

It didn't take long for us to assemble in the hospitality room to attack the sushi and other goodies. At dinner time we were ready with our appetite again for the delicious buffet dinner of hekka, fish, etc., prepared by the hotel and hosted by **Midori**. Everyone enjoyed the meal and exchanged news about their doings in the past year. **Doc** was so happy, he serenaded us with his old stand-bys like "Put your Arms Around me, Honey." Soon after we called it an evening.

Monday: Bright and early **Helen** tried to get into the hospitality room to prepare breakfast, but the door was locked. **Midori** deliberately kept it locked with hope that **Helen** would relax and turn up later. At about 7 am or so, **Helen** managed to

get in to brew coffee, heat the left-overs, brew tea for "chazuke" lovers. We're so lucky to have someone willing to volunteer her services in the kitchen whenever we travel. Of course, everyone helps at some time or other with various kitchen chores.

Most of the men folks watched TV nearly all day since the NCAA tournament championship basketball games were showing. Some of us girls went shopping at the nearby Keauhou Bay Shopping Center but couldn't do any serious buying. A few of us found things at the Penthouse (bargain rack). KTA Market was interesting to explore with just about any kind of foods to flowers. We managed to get back to the hotel for lunch of fried rice (prepared by Helen and assisted by other girls) and left-overs from the day before. The Masamori's drove all the way to Honokaa to visit relatives and Atsuo drove Min to visit mutual friends and to look into the new discount stores like Walmart, K-Mart and Costco.

In the evening, we all drove over to Teshima's for a Japanese dinner. There we saw Midori's son **Mark** and son-in-law (daughter **Merle's** husband) and their two children. We posed for pictures for **Tom** who brought his camera, naturally. In fact we posed for pictures for **Tom** who brought his camera, naturally. In fact we posed for pictures many times during our stay in Kona.

The best picture taken will have to be the one with the sign that was posted in front of the hospitality room reading "442nd Veterans Ladies Reunion." Midori insists she wasn't responsible for it.

Tuesday: This was a full day. At 9:15 am we drove over to the cemetery where our dear friend and buddy **Fred Fujimoto** is buried. Flowers were placed and pictures taken again. The monument dedicated to the veterans of various wards and the flowering (lavender) Jacarenda tree next to it added to the serenity of the area. Next it was time to visit the coffee mill. We went to the Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative, processors of Kona Coffee and Macadamia Nuts, to learn a bit about the business from their General Manager (and our guide) who explained in detail the work involved and showed us some of their machinery. If you're ever in Kona and have time to spare, contact Midori and see if she can get him (**Sotero Agoot, Jr.**) to give you a tour thru the mill and answer your

questions about the coffee plants, the different beans, the picking sorting, processing and packing of coffee beans. It is very interesting.

You must have heard of **Manago Hotel & Restaurant** in Kona. If not, don't miss it on your next visit. We went there for lunch and what a big lunch it turned out to be! Famous for their fried pork chops, many of us ordered that, or fired fish...opelu, akule or mahimahi, that day. The meal was served family style with serving bowls of rice, delicious potato salad, ogo namasu and pork tofu placed here there. We nearly got full on those before our main dishes arrived. Everything tasted so good and we all over-ate. No wonder, most of us were pretty drowsy the rest of the day.

Midori took four of us to the **Onizuka Space Museum** at the airport. We had missed the tour the last time we were in Kona. An excellent speaker, the curator gave us a nice tour thru the museum exhibits and games. Of special note was the beautiful cabinet donated by **Fred & Midori** to display **Ellison's** personal brief case, his tools and memorabilia. A second floor display area had been added and we walked up to see it but **Min Sueda** got a ride on their electronic lift. We also viewed one of the videos of **Ellison** and his colleagues who spoke of their high regards for him. It was evident the **Ellison** lives in the hearts and minds of many in this world. Midori is constantly working to get donations for the space museum for repairs, replacements and new additions. (No wonder they let her display a placard on her dashborad to allow her to park right in front of the museum.)

At 7 pm we all marched over to the dining room for yet another big scrumptious meal, a huge buffet of seafood, roast beef and all the trimmings. Midori had pre-arranged a private dining room for us to enjoy our dinner. It was nice to have a beautiful room all for our own use. After dinner on this our last evening together, we had our usual exchanges of thanks and short speeches and an impromptu program. This is the kind of time we miss **Kiyo Kimura (and Blanche)** most for his MC prowess and repertoire of jokes, but **Tom (Danny Boy)** did a pretty good job in his absence. He also sang a few delightful numbers which we all enjoyed as always and **Masa, Doc, and Joe** also entertained us with songs. After singing "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha Oe" we spent

a short while in the hospitality room before turning in for the night. A few stayed longer to discuss a possible reunion again.

Wednesday: After breakfast in the hotel dining room, we all went back to our rooms to finish packing and preparing to leave. As if she didn't do enough, Midori sent us home with gifts of Kona macadamia nuts, coffee (from the mill we visited) and avocados. We finally said our good-byes and thanks to Midori for a wonderful time. We considered ourselves so fortunate to have Midori (and Fred when he was alive) who had all these contacts to make our trip interesting and enjoyable.

Some commented it was their best reunion because they got to know everyone better, being such a small group. Some said they couldn't wait a year to get-together again and hoped something would bring us together sooner. Any ideas??? But we all missed the rest of you who couldn't go to Kona and hope that you will stay well and join us the next time we go somewhere.

Henry S. Nakama (1919-1996)

By Edward Kanaya

I first met Henry in September 1941 when he was a senior and band captain in the University of Hawaii Band, and I was a freshman. December 7 came and he was 2nd Lt in Co. D, Hawaii Territorial Guard. Three months later, he joined the Varsity Victory Volunteers doing labor work in Schofield Barracks. A year later, he was in Camp Shelby assigned to 2nd Battalion Hqtrs during basic training. Somehow he found enough time to help organize the Shelby Hawaiians, a group that entertained all over. When the call came to form the 442nd Band (later named 206 Army Ground Forces Band), he was again first in line and helped with the organization. He was immediately assigned the position of drum major due to his experience in high school and college. He was the man leading the band in all marching formations in Shelby and overseas. He also played tenor sax in the concert and dance bands.

It was on a furlough to New York City that he met his future wife **Esther Kikawa** who was at the Miyako Restaurant with brother Robert (522C). Esther was a local girl who went to school and worked as a beautician in Norristown, PA.

Overseas in Italy and France, Henry took over

all the M.C. duties with eloquent showmanship. In December 1945, instead of coming home, he headed straight for Norristown, PA and married Esther in February 1946.

He finished his degree and taught band at Aiea Intermediate School for several years before going into administration. He served as principal at two elementary schools on the Big Island and five on Oahu before settling down for a long stay at Kaahumanu Elementary in Makiki from where he retired in 1981.

1984 wife Esther came down with Alzheimers and he spent ten years caring for her day and night until she passed away in December 1994.

Henry suffered an aneurysm on April 23rd and passed away the following evening. Deepest sympathies to son **Roy**, daughter-in-law **Louie** and grand-children **Tracie and Joanna**.

We all experienced a great loss with the passing of **Henry S. Nakama**, a devoted family man, musician, educator and dear friend. Our only comfort must come from the memories he has left with us and the knowledge that he has gone into the other world to be eternally joined with his beloved Esther.

A Memorial- Fred Kanai

Heard of his passing away from his brother-in-law, **Ko Hata** of Anti-Tank at the 442 annual banquet in March of this year. Although not active with the 232 Engrs/Band Chapter for the last decade or so, nevertheless it was shocking news. Not a raise hell nor rowdy type of person. He was a cool guy, humorous and rascal and was well liked and respected by the boys. He had class.

Some of the things we remembered about him. His name was the first on the list to be called for induction (442 RCT) from our Local Draft Board #3 at Washington Intermediate School. Eyeing him up, our first impression was, what dis Pake looking guy with a Kanaka sounding name doing here among all da Buddaheads.

A regular down to earth guy, he participated in whatever sport was in season. But his first love was bowling, nothing came close. He carried a respectable average year in year out. Fooled around some in boxing too and his exploits earned him the nickname "Canvas Back." Once during basic

training days, he "challenged" a pine tree in the wilds of Mississippi with a motor bike and lost. We were pretty good buddies and called each other "Old Goat." Deepest Sympathy to wife **Shirley and family**.

Terry Ogawa: Received a letter from **Eddie Sato** of Chicago telling of Terry's passing away. The only information passed on was Terry was assigned to the water point and lived in the Chicago area.



by **Ed Imamura**

Service Chapter Profile/Allan Masuda: There are 3 things in life that Allan loves: his wife, his family and the game of golf. Whenever I call him at his Waianae home, his lovely wife **Sara** says, "Allan is not at home. He's golfing."

Allan was born in Kalihi, Honolulu, on July 21, 1921. He attended Kalakaua Elementary School, Washington Intermediate School and McKinley High School. During his days at Kakaako, he was the star football player for the Primo Beef Football Team in the Honolulu 130 pounds Barefoot League.

He was drafted in 1942 and served with the 370th Engineers Bn as a truck and jeep driver. He joined the 442nd Regiment in March 1943 and served as a driver for the Regimental Supply and Ammunition Office. He was later transferred to K Co. and served as a Rifleman during combat in Italy and France.

After discharge from the Army, Allan worked as a rigger for the Federal Government both in Honolulu and Eniwetok Island. In 1953, he made the best move of his life by transferring to Okinawa to work with the U.S. Marine Corps Engineering and Maintenance Shop. He met and married **Sara Sadako Oshiro** in 1954. They

are blessed with 3 sons, **Alvin, Guy and Ty** and 4 grandchildren; **David, Christian, Zachary and Mariko**. In 1988, Allan retired as a Maintenance Supervisor with 35 years of service.

Correction - 1996 Officers

The last issue of the GFB Bulletin (January-March 1996) erroneously listed **Takemi Kajikawa** as the Treasurer and the Secretary position as vacant. **Ralph Chinaka** has served as the Treasurer for the Chapter since **Toshio "Dixon" Yamashita** relinquished the position about six years ago.

Takemi Kajikawa has volunteered to serve as the Secretary to replace **Yutaka Kajiwaru** who passed away December 14, 1995. Mahalo **Ralph and Kaji**. **Prexy Kurozumi** is happy because both you are doing a great job.

Mainland Visitors: **Sandra Calmes**, the attractive daughter of our Company Commander, **Capt. Lee Hawkins**, and her sister-in-law, **Betty Dixon** and Betty's grand-daughter **Jessica Begley** and Betty's sister, **Peggy Grossweiler**, visited Hawaii for a week in early April.

Sandra said they had a lovely time and are grateful to **Richard and Alma Hashi** and **Kunio and Tsugiko Kikuta** who showed them a great time in Maui and **Ralph and Jimmy Miyake** who took them around Oahu.

The Chapter hosted the mainland guests to a chinese dinner at the Duk Kee Restaurant on Thursday, April 11, 1996. The 23 participants included: **Susumu & Kozue Awaya, Ralph & Grace Chinaka, Edwin Imamura, Mike Inoue, Takemi Kajikawa, Prexy Masaji Kurozumi, Allan & Sara Masuda, James & Martha Miyake, George & Hisako Miyashiro, Toshio & Clara Nakanishi, Hideo Nimori, Alexander & Jean Oka, Herbert Oshio, Masami & Margaret Tanabe and Thomas Tanaka**.

The Chinaka's hosted the gang at their home for coffee and cake after the dinner. **Sus Awaya** and **Tom Tanaka** led the group in song. Our mainland guest, the beautiful **Jessica Begley**, was the hit of the evening when she sang several numbers including her native "My Old Kentucky Home." Sandra telephoned in mid May to say that **Jessica** recently received a 4 year music scholarship to the famous Wesleyan College, a Methodist

College in Paramount Kings Island, Kentucky.

Obituary: We were shocked and saddened to hear of the recent loss of two of our active members; **Kiyoji "Sam" Yamada** who passed away at Kuakini Hospital on May 26, 1996 and **Toshio "Dixon" Yamashita**, who passed away also at Kuakini Hospital on May 23, 1996.

We are also saddened to hear of the recent loss of our former Motor Pool Officer, **Capt. Roderick Matheson** of Connecticut and **Mrs. Elsie Hawkins** of Kentucky, the widow of our former Company Commander. The news of the Matheson's death was received by **Tom & Chic Tanaka** and the Hawkin's death by **Prexy Kurozumi**. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased.

Kiyoji "Sam" Yamada: Sam was one of the key members of our club. He served as Vice President and Social Committee Chairman for 37 consecutive years.

He was taken ill early this year and was hospitalized at Kuakini Hospital for several months. He passed away at the hospital on Sunday, May 25, 1996 from live failure at the age of 74. Many of Sam's friends attended his beautiful funeral service at Hosoi Motuary at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 1996. The service was officiated by the **Reverend Calvin Takara**, the Assistant Minister of the Kaimuke Christian Church.

Sam's brother-in-law, **Jack Hirai** served as the Master of Ceremonies and **Takao "Juicy" Ito** gave the eulogy.

The inturnment service was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific with military honors on Thursday, June 6, 1996.

Sam was born on July 25, 1921 in Honolulu. He attended Kuhio Elementry, Washington Intermediate and graduated from McKinley High School. He worked as a truck driver for the federal government before the war. He volunteered for the 442nd RCT in March 1943 and was assigned as a cook for Service Company and participated in the Italian and French Campaign during the war.

He was discharged from the service in December 1945 and worked for Honolulu City & County Traffic and Safety Department from September

1948 until his retirement as a foreman in December, 1978. He received the prestigious Meritorious Service Award from the Mayor of Honolulu at his retirement.

In his youth, Sam enjoyed baseball and played first-base for a team in the Moiliili League. He also played for the Service Chapter team in the 442nd Softball League.

Sam did an outstanding job taking charge of the Chapter's social acitivities, e.g., coordinating the many 442nd and Chapter reunions and the annual Chapter picnic at Waialua.

His other hobbies included traveling and golfing. Sam is survived by his wife **Frances**, son **Randy**, daughter **Patti Matsuda**, one grandchild, brother **Motomi** and sister **Elsie (Jack) Hirai**.

Toshio "Dixon" Yamashita: A few years ago, "Dixon" and his wife moved from Honolulu to the retirement home at Olaloa, Mililani, to enjoy their retirement life. In early May of this year, he was stricken with illness and he was admitted to Kuakini Hospital where he passed away on Thursday, May 23, 1996, from emphysema and kidney failure.

Dixon's beautiful funeral service was held at 1 pm on Saturday, June 1, 1996 at the Hosoi Motuary. The service was officiated by the **Reverend Kawaji** of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission. **Tako "Juicy" Ito** of Service Chapter served as the Master of Ceremonies and also gave the the eulogy.

Dixon was born on May 7, 1913 at Honolulu. He attended Maemae and Kawananakoa School. He went to work as a clerk at Benson and Smith Drug Store and later moved to Lewers & Cooke as a shipping clerk.

He was drafted in the Army in March 1941 and was discharged on November 12, 1941. He was subsequently recalled to the Army right after Pearl Harbor and was attached to the 393rd Quartermaster Company. He volunteered for the 442nd RCT in March 1943, and served as a truck driver for Service Company. He participated in the war in Italy and France and was discharged in November, 1945.

He returned to his former job at Lewers & Cooke and retired as a Inter-Island shipping su-

pervisor with over 40 years of service.

In his youth, Dixon pitched for the Palama team of the AJA Senior Baseball League. He was very active with Service Chapter and served as the Treasurer for over 30 years.

At the funeral service, incense offering was made by **Masaji "Shadow" Kurozumi** who represented the 442nd Veterans Club, **Toshio "Punjab" Nakanishi** who represented the Service Chapter and **Ralph Chinaka** who represented the congregation.

Dixon is survived by his wife, **Owai**, daughter **Karen**, sister **Mrs. Noboru (Sumiko) Tsuchiya** and sister-in-law, **Sadako Yamashita**.

Dixon was a member of the Honolulu Jigozen Jin Kai, Olaloa Seniors Community Club and Lewers & Cooke Makua Club.

Roderick Matheson: **Mrs. Margaret Matheson** wrote her husband Roderick has been fighting Parkinson's Disease for several years and succumbed to pneumonia related to the disease on March 22, 1996. Mrs. Matheson mentioned they had a beautiful memorial service followed by the burial of her late husband's ashes in the Garden Chapel of the New Canaan Congregational Church, Connecticut, on Saturday, May 4, 1996. She said her husband's greatest joy in his later years was to take loving care of the beautiful garden at the Church. Her son **Roddy** read the 23rd Psalm and younger son **Charlie** gave a wonderful eulogy called "Words of Remembrances" for his late Dad.

Excerpts of the New Canaan Connecticut March 22, 1996 newspaper stated "Roderick Matheson of Overlook Drive died Friday at Waverly Care Center. Mr. Matheson, a retired New York textile broker was 75 years old. He was born on June 17, 1920, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in New Canaan for more than 41 years. He formerly served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and had been active in the Exchange Club here. During World War II, he was a Captain of the U.S. Army, leading the 442nd Infantry Combat Team of Nisei (Japanese American) troops. Surviving are his wife, **Margaret MacLean Matheson** of New Canaan, two sons, **Roderick Matheson, 3rd**, of Columbia, Md., and **Charles M. Matheson** of Marietta, Ga., two brothers, **Donald Matheson** of

Dallas, Tx., and **Lloyd Matheson** of New London, N.H., two sisters, **Phyllis Matheson** of Brooklyn, N.Y., and **Gladys Vickrey** of Huntington Long Island, N.Y."

Elsie Winkler Hawkins: Mrs. Hawkins, the widow of our former Company Commander, died February 23, 1996 at the age of 77, at the Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond, Kentucky after a short illness.

She was former Ravena City police judge and a former member of the Ravena City Council. She is survived by two daughters and a son, **Mrs. Sandra Calmes** Springboro, Ohio, **Mrs. Linda Woolery** of Irvine, Kentucky and **Stephen Hawkings** of Irvine and 5 grandchildren.

Her funeral services were held on Sunday February 25, 1996 at the Lewis Funeral Home in Irvine, Kentucky. Her remains were interred alongside her husband Capt. Lee Hawkins who passed away on February 28, 1987 also at the age of 77, at the Oakdale Cemetery in Irvine.

Tidbits: Mrs. Sandra Calmes, the daughter of our former Co. Commander, recently sent a box of Captain Hawkins's collection of pictures, letters, medals, clothing and equipment and other memorabilia for the 442nd Archives Center in care of Prexy Kurozumi. Thank you, Sandra!

Alex Oka passed an interesting article from the Monday, March 4, 1996 issue of the Automobile section of the Pacific Business News. The article highlighted the story of **Dr. Thomas Ito**, son **Takao "Juicy"** and **June Ito**. The Doctor, a Urologist for the past 19 years, and owner of Thomas Y. Ito, MD Inc. and Chairman and owner of three franchise Jiffy Lube Stores has an unusual hobby. He spends many of his leisure time racing cars at Hawaii Raceway Park. He drives in about 5 or 6 races a year and has regularly won races.

He says there are similarities in performing surgeries and car racing. They both require intense concentration and there's a feeling of exhilaration after both. Go get em, Doc?