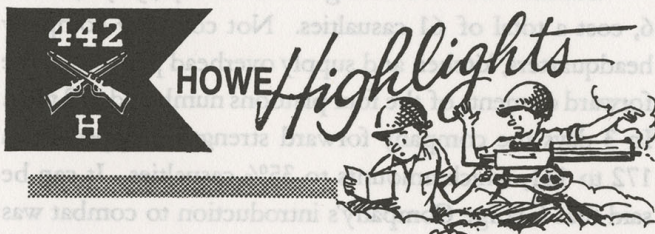




*The Narvik War Museum in Norway houses a vast array of Nazi WWII memorabilia. Visiting this famous museum with keen interest this summer were Fred Ida, G Co.; Don Shimazu, 522; Paul Yamashita, F Co.; and Tad Izutsu, K Co.*



by Jackson Morisawa

The Las Vegas mini-reunion in June (10-14) is a memory but the participants overwhelmingly favor a repeat for 1997, same place, same time. The LA chapter will be hosting the event.

Members who attended the reunion were listed in the previous issue of the bulletin.

The Honolulu group started with an hour delay at the airport while the Kauai group flew non-stop via Hawaiian. We were fortunate to make our connection in San Francisco. The United shuttle waited for us. Being the last group to arrive at the Four Queens hotel, it was great seeing all the Howe chapter members and friends from all over.

The hospitality room was large enough to accommodate the gathering and the LA group did a wonderful job catering to the needs of all the members.

**Ann Keegan** celebrated her birthday at the hospitality room. Many more happy birthdays, Ann.

According to **Becky**, her mother, **LeBeeca Paddock**, could not be "lassoed?" once she got the smell of the Las

Vegas range. She was seen "corralling" all the strayed loose change from the slot machines a la Texas.

**Emi Tokita** came out the big winner. She hit 3 jackpots to the tune of about \$5000. **Ronald Sakai** didn't do bad by cashing in \$1200 in keno. **Whitey Kurasaki** and **Robert Rego** seemed to be holding their own, as did **Ted Ohira**. As usual, **Virginia** and **Eddie Hashimoto**, our Vegas hosts, displayed their winning ways. I believe the rest of the members were donors.

We occupied the banquet room on the last evening for a final get-together. Food and drinks were plentiful as well as enjoyment of good fellowship. There were several prizes for holders of lucky numbers. **Yukie** was delighted that the muumuu she won fit her perfectly and **Becky** and **Ann** were pleased too with the fit.

The **Kiyabu's** were busy with their family reunion and **Yoshi** was unavailable for some good jokes. However, **Dorothy Ogawa** provided us with a good one. This is not a verbatim account—Couple of middle-aged ladies were smoking. They weren't heavy smokers, so the cigarettes turned stale often. They watched a young girl smoking and asked her if her cigarettes were always fresh. She smilingly nodded, so they asked her how she kept them fresh. "I keep them in a condom," she replied. The two ladies rushed to the drug store and asked the sales clerk for condoms. He smilingly asked, "what size?" "Oh, large enough for Camels," they replied.

Next morning, everyone went their ways. The Honolulu group left Las Vegas early, some went home and others went to LA for an extended 2 nights stay. **Eddie** and **Virginia** joined us.

**June Oganeku** was her usual self, that is, we're always concerned about what she is doing or happening to her. She and **Mildred Tahara** roomed together. On the morning of departure, we were missing their baggage. The bellhop was to gather all the luggage from each room. We found out that **June** and **Mildred** had changed rooms 3 times during the time we spent at the hotel. ? Question marks on their movements ? Anyway, the bellhop brought down the wrong baggage since they were no longer in the room they originally occupied. All's well that ends well.

The group that went to LA was greeted by **Tom, Toe, Melvin** and **Masa** who provided transportation to our hotel. Accommodation was provided us at a nice hotel in Gardena. The rooms were spacious and clean and the hospitality room was ample for a large gathering. As usual, the LA group's hospitality was great. We were treated to a



delightful lunch and **Janet's** somen really hit the spot. The women worked hard to provide us with a hearty lunch.

Bento was the evening's menu. After filling ourselves with huge servings of Japanese foods, a short session of greetings and acknowledgments was conducted. We retired to the hospitality room and continued our evening of friendly conversations.

We visited the Japanese American Museum in J-town next day. I was impressed with the progress they have made toward a permanent Museum. (reporter's prerogative) - Thanks to **Chiz and Ted** for taking the time to take **Allegra** and me to the Farmer's Market. It is the only place where you can buy delicious English Toffee Candy. Chiz bought some freshly ground peanut butter. She gave us some and I believe they are the best peanut butter available, especially the crunchy mix. Chiz, if anyone comes this way and if it's not too inconvenient, please let me know and I'll send you the money to buy those crunchy peanut butter and English Toffee.

On the way back to the hotel in Gardena, we stopped at the cemetery where **Frank Saito** is interred. We were met by his brother for a short memorial service.

The evening's event was more food and fellowship. We went to Todai restaurant in Torrance by bus. The array of food at the buffet was abundant, big, hungry eater's delight, especially the sushi offerings. There were many diners who went for 3 or 4 servings. I think that the bus driver had never been to such a restaurant. He seemed flabbergasted, but enjoyed his fill of many servings. As we were leaving, I noticed a guy with a huge plate piled high with delicious giant prawns. I swear there were over 3 dozen prawns. No wonder the place was busy all night.

We spent the rest of the evening at the hospitality room continuing our friendly conversations.

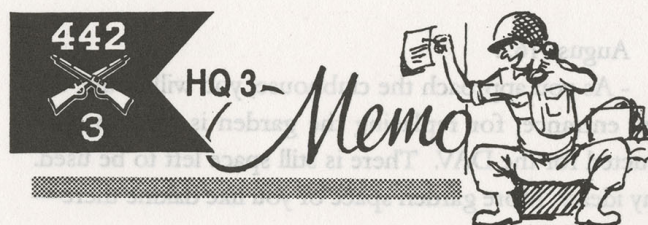
**Doris, Wong, Yukie, Ronald, June, Mildred and Dorothy** continued their stay in LA, visiting their families and friends.

Our stay in LA was short but enjoyable and we thank all who made it possible—**Michi & Tom, Janet, Yoshi & Casey, Martha & Ken, Emi & Joe, Dorothy & Duke, Chiz & Ted, Grace & Melvin, Angela & Masa, Matsuko & Dr. Yosh, Toe, Mike, Michi & Lloyd** and there were others whose names I can't recall (please excuse).

At the home front, Yukie and Ronald baby-sat their two granddaughters on vacation. Doris and Wong also did their duty for the grandsons. **George Harada** visited us at the Chapter dinner meeting and we learned that his

wife, **Midori**, was in the hospital.

Howe chapter voted to help defray expenses for the Aloha Week float which the Sons & Daughters Chapter plans to build again. The Sons & Daughters should be commended for their interest in perpetuating their legacy and we must do our best to help them in all their undertakings.



by **Charles Watanabe**

It's that time again, and let me tell you that very little had taken place during June through August in Chapter activities. But 3rdHq continued to hold its monthly meeting at the clubhouse with **President Sasai** reporting on the following:

June 21...

- Treasurer's report from the mother club is that everything appears very optimistic.

- Club is reviewing and upgrading records of all medals awarded to members of 442nd.

- Workers and volunteers needed to work on Aloha Week Parade float. Donations of flowers and greens will be very much in need.

- Sons & Daughters will have many souvenirs for sale. Call clubhouse for additional information.

The usual members at the meeting were **Shigeru Goto, Bill Kuwata, Takeshi Nakamura, David Kaiura, Sam Furuya, and Charles Watanabe.**

July 19...

- The clubhouse needs building permit to construct a ramp for the handicapped.

- The club is considering a joint memorial service and banquet with MIS and Club 100.

- Reminders on the following:

- Sons & Daughters still have souvenirs for sale.
- Volunteers are very much needed to work on the Aloha Week Parade float. Donations of flowers and



greeneries are also needed. Call the clubhouse to sign up and for further information.

Enjoying the refreshments, as the meeting proceeded with **Erni Uno** reporting on the above for **Sam Sasai**, were guys like David Kaiura, Bill Kuwata, Shigeru Goto, **Frank Ishikawa**, and Charles Watanabe. Thanks fellows for making a quorum.

August 16...

- As you approach the clubhouse, you will notice the new entrance, for replacing the garden is a ramp constructed for the DAV. There is still space left to be used. Any ideas? More garden space or you like dakine there—like sell T-shirts?

- An issue of serious concern is “are board members liable to a suit?” The club has already experienced a case in litigation.

- A slight delay has taken place on the building of the war memorial in Waikiki with one more hurdle to clear.

- Relatives of **Helen M. Dixon** are celebrating her birthday on September 3, 1996, with a mass on Saturday, August 31, 1996. Helen Dixon will be 90 years old. You are invited to send her a card or a note. No birthday gift, please. Her address is 511 N. Hannepin, Dixon, Illinois 61021. 3rdHq wish her a very “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” with many more to come.

- **Jerry Hirokane**, a long-time-no-see member has contributed to the 442nd Club.

- For your information, the survivor of a deceased member receives \$100 ko-zen from the Club.

- The family of a deceased veteran can donate the American flag to the Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

It's timely that the DAV ramp at the clubhouse has been recently completed. **Hajime**, someone is surely looking after you. Don't get too excited watching the Wahine volleyball games, jumping up and down and all that; take it easy. We are happy to have you back with us. Those welcoming back Hajime, after his injury and ongoing successful recovery process, were Sam Sasai, Sam Furuya, Bill Kuwata, David Kaiura, Erni Uno, Takeshi Nakamura, Shigeru Goto, and Charles Watanabe.

Ua pau. Oh, wait...little bit more.

Did you notice Takeshi Nakamura was absent at July's meeting? That's because he and Irene were visiting their family in Maryland. Also not answering to the roll call at July meeting was President Sasai, who was again enjoying

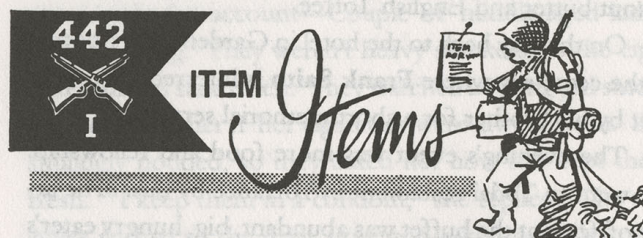
his favorite vacation retreat. To add to the list of those no-shows was Sam Furuya who must have found relaxing at home with a Bud, “I love you man,” too good to pass up. Must have been good.

Had a chance to visit **Pappy** at the care home. How come he's looking younger everytime we visit him? Must be the good environment and care he's getting. Drop by if you can. It will make him happy for his face lights-up but for a short time.

Hajime Matsuura, with both legs in cast, was resting comfortably at a care home in Maunalani. As of this writing, he has been discharged and returned home and even attended our August meeting as mentioned above.

Frank Ishikawa is a welcome sight, and we need to see him more often at our meetings to listen to his neighborhood stories. Atta boy, Frank!

ALL PAU, for sure.



by Bruno Yamada

### Short Notes

**Kenneth Okuma** informs us that **Taka Aragaki**, the Big Island Business Entrepreneur will soon open a unique “omiyage” business near the Hilo Airport. The unusual gifts will be ideal for mainland and other overseas visitors. Good luck in your new venture, Taka.

Kenneth also mentioned that **Ikito Muraoka** from Koloa, Kauai was in Honolulu recently with his other half, **Yoneko**, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They renewed their wedding vows at the Kalihi Union Church where they tied their knots. Congratulations and hope you have many more anniversaries.

**Warren and Mildred Fencel** were in town from June 12 to June 26 to attend the 100th Battalion Anniversary Banquet at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel. Some Item members had the pleasure of entertaining them at Suehiro on June 16. Attending were: **Betty and Kenneth Okuma**, **CB and Gay Sakamoto**, **Ichiro Suzuki and Bella Nagatoshi**, **Kazu and Winifred Takekawa** and **Bruno**



and **Ellen Yamada**. The Fencs were entertained again at the Fishmonger's Wife on June 23 by the Sakamotos and the Yamadas.

On June 24, **Traci Hiraoka**, daughter of **Stan and Kristine Hiraoka** and granddaughter of **Shiro and Lou Kashino** along with her travelling companion, **Toni Lee**, were entertained at Suehiro. Traci, who is an outstanding softball player will be headed for Santa Clara University on a baseball and academic scholarship, while friend Toni will matriculate at the University of Washington. Sister **Kari** who had won a trip to Japan for two when she won the Japanese Community Queen, spent twelve days in Japan with grandma **Louise Kashino**.

### Condolences

**Frank Shimada** informs us that **Richard Kaoru Hayashi**, a legend in Nisei wartime history, passed away on June 10 in Stockton after a long hospitalization due to heart and kidney complications. He was 77 years old. He was commissioned an infantry lieutenant in March 1944 and joined the 442 at Camp Shelby the following month. He was a platoon lieutenant in Company I and was later transferred to Company K, then to the MIS at Fort Snelling then to Presidio of Monterey. He is survived by wife **Hisako** and daughters **Jean Miller** and **Ann Meyer**. Our sincerest condolences to the Hayashi family.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of **Mike Kreskosky** of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania on July 12, 1996. Survived by wife **Dorothy** and sons **Michael** of Loretto, PA and **Barry** of Encinitas, CA and grandson **Taylor**. Mike attended every I Company and 442 anniversary reunion since 1953 except for the last two Las Vegas mini-reunions.

Mike joined I Company in Italy and was assigned to the 1st Platoon and was wounded badly on the right arm in the vicinity of Hill 140. He was always proud of the 442nd and we were honored to have him with I Company. We will always cherish the memories we shared with Mike. Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy, Michael, Barry and Taylor. The following is a message from the Kreskosky family to Company I:

*July 19, 1996*

*To the men of Company I, 442nd Combat Team,  
It is our sad task to report to you the death of 1st Lie-*

*tenant Mike Kreskosky on July 12, 1996. Mike passed away peacefully after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.*

*Throughout his life, Mike served his country and community in many capacities, but the one of which he was most proud was his service with the 442nd. As the enclosed article published the day after his funeral will attest, he always cited that first in his lists of accomplishments, and he considered his friendships with the men of the 442 to be the closest and the most important of the many he had. He was highly honored to have served with you and to have had you as his friends and comrades. He was deeply disappointed last year when declining health prevented him from attending the latest reunion.*

*We too, as a family, felt the special nature of the bond between the men of the 442. On those occasions when we accompanied Mike to reunions, we were overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity you extended to us. We will be ever thankful for your many kindnesses.*

### Mini Reunion

The Gold Coast Hotel on 4000 West Flamingo Road will be the sight of this year's Company I mini-reunion. **Terry Aratani** informs us that as of August 22, 172 have registered for the reunion which will commence on November 7 and end on the 11th.

The Gold Coast offers several unique entertainment options besides having 750 rooms, two casino areas and five great restaurants. They also have a seventy-two lane bowling center, two movie theatres, a dance hall and a 700-seat bingo parlor. A golf tournament will be held at the Boulder City Golf Course on November 8 and at the Las Vegas Golf Club on November 9. **James Yamashita**, **Frank Shimada** and **Fred Matsumura** will be the honchos. A bowling tournament will also be held at the Gold Coast on November 9 and will be handled by **Jim Kawaminami**, **Frank Kinoshita** and **Rodney Kamiya**. The hospitality room will be in good hands again with **Richard and Nickie Oshiro** and assisted by the **Naguwas** and **Takekawas**.

The banquet on November 10 at the Gold Coast with live entertainment is still in the planning stage and should be ready shortly. Some of you will enjoy *EFX* starring Michael Crawford of *Phantom of the Opera* which will be held on November 8. The *Chicago Tribune* claims, "EFX is a totally over-the-top, thrill-a-minute experience." The *EFX* will be playing at the MGM Grand. The other optional tour is the Laughlin Getaway on November 9. This full



day tour is free of charge except for a \$1.00 per person fee for the bus driver's tip.

### Late Items

It was nice to hear from **Vic Izui** of Northfield, Illinois. Unfortunately, **Michi's** health hasn't improved as we all had hoped for. We will miss you and Michi again at Las Vegas. Take care and also thank you for your very generous donation.

**Haruko Manabe**, widow of the late **Masato Manabe**, passed away suddenly on August 31, 1996. She is survived by daughter, **Carolyn Chang**; stepdaughter **Sachi Saito** and brothers **Richard**, **Minoru**, and **Kosei Shinsato**. Haruko, who was 76, was born in Honokaa, Hawaii. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.



by **Allen Nakamura**

We had our 3rd Annual Carefree Evening on July 12, 1996 at the Natsunoya Teahouse. A bit of nostalgia was presented in the form of the cardboard display of Buddha and the Japanese Furo with appropriate cut-out to fit the neckline. It was at Royal Hawaiian Monarch Room many moons back, that Love Chapter presented the Japanese Cinderella at the 442nd Anniversary Banquet, remember?

The following attended the evening of relaxation: **Lawrence/Chiyoko Fujii**, **Kazuo/Kazuko Fink**, **Kuni Fujimoto**, **Wayne/Barbara & daughter Stefanie Hirota**, **Jacob/Terry Jichaku**, **Tommy Kakesako**, **Genro/Muriel Kashiwa**, **Mickey/Tatsue Kurokawa**, **Shadow Kurozumi**, **Paul/Genny Matsumoto**, **Cowboy/Marian Matsumura**, (**Hajime Matsuura** having broken both ankles was not present as he was convalescing at the Maluhia Rest Home at Wilhemina Rise), **Betty Nakahara**, **Allen Nakamura**, **Hide Nakayama**, **Kazuma Ogata**, **Joe/Nancy Oshiro**, **Ralph Shishido**, **Kobe/Chiz Shoji**, **Paul/Yuki Takiguchi**, **Isa/Hilda Takiyama**, **Kuro Tomasa**, **Yoshito/Pauline Tome**, **Ernest/Grace Uno**, **Victor Yamashita** (spouse **Timmy** absent as she had in-

digestion). In closing, may we extend our best wishes for the future to you and your families. You are very special people, and it has In Memoriam privilege to meet you and to know you.

We were saddened and shocked by the news from **Hiro Nishikubo** of L.A., that **Bev** (aka **Bev**) **Kiyoko Yamamoto**, a special soft-spoken lady, loved by all who knew her, had died on July 11, 1996. She had beautiful funeral services at the St. Mary Episcopal Church in L.A. L Company of So. California were present en masse at the services which were filled to capacity. Helping at the services were **Ben Kitagawa**, **Bill Fujimori**, **Aki Minamide**, **Hiro Nishikubo**, **Min Kaminishi**, **Em Miyoshi**, **Sam Ikari** and **Tom Mori**. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to **Jun** and his family. We will miss her! May she rest in peace.

The circumstance of her death was a sad one. Bev who had hysterectomy surgery many years ago and mastectomy surgery a year ago, had undergone an ovarian surgery on June 7 on their 48th Wedding Anniversary. While convalescing at home from chemotherapy treatment, with her white blood corpuscle count way down, while putting in the garden, she developed infection from an insect bit on her left leg. Due to her weakened condition, she was not able to fight-off the infection as gangrene had set in. Bev told Jun, "no more surgery," in her decision to be treated with antibiotic medicine rather than undergo amputation. In either case it was a risk due to her condition. Jun who took a short respite from his vigil over Bev at the hospital, returned home just as the phone rang to learn from Bev's sisters who were at her bedside that Bev had passed away.

### Sickness

**Victor Yamashita** had his last radiation treatment for the lymphoma on Aug 13. The heart area seemed to be clear with the treatment, but health problems continue to trouble Victor. A tumor was noticed to have appeared in the lower part of his body. Victor, weakened by chemo and radiation treatment, looks very good on his better days.

### Mini Reunion 1997

Headed by **Paul K. Matsumoto**, this reunion is scheduled to be held in Honolulu from March 21-25, 1997. It is timed in conjunction with the '97 442nd Anniversary Ban-



quet on March 22 at the Pacific Beach Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

The signees to date: SEATTLE: **Roy/Sei Fujiwara, Ken/Aki Higashi, Jim/Yuri Suzuki, Mas/Hisa Watanabe.** LAS VEGAS: **Frank/Frances Nomura.** NEW YORK: **Takeru/Mrs. Iijima.** UTAH: **Tom/Jean Nakano.** SO. CAL: **Tak/Ruth Hashimura, Sam/Yoshiko Ikari, Seiji/Hazel Imamura, Ben/Fudge Kitagawa, Don/Sumi Seki, Connie Rashkow.** NO. CAL: **Howe/Mary Hanamura, Paul Higuchi, Joey Ishihara, Hide Kiyomura, Shig/Ruby Kizuka, Ken/Masi Nihei, Ray Nomura, Ray Orite, Bill/Miyo Tomura, Feb/Amy Yokoi, Jim Yokota, Shig/Rose Yokote.**

The headquarters and hospitality room will be at the Pagoda Hotel. There will be a pre-reunion from 3/18-21 at the Kilauea Military Camp with post visits by some of them to Maui.

#### Article by Hiro Nishikubo of Los Angeles

L Company Mini-Reunion, June 2, 1996. We gathered at the 4 Queens Hotel in Las Vegas. There were 98 persons at our gathering. The hospitality room was in full swing by evening under the efficient organization of Ben & Fudge Kitagawa. L Co. ladies, notably **Tacky Minamide, Chickie Sumida & Yasuko Miyoshi** were hard at work preparing their goodies. They were assisted by Ben & Fudge, **Yo Mori, Frances Nomura, Yo Ikari, Sumi Seki** and **Saiji/Hazel Imamura.** Needless to say, we owe them a lot for starting things off.

Most of the mainland people arrived during the afternoon. The Hawaii people arrived about 9 PM except for the Maui bunch, who arrived about midnight as they seemed to have had problems at the airport and the shuttle bus.

June 3 - The golfers started out bright and early for the course. It was hot! The rest of the day was spent talking story in the hospitality room and at the gaming tables and machines.

June 4 - The bus departed at 8 AM for those who were going to Laughlin. The group reported to have an interesting time and again it was hot! Not much activity in the hospitality room due to the Laughlin tour. The workers anticipating the return of the Laughlin group made lots of spam musubi and other delicacies.

June 5 - The golfers started in the early morn and

altho it was hot again, enjoyed catching a little breeze higher up on the golf course. The reunion banquet was held in the evening MC'ed by Don Seki. Paul Matsumoto made the arrangement and also had "P.K.'s Las Vegas Hawaiians" play and sing old favorites. Perhaps, moved by the good spirit of the evening, **Genevieve Desjeunes**, our guest from Culver City, CA., led us in two French songs, "Frere Jacques" and "Alouette". The band then responded in a Hawaiian version of "Alouette" with swaying body. She is the wife of **Louis Desjeunes**, a good friend of the late **Serge Carlesso**.

We also listened to the tape of **Wendy Hamamura's** speech at the '96 442nd Anniversary Banquet in Honolulu. There were not many dry eyes at the conclusion of the tape. **Tay Nobori** in an impromptu performance sang "The Impossible Dream" a capella, in dedication to the KIA's and departed comrades. The evening ended with door prizes and the "L" Company song led by Paul Matsumoto. Thank you **P.K.** for arranging this banquet. We had a good time!

June 6 - The trip home started. I hope everyone had a good time. I didn't hear of any big winners this year. It was the usual, "I broke even", "made expenses" or mostly—"lost my shirt!"

We must mention the many donations to the hospitality room table. (Note: under the new editorial guideline, only names of donors will be listed). We thank everyone for the many goodies and say a special thanks to Genny Matsumoto, **Virginia Nakaso, Ken/Aki Higashi** and **Sachi Izumi.** Also to Frank Nomura and Tom Mori for keeping the beer and soda flowing. To the No. Calif. group, thanks for the hard stuff and monetary donation as well as to the Northwest for their generous donation.

Another reunion has come and gone. There were a few cancellations due to ill health. Our own Bev Yamamoto had to cancel out. **Richard Furukawa** and Jacob Jichaku also couldn't make it. We hope you are all doing O.K.?

We are looking forward to our next one in March, 1997. Honolulu/Hilo/Kahului.





by Shiro Aoki

### The Gallery of Heroes

When retired general **Walter Tagawa** came to tell the 442 vets club Board of Directors about the enshrinement of **Rocky Matayoshi** into the Gallery of Heroes, he also mentioned that one of the honorees to be recognized at the ceremony was going to be **Barney Hajiro**. So I called the boss, **Ralph Tomei** to tell him about it and right away he got the telephone team to get the message out resulting in a strong turnout of Mikers, more than any other chapter at the enshrinement ceremonies.

Turning out for the ceremony that was held on Saturday, July 6, 1996 were **Ralph Tomei, Frank Nomura, Tommy Kikuchi, David Umeda, Robert Nagata, Paul Takiguchi, Shige & Yori Inouye, Shiro & Evelyn Aoki** and mainland visitor **Hiroshi Yamashiro**, who brought his camera along to take a lot of pictures of us Mikers with Barney.

One of the nicer things that happened was that Yori Inouye took the time and effort to pick up two leis for Barney, one from Shige and herself and the other one from all of us in Mike Chapter. That made a whole lot of difference when we took pictures with Barney. Thank you Yori for thinking of doing the right things at the right time. A GREAT BIG MAHALO!

The story of Barney Hajiro is a Mike Company legend. It all started when Barney went out on a pass into town in Vada, Italy. On his way back, he saw a bunch of Italians beating up a buddahead guy. Without hesitation, Barney jumped in to help a fellow buddahead from the outfit. By the time the smoke had cleared up, the guy originally involved in the fight had taken off, the MPs had come and they had Barney in their hands. Because the MPs knew of the fighting reputation of the "GO FOR BROKE" regiment, they didn't want to take Barney in and instead brought him back to M Company and Captain Hempstead. The Captain looked at Barney and said, "Barney, if you want to get into so much action, why don't

you go to a rifle company." And Barney said, "O.K. Captain," packed his belongings and went off to join ITEM Company that same day.

At the battle to rescue the Lost Battalion, the Germans had the regiment pinned down with machine gun crossfire and guys were being hit left and right. This made Barney SO MAD, he jumped up in the face of all that machine gun fire and made his famous banzai charge up the hill to knockout the German machine guns. This allowed the third battalion to advance and led to the regiment finally linking up with the men of the Texas Lost Battalion. His courageous actions were so outstanding, the Regiment put him up for a Medal of Honor. While the Regiment was waiting for word that this honor would be bestowed on Barney, they kept him out of the front line action to make sure that we would have a live hero to accept the honor. But the Army did not come through and downgraded the honor to a Distinguished Service Cross. Today, Paul Takiguchi, along with the tremendous efforts of **Ed Ichiyama**, are trying to get this DSC upgraded to a Medal of Honor, certainly a deserving honor for what Barney had done in one of the more famous military actions of our time.

### Summer Cookout

Our usual summer cookout at the **Tommy Kakesako** DAV Hall at Keehi Lagoon had a very special flavor this time around. The men and women of Mike Chapter took this occasion on Sunday, July 21, 1996, to honor Paul Takiguchi on his succession to the Presidency of the 442 Veterans Club.

Again, Yori Inouye went out to get leis for Paul and his wife, **Yuki**. M Co. presented Paul with a nice Aloha shirt and Robert Nagata presented Yuki and Paul with a nice tea cup set. He also donated a sushi maker which we will award as a prize at our Christmas Party.



by Harry Tokushige