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The highlight of our first quarter was the 71st Anniversary luncheon. This year the event was moved from Waikiki to the Dole Cannery Complex in Iwilei. The attendance was 620 which exceeded our expectations. There were 85 or so 442nd veterans present including one from far away Washington DC, Terry Shima. This was Terry's first appearance at our anniversary gathering.

Jennifer Okubo of our Sons and Daughters chapter was the chairperson in charge of the program. She arranged an interesting and varied program. This is covered in detail in the Sons and Daughters' report.

We joined with the ACLU in a welcome dinner in February for Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. He is the second Nisei to receive the military 4-star ranking – the other was General Eric Shinseki. Admiral Harris

is commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Admiral Harris, an invited guest at our 71st Anniversary luncheon, had the honor to present the JAVA Award to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry (Reserve). Lt. Col. Dan Austin accepted the award for "Courage, Honor, Patriotism."

Speaking of the 100th Infantry, 442 Reserve, we understand that the Mayor of Bruyères has invited the Reserve to their 70th Liberation Day Anniversary in October. Undoubtedly, this will be special event.

We were invited to the unveiling of the Central Pacific Bank (CPB) Legacy Wall. The CPB is the result of the young Nisei generation home from WWII seeking financial support for new businesses, homes, etc. A special invitation was extended to our Club to send six veterans to this event. This is reported in a story elsewhere in this GFB Bulletin.

Ahead of us is the legacy project for the 442nd Veterans Club. It has been under study for two years and a decision is likely to be made soon with the concurrence of the veterans.



100/442 Reserve Color Guard at 72nd Anniversary banquet

IN MEMORIAM



Deepest sympathies to the families & friends of the following:

Abe, Thomas Tomoitsu (G Co.)	Feb. 17, 2014
Arashiro, Matsuyoshi (L Co.)	Dec. 6, 2013
Buto, George (I Co.)	Dec. 13, 2013
Fujimoto, Kiyoshi "Bones" (G Co.)	Oct. 6, 2013
Ginoza, Kiyoshi (E Co.)	Jan. 28, 2014
Hayashi, Shuki (Cannon)	Nov. 29, 2013
Hidaka, Frank T. (232 nd /Can./G Co.)	Feb. 6, 2014
Kimura, Charles "Chika" (Medic)	Dec. 17, 2013
Kodama, George (3 rd HQ)	Feb. 7, 2014
Mano, Akira Mike (L Co.)	Dec. 7, 2013
Masamitsu, Kenneth T., Sr. (2HQ)	Jan. 22, 2014
Matsunaga, Mitsuki (G Co.)	Dec. 5, 2013
Minaga, Goro (K Co.)	Feb. 9, 2014
Murakami, Tsukasa (Cannon)	Dec. 28, 2013
Nakamura, Mitsuo Ben (I Co.)	Feb. 3, 2014
Nakandakare, Jitsuyoshi (RHQ)	Nov. 27, 2013
Nakanishi, Zenkichi (522B)	Dec. 17, 2013
Sato, Hidetaka "Paisan" (G Co.)	Jan. 18, 2014
Sugimoto, David S. (522HQ)	Nov. 24, 2013
Sugioka, Kameo (RHQ)	Jan. 15, 2014
Takamoto, Masaki (Anti-Tank)	Nov. 16, 2013
Takaoka, Canan K. (522 HQ)	Dec. 6, 2013
Yamashiro, Jack (Medic)	Dec. 21, 2013



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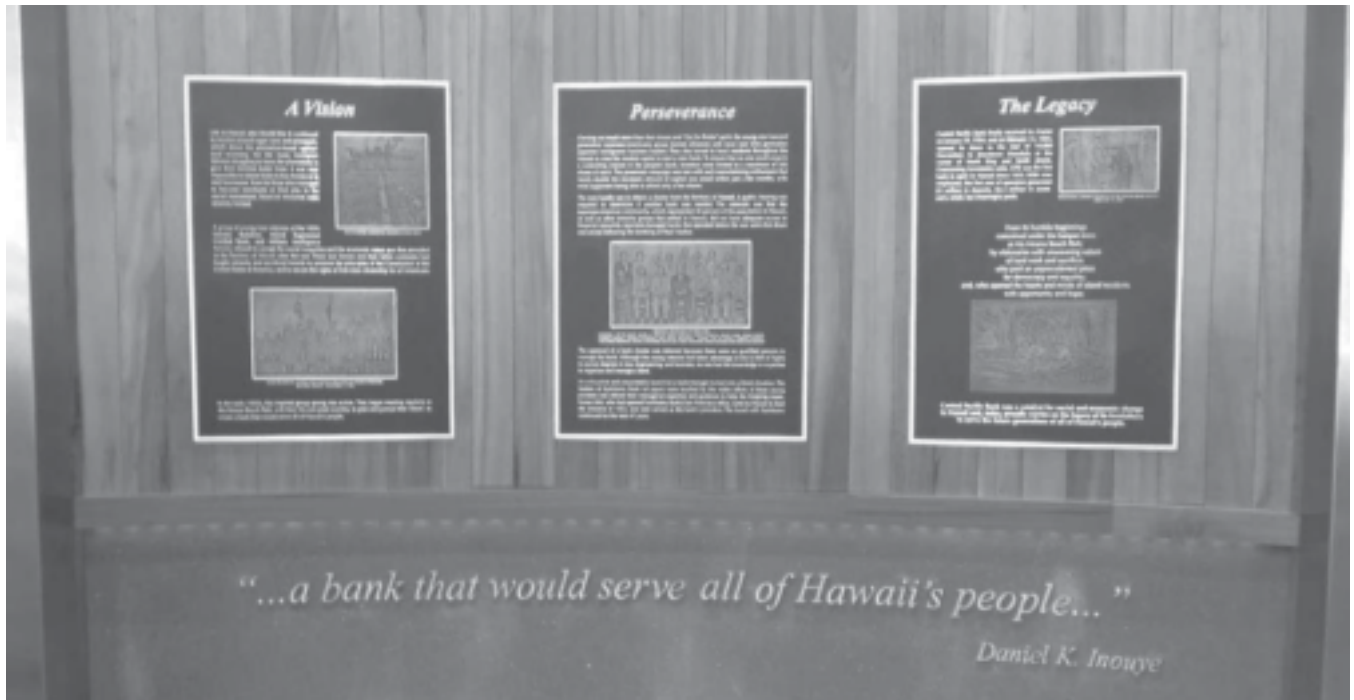
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Feature Story



Central Pacific Bank Legacy Wall

CPB Legacy Wall Dedication

On Tuesday, February 18, guests and the general public were invited to the unveiling of the Central Pacific Bank Legacy Wall. Special guests included veterans from the 442nd and other WWII Nisei organizations. The program was conducted by Norman Nakasone who paid special tribute to the Nisei veterans for their interest and assistance in the start of Central Pacific Bank, the first new bank for Hawaii in 21 years. President John Dean highlighted the program. In his remarks, he stated: "It's the legacy that our founders have bestowed on all of us that I believe we need to pass on to future generations." Prominent in the earlier days of CPB were two WWII Nisei veterans – Sakae Takahashi of the 100th Battalion and Daniel K. Inouye of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The CPB Legacy Wall features three panels signifying: A Vision – Referred to the hardships of the immigrant laborers on the plantation to obtain loans and the courage of the WWII Nisei veterans

who had fought to preserve the principles of the U.S. Constitution. The vision of a few dedicated veterans who saw the need for a new bank; Perseverance – The struggle to obtain a bank charter for the new bank; and the search for a qualified person to manage the bank; and The Legacy – Overcoming formidable odds in starting the new bank- Central Pacific Bank.

The words in fulfilling the dream of Daniel K. Inouye: "...a bank that would serve all of Hawaii's people" are prominently inscribed as part of the Legacy Wall.

442nd Veterans at Unveiling

The following photo shows the six 442nd veterans invited to the unveiling of the Central Pacific Bank Legacy wall. They were, as shown in the photo, right to left: Frank Takao, Bill Thompson, Takashi Shirakata, Robert Kishinami, George Nakasato and Richard Murashige. An eager participant in this dedication event was Takashi Shirakata. He was an early employee of CPB when it started out at its Smith



(l-r) Richard Murashige (F), George Nakasato (F), Robert Kishinami (H), Takashi Shirakata (Band), William Thompson (2HQ), Frank Takao (MIS)
Photo: Michele Matsuo

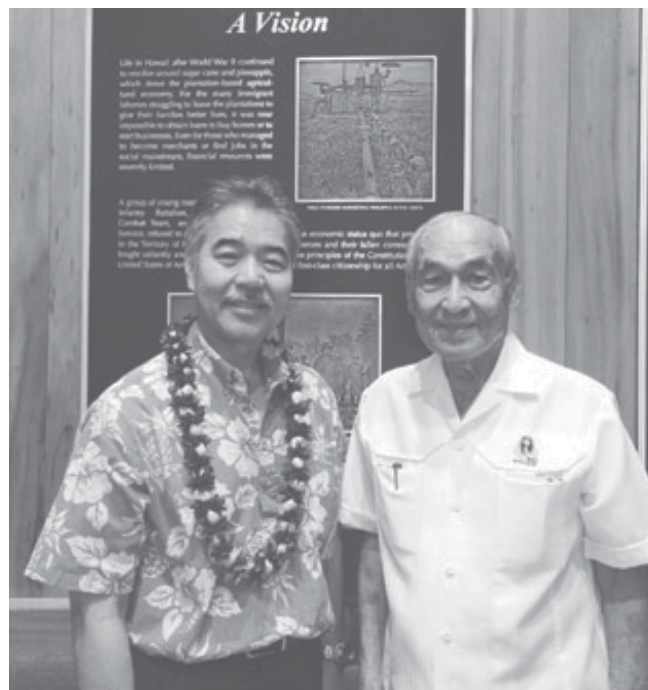
Street-North King Street address. As the bank officials noted "... CPB served as a one-stop-shop, issuing food stamps and collecting household utility payments. There were no computers, so everything was done manually with the help of an adding machine." Shirakata was in the banking business with Bank of Hawaii when he was lured to CPB. He worked there for a number of years becoming Vice President Cashier under Kazuo Ishii, first President of CPB. He is proud of the fact he initiated the use of computers at the bank. With his familiarity with computer programmers from his earlier employment, he gained valuable apps for use by CPB for its accounting system. He left CPB several years later, and after a year or so of rest, he went into the banking business again. This time it was with the new City Bank for about ten years before he fully retired. He noted that City Bank merged with CPB several years ago.

Remembering the VVV

Senator David Ige was present with Senate President Donna Mercado to present the proclamation adopted by the State Senate extending their best wishes to Central Pacific Bank at its Legacy Wall dedication. The photo shows Senator Ige and

Bill Thompson talking about the Varsity Victory Volunteers, the VVV. This small band of students of the University of Hawaii had been kicked out of the Hawaii Territorial Guard because of their Japanese ancestry. They succeeded in having the Military Governor accept their offer to serve in a para-military role. This gesture by the young Nisei students was one of the compelling reasons for the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

In 1991, Bill Thompson of the 442nd Veterans Club presented testimony at a House hearing requesting the University of Hawaii to honor the VVV for their courageous stand in demanding their right as citizens to fight for their country. Then-Representative David Ige took the lead and shepherded a legislative resolution through the House and Senate which resulted in the erection of a commemorative artwork in the Student Affairs Building. This catapulted the VVV into the limelight. In 2012 the latest honors paid to the VVV was the awarding of Honorary Degrees to the seven VVV who were killed in service overseas and never returned to their studies. Ige's dad was a member of the 100th Battalion, Company A, of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which explains Senator David Ige's interest in the Nisei of WWII.



Sen. David Ige and Bill Thompson

Photo: Michele Matsuo



by Henry Kuniyuki

Aloha Oe

“Aloha Oe, Aloha Oe

E ke onaona noho i ka lipo

One fond embrace a ho’i a’e au

Until we meet again”

The Regimental Headquarters Chapter news is prefaced by the well-known ballad “Aloha Oe” in honor of our late Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Chapter reporter Henry Kuniyuki first had the pleasure of getting acquainted with the late Senator Dan when we both served on the Board of Directors of the McCully Japanese School’s Riji Kai. I recall that he was reprimanded by a language school teacher advisor for protesting the Japanese Government attacking the nation of China. I previously reported that when the war between Japan and China started,



(l-r) Takamori Miyagi, Sen. Dan Inouye, Noboru Kawamoto

we both served at the First Aid Stations – he at Lunalilo School and I at Punahou School campus.

We all enjoyed seeing the well-drawn drawing of horses on the front cover of the October-December issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin by Jackson Morisawa. A snapshot I took of the late Senator Dan, Chapter Past President Noboru Kawamoto and Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi is published for the historical record.

Arrivederci!



by John Mikasa

Cannon Chapter met for a meeting and lunch at the New Eagle Café on Nimitz Hwy. on Feb. 12 to discuss the coming 71st Anniversary Reunion in March. Although they were aware of the Reunion, it seemed doubtful any mainland Cannoneers would be attending. Plans for accommodating them were put on “play by ear” mode. Luncheon attendees were Akira, Betty, and Mark Takahashi; Harold Nakasone; Akira Okamoto; Mitsuo and Esther

Umeda, and John and Mary Mikasa. Akira Okamoto came from Punaluu via Handi-van.

Cannon Chapter attendees at the 442nd Veterans Club 71st anniversary banquet were as follows: The Nakasone Family group was Harold, Clendon, Scot, Lance, Derek, Lea Lauryn, and Tasia, Seth Ebesugawa, and Kristyn Oki. The Okamoto Family group was Akira, Richard and Stephanie, and Grant Akana. The Takahashi Family was Akira, Betty and Mark. The Umeda Family group was Mitsuo, Esther, Alan, Darlene, Nathan, Monica, Corynne and Jocelyn, Newton Parks and Chad Singchoy. The Mikasa Family was John, Mary, Gail and Gary Wingard. The get-together was quite large, considering the diminishing number of the 442nd



veterans. Akira Okamoto, arriving by wheelchair, looked well with the ribbons of his combat decorations pinned on his 442nd cap. The ribbons included the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. We cheer this indomitable Cannoneer.

Yukisada Oshiro did not attend the banquet due to medical reason. But he remains cheerful, and we look forward to his recovery.

In January, we were saddened by the news that Tsukasa Murakami had passed away a few days before the New Year. He was a commercial property

manager. He is survived by wife Yukie, daughter Aimee Ida and Judith, and two grandchildren. Tsuka was a fun-loving guy, enjoying golf games and reunions. He will be sorely missed.

We also learned that Cannoneer Shuki Hayashi of California, passed away on November 29, 2013. He was as retired Professor of Physics from the University of California at Davis. Information of Shuki's passing was directed at the 442 Club, and further data on family and others were not available.

Our deepest condolence to the Murakami and Hayashi families.

The annual Cannon Chapter reunion will be held at the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas on April 24-28. Attendees will surely miss Tsuka, who was a regular every year.



by Michele Matsuo

Aloha,

This Quarter, our Medics chapter sadly bid goodbye to Jack Yamashiro at Punchbowl, but that bitter pill came with the gladness of spending time with Jack's family from the San Francisco Bay Area at the post-inurnment luncheon with new second and third-generation friendships formed, and then the shared delight of welcoming Jack's beautiful great-granddaughter, Leila, a few weeks later. Marian sent a photo of the 4 generations of Yamashiro gals taken on the East Coast where Leila was born.

Lynn and Jimmie Kanaya sent news of interviews by Jimmie and also Kelly Kuwayama for the National World War II Museum in New Orleans,

and this link to view them. Also included is an interview of the 442's late US Sen. Dan Inouye. <http://barbedwiretobattlefields.org/home>

The Medics recently attended the 442nd's 71st Anniversary banquet, with 24 in our party, led by President Toshiaki Tanaka, Kazu Tomasa, and Jerry Ogawa. Kazu Tomasa ably led the ballroom in singing the 442 Fight Song for the reunion. Our merry band of "usual suspects" was rounded out by first-time attendees Cora Wasano Miyagawa, daughter of the late Ramon Wasano, and pediatrician Dr. James Nakamura, representing his father, Tak Nakamura. Due to the odd number in our party, Kazu Tomasa presided over a mixed table which included dignitaries, Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chairman of the House Finance Committee, and 100th Battalion/442nd RCT son, Sen. David Ige, Chairman of the Senate's Ways and Means Committee.

Allegra Matsuo Mossman, granddaughter of Ted and Dorothy Matsuo, now a Junior in high school and a Japan Pop Culture-style fashion designer,

recently had dinner with Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Kawaii Ambassador, Misako Aoki. A published author and nurse, Ms. Aoki's mission as Kawaii Ambassador of Japan is "to transmit the new trends of Japanese pop culture in the field of fashion to the rest of the world and to promote understanding of Japan by their attending cultural projects carried out by the Japanese Embassies and the Japan Foundation."

We send our best wishes for speedy recovery to John Masunaga. Thank you for your good wishes for Iris Fukui, widow of Rodney Fukui, who has now fully recovered!

Respectfully submitted by Michele Matsuo
Vice President, Medics Chapter



Medics at 442nd 72nd Anniversary banquet





Contributed by Friends

Sue

We sadly report the passing of Suzanne Shizue Isonaga on January 7. She was born Shizue Kobatake of Maui. We all knew her as Sue, the name given to her by Robert Shivers and his wife. Shivers was with the FBI and, as a mainlander who arrived in Honolulu in 1939, he was unfamiliar with the Japanese community which would become his prime subject due the strained relations between the United States and the Japanese Empire. Sue lived with the Shivers as a boarder while attending the University of Hawaii. Sue's story has been told many times by several writers. Following her death, Tom Coffman a celebrated writer, wrote an eloquent piece on Sue which was published by the Hawaii Herald on March 7, 2014. Sue's story is also in Volume II of the book "Japanese Eyes, American Heart" written by Ted Tsukiyama. Shari Tamashiro has also sent her story "Remembering Sue Isonaga" to friends.



Sue had a "ring side seat" to history when Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941. It is common knowledge that Robert Shivers was the key that prevented the mass evacuation of the Japanese community in Hawaii such as occurred on the mainland. Shivers was greatly influenced by Sue who answered his questions regarding the Japanese community which gave him in an insight on the Japanese persona. The main question was the role of the Nisei – what were their feelings about the attack by Japan. Their loyalty was suspect. Sue may not have worn the khaki uniform like the boys of the 442nd – but her contribution was just as important as the record of the Niseis of WWII.

She was the widow of Herbert Isonaga: a veteran of the 442nd RCT, a Varsity Victory Volunteer and one of the founders of the 442nd Veterans Club where he served on the first Board of Directors. Sue took over the role of Herbie at our Chapter meetings and gave us valuable counsel, the "Grand Dame" of our Chapter. She was a very calm and rather quiet person but could become animated and dance the hula for us at special occasions, this despite her knee surgery. Her career as a cafeteria manager was quite evident in her tireless effort to bottle lilikoi jam from the vine which grew in her yard. A mango tree was the source for her delicious mango bread. These she shared with friends.

In December of 2013, Sue was in the hospital battling pneumonia. However, at the age of 92 she couldn't rally and passed away on January 7, 2014. Survivors include son Robert, daughters Mae and Sara; a granddaughter Marcia and two great-grandchildren. Private services were held on Saturday, January 25, at the Church of the Holy Cross attended by family members and close friends.

Kenny

We learned from the JAVA newsletter that Kenny Masamitsu had passed away. He was predeceased by his wife Mary of 53 years. On January 22, 2014, Kenneth Takeshi Masamitsu, Sr., died peacefully at home. He was born on September 27, 1918. He was drafted in April 1941 and later became a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. At Camp Shelby, he was a squad leader in

the Anti-tank platoon of the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion. When our platoon sergeant was promoted to First Sergeant, Kenny took over as platoon sergeant; it was a heavenly gift to the boys. When we went overseas, T/Sgt Masamitsu, we all called him Kenny, was a source of strength to us. He may have been a kotonk but he was every inch a budahead. He was brave and coolheaded and respected by those who served under him.

At the end of the battle in the Vosges Mountains, changes were made to our leadership. We lost our Company Commander 1st Lt. Charles Farnum in battle; he was replaced by Captain Bert Nishimura. Our platoon leader was replaced by T/Sgt Kenny Masamitsu had who received a battlefield promotion to 2nd Lieutenant. One of Kenny's close buddies was Toshi Narimatsu. Whether it was Kenny's personality or his Jeep, but Toshi had a ball using Kenny's jeep and driver, Moto Okada.

It was at the Kona Reunion in 1991 that Kenny and Mary first joined us. Until then we hadn't heard

from Kenny and wondered what had happened him after the war. He and Mary joined us for the 65th anniversary again and we all had a great time.

Kenny and Mary are survived by daughter Loriyuki Delegato and son Eric. His son Kenneth Jr. died earlier. Services were held on Sunday, February 23rd at Berge-Pappas-Smith Chapel in Fremont, California. He is buried at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

71st Anniversary

We had a good turnout for the 71st Anniversary. We had two tables and shared one with 4 Easy Company attendees. At the last moment, our Chapter leader Yasunobu Shoho, injured his leg at home and couldn't make it. Those present included: Ace Higuchi and his daughter/husband; Takashi Okemura, son/wife and grandson; Mitsue Sakamoto and daughter/husband; Mae Isonaga and Bill Tam; Moriso Teraoka; and Bill & Marjorie Thompson.



by Ron Oba

*Father Kenneth Bray
Iolani no ka oi
Taylor and Courtney*

I've been writing about getting old, but heck, what's a little wrinkle here and there?
I've been getting aches and pain, but heck, what's an Aleve for?
I've been seeing my therapist, but heck, what's a treadmill for?
I've been eating soft foods, but heck, what's a denture for?
I've been reading best sellers, but heck what's a "Readers Digest" for?

I've been interested in Anthropology, but heck, what's a Neanderthal for?
I've been seeing snow in the mountains, but heck, what's an "Ice Man" for?
I've been walking hesitantly, but heck, what's gravity defyer (shoes) for?
I've been interviewed about the 442nd, but heck, what's a Greatest Generation for?
I've decided to quit writing, but heck, what's a computer for?
I've decided that now's your turn, but heck, what's holding you up?

COL. Kimberly Julaldo and another enlisted female soldier, both Afro-Americans, interviewed me about the 442nd veterans for promotional purpose. They then invited me to the Kapolei Ihilani Hotel for the 9th Readiness Reserve unit. As good a driver as I am, with the GPS for guidance; still, Wade Wasano and wife Wendy drove Michi and me to the Ihilani

Hotel for the banquet. There were over 200 officers and enlisted men including retired Adjutant General Robert E. GF Lee, and Kimo Dunn. The menu was steak or chicken – both tasted very delicious. This time we were prepared for the formal affaire and dressed accordingly in gowns and suits.

Then on the 27th, Michi and I were interviewed by two Iolani students, Taylor Hamai and Courtney Kennedy, about our role with the 442nd veterans group. We talked about Father Kenneth A. Bray, the famous football coach at Iolani School. I gave them the book, “The ‘Ole Man, Father Kenneth A Bray” that I wrote. They were so happy that they sent me an Iolani School T-shirt and some school logos and a thank you letter to Michi.

Photos in the Hawaii Herald showed Richard and George at the Central Pacific Bank display of the 442nd veterans. It is said that in earlier times, Japanese laborers could not borrow money at any of the banks in Honolulu; so the veterans, especially the 100th/442nd veterans such as Sakae Takahashi and Dan Inouye, and others such as Mitsuyuki Kido,

Ernest Hara, Hideo Kajiwara, etc. formed the Central Pacific Bank. Today we celebrate the anniversaries of the founding of the bank with photos of the 100/442 veterans.

The 71st Anniversary was held at the Dole Cannery site. Jr. Uranaka and Ruth drove Chilly, Irene and me to the event. Michi had her flower arrangement workshop.

Shinnen en Kai: Our annual banquet at the Natsunoya Tea House was attended by fewer but very Important People (VIP): Richard/Dorothy, George/Myrtle, Ron/Michi, Tommy/May, Tajiro/Ruth, Chikako Shimada, Mineo/Sachiko and Chilly/Irene Sasaki. We chose the second best menu but too much, small stomach and few teeth. However it is always good to get together for a few beers and wine.

Sick Call

Dorothy Murashige fell and scraped her arm. Hope she heals soon and will be up and around. Tommy Tamagawa hospitalized at Kuakini Medical Center; will be out soon.



(l-r) Ron Oba and Tajiro Uranaka

Photo: Lowell Thom



George Nakasato (right) with Mary & Akira Otani (171st)

Photo: Lowell Thom



by Anita Nihei

Thank you, to the veterans of G Company for the privilege of allowing me to represent G Company at the monthly veterans club meetings. Since many of you do not know me, I thought I'd share a little bit about myself and how I got involved with the 442nd Veterans Club.

My name is Anita Nihei, and my father was Henry Hori, of G Company. He wasn't a very talkative man and rarely spoke of his experience during the war, but when I joined the Sons & Daughters of the 442nd RCT and got actively involved in helping with the 65th anniversary banquet 6 years ago, it was clear that it made him very happy. I'm glad I did join and I thank my dear friend and former Sons & Daughters President, Eileen Sakai, for inviting me into the organization. Eileen and I knew each other for many years working at Bank of Hawaii, and her father, Ronald Sakai, from H Company, and my dad were also buddies during the war.

I didn't know many of my father's war buddies, but I knew Mr. Fred Ida, G Company's beloved chapter President for many years. Both he and my parents lived near Kahala Mall and would frequently visit the mall to meet with friends and get their exercise. My parents and Mr. and Mrs. Ida have since passed away, and are inurned at Punchbowl. Coincidentally, their niches are nearby each other, and whenever I visit my parents, I think of how nice it is that my dad is resting in peace near his buddies.

The recent 71st anniversary banquet at the Dole Cannery was a fabulous event! We had a good representation of 34 people from G Company, and we were fortunate to have two veterans, Mr. Kiyomi Yamamoto and Mr. Kenji Ego, joining us. Mr. Yamamoto and his family made up a table of 12 people and Mr. Ego and his family filled a table of 10 people. Lynnette Uyesato and her family flew in from the Big Island to honor her father, Mitsuki Matsunaga, who recently passed away in December 2013. It



(l-r) Kenji Ego and Kiyomi Yamamoto

was so heartwarming to see Lynnette's grandchildren, representing the 5th generation, in attendance, and knowing that they will carry on their great-grandfather's legacy. Yes, "We Will Never Forget".

My husband, Gordon, and son, Gavin, have attended banquets in the past, but this year was the first time my son told me "Mom, I'm so glad I come to these events". My heart was filled with pride and I gave my son a big hug, as I realized he gets it. He gets why we are here, and why we must never forget.

This was also a sort of homecoming for Beverly Kubota, and her brother and his wife, Gary and Jean Miyata, who attended past banquets many years ago. Her father was the late Robert Miyata. Beverly and I have been in the same Jazzercise class for several years, and I just happened to share my recent trip to Bruyeres, France with her and other classmates. As I told my story, she became very interested and told me her father was a 442nd veteran. When we learned that both our fathers were in G Company, we were elated! I'm so glad I shared my story with Bev and will continue to reach out to share the Nisei veterans story with other people.

At our Sons & Daughters meeting on March 6, 2014, I met Sandy Koyama and her husband, Jerry, who were visiting Hawaii from California and wanted to attend our meeting. Her father was Kiyoshi "Bones" Fujimoto, and I was thrilled to learn he was also from G Company. Sandy will be joining the G Company reunion, to be held in Los Angeles, CA, in the latter part of April.

If you are interested in learning more about the G Company reunion, Ann Kabasawa is again coordinating the reunion and itinerary. She can be reached at 808-781-8540.



Our last H Co. meeting at the 442nd Clubhouse was very interesting with Wes Deguchi, Pres. of 442nd Sons and Daughters, informing us of the legacy of that group, also of their trip to Europe which included the town of Bruyeres, France and the warm welcome they received there. He also shared with us a short video of the 442nd RCT that we all enjoyed. Thanks, Wes, for sharing your time with H Co.

The food for us after the meeting was well chosen by Dorothy Nakagawa and Doris Yoshimoto. Very delicious, everyone enjoyed it. Members who were there and guests were: Wes Deguchi, Claire Mitani, Craig Mitani, Blake Mitani (so good to see you, Blake), Shigeru Oyama and son Peter, Harry Kiyabu, Harold Afuso, Hiromi Fujimura, Robert and Yoshi Kishinami, Priscilla Sadanaga, Dorothy Nakagawa, Doris Yoshimoto, Annie Tamura, June Oganeku, Alberta Yamada and Mildred Tahara.

Before I go on there's a big "thanks" to be extended to Annie Tamura for her generous sharing of the crochet pieces she shared with us all these years. Altho' we haven't given back to show her our appreciation, we're making good use of everything we received from her. "Big Thanks, Annie!" Also to Hiromi Fujimura and Eleanor Kurozawa for their generous donations to H Co. Domo arigatoo gozaimasu, Hiromi and Eleanor, for your thoughtfulness!

What a nice show-up for the 71st anniversary banquet at the Dole Cannery. There must have been 600 people there! H Co. had 40 members and family present. The speakers were great, entertainment very good but, the best was when the veterans sang their "Go For Broke" song. It always brings tears to my eyes remembering my husband "Fat" singing it. Bless you, veterans, for all you went through. Take care and see you at the 72nd banquet.

Turk Tokita, you made us very happy that you were able to join us from Kauai. It must have been a

very tiring trip and long day for you. Ganbatte and take care. Thank you, too, Emoko and Lane for coming to the banquet with Turk.

Members and family that made up the 40 present at the banquet are – 11 Oganeku family: June, Neal, Wade & Genel, Jewel, Jannoi, Zack and Zeal, Coleen Morgan and son Justin, guest Michele Saito. 5 Kishinami: Robert and Yoshi, daughter Fay Tanaka, sons Quinlan & Guy, guest Keala Stibbard. 5 Oyama: Shigeru, son Peter & Jen, son Pierson & Jarron. 3 Tokita: Turk & Emiko, son Lane. 4 Tahara: Mildred, Sandra Kagesa, Lynette Kim, April Carvalho. 2 Kuroda: Joe, grandson. 2 Sakai: Ronald & Yukie. Harry Kiyabu, Annie Tamura, Doris Yoshimoto, Betty Nojima, Dorothy Nakagawa, Marian Miota and Margaret Nita. Thanks for the nice turnout.

Take care and see you at the next H Co. meeting.



(l-r) Harry Kiyabu & Harold Ueoka (522B)

Photo: Ann Kabasawa



Turk Tokita and son Lane



We thank the Sons & Daughters and all others for a memorable 71st assemblage and banquet.

Let us all plan to join Bill Thompson for the 75th 442nd anniversary, our Diamond Anniversary!

A bit of news is better than no news so bear with us.

Our HQ 3rd Co. chapter, like many others, have endured the gradual loss of membership. We now have three loyal veterans and seven supportive ladies. The veterans are Isamu (Sam) Furuya, Satoru (Sat) Shikasho and Minoru (Tommy) Tamashiro. The ladies are Frances Aoyama, Harumi Furuya, Yaeko Kuwata, Janet Matsuda, Irene Nakamura, Jane Shikasho and Elaine Tamashiro.

All of the above plus nine family members and guests occupied two banquet tables for an enjoyable program and lunch. Hurrah for Yaeko with six family members, Frances with two and Furuyas with one guest!



l-r: Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Irene Nakamura, Frances Aoyama, Mayor Kirk Caldwell (back)

Photo: Lowell Thom



Sat & Jane Shikasho (seated at right) with members of the Kuwata family

Photo: Clyde Sugimoto



442nd Veterans Club 71st Anniversary Banquet March 23, 2014 - Dole Cannery Ballroom



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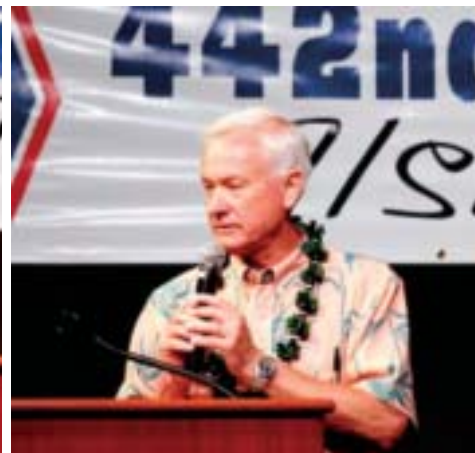
They came walking in with canes, using walkers, on wheelchairs which they maneuvered or pushed by a family member. But they came, the Veterans, to see old faces, renew camaraderie, discoverer who's missing, find out the latest news...



Steve Uehara & Liz Chun, our sparkling emcees



Gov. Neil Abercrombie, a familiar figure at our anniversaries, proclaims March 23rd as "442nd Regimental Combat Team Day"



Mayor Kirk Caldwell makes his first appearance at our 442nd anniversary and declares March 23rd as the "442nd Veterans Club Day"



2nd HQ and Easy



Fox



3rd HQ



King



Howe



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232nd Engr/Band



Mike





Admiral Harry Harris presents JAVA award to Lt. Col. Daniel Austin, 100/442 Reserve



Ms. Karen Keawehawai'i



Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda greets Sen. Colleen Hanabusa



The talented dancers of the Hanayagi Troupe



State Senator David Ige with Turk and Emiko Tokita from Kauai



Sen. Mazie Hirono and Mark Matsunaga



Rep. Scott Nishimoto with Allegra Matsuo Mossman



by Ed Yamasaki

Norwest by Louise Kashino

With such few Co. I veterans left in this area, it is difficult to give you an interesting update on them. However, you may be interested to know that Kim Muromoto is still healthy but pretty tied down taking care of his wife, Massie. Tosh Yasutake and his wife Fumi have been in a retirement facility since last year, but Tosh comes out to some of our functions. Shig Momoda can't drive anymore, so we seldom see him anymore; - he must be in his mid-nineties, so it is no wonder.

The Seattle NVC and NVC Foundation are busy redecorating our clubhouse. We received a grant from the National Parks Service in conjunction with the Wing Luke Museum, so a writer and a designer from New York (who is one of our past scholarship winners), have been working towards this end. We will have a totally new look to our museum; our meeting room will be dedicated to depict Seattle pre-war; plus one area to tell the story of the internment and the JA experiences during World War II. There will be an open house to share our "new look" in early May so the community may come in and share our excitement.

On May 17th, there will be a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" program to honor the veterans who have never been acknowledged in the past. It is our understanding that we may have several out-of-towners coming to participate for this honor, as well. We will have the Honorable Judge Vincent H Okamoto from L.A. as the keynote speaker plus a nice program to honor the boys.

We have such few Nisei members left in our club, so whenever we have a gathering, the Sansei members are so good to us, it is an inspiration. We see our efforts to educate our younger generation to value the past which the Nisei have experienced, so it warms our hearts when it comes to refreshment time and they tell us - "The Niseis get to go first!"

We are looking forward to some warmer weather one of these days. The country has experienced a harsh winter and even heard a weather report yesterday that the mid and east coasts may even get snow in some areas. We in Seattle have been lucky since our weather is always on the mild side, although a bit on the wet side. You may have read about the Oso disaster, an area which is just north of Seattle, that experienced such a disaster. President Obama is coming next week to take a look at how badly they have suffered. It is hard to comprehend what a wide area has been affected and the whole country has been making donations to help this cause.

I hope those who are reading this column today, are doing well and continuing to make the best of each day as it comes. Stay healthy - don't fall - and eat your dessert first!

Socal by Jim & Marian Yamashita

Shake Rattle and Roll! Greetings from Southern California, this is the third earthquake greater than 5.0 magnitudes that we have experienced here.

As the days, months and years go by our veterans and families in Southern California has diminished to just a handful but we managed to get together for special holidays and gatherings with family and guests and hopefully we have enough family and friends to get together still several times a year.

I had a phone chat with Frank Shimada of San Jose several days ago. Frank, soon to be ninety six years young, is giving up his lifetime passion, GOLF. Because of leg problems and shortness of his breath, he can't understand why he can't do as he had been doing all along. Such is life in our senior type living.



Some sad news to report from here in Southern California, I Company Veteran, George Buto passed away. According to his wife, Esther, George's body became limp and weak after taking a bath and wasn't able to do his customary walking. We were

aware that he had some memory problem but we didn't think that he was preparing to leave us. 442nd had several New Yorkers and they stood out like a "sore thumb." Not only George was a "big hunk of a man" but he had a distinct New Yawker slang. Needless to say we will miss him.



Recently, we lost another good friend, Beatrice Matsumura, widow of Fred Matsumura who passed away few years ago. A granddaughter, Daylan who lives few doors away noticed that Bea's newspaper was still in the

driveway and stopped to take the paper in and found her unresponsive and paramedics were called to be taken to hospital nearby where she never recovered.



Another person to die unexpectedly was Barbara Shoho, mother of Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy, co-partners with AJA WWII Memorial Alliance. Since many I Company members were involved with the goal of

Memorial Alliance remembering our fallen comrades, Susan's role included helping the I Company of SoCal stay organized. She continues to be an active sponsor of our functions. Condolences go to the Shoho family as well as to other I Company members who lost their loved ones.

Another who has been in our midst last few years has been Peggy Mizumoto, daughter of deceased veteran Robert Mizumoto of 100th Battalion, Company C. More recently she accompanied museum curator Eric Saul with his Nisei Soldier's exhibits. She has also been assisting FFNV tour coordinator, Brian Yamamoto, son of Ed Yamamoto who served in MIS and will be on their second tour of the Nisei European battlegrounds of WWII this July tour will take them into Vosges Mountains. I understand there are the maximum of sixty persons signed up already on Brian's 2nd tour. On this tour will be 94 year old I Company veteran,

Shig Doi of Richmond California who will be going there for the second time only this time, instead of his wife, Yoshiko, he will be accompanied by his grandson, Shawn. I bet Shig wished that he was fifty-four as he was on his first trip which was in 1984, forty years after he saw action there with I Company. To this day, Shig still remembers the conversations he had with Captain Byrnes just hours before the Captain was killed by a German "Bouncing Betty" land mine. Some of you may have seen the excellent documentary Yankee Samurai produced about Shig's first trip which included Go For **Broke** writer Chester Tanaka. The Yankee Samurai is included in Jim's educational packet and complimentary copies are available for your asking.

Final word is that Art Iwasaki has renewed his commitment for his scholarship program (article below).

Teri and Art Iwasaki Student Scholarship Renewed by Susan Uyemura

Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance and JA Living Legacy received a generous \$10,000 donation from Teri and Art Iwasaki of Portland, Oregon.

The Iwasaki family donated the funds to provide an annual \$2000 scholarship every year for the next five years. The initial scholarship ran from 2008-2013. The awardees are all listed on the www.jalivinglegacy.org website (under awards and scholarships tab).

The scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying high school senior; details regarding applications and qualifications will be released in February 2014. This scholarship will run through 2018, annually. Please visit www.jalivinglegacy.org for updated scholarship information.

Art Iwasaki is a member of I Company 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Art and his children (Robert, Stephanie, Christie, Paul and Leslie) created the "Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship" to support the rising costs of education and to honor Art's late wife, Teri.

"The legacy of the Nisei World War II veteran must not be forgotten and all efforts to educate our youth should be encouraged throughout our

community. Thanks to the efforts like the Iwasaki family, the legacy will continue,” said Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California nonprofit 501.c.3 organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (714) 515-5501.

Honolulu by Eddie Yamasaki **71st Anniversary Celebration**

Attracted to the Dole Cannery banquet hall were 600 members of the 442nd *ohana* – total in attendance is not “approximate”: some Item family members and friends seated at table no. 59 observed table no. 60 as fully occupied: that’s 60 tables of 10 guests each.

The Item *ohana* was represented by 26 members, including a group of seven guests led by Peggy Mizumoto, daughter of Robert Katsumi Mizumoto, who joined I Company in Italy as a replacement from Charley Company in Camp Shelby.

It was great to extend Aloha to Peggy and her entourage: Cathy Uchida (who was with Lawson Sakai’s FFNV Italy tour group last year), Kathy Calahan and Frances Ito of Los Angeles; Eiko Yamamoto of Orange County; Dean Franks and his wife Cynthia Josseland of Honolulu.

It can be added here that their busy schedule included a visit to the State Legislature to witness a ceremony honoring 442nd vets, and dining at the Willows with Eddie Yamasaki, in from Nagasaki, as a guest. We hope one and all enjoyed Hawaii and will return for our 72nd banquet. Peggy has made personal plans to join the tour of 442nd “places” in July.

At this year’s celebration, we very much missed the presence of many Itemites seen last year. They are in our thoughts; we pray for the well-being of those facing health issues.

We were happy to talk story with local regulars like Nancy Taba with Stuart, Glenn and Frieda Hajiro, and Peter and Tetsu Kobashigawa with Cora

Saludares. Also, Dane Sakaida, son of Sus, and Mary Lou Toyama, who never misses Item gatherings with the Sullivans. Welcomed was Asayo [Yukio] Naguwa who annually invites her extended family: son Alvin with Lamai; granddaughter Sonya and hubby Alson Ching; and Catlin Shishido, daughter of Colleen Shishido, widow of Item vet Akira. June Nakagawa who was with us last year again joined us.

Ever-thoughtful Carol and Mike’s presence was felt by many guests: she had sewn fluffy, yellow yarn leis with red, white and blue ribbons for Item *ohana* guests. The 442 office wanted to present leis to the vets who attended the banquet. They had a supply of leis, but needed Carol’s help to fill a shortage of about a dozen. After a call to her, voila — all white-shirted vets and even the 100th/442nd Reservists present were bedecked with our favorite leis to celebrate special occasions – as seen in our group photo. Mahalo nui, Carol, for always remembering us with so much Aloha.

Eddie was the sole Item vet, and Nancy and Asayo Item widows. Greatly missed were such regulars as Terry and Elsie Aratani, Ayako Sakumoto and family, Masa and Helen Nakamura and family, among others. Understandably, several face health issues; we pray for your well-being. Do take care.

Our many thanks to the many volunteers, vets, their families and friends who helped make our 71st Anniversary Celebration a success.



Eddie Yamasaki at Gun Show

Journey of Heroes

This comic book story on 100th/442nd RCT received a fine reception at the recent Honolulu Gun

Show. Stacey Hayashi showed short video films on the creation of the work with Eddie Yamasaki giving a brief message on the combat team, and making available copies autographed by him. Young and old, even parents with kids, seemed to have great interest in the 442nd and appreciated exchanging words with a 442 vet. Helping to preserve the legacy is indeed satisfying.

Some Late News

Frank Shimada of San Jose says he keeps in touch with the likes of Sam Sakamoto of Soquel, Shig Doi of Richmond, and Art Iwasaki of Portland. And while slowed down, he still gets to the race

tracks in his pick-up; he didn't say whether he usually has more "Win" and "Show" on his sheet than not.

Taka Arakaki, Hilo, was getting medical attention for some throat/ swallowing problems; hope it's cleared up.

Ikito Muraoka, Koloa, Kauai, Taka's pal, has moved into an assisted-living facility; not for a serious health reason, we trust.

George Oshita of Kapaa, Kauai, reportedly passed away late last year. We have been out of touch with him and have had difficulty learning about his circumstance. He contributed a detail account of his 442 experience to our book *And Then There Were Eight*.



Itemites at the 71st Anniversary banquet



by Genro & Muriel Kashiwa

The following attended the 71st, 442nd RCT Banquet held at Dole Cannery Ballroom on March 23, 2014: Kazuma Ogata, Genro and Muriel Kashiwa, Hideo Nakayama and his son Rodney Nakayama, Hideo Higa and his son Lester Higa and his daughter Kathy Higa, Mabel Kawamura, widow of Wally Kawamura, Terry Kawamura Sasamura and her husband Ross Sasamura and their son Rawlin; Joe Oshiro and his wife Nancy Oshiro with their son Thomas and his wife Lynn; Isa Takiyama and his daughter Lori and her husband Darrell Tsukada and Renee Yasutomi daughter of Isa and her husband Clifton Yasutomi, Amy Monma, second daughter of Isa, and her husband Curtis and their son Curtis; Don Seki and his wife Sumi, and their daughter Tracey and their son Evan; Verna Chan and Daryl Serain, caretakers of Don and Sumi Seki; and Tokuichi Nakano (95 years old) and his wife Fusae.

Genro sat next to Kazu Tomasa of 2nd Battalion, Headquarters Company. Kazu is from the same plantation camp next to where Genro lived; so we talked about the bathhouse that Kazu's family took care of: the community bathhouse consisted of one big concrete bath tub for both men and ladies with a wooden partition in the middle which did not reach to the bottom of the tub; of course we young kids dove to the bottom of the tub and swam to the other side after making sure that no ladies were on the other side. Genro remembers the other community bath house in the next camp where Genro learned all the riskee songs all the older men used to sing in the bathhouse: "Hitotsu deta waina Yosa Hoina Hoi, Hitori musume to yaru toki niwa Hoi-hoi..." In that bathhouse Genro was recognized as the "Bozu-no-kozoo" (Anyone wanting to know the words of that song should contact Genro.)

The next items which Genro wished to write about are the Battles which Genro cannot forget even today, 70 years later. First is the battle for the rescue of the "Lost Battalion." It's a good thing that Genro was in "L" Company. "L" Company was the reserve Company in the "push" to rescue the 36th Division. "I" and "K" Companies were the attacking Companies. The famous quote from the first person to reach the lost battalion, Mutt Sakamoto, was "Hey, you guys want "smoke"? ... as though nothing happened, when he was one of the very few left in his Company. In fact, the story told about the Regimental Parade for the commanding officer held after the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" was that the Regimental commander was peeved that one of either "I" or "K" Company had nobody show up and the other company had only "8" men in the line of Companies. The commanding officer who ordered the regimental formation was not pleased with that so he commented to the Regimental Commander that he expected "all" the men to show up for the regimental formation; and the reply he got from the commander of the Third Battalion was: "That's all we have left!"

Genro cannot forget about the "Tree Bursts" he experienced while pursuing the German enemy forces after the rescue of the Lost Battalion. It was so harrowing that each morning as I get up, I think about 2 things; 1) the tree bursts that rained shell fragments and branches on us as we moved forward in pursuit of the retreating German enemy in the Vosges mountain and forests on October 28 to November 7, 1944; and 2) the assault against the enemy stronghold on Mount Folgorito, Italy on April 5, 1945 which we successfully assaulted and captured, including the casualties we suffered in that attack and our successful defending the mountain top against enemy counterattacks at 2:00 a.m. on April 6, 1945. In fact, I am at present urging our veterans of Company "L" to write about such incidents which they cannot forget for if they do not write about it, those incidents will be forever forgotten.

The one incident which happened during the rescue of the Lost Battalion, was when my left

forefinger got infected and I asked our aidman for help, but he sent me back to the 2nd Battalion aid station. Dr. Kawaoka was so busy treating those with serious injuries, like those who lost an arm or leg that he was not able to see my “injury” till about 2:00 a.m. I was the last one to be treated; and I went in to the dugout under giant logs; and Dr. Kawaoka

quickly let the puss out and put a bandaid on the finger. Dr. Kawaoka looked at me and said “scared eh, Kashiwa.” I answered back in a firm voice: “You got damn right I’m scared!” (In fact I was scared throughout the war on the front lines.) Once again, I ask the veteran readers of this article to please write about their experiences.



*sitting (l-r): Kazuma Ogata, Hideo Higa, Joe Oshiro
standing (l-r): Hideo Nakayama, Isa Takiyama, Genro Kashiwa,
Don Seki*



(l-r) Sumi Seki, Mabel Kawamura, Muriel Kashiwa, Nancy Oshiro



*1) Rodney Nakayama, Tracey Seki -Matsuyama, Renee (Tsukada Takiyama) Yasutomi, Clifton (Takiyama) Yasutomi;
2) Kathy Higa, Lester Higa, Lynn Oshiro, Terry Kawamura Sasamura, Rawlin (Kawamura) Sasamura;
3) Darrell (Takiyama) Tsukada, Thomas Oshiro, Evan Seki-Matsuyama, Ross (Kawamura) Sasamura, Lori Takiyama
Tsukada. Amy Takiyama Monma, Curtis (Takiyama) Monma, Kyle (Takiyama) Monma*



It's that time again. Reminds me of the old song that goes, "Another day older and deeper in debt" by Tennessee Ernie Ford - "Sixteen Tons"? Anyhow, our numbers are declining, but those that remain are in good spirits if not in perfect health.

The 71st Anniversary was a huge success. For the first time, the event was held at the Dole Cannery out in Iwilei. We had a huge crowd, larger than expected. We had small glitches, especially in the table assignments, but the event itself was terrific. Our chapter had the largest group turnout of 60, followed by Cannon Co. It seemed like an anti-climax after last year, with the Congressional Medal and all. The program featured, in addition to the Vets, Eric Saul who gave a reprise on the Nisei story in Europe.

Our fearless leader Bolo Shirakata is doing a fine job as Chapter President. When he hints about a replacement for his job, everyone looks the other way or changes the subject. Charlie Ijima is as strong as ever, and the only one still drinking his six-pack at our monthly meetings. Mits has diabetes and scheduled for a pacemaker, so he's on the wagon. I don't drink. Doc Kawamoto has dropped out of that club, so poor Charlie is in solitary. The women are like the Eveready Battery Bunny, they just keep going, and pulling us along!

That sort of brings me to the subject I introduced in the last news letter. About half of the chapters in the 442nd RCT Club have no reporters, and the chapters apparently have stopped having regular meetings. We are one of the survivors that still meets regularly. Members of the Sons and Daughters Club join us on special occasions such as yearend parties and the annual meeting. They are welcome additions on those occasions and add so much to the happiness and family atmosphere of the occasion. I think we need to make a real effort to

welcome our S & D family to all our events, including our monthly meetings, and give them full membership and eligibility (and obligation) to serve as officers of our chapter. I don't know what the other chapters are doing, but we need to figure out how to set the stage for the Sons and Daughters to succeed the Vets. For example, the dues structure; perhaps a family plan of some kind. I'm sure there are many details to work out, but I'm sure they can be done.

The Sons & Daughters are taking the leadership in preserving the Legacy of the 442nd Vets. Without them, the 442nd RCT Club will disappear into the dusty archives of libraries and museums. The records will survive, but the **OHANA** will disappear in a few years. There is much left to be done to preserve and share the legacy of the WW II vets for future generations of all races. I think we need to enlist the S & D throughout the 442nd RCT, and we need to start with our own chapter. We have a good start with a nucleus already involved. What do you think? Please let me know; fujmathi@gmail.com or (808) 377-5686. I hope to hear from you, especially the Sons and Daughters!

'Til the next report, Aloha, FM



(l-r) Adele Sumida next to her father Hiroshi Arisumi, Margie Ijima, Charlie Ijima
Hiroshi and Charlie are the remaining members of 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon of the 232nd Engineers



by Gail Nishimura

Time is flying by, it's already the first week of April, and we've already had the 71st Anniversary Banquet.

If you missed the banquet, you missed a lot. It was great! Over 600 attended the event. Jennifer, Lenora and Clay did a great job in getting the rest of us organized and at the same time juggling to get a place for the banquet. Lots of behind the scene activity!

Lenora let us (sons & daughters) assist in helping to prep favors and centerpieces. Actually she did all the leg work in getting the supplies and made all the favors – we tied ribbons, and the centerpieces – we cut the cording and put it in the casing to make the drawstring on the bag! The rest of the centerpiece was put together by Lenora (Jen helped?). Thanks for all your hard work Lenora...you da bomb!

It was nice to see our MCs - Steve Uyehara and Liz Chun in a different light. Good Job! Entertainment included the Hanayagi Mitsusumi Dance Studio during lunch and Karen Keawehawai'i, Lenora's cousin...can we get her to join S&D too? Our keynote speaker was Eric Saul, founder and Executive Director of Visas for Life and longtime supporter of the 100th-442nd-MIS veterans. He delivered an inspiring speech. A copy of it can be found on the Sons & Daughters website: www.442sd.org.

It was really nice to have the veterans come up to sing the "Go For Broke" song to close the program. It was very impressive to have them get up and walk to the stage area then sing for the rest of us. Our club president announced that "there will be a 72nd banquet!"

An exhibit entitled, "Go For Broke, Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts" by Eric Saul is in Hawaii. The Sons & Daughters, in conjunction with

the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center (NVLC), is proud to sponsor this notable exhibit. The basis of the exhibit, which tells the story of the World War II Nisei's, was created by Saul over 30 years ago. It has been displayed at numerous museums across the country including the Smithsonian Institution in DC, Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York and most recently, Japanese American National Museum in LA.

Plans are in the works to display the exhibit in Hawaii for the next six months. It will tour the islands in an effort to promote public awareness about the accomplishments of the Nisei during the war and perhaps more importantly, how the Nisei influenced present day Hawaii.

The exhibit had its opening at the State Capitol on Monday, March 24th. Eric Saul, along with the Governor, lawmakers and many veterans were on hand for the opening ceremony. It inaugurated a weeklong series of events promoting the story of the Nisei.



On Wednesday, March 26th, a luncheon was held at the 100th Veterans Clubhouse. Invited guests included veterans, family members and friends. About a hundred people signed up for the event and were treated to a special presentation by Eric Saul. It provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to talk to Mr. Saul about his ongoing work.

On Saturday the 29th, the NVLC hosted an evening fundraising event which also featured a presentation by Eric Saul. It was a great success. A few retired generals as well as veterans were seen enjoying themselves. Anita Nihei did a great job in getting everyone to participate in this event. As part of the

program, Jennifer and Ross helped to create a silent auction. Some lucky person walked away with a brand new iPad tablet!

The following week, the “Go For Broke” Exhibit moved to its second venue: the University of Hawaii West Oahu. A small ceremony was held on Monday, March 31st at the UHWO Library to open the exhibit. The key to the success of the exhibit is in the countless volunteers who have helped or expressed interest in helping. The logistics of moving from one location to another is intricate and time consuming. Byrnes Yamashita, head of the exhibit committee, has been instrumental to the success of the exhibit. He has worked tirelessly to coordinate the events and to extend our hospitality to Mr. Saul during his stay.

From UH West Oahu, the exhibit will go the Honolulu Hale, where it will be on display for two weeks. It will then be shipped to Maui. The Nisei Veterans Memorial Center will house the exhibit until mid-June 2014. The next phase of venues is currently being worked on. We are excited at some of the prospects. As the saying goes, “it’ll be coming to your neighborhood.” Don’t miss the opportunity to see this significant exhibit!

As a final event before departing, Eric Saul was invited to speak to the students at Punahou School. A request was made by LTC (ret) Bob Takao of the Punahou JROTC. The presentation to the students was very informative and touching. Veterans George Nakasato and Robert Kishinami also attended, which made it a special event for the students. Most of the students did not know about the Nisei story and left the presentation with a new awareness. There’s a definite need to reach out to the schools and the NVLC along with the Sons & Daughters are working on such a program.

If you’re interested in supporting or participating in the “Go For Broke” Exhibit and other related educational programs, please contact us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the 442nd Clubhouse at 6:30 pm. If you would like to have dinner, you can call the office and let Shirley know what you want to order. Join us. We look forward to meeting you!

OTHER News

The UH Manoa’s Dan & Maggie Inouye

Distinguished Chair in Democratic Ideals for 2014 is John Sayles, known as one of the godfathers of the independent film movement. On February 21, 2014, Mr. Ken Inouye hosted a reception for his parents’ Distinguished Chair in Democratic Ideals, which engages scholars and public figures dedicated to sharing their knowledge and life experiences with an emphasis on democratic processes.

These are photos from the event. (Photos by Michele Matsuo)



Mr. Ken Inouye, son of Sen. Dan and Maggie Inouye, hosting 100th Bn/442nd RCT son, Sen. David Ige



Allegra Matsuo Mossman, Medics granddaughter, presenting John Sayles with the 442nd’s oral history and 50th Anniversary commemorative book, “Boyhood to War”

Announcements

Request for Oral History and Documentation by Tanya Harrison

I am researching a forgotten Memorial dedication that occurred 50 years ago in Honolulu.

On Sept. 12, 1964, the then-named Honolulu International Center, now the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, was formally dedicated to Hawaii's war heroes. A Memorial plaque was placed there to commemorate this. The plaque is gone and knowledge of it and the Memorial dedication has been lost to the City and State governments, and to society at large.

The text of the Memorial plaque is quoted in the Sept 13, 1964 Star-Bulletin & Advertiser: "Honolulu International Center: Dedicated to All the Sons and Daughters of Hawaii Who Served Their Country in Time of War and in Special Tribute to Those Who Gave Their Lives in Order That Freedom and Justice Might Prevail Throughout the World."

This dedication ceremony was announced by the media and filmed by a news crew. The plaque

was attached to a boulder probably located in the vicinity of the current Blaisdell Box Office. Likely gone by 1970, it may have been a victim of vandalism. I am requesting oral history and documentation regarding the dedication, Memorial plaque, and Blaisdell Center's planning and early history in general.

Blaisdell Center was dedicated to our honored war dead and that has been forgotten. Please help me document and preserve this history so it is not forgotten again. You may contact Tanya Harrison at harristb@cou.edu or (541) 969-0523.

Editor's Note: Ms. Harrison is originally from Kauai and is now living in Oregon. After discovering that veterans such as George Miki, Masato Doi and Iwao Yokooji were involved in the planning committee to build the HIC (now NBC), she contacted the 442nd Veterans Club in hopes that someone would remember the background of the building, in particular, the missing plaque. If you can help Ms. Harrison and would prefer to contact the 442nd Veterans Club, please call 949-7997.



More Scenes from the 71st Anniversary Banquet

Photos by: Wayne Iha, Hal Ing, Ann Kabasawa, Stan Oka, Clyde Sugimoto, Terry Takaki, Lowell Thom, Pat Thomson



Wes Deguchi and Gwen Fujie present S&D Kansha Awards to Eric Saul (left) and Gene Castagnetti (right)



(l-r) Lt. Cdr. Janelle Kuroda, Terry Shima, Lt. Col. Daniel Austin, Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr.



(l-r) Takashi "Bolo" Shirakata (Band) and Harry Kanada (K Co.)



Jerry Ogawa (Medics) and son-in-law Richard Bauske



Anti-Tank



Cannon



Shigeru Nakamura (522FA)



Service



Ellen & Mits Kunihiro (522B)



*Jane & Harold Ueoka (522B) with
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Julie Zee*



George



Howe



Mits & Millie Honda (232nd Eng.)



*Hiroshi Arisumi (232nd Eng.), Board
President of Nisei Veterans Memorial
Center; President of Maui 442*



Love



(l-r) Chester Murai (232nd Eng) and Bolo Shirakata (Band)



232nd Engineers



The old timers get up to sing the "Go For Broke" song



522B: (l-r) Fred Hirayama and Roy Fujii



(l-r) Moriso Teraoka (2HQ), Eileen Sakai (S&D), Bill Thompson (2HQ)



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