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# PRESIDENT'S *Report*

by Ron Oba

Naoko Nose, from Kobe University visited the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Clubhouse to interview veterans. 1. About life before the war and enlistment, 2. Experiences during the war, 3. About life after the war. Did your life change after the war?

After the interview, the 100<sup>th</sup> veterans invited us to join them in their Wine Gang. They had all kinds of pupus with beer for non-wine drinkers. Although they have a larger hall to get together, it would be nice if the 442 can also have a wine gang. Bolo goes there every Thursday and our former secretary used to go there on Thursdays.

The Honpa Hongwanji Judo Club held their 52<sup>nd</sup> State Judo Championships. The winners were presented with the 442<sup>nd</sup> Logo with their motto: "Ganbare."

The Finance Committee met with Janet Andres of a consulting firm who advised on the best route to invest since we have several CDs with Central Pacific Bank. CPB has been a big donor for our anniversary event and the decision was that we should stick with CPB.

Wes Deguchi is working diligently with the Legacy Project and is in the final stages of a lease agreement with the West Oahu Leeward Community College.

Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet should bring a lot of mainlanders with Lawson Sakai bringing in a tour group for this occasion. Many of the Chapters should be thinking of holding their own reunions.

The nominating Committee is meeting to garner a good leader for the coming year since everyone wants to be the next president, sic.

The 442<sup>nd</sup> Foundation was the sponsor of the Manga (comic book) reception.



## **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Booth by Gerome Villain**

On Sunday, July 16, 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Booth of the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 405<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 371<sup>st</sup> Fighter Group, was honored at a memorial held at Faymont, at the edge of the woods where his plane crashed on October 27, 1944.

After several months of research and with the help of so many good men from the Vosges, the Haute Saone area and our American friends, we found out what happened to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Booth, and also found the area where his plane had crashed. It was an experience I will never forget!

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Booth's mission, along with other planes, was to drop supplies over the Lost Battalion. Due to very bad weather and flying down into the valley, the leader of the mission ordered them to fly over the mountains immediately, but 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Booth didn't accomplish it rapidly enough and his plane hit a tree and crashed in the mountains at Faymont,

south of Remiremont.

Sixty-eight years later, people from le Val d' Ajol and Faymont honored 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Booth. Jocelyne Papelard invited the color guard based in Germany and also invited the 85<sup>th</sup> Army Band from Chicago for the commemoration. M Jean Bianchetti, who donated the rock of the memorial in the forest of Biffontaine, also donated the rock to build this new memorial. Mayor Denis Henry of Biffontaine and President of the association of La borne 6 were also invited to the ceremony. Jocelyne also invited the American Consul of Strasbourg.

It was a rainy, foggy day just like it was on October 27, 1944, but that didn't stop the people of the area from attending the memorial.

## IN MEMORIAM



*Deepest sympathies to the families & friends of the following:*

Aoki, Lloyd Jun (L Co.)	July 9, 2012
Asai, Hiroshi "Hiro" (E Co.)	July 26, 2012
Doi, Akira (K Co.)	July 31, 2012
Fujii, Lawrence T. (L Co.)	Aug. 17, 2012
Fushikoshi, Noboru (522A)	July 17, 2012
Hamamoto, Douglas (I Co.)	July 22, 2012
Hamanaka, Robert T. (H Co.)	July 7, 2012
Hanami, Takeshi "Tug" (Cannon)	July 17, 2012
Hanamura, Haruo "Howe" (L Co.)	Aug. 18, 2012
Hashiguchi, Henry "Hank" (I Co.)	June 26, 2012
Ito, Bill Satoru (Cannon)	April 21, 2012
Ito, Robert Masami (G Co.)	June 26, 2012
Izutsu, Tadami (K Co.)	July 23, 2012
Kishaba, Harold R. (E Co.)	July 15, 2012
Kumagai, Teruo Terry (206 <sup>th</sup> Band)	July 26, 2012
Maeda, Roy (K Co.)	June 7, 2012
Matsumoto, Paul "PK" (L Co.)	Aug. 12, 2012
Matsunaga, James Hiroshi (3 <sup>rd</sup> HQ)	May 31, 2012
Matsuzaki, Edwin Ikuma (M Co.)	July 30, 2012
Minami, Ronald "Buster" S. (I Co.)	July 20, 2012
Mukai, George Takashi (232 <sup>nd</sup> Eng.)	Aug. 13, 2012
Naganuma, William (I Co.)	June 2012
Nagao, Seigo (522 HQ)	July 13, 2012
Nakamura, Masaru (M Co.)	June 22, 2012
Nakano, Nick Yasumitsu (I Co.)	June 10, 2012
Nimori, Hideo (Service)	June 25, 2012
Oda, Kenneth Kenichi (522 HQ)	June 8, 2012
Okuda, Tadashi (K Co.)	July 11, 2012
Oshiro, Sakae (K Co.)	July 27, 2012
Shiroma, Harry Jinyei (G Co.)	June 16, 2012
Shimabukuro, Tsunehiko (L Co.)	June 30, 2012
Takashima, Russell (K Co.)	Aug. 17, 2012
Taketomo, Shuji (I Co.)	July, 6, 2012
Tanioka, Ralph Masayoshi (H Co.)	July 13, 2012
Togioka, Motomu (HQ)	Aug. 15, 2012
Tsugawa, Mike Mitsuo (F Co.)	Sept. 4, 2012
Udaka, John Y. (L Co.)	Aug. 24, 2012
Ueki, Takeshi Wally (2HQ)	July 12, 2012
Watanuki, Tom Takashi (I Co.)	July 27, 2012
Yamanaka, Shizuo Ben (Medic)	July 14, 2012

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Satoru Shikasho	\$200.00
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News from the

## EDITOR'S DESK

by Oscar Tsukayama

### **Update - Nisei Legacy Center**

Negotiations with officials of West Oahu Campus, University of Hawaii on the lease agreement is progressing smoothly. Discussions are in the nitty-gritty stage where cost of the lease and joint-use arrangements are being worked out. We are confident that the committee will come up with a fair and reasonable agreement. In the meantime, committee members are contacting government officials, legislators, businesses and individuals to solicit support for the project. We will be furnishing continuing updates as each step is completed.

### **French Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honor Medal**

The French government wishes to recognize all Americans who served in France during World War II and participated in the liberation of France by awarding them the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. If you are interested in applying, application forms are available at the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club. Information requested includes: personal data, your military career, campaigns participated in while in France, medals and awards received during your military career and specific heroic actions, etc. A copy of your discharge must be submitted with the application. A soldier must be alive at the time of application. Because of the large numbers expected to apply, processing time may take 6 to 12 months. Bill Thompson, 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club has agreed to assist applicants with completing the application form.

### **Bronze Star Medal for Recipients of Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medical Badge**

Change to AR 600-45 dated 4 November 1947 authorized the award of the Bronze Star Medal to recipients of the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) or the Combat Medical Badge (CMB) to soldiers who served during World War II. This award is

based solely on the award of the CIB and CMB and is in addition to any award of the Bronze Star Medal a soldier may have received for meritorious or heroic achievement in service. Many veterans, however, were not aware of this change and did not apply for this award. During the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremonies in 2011 and 2012, some veterans were presented the Bronze Star Medal both in Washington D.C. and in the Regional ceremonies.

In Hawaii, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee (Ret) and his committee were able to identify and present the award to a number of veterans during the Hawaii CGM ceremony. However, he believes that there still are a number of qualified veterans who still have not received this award and has volunteered to help obtain the medal for these veterans. World War II veterans from the State of Hawaii, who are recipients of the CIB or CMB, who have not received this award and wish to apply are requested to submit your DD 214 (Discharge Paper) to the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club as soon as possible.

A veteran may also obtain the award by letter application to:

ARMY PERSONNEL CENTER  
ATTN:DARP-VSE-A  
9700 PAGE BLVD.  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63132-5200

Be sure to enclose a copy of your DD-214 (Discharge Paper).

### **House Passes Bill to Replace Stolen Valor Act**

The U.S. House passed a bill that would make it a crime to seek to gain by lying about military honors. This measure is intended to replace the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 that the Supreme Court struck down this year on free-speech grounds, ruling that people can't be prosecuted for lying about receiving a military medal.

Nevada Republican, Joe Heck, the bill's sponsor said that this measure would be constitutional because it narrows the scope by focusing on the fraud aspect i.e. to seek gain by lying about receiving military honors. Violators would be subject to a fine, imprisonment for as long as one year or both. During floor debate, Mr. Heck said we are glad for this opportunity to show our service

members that we value the magnitude of their sacrifice while at the same time protecting the constitutional rights they fought so hard to protect.

### **Veteran's Son Assures Floral Tribute for Nisei Veterans Interred in Foreign Countries**

In May 2004, Ron Yamada, son of 442<sup>nd</sup> veteran Eiro Yamada visited the Epinal Military Cemetery in France and was saddened that only a few graves were adorned with flowers. And this was on Memorial Day. He decided then and there that something must be done to remember our veterans interred in overseas cemeteries. He learned that there were 37 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> veterans interred in the Sicily-Rome and Florence Cemeteries in Italy; the Lorraine and Epinal Cemeteries in France and in the American Cemetery in the Netherlands, and one Military Intelligence Service soldier in the Manila American Cemetery.

He immediately established a Floral Tribute Endowment, which is now administered by the National Go For Broke National Education Center, and Thanks to Ron, since 2005, graves of our Nisei veterans in these cemeteries are adorned with flowers on Memorial Day.

If you wish to support this effort, you can send your contribution to the Go For Broke National Education Center with a notation that it is for the "Floral Tribute Endowment."

### **Bishop Museum to Host Congressional Gold Medal Display**

The Bishop Museum has been selected as one of seven museums in the country to host the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to Nisei World War II veterans for their extraordinary accomplishments during World War II in the battlefields of Europe and Asia. The displays are made possible by the partnership of the Smithsonian Institute, the National Museum of American History and the National Veterans Network who want to share the inspiring story of these men who fought with bravery and valor even while many of their parents and family members were held in internment camps. The museums which will be hosting the display are:

National World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA: January 12 - February 17, 2013

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI: March 9 - April 14, 2013

Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA: May 4 - June 9, 2012

De Young Museum, San Francisco, CA: June 29 - August 4, 2013

Oregon Historical Society, Portland, OR: August 24 - September 29, 2013

Chicago History Museum, Chicago, IL: October 19 - December 8, 2013

Houston Holocaust Museum, Houston, TX: December 21, 2013 - January 24, 2014

The medal will be accompanied by an educational package which centers on the character values associated with Japanese American veterans — courage, respect, humility, perseverance, compassion and citizenship. These material will provide users with a constantly growing, social learning community. Upon conclusion of the tour, the Congressional Gold Medal will be permanently displayed in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

President and CEO of the Bishop Museum, Blair D. Collis said that it is an honor and privilege to be among the few museums in the nation to host the medal; this is a wonderful opportunity for Hawaii to recognize and celebrate the valor and legacy of these World War II Japanese American veterans who changed Hawaii's history and uplifted a generation through their unwavering loyalty and sacrifice.

### **Veterans Participate in Sharing and Learning Workshop at the East-West Center**

A workshop held under the auspices of the East-West Center and the Go For Broke National Education Center was enjoyed by a dynamic group of 32 students and 4 teachers who refused to quit at the scheduled time and continued the sessions for another hour and a half over the scheduled time. Subjects covered were US legislation including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 and the 1924 Immigration Act which were forerunners to the prejudice the Japanese

American community would face after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

However, what the group enjoyed most were the small group sessions during which the veterans shared their Pre-Pearl Harbor, Wartime and Post-War experiences. Ed Yamasaki-(442<sup>nd</sup>) brought history to life as he talked about his experience in the Vosges Mountains and the rescue of the Lost Battalion and Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani (MIS) held thoughtful discussions about the tenets of Buddhism. Other veterans who shared their stories were, Ted Tsukiyama (442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS), Dick Hamada (Office of Strategic Services), George Shiroma (MIS), and Glenn Masunaga (MIS). Also participating in the discussions was Ed's sister, former professor of Philosophy at Bryn Mawr College and Assistant Dean at the University of Hawaii, Beatrice Yamasaki, who shared her wartime experience in Hawaii under martial law. Her extraordinary academic achievements made her a "rock star inspiration" to many of the young women in the workshop.

I think it is a great example of Kupuna sharing their life's experiences with the younger generation.

## Update-70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On Oct. 1, 2012, Gwen Fujie, Co-Chairperson for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, briefed the 442nd Veterans Club Board of Directors of its plans and progress to date. She sounded highly enthused and full of energy as she talked about the events being planned; she reported that visits were made with the Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC), Friends and Families of Nisei Veterans (FFNV), Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and veterans organizations in Los Angeles, Kauai, Maui and Hilo to encourage participation. She indicated that feedback from these groups were positive. The "Go For Broke" spirit among committee members to provide the best and most memorable 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the veterans is phenomenal. She reported that a "Free Pass" will be given to all veterans and widows for all official events including the banquet.

See "Announcements" for a schedule of programs planned for the event.



## Feature Story

*Memorial Message by keynote speaker, Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, Hawaii State Adjutant General, at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Oahu AJA Veterans Council Joint Memorial Service on 30 Sep 2012.*

Aloha and Good Morning,

It's truly my honor to be here this morning to speak at the Oahu AJA Veterans Council's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service, especially to honor the fallen WWII members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion.

When I first started thinking about my remarks, I thought I should acknowledge what an honor it is to be with the veterans who are among the

finest soldiers this nation has ever produced. And then it struck me, these World War II veterans are not among the finest—they are THE finest soldiers ever to wear the uniform of the United States Army.

I'm sure that these veterans, being so humble, would in all modesty disagree—that they were only doing the job that they were trained for and that their accomplishments were not so extraordinary. But if you look at the record, one can only come to the conclusion that these veterans were indeed the best ever. I see the families of these AJA soldiers here today and I ask myself...how proud they must be of their incredible fathers and grandfathers.

It is well documented that the "Go for Broke" Battalion remains the most highly decorated U.S. Army unit of its size.

But it's not just the thousands of individually earned medals including the Purple Hearts—it's not just the Presidential Unit Citations—it's not just the

history of the extraordinary campaigns from South Africa to Italy to France and the Pacific. I can say with full confidence that these veterans are the best soldiers this nation has ever produced because of certain intangible traits unique to the soldiers of the AJA units. First and foremost, their incredible fighting spirit and something that is part of the oriental culture—they feared more of shaming their family name than dying.

Right here, buried in these sacred grounds at Punchbowl, are eight Medal of Honor recipients from the ranks of the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT. Eight! Such a number is almost impossible to believe. But amazingly, there were a total of 21 Nisei soldiers, including Senator Daniel Inouye, who are recipients of the Medal of Honor. Since the beginning of the War on Terror, a total of ten have earned the Medal of Honor out of approximately two million service members who have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Imagine the degree of bravery and selflessness required to have 21 Medal of Honor recipients and well over 9,000 Purple Hearts out of 33,000 Japanese Americans who served during World War II. That is simply unparalleled.

Men like Sadao Munemori, Mikio Hasemoto, Masato Nakae, Shinyei Nakamine, Yeiki, Kobashigawa, Kaoru Moto, Allen Ohata and Shizuya Hayashi—all Medal of Honor recipients were representative of the AJA soldier. I named Shizuya Hayashi last because we had developed a special friendship—but what I am about to say is representative of all of these AJA soldiers. Please indulge me as I read his citation: “Private Hayashi distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 29 Nov 1943 near Cerasuolo, Italy. During a flank assault on high ground held by the enemy, Private Hayashi rose alone in the face of grenade, rifle and machine gun fire. Firing his automatic rifle from the hip, he charged and overtook an enemy machine gun position, killing 7 men in the nest and 2 more as they fled. After his platoon advanced 220 yards from this point, an enemy anti-aircraft gun opened fire on the men. Private Hayashi returned the fire at the hostile position killing 9 of the enemy, taking 4 prisoners and forcing the remainder of the force to withdraw from the hill.”

I would talk to him on the flights we took our veterans on in the local area and also to California as Boeing was building the C-17 named the “Spirit of Go for Broke”. Time and again he would sit in the jump seat with the pilots—not a very comfortable seat—but sat there observing through most of the flight. I eventually made him an honorary pilot in the Hawaii Air National Guard with a plaque and his own wings. He had wanted to give me something in return but we never saw each other again as he passed away suddenly while on a trip with his family to the mainland. But he did not forget and his family called to say he wanted me to have these things that they brought to me. He did not forget—and I will never forget him. I am also humbled by the fact that seven of those men I just named, began their military careers as members of the Hawaii National Guard before they were instrumental in forming the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Their Medal of Honor citations are eerily similar—amazing gallantry and intrepidity. Charging machine gun nests time and again with no regard for their own safety. Facing enemy forces five, six seven times their own numbers and not hesitating to charge into the face of seemed like certain death. Fighting with such ferocity and tenacity that battle-hardened German troops—the best the Nazi war machine had to offer would often flee or surrender, not knowing at first what kind of American soldier they were up against. The soldiers of the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT became so well respected and feared by the Germans that the thought of going up against these AJAs would send a cold shiver down the spines of many Wehrmacht veteran.

Although not everyone was assigned to the battlefields of North Africa and Europe, their contributions were no less significant. Many AJAs who were originally with the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion were reassigned to the MIS not because they weren’t incredible soldiers, but because they could speak Japanese fluently. Operations on Guadalcanal had first demonstrated the value of battlefield linguists. Later, Nisei soldiers were able to translate enemy communications and documents and interrogate enemy POWs on the spot from the Philippines to Okinawa, saving the lives of both U.S. and Japanese soldiers.



The unsung heroes of the war were the “Chowhounds” of the 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineer and Construction Battalion who toiled building and reinforcing defenses around Oahu. They too wanted to deploy. They did such outstanding and exceptional work that they were sought by Gen. McArthur to deploy to the Pacific theatre. But their commanding general here felt they were too valuable to leave Hawaii and somehow was able to keep them here. In recognition of their sterling service the 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion was presented the Meritorious Service Medal in October 1945.

I stand here this morning in awe of these veterans. Those who gave their last breath on the

battlefields of North Africa, Europe and the Pacific and those brave souls still with us today. They simply are no other units and few other soldiers that can compare. I take nothing at all away from other famed units and individual soldiers in our nation’s history. The U.S. military has a rich and proud heritage.

But today, among the WWII Americans of Japanese ancestry veterans—the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service and the 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion, I humbly stand with all of us today to honor the best our nation has ever known.

Mahalo.



by Henry Kuniyuki

### Auld Lang Syne

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of Auld Lang Syne? For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, for Auld Lang Syne, we’ll tak’ a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.”

This traditional ballad of ALOHA is quoted in honor of our respective members and spouses who have gone to their reward sadly.

Chapter Historian’s obituary record noted twenty-nine members and wives listed currently. They were, alphabetically, as follows: Jerry Doi, Konao Hakoda, Haruto & Yuriko Harada, Ronald Higa, Robert Iwamoto, Howard Kiyama, Horace Koga, Toshio Kumabe, George Miki, Masatoshi Mitani, Kikuye Miyagi, Bernice Miyamoto, Minoru Nagasako, Kay Nakandakare, Clara Oide, Morio Otori, Yoshio “Cappy” Ozaki, Katsumi & Ruth Sakotani, Harry Takeki Sekiya, Mary Shigaya, Saburo & Amy Takayesu, Ronald Takara, Raymond Tanaka, Florence & James Hiroshi Watanabe, Wilfred Watanabe and Morichika Yamada.

Chapter Reporter Henry Kuniyuki respectfully requests that he be notified of any others he may have missed and did not list.

Chapter Reporter’s “Go For Broke Bulletin” library now has one hundred-plus issues on file, beginning with Volume XLIII No. 1, dated January-March 1992. The Go For Broke Bulletin of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club’s April-June 2012 issue featured Chapter President Noboru Kawamoto and Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi representing the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club at the Governor’s Memorial Service at the Hawaii State Veterans Ceremony in Kaneohe, Oahu.

### Regimental Headquarters Chapter Potpourri

Chapter Historian, as in past Go-for-Broke Bulletin’s issues, reported and recorded the RHQ Chapter and member activities for the past quarter for posterity:

April 2, 2012 – Only six Chapter members present for the Chapter luncheon meeting, held as usual at Gyotaku Japanese Restaurant, located at 1824 South King Street in the McCully District. They were Chapter President Noboru Kawamoto, Vice President Yoshikatsu Maruo, Secretary Takamori Miyagi, Treasurer Henry Kuniyuki and Jitsuo & Ruby Kawada. When the Chapter was first organized and

designated as Livorno Chapter, there were seventy to eighty members participating. SAD! Chapter President Kawamoto reported on the 442<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors monthly meeting agenda.

May 7, 2012 – Seven Chapter members present at the monthly Chapter meeting, same members as the April meeting plus Susan Takara.

June 4, 2012 – Monthly Chapter meeting. Agenda and number of participants same as the previous Chapter meeting, with the Chapter President Noboru Kawamoto calling the meeting to order, as usual, at 11:30 AM.

July 2, 2012 – The faithful six members present were, according to the Chapter Secretary's "sign-in" roll call book: Takamori Miyagi, Jitsuo Kawada, Ruby Kawada, Yoshikatsu Maruo, Susan Takara and Henry Kuniyuki.

July 21, 2012 – Docent duty at the National Pacific Memorial at Punchbowl, chaired by Docent Duty Chairman Yoshikatsu Maruo. Docent luncheon provided by Chapter Treasurer. A souvenir photo was taken of the Docent duty participants with the Punchbowl Security Officer Earl Wood by Yoshi's daughter Leslie. Mahalo Leslie!



August 6, 2012 –

Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi brought a photo taken some time ago at Iolani Palace 442<sup>nd</sup> function. The snapshot depicts Taka and Major General

Vern Miyagi, no relations of his except for the last name. Taka said that the General's daughter asked him to show proof that he too was a "Miyagi." Chapter meeting participants were pleased to see the photo of Takamori with the distinguished retired General Officer.

The Regt Hq Edict prefaced with a ballad quotation of "Auld Lang Syne." Citing of Queen Liliuokalani's ALOHA OE (Farewell to Thee) will be, perhaps, a proper conclusion for this issue of Regt Hq Edict:

"Aloha Oe, Aloha Oe, E ke onaona noho i ka lipo. One fond embrace, A hoi ae au, Until we meet again."

Arrivederci!





by John Mikasa

Cannon Chapter held a meeting with lunch, at Zippy's on Vineyard St. on Aug. 25, 2012. Attendees were: Mitsuo and Esther Umeda; Akira, Betty and Mark Takahashi; Akira Okamoto; Yukisada Oshiro; May Koike; and John and Mary Mikasa.

Esther briefed us on the latest news from our Mother Club, including the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on March 26, 2013. The anniversary plans are moving forward with the Sons and Daughters in charge. The plan for the newly created Nisei Legacy Center was discussed. Further information on this should be covered elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Lillian Ito, widow of Cannoneer Bill Ito, sent us many small photographs of Cannoneers while stationed in Italy. Because these black and white photographs are seven decades old, it has been difficult to identify most of the Cannoneers. Consequently, we intend to forward these

photographs to the Mother Club for their disposal. Possibly they may be sent to the Nisei Legacy Center.

Cannon Chapter lost another old timer. Takeshi "Tug" Hanami was born on July 12, 1918 in Rexburg, Idaho to parents, Shinshiro and Asa Sase Hanami. He died on July 17, 2012 in Hermiston, Oregon at the age of 94 years. Tug graduated from Madison High School in Rexburg, Idaho in 1936.

Tug enlisted in the Army in February 1941. After basic training in Field Artillery, he was put in the Reserves. Then, in August 1943, he was recalled to active duty and assigned to 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT at Camp Shelby. In December 1943, he married Mariko Kumasaka in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. A recipient of three Bronze Stars, he returned to Idaho where he worked until retirement. He is survived by Mariko and children Mark, Janice, Gail and brother Stomie. Arrivederci, Tug! Our condolences to the Hanami Family.

Roger and Jackie Yoshinari welcomed their new grandchild recently in Washington, D.C., where they have been visiting. Congratulations! Roger reminds Cannoneers to mark the calendar for the 2013 Cannon Chapter Reunion in Las Vegas, to be held at the Fremont Hotel on May 2-6. More details will be available later.



21-gun salute by the 100th/442 at the Joint Memorial Service

Photo: Wayne Iha





by Oscar Tsukayama

### Medics Meeting

Nine members attended our meeting on August 15, 2012. They were John and Gloria Masunaga, Jack and Marian Yamashiro, Howard and Dorothy Kozuma, Toshiaki Tanaka, Kazuo Tomasa and Oscar Tsukayama. A good turnout compared to what we have been experiencing lately, but if you note, there are several members from the distaff side. Our guys are getting to the point where the help of their wives are needed to either drive them or to manage the hazards in getting from Point A to Point B. So we decided that instead of business meetings, we would just have periodic get-togethers with wives and widows included, so we can keep in touch, and take care of getting the word out by newsletter. Caregivers who are needed to get our folks to and from the restaurant are also invited. We can have a short meeting during these get-togethers if needed. Our first get-together is scheduled October 20, 2012 at the Fook Yuen Restaurant in the McCully Shopping Center starting at 11:00 AM. A total of 21 are expected.

### Mainlanders Scheduled to Attend the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Honolulu

Jimmie and Lynn Kanaya and Tosh and Fumi Yasutake have made plans to attend our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from 22 to 24 March 2013. We hope that other medics from the mainland and neighbor islands or from any other place in the world too will join us. In addition to the official events, we will be hosting a Medics Chapter Get-Together. Between now and next March there will be a continuing flow of information as plans are firmed-up. I will also try to keep the Medics folks kept up-to-date on the latest. Hope to see you all there; it's going to be a heart-warming, memorable and fun occasion.

### Toshiaki Tanaka Experiments With Mist Irrigation

Toshiaki has ventured into a new experiment which he calls mist irrigation to propagate and raise plants and flowers. His experiments include a variety of plants and flowers and he says they are all doing well. He had to find something to keep him occupied since he had to give up golf due to aches and pains which prevented him from effectively swinging the club. He keeps his restaurant, Tanaka Saimin, decorated with plants and flowers from his nursery. He and Mitsuyo are doing well, except for the normal impairments associated with aging; they are members of an exercise club at a local senior center.

### Bradley Mossman is 2012 Kauai Music Festival Winner

Brad Mossman, Michele Matsuo's husband and son-in-law of Medic Ted Matsuo and Dorothy Matsuo is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI), Hawaii Chapter. With a name starting with Nashville, you would think that they are dedicated to country music and the Nashville scene, but not so, it is all about songwriting regardless of genre. It is a place where serious songwriters can share their songs, collaborate, listen to critiques and participate in songwriting competitions to improve their compositions.

Brad won the Kauai Songwriters Music Festival for 2012 and will be performing at the BMI Conference in Los Angeles later this year which is



considered a huge accomplishment for a songwriter. Brad, who was born and grew up in Kauai, comes from a family with music in their genes. Several of his family members are well-known professional musicians.

Although a lawyer by profession, the DNA in his system drives him to music and he has composed several songs about Kauai. He entertains the Medics



Chapter Members during our Shinnen Enkai with his compositions which we enjoy tremendously.

### **Celebrations Galore For the Yamashiros**

In August 2012, Jack and Marian celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family relatives and friends—in October 2012, Jack celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, again with family, relatives and friends. You look at them today and say to yourself, they must have made all the right decisions, made all the right moves and pushed all the right buttons during the past 64 years. A close-knit family that makes frequent visits despite the fact that they live on the mainland; a family that freely shares happenings, thoughts and opinions like they are the best of friends. It is such a pleasure to hear them share their joys and issues whenever they get together. It is no wonder that Jack and Marian are so young and alert—they have so much information to think about and process each day; most of them happy thoughts.

As for their ages, Marian runs around and gets things done with the energy of a 40-year-old, and at 90 years young. Jack although afflicted with some age-related physical limitations, has an alert mind equivalent to that of a 40-year-old. And you say to yourself, What's the secret?

We bid a Hearty Congratulations to Jack and Marian, and wish them 64 more years of Happy and Healthy Living.

### **Herbert Okano in Nursing Home**

Herbert Okano who served as medic with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion suffered a fall about a year ago and was sent to the hospital for treatment and rehabilitation. But progress on his rehab is going very slowly and he is now in a nursing home experiencing problems with balance and standing. He now spends time waiting for news of the medics and the 442<sup>nd</sup> through the GFB Bulletin and Medics Newsletters. Wife Jane calls periodically to give us an update on his condition.

### **Donations**

Generous donations to the Medics Chapter were received from Charles Fujimoto, Iris Fukui and Flora Umehara during this quarter. We send a Big Mahalo to our donors and want them to know that

their generosity will be a big help in helping us keep in touch, exchange information and keep abreast of how Medics family members are doing. Mr. Fujimoto writes, “am enjoying reading about the Medics and the 442 in the Go For Broke Bulletin.”

### **Rest in Peace**

Just as we went to press for the last issue, we received word that Ben Shizuo Yamanaka passed away on July 14, 2012. We did not have time to compile and furnish detail information then but the following is what we have learned to date.

Ben was 92 at the time of his passing. He was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado but spent most of his life in West Los Angeles. He graduated from University High School and later owned and operated Ben's Jewelry Store on Sawtelle Avenue, for 30 years. Ben served as Company Aid Man for E Company, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT and was highly respected by his men for his courage and compassion in taking care of them in battle. He felt a close camaraderie with the men of E Co., more than with the Medics, and was a member of E Chapter, Los Angeles in the post war period up to the time of passing. He did keep in touch with the Medics, however, and always visited with the medics folks during reunions. He also, through daughter Gail, kept us informed of how other medics in the Los Angeles area such as Hideo Wachi and George Kusunoki (both of whom have already passed on) were doing.

He is survived by wife Hisako, daughter Gail, brother Ted (Sayoko) Yamanaka, sister-in-law Mariko Shiraga and nieces and nephews. He was also pre-deceased by son Gregory a few years ago.

We received word, however, that wife Hisako passed away on September 20, 2012 only two months after Ben's passing. From the news clips and pictures that Gail sent, we could see that they were highly devoted and supportive of each other as they always seem to be together in their E Co, outings. As Kelly Kuwayama commented, first Gregory, then Ben and now Hisa. It is difficult to imagine the sorrow and suffering Gail and the rest of the Yamanaka family must be experiencing.

We send our deepest sympathy to Gail and the Yamanaka family.



by Okemura, et al

It was sad news for our Anti-tank platoon members when word reached us that Wally Ueki had passed away. His obituary read: Takeshi Wally Ueki, died July 12, 2012 at home under the care of Hospice Maui. Private services were held.

He was pre-deceased by his wife Vivian. Survivors include sons Michael, Mark and Guy; and daughters Joy Sakuma and Marsha Brito-Perryman. His sister is Eleanor Arisumi. He had 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Wally was a teacher at Baldwin High School where he was a vocational instructor. His favorite way of enjoying retirement was to make Las Vegas a second home.

While in service, he was with the Anti-tank platoon of Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. On our first day in battle in Italy on June 26, his squad was targeted by enemy artillery. Later, he received a Bronze Star for his role in a supply party during our stay in the Vosges Mountains. We remember him best for his singing, especially the Italian songs. In fact, he lent his voice to Chaplain Hiro Higuchi's troupe. They won the Division title, then the Regional competition but lost in the European finals. The song they sang was the Hawaiian version of "Pearly Shells." If the English version made famous by Don Ho had been available, they probably would have walked away with the championship cup.

Before discovering Las Vegas and its slots, he raised love-birds to supplement his teacher's pay. He would bring dozens of those cute little love-birds to Honolulu – much to the dismay of his fellow veterans. It seems with the passing of Wally, this makes Piggy Wakayama the sole survivor of Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion on Maui. Further, only two original Headquarters

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Anti-tank platoon members are left here in Hawaii – Okemura and Thompson.

Multi-talented Moriso Teraoka strikes again! Remember Moriso is the father of the rock garden at the Kapiolani Community College. Not only that, he grew herbs which the college culinary students utilized in their kitchen. Then, Moriso's interest turned to photography at the college. In recent years, he has been enrolled in writing classes. His work has been included in the Bamboo Ridge Press publication. Now, what a surprise! Moriso's latest creative writing has been published in the Hawaii Pacific Press.

In the August 1, 2012 issue, his biographical narrative of his father appears. Moriso writes about growing up in a plantation community of mixed races. His father was an electrician for the Hilo Sugar Company which was headquartered in Wainaku, a suburb of Hilo. Moriso recalls the proud moment in the 1950's when his father and mother became naturalized citizens. He recalls his youthful days when he grew up under the strict priorities set by his father such as education comes first before sports. When WWII came, Moriso volunteers for the 442<sup>nd</sup> without parental permission and describes its impact on his father. An heirloom from his father, a gold pocket watch, is his most prized possession. A reminder of the loving care he received from his parents. Moriso's story is similar to many of the young AJAs who left the plantation confines by volunteering for the Army and, later, made their mark in our community.

In the September 1, 2012 issue, his biographical sketch of his mother describes how she raised nine children; however, the two eldest were left in Japan with an uncle during a visit. The role of his mother in his upbringing is vividly recalled. Her bathing of the children, her cooking, her sewing skills in mending their clothes, her care of their cuts and bruises and during illness – the love only a mother can bestow. This sketch is a remarkable story of a mother highlighted with many anecdotes. Talented Moriso inserts bits of poetry in embellishing his story. The most poignant story is summarized in verse:

*Her hands gathered thousand stitches  
And made a waist band called sennin bari*

According to Moriso, his mother must have recruited the help of many – neighbors, church members, even strangers in the preparation of the waistband (*sennin bari*) with its red-threaded knots of one thousand stitches. Moriso carried

this in his backpack through the war in Italy and France.

*Her willing, gentle hands,  
Her thoughtful persevering hands,  
Her firm caressing hands,  
Her legacy of her hands,  
Will forever support my soul.*



by Ron Oba

### Republique Francaise

For the rank of knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour or the French Legion of Honour: questions arise as to battles and campaigns as well as heroic actions during WWII. All veterans who served in France with an Honorable Discharge will be honored by the French Government to thank all veterans who liberated France during WWII. Veterans need to fill out the form for this honor with a copy of their discharge papers, front and back. Bill Thompson will assist those who need help in filing the forms. Many years ago, a French Frigate came to Honolulu harbor with the Consul General of France who presented Barney Hajiro (MoH) with a certificate thanking him for the liberation of France from Germany. We are awaiting dates as to when this will occur.

### Joint Memorial Service (AJA Veterans Council, 2012)

This time around, Lawrence Enomoto with Matt Matsunaga of the MIS chaired the meetings with the 100/442/MIS/1399 veterans to finalize the plans for this event. The keynote speaker will be Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, State Adjutant General. Wreath-laying by the 4 units, invocation by Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Prayer and Remembrance by Rev.

Wally Fukunaga, and Benediction by Rev. Fujitani. A fly-over, 21-gun salute and Taps will round out the service. Refreshments will be donated by Hawaiian Isles Coffee, Menehune Water, McDonald's for punch, coolers and cups. Yasunori Deguchi will be attending from Kealekua, Hawaii Island. It will be good to see Yas again as well as Wataru Kohashi and Kats Matsumura from the Big Island. Our group is diminishing: Shinako Takata and Stanley Matsumura are those who have gone to Nirvana.

### Father Kenneth A. Bray Football Classic: Iolani vs. Kealakekua, Hawaii

Kira Tamashiro, Public Relations, invited me and Michi to the Football Classic and took me to the midfield at half-time to introduce me to the Iolani student body. I was honored for writing the book, "The Ole Man, Father Kenneth A. Bray." And Father Bray's "One Team" concept that carries on for every game that Iolani plays. I will be one of the two oldest graduates ('42, all boys school) from Iolani which was located on Nuuanu and Judd Streets with its wooden classrooms and veranda around each classroom. Henry Guigni, Congressman/Senator Daniel Inouye's Sgt-at-Arms was one of my underclassman. Iolani is now located across the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn Clubhouse on an expansive area with its donated large classrooms, football field and swimming pool. When I went there, it was \$100 a year tuition not anymore. They're trying to out-tuition Punahou.

## Interview

Natsuko Nose of Kobe College interviewed Robert Arakaki and me at the 100<sup>th</sup> Inf Clubhouse on Sept. 6. She will be writing the stories of the 100/442<sup>nd</sup> veterans of WWII. It was Thursday the Wine Gang day so Natsuko and I indulged in wine, somen, pupus and raw crabs. What a gang the 100<sup>th</sup> has. Bolo was also there and he attends the wine gang every Thursday. Good idea. The guy sitting next to me 100 years plus 8 months. I'm a hiyoko next to him.

## Meeting with Governor Neil Abercrombie

Wes Deguchi, George Nakasato, Ted Tsukiyama, Mr. Nakatani, Ron, etc., met with the Governor. Wes did a good job in presenting the concept, layout and design of the Nisei Legacy Center at the West Oahu Community College. The Governor was very receptive to our plan.

Note: Wes will be writing about the meeting with the Governor. In the meantime I will submit photos of our meeting with the Governor.

## In Memoriam

Recent obituaries: Mitsuo Mike Tsugawa died, September 4, 2012, member of F Co., 442 RCT. Survived by wife Fumiko, son Glenn, daughter Gerry M. Tomonari, Sister Edna K. Naka. He was physically disabled for a length of time and recently did not attend our Fox Chapter meetings.

Hilda Tamura, Yoichi's wife left us on September, 2012.

Our sincere condolences to all of them and may they rest in peace.



*l-r: Ron Oba, George Nakasato, Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Ted Tsukiyama*



by Ann Kabasawa

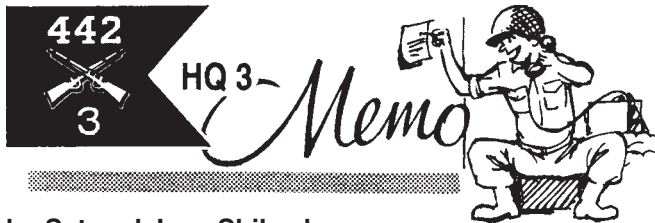
Time sure flies. We've had another successful and fun 2012 Reunion in Las Vegas. I've already had inquiries about a 2013 George Company Reunion. Yes, we are having another reunion on April 16-18, 2013 at the Fremont Hotel. We have blocked off rooms too. You're welcome to go to Los Angeles and catch the bus from there with the other friends and families. Numbers are dwindling in all the companies and all are invited to join us. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please feel free to call me, Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or email me at [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com). HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!!!

## Reminder to GFB Reporters:

Chapter reports for the  
Oct.-Dec. 2012  
issue are due

January 7, 2013





by Sat and Jane Shikasho

Chapter meeting was held on Friday, Aug. 17 at the clubhouse. It was also Statehood Day so after a fruitful meeting, we celebrated that happy occasion with lunch at Gyotaku.

Attending were Harumi and Sam Furuya, Frances Aoyama, Elaine and Tommy Tamashiro, and Jane and Sat Shikasho.

Fifty-three years ago on March 13, 1959, Sat celebrated a similar day at a company he worked for in Morton Grove, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, when news was broadcast that Hawaii would become the 50<sup>th</sup> state. The article below was printed in the company's monthly bulletin.

The plaque he received reads "Welcome Fellow Countryman, Sat" and occupies a prominent space on the wall in his home in Hawaii Kai.

Janet Matsuda is recovering and doing well from her 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery. Her daughter Laurie Ruby, who is a pharmacist at a hospital in Tri-City, California, was in town and participated in the annual canoe race from Molokai to Oahu. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and was one of the canoes that overturned, fortunately without injuries.



*The Shikashos and the Furuyas at the Joint Memorial Service*

*Photo: Pat Thomson*

# JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

## National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl

September 30, 2012

Photos by Wayne Iha, Clyde Sugimoto and Pat Thomson



*l-r: MG Darryll Wong, Tsutomu Oi (1399), Ron Oba (442), Pauline Sato (100th), Glen Arakaki (MIS)*



*l-r: Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani*



*Maj. Lawrence Enomoto, USAF (ret)*



*Glen Arakaki, MIS*



*Major General Darryll D.M. Wong*



*Primasita Seery and Alan Miyamura*



*Tsutomu Oi (1399th) presents wreath*



*Glen Arakaki (MIS) presents wreath*





*F Co. (l-r): George Nakasato, Richard & Dorothy Murashige, Yasunori Deguchi*



*Regt HQ (l-r): Yoshikatsu Maruo, Takamori Miyagi, Noboru Kawamoto*



*H Co. (l-r): Mildred Tahara and the Kishinamis*



*Harold & Jane Ueoka (522B)*



*Veterans enjoy refreshments*



*Robert Arakaki (100th) & Ed Yamasaki (I Co.)*



by Ed Yamasaki

### **Norwest by Louise Kashino-Takisaki**

On September 1, NVC/NVCF held an open house to give our guests an opportunity to tour our hall and visit our Museum, which by now is overflowing with memorabilia, some of which families of deceased veterans have donated to us. We have an amazing collection, which is under the TLC of our two docents, Chris Sketchley and Rian Ebesugawa. If ever you are visiting in the Northwest, we invite you to take a tour. If the club is not open, you may call me at (206) 725-5802 and I will make arrangements for a tour. You will also want to view the Memorial Wall which displays granite bricks with names of those who served in the military, which families have memorialized in the special military section. Also, we have similar bricks for those Japanese American who were incarcerated in the many concentrations camps after WWII was declared.

During the open house, there was a special ceremony for four of our veterans who were honored by the French government with the award of the Order of the Legion of Honor. Among the honorees was our own William Tosh Yasutake, who was a Medic for Company I. It is unfortunate so many of our veterans are not living to receive such an honor, just like the many who, having passed on, were ineligible to receive the Congressional Gold Medal at our ceremony this past January.

On October 13, Stacey Hayashi from Honolulu will be a special guest of the NVC Foundation when she introduces the 100/442nd Manga, *JOURNEY OF HEROES*, to the Northwest audience. Stacey is its producer. She will introduce Damon Wong, the New York *anime* artist who helped with this comic series. We look

forward to having a large audience to welcome her premiere on the West Coast.

Another successful program being enjoyed by our community is the ballroom dance lessons given at our clubhouse, with different featured dance instructors demonstrating various steps. This program is drawing an overwhelmingly large audience. We hope that having these various programs will bring members and friends to our clubhouse and thus interest them in participating in our efforts to carry on the legacy of the Nisei experience during WWII.

Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Gwen Fujie, Chairman of the 70th Anniversary Reunion to be held next March in Honolulu. She took a tour of our clubhouse and viewed the Memorial Wall. At the same time it happened to be the bi-weekly gathering of our veterans' poker session; so Gloria was able to talk to some of the veterans directly, urging them to come to Hawaii for the 2013 event.

Debbie and I are leaving for Las Vegas to attend the FFNV reunion hosted by Lawson Sakai and his friends on October 1. Since there are so few veterans remaining, we are hoping to meet some who are fortunate to attend. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at this gathering.

### **Norcal by Frank Shimada**

Like most everything else where the passing years take their toll; so too on the evening of 3 October, the 2012 version of the annual FFNV event in Las Vegas, despite the diminished number of participants compared to other years, came to a very successful conclusion. The final activity was a gala buffet dinner, a DVD showing of the MIS story in the South Pacific, and a raffle drawing of prizes composed of various goods including six \$100.00 bills with the top prize being a beautiful quilt sewn by Mineko Sakai. I Company's Sam Sakamoto made a hard oak wood U.S. flag display case and donated it as one of the prizes.

According to Brian Shiroyama, the V.P. of the sponsoring organization, in 2010 there were 42 veterans present; 2011 - 30; 2012 - 21. I Company vets last year numbered at least nine, this year three. For 2013, however, contacts have been made and invitations extended to the 100th Battalion and the



MIS groups; so a greater number of participants is being anticipated.

Though the number of I Company “survivors” present was a meager three - Art Iwasaki, Sam Sakamoto, and Frank Shimada - bolstered by family members, widows, and affiliates at the Wednesday morning breakfast organized by Jane and Cathy Okada, the count was twenty. Attending were Art Iwasaki’s sons Robert and Paul, daughters Christi, Stephanie and husband Randy Sakauye, and Leslie Tsunenaga; Sam Sakamoto’s wife Yae and son Forrest; Jane and Cathy Okada; Louise and Debbie Kashino; Dane Sakaida; Harold and Laura Nishida; and Richard and Sumi Tochiara.

It is the belief of this writer that all participants owe a huge debt of gratitude to Lawson Sakai, his family, Brian Shiroyama and son Buzz, and all the great number of volunteers who manned the hospitality room to make the reunion the huge success that it was.

### **Socal by Marian Yamashita**

Greetings from sunny Southern California! Because of the membership of “I” Company Club here in So Calif. has dwindled down to just a handful, get-togethers are very rare.

Recently during the summer months, we lost two members, Shuji Taketomo of Gardena and Tom Watanuki who lived in Apple Valley. Jim attended both memorial services, but Tom’s was held at Riverside National Cemetery where he is interred.

This week (10-01-12 thru 10-03-12) there is a reunion being held in Las Vegas and surely there will be a crowd attending. Because of conflicting dates, Jim and I will not be attending this year; but I’m sure everyone is having a great time, and the slot machines and tables are all working overtime.

Recently our young granddaughter, Kate, who graduated from the University at Irvine, CA, took off for China where she will be teaching English to the Chinese. From all reports, she is thoroughly enjoying herself and plans to be there with a group of local students until mid July of next year. And though we wish her well and “enjoy,” we miss her here at home.

### **Honolulu by Eddie Yamasaki**

#### Annual Memorial Service at Punchbowl

The 7th Annual Joint Memorial Service hosted at Punchbowl by the MIS Club was a fine tribute to the Japanese Americans who served in WWII. The keynote speaker was Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, Hawaii’s Adjutant General.

The Sons and Daughters of the veterans as usual manned the popular refreshment tent. Our *mahalo* to all who contributed to a moving service.

#### European Tour

The Family and Friends of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) is sponsoring “An Italian Military History Tour,” May 20-June 2, 2013. For more information, contact the 442nd clubhouse.

#### Annual Luncheon

Item Chapter hosts its annual luncheon on October 11 at Tsukiji Restaurant. Nearly fifty of our *ohana* have signed up for lots of *kaukau* and fun.

#### Journey of Heroes

Our thanks and congratulations to Stacey Hayashi and Damon Wong, *anime* artist from Rhode Island, on their launch of *Journey of Heroes*, a comic book on the American Japanese experience during WWII. This issue of the GFB *Bulletin* has a full story on Stacey’s years of hard work and dedication.

#### Masa “Cowboy” Kawamoto Turns 90

On July 14, Taka Arakaki of Hilo and Eddie Yamasaki were in Hawi, North Kohala, Big Island, to join some 100 guests celebrating Masa’s 90th birthday. A trio played Hawaiian music; pot luck *kaukau* overflowed the buffet table; a short video on the honoree embarrassed him; a cake with candles, Masa’s image, and “Happy Birthday” inscription added to a grand, surprise party for Masa. Eunice, Dean, and Janette were all smiles for him.

Eddie was talked into spending a few days with Taka in Hilo; he thoroughly enjoyed the laid-back town. Highlights were a visit to Taka’s Sputnik Restaurant; dinners with daughter Ginette, husband Ray and family; and lunch with Asa Naguwa, Amy

Kubota, and Taka. Both ladies and Taka are *genki* and send greetings to all.



*Taka, "Cowboy" and Eddie*

### Delta Company's Reception

In July Eddie was a guest, thanks to Jayne Hirata (100th S&D), at the Fort Shafter reception put on by Delta Company, 100th/442nd Infantry Reserve, celebrating the end of summer training. Impressive were a video on Delta's live firing exercise at Pohakuloa, Big Island, and the display of all the arms used by modern infantry: 45 cal. pistol; 30 cal. rifle and machine gun; grenade and missile launchers. The new firearms are amazing.

### 70th Anniversary Celebration, 442nd CT

Save Friday-Sunday, March 22-24, 2013.

Your Honolulu Item will have a chapter dinner get-together. Also, we'll check out condo-style accommodations for families to enjoy more space at less cost than the hotels offer.

Be seein' you!

### **Sad News**

#### William Naganuma of Kailua, Oahu

August 1, 1922 - June 3, 2012

We regret that, for now, the only information we have been able to obtain is that Bill is survived by his wife, Peggy and three children. Gay, Marc and Eric.

#### Shuji Taketomo, Gardena, CA

December 16, 1916 - July 8, 2012

As noted in his memoir in *And Then There Were Eight*, Shuji was already a "two-year" veteran when

the 442nd was formed: he was drafted on March 31, 1941, eventually joining I Company with the replacement troops, arriving in Europe in October 1944.

Overseas, Shuji was wounded twice: first, "a flesh wound on my left hand," during the "Lost Battalion" battle; second, the mine explosion which decimated I Company's headquarters, led by Lt. Wheatley. The later incident is dated April 21, 1945; Shuji received a medical discharge on December 8, 1945, after months in Torney General Hospital, CA.

#### Nobuko Dorothy Kobashigawa of Pearl City, Oahu

August 8, 1926 - July 11, 2012

Masa's widow, Nobuko, had been suffering from diabetes. We are pleased that in her stead, son Peter and his wife, Tetsu, have been regular attendees at our chapter get-togethers and 442nd banquets. See *And Then There Were Eight* for a detailed account of Masa's experience at Shelby and in combat.

#### Douglas Hamamoto of Kualapuu, Molokai

\_\_\_\_, 1923 - July 22, 2012

Douglas, a retired Del Monte Corp. welder, died in Wailea, Maui. He was born in Koloa, Kauai.

He is survived by wife Betty H.; daughters Gail Bierbaum, Phyllis Ann Sone, Faye Eum and Karen Arakaki; brother Choko; sister Misao Reyes; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

#### Thomas Takashi Watanuki of Apple Valley, CA

April 26, 1923 - July 27, 2012

Tom writes in I Company's memoirs' book that after he finished basic training for recruits in Camp Shelby (post-442nd RCT), he tried to volunteer for a paratroopers' unit. But a call came for Japanese American troops to replace losses in the Lost Battalion rescue.

Tom was assigned to I Company in Marseille, only to be hospitalized for two weeks because of having contracted German measles.

He did join the company as the 442nd returned to Italy for the final Gothic campaign. Participating in the Mt. Folgorito climb and battles, Tom suffered an ankle wound which resulted in a month's hospital

stay. Upon rejoining the company after Germany's surrender, he found himself doing guard duty over supplies and processing POW's.

Then, in Tom's words: "Left for home before the Regiment because my father was dying of cancer. Got home in time to say goodbye to Dad."

Walter Tamotsu Okumoto of Honolulu, HI  
February 21, 1922 - October 3, 2012

For Joe, "life began on December 7, 1941."

It was a fateful day for the University of Hawaii freshman. As a member of the UH ROTC, he had to "qualify with the rifle" by December 8. Thus, at 6:30 a.m. on December 7, he showed up at the University rifle range and indeed qualified. En route home on the bus, he noticed people looking toward the skies above Pearl Harbor, observing black puffs of smoke amid airplanes.

Once home in Pauoa, over the family radio came the call for UH ROTC cadets to report to the campus; so back he went to UH. Next, all were trucked to the Armory, behind Iolani Palace, where all the men were inducted into the Hawaii Territorial Guard, with each issued a WWI-vintage Springfield '03, single-bolt rifle plus five rounds of ammo. The guardsmen were assigned to guard utility installations, beaches and water reservoirs around Oahu. However, on January 19, 1942, all HTG Japanese Americans were discharged. Later, inspired and guided by Hung Wai Ching, the dejected men asked the U.S. military governor to form a labor battalion to assist in the war effort. The Varsity Victory Volunteers with some 170 men was born. They worked on roads, and prefab structures, in rock quarries and maintenance shops.

It was on January 31, 1943 that the VVV was disbanded, giving the men, including Joe, the opportunity to enlist in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Joe, in his memoir for *And Then There Were Eight*, mentions the heavy loss of Noboru Sakamoto, Choyei Oshiro, and Sam Oshiro, three men killed in action, members of "our squad—First Squad, Third Platoon, I Company" from Camp Shelby training to overseas combat.

Joe joined the 442nd on March 25, 1943, was wounded twice, and was discharged on October 25, 1945 as a Technical Sergeant. Joe, the veteran, was very active in 442nd activities, from the softball-bowling days to anniversary events, to Las Vegas mini-reunions, which he always attended with daughter Cindy.

Besides Cindy, Joe leaves behind three sisters, Dorothy Okamura, Violet Anzai, and Betty (Raymond) Choo.

To families and friends of Bill, Shuji, Doug, Tom, Joe and Masa's widow Nobuko, we extend our *ohana's aloha pumehana*.



Eddie Yamasaki and Piper Alan Miyamura, Joint  
Memorial Service Photo: Wayne Iha





“M” Company quarterly meeting was held at the Ala Moana food court, a very convenient place where coffee and various food can be purchased.

There were 5 members present: Shiro Aoki, Shigeru Inouye, Ralph Tomei, Frank Nomura and Tommy Kikuchi. We really appreciate their attendance.

We bid Edwin Matsuzaki Aloha Oe until we meet again.

We talked about the coming 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There was a concern about going to the ballroom from the parking garage. It seems walking is difficult from past experience. We would like the Sons and Daughters help in that area without causing traffic

problem so that we could have many to attend. Someone jokingly said it may be our “last hurrah.”

Frank Nomura told us how great Handicapped Parking is. If you are still driving or need to be driven to the doctor, etc., look into it. Get a note from your doctor first; you’ll qualify with your age.

Our next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday after the Executive meeting in January 2013.



*Shigeo & Yori Inouye at Joint Memorial Service  
Photo: Pat Thomson*



by Fujio Matsuda

Aloha, Engineers/Band Chapter Members!

Your long time reporter Mits Honda has requested to be let off the hook. He will be 92 soon, and thought someone younger should take over. Charlie Ijima was the youngest in the room, but having recently been president of the Chapter, he pulled rank and passed the job on to the next youngest in the room, me. It was at the regular monthly meeting of the Chapter in the 442<sup>nd</sup> Clubhouse in July. I protested, I’m like a guest member, not a bona fide one. Well, I did start with the 232<sup>nd</sup> and went through most of basic training at Camp Shelby. I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, with guys like Tommy Kiyosaki, Joe Sato, Taka Mizukami, Walter Higa, Bert Kikukawa,

Yuso Iwane, Alan Naguwa. I was given a travel order in November, 1943 to report to the Army Specialized Training Program. I knew nothing about it and assumed that I would be back in a couple of weeks. I had just turned 19 the month before, and was still a green civilian, and just followed orders. Well, to make a long story short, I didn’t see anybody in the 232<sup>nd</sup> again until December, 1945, back home in Hawaii. I had ended up with an all-haole outfit in northern Germany, the only Asian in the outfit.

I was discharged in December 45 about the time most of you were. I went back to college, transferred to a mainland college in 1947 and did not return to Hawaii until 1956, except for a few months in 1949 to get married. It was only in the last few years that I joined the 232<sup>nd</sup> Vets Club, or I should say you let me join your club. Most of my buddies in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon are gone, but I still feel close to the gang. Oh, my name is Fuj Matsuda. “Yoroshiku Onegai Itashimasu.” My wife’s name is Amy; we have 6 kids and 13 grandkids. I’m a retired



university of Hawaii person, but that's enough about me. After the incomparable "Hichi" and "Mits" I'll do my best, but don't expect too much. I've never done anything like this.

On Saturday, July 21, 2012, the club gathered at Charlie and Marge Ijima's home in the Enchanted Lakes subdivision in Kailua to welcome George and Gayle Furuya who were visiting us from California. George is the son of member George Furuya (Sr.). They have a son Craig living in Mililani, so are frequent visitors to Hawaii. This was my first time at Charlie and Margie's home, so I got lost in Enchanted Lakes and had to call Charlie to give me directions. I was supposed to go with Bolo Shirakata (Band), our chapter president, but his son Kyle called me the night before to say Bolo was in the hospital. He had suffered a dizzy spell a couple of days before, and went to his doctor. The doctor saw something he didn't like, so he sent him to the hospital emergency room. Bolo's heart and blood pressure were acting up. He will be 92 this year. Kyle said he is being kept there for observation, but seems to be doing OK. Bolo knows where Charlie lives, but I don't, so that's why I got lost. I missed the turn into his street from Keolu Drive, the main road into the subdivision.

Doc Kawamoto and wife Mary, Mits and Millie Honda, Yvonne Yamasaki, the Ijimas, and George and Gayle were there, and getting ready to have lunch by the time we arrived. As always, the men were sitting around the table drinking beer, while the women were bustling around getting lunch ready. The men were having delicious fresh ahi sashimi with shoyu and ginger, boiled local octopus with miso sauce, and sliced abalone with lemon-shoyu sauce, a favorite of Doc's. I had my usual diet coke.

When everybody finally sat to eat, it was Hawaiian-style, men on one side and women on the other. Some things never change. Charlie had prepared delicious baby-back ribs, sautéed shrimps, and poached salmon. Marge took care of the vegetables and rice, white and brown, and a delicious mango-cream desert, sugar and sugarless. The sugarless was for Doc and me; we have diabetes. Plus, delicious fresh watermelon, pineapple and cherries. The men sat around and talked until it was

time to go. Somehow, the dishes had been taken care of while the men shot the bull. In other words, we were useless except for eating and drinking; they had a word in the Army for guys like us – "goldbricks."

I slipped out after lunch to check out Charlie's famous nursery. He has thousands of orchids and other flowering plants. You can tell a man's nature by checking out his hobbies. His entire property is full of plants, each one neatly potted and in perfect health. He has a large workroom with every tool hanging in place and large cabinets for supplies. There was a compost heap in a wire cage to keep cuttings and leaves from blowing around and to decompose into fertilizer in the wire cage. There were trellises for the creeping plants and the night blooming cereus plants that usually sprawl in unmanageable tangles. Hoses and hosebibs in strategic places. I was impressed! He used to be a fire battalion chief. I can imagine he kept his firehouse spotless. In an emergency, he knew where every tool was, and every tool must have been in perfect working condition. I have a few orchid and other plants in my second floor apartment veranda, but it looks nothing like his! Puts me to shame.

Bolo is back and is his usual self. He presided over the September Chapter meeting, no problem. While we're on sick call, Kiyo Kimura weathered the storm and has found a nice nursing home where a kind Filipino caretaker is giving him the care and support he needs. His legs are still giving him trouble; bad circulation. He doesn't drive anymore, of course. He recently had an operation on his leg, and is currently recuperating at the Rehab Hospital in Honolulu.

Doc Kawamoto and wife Mary recently visited their son on the mainland, in spite of some health problems for Doc. Before leaving he made some CD Karaoke disks in his home studio for me, very professional. Best part, no charge! My sister Nancy died about a year ago and left me her karaoke tapes, all Japanese songs. He transferred them to CD. They are wonderful mementos of Nancy.

That about does it for this introductory article. I hope you will send me your news items to tell us what's happening in your lives. Please send your

stories to:

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Honolulu, HI 96821  
or,  
fujmathi@gmail.com

Or, to Mits at his contact address.

My phone # just in case is: (808) 377-5686  
Aloha, Fuj



by Gail Nishimura

Well, it's October and soon we'll be starting to prepare for the holidays! The summer passed quickly and now we are forging ahead with work on the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup>.



The summer was busy and included our visit to the Pacific Aviation Museum. It was great! The tours were so interesting and even being able to drive over to Ford Island was exciting! Thanks to Laughlin Tanaka for suggesting and taking the lead in this activity. (Ann & I can also tell you

that the shopping was good, too!) EVERYONE who attended had a great time (and we all learned something from the tours). We even were able to meet one of the Tuskegee airmen who was there to sign the DVD about them.

You should plan on attending our other activities, lots of interesting things are coming up.

Our next activity is our annual Christmas party. It will be held at Treetops in Manoa on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We're also going to try and include the General Membership meeting at the same time.

We'd love to have as many Sons & Daughters and their families join us for a fun time! Bring your parents too. Ann Kabasawa is our chair again so come and join us, we'll be looking forward to seeing you!

At our General Membership meeting we need to address the issue of transition of our calendar year from April/May to December/January as well as think of new officers for 2013. If you are interested in running for office or know someone who is, please let us know ([www.442sd.org](http://www.442sd.org)).

The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is looming ahead! We have a little more than 5 months before it's here! Included in this bulletin is an application form for the event and descriptions of things we are planning. Applications will also be available at [www.442sd.org](http://www.442sd.org). Gwen & Clayton Fujie are co-chairing this event. We're still looking for people who would like to help. Please let us know if you are interested. Come and join in the fun. We have planned events for 3 days (March 22, 23 and 24, 2013). The theme for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is "The Legacy Lives On."

A meet and greet for everyone is set for Friday afternoon at the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Veterans Clubhouse, followed by a meeting for the Sons & Daughters that evening. Saturday we're planning to have a Memorial service followed by a tour of the US Army Museum and a family picnic on the grounds of the Museum. Saturday evening will be a time when chapters can get together we have no plans in the works so you'll be able to join them. The banquet on Sunday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village will close the weekend.

Leonard Oka from Maui came to our meeting and gave a brief overview of what he would like to plan for the Sons & Daughters meeting on Friday evening during the Anniversary weekend. We will be looking into how we can have the "Legacy Live On."

Keep the dates open and plan to join us, we can help keep the Legacy continue on from our fathers generation to ours and on to the next several generations. By now we should well into the 4<sup>th</sup> generation!

The Support Phase of the Nisei Legacy Center is coming along. We reported that all 4 Presidents (100<sup>th</sup>, 442<sup>nd</sup>, MIS & 1399) signed the endorsement letters to Governor Abercrombie, Senator Inouye and General Shinseki. Planning to seek funding for ½ the amount from the Legislature. Fund raising will probably start in December of this year.

Geralyn & Willard Holck are working on a trip to Bruyeres & Biffontaine in 2013 for the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres. The trip will be called “Honolulu to Bruyeres 2013,” a follow-

up to the Bruyeres to Honolulu 2011.” Trip dates plan for an arrival in France on October 14, 2013. They are planning to have everyone stay in Gerardmer as there are no hotels in Bruyeres. It is 20 minutes from Bruyeres and rooms are very reasonable.

The tour will be open to the first 100 people so they can keep it to 2 buses. A golf tournament may be held to assist with some of the expenses for the trip (omiyage, buses, etc.). Save the date if you are interested, more information will be coming soon. Sounds like it will be a great time for all.

Hope you have a great holiday season, we will look forward to seeing you at the annual Christmas party. Be safe and have a Happy Halloween & Thanksgiving!



## *Other News*

### **Maj. Gerald A. Gustafson (AUS-Ret.), Cannon Company, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT**

Gerald Gustafson grew up in a small country town of Stockton, Illinois where there were no African Americans or Asians, and as a youngster, did not know about or experience discrimination or prejudice.

When he first reported to the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT Headquarters in Camp Shelby, Mississippi as a Lieutenant in 1944, he wondered whether the men of the 442<sup>nd</sup> were Chinese, Filipino, Siamese or what and admits that he had misgivings about whether he had volunteered for the right outfit. His question was answered almost immediately, when he was ushered into the office of the Regimental Commander, Col, Charles W. Pence who assigned him to Cannon Company and added, “These men are Americans of Japanese Ancestry. They are fine soldiers and I am damn proud to be their commander. If you have any problems serving with them or develop a prejudice or bias, report to my adjutant and you will be transferred within 24 hours.” Lt. Gustafson, decided to serve with the 442<sup>nd</sup>, a decision he was glad that he made.

He says, he was a little apprehensive when he first took over his platoon. He did not understand the problems of the “concentration camps” and the relationships between the islanders and mainlanders, and their names, and terms like Buddhaheads, Katonks and Haoles and the pidgin they spoke confused him. But he was determined to stick it out and not chicken out. He credits his Platoon Sergeant Hajime Kamo and Sergeant John Kashiki who helped him with names, terms and pidgin and the relationship between Katonks and Buddhaheads.

Lt. Gustafson also speaks fondly of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Hitoshi “Moe” Yonemura, a fellow platoon leader and roommate, with whom he became very good friends. It was Moe who educated him about Executive Order 9066 and the incarceration of ethnic Japanese on the West Coast. His family was sent to Heart Mountain, Wyoming where he too was sent after graduation from UCLA in 1942. They spent many hours talking about life in the concentration camps and the mental and spiritual anguish suffered by the internees. He says that as he discussed this with Moe on the liberty ship as they crossed the Atlantic, he began to sense the anxiety and concern of his men who had families in



concentration camps and the longing and loneliness of the men from Hawaii. It awakened him to just how much anguish, stress and, most of all, the sacrifice his men experienced just because they were different. All of that in addition to being under duress, danger and the hardships of combat. He understood their desire to prove their loyalty and to be recognized as good citizens. He says, "I knew then and vowed to myself that I would be the best damn platoon leader I could be."

Following World War II, Lt. Gustafson continued his military career and was shipped to Korea in December 1950. From January to December 1951, he fought in four campaigns in Korea as commander of a rifle company with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. Subsequently, he had the good fortune of being assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he was able to reconnect with the men of Cannon Company and the 442<sup>nd</sup>. In December 1962, he was assigned to South Vietnam for a year serving as briefing officer for the Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group. He retired from the Army in 1964 after 21 years of service.

He says, "After my assignment with the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, I could not help but compare that experience with the desegregated Army units of post-World War II. The circumstances of the Nisei were different, of course, than circumstances during the Korean and Vietnam wars, yet when bullets, shells and grenades are coming at you, it is not much different no matter which war it happens to be. In my humble opinion and with due respect to all others, the "esprit de corps" of the 442<sup>nd</sup> was the most outstanding. In addition, I pay tribute to the Nisei who have carried the torch from World War II into the present time. The spirit of "Go for Broke" has never ended. The success of both their individual and group endeavors have enriched their communities and have left an amazing legacy for their sons and daughters and the generations that follow. I can honestly say that the greatest experience of my almost 91 years has been the kindness, the friendship and the love of Cannon Company veterans and their spouses and the remarkable 442<sup>nd</sup> Combat Team. I thank the powers

above for the small part I had and am damn proud to have served."

Maj. Gustafson participated in four 442<sup>nd</sup> battle campaigns and received two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) and two Presidential Unit Citations. He received his second CIB in the Korean war. He also received the Congressional Gold Medal in November 2011 for his service with the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT. Following his retirement from the Army, Maj. Gustafson was a high school social studies teacher in Phoenix, Arizona for 18 years.



## ***Announcements***

### **An Italian Military History Tour**

The Friends and Families of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) is offering a Military History Tour of Italy from May 20 to June 2, 2013. Billed as the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour of Italy, it will make stops at major battle sites such as Monte Cassino, Anzio and Mount Folgorito and will also visit a number of other sites of special interest to members of the 100<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup>. They include but are not limited to Nettuno where an American Cemetery is located; Civitavecchia, Suvereto, Sasseta Livorno, Tendola, Pisa, Montignoso, Massa and Carrarra. A special tour to climb Mt. Folgorito is also offered, but, only for the able bodied. Pietrasanta where the statue of Medal of Honor Recipient, Sadao Munemori is located and Florence and Rome, of course, are also on the itinerary.

Stops of overnight or longer are scheduled at 4 star hotels in Anzio, Civitavecchia, Livorno, Pisa, Florence and Rome and visits to cemeteries, museums, stops at points of interest; and time for group dinners and shopping are also scheduled.

Peak Travel is arranging the tour. For further details concerning pricing, accommodations, itinerary, costs, passports and other information, please contact Debra Stern (1-800-999-2608); [dstern@peaktravel.com](mailto:dstern@peaktravel.com). For other information contact Brian Yamamoto, 425-877-0057 (cell), 907-479-0187 (home) or [brianeyamamotodds@yahoo.com](mailto:brianeyamamotodds@yahoo.com).

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**442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**March 22 – 24, 2013 - Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**“The Legacy Lives On”**

Please join us in celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team scheduled for March 22, 23, 24, 2013. To encourage participation by our beloved veterans and widows we will give each of them a “free pass” at all official events, including the Anniversary Banquet. The activities for our veterans, widows, families and friends of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, will include:

- **Friday, March 22 – 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Veterans Memorial Building (aka Clubhouse or Club 100)**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm - “At Ease” an informal Hawaiian style get-together. Enter your international pupu from Italy, France, Germany, Japan, Hawaii and the mainland to win a prize! Aloha shirt, mu’umu’u, shorts, tee-shirt! Go stay come and be “at ease.”

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Meeting of the various Sons and Daughters organizations to share and collaborate on their “living the legacy” plans. Very important meeting!

- **Saturday, March 23 – Fort DeRussy Waikiki**

9:00 am – 10:00 am - Joint Memorial Service at Fort DeRussy

10:00 am – 11:30 am - Tour of the U.S. Army Museum at Fort DeRussy

11:30 am – 2:00 pm – “Just-like-the-old-days” 442 Family Picnic

Evening – FREE for chapter get-togethers or relaxing in Waikiki

- **Sunday, March 24– Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel**

9:30 am - Hospitality Room for all chapters opened – Coral Ballroom I

10:30 am - Doors open to Coral Ballroom II, III, IV – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

11:30 am – 2:00 pm – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and Program

- Hilton Hawaiian Village special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary room rate of \$177/plus tax and sister hotel, DoubleTree Alana, at \$146/plus tax are now available. For questions about the DoubleTree Alana contact Ann Kabasawa at 808-781-8540 or email her at [diverseinnov@gmail.com](mailto:diverseinnov@gmail.com). Make hotel room reservations soon!
- Recognition by our Hawaii State Legislature is being planned and the date and time will be announced at a later date.





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## Registration 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 22-24, 2013

	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Optional)</u></b>			
A. "At Ease" Meet and Greet 2-5 pm Includes pupus and refreshments 100 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Clubhouse	# Adults _____ # Children _____	Free Free	N/A N/A
B. Sons and Daughters Meeting 6-9 pm Following "At Ease" 100 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Clubhouse	# Adults _____ # Children _____	Free Free	N/A N/A
<b><u>Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Optional)</u></b>			
C. Memorial Service 9-10 am A salute to our fallen heroes Fort DeRussy in Waikiki	# Adults _____ # Children _____	Free Free	N/A N/A
D. US Army Museum & Family Picnic 10am-2 pm Fort DeRussy in Waikiki	# Adults _____ # Children _____ #VET/WIDOW _____	X X x	\$10.00 = \$_____ \$10.00 = \$_____ FREE
<b><u>Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> - "The Legacy Lives On"</u></b>			
E. Sunday Luncheon Banquet 11:30am-2 pm 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom	# Adults _____ # Children _____ #VET/WIDOW _____	X X x	\$70.00 = \$_____ \$70.00 = \$_____ FREE

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Please state details i.e. wheelchair access, restricted diet, Shuttle transfers to service & between Waikiki area hotels, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please Note: No Refunds after March 1, 2013
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