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Due to the resignation of President Bill Thompson, I was elevated to his position in accordance with the by-laws of the Club. Efforts were made to have Bill reconsider but he stated that his resignation was "absolute and final". We thank him for his long service and wish him well and hope he will continue to take interest in the club affairs. As his successor I will do my best to move the Club forward and act in the best interest of the Club at all times.

It is with deep regret that I must announce the passing of Albert "Oscar" Tsukayama, our bulletin editor. He has done an excellent job informing the members of the activities of the Club. Service and interment for Oscar was held on Friday, July 12, 2013 at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific.

The railing outside our apartments became defective with time and needed repairs. The railings

also were not in accordance with the requirements of the City ordinance. For the safety of the tenants, we have entered into a contract with SC Pacific Corporation to fix and meet the requirements of the City ordinance for \$89,171.00. The matter was approved by the Board.

The Honpa Hongwanji Judo Club, there are nine of them, wish to promote, preserve and perpetuate the legacy of the 442nd. They wish to do it by having an essay contest in each club about the 442nd and award the nine winners the 442nd torch symbol to wear for their tournament and all future tournaments locally and nationally and award the 3-inch 442nd patch to the most outstanding Judo student in every tournament. The 442nd wishes to thank them most sincerely, the nine Judo Clubs, for their thoughtfulness and for promoting further the legacy of the 442nd.

The Sons & Daughters are in charge of the 71st annual banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 23, 2014. They have already prepared a tentative program. Thank you Sons & Daughters!

IN MEMORIAM

Deepest sympathies to the families & friends of the following:



Fujiki, Shigeru Tom (I Co./HQ Co.)	Apr. 16, 2013
Fukushima, Dr. Taira (Medic)	May 18, 2013
Hino, Kenji (RHQ)	Mar. 30, 2013
Hirai, James Iwao (L Co.)	Mar. 3, 2013
Hiraiwa, Dave Susumu (3 rd HQ)	Apr. 22, 2013
Inouye, Walter Wataru (522B)	Mar. 8, 2013
Iwamoto, David (K Co.)	May 14, 2013
Iwamoto, George A. (100 th Med/K)	Apr. 27, 2013
Kagawa, Buddy Y. (K Co.)	Apr. 29, 2013
Kobata, Allan Takashi (442 HQ)	Oct. 14, 2012
Kodama, Mitsuo (F Co.)	Apr. 14, 2013
Kunishige, Tadashi (H Co.)	Mar. 7, 2013
Matoi, Naotomo "Neka" (E Co.)	Mar. 25, 2013
Miyamoto, Kenneth "Lefty" (RHQ)	Apr. 20, 2013
Miyashiro, Tasuku (Anti-Tank)	Mar. 17, 2013

Nagaki, Tadashi "Tad" (2HQ/MIS)	Apr. 22, 2013
Nikaido, Reginald (232 nd Eng.)	Apr. 15, 2013
Okamoto, George T. (I Co.)	Apr. 25, 2013
Okano, Herbert Hiroshi (Medic)	Mar. 13, 2013
Okuhara, Takashi (H Co.)	Apr. 30, 2013
Oshiro, Shigeru (522A)	Apr. 18, 2013
Oshiro, William T. (522HQ)	Apr., 3, 2013
Ouchi, Albert Y. (522A)	May 2, 2013
Ouchi, Katsumi (K Co.)	Mar. 30, 2013
Sakamoto, Walter (522HQ)	Feb. 21, 2013
Sato, Tada (171 st)	Apr. 8, 2013
Segawa, Fred Hitashi (AT/Serv)	Apr. 16, 2013
Shigehara, Wataru (2 nd HQ)	Mar. 13, 2013
Tachibana, Sadao (H Co.)	Mar. 7, 2013
Takahashi, Mitsuru "Mits" (L Co.)	May 14, 2013
Yamada, Susumu (2 nd HQ)	Feb. 14, 2013
Yamada, Yoshito (M Co.)	Apr. 29, 2013
Yamaki, Joe T. (H Co.)	Nov. 21, 2012
Yokoi, Feb Sadanori (Medic)	May 2, 2013
Yorizane, Takashi "Tak" (E Co.)	Apr. 19, 2013
Yukawa, John Junichi (Cannon)	May 14, 2013

Donations

Many thanks to the following for their generosity and support.

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Carolyn Lynn Akiyama	\$1,000
<i>(IMO Makio "Mickey" Akiyama, I Co)</i>	
Sumi Hirasaki <i>(IMO Manabi Hirasaki)</i>	\$500
Hiroshi Kaku	\$100
Clinton Shiraishi	\$100
Florence Sukita	\$200
Tadao Yoshimoto	\$100
Zukeran Family	\$1,000

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Hiroshi Kaku	\$100
Clinton Shiraishi	\$100

Scholarship

Hiroshi Kaku	\$100
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News from the

EDITOR'S DESK

by Henry Kuniyuki

The 442nd Veterans Club was first organized in 1946 if the historical data is correct. The late Reverend Masao Yamada had the honor of being elected the first president as the Club was sanctioned by the Hawaii State Legislature. The late George Miki was responsible for the establishment of both the 442nd Veterans Club and the Livorno Chapter.

To date a total of 46 presidents have their portraits displayed on the wall of the 442nd Veterans Club. The names of these past presidents and their years of service are published "for the record," researched by the RHQ Chapter's member Ruby Kawada:

1. The Rev. Masao Yamada (1946)
2. Tadao Beppu (1946)
3. William Oshiro (1947)
4. Isao "Ike" Ikehara (1947)

5. George Miki (1948-1949)
6. Daniel Aoki (1950)
7. Ben Ono (1951)
8. Matsuo Takabuki (1952)
9. Masato Doi (1953)
10. Walter Matsumoto (1954-55)
11. Stanley Watanabe (1956-57)
12. Clarence Taba (1958)
13. Fred Ida (1959)
14. Dr. Kobe Shoji (1960)
15. Kenneth Saruwatari (1961)
16. Takao Hedani (1962-63)
17. Neil Kosasa (1964-65)
18. Takashi Nakamura (1966)
19. Katsugo Miho (1967)
20. Francis Sugai (1968-69)
21. Edward Ochiai (1970)
22. Thomas Kiyosaki (1971)
23. Michio Takata (1972)
24. Kenneth Okuma (1973-74)
25. Edward Sakai (1975-76)
26. Katsuji Nakamura (1977-78)
27. Thomas Tanaka (1979)
28. Edward Tamanaha (1980-81)
29. Ernest Uno (1982-83)
30. Stanley Kaneshiro (1984)
31. George M. Nakasato (1985-86)
32. Rodney Yamashiro (1987-88)
33. Akira "Sunshine" Fukunaga (1989)
34. Harold K. Fukunaga (1990-91)
35. Ron M. Oba (1992-93)
36. Henry S. Kuniyuki (1994-95)
37. Paul A. Takiguchi (1996)
38. Robert N. Katayama (1997-98; 1998-99)
39. Kenneth Okuma (1999)
40. S. Don Shimazu (2000)
41. Katsugo Miho (2001)
42. Eichi Oki (2002-03)
43. Edwin Goto (2004-05)
44. Ronald Oba (2006)
45. William Y. Thompson (2007-11)
46. Ron M. Oba (2012)

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Ruby Kawada for researching the presidential data. Mahalo and Aloha!

Feature Story

A Tribute to Robert Arakaki
by Bill Thompson



Photo courtesy: 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Education Center website (www.100thbattalion.org)

Robert S. Arakaki passed away on April 5 of this year at the age of 89. A native of Waipahu, Oahu, he was drafted in September 1944 and joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during the last campaign in Italy. He was assigned to Company B of the 100th Battalion, which was the 1st Battalion of the Combat Team. He saw action during the North Apennines campaign which resulted in the demolishing of the Gothic Line north of the Arno River and, finally, ending at the Po River at which time the Germans in Italy surrendered in May 1945.

Robert was the last 100th Infantry Battalion combat veteran to serve as President of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Club. He served several years before stepping down to a new



Robert and Nancy pose with actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa at the 442nd Veterans Club 69th Anniversary Banquet
Photo: Wayne Iha

generation. Robert ably represented the 100th veterans at ceremonies at Pearl Harbor, NMCP, and at other occasions where the WWII veterans were honored. Being born and raised in Waipahu, he remembered the December 7 bombing of Pearl Harbor as the planes flew over their town; then witnessed the smoke arising from the shattered Pearl Harbor naval base.

Robert and his wife, Nancy, never missed a chance to join the 442nd Veterans Club anniversaries. He felt the bond between the Clubs and strived to keep this kinship alive. He became ill and spent the months before his death at the Veterans Affairs Center for Aging. Funeral services were held on May 6 followed by inurnment at the NMCP at Punchbowl.



by Henry Kuniyuki

After many years, the Livorno/Regimental Headquarters Chapter has become inactive, a sad decision of the Chapter officers. Thus, there will be no monthly Chapter meetings hereafter. However, individual RHQ chapter members may participate at the 442nd Veterans Club's annual banquets and Memorial Services, if and when scheduled.

Charter President Henry Kuniyuki's home-office library has, at present, one-hundred-thirty-six issues of the Go For Broke Bulletin on file. The Membership Roster, dated January 9, 2009, has

thirty-four names of members and their respective spouses listed. When the Chapter was first organized, the membership role totaled eighty-plus. The publishing of their names is precluded by the Privacy Act.

Chapter Reporter's final article ends appropriately with the publishing of the words of "Aloha Oe": "Aloha oe, Aloha oe, eke ona ona noho ikalipo, one fond embrace ahoi aeau. Until we meet again."

Arrivederci!



by John Mikasa

It has been a quiet quarter for our local Cannon Chapter. Members have been involved in travelling, personal business matters, as well as coping with old age health matters. Moreover, our usual luncheon meeting location, Zippy's at Vineyard St., has been under renovation.

We have lost three more members recently. Toki Shimizu; Barbara Okino, widow of Tom in Honolulu; and John Yukawa of California. We extend deep condolences to their families.

Our annual reunion in Las Vegas was held on May 2-5, 2013. Our Cannon Sons & Daughters organization has been conducting the reunion the past few years, doing excellent work.



Seated L to R: Sumi Sugihara, Tsuka Murakami, and May Nitta

Standing L to R: Frank Sugihara, Jerry Gustafson, Tsutomu Okabayashi, and Yukie Murakami

Alan Ugai, son of Alice and the late Norman Ugai, has forwarded the following:

The Cannon Company held their annual reunion in Las Vegas at the Fremont Hotel, May 2-5, 2013. The Cannon Company families traveled from Hawaii, California, Texas, Colorado and Nevada to attend. The Veterans and spouses that were able to attend were Gerald Gustafson, Tsuka and Yukie Murikami, Tommie Okabayashi, Frank and Sumi Sugihara and Yoshiko Yamagata and May Nitta. Sons and daughters in attendance were Roger Yoshinari, Judi Murakami, Matt Nitta, Iris Yamagata, Shirley Cassell, Alan Ugai and Eric and Lynn Gustafson.

For over the past 20 years Fremont Hotel and Casino has played host to the reunion thanks to a relationship originally established by John Kashiki and now kept intact by the sons and daughters.

Those who arrived early Thursday, joined together for an impromptu gathering for dinner at the Fremont Paradise Buffet and Cafe. The small group

enjoyed an evening of dining and catching up on the events of the past year. In the Cannon Company traditional style, the hospitality room was open the entire weekend, filled with many snacks, including fresh pineapple from Hawaii and fresh fruit from California. Whenever the Cannoneers gather, there is bound to be food.

The entire reunion group went to lunch on Saturday at Makino at Premium Outlets-North. The seemingly endless line of sushi and desserts were regarded with great pleasure by all. Many of the group also enjoyed shopping at the many shops at the outlet mall.

Sunday, May Nitta's 90th birthday was celebrated with a birthday cake.

The 2014 Las Vegas Reunion for the Cannon Company is tentatively scheduled for April 24-28, 2014 at the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas. For information on the 2014 reunion, Alan Ugai can be e-mailed at robclm21@yahoo.com.





Wataru Shigehara died on March 13, 2013. He was born in Onomea on the Big Island. He volunteered for the 442nd RCT in 1943 and was with the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion. He was in the Headquarters platoon and assigned to the I&R Section. Among his team were Patrick Nakagawa, Asami Higuchi, George Oka and Masayoshi Yamamoto. After being discharged he returned to plantation life and retired as a supervisor for Mauna Kea Sugar Company. Wataru last joined us in Honolulu during the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in December 2011. He was the last known Hq2nd veteran living on the Big Island. He is survived by sons, Glen Shigehara and Keith (Janet) Shigehara of Hilo. Other survivors include four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Controversy Over Sons & Daughters

At the June 3rd Board of Directors meeting, those present were shocked to learn that Bill Thompson had submitted his resignation as president effective May 10. In his resignation letter he referred to the charge made of the Sons and Daughters being “kicked out” of the Club. This came about when a request was made to re-visit the Board’s action on Item 7 at the May 6 Board meeting previously approved in March as part of our program to comply with tax regulations relating to our status of a non-profit social club.

Item 7 reads: “To avoid any conflict and misunderstanding of the position of the 442nd Veterans Club, the Nisei Legacy Center will be advised to discontinue using our Club’s address, phone number and secretarial service.” Somehow this was construed to mean that the Sons and Daughters would be prevented (kicked out) from using the Club since they are handling the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center project and, therefore, Item 7 should be repealed.

However, part of the Club’s program relating to the tax compliance included specific items such as:

Sale of books and merchandise at our anniversary gathering will be by the Sons and Daughters, no other person(s) will be allowed to sell any books or goods. (Item 4)

Another item specified:

No person or organization except the Sons and Daughters shall be allowed to use our Club’s address, phone or secretarial service for the sale of books or merchandise with the amendment to allow the sale of Dorothy Matsuo’s book. (Item 5)

Another item specifically states:

The organizations that are allowed to use our address, phone number, and secretarial service are the 442nd RCT Foundation and the Sons and Daughters. (Item 6)

In light of the action to allow the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center to use the Club’s address, phone number and secretary’s service based on the “false claim” that the Sons and Daughters would then not be kicked out, Bill felt his effort to preserve the non-profit status of the Club was a lost cause. He felt he could no longer continue as president. His actions to give the Sons and Daughters preferential treatment were ignored and he was being falsely accused of “kicking out” the Sons and Daughters.

The irony of this is that it is common knowledge that the Sons and Daughters have been using the Club premises for their business which has included the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center; and there is no move to prevent this or to “kick them out.” Puzzling is the fact that the President of the Sons and Daughters was at the meeting and could have clarified this allegation about the use of the Club’s premises.

We urge the Board to restore Item 7 to the list of 8 items relating to our tax compliance program.



by Ron Oba

*Basho I am not
But listen to all his poems
Resonate in Ear*

Failed to mention Yukio Okutsu as a Medal of Honor recipient along with Kiyoshi Muranaga. He is memorialized by the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home which provides Skilled Nursing Care and Elder Care Home. We also learned that Elaine Okutsu, a Buddhist, went to Nirvana on April 15, 2013. We just learned that a new Destroyer, the USS Daniel Inouye will be named for our late Senator, Daniel K. Inouye that will have a crew of 323 with a length of 509 ft. and a speed of 30 knots.

Memorial Day ceremonies was held at the National Cemetery of the Pacific. Ron was asked to present the wreath 100/442 with Lloyd Kitaoka in memory of the fallen. The Royal Hawaiian Band played, "Amazing Grace," "This is My Country" and a medley of Sounds of Aloha. The Memorial Day Address was given by Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, 21-Gun Rifle Salute, Taps, and Hawaii Pono'i and the Benediction ended the Memorial Day at Punchbowl.

Mothers Day Luncheon at Mid-Pacific Country Club. Thanks to Natalie Oda Lee who made the reservations, the menu as usual was surreal with humongous sizzling steak, chicken or fish. They make the best sourdough French bread which was out of this world. Our neighbor in Kailua, Mrs. Margaret Funn, a Frau, used to say that Americans do not know how to bake bread which should be dense, chewy, and hard as their Bauernbrot and not the soft Love's Bakery type. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie after a short respite from New Year's. Door prizes

were called out to all the lucky winners. Jr. Uranaka took group pictures of the men and women. Those who entered Nirvana were Elaine Okutsu, April 15, 2013 and Mitsuo Kodama 93yrs. at the Harmony Nursing Home, according to Enoch Kanaya who visited Mits often, died on March 21, 2013.

Tom Graves, tom@tomgraves.com, sent some photos taken at one of our reunions in Vegas. Photos were distributed to appropriate persons in the photos.

In Memoriam

Elaine Okutsu, wife of Yukio, passed away at a Hilo Nursing Home on April 15, 2013. She was a go-getter and was the Honcho at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. She directed the ladies in the cooking process at the various Temple gatherings. She was a good cook and could duplicate the taste of the ingredients once she tasted the food. She and Yuki together with Sadao Nishida, Wataru Kohashi and Robert Honda were always there to entertain the F Company veterans whenever they went to Hilo.

Mitsuo Kodama: 93 yrs., died on March 21, 2013. Enoch visited Mits on a weekly basis to keep him company that Mits enjoyed. When Mits was still in Las Vegas, then to Chicago, we used to email each other on a daily basis. He had some good jokes and stories to impart. On our yearly reunions in Las Vegas we could always depend on Mits to bring the cold drinks, some pupus and first of all, he brought the rice cooker!! His wife, Tuney is still in the Harmony Nursing Home.

Frank Fujiyama, died May 27 2013, member of 2nd Platoon with Enoch Kanaya. He was a quiet and friendly fellow.

Enjoy Life - it has an expiration date.



by Ann Kabasawa

REMINDER!!! REMINDER!!! REMINDER!!! **MINI REUNION IN LAS VEGAS – OCTOBER 20 – 25, 2013**

Yes, there will be another Mini Reunion in Las Vegas from October 20 – 25, 2013 at the California Hotel. We welcome all who are interested in seeing veterans from all the units, friends and relatives. We are joining up with Lawson Sakai's group, Friends and Families, and there will be veterans from the 100th, 442nd and MIS attending, too. You have the option of going to one or two special banquets. We will still have our fun Slot Tournaments, too. As usual, 100th has our own hospitality room. A \$75 deposit is needed as soon as possible to hold your reservation. Registration forms are at the clubhouse or I can mail or e-mail it to you. We will be having a luncheon meeting on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 100th Inf Bn clubhouse at 10:00 am for all those who are going. If you have any questions or if you need the registration form, please call me... Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540 or e-mail me at diverseinnov@gmail.com. Hope that all of you can make it!!



by Ed Yamasaki

SOCAL by Jim Yamashita

Just a few words from hot Southern California.

Summer is here and we are now experiencing our usual So Cal summer hot weather but hopefully will cool off before too many more hot days.

Southern Cal I Company members have dwindled down to just a couple, but with other friends we manage to gather periodically. Recently, we gathered for a luncheon at "Tokyo Lobby" in Hacienda Heights for a belated Mothers and Fathers day celebration.

Thanks to the hardworking luncheon co-sponsor Japanese American Living Legacy group, Lance Shoho, Susan and her husband Ray Uyemura,

the luncheon was very enjoyable with great Japanese food with a group of 30-plus members and friends. And as always, Susan's parents, Russell and Barbara Shoho, came with bundles of veggies and fruits from their backyard.

Among the handful of I Company families were Bea Matsumura, Tomiko with her son Glen, and Steven with his wife, Toshimi, Rose Ikuta with son Eddie. Although we were expecting Dorothy Davenport with her son Danny had some last minute car trouble and was not able to be with us. Also from M Company were Yosh and Grace Nakamura and Michi Miyada. Mike of H Company attended with son Andrew, also of JA Living Legacy, who made the lunch arrangement giving much of his time. Attending from 442 Cannon Company were Roger Yoshinari and wife, Jackie. Also in attendance were Roy Shiraga, survivor of the fabled Chosin Few of the Korean War and Kats Nakatani also a Korean War veteran who brought enough avocados for everyone to take some home. As usual, was Kevin Shimabukuro of King

Hawaiian Bakery furnishing us our celebration cake and King Hawaiian Sweet bread for us to take home. Special guests included Harry and Mickey Honda and Peggy Mizumoto. Peggy was one of the Iwasaki Scholarship judges. We were fortunate to have current winner, Harrison with parents Curtis and Lynn Jung attend along with former recipient Trenton Tanioka as JA Living Legacy presented them with nice jackets bearing the embroidered inscription Iwasaki Scholar.

And lastly, attending the luncheon were Jim & Marian Yamashita who brought their extended family, Howard and Nancy Hawkins with children, Derek, Laura and granddaughter, Ashley Yamashita.

Frank Shimada of Northern California manages to golf at least once a week, he didn't report any scores, but at the age of 95, who worries about breaking par. Frank still does his own cooking, yard work, and drives his pickup in the fast lane. He reports that Shig Doi and family are again visiting Japan in keeping up with their mission of teaching their grandchildren about their roots.

Frank also reports that Kiyo Otsuki passed away June 12, 2013 while living near her daughter Lauren in San Diego. Kiyo will join her husband who died nearly seven years ago. They were married on November 25, 1951. Other sad news involves Bea Matsumura's sister, Elsie, who lost two of her sons within ten days of each other in May. One died in an auto accident and the other of a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Elsie and Kiyo.

For over fifty years, Jim has been compiling and periodically distributing I Company phone and address directory. In what may be his last issue, surprisingly of the two hundred names listed only two, Michiko Higa and Hiroshi Uyeno came back with no forwarding address and two with forwarding address that had expired, Shizu Matsuoka [Toru]* and Margaret Shiota [Mamo]*. Jim is in process of receiving notes of acknowledgements for having received this final issue which he appreciates.

The following press release was submitted by Susan Uyemura, CEO of Japanese American Living Legacy

2013 Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship Recipient, Harrison Jung

Japanese American Living Legacy proudly announces the 2013 Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship recipient, Harrison Kenichiro Jung. "This is our fifth year and final year awarding this scholarship," said JA Living Legacy's CEO, Susan Uyemura. Chairperson, Natalia Yamashiro-Chogyoji, along with committee members Sharon Tani, Barbara Ige and Peggy Mizumoto comprised the Scholarship Review Committee. *"All candidates demonstrated academic excellence and community involvement. However, Harrison's outstanding achievements and stellar community service made him a unanimous choice for the Iwasaki Scholar,"* said chairperson, Natalia Yamashiro-Chogyoji.

In 2008, the Iwasaki family of Oregon contacted JA Living Legacy to establish a five-year scholarship fund in honor of their parents, Art and his late wife, Teri Iwasaki. The Iwasaki children, Robert, Stephanie, Christie, Paul and Leslie, along with their father created the "Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship." Their father, Art Iwasaki, is a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's I Company. Currently, the entire Iwasaki clan reside in Oregon.

The committee uses a blind review system. All personal information including name, gender and contact information is erased and replaced with a letter combination then sent out to the committee to be rated.

This years recipient is from San Marino, California. Growing up, Harrison spent a lot of time with his great grandparents and had a close connection to them. Harrison's great grandfather, Chikaru Don Oka, served as part of the Military Intelligence Service during World War II.

"Grandpa was one of five brothers born in the USA. As a MIS officer for the US Army he fought against brothers born in Japan, one of whom was a Japanese fighter pilot known as a Kamikaze. Although I had heard these stories countless times

as a kid, I didn't understand the significance of his experience until later. During a family vacation in 7th grade, my family and I visited the Manzanar Relocation Camp. What I witnessed in the Museum drove home how unjust and unfair the internment camps were for these US Citizens, jailed because of their race, for being Japanese. After our visit, I had questions for Grandpa. How could he serve alongside men who considered him the enemy and fight against his own blood instead? His response was because it was the right thing to do. Regardless of discrimination he remained a loyal and proud American. No one could take from him his sense of dignity, duty or principle. He was proud to serve his country. What I learned from Grandpa fueled my awareness of my Japanese heritage and cemented my place in the Japanese American community.."

Beginning Fall 2014, Jung will attend University of Southern California majoring in Pre-Law. "Thank you for this scholarship, I am proud to be a Iwasaki Scholar," said Jung.



l-r: Trenton Tanioka, 2011 Iwasaki Scholar; Harrison Jung, 2013 Iwasaki Scholar and Peggy Mizumoto, Awards and Scholarship Committee

Awards and scholarships are just a few ways we contribute to our community. If anyone is interested in setting up an award or scholarship through JA Living Legacy, please contact the Awards and Scholarship Committee member, Sharon Tani, at stani@jalivinglegacy.org or (714) 515-5501.

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 or Nikkei Writers Guild, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (714) 515-5501.

Hello from Nagasaki by Ed Yamasaki

Aloha! I'd like to let you know I've been busy with a lot of things going on but two especially exciting events in June:

A visit to Hiroshima, included an amazing reunion with my mother's clan members, visit to ancestral home site and the ancestral grave in rural Fukuyama. Kiyotaka Nagashima and my daughter Mariko put together info already gathered by relative Takashige Noda and my sister Bea.

The other was a visit with Hiroyuki Matsumoto, producer of award-winning "Go For Broke," the Japanese version, is touring Japan. He is hoping to have a showing in Nagasaki soon.

Along with twice a week "work-outs," *ono* fresh seafood, fruits, veggies, and of course a drink or two, I believe I'm gaining weight, though my daughter says I've slimmed down around the *opu*. So, anyone who wants an easy diet, come on out here! Oh, and "I'll be back" in August.



*Front: Merry Uemoto (Hilo returnee) with Eddie
Back: Kiyotaka Nagashima (HTV), Eddie's daughter Mariko, Nao Sasaki (HTV)*



by Genro & Muriel Kashiwa

The last monthly meeting of Company “L” veterans was held on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Gyotaku Restaurant on South King Street. The location was changed from the usual place on Keehi Lagoon DAV headquarters. It was a convenient place because we did not make special effort to buy “bento” lunch for those attending.

Present at the meeting were Genny Matsumoto, Mabel Kawamura, Hideo Nakayama, Hideo Higa, Isao Takiyama, Kazuma Ogata, and Takao “Kila” Haraguchi. The usual Joe Oshiro was not present. Note – the persons attending are getting less and less. The attrition rate is accelerating. However, we are all very glad to see each other. The greeting (jokingly) nowadays is “You still alive?”

For the writer, seeing the fellow veterans of Company “L” brings back many memories. For example: the battle on October 26th to November 10th 1944 in the rescue of the “Lost Battalion.” Fortunately, “L” Company was the reserve company in that battle. “I” and “K” were the attacking companies. In the Regimental formation called by the commanding officer of the 36th Division, all companies were required in full force to line up for the Regimental Review. As for “I” and “K” companies only about 8 men turned out for one of the companies and none turned out for the other company. The reviewing officer was offended and asked why the men did not show up for one of the companies and only 8 men showed up for the other. The reply the officer got was that that was all there were left. I was glad that I was in “L” Company. It saved my life.

The other thing which happened while I was at war, was that my mother passed away about the time that we were ready to assault and capture the French town of Sospel. This news was purposely kept away

from me because those at home did not want me to be distraught to the extent that I would be careless to expose myself to danger. One of my Waialua neighbors in the 442nd told me of the death of my mother. The curious thing about this was that here in the war and in battles, I experienced many deaths of my fellow soldiers in battle and it was hard, but the news of the death of my mother struck me totally differently. I had to go outside of the makeshift shelter I was in and stood outside for about 20 minutes by myself contemplating the death of my mother. It was an unbelievable shock.

As for the writer, the other miracle was that he lasted throughout the war...from the 1943 formation of the 442nd RCT to the 1945 processing of the surrendering German Army at the Ghedi Airport in northern Italy when the war ended. Serving that long, I accumulated enough points (85 points) at the end of the war to be one of the few privileged to return back to Hawaii ahead of the others. Reaching Hawaii, I was sent to Schofield Barracks for my discharge. Upon discharge, I immediately arranged to go back home to Waialua, Oahu. I got the shock of my life when I was told that I don’t live there anymore. Having dreamed many times about “going home,” my dream was shattered. I traveled to Honolulu to Honpa Hongwanji on Fort Street where my Father resided.



REMINDER to GFB Reporters:

Chapter reports for the
July-September 2013
issue are due

October 4, 2013



by Fujio Matsuda

This will be a short report. Our president Bolo Shirakta (Band) had an accident at home and was laid up for about a month, and summer travel for other regular members made it advisable to have meetings. We did have the chapter Mother's Day luncheon on May 19th in lieu of the May chapter meeting, at Paradise Park in upper Manoa Valley, the venue for this happy event for decades. We've been such good, steady customers that the owner goes out of the way to accommodate us. We had a good turnout, including a number of Sons and Daughters in addition of members that normally don't attend the monthly meetings at the Club House.

There was a recent change in the leadership of the 442nd Veterans Club. Bill Thompson, long time President resigned unexpectedly, and was replaced by vice president Frank Takao, retired judge and member of MIS.

Instead of the usual chit-chat and gossips about our chapter members, I have decided to reproduce an article that came across my desk, because it was about the 232nd. It is intended primarily for the Sons and Daughters and their children who may not have been told of this battle and the citation the unit received from their dads and granddads.

232d Engineer Combat Company (then attached to the 111th Engineer Combat Battalion) cited in War Department General Orders 56, 17 June 1946:

"111th Engineer Combat Battalion with 232d Engineer Combat Company (attached), for heroism, esprit de corps, and extraordinary achievement in combat from 23 October to 11 November 1944 near Bruyeres, France. This unit was called upon to build a supply road out of a mountain trail which rose 1,000 feet above the valley floor and progress through a dense forest to the division objective.

Working directly behind the assault elements, the men of this unit labored unceasingly to build and maintain this road. *Artillery fire crashed into the trees, showering shrapnel on the engineers, who had no protection as they worked. Enemy snipers infiltrating behind our lines caused casualties and some of the engineers engaged these Germans in a fire fight while the others continued to work. Tanks were called up and, though these heavy vehicles tore the bottom from the trail, the engineers were able to keep it open so that the constant flow of supplies to the nine infantry battalions engaged in the action and the constant evacuation of dead and wounded was never interrupted.* Corduroy and planking were used, hundreds of enemy mines were removed, and gravel and paving stones were hauled from the surrounding country side. *At no time during the 19 days of this action did the work cease. Even though the engineers sustained 57 casualties in dead and wounded, they captured 27 German prisoners and killed many more as they worked. Almost continuous rain and snow made their task more difficult, and yet by sheer determination and grit, these men accomplished this magnificent feat of engineering. Without this road, the division operation could not have succeeded and it is due to the extraordinary achievement of the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion with the 232d Engineer Combat Company (attached) that the 36th Division was able to outflank the enemy forces in the Laveline-Corcieux Valley and pursue a disorganized enemy to the banks of the Meurthe River."* (General Orders 425, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, 1 October 1945, as approved by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division.)

This article was circulated at one of our meetings, and was followed by recollections and story telling that went on for a couple of hours. I was not there in France with the 232nd (I was up in Belgium with a different outfit) so it was the first time I heard the guys talk about the battle. I thought you, Sons and Daughters, may want to read about it, also.

You can all be proud of your hero Dads!
That's all for this time. Aloha!



by Gail Nishimura

Happy Summer! Are you having fun yet? I have been, made friends with people who are part of Friends & Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) recently on a trip to Italy. Having been quite ignorant of the history of 100th and 442 RCT, places they fought and towns they were in; it was an eye-opening trip. I always knew the basics but learned so much more when I talked to people on this trip. We went to honor veterans buried in Italy and to see some of the areas where they fought.

We met in Rome and started our tour from there. First visit was to the American Cemetery at Nettuno. We placed a wreath at the 'Brothers in Valor' statue and ribbon lei, miniature paper CGM, tsuru and American flags at each 442 & 100th gravesite. We also visited Anzio, Lanuvio, Civitavecchia, Suvereto, Belvedere, Livorno, Tendola. (Tendola is way up in the mountains – winding road and we had a police escort to lead the way since our bus was sooo big for those little mountain roads!)

The next day we went to USAG Camp Darby. There was a ceremony at Masato "Curly" Nakae Square. After there we went to Pisa, some of us

took an optional tour that afternoon to the city of Lucca.

This was a really neat trip going back to places where the veterans were 70 years ago. We visited tiny towns in the mountains (way up in the mountains!) and actually met people who had



relatives who told them about the 442 guys. We even were introduced to an Italian veteran, he was 101! (See newspaper article.) We had our own vet traveling with us – Roy Fujiwara! He's 95 and was just a delight to have on our trip. Everyone wanted to meet him and shake his hand. No matter where we went people wanted to pose with him or just say hello. He even made the paper in an article about our trip to Suvereto.

I've been to the tourist places before so it was really nice to meet real people from the towns we visited. We went to little towns at the top of mountains...if you are uncomfortable with heights or get carsick, this would have been a challenge for you. It was a great adventure traveling on the mountain roads! Then the view from the top just takes your breath away.

The Italians are great gardeners too; we saw so many gardens with heritage roses, roses you could smell, not like the hot house ones we get here. Made me actually want to try and get my roses planted again. (it's been over 20 years since I was even interested!) Right now everything has to grow on it's own. Thank goodness I live in a place with lots of rain as I don't water the yard or the plants!

We had many meals included on this trip, when in Suvereto they had volunteers from the town fix a meal for us with country food that the Italians eat, very interesting. We had polenta and wild boar, lentils and other things that I don't even know. They even served different wines that were provided by Mr. Miyakawa's vineyards. (He's from Japan and has a vineyard near Suvereto) There was a bed and breakfast place way up in there and some of us talked about how nice it would be to be among the locals rather than all the touristy places!

Some of our group hiked up to Mt. Fogorito, little did they know that it would be foggy, rainy and have thunder, lightning and hail when they went up there! They went up on the front side of the mountain, when the 442 guys climbed up, they went up the back of the mountain. Our modern day climbers had to stay away from the cross at the top since it was metal and like a lightning rod!



Roy Fujiwara was one of the many 442 men who climbed Mt. Fogorito. He told us how it was like climbing up blindfolded since it was so dark. It took them 8 hours to go up and he was shot when they surprised the Germans. Then had to be carried down the mountain. It took them another 8 hours to get him down. Thank goodness he survived! Our group that climbed up went up the front side of the mountain during the day; the 442 boys went up the backside at night!

I went with the others to Massa-Carrarra, we saw where Michelangelo quarried his marble for the incredible carvings he did. We had similar weather conditions as those who went to Mt. Fogorito but we were in a bus most of the time, not climbing a mountain! Carrarra marble is known around the world, they have so much of it someone carved a Cadillac out of the marble! Also lots of the “gravel” rocks on the ground are marble too! Many people collected bits and pieces to bring back as souvenirs! We all managed to also keep the economy of the towns up as well as increase our suitcase weight.

Enroute to Florence we stopped in Pietrasanta. Went on a tour of Luigi Russo Cultural Center (Museo dei Bozzetti) followed by Mass at Duomo di Pietrasanta Cathedral. Some of us went to a luncheon near the Gothic Line and were able to see Mt. Fogorito from the restaurant. (it was a clear day – what a difference 24 hours made!)

We were able to celebrate Memorial Day at the American Cemetery in Florence. It was quite a moving ceremony and we even saw people from Camp Darby at the ceremony. All the grave markers are crosses made from white marble. Just an

amazing site to see. Each row is aligned so it's straight, all the crosses are the same height.



Each grave was marked with an Italian and American flag. The 442 and 100th graves also had bouquets of fresh flowers. We also placed lei, CGM stickers, tsuru and American flags. Some even got Stacey's chibi stickers.

Our tour also included an art exhibit at the Auditorium al Duomo Foyer in Florence. It was “A Solo Exhibition by Japanese American Artist Paul Uyehara: A Retrospective 60 Years of Inspiration with Special Guest Artist Elizabeth Uyehara”.

We also had an optional tour of Monte Cassino. A rocky hill about 81 miles southeast of Rome near the town of Cassino. St. Benedict established his first monastery here. It was the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944 when it was destroyed by Allied bombing and rebuilt after the war. The abbey is really beautiful and really high up in the mountains!

After two weeks in Italy, I stopped in New York City for the first time. My friend in NYC helped (he did most of the work, I just selected the pictures) make this video of our trip. It's posted on YouTube and runs a little over 14 minutes. Our group consisted of 43 people from Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, and Illinois. Quite an eclectic group! Hope you enjoy the pictures.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyoKnvm8Dxc>

Now I'm looking forward to the trip the Holcks are setting up to Germany & France in the fall. If you would like to join this group, contact GERALYN HOLCK. (holckohana@hawaiiantel.net or 808/371-1366) There are still 4 openings for this trip.

Hopefully it won't be too cold when we're there. A lot of us didn't think it would be cold and rainy when we were in Italy, so we weren't prepared! I'm planning to pack warm clothes with the hope we won't need it all!

In other Chapter news, plans are underway for the following events:

- Sons & Daughters will be hosting another movie night – 442 Movie Night: “Journey to Washington.” Mark & Debbie Oshiro are chairs for this event. It will be on Saturday, August 31, 2013. Time: 5:30 p.m. and will be held at 100th Clubhouse, Kamoku Street. A flyer will be coming soon.

- 2013 Joint Memorial Service – Byrnes Yamashita is chairperson. It will be held at Punchbowl on Sunday, September 29th @ 9 am. Volunteers will be needed for a variety of things so please contact Byrnes. (Byrnes.Yamashita@aecom.com)

- 71st Anniversary Banquet. The Sons & Daughters are organizing the event. The committee chairs are: Jennifer Okubo, Lenora Okubo and Clayton Ito. It will be held on March 23, 2014, at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

For the latest information and updates on the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center Project go to the Sons & Daughters website (www.442sd.org).

Enjoy your summer! Come to one of our meetings, we usually meet on the first Thursday of the month. Call the Veterans office for information. (Thanks, Shirley.)



OTHER News

Most of the information and all photos in the following two articles were taken from JAVA press releases.

Terry Shima

Terry Shima, former executive director of JAVA (Japanese American Veterans Association), received two honors this year. In February, he was one of 18 selected from over 6,000 nominations to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal personally awarded by President Obama in a White House ceremony. He was specifically recognized “For strengthening the sacred trust between America and its veterans” and for energizing a program of preserving the oral and video recorded interviews of Japanese American servicemen who served in Europe and the Pacific during WWII “even while many of their families were relocated to internment camps at home.”

Upon receiving the White House award, Shima said he accepted the award on behalf of JAVA and the men who fought in Europe and the Pacific “... to settle the question of loyalty once and for all...” Terry



Terry Shima receives award from President Obama

served with the 442nd during WWII and was a close friend of Mike Masaoka. He was discharged in 1946.

On May 21, at a special reception at the Japanese Ambassador’s residence in Washington, DC, Terry was presented with The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette by Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae. This honor was made in recognition of his many years of significant

contributions toward building strong relationships between Japan and the United States, and for his tireless work educating this generation on Japanese American experience during WWII. The award, given in the name of the Emperor, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a non-Japanese civilian.

The reception had a standing room audience with well over 200 of Shima's family members, relatives and friends who were in attendance. Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa was present to witness this ceremony for a former Hawaii native from Laupahoehoe on the Big Island.



l-r: Ambassador Sasae, Secretary Mineta, Congresswoman Hanabusa, Terry Shima, Congresswoman Matsui, and Congressman Meadows.

Photo by Embassy of Japan

Major General Susan Mashiko

Major General Susan Mashiko is the first AJA woman to become a flag officer. MG Mashiko was nominated for the United States Air Force Academy by then Congressman Norman Mineta in 1976. She graduated in 1980 and was in the first class of women to graduate from the U.S. Service Academies. She is the Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and stationed in Chantilly, Virginia. The job of the NRO is to provide overhead reconnaissance from the use of aircraft to meet national security needs.

MG Mashiko holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering and a M.S. in electrical engineering. After graduating and becoming a Second Lieutenant in 1980, she rose in rank and achieved the rank of Colonel in 2001. She became a Brigadier General in 2006 and rose to the rank of Major General in 2009.

Her responsibilities today include assisting the director and principal deputy director in managing the strategic and tactical operations of the NRO.

Also, as the commander, Air Force Space Command Element, she manages all air force personnel and resources assigned to the NRO. She also serves as the senior adviser to the DNRO on all military matters.

The world of information gathering that has become infamous by the flight of Edward Snowden from Hawaii with National Security Agency secret documents gained while employed by a firm retained by the NSA.



l-r: Secretary Mineta, Maj. General Mashiko (USAF), Gerald Yamada

Remember when....

The story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team has been told in numerous films, books, exhibits and speeches. But not many know the story of the 442nd Veterans Club.

The 442nd Veterans Club was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1946. It was a more than just a social club – it was more than banquets, picnics, sports and various other events. The Club was involved in community affairs such as Easter Seals, Red Cross, blood bank, volunteer help at Kuakini Hospital, and many other projects.

For the past several years, when speaking of their Club, you will hear some veterans say, “we’re too old; leave it to the sons and daughters.” Perhaps those who share this attitude were not privileged to hear the profound words of Chaplain Hiro Higuchi, keynote speaker at the 442nd Veterans Club’s 13th Anniversary banquet held in March 1956. Although the entire speech speaks volumes of the Chaplain’s love, pride and respect in the 442nd as a unit, the following passages taken from that speech show the same feelings he shared for the Club.



THIRTEEN CANDLES ALREADY: Rev. Hiro Higuchi, keynote speaker for the 13th Anniversary banquet, smiles approvingly as Prexy Stanley Watanabe prepares to thrust the traditional saber into the birthday cake. Members and guests attending were able to partake of the beautiful cake donated by Mr. Joe Ogawa.—(Photo by S. T. Ooka)

1956 - 442nd Veterans Club Archive

“A very close friend said to me, ‘Hiro, why are you so actively interested in the 442nd Veterans Club. What does the club mean to you?’ So this evening, I would like to answer that question: ‘What does my

membership in the 442nd Veterans Club mean to me?’

“To my friend who asked me that question, perhaps a club like ours only represent a group of men with common experience of war banded together for fellowship and fun . . . but behind that easy and sometimes callous fellowship, what more does this group mean to me? What invisible qualities do I see behind the symbol of our patch? What are the unseen realities which bind us together and which gives me pride to belong to this group?

“Behind this fellowship of ordinary men in ordinary days . . . it brings to me a remembrance of warm friendship with men, who when faced with death, revealed the amazing power of man’s capacity to live in the highest ideals of courage and sacrifice and by it, being lifted up to a greatness which neither time nor a change in scene could erase.

“There is a higher law within ourselves whose demands no man can leave unheeded and still face himself. . . a law that demands that a man be true to the highest within himself. I belong to a group of men who showed that kind of quality. So behind the gayety of our fellowship, the beer busts, the friendly banter and jokes . . . I see an organization with that kind of tradition which we sometimes forget.

“When I think of the 442nd, I see the capacity in a group of men carry things through to its bitter end, in spite of discouraging obstacles, terrific prejudices, bitter experiences and extreme suffering. However beautiful one’s beginning, nothing matters so much in human life without a good end. Without a good end, without morale and staying power, and steady character to see a man through to worthy conclusions – what else in life can be worthwhile. In the tradition of the 442nd, I belong to the qualities of faith and character that enabled a group of men under the most tremendous pressure to come through with banners flying.

“Or I see in my mind’s eye a young soldier who stepped on an anti-personnel mine while on a night patrol. But he crawled two miles... and when I saw him in the aid station, he was begging the doctor to tie the bloody end of his foot so that he could go back to help his friends finish the war. How do you meet the tragedies of war, the miseries of this life, and still keep that kind of

morale. How can any man remember these things and not say, I am proud to belong to that kind of a tradition.

“And finally behind this fellowship I see a group of men who went through the hatreds and evils of war, the vicious persecution of misunderstanding, the loss of friends and comrades – and still came out with a sense of forgiveness and goodwill. Men who had every right to come out of the war angry and hurt. . . hating and prejudiced – but with the amazing capacity to forget and forgive and take up their place in the community without hatred.

“I do not then celebrate this evening the superb battle records of the 442nd, nor the fame achieved by this Regiment in combat – but I celebrate this evening the kind of quality produced by battle. The war is long over, but the invisible realities of this visible fellowship will always be cherished by me. I pray that in your deeper moods and profound moments of thought, you remember those qualities that gave our regiment a glorious tradition to which one can point with pride and say “I belong to a group that represented those qualities” . . . and I also hope that you may hold your heads a little higher and rededicate yourself to pursue and live that tradition in your relationship with your family, with your fellowmen, in your community and your country. . . being honest with the very best within yourself seeing those ideals through to its ultimate conclusions, and thus helping to make our world a better place for goodwill and brotherhood. May God bless you and May God keep you.”

Below are excerpts from a speech made by Takao Hedani (442nd President, 1962) at the Club’s 19th Anniversary banquet:

“Heavy as our hearts may be, we should look upon the heroic deeds of our fallen comrades in the light of the words of the immortal Shakespeare, who said: ‘Had I a dozen sons, each in my love alike, I had rather have eleven die nobly for their country, than one voluptuously surfeit out of action.’

“Today, with the same vigor and enthusiasm that guided our actions 19 years ago, we are relentlessly pursuing the battle of the welfare of our community, state, nation, and world.



1962 - l-r: William Naganuma (I), Allen Nakamura (L), Takao Hedani (H), Herbert Isonaga (2HQ), Sam Sasai (3HQ)

442nd Veterans Club Archive

“We, as members of the 442nd Veterans Club have, collectively or individually, strived for the welfare of our community. Yes, the vigor and enthusiasm and the battle cry of “Go For Broke” have guided our membership to the betterment of the living standards of our state, nation, and the world.

“I call upon you to continue your good work, and let us rededicate our lives to the preservation and strengthening of human dignity.”

Following are excerpts from Stanley Watanabe’s (442nd President, 1957) keynote speech at the Club’s 14th Anniversary banquet:

“The very basis of the formation of our club was to preserve and perpetuate the close ties created during the War, and to create a social organization so that good fellowship could be enjoyed by us and our families.

“Of great importance, also, to us today, is the 442nd Veterans Club’s place in the community. We have, as citizens, many responsibilities and obligations to our country and community, as well as to family and self, which we must continue to fulfill. The challenge of good citizenship remains with us in time of war or peace. As soldiers, we fought with fierce determination to preserve a way of life which we cherish dearly, and now in time of peace, as civilians, we must exert this same determination to retain this wonderful American way of life.

“We have made contributions to our community not only as a group, but as individuals. Our club can be justly proud of the type of men that comprise our membership. It is impossible to name all the categories of endeavor of our members and the contributions which have been made, but whether as individuals or as a group, our efforts have not been expended for the praise or recognition which may be received, but for the purpose of improving our American way of life as active and responsible citizens.

“We have a good organization . . . one which all of us can continue to enjoy, and in which we can take a great deal of pride. Let us pledge and engage ourselves as we face the future years to the betterment of the purposes we now maintain, so that at some future date it can be said that the 442nd Veterans Club also accomplished its mission.”

Over the years, community leaders, military officers and politicians have been keynote speakers at the 442nd Veterans Club’s banquets and memorial services. Their speeches are filled with praise and admiration as they recount the battles and the awards earned by the unit and individuals. But, as shown by these past speeches, the heart of the 442nd can only be told by the veterans themselves. To these brave, unselfish men, it is not about the awards and praises. It is about the brotherhood forged in battle which continued on in their lives.

Go For Broke!

Announcements

Save the Date!

The 442nd Veterans Club’s 71st Anniversary banquet will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

More information will be provided in the next issue of the GFB Bulletin

Mini Reunion in Las Vegas

There will be a Mini Reunion in Las Vegas from October 20 – 25, 2013 at the California Hotel.

Please see George Chapter news on Page 9 for details.

Mar. 1956

442 to Participate In Red Cross Drive

Our Board of Directors at their regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 3, 1956 accepted the responsibility of participating in this year's Red Cross Drive as part of our community service program.

Participation is in the form of soliciting donations to the Red Cross from small businesses. One-half of the metropolitan area's manpower requirement for undertaking is roughly one-third.

MARCH OF DIMES

As another service to the community, the 442nd Veterans Club participated in the March of Dimes campaign this year by being responsible for one of the 23 dance locations for the Roosevelt Commemorative Balls that were held on the evening of Friday, Jan. 25.

The officers and directors of the club were out in full force at the Kewala Inn selling and receiving tickets, and assuming general supervisory duties to help raise

Jan. 1952

BLOOD BANK REPORT

The club's blood bank reserve had its most successful year since it was organized in 1948. Starting out with only one pint our blood bank reserve at the beginning of last year, the reserve has spurred upwards to the amazing number of 55 pints at the close of 1951. Due credit should be given to George Chapter who initiated the free steak dinners for blood donors. Most of the chapters are now following suit and are meeting with great success in getting members to volunteer a pint of their blood so others may benefit.

Some interesting statistics for the year are:
Number of pints donated by members: 91 pints.
Number of pints used by members: 10 pints.
Number of pints used by members' immediate family members: 10 pints.
Number of pints donated over the year: 10 pints.
Number of pints still due from members: 10 pints.

Jan. 1952



WAR ORPHANS PROJECT: The Oahu AJA Veterans Council opened their drive to sell 15,000 boxes of Christmas cards to raise funds for the War Orphans Scholarship Fund. Pictured above is Genro Kashiwa (right), making the initial distribution to the presidents of the four member organizations of the Council. From left to right are: Charles H. Kimura, M.I.S. Veterans Club; Sparky Matsunaga, Club 186; Masato Maruyama, 139th Veterans Club; Masato Doi, 442nd Veterans Club and Chairman Kashiwa.—(Island Photo Studio)

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