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Joint Memorial Service wreaths at the "Brothers in Valor" monument

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Cover: Lloyd Kitaoka (100th) at Brothers in Valor monument. (In recent years, it has become a practice to take wreaths from Punchbowl to the Brothers in Valor monument in Waikiki. After the Joint Memorial Service ceremony, the wreaths presented by the four AJA units are brought to the monument.) (Photo: Wayne Iha)

Correction: The previous GFB bulletin incorrectly described the cover photo as "Veterans Day Ceremony at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery." It should have read: "Memorial Day Service at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery." Our apologies!

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PRESIDENT'S *Report*

by Bill Thompson

Our thanks to Frank Takao who took care of Club matters during the absence of Bill Thompson. The repairs to the railings of the apartments above our Club quarters began and with Wes Deguchi's assistance, Takao awarded the contract for repair job. I'm happy to report that at the September meeting, which Takao graciously allowed Thompson to preside, the last of the tax compliance list was finally approved by the Board.

Ahead of us is the financial stability of our Club. The present safety repair job and other needed improvements call for "tightening our belt."

Like the AJA Baseball League who has our permission to use the 442nd insignia, the Judo Federation has our permission to use the 442nd insignia. Both associations want to use the war-time

achievements of 442nd as an inspiration to the young athletes. What an honor for us old veterans to be recognized by the young generation.

A large contingent of Sons and Daughters are on their way to help celebrate the 69th anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyères and Biffontaine to represent the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. We have prepared proclamations for both towns to be presented during the ceremonies.

In November we will be voting for the 2014 slate of officers to carry on; a huge task with so many of the veterans already gone. Most of the present members are well into their 90's. The big challenge ahead of us is to make final plans for the future of the 442nd Veterans Club.

The Sons and Daughters are handling the 71st anniversary banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 23, 2014. The chairperson in charge of the event is Jennifer Okubo.



Joint Memorial Service. L-R: Gregg Takayama (1399), Brig. General James T. Hirai (US Army, Ret.), George Arine (MIS), Lloyd Kitaoka (100th), Bill Thompson (442nd)

Photo: Wayne Iha

IN MEMORIAM



Deepest sympathies to the families & friends of the following:

Arii, Mum Mamoru (E Co.)	July 14, 2013
Doi, Masato (Anti-Tank)	July 21, 2013
Fujihara, Frank K. (F Co.)	May 27, 2013
Hamada, Minoru (G Co./MIS)	July 16, 2013
Harada, George (H Co.)	July 12, 2013
Horikami, Kiyoguma (522 Service)	June 26, 2013
Ikedo, Kohei (I Co.)	July, 2013
Ikene, Hiroshi (L Co.)	Aug. 19, 2013
Ishimoto, Susumu (522 FABn)	Aug. 19, 2013
Kobashigawa, Matsusuke (522B)	June 13, 2013
Kozuma, Howard Teruo (Medic)	July 7, 2013
Matsuda, Frank T. (K Co.)	June 13, 2013
Oshita, Yoshito Charles (L Co.)	June 20, 2013
Shimizu, Tokio (3 rd HQ)	May 24, 2013
Soo, Teruo (Anti-Tank)	July 18, 2013
Takamatsu, Tadayuki (K Co.)	Aug. 3, 2013
Tsudama, Minoru (Medic)	July 4, 2013
Tsukayama, Albert "Oscar" (Medic)	June 23, 2013
Tsuya, James Kiichi (H Co.)	July 15, 2013
Yamamura, Yoshiyuki Herbert (3HQ)	June 8, 2013
Yamate, Theodore T. (Service)	May 27, 2013
Yatsushiro, Yasuo "Yas" (E Co.)	May 16, 2013
Zoriki, Itsuo (Anti-Tank, HQ Co.)	June 23, 2013

Donations

Many thanks to the following for their generosity and support.

442nd Veterans Club

Takashi Aragaki	\$200
Gail Hart	\$50
<i>(In honor of B.H.Kaichi)</i>	
Senator Daniel K. Inouye	\$35.92
<i>(Residual - "The Next Karate Kid")</i>	
Sen. Daniel K. Inouye	\$22.70
<i>(Residual - "The Next Karate Kid")</i>	
Daniel K. Inouye Memorial Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation (Frm Irene Hirano Inouye)	\$1,000
Dr. Thomas Ito	\$200
<i>(In memory of Masato Doi, Anti-Tank)</i>	
Carol Sullivan	\$25
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<i>(In memory of Masato Doi, Anti-Tank)</i>	
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Harold Watase	\$100
<i>(In memory of Oscar Tsukayama, Medic)</i>	
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<i>(In memory of Tak Okuhara, H Co.)</i>	

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Toshi Mizuno	\$100
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William Thompson	\$100
<i>(IMO Masato Doi, Anti-Tank)</i>	
William Thompson	\$100
<i>(IMO Oscar Tsukayama, Medic)</i>	
William Thompson	\$100
<i>(IMO Noboru Togioka, 2nd HQ)</i>	

Feature Stories



ALBERT “OSCAR” T. TSUKAYAMA – *Editor Emeritus*

June 23, 2013.

Albert “Oscar” Tsukayama, 88, of Honolulu, a retired civil service personnel specialist on Okinawa and a 442nd Regimental Combat Team medic veteran, died in Honolulu. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Suzy; sons Dean, Edward and Paki; sister Jan Whiteman; and seven grandchildren. Private services. No flowers. No monetary offerings. July 13, 2013, *Honolulu Star Advertiser*

The above obituary stunned many of us in the 442nd Veterans Club. For many years, Oscar served on the Board of Directors as the representative of the Medics chapter. It was in the October-December 2012 issue of our GFB Bulletin that Oscar relinquished his role as Editor. He was generous in thanking all who helped him. His words to us mentioned his symptoms that plagued him - a prediction made only six months before he died.

When Oscar volunteered to be Editor of our Go For Broke Bulletin in 2007, there were serious discussions going on whether the bulletin should continue due to costs of printing and mailing the bulletin. When the readers read of our plight, donations flowed in ending our worry of costs. Not only that, under Oscar’s guidance we had special issues, such as our annual anniversaries, printed in color.

A detailed biography of Oscar is included in Dorothy Matsuo’s book: “Silent Valor” from which much of this narrative is written. Oscar was born in Kailua, Oahu, on July 18, 1924, son of Choson and Kame Nakaoji Tsukayama. He had an older brother, Conrad, who was a 1st Lieutenant in Company D, 100th Battalion, at the war’s end. Conrad received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

When Oscar felt he had to volunteer for military service to prove loyalty and allegiance to the United States, there was dissension in the family. His parents thought having one son already in service was enough. In Oscar’s words: “I guess we discussed, fought, cried, yelled at each other, threatened, and I was even disowned several times, but after several weeks, I finally got a reluctant OK. I think we got to know and understand each other quite intimately during this process and although this was not expressed verbally, I sort of sensed that deep inside my parents were proud that I had stood by my decision.” For Oscar, it was a matter that had to be decided, personally, based on each individual’s circumstance and belief.

At Camp Shelby he experienced Army life, distasteful at first but found friendship and camaraderie which gave him a sense of pride and helped him to develop a sense or moral values.

Then came the day they left for overseas, he and his buddies wondered who would survive the war. Oscar's biggest concern, as it was with many others, was not to falter under fire.

The first day in combat was total confusion. Orders were late in coming, field radios did not work. He and the entire 2nd Battalion came under enemy fire and progress was halted. It was a frightening experience for them. Then, the 100th Battalion was called from reserve to take on the enemy which they did in a brilliant maneuver.

The 2nd Battalion next faced the enemy at Hill 140 and it was a different story this time. The 2nd Battalion fought and routed the enemy. For Oscar, as a medic, he realized how merciless war can be and how helpless a man is against the weapons of war. He and others patched the mutilated bodies and carried them off to the aid station. The heated battle raged on for two days and the enemy retreated in defeat. This campaign, Rome-Arno, ended when enemy was pushed north of the Arno River. The 2nd Battalion was now a seasoned combat unit and went on to distinguish itself in other battles in France and again in Italy.

When the war ended, Oscar was a corporal and was at the aid station located in Asti, Italy. Word received from a message from Headquarters notified them the Germans in Italy had surrendered. This was on May 2, 1945. While the news cheered many, it was not a time of wild celebration as thoughts were on going home.

After the war, Oscar intended to attend college under the G.I. Bill of Rights but he couldn't decide on what to major in. Instead he worked as a firefighter and subsequently applied for an interpreter's job in Okinawa. He meant to stay there just a year but somehow it lasted 45 years. During this time, he met, courted and married Setsu Yabu. He called her Suzy, and they had three sons. Oscar in the meantime advanced to the position of Labor and Employee Management Specialist with a GM-13 rating at the time of his retirement. The family came back to Hawaii in 1991.

For posterity, Oscar's message is: "Don't think of yourself only. Be ready to offer your utmost in self-sacrifice when the situation dictates, and most of all, always be thankful for the help and support you receive from your parents and friends."

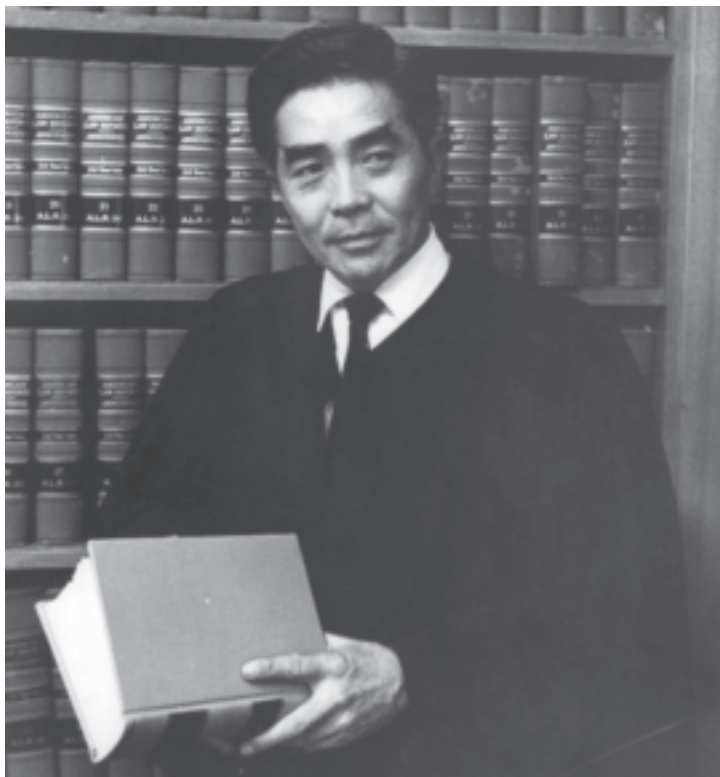
[*Editor's Note:* Many thanks to Jack (Medics) & Marian Yamashiro for their assistance with this article.]



Oscar marches into the ballroom at the 442nd Veterans Club 70th anniversary



Oscar (third from left) and the Medics gang at the 70th anniversary



MASATO DOI

The sad news arrived at the office notifying us that Masato Doi had passed away on July 21, 2013. He died at home surrounded by his family; this after a long illness that kept him from attending our Board meetings. He was the leader for the Anti-Tank Company, the “Air Borne” troops of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, on our Board of Directors.

Masato was born on February 4, 1921, at Pa’auhau, a plantation village on the Big Island of Hawaii. The village was off the main highway and was mid-way between Paauilo and Honokaa on the Hamakua Coast. The Pa’auhau Plantation was one of the early victims of the demise of sugar on Big Island and its assets purchased by Hamakua Sugar Company (of Paauilo) in 1972.

Masato attended local schools and being academically skilled, he won a high school scholarship to Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu and graduated in 1939. He then attended the University of Hawaii’s Teacher’s College. The bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941 ended his college tenure. Being a member of the UH ROTC program, he was called to duty and before the day ended, he was pressed into service as a member of the Hawaii Territorial Guard (HTG). Subsequently, he and other Nisei members in the HTG, after a month of service, were suddenly without notice discharged from the HTG for being of Japanese ancestry.

Many of the discharged Nisei ROTC cadets, undaunted but with patriotic zeal, petitioned the Military Governor for service as the military saw fit. Thus was born the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV). They served as laborers at Schofield Barracks and their hard work and patriotic services were witnessed by Under Secretary of War, McCloy; and even the President’s wife, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who gave them high marks. When the nation’s temper softened after the hysteria following the December 7 bombing, President Roosevelt personally approved the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in February 1943. The VVV then disbanded and many enlisted in the 442nd RCT.

Masato became a member of the Anti-Tank Company of the 442nd RCT. After a year's training the 442nd RCT was sent overseas to join the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) in the Italian Campaign. They first went into battle on June 26, 1944, in the Rome-Arno Campaign which ended when the enemy was pushed back to the north of Arno River. The 442nd regrouped and trained for their next assignment. In August the Anti-Tank Company was transferred to the 1st Airborne Task Force with the 517th Parachute Regiment and trained as glider troops. On August 15, 1944, the Seventh Army invaded southern France in the vicinity of St. Tropez in Operation Dragoon, the second invasion of France. The Anti-Tank Company made a hard landing and was part of the perimeter at Le Muy to protect the 7th Army invasion force. They remained in southern France until October 23 when they rejoined the 442nd RCT at Bruyères.

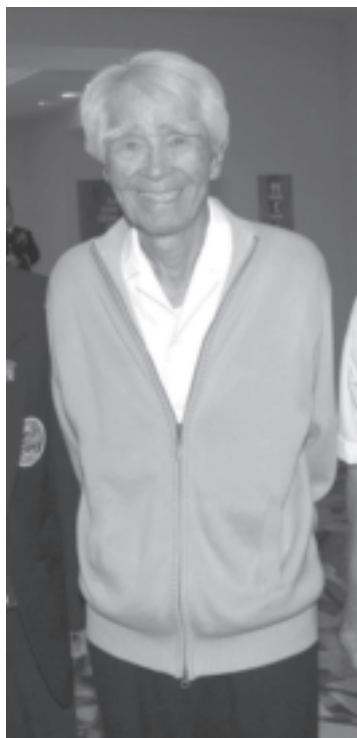
The battle in the Vosges Mountains heated up and the Anti-Tank Company was needed to shore up the frontlines. Then, the battle-scarred 442nd RCT was sent to southern France for R&R. They guarded the Maritime Alps area during this period. After new replacements arrived, the 442nd RCT was ready for their next assignment which was Italy in April 1945 and the breakthrough of the Gothic Line. The war in Italy ended on May 2, 1945 and on May 8 was the total surrender of the German army in Europe.

Upon returning home, Masato took advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights to enroll in Columbia College, New York, where he graduated as Phi Beta Kappa scholar. He continued his studies at Columbia Law School where he was a Harlan Fiske scholar. Masato then moved back to Hawaii to practice law. He was part of the young democrats who ran for legislative offices in 1954 and won signifying a new change in Hawaiian politics with John A. Burns as their leader.

Masato then focused on the City politics and ran for office on the Board of Supervisors. He then became chair of the first Honolulu City Council in the 1961. During this period Masato had the honor of approving the sister-city relationship with Bruyères. In 1964, he ran for Mayor and lost to the flamboyant and controversial Frank Fasi. He was appointed by Governor John Burns to the Circuit Court which position he held until 1978. He retired to his private law practice.

Masato had strong and long-lasting ties with the 442nd Veterans Club; he was elected President in 1953, the ninth person to hold that position. As a former VVV, he and his comrades started a scholarship at the University of Hawaii. He also played a big role in establishing the 442nd Veterans Scholarship Fund at the University of Hawaii. Masato was peerless as an Emcee and speaker – his wit and humor delighted audiences.

Masato married Sachiko Yamada in 1949 while attending college. They had two children, Carolyn and Philip. Sachiko died in 1992. Five years later, Masato married Cynthia Chi. His funeral services were private at his request.



*Masato at 442nd Veterans Club
70th Anniversary banquet*



*Swearing in 442nd Veterans
Club's officers in Dec. 2009*



JEAN BIANCHETTI

On Sunday, August 11, 2013, we received the following message from Mayor Denis Henry of Biffontaine:
Chers Amis,

C'est avec tristesse que je vous annonce le décès de Jean BIANCHETTI cofondateur avec mon prédécesseur du monument de la Borne 6. La municipalité de Biffontaine et le comité de la Borne 6 s'associent a la peine de ses proches.

Bien cordialement, Denis HENRY le maire

This certainly was sad news. What Mayor Henry wrote was:

"Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Jean BIANCHETTI co-founder with my predecessor of the monument from the Terminal 6. The municipality of Biffontaine and Terminal 6 Committee join the sadness of his relatives.

Sincerely, Denis HENRY mayor"

We of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team owe Jean Bianchetti a debt of gratitude for creating a monument dedicated to our battle to rescue the Lost Battalion of the 141st Regiment. At Jean's funeral service, this is the speech that Mayor Denis Henry gave:

"The Municipality of Biffontaine and the Association of 'La Borne 6' would like to pay tribute to Mister Jean Bianchetti, who passed away on the 10th of August at the hospital of Remiremont-Vosges, at the age of 82, living at Le Syndicat, for all the actions he lead for the municipality of Biffontaine in creating with Georges Henry, older mayor, a monument named 'Monument of la Borne 6' on October 1984 for the 40th anniversary of the battle of the Lost Battalion at Le Trapin des Saules.

"The same monument was erected at Cassino in Italy in honor of the same liberators of Biffontaine.

"On the 26 of October 2008, we erected a new monument named 'Statue of the Prayer' in the heart of the village of Biffontaine. Jean suffered the pain and misery of women, children and men who had stayed in

the village during WWII and wanted to pay tribute in their honor. The same statue was built and inaugurated on 24 September 2011 at Cassino, Italy, in attendance for the municipality of Biffontaine.

“Recently, Jean and his son, helped us in advising us on the choice of the stone for our own monument to the dead which we moved that relate all the dates of the acts of the war.

Jean worked humbly for the municipality of Biffontaine with his wife and children, who were always around him. I believe that today I can say the name of our liberators, the 100th and 442nd and offer our thanks and wish the rest in peace with the feeling of accomplishment.

He was honorary citizen of Fresno, recipient of the famous Aloha awarded by the State of Hawaii, friendship medal “*kansha*” for his action, work with friends of the Vosges, life member of the National Historical Society of the Japanese American of San Francisco, recipient for the gold insignia of the fraternity awarded by the Mayor of Cassino, and is an honorary citizen of Cassino. Jean was also recognized by Lt. General Donald M. Campbell, commander of the American Army in Europe.

The municipality of Biffontaine and the association of la Borne 6 present their deepest condolences to his family.

La municipalité de BIFFONTAINE
Le comité de la Borne 6”

We sent the following message to *Maire* Denis Henry:

“Thank you very much for informing us of the untimely passing of Jean Bianchetti. We veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team owe him a debt of gratitude for his role in erecting the monument at Borne 6. This monument reminds us all of the fierce battle to rescue the Lost Battalion of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division. This battle was one of the key victories which drove the enemy out of the Vosges Mountains.

The 442nd veterans and their children will treasure his monument commemorating our victory in the Vosges Mountains.

Please convey our heart-felt condolences to the family and friends of Jean Bianchetti. We bid our good friend Jean a fond *ALOHA*...”

Mae Isonaga who visited Bruyeres and Biffontaine in 2012, also sent her sympathy:



“I was deeply saddened to hear of Jean Bianchetti’s passing. I wish that I could personally give my condolences to his family, but I am not able to do so. Please accept my deepest sympathy; I know you must have been friends. I am sorry for your loss.

“I believe it was your father, along with Monsieur Bianchetti who honored the 442nd Regimental Combat Team by erecting the monument at Borne 6 in the Vosges. I and other daughters and sons of 442nd veterans, will be forever grateful for what they did. They honored our fathers in a most wonderful way.

“I was fortunate to visit the monument in October 2012, and I believe we met during the annual memorial service. I hope to visit again the year for the 69th anniversary of your town’s liberation and I hope to see you again.

Warmest Aloha, aloha pumehana,
Mae Isonaga”



by John Mikasa

Cannon Chapter held a luncheon meeting on September 25 at Zippy's Restaurant at King and Piikoi Streets. Attendees were Mitsuo and Esther Umeda, Akira, Betty and Mark Takahashi, Harold Nakasone, Akira Okamoto, and John and Mary Mikasa. May Koike had other commitments. Yukisada Oshiro is still convalescing after a hospital stay; we wish him a good recovery. Minutes of the latest Mother Club meeting were reviewed, with no adverse discussions.

Akira Okamoto has relocated from his former residence on Cooke Street to Oceanside Assisted Living, located in Punaluu. He is still spry and is hoping to return to independent living. He has a new mobile wheelchair with new features, including speed control. Wow! Because Punaluu is some distance from downtown Honolulu, he utilizes the Handi-Van Services. The van is a wonder in handling wheelchair passengers. Akira attended the annual September Memorial Service on September 29 at Punchbowl Cemetery. We saw him in the TV newscast that night, wearing the 442nd shirt and cap.

Akira Okamoto is quite a remarkable person. During the war, he was a radioman for artillery forward observers. The observers and their radioman, located in forward positions where they directly observe enemy actions to direct artillery fire, are in very hazardous positions. Most of the Silver Star and Purple Heart decorations of Cannon Company, were earned by them. Akira is a recipient of both of these medals. After the war, he spent much of his life working in the South Pacific islands. Being an expert craftsman, he taught the natives in Palau Island to build or rehabilitate boats, furnishings, water catchments, etc., with damaged goods, and jetson and flotsam materials.

Akira has spent time living at several U.S. mainland areas and the Philippines before being called home on family matters. May he continue with his active life.

Katherine Mizukami, sister to the late Cannoneer Takeshi "Bolo" Mizukai and Esther Umeda, passed away on September 17. Our deepest condolence to the family.

No news from our mainland representatives were received for this quarter.



by Michele Matsuo

The Medics are mourning the sudden passing of our beloved President, Albert "Oscar" Tsukayama on June 23, 2013. He gave his all to our Chapter, until succumbing to cancer soon after the 70th Anniversary Reunion.

As President, Oscar welcomed everyone warmly, ensured that we stayed in touch with each other, saw to it that we had the right folks in charge to have great parties, and lent encouragement to the individual families as well as to the group as a whole. For the orphaned younger generations, Oscar stood in as Dad and Grandpa, and preserved their link to the veterans. We were ever cheered and steadied by Oscar's big smiles and chortles, and his clear-thinking and heart-felt Nisei values. Losing him was almost like losing Dad and Grandpa all over again. He meant that much to everyone! Our heartfelt condolences to his widow, Suzy, his three sons, Dean, Edward "Wayne", and Paki, and 7 grandchildren. We enjoyed spending time with Oscar's family from the Mainland, and hope to see

them again soon! Thank you for the donations sent by Dean and Paki's respective staffs in Oscar's memory.

The Medics have had a tumultuous time after Oscar's passing. Soon after Oscar, our dear Howard Kozuma shockingly and very suddenly passed away as well, at home. Our deepest condolences to his widow, Dorothy, his sons Patrick and Darrell, and his two grandchildren. The Medics Chapter is going to miss his good cheer and enthusiastic participation! We are hoping that his sons and the entire Kozuma Family will now join in Medics events.

Then, around August 1, one of the healthiest of the Medics, Kazu Tomasa, whom many of you know as leader of the Uta Club, tripped at home one night, in his assisted living unit, and suffered injuries to his knees. One thing led to another, and he was hospitalized, and took about 6 weeks to get back to his old self and be restored to his personal unit, after completing rehabilitation therapy. Kazu is now back to his usual self!

On the morning we discovered that Kazu Tomasa was in the hospital, the Medics Chapter held its first meeting without Oscar, to elect Toshiaki Tanaka as President, at Tanaka Saimin, owned by Toshiaki's daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Paul Watanabe. The meeting was attended by Jack and Marian Yamashiro, John and Gloria Masunaga, Mutsue Nakamura, Mildred "Millie" Nakasone, Michele Matsuo, Allegra Matsuo Mossman, and hosted by Toshiaki and his wife, Mitsuyo. Jerry Ogawa was traveling and in Las Vegas, with son-in-law Richard Bauske, and unable to attend the meeting. Mahalo to the Tanaka's for the delicious lunch! Soon after the luncheon meeting, however, Toshiaki took a bad fall down stairs in his yard, and has been laid up, but luckily suffered no breaks or sprains. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Toshiaki!

John Masunaga's sister, Mary Fujimoto, came to visit him from San Antonio, Texas, with her daughter Donna Cole, who was active in the arrangements relating to the Congressional Gold Medal exhibit and in sponsoring the medal replicas awarded in the Washington, DC, ceremony.

Jimmie Kanaya and his wife Lynn are planning to attend the Medics Shinnen Kai luncheon from

11 am to 2 pm, at Natsunoya Tea House, on January 12th, Sunday. Mark your calendars! A big Mahalo to the Kanaya's for sending the Chapter a donation in memory of Oscar!

It was great that the Kanayas and also Dr. William "Tosh" Yasutake and his wife, Fumi, from Seattle, could fly in for the 442nd's 70th Reunion. Thank you to the 70th Anniversary Reunion Committee and to all who participated in the events!

Richard Bauske (husband of Jerry Ogawa's daughter, Corinne) is a Vietnam War veteran who served as a Navy helicopter pilot, and is the son of a Naval aviator killed in the Battle of Okinawa. Richard has been attending the 442 Board meetings for the Medics Chapter and reporting back. A big Mahalo to Richard for taking time off from running his construction company to take on duties for the Medics Chapter!

Gwen Sasaki, daughter of Wilfred (late) and Tsutoe Taira (respected elder and maker of Andagi in the Okinawan community), is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild in August. Congratulations to Gwen and the Taira's!

Allegra Matsuo Mossman and Michele Matsuo, granddaughter and daughter respectively of Ted and Dorothy Matsuo, started Allegra's clothing design business last year. It is called The Kitty Caffé. Allegra, now 16 years old, was recently a featured designer in Hawaii Fashion Month's gala Fashion as Art fashion show at the Hawaii State Art Museum Sculpture Garden on October 4th. Avid travelers, Allegra and Michele specialize in clothing made from high quality fabrics which usually stretch and can withstand the rigors of travel.



by Robert Uyeda, et al

Noboru Togioka



We received word that Noboru Togioka passed away from a friend, Donald Wakida, of Fresno, California.

Togioka, Nob to his friends, was with the communication platoon. He was one of the early recipients of the Silver Star.

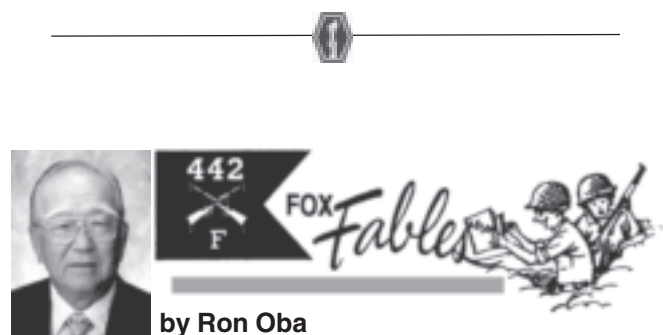
The 2nd Battalion Headquarters officers noticed Nob repairing the wires linking the headquarters with front line companies in plain view of the enemy. Nob did his job knowing the importance of the maintaining communication between the headquarters and the forward observers. He also earned a Purple Heart for wounds received on the battlefield. Here in Honolulu, only one member of the communication platoon of the 2nd Battalion is alive, Toshio Hayama. Nob was a farmer tending to his orchards and he lived in Fresno. He retired several years ago when his mobility became a problem. He was active in veteran affairs and participated in the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony held the Fresno JACL on February 19, 2012.

Nob died on September 24, 2013. His funeral service was held on October 5 in Fresno. He was a member of the VFW Sierra Nisei Post 8499. He lived at 2152 Stanford Avenue, Clovis, CA, 93611. He is survived by his wife Yuriko and two sons Robert and Eugene and their families.

Yasunobu (Yasu) Shoho

We just received word that Yasu has received a book authored by his younger brother Russell. The new book is The Odyssey of Mineo Inuzuka. The

book is titled: "My Life My Way." Mineo lives in Kailua on Oahu. He spent 22 years in the Army and retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was drafted in August 1944 from the Minidoka Internment Camp. He served in the 442nd RCT, Company F, and then in the Korean War. He is famous for his solo ocean voyage in a boat he built. The book was published by Nikkei Writers Guild, a Division of the Japanese American Living Legacy. This is the second book authored by Russell Shoho, the first was his book "the Kazuo Masuda Legacy." For your information Yasu's niece (daughter of Russell) is Susan Uyemura, CEO, President and Oral Historian of the Japanese American Living Legacy located at the California State University, Fullerton, California.



by Ron Oba

Senior moments

The end comes soon enough

How old are you now?

Members of Fox Chapter met at the Likelike Drive Inn on August 16 with President George Nakasato, Richard Murashige, Tommy/May Tamagawa, Jr./Ruth Uranaka, Tsune/Betty Muramaru, daughter Luanne/Richard Ross, Mineo/Sachiko Inuzuka and Ron/Michi Oba. George announced that Mrs. Umeda moved to have Bill Thompson return as President but no action was taken. Therefore, Frank Takao remains as the chairperson. George also said that Mits Kodama's daughter donated \$200 as a token of Mits everlasting love of the Fox Co. members.

Richard presented Dorothy's September Luncheon to be held at the Prince Court Restaurant at the Hawaii Prince Hotel with a Japanese- American

buffet. Cost is \$20 per person with a \$15 discount paid by the treasury. Thus far twenty members and wives have indicated that they will attend: Mineo/Sachiko Inuzuka, Jeanne Katayama, Tsune/Betty Muramaru, Richard/Dorothy Murashige, George/Myrtle Nakasato, Ron/Michi Oba, Natalie Lee-Oda, Chikako Shimada, Tommy/May Tamagawa, Jr./Ruth Uranaka, Irene/ Chilly Sasaki and Masako Ikeda.

Jr. Uranaka celebrated his 92nd birthday at the Alley Cafe in Aiea with his close friends; Chilly/Irene Sasaki and Ron/Michi Oba. Ruth was glowing in radiance as she looked at her youthful husband whose cropped hair done by Chilly Sasaki whose skill is not only in architectural designs but also in cropping hair. Must have learned to cut hair while at the Lahainaluna High School on Maui.

Sequestration is taking its toll on the Veterans entitlements such as prescription drugs, hearing aids, back braces, eyeglasses, etc. The Veteran's clinics now want the Dr.'s progress report as well as lab reports before it will allow any of the above, although many of us are 100% service-connected injured. Shucks, I went to the drug store to get my prescriptions. Perhaps the Pharmacists should take one day off for sequestration and fill out the Rx the next day - that makes more sense and I thought that our resident President Barack Obama was our friend? Oops, spoke too soon. Got word that Sequestration is a thing of the past and we can now request the usual prescriptions, hearing aid adjustments, etc., if your VA Dr. prescribes them.

Things are getting tough all over but Hawaii's unemployment rate is still one of the best in the Nation. We sure miss our Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye. His love of Hawaii overshadowed Governor Stevens of Alaska, a close friend for looking after their own States. The University of Hawaii is planning to erect a statue of Senator Inouye which was also proposed by our far-reaching prescient President, Bill Thompson.

Who's the oldest? Tommy at 93 or Fred Okada at 95? Jr. is also at 92. The "Hiyoko's" in our Company are George Nakasato at 88 yrs., Tsune Muramaru at 89 yrs. and Richard Murashige and Ron Oba at 90 yrs. old. Read that most Americans do not want to live beyond 90 years old. Why? Don't

they want immortality? Just their Progeny? Don't blame them – when you can't walk, need wheelchairs, can't pee standing up, who wants to be 100 yrs. old? Whatever – we just go rolling along with luncheons, dinners and breakfast meetings. Natsunoya called George to remind him of our reservation for our Shinnen EnKai. We also have reservations at Tree Tops for our Christmas Luncheon where children and families all come together. Life goes on and on so don't get left behind. Our Albert (Einstein) said, "Don't worry, the end is coming soon enough."

In Memoriam

Our erstwhile state circuit Judge Masato Doi, 92, and an Anti-Tank/442nd Veteran died at home. He attended the Mid-Pacific Institute, University of Hawaii, and during the WWII, he joined the Hawaii Territorial Guard, VVV and the Anti-Tank Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and fought in Italy and France with intrepidity. After the war, he utilized the G.I. Bill to attend Columbia University Law School. He was appointed Circuit Court Judge by Governor John J. Burns. He was born in Paauhau, Hamakua, Hawaii. He is survived by Cynthia Chi-Doi, son Philip, daughter, Carolyn E. Nomura, brother Yutaka and five grandchildren.



Reminder to Chapter Reporters:

**Deadline for the
Oct - Dec 2013 issue
of the
Go For Broke Bulletin
is
January 6, 2014**



Time has gone by since our last H Co. get-together. Bob Kishinami, our president, is hoping that November 3rd is OK for our next meeting up at Manoa Treetop Restaurant. Tree Top Restaurant manager has mentioned that they'll be closing shortly so let's end there with our "Thanks" to them for treating us well with all the good food and hospitality.

Thanks also to Harold Afuso who has kindly taken over Tak Okuhara's treasury chores. Harry Kiyabu has been good side help also.

Donations have come in from some of our local H Co. members – thank you very much for your generosity.

See you on 11/3, our next meeting.



Robert Kishinami being interviewed by Keisen University student at 442nd Veterans Club
Photo: Wayne Iha



Interview with Keisen University Students

On September 9, 2013 six senior female students from Keisen University, Tokyo, Japanese accompanied by two instructors and approximately ten 442nd Veterans participated in the interview session.

The format for the interview paired one veteran with one student for about an hour, then rotated the students so they would be paired with another veteran until the end of the session.

A week prior to the interview the participating veterans received a list of questions the students may

ask. We found the list very useful in formulating the reply.

Most of the questions asked by the two students in my group were generally within the nine topics below; however, I cannot vouch for the other students.

The topics: 1) Basic (family and personal information), 2) Japanese culture (Japan vs. Hawaii, education, language, etc.), 3) Pearl Harbor attack (life change, spoken language, family relationship), 4) Picture Bride (impact on plantation workers, pro and con of system), 5) Detention camps in Hawaii (knowledge of existence, detainees life in camps), 6) Education (experience in public and Japanese schools; parents influence, opportunities), 7) Loyalty (to USA and Japan, of Niseis, of parents, attitude by non-Japanese), 8) Emigration (dates, reasons, hardships, remain or return to Japan), 9) Discrimination (before, during and after Pearl Harbor attack towards us and Japanese in Hawaii).

Each of the topics consisted of many questions, some required lengthy discussions; hence, some topics were not covered.

Also, nearly all of our conversations were spoken in English, except a few Japanese words added for clarity. Probably, their learned English is “purer” than my “Hawaiian” English.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Uta No Kai ladies treated the guests with a hula show followed by Hula lessons for the students. A delicious buffet luncheon was served.

The veterans extend their many thanks for the assistance of the office staff, Uta No Kai ladies and others for the success of this event.



Sat Shikasho being interviewed by Keisen University student
Photo: Wayne Iha



by Ed Yamasaki

Editor’s Note: We received a letter to the editor from Ed Yamasaki about the excerpts of keynote addresses by Rev. Hiro Higuchi, Takao Hedani and Stanley Watanabe in our last GFB Bulletin. Ed felt the thoughts expressed by Rev. Higuchi, Hedani and Watanabe are worth pondering over today.

“We surviving, aging vets may have our ‘down moods,’ but let us be inspired by the past messages from three highly respected members of our club. Let us, whether Board representative or plain member, be as active and positive as possible in living the legacy of our combat team. To quote Disraeli: ‘The more extensive a man’s knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do.’”



Ed Yamasaki and Tyrone Tahara (S&D) at Joint Memorial Service
Photo: Wayne Iha



by Ted & Fuku Tsukiyama

Since the 522B vets are no longer sharing stories about themselves, this column will turn to the next generation and introduce the Go For Broke Bulletin readers to some of our 522B sons and daughters who have grown up to have made their mark in life and have done us proud.

Leslie Ueoka. “Les” Ueoka is the son of Harold and Jane Ueoka who attended and graduated from Iolani School, earned a BA degree in English from Northwestern University, and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

He returned to Hawaii to practice law and then in 1992 joined GTE Hawaiiintel as Assistant General Counsel where he has served up to the present. In 1994 he was named GTE Attorney of the Year and received a GTE resident’s Leadership Team Award in 1995.

In his off hours he has much time to devote to community service activities which include active membership in the Sons & Daughters Chapter of the 442nd Veterans Club, serving as director, vice president and treasurer of the Hawaii Opera Theatre where he received the Mary Pfeiffer Volunteer Recognition Award in 2010. He was also director of Gregory House Programs and served two terms as commissioner on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Les also serves as Assistant Scoutmaster to Troop 325, Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America. No wonder he has no time for marriage and remains one of Honolulu’s most eligible bachelors!

Dunn Muramaru. Dunn is the son of George Muramaru, former baseball star and baseball nut from who he inherited his baseball knowhow and coaching genius. Dunn started coaching Mid-Pacific Institute baseball in 1987 and in the ensuing 26 years has

compiled a remarkable high school baseball coaching career matched by none and has earned him recognition and distinction as “the dean of Hawaii high school baseball coaches.” Under his coaching MPI has won five HHSAA state championships and five runner-up finishes and won the ILH baseball championship nine times. Coach Dunn compiled a 71.5% winning record (411 wins, 163 losses and one tie) and has never had a losing season as the baseball coach for MPI. This year, 2013, Coach Dunn led MPI to its fifth state championship. In 2009, Coach Dunn was presented with the Chuck Leahey Award and in 2011 he was inducted into the MPI Sports Hall of Fame.

The Muramaru baseball legacy continues as his son Cary Muramaru has played as star centerfielder for the MPI baseball team for the past two years. And you can be sure that the one constant spectator at all MPI baseball games is proud grandpa George Muramaru rooting for son Coach Dunn and grandson centerfielder Cary Muramaru to win the game!

Chapter Meeting

522B Chapter which meets at Treetops Restaurant in Manoa was disappointed to learn that Treetops will close at the end of the year, which means that we, as well as the other 442 chapters that meet there, will have to find another restaurant meeting place for future meetings. Meanwhile, we notice that health issues, physical ailments and disabilities and loss of driving privileges of members and spouses take slow and relentless toll on the attendance at meetings. So we acknowledge and express our appreciation for the faithful attendance at our October meeting at Treetops of the following: Mildred Hara, Masayuki and Nancy Higa, Phyllis Hironaka, Mits and Ellen Kunihiro, George Muramaru, Laura Miho, Masaru Nakakura and daughter Lynn Nakahara, Chiyo Shimazu, George Rocky Tanna, Ted and Fuku Tsukiyama, Harold and Jane Ueoka, Henry and Grace Urada with son Wayne Urada, and Flint Yonashiro..



by Gail Nishimura

“Guten Tag” or “Bonjour” (Hello in German and French) Hopefully I’ll remember these when visiting there. In the meantime, I’m still working on my Japanese conversation. (And I thought English was hard!) As some of us prepare for the upcoming trip here’s what happened recently.

Movie night was held at the 100th clubhouse on August 31, 2013, Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. honoring the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Laughlin Tanaka did the intro of the movie with a story about his personal experience dressed as a 100th infantry soldier, took a photo with Senator Inouye last year. Movie shown is called “Journey To Washington - On the Trail of Senator Dan Inouye, Japanese-American Pioneer” by Fujisankei Communications International, they gave us permission for private showing. Dinner was provided – Ann Kabasawa made her delicious Chili with rice, hot dog/bun, toss salad, condiments and bountiful desserts, everyone had plenty to eat and took leftovers home, too! We also showed clips of the 70th Anniversary events too.

Total of about 70 people attended event, 7 veterans and several widows too, all groups attended – 442nd, 100th, MIS and 1399.



Movie Night

Photo: Clyde Sugimoto

Committee members were – Ann Kabasawa, Lynne Calvet, Byrnes Yamashita, Laughlin Tanaka, Alvin & Susan Yoshitomi, Wes Deguchi, Anita Nihei, Shirley Igarashi, and Tyrone Tahara. There were other 442nd and 100th members who also assisted but didn’t get their names.

The Joint Memorial Service at the Punchbowl Cemetery on Sunday, September 29, at 9:00 a.m. went off as planned. Our Keynote Speaker was to be Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, however due to unforeseen circumstances, she was not able to attend. We had a great replacement for her – retired Brig. General James Hirai (from Wahiawa!). Mistress of Ceremony Barbara Tanabe did a great job and we all had a “chicken skin” moment as six helicopters flew overhead just before the presentation of wreaths.

Aloha to Col. Gene Castagnetti, USMC, Ret. Superintendent, NMCP. Enjoy your upcoming retirement, we appreciate everything you have done and your support of the Veterans.



Barbara Tanabe & Byrnes Yamashita

Photo: Wayne Iha

On Saturday, work crews made up of volunteers from Sons & Daughters of 100th & 442nd RCT, Boys Scouts, Veterans and friends helped flags and flowers (for 100th) at the graves of all who served in the four AJA units. Snacks were served by Ann Kabasawa and crew on Saturday and Sunday. Menhune Water Company, Hawaiian Isles Kona Coffee and McDonalds of Hawaii also made donations for JMS. Thank you everyone for the donations of food and water for Saturday and Sunday.

Byrnes Yamashita was the overall chair for this event. Lois Nakagawa coordinated the VIP desk and Bert Hamakado parking. Everyone assisted with cleanup.

To all who participated in the set up, ceremony, and clean up – we thank you again for taking the time from your weekend to honor our veterans. You helped make the 8th Annual JMS a success!

Mark Matsunaga put together the following that was passed out to the scouts on Saturday. It gives the background to our veterans and helps to perpetuate the legacy through understanding and knowledge. Thanks Mark and Byrnes for getting this information out. It really helps people like me learn more about our fathers and what they went through to make the world a better place for us.

Why We Honor the AJA Soldiers

Thank you for helping the Oahu AJA Veterans Council hold its 8th annual Joint Memorial Service. The service is held on the last Sunday of September to honor deceased Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJAs) who served in World War II.

All who serve in America's armed services deserve our respect and gratitude. Why single out Japanese Americans? Because the nation did. After Japan's surprise attack on Hawaii on December 7, 1941, AJAs were so mistrusted that they were initially declared "enemy aliens" and placed in racially segregated Army units. The Navy and Marines wouldn't take them. On the West Coast, 120,000 people of Japanese descent – most of them Americans by birth — were forced from their homes and sent to internment camps in the country's interior. Despite the suspicion and bigotry, more than 20,000 AJAs served honorably and heroically, writing a lesson in American patriotism that we must never forget.

Residents of Japanese descent made up 37 percent of Hawaii's population when the war began, and 63 percent of the territory's residents who died in uniform in the war. Their service and sacrifices did much to win equal treatment for all people in the Islands and helped Hawaii become a state in 1959.

After the war, President Harry Truman told the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on the White House

lawn, "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice, and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win—to make this great Republic stand for just what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people all the time." Two years later, Truman ordered an end to racial segregation in the military.

The story of the World War II Americans of Japanese ancestry centers on four units:

100th Infantry Battalion

Initially consisted of about 1,400 AJAs who were drafted or enlisted before the war, and some Caucasian officers. The AJAs were serving in Hawaii when the war began, but were removed from their units and sent to the Mainland during the Battle of Midway in June 1942.

The 100th Battalion spent more than a year in training, impressing many observers and leading the War Department to authorize creation in early 1943 of a larger unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Meanwhile, the 100th was sent to North Africa and then to Italy, where it entered combat in September 1943 as part of the 34th Infantry Division. The "One Puka Puka" soon became known as the "Purple Heart Battalio" because of the high casualties it sustained while earning the respect of friend and foe. In June 1944, the 442nd RCT joined the 100th Battalion in Italy and incorporated the 100th as one of its three infantry battalions. The 100th Infantry Battalion earned three Presidential Unit Citations during World War II.

442nd Regimental Combat Team

Remains the most decorated combat unit in the U.S. Army, for its size and length of service. It was formed in February 1943 with 4,500 volunteers. About two-thirds were from Hawaii, the rest from the Mainland, where many of their families had been forced out of their West Coast homes and imprisoned in the internment camps.

After training in Mississippi, the 442nd was sent to Italy in 1944. The 442nd fought in eight major campaigns in Italy, France and Germany. In the fall of 1944, in the Vosges Mountains in eastern France, the unit fought its most famous battle, the Rescue of

the Lost Battalion. The 442nd saved 211 men of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment who had been cut off by the enemy, suffering many more casualties than the number they saved. Near the war's end, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion was separated from the combat team for Seventh Army's push into Germany. The 522nd liberated at least one subcamp in the Dachau concentration camp complex and freed thousands when it intercepted the Dachau death march.

Ultimately more than 14,000 men served in the 442nd RCT in World War II, earning eight Presidential Unit Citations, including the three awarded to the 100th Bn.

Military Intelligence Service

More than 6,000 Japanese Americans – also called “Nisei” — served in the Military Intelligence Service in the war against Japan, although wartime secrecy meant they received very little credit for their work. Even before the war, a handful were recruited by the Corps of Intelligence Police, and 45 were in the first class of the Fourth Army Language School at the Presidio of San Francisco. After Pearl Harbor, thousands of AJA soldiers attended the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Minnesota, then went to work quietly against their parents' homeland.

MIS AJAs served as interpreters, interrogators, translators, cave flushers, electronic eavesdroppers and combat infantrymen. They served not as a unit, but in ones, twos or small detachments assigned to every major U.S. and Allied unit and service, in every major campaign in the Pacific and Asia. In addition to usual hazards of combat, they risked being mistaken for the enemy and shot by our own side. They are credited with saving hundreds of thousands of lives and shortening the war significantly. Afterwards, they played a key role in rebuilding Japan into a modern democracy and U.S. ally. The MIS received a Presidential Unit Citation for its World War II service.

1399 Engineer Construction Battalion

The 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion was activated in Hawaii on April 26, 1944. At its peak,

the 1399 had 993 troops. The unit completed more than 54 major defense projects on Oahu during the war, including construction of a large water tank in Wahiawa, training villages, artillery emplacements, ammunition storage pits, warehouses, airfields, auxiliary roads in the mountains, bridge repairs, rock quarry operations and military defense facilities.

Despite requests from Gen. Douglas MacArthur to deploy the unit in the Pacific, the 1399 was kept in Hawaii. The unit earned a Meritorious Service Award.

On another note, the GERALYN HOLCK is working hard on our trip to Germany and France. Can't believe it's almost here, will be a great adventure for many of us and we are all anticipating the trip. We will tell you all about our trip when we return. Sons & Daughters from the mainland and Hawaii are traveling together. We get to renew old friendships and form new ones. Looking forward to another adventure!

We will be having our annual Sons & Daughters Christmas Party and General Membership Meeting on December 15, 2013 at Tree Tops in Manoa. Ann KASABAWA will be chairing the event as usual and a good time will be had by all. A flyer is attached in this bulletin. We would love to see you.

One change we are implementing will be the start and end of membership dates. Beginning in January 2014, membership year will be from January to December of every year. Having the membership same as the calendar year should make it easier for people to keep track of due dates.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming 71st Anniversary Luncheon coming up in March 2014. Jennifer, Lenora and Clayton are working on plans (and centerpieces) for the luncheon which will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel. More information will be forthcoming in the next bulletin. Let us know if you would like to volunteer. We are always looking for “new blood”!

That's it for now, hope you are enjoying the fall weather (do you even notice it?) and have a great holiday season. Will be back next quarter.

The following speech was made by Brigadier General James T. Hirai (US Army, Ret.) at the Joint Memorial Service held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Sept. 29, 2013.

Thank you, Barbara (Tanabe), for the introduction. Thank you, an MIS veteran's daughter, for your role in helping us honor the fallen and to cherish the survivors today.

Distinguished veterans, families of our veterans, guests, and all who have helped plan and organize this memorial service, Aloha.

I'd like to express a special greeting on behalf of Congresswoman Gabbard, who, due to her call to duty in the House of Representatives this weekend, regrets her absence. Although I am speaking in her place, she is represented here this morning by her mother, Carol Gabbard. We appreciate your presence, Carol; and mahalo on behalf of all the attendees for gift of Hawaiian toffee.

In my years growing up in Wahiawa and later as a soldier, I heard and read amazing accounts of wartime and peacetime actions of the veterans we recognize today. I was fortunate to hear directly from what researchers call, 'primary sources,' the participants themselves; but only rarely as most of these heroes were reticent to share their experiences, even with their own families. More often than not, my Sansei friends would say that they knew their father or uncles served in World War II (some because they played with military medals and decorations they found around the house) but my friends seldom heard about wartime experiences directly. If they were lucky, they may have heard from others about their fathers' and uncles' hardships and sacrifices. Thankfully, over time, dedicated historians in the Army and in academic institutions, have researched archives of official documents (some that were classified secret for many decades), conducted interviews and field studies of battlefields, and published their works. Also thankfully, veterans' organizations, Sons and Daughters groups, Japanese cultural organizations and museums have collected and displayed me that

documents and memorabilia. Accessibility to these wonderful resources is enhanced with linked websites sponsored by academic institutions, government agencies and non profit groups. The men who served with the legendary 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service and the 1399th Engineer Battalion, the men we honor today, are indeed worthy of all the research, history books, movies, articles, speeches, websites, and testimonials.

As I considered various themes to highlight this morning, I knew I could get lots of reference material on just about any AJA story line I chose to develop because of all of these resources. But instead of reaching into the conventional treasure trove, I went to another source that provided me insights such as the following: "Some have posited that the Nisei soldiers were used more mercilessly than their counterpart brigades, while others suggested their assignments simply stemmed from their stunning reputation and unparalleled competence as a fighting unit. What ever the case, these brave men were determined to prove their loyalty, to fight for their country's freedom, even when their own freedom was uncertain."

The author adds: "Their legacy is the journey from enemy alien to cherished hero. It is a study of bravery and courage for subsequent generations to lift up and attempt to emulate, regardless of color or creed. Their legacy is the model of "turning the other cheek," even when genuinely wronged, and realizing that some things, like patriotism and love of country, are important."

"To their comrades they were distinct by race, but to their stalwart supporters they are distinct by heroic valor."

These are excerpts from an essay written by Catherine Gardiner, the daughter of a co-worker, as she was about to graduate from high school. Her paper, which focused on the 442d Regimental Combat Team, highlighted not only their combat record, but also the Varsity Victory Volunteers' story, and the irony of 442d members freeing concentration camp prisoners in Germany even as their own families were interned in the United States.

Catherine's motivation to write an essay was to compete for college scholarship money. She told

she got much more out of this project and was surprised at how little she knew at the start of her research. With the help of research sources I mentioned earlier and especially with access to online video interviews of veterans that made the history come alive, she learned a lot. When I asked her what she got out of her efforts beyond the essay, she said, “I am grateful for the opportunity to have researched the history of the 442d on several levels. First, it gave me a deep sense of awe and gratitude for the immense sacrifice of the Nisei soldiers, brought to life through the personal testimonies of those who lived it. Generalizing beyond that, it helped me understand how dangerous and wholly inappropriate the racist policies of that time were – driven by fear and ignorance, and why we need to ensure they are not repeated. Finally, it highlighted the exceptionalism of our great nation, in that thousands of Japanese Americans were so enamored with their homeland that they leapt at the opportunity to defend her and her freedom. So often we fail to appreciate the treasure that we have been given by the blood of others.” I thank Catherine for her essay and her insights as they help us honor the sacrifices of the World War II Americans of Japanese Ancestry soldiers. Her work also lends credence to the efforts of the many organizations and individuals dedicated to preserving and telling this American story of loyalty,

perseverance, valor and humility. Thank you to those who conduct or support the wide range of efforts that keep alive these incredible stories and lessons. This thank you is also directed to the organizers of this Eighth Annual Joint Memorial Service who give us the chance to thank and recognize our veterans, our heroes. The service this morning gave us time together to reflect on their awesome, inspirational record of selfless service. I hope this service also reinvigorates and expands our efforts to learn well the lessons of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineers and the men who made them legendary.

Editor’s Note:

At the end of the Joint Memorial Service, friends of Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard handed out small packets that contained a note and two cookies. The note read: “I’m sorry I can’t be there to join you in remembrance of Shigeo ‘Joe’ Takata, and in honor of all Americans of Japanese ancestry who have served. Please accept this small gift of Aloha.”

It was a thoughtful and original way for Congresswoman Gabbard to express her regrets.



100th Bn/442nd Reserve at the Joint Memorial Service

Photo: Wayne Iha

100th Infantry Battalion Prepares for the Joint Memorial Service
 Sept. 28, 2013 (Photos by Ann Kabasawa and Clyde Sugimoto)



Joint Memorial Service
 Sept. 29, 2013 (Photos by Wayne Iha)



Barbara Tanabe, MC



Brig. General James T. Hirai, Keynote Speaker



Gene Castagnetti and Consul General of Japan Toyoei Shigeeda



Yoshi & Robert Kishinami (H) and Kazu Tomasa (Medics)



Gene Castagnetti announces his retirement



Akira Okamoto (Cannon) who faithfully attends 442nd events



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