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PRESIDENT'S *Report*

by Bill Thompson

As this issue of our Go For Broke bulletin goes to press, the excitement of the passage and signing of the Congressional Gold Medal bill by President Obama is overwhelming. So many inquiries are now being received. Many veterans who have remained anonymous have been calling about the CGM medal. This is the result of the wide-spread publicity in the newspapers and TV stations. The real ceremony on the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal will be next year – summer or later. However, reservations are now being accepted to attend this ceremony which most likely will be held in the Capitol Rotunda.

We observed our 5th Joint Memorial Service chaired by the 100th Infantry Veterans Club on September 26. Our guest speaker was Maj. General Robert Lee, State Adjutant General. MG Lee, who has been so accommodating to the Nisei Veterans, added an invitation during his keynote address. He invited veterans to enjoy another flight in their C-17, the “Go For Broke” cargo plane.

Our friend, Lt. General Joseph Peterson retired on August 2nd at Fort McPherson, Georgia. We sent ilima yarn leis for the family gathering and orchid leis for the retirement ceremony.

The latest DVD on the 442nd Veterans – “Live with Honor, Die with Dignity” was shown to a special audience of veterans and families at the Ward Theater. Attendance was good and many are now wondering when the DVD will be on sale. A video of Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele virtuoso, who composed a song titled “Go For Broke”, was featured prior to the movie. He donated hundreds of CD disks of his original “Go For Broke” composition, a most generous gift.

Interest in the 100th/442nd remains high. With the National Park project constructed by Eric Saul depicting on Ellis Island, greater understanding of the

Nisei during WWII will be gained. Tom Graves, noted photographer, was in town interviewing veterans for his book with stories and photos of the WWII Nisei veterans. My thanks to our Club members who volunteered to be interviewed.

We continue to work with the National Veterans Network (NVN) on the Congressional Gold Medal project. This is to ensure proper recognition is made to those deserving our assistance. Ms. Christine Sato-Yamazaki, former president of the GFBNEC, is the Chairperson of the still-uncharted NVN.

We have received an invitation from JAVA to become life members of their association – free, no dues! The JAVA group has been a leading proponent of Nisei issues. We have been the beneficiary of their presence and influence in Washington, DC. Terry Shima, a Big Island native from Hakalau and a 442nd veteran, is their executive director.



L-R: Bill Thomson (Pres., 442nd Veterans Club), Mike Harada (Pres., 100th Inf Bn Veterans) and Edgar Hamasu (Pres., MIS) place wreaths at Brothers in Valor Monument at Ft. DeRussy. Photo: Wayne Iha



IN MEMORIAM

Deepest sympathies to the families & friends of the following:

Aoki, Otomatsu (Service)	May 17, 2010
Arai, Yoshiaki (522 Medics)	July 23, 2010
Atagi, Yoshinobu "Archie" (L Co.)	June 14, 2010
Hagiwara, Patrick Kazuo (2HQ)	June 24, 2010
Hirasawa, Paul S. (H Co.)	July 30, 2010
Hironaka, Tsutomu (H Co.)	July 3, 2010
Ichiuji, Joseph "Joe" (522A)	July 3, 2010
Kanayama, Richard T. (I Co.)	May 19, 2010
Kapunia, Robert K. (100/442 F Co.)	June 12, 2010
Kasubuchi, John K. (K Co/MIS)	June 8, 2010
Kawaguchi, George Y. (E Co.)	Aug. 1, 2010
Kawakami, Harry Hitoshi (I Co.)	Jan. 23, 2010
Kawakami, Yoshito (HQ Co.)	July 10, 2010
Kawasaki, Kiyoharu (H Co.)	May 20, 2010
Kimura, Stanley Teruo (2HQ)	June 6, 2010
Kinaga, Thomas (I Co.)	Sept. 15, 2010
Matsui, Everett (Cannon)	July 9, 2010
Mizuno, Tom (L Co.)	Aug. 29, 2010
Morimoto, Kiyoji (K Co.)	July 7, 2010
Morio, Noboru "Nibs" (G Co.)	Aug. 5, 2010
Muneta, Henry "Hank" (L Co.)	July 10, 2010
Murakami, Kazuo "Gus" (I Co.)	Sept. 28, 2010
Muraoka, Hideo (I Co.)	Aug. 31, 2010
Nakamura, Allen Masami (L Co.)	July 18, 2010
Nakamura, Kazuto "Naka" (I Co.)	May 29, 2010
Nitta, Masato (L Co.)	Sept. 23, 2010
Ogai, Tomotaru (3HQ)	May 10, 2010
Okinaka, Yasuo (L Co.)	Sept. 20, 2010
Sakai, Isamu "Sam" (Staff HQ Co.)	June 15, 2010
Sawamoto, Takumi (2HQ)	June 16, 2010
Shigenaga, Raymond K. (E Co.)	Aug. 1, 2010
Sugihara, Harry Hiroshi (F Co.)	Aug. 13, 2010
Takahashi, Kenge (F Co.)	July 28, 2010
Takahashi, Samuel M. (522C)	July 2010
Takekawa, Claude (171 st)	Sept. 5, 2010
Teruya, Seiki (L Co.)	May 22, 2010
Tanada, Shigeo (F Co.)	Aug. 18, 2010
Tanaka, Toshiyuki (H Co.)	June 4, 2010
Umeda, David Kiyoshi (M Co.)	Aug. 20, 2010
Watanabe, Walter (I Co.)	July 24, 2010



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In memory of Allen Nakamura (L Co.)

IN MEMORIAM



Bert Noboru Nishimura, Colonel, US Army (Ret.)

August 1, 1918



October 15, 2010



News from the

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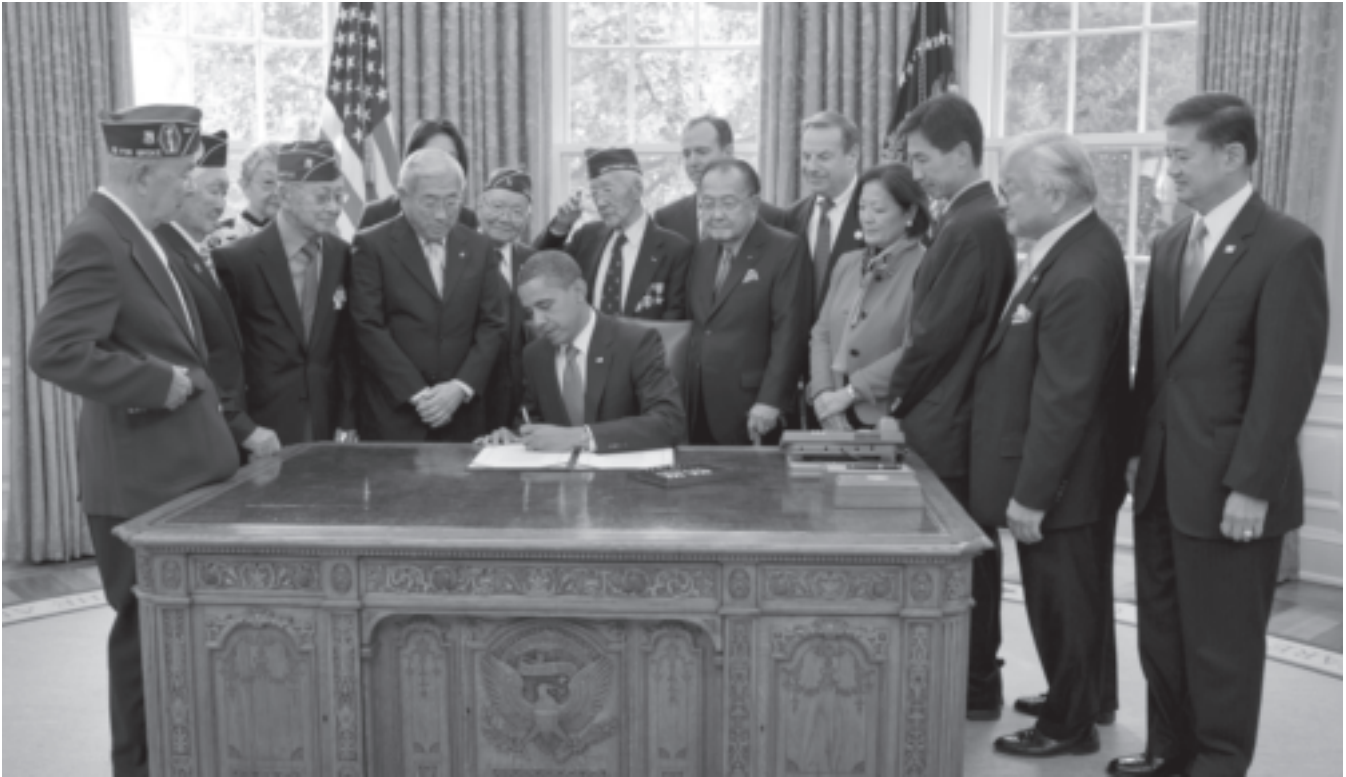
by Oscar Tsukayama

President Obama Signs Bill to Award Congressional Gold Medal to 100th, 442nd and MIS

On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, President Obama signed Bill S-1055 into law at a White House Oval Office ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM), collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd RCT and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). This historic event was witnessed by veterans Sam Fujikawa (100), Jimmie Kanaya with wife Lynn (442), Grant Ichikawa (MIS), Terry Shima (442), Kelly Kuwayama (442) and Senator Daniel Inouye (442). Also present were Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, Congressman Charles Dijou, Congressman, Adam Schiff, Congressman Michael Honda, Christine Sato Yamazaki, Chairperson of the National Veterans

Network (NVN), Floyd Mori, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki. In affixing his signature, the president discussed the heroism and combat performance record of the Nisei while many of their families were in internment camps and stated that their sacrifices impacted favorably on future generations. He offered his congratulations to the Japanese Americans on this well deserved recognition.

The next step in the process is the design and minting of the Gold Medal and developing plans for a presentation ceremony. The NVN which is working on these plans has, so far, announced that it will be held in early fall of 2011; will be held in the Capitol Rotunda and will have accommodations for approximately 300. Reservations are required for attendance. Reservation forms are available at the 442nd Veterans Club in Honolulu or you may contact Metta Tanikawa at cgm.tanikawa@gmail.com or Terry Shima,



President Obama signs Bill S1055 awarding the CGM to Nisei Veterans (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

ttshima@comcast.net or 425 Russell Ave, #1005, Gaithersburg, MD, 20877 for information.

Only one gold medal will be minted which will be awarded, collectively, to the three units. Following the presentation it will be placed on display in the Smithsonian museum. NVN announced that bronze replicas of the medal may be available for purchase at the ceremony. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced the bill.

Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) Dedicates Japanese American Memorial Wall

More than 1,000 attended the dedication of the NVC Foundation Memorial Wall on Sunday Sept. 5, 2010 in Seattle, WA. The brick wall which is 12 feet in height and 190 feet long honors Japanese Americans who were either interned or served in the US military during World War II with each brick containing the name and the camp in which interned or the name, branch of service and the unit of assignment for veterans. The ceremony received wide media coverage and was attended by many

dignitaries including Japanese Consul General Kiyokazu Ota, Congressman Jim McDermott who secured \$200,000 for the memorial wall through federal earmark, former governor Mike Lowry and representatives for Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Jay Inslee. They all expressed strong support for the Japanese American Community in Seattle.

In an interview with the press, one attendee stated that “the wall is a tribute to our veterans and internees of Japanese American ancestry, the legacies and the stories behind these bricks have many stories told and untold.” Another said, “I hope this wall serves not only to keep our children mindful of preserving the legacy of our veterans and internees but also serves as a remembrance of the valor, the strength and the sacrifice made by our families, our communities and loved ones.” Frank Shinoda, who reported on the event for the NVC Newsletter states: “For me, this wall serves as a physical reminder of the hardships of those who sacrificed so much and as a talking point for families to share their history to

pass down to future generations. I believe this wall is a symbol of hope that we will continue to learn from the past in order to better ourselves in the future and that these memories with this magnificent wall will stand the test of time.”

Tendola, A Small Community in Italy Pays Tribute to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, the citizens of Tendola, Italy gathered to unveil a monument to honor the 21 Medal of Honor recipients from the 442nd RCT and the bravery and sacrifices of all the men of the 442 who fought in the surrounding hills and mountains during the Battle of the Gothic Line. Dr. Massimo Dada, Mayor of Fossdinovo, the city in which Tendola is located led the ceremony and was assisted by Graziella Bernadis Watanabe, wife of the late 442 veteran, George Watanabe in unveiling the monument. The monument lists the names of the 21 MOH recipients with an enlargement of the Medal of Honor. Mr. Luigi Lertola, President of the Tendola Historical Society noted that the monument is located in a park overlooking Mt. Mosatello, where then Lt. Daniel Inouye led an assault on enemy positions and was recognized for his bravery with the Medal of Honor.

Bryan Takeuchi, former NVC commander, who attended the ceremony and reported on the event for the NVC newsletter, closed his article with, “To those that read this, please know that citizens of a small community in Italy, have not forgotten the valor and sacrifices of the 442...despite it being almost 70 years in the past. They remember the young men who fought for their freedom...in a place so far away from home.”

5th Annual Joint Memorial Service.

Approximately 250 veterans, family members and friends of the 100th Infantry Bn., 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399th Engineer Construction Bn. gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Sunday September 26, 2010 to pay tribute to those in our ranks who rest in peace in Punchbowl. Ms. Pauline Sato, daughter of

Robert Sato, Co. A. 100 Bn, served as Mistress of Ceremony; Mr. Mike Harada, son of Edward Harada, Co D. 100th Bn, and current president of the 100th Infantry Bn. Veterans Club gave the Welcome Address; Invocation was by Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani and Benediction by Chaplain Kevin Gilbert. The 100th Bn. 442nd Inf performed the Posting and Retiring of Colors and the 21-Gun Salute and a Flyover was performed by Helicopter Anti-Submarine Sqdn. Light 37, USN. Music for the event was provided by the Royal Hawaiian Band, The Pearl City Community Church Choir and by Alan Miyamura and Primasita Seery, Celtics Pipes and Drums of Hawaii. As usual, several Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs were on hand to decorate the graves of honored veterans with flags and leis; ROTC cadets assisted with passing out programs and policing the grounds and several businesses and individuals too numerous to mention donated funds, water, coffee and food items and furnished the PA system. A Big Thank You also to our Sons & Daughters organization who helped with planning and made sure that they were effectively implemented to assure a successful program. Our Mahalo Nui Loa to all of them.

Maj. Gen. Robert G.F Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii, delivered the Memorial Address in which he reviewed the accomplishments of the Niseis during World War II and pointed out how the military services in Hawaii are doing their part to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of the 100th/442nd. The Air Force, he says, has named one of its C-17 Cargo Planes the “Spirit of Go for Broke” and its crew members explain the exploits of the 100/442 during World War II whenever they have a chance. The Navy flies a special Hawaiian flag dedicated to the 100 Bn. 442nd Infantry on the Submarine USS Hawaii, which is home-ported in Pearl Harbor, for all to see during its surface operations. The Army, of course, he says has its pride and joy the 100 Bn, 442nd Infantry which is dedicated to carry on the legacy of the 100th Infantry Bn. and 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Did You Know That

Pete Rouse, who was appointed by President Obama as White House Chief of Staff to replace

Rahm Emanuel is of Jewish and Japanese American Heritage?

His maternal grandfather, Goro Mikami, initially, immigrated to San Francisco in 1885, then returned to Japan in 1910 to marry his wife Mine Mikami, then returned to the United States eventually settling in Alaska in 1915. His mother, Mary Mikami Rouse was born in Alaska; attended Anchorage High School and graduated with honors from the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines in 1934. She then moved to Yale where she earned her Ph.D and met her husband Irving Rouse. Grandparents Goro and Mine moved to Los Angeles shortly before World War II began and were incarcerated in a federal detention camp in Arizona for the duration of the war.

Peter M. Rouse was born in New Haven Connecticut; received his B.A. from Colby College in 1968, an M.A. from the London School of Economics in 1970 and an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1977. He has worked on Capitol Hill for more than 30 years as Chief of Staff for South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle; as Chief of Staff for then-Illinois U.S. Senator Barack Obama and as

Senior Advisor to the president. The Japanese American community is delighted over his selection and is confident that he will do a commendable job as White House Chief of Staff.

Recently Published Books About Nisei Veterans

Virgil Westdale who served with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion is a published author. A resident of Chicago, he worked with writer Stephanie Gerdes to complete his book, *Blue Skies and Thunder: Farm Boy, Pilot, Inventor, TSA Officer and World War II soldier of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team*. The book is available in paperback and hardback at www.amazon.com. His oral history is also available on the GFBNEC website.

Boston author Michael Dana Kennedy has written a new historical fiction novel, *The Flowers of Edo*. His hero is a Japanese American, Lt. Ken Kobayashi, assigned by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to infiltrate the Imperial Japanese army in the lead-up to the invasion of Japan. It is described as a tale of espionage, romance and “What might have happened.” It is also available in paperback and hardback from amazon.com as well as from Borders and Barnes and Noble.



100th Bn/442nd Inf Honor Guard pays tribute with 21 Gun Salute at Joint Memorial Service

Photo: Wayne Iha

Feature Story

The following was written by Shara Enay, a former Hawaii Herald staff writer. The Kaimuki High School and University of Hawaii-Manoa journalism graduate is now a writer for Hawaii Business magazine. We thank Hawaii Herald Editor, Karleen Chinen and author, Shara Enay for permission to print this article in the Go For Broke Bulletin.

Life Lessons from “442”

Junichi Suzuki’s Documentary Takes Us Inside the Nisei Veterans’ Soul

by Shara Yuki Enay

Hawaii Herald Columnist Commentary

Last weekend, my boyfriend and I went on a double-date with our friends, Andrew and Karen. When we get together, we normally do something relaxing, casual and fun, like barbecue or grab some drinks or eat dinner. This time around, however, I would describe our get together as serious, somber and even eye-opening.

We met at the Ward Theatres to watch the highly acclaimed film, “442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity,” by veteran director Junichi Suzuki. There were only about a dozen people in the theater that Sunday afternoon and we were by far the youngest. The only other person in the audience who didn’t qualify for the senior citizen discount was a woman who sat alone right behind us.

I’d heard about this film and had read a few reviews on it. Terry Hunter, a film critic for Hawaii News Now, commented: “It’s the best movie I’ve ever seen about the brave Japanese Americans who, during World War II, proved their loyalty to this country with their own blood.” Now, after having seen it myself, I would agree with Terry that “442” is one of the most fulfilling and comprehensive documentaries I have seen about the AJA experience.

If you haven’t seen the movie, but are planning to, consider this your spoiler alert.

The 98-minute documentary seemed longer than it actually was, but not because it dragged on and on. Quite the contrary. “442” is rich in content and it is

intense. The film featured candid, heartfelt interviews with a handful of the remaining 442nd Regimental Combat Team veterans and their families. For many, this will likely be their last recorded account before they pass on. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye and retired Honolulu attorney Ted Tsukiyama were among the interviewees who provided rare insights into how the soldiers felt about their time spent on the battlefields of Europe. Although other movies have done a good job of providing historical context and recognizing the men of the 100th/442nd for their skilled combat, to me, this film emphasized the raw, honest emotions experienced by the young soldiers.

One of the first tearjerker moments – there were several – came when a woman recounted one of the saddest World War II stories she had ever heard: Her friend’s family had been ordered to evacuate their home because they were being sent to a concentration camp on the Mainland. The father told the family that he would join them once he packed up the remainder of their belongings. He never made it to the camp. Instead, he committed suicide in his home because he couldn’t bare the thought of being locked up and forced to live like a prisoner in his own country. There wasn’t a dry eye in the room after that scene.

As always, movies, books and tributes to the 442nd and 100th Infantry Battalion serve as good reminders for the younger generations so that we understand and appreciate all of the things our ancestors sacrificed for the life we live today. But beyond the feeling of reverence for the Issei and Nisei that I normally experience after seeing one of these movies, I had a couple of “aha” moments that literally changed everything – the way I see the world, the way I feel about the AJA veterans and the way I perceive things in my own life.

In the movie, we learn that Sen. Inouye was a sniper because he was the best shooter in his unit and, although we’ve heard many of the stories before, it’s always amazing to listen to the tales of hard-won battles. Community celebrations, statues and plaques in France, Italy and Texas are evidence that even today, people across the globe still pay tribute to the 100th/442nd for their bravery and accomplishments.

One theme that echoed loud and clear throughout the film was that none of the soldiers considered themselves heroes. Instead, they talked about how awful

and numbing it was to kill people or to watch their fellow soldiers die right before their eyes, or in some cases, in their own arms. Even though almost 70 years have passed, it's obvious that the men still mourn and have never forgotten their "brothers" who died on the battlefields.

"I wear this medal for those that didn't come home," says one veteran with tears in his eyes.

Some of the accounts in the film are so personal and intimate that many of the veterans' children have never before heard these stories. To watch them learn for the first time how their fathers killed others or narrowly escaped death was difficult and emotional. But it was even harder to watch as the vets welled up with tears as they recounted their horrific experiences after keeping them bottled up inside them all these decades. I truly hope the process of making this film and talking about their experiences gave them peace and comfort.

Another part of the movie that I really liked was the veterans' recognition of draft resisters and people like Fred Korematsu, who challenged the internment order and became an advocate for civil rights. Sen. Inouye said they were the ones who should be recognized for their courage. For me, it was a defining moment, because beyond all the stories of valor and bravery that you hear about the 100th/442nd, this proved what kind of men they really were beneath their uniforms – and they were nothing short of amazing.

Throughout the film, I heard sobs from every corner of the theater. The woman in the row behind us must have had some personal connection to the 100th/442nd because she came prepared with a box of Kleenex. A couple of times during sad parts, I couldn't tell if I was crying because of the film's dramatic content or because I felt for the woman, who, at times, sobbed as if she was watching her own father share his memories. That's how profound and moving the documentary was. I could feel the history and pain in the veterans' voices and I sensed that everyone else in the room could, too.

The real takeaway for me came at the conclusion of the film when one of the psychologists who had talked extensively with several members of the 100th/442nd revealed that the main difference between the AJA soldiers and others he had worked with who had fought in other wars was that the 100th/442nd veteran didn't dwell on their atrocious wartime experiences. Even after

enduring discrimination while fighting for a country that questioned their loyalty, and even while their families were imprisoned in concentration camps – they remained positive and optimistic. They didn't *monku* around and feel sorry for themselves because of how they had been treated.

The psychologist said he believes it was that positive attitude and outlook that enabled many AJAs – civilians and non-civilians alike – to move on and readjust back into society once the war was over. Even more amazing, many AJA vets went on to enjoy successful careers, provide better opportunities for their children, their communities and society in general, and to live long, healthy lives.

That scene was a major chickenskin moment for me. If that's not resiliency at its finest, I don't know what is. In all honesty, if I try to imagine myself in the same position as those twenty-something-year-old World War II soldiers, I know I wouldn't have been as brave or forgiving as they were.

Before seeing "442," I was proud to be an AJA. Now, "proud" just doesn't cut it. I am inspired.

My friend Andrew, whose great-granduncle Shizuya Hayashi served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, which was the first AJA unit to enter combat in Europe and which became the 1st Battalion of the 442nd RCT when the two units were merged, agrees the film was well-done. He believes the hardship and discrimination faced by the soldiers served as extra incentive and motivation and is what drove them to become the most decorated unit of its size and length of service in U.S. history.

"Obligation, honor, shame, *gaman* (patience), the idea of *shikata ga nai* (acceptance with resignation) – those values were instilled in the men by their Issei parents," Andrew told me after the movie. "Thanks to the men of the 442nd and 100th Battalion, those same principles are still passed on to the younger generations."

It's up to people like Andrew and me – the yonsei and gosei – to ensure that those values live on. And "442" showed us exactly why they are so important.



Henry Kuniyuki

Yasukuni Jinja, located in Tokyo, Japan, is Nippon's Arlington Memorial to honor their war dead. Located there is a heartrending statue of a grieving mother and child. This statue brings one's memory of our respective mothers who were the true heroines during our combat days. Thus, the Regimental Combat Chapter's 68th Annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon is dedicated to our mothers.

The luncheon will be held at the Tree Tops Restaurant, as in past years, on October 10, 2010, an auspicious date, starting at 10 AM. Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi reported a tentative forty-plus participating. It is somewhat sad as there were eighty-plus participants back in 1947 when the RHQ Chapter was known as Livorno Chapter. The party participants, in alphabetical order, are the Kawada Family, Jitsuo, Ruby & Alvin; the Kawamoto Family, Noboru, Elaine & Kendal; Claire Kiyama; the Kumabe Family, Shirley, Michael & Sirena; the Kuniyuki Family, Henry, Emi, Michael & Joyce; the Maruo Family, Yoshikatsu, Katie, Patricia & Michael; Sachi Miki; the Miyagi Family, Takamori, Michael, Debra, Brandon, Jodie, Ryan, Sharelle & Cabienpe; the Takara Family, Susan & Jane; and the Yamada Family, Maria, David & Kellie. The RHQ Chapter also invited the 442nd Veterans Club President William (Bill) Thompson, and Executive Secretary Shirley Igarashi.

Chapter President Noboru Kawamoto, on his opening greetings will express appreciation of one-hundred-dollar donations each from Jitsuo and Ruby Kawada; Henry and Emi Kuniyuki; Yoshikatsu and Katie Maruo; Susan Takara and Maria Yamada. Party Chairman Kuniyuki announced that there will be three cash door prizes of fifty, thirty and twenty dollars.

The annual fun gathering of Chapter family members was made colorful by Chapter officers wearing red carnation paper leis. The ladies wore golden yellow

Hilima paper leis, and the menfolk wore rainbow color leis.

Chapter President Kawamoto and Susan Takara led the group, singing the words of the Song of Thanksgiving as the party invocation. The invocation words are as follows: "Join our hearts, as we dine. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving. May our hearts fill with peace, as we gather together. Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow forever. Bless our food, bless our homes; bless all people forever. AMEN!"

The Chapter members and guests then enjoyed the bountiful delicious buffet prepared by Manager Lee of Tree Tops Restaurant. After the party program ended, we gathered for the group picture, which was followed by all holding hands and singing Hawaii Aloha. Each family will receive a copy of the group picture, courtesy of the Chapter Treasury. **LADIES, THE DAY WAS YOURS. WE SHARE IT TOGETHER WITH KIND REMEMBRANCE.**

Chapter Potpourri

Henry and Emi escorted their granddaughter Kimberly Kaili's family to a seven-day vacation to Disneyland. We were lodged at the Disneyland Resort Hotel located adjacent to the Magic Kingdom. Our two great-grand youngsters especially enjoyed the many fun features of Disneyland. Keolaokalani and Kiana Kaili brought home lots of souvenir chocolate candies to share with their classmates at Church of the Holy Nativity School. United Airline's upgraded first class seats made a big hit with the children. The September 21st to 27th, 2010 trip is now a memorable history for all.

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council 5th Annual Joint Memorial Service, was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on September 26, 2010. RHQ Chapter participants included Yoshikatsu Maruo and daughter Michelle; Noboru Kawamoto and Takamori Miyagi. Major General Robert Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii was the keynote speaker.

On Monday, September 13th Takamori Miyagi passed out on the sidewalk in front of his condo apartment. The painful injury required ten stitches on top of his head. Taka said that he should have been

taking it easy after returning from a trip to Las Vegas but by running around caused his painful injury. Chapter Vice President Yoshikatsu Maruo and Treasurer Henry Kuniyuki visited Takamori with a basket of fresh fruit to console him. During this omimaye visit to his apartment, Takamori said that he was “lucky” that a car passing by stopped and took him to Queen’s Hospital for emergency treatment. The doctor admonished him to “take it easy.”

RHQ Docent Duty Chairman Yoshikatsu Maruo reminded all that the next Docent duty will be on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

The RHQ Chapter Story Edict is closed for this issue by reminding the Chapter ladies that October 10th Ladies Appreciation Luncheon is your day to share it together with kind remembrance. Arrivederci!



RHQ Punchbowl Docents (l-r): Takamori Miyagi, Yoshikatsu Maruo, Henry Kuniyuki, Kameo Sugioka, Noboru Kawamoto



Hello All...

The last quarter has been on the quiet side for the Medics Chapter. Some of the notable events are: (1) Toshiaki’s Tanaka Saimin will finally open its doors in the former Weyerhauser building on Nimitz and Alakawa on Oct. 24, 2010, giving the Medics a new venue for their luncheon meetings. It is much roomier and has more parking space than the former Boulevard Saimin. (2) Jack Yamashiro celebrated his 88th on Oct. 9, 2010, (3) We heard from Dan Konno in Bakersfield, CA, (4) Noboru is doing much better and (5) Oscar and Suzy visit with the Kanayas, Yasutakes and Momodas in Seattle.

Dan Konno Writes

“Have been keeping up with news of the Medics through the GFB Bulletin; note that the numbers are getting smaller. Please extend my Aloha to all and to stay healthy and well.”

He says he has lived in California now for 46 years and is enjoying his retirement. Unfortunately, he lost his wife in April 2010 after 24 years of marriage. He did not have any children from his second marriage but keeps close touch with son Craig and daughter Gayle from his first marriage. Our Deepest Sympathy to Dan on the loss of his loving wife Barbara. Dan enclosed a check for the Medics Chapter and another check for the GFB Bulletin.

Jack Celebrates 88th

Jack W.S. Yamashiro celebrated his 88th birthday on Saturday October 9, 2010 at the Natsunoya Tea House. It was a festive occasion as family members, uncles and aunts, grandkids, grand nephews and nieces, cousins and friends arrived from the Mainland and locally to celebrate the event. Someone had heard that the color for the 88th is “Yellow” so Jack was dressed in yellow and donned a Chinese cap with an orangey-yellow brim decorated on top with dollar bills and a red ball. Even the decoration on the cake was yellow. Jack who was bedecked with leis was his jovial self as he was asked to move about the tables to have his picture taken with everyone present. Jack announced with confidence that his next celebration will be his 90th.

Oscar and Suzy Visit Seattle

We had an Alaska cruise scheduled for early to mid-July so decided to spend a few extra days in Seattle to visit with Medics buddies, Jimmie and Lynn Kanaya, Tosh and Fumi Yasutake and Tak and Kimi Momoda. We had just heard that Tak Momoda had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer so were looking forward to this visit with him. Unfortunately, Tak passed away on June 22, two weeks before our arrival in Seattle.

In Seattle, Tosh and Fumi picked us up at our hotel and we drove to town where we met Jimmie and Lynn for lunch. Following lunch we visited the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) Hall where we toured the premises and viewed their exhibits. The Hall is spacious with a full-sized kitchen and basketball court and lots of parking. I wished for a facility like that for our club.



The Kanayas, Yasutakes and Tsukayamas visit Kimi Momoda

Our next stop was the Momodas. Kimi and family were busy preparing for an open-house the following day but we spent a few hours reminiscing about Tak (the good, the rascal, the fun, the sentimental) and how he impacted our lives. It must have been a difficult period for Kimi but I was glad to see that daughters Linda and

Diane and son Martin and their families are giving her comfort and keeping her occupied. In a subsequent letter, Kimi reported that she was doing well and working at getting on with life.

We spent another couple hours over dinner, mostly talking. Jimmie has made remarkable progress recovering from cancer; they mentioned plans for visiting Hawaii in October but subsequently wrote to say they were planning a European cruise in the fall and will be in Hawaii in January. We will find out when they get back from Washington D.C. to witness the signing of the CGM Bill. Guess most of you saw them in the photo in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser; Lynn was so excited about just being in the Oval Room with the president. It was a historic moment. Tosh Yasutake reported that he was taking Ukulele lessons. His first song is going to be “Kuu Ipo Ika Hee Pue One.” I suggested that he jam with Kazu Tomasa on their next visit to Hawaii. Our get-together in Seattle ended with a drive-thru tour of downtown Seattle courtesy Tosh and Fumi.

We also spent some time with the family of the late Kosuke Imori (232nd Engrs) in Seattle with whom we are like family and the Alaska cruise, by the way, was fun, relaxing and enjoyable.

The Tosh Yasutake Story

The following is from an article written by May Sasaki for the NVC Newsletter which is based on a speech made by Tosh at the NVC Center on October 31, 2009. We regret that it had to be shortened somewhat due to space constraints.

William Toshio Yasutake was born in 1922 in Seattle, Washington to Jack and Hide Yasutake. His siblings include one sister and two brothers. Tosh began his first year at the University of Washington in September 1941 and remembers that fateful morning of December 7, 1941 when they heard that Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor. They were attending church service and hurried home in shock after the service. Shortly thereafter, four FBI men showed

up at their home and demanded to know where their father was. He was at a poetry club luncheon. One of them was dispatched to pick him up and take him directly to the U.S. Immigration Office for detention. Ironically, his father worked with the U.S. Immigration Office for about 25 years as a Japanese interpreter in the same building where he was detained.

Meanwhile, the FBI men herded the rest of the family in the living room and proceeded to go through every room looking for contraband. They confiscated Toshi's ROTC uniform even after he explained that he was enrolled in UW's ROTC program. Toshi did not go back to classes after December 7. Then they froze all of his dad's assets and checking account and they had no means to pay their bills. His sister had to find employment as a domestic to help pay their bills.

In 1942, when President Roosevelt signed E.O. 9066, evacuation proceedings began. Toshi's family was assigned #10828. They were initially moved to the Puyallup Assembly Center and in September 1942 to the Minidoka Concentration Camp. Their dad, in the meantime, was still in detention and did not accompany the family. Minidoka was a desolate place with tarpapered barracks, barbed wire fencing and guard towers with armed guards. Tosh worked as a medical technician at Minidoka until he volunteered for the 442nd RCT.

Tosh was inducted into the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah in June 1943 and was told that the minimum acceptable weight was 110 lbs. His weight was 106 lbs. He pleaded with the sergeant that with all the good food in the army that he should gain 4 lbs. in a month and was accepted. He took a two week furlough before reporting to Camp Shelby to visit his dad who was interned in the Lordsburg Internment Camp in New Mexico.

Reporting late to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for basic training, Tosh had a lot of catching up to do with the 4 ° mile force marches consisting of jogging, walking double time with full field packs, etc. Though extremely tough and rigorous as they were, Tosh was proud to say that he did not drop out on any of those marches.

The 442nd was deployed overseas in May 1944 and Tosh was surprised to see all the destruction as they entered Naples Harbor. When they disembarked, they were greeted by dirty faced children begging for candy and when the candy was gone in seconds, Tosh recalls wishing helplessly that there was more candy to give. Next was a long trip by truck to Civitavecchia where they joined the 100th Infantry Battalion and it became a part of the 442nd RCT as its 1st Bn.

Tosh, initially was assigned to the headquarters aid station but after an intense battle at Hill 140 where I Co's 1st platoon medic was wounded, Tosh was sent as his replacement. Later in the Arno River area, Tosh accompanied a 30-man patrol whose assignment was to go north until they contacted the enemy and engage them in combat. Fortunately, they did not see any Germans and returned unscathed. Shiro Kashino was the Sergeant-in-charge. "Everyone in the group had utmost confidence in him; he was the epitome of a good combat soldier and I felt privileged to have served with him in I Co."

The trip to Marseille, France on LST was rough and Tosh was seasick the whole time. After receiving new supplies and equipment and more replacements, they were trucked to the Vosges forests near Bruyeres. Co I was ordered to dig-in in a large forested area when a barrage of 88mm shells started raining down, many hitting trees causing tree-bursts and showers of shrapnel. With calls for "Medic" Tosh had to rush out of his foxhole to give aid to the wounded men and consequently got a shrapnel wound in his knee. After applying a pressure bandage on his wound, Tosh continued to take care of the wounded men and later hobbled to the 3rd Bn Aid Station. He was flown to the 45th General Hospital in Naples and was told that his wound was in the bone and would take a long time to heal. He did not rejoin the 442nd until February 1945 and missed the fateful rescue of the lost battalion. "The medic who replaced me was killed in action in that battle and the one who replaced him was severely wounded."

The 442nd returned to Italy for the last campaign arriving in Leghorn on March 9, 1945. Tosh was

assigned as medic for the AT mobile unit and he recalls how the 442nd hit the line in utmost secrecy near the Gothic Line. He says, “We started up the very steep Mt. Folgorito-Mt. Carchio in pitch black darkness. Forty plus men were assigned as litter bearers. I was in charge of organizing the group and the task of getting the casualties on litters down the very steep mountain trail which was very difficult. In one particular stretch of trail, I remember using gauze bandages to mark the trail so litter bearers could use that as guide to get down. A total of 16 relay points were necessary to evacuate one man from the 3000 feet high mountain.” Following the breach of the Gothic Line, German resistance became minimal and the Germans surrendered on May 8, 1943.

In November 1945, Tosh and his friend Squeaky were told they could go home and went to the Naples Port of Embarkation scheduled to load on the huge Queen Mary which had been converted into a troop ship. But as luck would have it, loading was done alphabetically and the ship was full by the time they got to “P” so Tosh had to take a small Liberty Ship home. After discharge, Tosh first went to visit with his family then decided to visit New York City, a promise he had made to himself if he got back alive. There he met Fumi, who later became his wife. He returned to Seattle and talked to his dad into selling their home in Beacon Hill which eventually was donated to a museum in Meiji Mura in Japan. He showed pictures of how the house was carefully dismantled and reconstructed in Japan.

Tosh enrolled at the University of Washington under the GI Bill of Rights; went back to New York in 1950 to get married and return to Seattle with Fumi, then obtained his undergraduate degree in Zoology. In 1952, he got a job as Biological Technician for the Dept. of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1960, he was offered a transfer to then Western Fish Disease Laboratory; got promoted as Research Histologist and worked there until his retirement in 1988.

Tosh had the opportunity to attend many international meetings during his career, visiting England, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Italy, France

and Japan. He published over 60 papers and a book, “Microscopic Anatomy of Salmonoids: An Atlas.” In 1987, Tosh received the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award which is the highest award given by the Fish Health Section of the American Fishery Society. He received his doctorate from the University of Tokyo in 1980.

“I sincerely believe that I have been incredibly lucky. Even with all that has happened so far in my lifetime, December 7, 1941, World War II, Evacuation, the 442nd RCT experience and getting back alive, I have a wonderful family, four great children and an amazingly lovable five grandkids. I cherish friendships we now have with our 442nd medics buddies in Hawaii and the States. Now, I am beginning my memoirs which I will title, “One Lucky Guy.”

Noboru Getting Better

Wife Betty reports that Noboru is improving. He is continuing his exercises at the Rehab Center of the Pacific thrice weekly and shows signs of wanting to go outside and to go home. He keeps telling Betty, not to leave, whenever she visits him. Jerry and Susan visit him daily, too and take him for a walk around the block in his wheelchair which he enjoys tremendously. Betty is considering moving to another house more accessible to Noboru so he can come home. She says, even if he does come home, he would, most likely, need full-time assistance. Keep Plugging Noboru!!

Take Care Y’ All.....Ciao



Jack Yamashiro celebrates his 88th



by Okemura, et al

Patrick Kazuo Hagiwara

We learned that our Anti-tank platoon squad leader died in June of this year with funeral services held on July 3. We knew Pat as one of the cadre NCO's when we reached Camp Shelby. Pat was born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska. After high school, he joined the Alaska National Guard in 1936, then a Territory like Hawaii. At the start of WWII, the Guard was nationalized and Pat served as an informal intermediary for incarcerated Issei before they were shipped to inland internment camps.

Being a Nisei in uniform, Pat was iced. In 1942, he married Misako Kondo. Then, like any other Nisei in the Army, he was sent to Camp Shelby where he became a part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was assigned to Headquarters, 2nd Battalion and ended in the Anti-tank platoon and became squad leader of the 3rd squad. We used to kid him about his Alaskan background.

The first day of battle in Italy almost ended his career. His 3rd squad came under enemy artillery fire. The guys, except Pat, jumped into nearby ditches to avoid the shelling. Pat hid under their ton-and-a-half weapons carrier which was loaded with ammo! He was constantly reminded of this unthinking action. Incidentally, Pat had a younger brother, Mike, in Company G of the 442nd.

After the war, Pat and his wife moved to Seattle. He attended the University of Washington under the GI Bill of Rights and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He was hired by the Boeing Company and worked there for 36 years ending as a manager. We remember him coming to Hawaii to interview engineering graduates of the University of Hawaii. I guess he was successful in that the company sent him on several trips to Hawaii. We used to kid him on stealing our young engineering graduates.

Pat was active with the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee and the St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He used to send us his Christmas newsletter about his children, mostly. He and Misako enjoyed themselves immensely during the AJA Veterans Conference in Kona in 1990. A couple of years back when his health started failing, he wrote us that during an earthquake in Seattle, he thought it was a heart attack. We missed his newsletter the last couple of years, a bad omen. Pat was 91 when he passed away.

Our sincere condolences to Misako and the children.

Katsuki Tanigawa

He will always be remembered as "Katoon." Only recently we learned that he died in 2008; his wife had died earlier. Katoon was with the A&P platoon and by the war's end he was the Platoon Sergeant. He had an uncanny knack of picking up the Italian and French languages whereby he could freely converse with the natives. He had many skills – one of which was as a barber. He trimmed the hair of the boys with amazing dexterity which meant the boys didn't have to pay for barber services.

After WWII, he remained in the Army and was stationed in the Far East when the Korean War started. Sad to say, he was captured by the North Korean Army. He related some of his stories to us while a captive, like being captured by the North Koreans but became a prisoner of the Chinese Army who provided better treatment (a relative term) of prisoners. While in prison, he managed to secretly write about his experiences. He wrote two books about his war experiences – one in English and the other in Japanese with the help of his wife.

Katoon and his wife lived at the Arcadia Retirement Community for a number of years. He participated in our Chapter meetings and sort of dropped out by the time we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 442nd RCT.

Basketball Champs

We came across a news clipping and what a surprise it was. In 1949, the 2nd Battalion Headquarters chapter was the Club's basketball champions! According to

the article, the team was made up of Larry Ishida, Satoru Honda, Francis Yano, Toshio Hayama, Masayoshi Yamamoto, Larry Hashimoto, Takashi Sodegami, Francis “Sweeny” Sugai, Tokuo Kaneshige and Ronald Sakai. No doubt the twin towers of Toku Kaneshige and Sweeny Sugai were the big guns. Toshi Hayama, one of the two surviving players, remembers the fun they had. With a tough guy like Larry charging down the court, no one is going to stand in his way. Toshi made up for his lack of height by his nimbleness in making steals. We can imagine Larry calling plays. Ah, could we regain our youth and have fun again!

The surprising part is that the sponsor of this formidable team was Herbie’s Drive-In! Gee, some of Ralph Yempuku’s entrepreneur skills must have rubbed off on Herbie Isonaga.

Col. Bert Nishimura

Recently, Col. Bert was honored by the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin Mission of Hawaii at a Judo Tournament. The honor paid to Col. Bert was for his outstanding performance in 1939. Col. Bert captured the judo crown and was awarded the 3rd degree black belt – a rare honor in those times. His son came from

L.A. to escort his father to receive this latest tribute. Col. Bert was born in Pahala which with Naalehu earns the title of the southern most cities of the United States. After graduating the UH in 1939, he taught school in Kau. He married Hannah while he was stationed in Kauai. In 1990 when we were at the AJA Veterans Conference in Kona, our Hq. 2nd Bn. Chapter made a trip to the Volcano. When we passed Pahala, Hannah remarked: “So this is Pahala!” – a discovery for her.

Senator Dan Inouye wrote a congratulatory message to Hawaii Betsuin Judo Academy wherein he recalled that Col. Bert was the executive officer of Company E before moving to Headquarters 2nd Battalion as I&R officer. Subsequently, he assumed command of the Company while we were engaged in the Vosges Mountains Campaign. In this respect, he became the first and only Nisei captain of an Infantry Company in the 442nd RCT. His military career included the Korean “Police Action” and the Viet Nam War. When Col. Bert retired after nearly 30 years of service, he was a Colonel – the first Nisei to archive this rank. It can be said that this opened the door for the Nisei to rise to higher office. He remains an iconic figure in the 442nd.



by Shige Yoshitake

This may be the shortest Easy chapter news for the bulletin.

Item 1: The writer’s saga goes on and on....

Item 2: Easy chapter popular figure passes on.

Raymond Kunio Shigenaga died on August 1, 2010 and his memorial services were conducted on August 7, 2010 at Hosoi Mortuary. Raymond’s voice

could be heard in Mississippi as well as in Honolulu. He was a very vocal person but kind in heart. He is survived by wife Laura, son Bruce and daughter Debbie. He will be missed by all.

Item 3: More to follow in three months.



by Ron Oba

*When the day is done
Gold Medal will be bestowed
Living veterans*

Congressional Gold Medal

John Wakamatsu updated Christine Sato-Yamazaki's report on Senate Bill S1055 which awards the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Bn., 442nd RCT and MIS. It was passed by the House of Representatives in September 2010 and was signed into law by President Barack Obama on October 5, 2010. The United States Mint will design the medal which will be presented by the Congress sometime next year.

The Mint will produce one gold medal which will reside in the Smithsonian Museum after the presentation. Bronze replicas of the medal will be made which will be available for sale to the general public at the ceremony. An awards ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C. for the living Nisei veterans and their families. F Company in Hawaii has 32 plus or minus living veterans. Do you want to go? The quandary is: "Why not have the Awards Ceremony here in Hawaii?" Associated Press, Audrey McAvoy, Honolulu Bureau, interviewed Ron Oba regarding the Congressional Gold Medal which was published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

Ellis Island Nisei Exhibit

In August 2010, the Japanese American Soldiers' exhibit on Ellis Island, New York was opened to the general public. Eric Saul, curator, came to Honolulu to meet with some of the veterans for additional artifacts, photos, etc., to complete the exhibit.

Scheduling for Docents

The 100th Battalion members can no longer take

on the task of scheduling docents for the information center at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Gene Castagnetti, Director of the cemetery, has requested that the 442 Veterans Club take on the scheduling. It was determined that the 442nd Veterans are getting just as old so that we cannot assume the programming of the docents. Ron suggested that the Korean and Vietnam veterans be solicited for this task.

Assaggio! Assaggio!

Sounds like a Pavarotti Italian Opera!! No, it's a Minestrone soup, tossed green salad with Romaine lettuce, and a choice of Chicken Alla Sorrentino, Sausage and Peppers with Potato, Seafood Combination, Fish Alla Ponodori or Linguine Vegetable; so we get to PICK A CHOICE! For dessert, Gelato or Sorbet and for only 32 Lires. Doesn't it take you back to Lake Como, Firenze, or Pisa/Livorno? Sliced onions, quartered tomatoes, mushroom, Bell peppers with vinegar, virgin (no such thing) olive oil and pepper and salt; el dente spaghetti with sun dried tomato paste with sausage or blood sausage. What a meal. Thanks, Dorothy, for arranging this savory September luncheon at the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie with the following in attendance: Mineo Inuzuka with rider Natalie Oda Lee, Tsune/Betty, Judy, Richard/Dorothy, George/Myrtle, Ron/Michi, Yoshio/Clara, Shinako, Tommy/May, Mike/Fumiko, Tajiro/Ruth, Helen, Masako, Chikako, and Chilly/Irene. Muggsie or Fred Okada was offered a ride by Mineo but refused since he visits his wife, Yoshino daily. However he donated frozen shrimps and Ben Kodama and Jr. Uranaka again donated orchid plants for the door prizes which were plentiful to go around twice. George gave the invocation.

Where's Your Army Honorable Discharge Papers?

When you die, which you must, unless the roster at the National Cemetery of the Pacific indicates that you are a member of F Company, 442 RCT, your niche marker at the columbarium will not indicate your

affiliation as an F Company 442nd veteran. You might be listed as another 442nd veteran. Ben's wife, Florence, died and by precedence, the veteran's name, rank and affiliation are listed on the niche in addition to his wife's name. It happened that Ben's record was not listed at the cemetery roster. Ben lost his discharge papers and could not prove to the cemetery officer that he was a 442nd veteran. He called and said, "Ron, I'm quitting the Club. My Lifetime Membership Card of the 442nd Veterans Club was no damn good!!" Maybe he forgot to pay the annual dues. The National Personnel Records Center on Pine Street, St. Louis, MO no longer has our files since the repository burned down many years ago. You can go through the internet (www.archives.gov) and ask for a copy, but if you are not an immediate family, you cannot access the records of someone else. After many days on the internet, I called Claire of the Archives who asked Mike Kitamura of Senator D. Akaka's office to access the files and send a copy to my friend's home which would indicate that he was indeed in the Anti-Tank Company, 442 RCT. He has now gone to the cemetery and requested that his niche indicate "Anti-Tank, 442 Veteran" that the Cemetery now acknowledges. What a struggle. Ben rewarded Claire with two orchid plants. So keep your discharge papers in the safety deposit box of your bank or better still make a copy for the National Cemetery of the Pacific for their files. Many of you made copies of your discharge papers at the State Bureau of Conveyances many years ago and you can access your files when needed.

65th Anniversary, VJ Day

President Bill Thompson and Ron represented the 442nd Combat Team at the Commemoration of VJ Day on the USS Missouri on September 2nd. Alvin Yoshitomi, who works there, escorted the veterans to the USS Missouri. U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, General Eric Shinseki (Ret), spoke about the end of WWII and Senator Daniel Inouye spoke briefly. Both dignitaries were heaped with accolades and given standing ovations. Vice Admiral

Robert Kihune (Ret), President of the Memorial, thanked everyone for coming. The security was more stringent than going through the see-through x-rays at the airport. You can take only a camera and nothing else. Oh, yes, you keep your clothes on.

Joint Memorial Service

On a sunny beautiful day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, keynote speaker, Major General Robert G.F. Lee looked handsome in full dress code, as he heaped accolades to the Nisei veterans of the 100th, 442nd, MIS and 1399th. He also reminded the veterans that the "Spirit of "Go For Broke"" C-17 will take the veterans for a fly-by on November 2, unlike the "Blue Angels" of the Navy. Bill Thompson laid a beautiful white Wreath in memory of the 442nd veterans laid to rest at the cemetery. We missed Gene Castagnetti's long speeches this year.

"Live With Honor – Die With Dignity": A Special Screening of the 442 Movie

This best documentary ever made with the appearance of actor George Takei was shown at the Consolidated Ward 16 Theatres, Friday, September 10, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. There was a huge crowd of veterans and their families. Many notable people spoke of their experiences in the film, which brought pathos to the document. The documentary film of the 442nd brought droves of veterans in wheelchairs, canes, and walkers. They were all given Kukui nut lei. The documentary was well done with Actor George Takei hosting the movie.

Mineo's Natsunoya Celebration

Mineo received his 100% Service Connected Disability Pension because of his unemployability and other injuries. Who goes to work after age 80? Ron recited Mineo's dream of "Go Where the Wind Blows" like his father advised. His valor and courage were challenged by daunting inhibitions as he pondered over his decision to circumnavigate the globe all by himself at age 71. His resolve to press on was a ruse because no one wanted to go with him

except a questionable female cook. It took him 715 days to accomplish his dream. In his military career, he earned 35 decorations including the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, three Air Medals, Purple Heart, Parachute Badge, and second Combat Infantryman Badge. He had earned his Lt Colonel's Silver Leaf when he retired. He invited all of the Fox Chapter members and wives to celebrate his new-found wealth!!!

In Memoriam

Harry Hiroshi Sugihara, 88 yrs. passed away on Friday, August 13, 2010. He graduated from Puyallup High School and worked on his family farm. He was interned at Minidoka from where he joined the 442nd RCT, F Company. He received a Purple Heart. He is survived by Jane Kikuchi with children Martyn (Gwynn), Claire (Dwight) McConnell. Roy, Deinie I (Doug) Morishita, Tracey, Brady and Sandy; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Maeda and Frances Nomura. He was preceded in death by siblings, George, Ruth Yemoto and Maattha Hamada. Service was held at Lindquists Ogden Mortuary on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

Shigeo Tanada, 86, of Mililani and Honolulu, a retired Federal Aviation Administration employee and Army veteran who served in Company F, 442 Regimental combat Team, died in Hawaii Medical Center West. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by brothers Yoshinori and Takuma, and sisters Noriko Umeda, Amy Tamura, Lois Odo and Alice Esperas. Private services. No monetary offerings.

George S.G. Mark, 88, retired Pearl Harbor Naval Supply center warehouse foreman and Army veteran, 442nd RCT, Company F, died in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Ilean and brother Charles. Private services held.

Florence Chitose Kodama, 87, of Waianae Kodama Orchid Nursery. Survived by husband, Benjamin Kodama and son, Ben. Ben Kodama Orchid Nursery donates the centerpieces on each table at our anniversary celebration in March of each year and generously donates orchid plants for our Shinnen Enkai party.



Joint Memorial Service - l-r: Chilly Sasaki, Joe Oshiro, MG Robert Lee, Moriso Teraoka, Ron Oba



by Jane Shikasho

We were glad to have Janet Matsuda join us for the viewing of the documentary film “Live With Honor, Die With Dignity” after her absence of five months recovering from hip replacement surgery after a fall. She was able to maneuver the steep theater steps with the help of a 3-prong cane. Eight Chapter members attended the viewing and later had lunch at Big City Diner.

Only six members attended the September Chapter meeting so we had to forego playing games after the meeting.

The Joint Memorial Service was attended by the Furuyas and Shikashos. Our Chapter placed two vases of flowers at the altar in the chapel to honor our deceased comrades.

Many thanks to Edna Kuniyuki of Bremerton, Washington, who sent a generous contribution to the Chapter.



by Ed Yamasaki

Norwest by Louise Kashino

With the close of September, we are noticing chrysanthemums in the gardens, the leaves on the trees turning color, and the chilling temperatures, as we welcome autumn. They are predicting a hard winter ahead of us, but hopefully the weatherman will be wrong.

We at NVC of Seattle were working diligently trying to get our Memorial Wall ready for the Dedication over Labor Day, and it was gratifying that the construction company was so cooperative in finishing the necessary work in time for us to have our grand opening. On the day of our Dedication, the skies opened up to sunshine and blue skies, and the event was enjoyed by over 1200 guests. It was a proud and happy day for our NVC club members!

For those who do not know about our project, we have been selling bricks to build a wall

memorializing those who served in the military and those who were interned during WWII. The “Wall” spreads across the back of the two parking lots next to the NVC Clubhouse in an area landscaped with Japanese maple trees and other greenery to make a nice park-like setting.

When the bricks were completed, those who purchased them were invited to come down to install their own with the help of the bricklayers, or leave them for NVC to install. More than half wanted to put up their own bricks. Although it sounded like an arduous task, it turned out to be a very emotional and special time for the families who came to remember their loved ones. We had been advertising the sale of “bricks,” but they are actually black granite tiles engraved with white lettering, so everyone was very pleased at the outcome. Many of the internee names listed on the Wall have been purchased by their children, spouses or friends, with a sprinkling of representative names from all the 10 different camps that were set up as result of Executive Order 9066, as well as from the prisoners-of-war camps where some FBI prisoners had been sent.

On our Military Wall, we have names of persons from all the wars dating back to WWI and up to the

current Iraq/Afghanistan wars so it is interesting to read the various names inscribed. We were able to fund our project with the sale of the bricks, reaching our \$1.2M goal within 15 months. To date, we have approximately 3,000 bricks installed and about 700 remaining for sale. If you are interested in adding a name to the Wall, please write for an application form to Louise Kashino, 1515 E. Yesler Way #307, Seattle, WA 98122.

I was able to attend the FFNV reunion at Las Vegas this past week, but will leave it to Marian Yamashita to report on that, other than to say that I was the lucky winner of three door prizes, and needless to say, I had a great time! Jane and Cathy Okada allowed me to accompany them on the airplane and throughout the trip, so that made it very nice for me.

California by Marian Yamashita

Greetings from hot, hot Southern California! Although fall is here, we still have hot and humid weather here, but it should cool down soon.

Jim and I spent the last three days of September attending the FFNV in Las Vegas. Although the crowd is getting smaller as we are all in our twilight years, many came with guests and some young people came assisting their fathers who had served in the military. So, it was great to gather again. Of course, the men still “talk stories” about those days many, many years ago, but at this point in their lives the “beers don’t go down too freely.”

Again it was great to see Jane Okada, with daughter Cathy, and Louise Kashino from Seattle, all looking well. Jane and Cathy with Carol Akiyama’s help took charge of our I Co. dinner at the Main St. Station buffet on Tuesday evening, where we had dinner and visited and socialized.

From Oregon, came Art Iwasaki and his sons, Paul and Robert, and daughters, Leslie and Christi. Although still in a wheelchair most of the time, Art looks great and is forever looking forward to the next trip to wherever!



I Co., 4th Platoon - Photo from Jim Yamashita

Front l-r: Richard Watada, Gus Murakami, Jim Yamashita, Farrow Yano, (Not known), George Matsushita, (Not known - may not have been in 4th platoon)

Standing l-r: Tommy Harimoto, Toru Matsuoka, Kenzo Morishita, George Hamada, Harold Watase, George Hironaka, Wakao Matsushita, Hiro Hirano, Harry Masuda (with cap), Roy Funakoshi, Fred Watanabe, Suguru Takahashi, Fred Takenaka, Tosh Nakahara.

Someone we hadn't seen for a number of years was Ronald "Buster" Minami with wife Ruth and son Robert. Also with them came Susumu and Grace Musashi, all from Milwaukee, WI. From the Hawaiian Islands came Charlie Takahashi, Hal and Laura Nishida and Dr. and Mrs. Sword of Maui. And from Honolulu came Glenn and Frieda Hajiro.

From California were Tom and Pat Watanuki, Toni Sakamoto and son Seth, Sumi and Dick Tochiyama, Masato Yamashita and Lloyd Fujitani; from Central Cal, Bryan Yagi from San Francisco, also Susan Uyemura and her mother, Barbara Shoho; and from Woodland Hills, Carol Akiyama, who is always caring and helpful to all.

It was nice to have the Morses, Elizabeth from San Jose and her sister Pat from Chicago, join us again. Since their father fought in France in the same area as 442, their interest is common with ours. Special guests were Medal of Honor recipient, George "Joe" Sakato, and JAVA's Round Robin editor, Grant Ichikawa. Also included were Brian Yamamoto of Alaska, John Hix of Fresno, and Tom Graves, FFINV photographer from San Francisco.

Our final FFINV gathering was a luncheon, on the 29th, Jim and I and our transportation, Susan and her mother, Barbara Shoho, did not stay for the documentary, "442: Live with Honor—Die with Dignity." We understand that Junichi Suzuki, producer, was in a slight auto accident on his way to Las Vegas and was unable to be at the luncheon.

An update on our good friend, Frank Kinoshita! He is doing very well and hopes to be home before the end of the year. GREAT news!

Husband Jim continues to get around in a walker and hopefully can get rid of it before too many more months.

Frank Shimada reports that there is no news from the Northern California area except that he is well and still spends twice a week or more golfing and visiting his good friends, the "PONIES."

Carol Akiyama misses her dad, Mickey, very much and, while adjusting to life without him, continues to have more care giving responsibilities: her step-dad suffered a brain hemorrhage from an

accidental fall on June 23; and her mom has been diagnosed with two spinal vertebrae fractures after falling from her bed the day after her 88th birthday, July 4, plus she suffers from osteoporosis. In addition, Carol faces having to deal with her Dad's post-death matters as well as her own backlog of personal matters.

Maui

Please read "Maui Matters" by Hal Nishida for news about Item members on the Valley Isle.

Honolulu by Eddie Yamasaki



Eddie Yamasaki and Masa Nakamura after Item Chapter meeting (Photo: Ken Munakata)

Ladies Day 2010 was held on September 9, an all-you-can-eat luncheon at Ala Moana's Tsukiji. With our treasury funding a healthy surplus due to the generosity of ohana members, your chapter decided to invite all as guests—Item vets, wives, widows, sons and daughters, drivers, friends, et al—and twenty-nine happily responded.

"Regulars" attending were Terry/Elsie/Brett Aratani, Masa/Helen Nakamura, Richard/Nickie Oshiro, Barbara Kameda, Nancy/Stuart Taba, Walter Okamoto, Gay Sakamoto with Diane Miyahara, and Eddie Yamasaki with Stacey Hayashi.

It was a treat to see the Wahiawa quartet of Betsy Yamamoto, Marion Ishikawa with Eric Tanaka, and Futao Terashima; the Waiialua faithfuls Mutt/Ayako, Gary/Linda Sakumoto; and especially long-lost Harry

Umetsu with Barbara Shimokawa, all from Pearl City. Harry looked well, and we trust he is. Special guests were Shirley Igarashi, our club executive secretary, and 442nd's good friend and piper, Alan Miyamura.

No sooner than everyone was checked in, our private room was emptied quickly, as *kane* and *wahine*, in army-camp-style, raced to the chow line; unlike the army, many went for seconds and thirds.

With *kau kau pau*, after somehow getting through the lively chatter, Eddie "called the meeting to order" and extended warm aloha to all. First off was remembrance of comrades lost since our last get-together in August last year; a reading of the names of sixteen Item vets, eight mainlanders and eight locals. Remembered also were Mary (Dan) Yamashita and Dot (Mino) Suzumoto.

In honor of these individuals, Alan played "Amazing Grace," "Loch Lomond" and "Scotland the Brave." The music of the bagpipe was, as always, moving and stirring.

Giveaways to each attendee this year were: 1) a Nature Valley Oat 'N Honey bar, 2) a purple ribbon lei weighted with a shiny, uncirculated Presidential \$1.00 coin, 3) a copy of "ALOHA KOTONK, Company I, 1961," the 13-page souvenir booklet, prepared by artist Mino Suzumoto for that year's grand chapter reunion in Hawaii.

The booklet contains a history of Item chapter, 1946-61; lyrics of seventeen WWII popular songs, including *hapa-haole* and Japanese favorites; and the names and nearly all addresses of 106 Hawaii Itemites.

The "ALOHA KOTONK" original copy was sent to Eddie by Frank Shimada with a personal note saying in part, ". . . the gang might enjoy reminiscing about the good ole' days." Our *mahalo nui* to ever-thoughtful Frank! Also to Bea Yamasaki for providing the copies. Frank's original has been given to 442nd Archives.

Fun time was centered on a brain-teaser: deciphering 27 three-letter acronyms and abbreviations; such as, BBC, KKK, RIP; and translating 10 Hawaiian three-letter words, like *KAI*, *NUI*, *PAU*.

Based on the honor system of self-correction, no one graded 100, or 90, or even 80. For our test, *auwe*, the elders seemed to score lowest, and the youngsters, the highest!

Led by Gay Sakamoto, a stand-up (but seated) comedian, we had a slew of volunteer answers which reached the height of "creativity" but, in many cases, brought the house down. Gay had everyone in stitches, not a few laughing themselves to tears. E.g., MIS - Missing in Service (Military Intelligence Service); MPG - (Military Police Guard (miles per gallon); SAC - Strategic Air Corps (Strategic Air Command).

Cash prizes of multiple sparkling \$1.00 coins and fresh \$2.00 bills went to our winners: tied for first, Stacey and Peter; second, Marion; and third, Elsie. Congratulations to the Top of the Class!

Thanks to Terry Aratani for so ably getting out the word on our luncheon, handling Tsukiji reservations and checking us all in; to Shirley Igarashi for her standby assistance, including bringing along a supply of pens, courtesy Henry Kuniyuki of Kuniyuki Bros. Inc.

Mini-Mini-Reunions

The celebration of life held for Walter Watanabe was no different from other funeral gatherings: visiting after the service with one another were Betsy Yamamoto and Futao Terashima of Wahiawa, Mutt/Ayako Sakumoto of Waialua, Harold Watase of Kailua, and from Honolulu, Terry/Elsie Aratani, Masa/Helen Nakamura, and Eddie Yamasaki. Regrettably, Walter's very close buddy, Tommy Umeda and Maria were unable to be present.

At the September 26 Punchbowl Joint Memorial Service, a cheerful "Hi!" from Miki Nishikawa surprised Eddie. Still residing in Pearl City, smiling Miki did look great. Seeing her brought back memories of her late husband Tokuzo, a talented painter of Oahu landscapes, one of which Eddie treasures at home.

Also present was Lois Nakagawa, assisting, as always, the 100th Sons and Daughters. Lois is the

Scholarship Committee Chair of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans organization.

Accident and Ailment

Nancy Taba, always the picture of good health, arrived at our September luncheon using a walker. In early August, she had suffered a fall onto her garage's macadam surface after trying to quick-kick a single, fallen leaf on her front entrance concrete step. Surgery on her left hip required three 4- to 5-inch screws. Three weeks later, abdominal pain and bleeding occurred.

All this required two stays at Kuakini Hospital, the second, a week of intravenous and a liquid diet resulting in physical inactivity and weight loss. Two Rehab Center stays have helped and Nancy continues on out-patient therapy.

The Bionic Lady's "words to live by" continue to be: "patience" and "a positive attitude." Good girl!

Tommy Harimoto also had a fall in his Ala Wai apartment when his knees gave out—but happily, no bones broken. He was fortunate that good friend John Corrice came to his assistance.

John, Tommy's long-time supervisor during his career in the newspaper business, helped with the emergency and arranged for the move to an assisted-living facility: One Kalakaua, 1314 Kalakaua Ave., Room 1008, Honolulu, HI 96826. Phone no. 808-942-9050.

Tommy now gets around with a walker. Our prayers are for steady improvement, Tommy. You have to get to your weekly wine-tasting sessions and to our monthly chapter meetings. *Gambatte!*

Happy Holidays

To one and all members of the Item Ohana: May your Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations be filled with the joys of the season that will sustain you throughout 2011.

To the many going on trips, near and far: Bon Voyage!

Sad News

Walter Hitoshi Watanabe, Waialua, Oahu, HI
March 27, 1923-July 24, 2010

Walter considered himself a "country boy," having been born and lived in Waialua for nearly 70 years. A volunteer to 4th Platoon, he recounts having been wounded twice, quite severely the second time, in "*And Then There Were Eight.*"

Post-World War II, Walter served in managerial positions with the U.S. Post Exchange in Taiwan, Japan and Korea. During his years of retirement, fishing every day was the love of his life. He died of lung cancer and pneumonia.

Besides Bessie Masako, wife of 61 years, Walter leaves behind daughters, Marian (Wayne) Clingingsmith of San Francisco, Sue (Gary) Oshita of Waialeale, and Lisa (Erik) Williams of Honolulu; and son, Stanford (Kristine) Watanabe, and five grandchildren. Also, sisters, Kakue Maruyama of San Paulo, Brazil and Shima Fukuda of Kumamoto, Japan; and brother, Masashi Watanabe of Shizuoka, Japan.

Kazuto "Naka" Nakamura, Kapaa, Kauai, HI
Died July 29, 2010

Kazuto was born in Aiea and was 88 at the time of his death. A carpenter by trade, he is survived by his daughter, Renee Sadang and two grandchildren. Regrettably, we do not know of any contact with our comrade since war's end.

Hideo "Ugly" Muraoka, Hilo, HI
Died August 31, 2010

Hideo, 85, born in Hilo, was a retired Hilo Intermediate and Kaumana Elementary schools custodian. He died in the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home. He leaves behind sons Royd and Brian, sister Patricia Abe, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Taka Arakaki, who used to see Hideo often, says that he was a quiet, nice guy, who will be missed.

Thomas Kinaga, San Jose, CA
October 22, 1922 - September 15, 2010

Tom (M Co.) became a member of SoCal Item Chapter many years ago. He contracted shingles sixteen years ago and the pain never went away. He is no longer in pain and is finally at peace. Tom was a great member and a good friend. He is survived by wife Rose, a son, two daughters, and nine grandchildren. [Thanks to Marian Yamashita for above information on Tom.]

Kazuo "Gus" Murakami, Bellevue, WA
February 16, 1921 - September 28, 2010

Born in Seattle, Gus had two tours with the U.S. military. He first joined the Air Force. Upon the U.S. entering WWII, he was transferred to reserve status in March 1942, then discharged on September 1942. Upon reenlistment in May 1944 from Tule

Lake Concentration Camp, he underwent infantry training at Camp Blanding, FL, and was among the second replacement group, joining I Company in Southern France. As a machine gun section leader in 4th Platoon, he participated in the Po Valley campaign.

Gus is survived by wife Michi; sons, Paul and Craig; daughters, Karen and Teresa; four grandsons; and sister, Shiz Nobuyama. Several years ago, Paul and Craig had the good fortune of visiting our Italian battlegrounds under the guidance of the late George Watanabe.

[Note: Thanks to Louise Kashino, Jim Yamashita and Roger Eaton for above information on Gus.]

To families and friends of Walter, Kazuto, Hideo, Tom and Gus, we extend our heartfelt aloha.



by Cynthia Medeiros



As I sit here looking out the picture window at the mist which has covered Moanalua Valley, a budding rainbow peaks across the sky just barely touching earth. I turn to watch Dad as he rests with oxygen blowing, accompanied by all the different sounds one listens to sitting in a hospital room. I try to remember things we both shared with each other. But what comes to mind is this which I've wanted to share with dad, for I've thought about it, but never had the opportunity to talk about it, so here goes!

Without a doubt, the 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Battalion members and their stories of success here in Hawaii and across the states fills the columns reported by each designated chapter member, and published in the Quarterly Bulletin. One reporter, my dad Allen Nakamura filled his columns with such emotion and personal pride reporting on news from members of **Company L**, otherwise known as the LOVE Chapter. In my dad's honor, I submit this article to you, as he will not be able to personally submit his thoughts to you any time soon.

Who would have ever imagined that my dad turned out to be a vivid writer? He began submitting his articles using an old Regal typewriter, a long time ago. The typewriter was soon replaced by one that I took to college; it had script lettering using liquid white out to correct the typos. Sometime during the mid '80s Dad graduated to a computer, printing up his pages, and dropping off his computer disk to the clubhouse. Soon after, he was introduced to the email. Oh my, how impressed he was that he could

send the article in and get a response so quickly. The computer became his tool to communicate for years to come. When that HP desk top conked out, my son shared this XPS laptop. Although a bit too sophisticated for dad, the laptop seemed so technical, confusing, always difficult to access, and the keys seemed too small for his fingertip. But like all other things he learned how to adjust and he endured and overcame each obstacle.

On this LAPTOP, Dad wrote about the many things, happy and sad that was affecting his chapter members and their immediate families. With care to get the information right, Dad would call people to get the facts right, as he wrote about the joys of member's children's marriage, earned degrees or personal accomplishments. One great example is of the SHOJI legacy as submitted in his last column.

Members of my family, my brothers and my cousin were loved and welcomed by the many uncles and aunties of "L" Chapter. Some memories I have to share with you today are of times I recall spending with them in those carefree days of my youth. One such memory takes place at the old Keehi Lagoon boat house sitting just along the edge of the lagoon waters on what now sits the beautiful grounds of the DAV complex. I believe it was on Friday evenings when members would gather, a huge barrow hibachi with blazing hot coals, the smell of pulehu meat, chicken, venison, or fish over the fire. The different types of rice transformed in either musubi or sushi or just plain `ole sticky white rice. There were multiple ethnic salads and a selection of desserts prepared by the talented wives, our mom's who were sitting on the bench tables, chitchatting watching out for us, making sure we weren't going too far away from the gathering. Bottled soda's, strawberry, orange, 7up, root-beer and some lucky ones got the chocolate or creme sodas.

There was a small boat, tied to the wharf in which the older kids were allowed to ride (in pairs) to go out and gather the crab nets or dig for oysters accompanied by an adult of course. The salty sweetness of the juices from the freshly cleaned and roasted oysters warmed us up all over.

There was a musty dampness of the ocean ever present. I worked out a fear of slipping into the water while walking the narrow planks over the muddy pathway and under the corrugated iron roof. I remember fearing the rising tide water should it come high enough to drown us. You could see between the pukas on the baseboards and in-between the old rotten wooden floors. I remember us kids, being asked to bring our dads beers from the coolers. The stories shared by buddy to buddy trying to reach that punch line correctly, the voices and laughter getting louder and louder as the empty PRIMO bottles were repacked in the wooden crates they came in. The many songs, the sense of pride in their voices singing the 442nd "Go for Broke song!" The Japanese songs "Wakare no Issochidori"... the Kui Lee's songs, "I'll Remember You," "One Paddle Two Paddle" and of course, "Tiny Bubbles."

As the sunset, the chill of the night would be warmed by the semi burnt marsh mellows cooking at the end of the wooden hashi. NO, we didn't make S'more's. On occasion, the party would end due to a bursting rain cloud; the kids would be packed up into our cars waiting for our dads to finish their beers and conversations with their friends. There were many of them then, now we are lucky to gather with more than 10 families, and blessed if the widows attend, too!

There were many parties, some at Tea Houses, some in private homes; most were held at the DAV in Kakesako Hall. There were picnics at Ala Moana Park, clubhouse meetings with bentos, lunch meetings at the Tree Top in Manoa. There were group trips to LAS VEGAS to unite with mainland chapter members, some went on group trips to JAPAN, some went to Bruyeres, others enjoyed Washington, DC, hosted by our now Distinguished Senator Pro Temp, Daniel Inouye and also honored by our late Senator Spark Matsunaga.

There were bowling leagues, baseball/softball teams, and lots of New Year's gatherings with real fireworks. Who could forget that Fourth of July parade in Kailua, and of course honored in the many parades down Kalakaua Avenue, with the Blue



Angels flying overhead, the many Punchbowl Easter sunrise services with placement of wreaths in honor of fallen comrades, and of course our many gatherings at our Shinnenkai.

Dad was involved so deeply, planning reunions on Oahu and outer islands. I distinctly remember his involvement with the reunion held in KONA. My family went camping at Pawai in Kona; there was a parade on Ali'i drive we met up with Dad in front of the King Kamehameha hotel as he planned a grand luau there. The reunions were also held at the Sheraton, Hilton, and the Pacific Beach hotels. And who could forget the stress involved preparing the 1st reunion at the newly opened Hawaii Convention Center. This one required special arrangements busing attendees to and from Punchbowl Cemetery, Pearl Harbor and Polynesian Cultural tours, arranging limousines, providing lunch and organizing dinners, and last but not least, preparing the program and arranging the guest speakers and welcoming the honored guests.

Soon after this milestone event, close and dear friends began to pass away.... many, not all, are enshrined up Punchbowl National Cemetery. "Built in 1948 this National Cemetery is located in the Pu'owaina Crater (Punchbowl). In ancient times this crater was known as the "Hill of Sacrifice." So today, the cemetery is a memorial to the sacrifice made by the men and women in the United States Armed Services. Dedicated on September 2, 1949, 776 casualties from the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor were among the first to be buried here."

Mom, "Emi" passed away in Aug, 1985 we buried her in the Valley of the Temples, but in 2008 Dad made the decision to rest in Punch Bowl, for it rewards a distinguished legacy as a 442nd vet. So we moved mom to Punchbowl and visited her each

weekend starting down in area 1 of the Columbarium, weaving in and out, Dad and I visited fallen friends such as: Victor Yamashita, Jake Jitchaku, Cowboy Matsumoto, Old Lady Inouye, Kobe Shoji, Aya Takabuki, Tommy Kakesato, Lily Sasaki were some who rest in area 10. There posted clearly was dad's name, Allen Masami Nakamura, (the vet's name must be printed on the headstone). We'd sit and talk and he would tell me stories of sharing his pup tent with this one, and some of his childhood friends, and remembering little things here and there. We would listen to the Chapel Bells ringing from the distance before beginning our walk back to the car; this was our routine weekend exercise.

No regrets, we shared a wonderful life. All thanks to your sacrifices, your trench boots, your back pains, lost limbs and lost hearing! (You know, for two years now, Dad finally registered at DAV and was granted a 100% disability for his loss of hearing, which took place at basic training in Fort Shelby 1942. His ears rang for 3 days straight, during the test, he felt the officer's breath against his neck and he was able to identify which side the sound was coming from. Dad was shipped out with the rest of you. He told me that he got sick with German measles and missed out on most of the action in Italy. But this perhaps has become our blessing because Dad was one of the lucky ones returning to live the Legacy that so many had died for. In conversation with all of you through his column these last 30 plus years, Dad shared to keep memories alive!

Dad was born on May 30th 1921 to Kumataro and Kimiyo Nakamura; he has two sisters, Tsuruko Tamura (99 yrs old) and Machiye Shinzawa (91 yrs old). He fathered two sons, Randal Akira and Lloyd Masaru and one daughter, Cynthia Masae Medeiros. Blessed with four grandchildren, dad peacefully passed away on Sunday, July 18 at 4:42pm (yes, 442) at 89 years of age. There was no pain and with his whole family at his side, Dad's heart simply gave out.

In Honor of ALLEN MASAMI NAKAMURA, submitted by his daughter, Cynthia.



by Ted & Fuku Tsukiyama

Hello again for October, November, and December. Time, as usual, is flying, and speaking of flying, I've been calling all kinds of 522 guys and gals to see if they've been travelling. Nope, seems like nobody is, with rising and ridiculous ticket prices and baggage tariffs. Besides, the weather east and west has been horrendous. Lucky live Hawaii, really, yeah?

At the last luncheon gathering, we had Mits and Ellen Kunihiro's son and his two lovely daughters visiting from Florida. It's nice to have the third and fourth generations joining us from time to time, and I've met Richard Okubo who is a mainstay with the Returning Students Program at the University, and he is the son of the late Roy and Sayoko Okubo. And Roy often asks about the 522 guys, his father's friends.

Ran into the always slim and svelte Reiko Arakaki who teaches tap dancing to young senior citizens, and she was chosen to sub for one of the leading dancers of Hawaii when he broke his leg and was incapacitated. What an honor!

Florence Ohara gave me this recipe for a quick and delicious okazu: 1 can kogai ajitsuke, one small (larger if you like) onion, cut in bite-size pieces, and one soft or firm tofu, cut in squares or pieces, as you like. Put everything in a pot or skillet, heat, and spoon over hot rice in a donburi. Since the kogai is on the sweet-ish side, you can sprinkle some shoyu on top if you like. Like most recipes, you can add other things as you wish, a variation on a theme, and enjoy. Many years ago I ran into George Muramaru at the seafood section of Manoa Safeway, and he recommended I spread some mayonnaise on some white fish I was buying to make it tastier than just

salt and pepper. Ono! I am sure his nice wife Ruth has since helped add to his gastronomic endeavors.

HAPPY SEASON OF HOLIDAYS TO YOU
ALL, TIL NEXT TIME.

522-B members were sorrowed to learn of the passing of Mike Shigeo Hara on September 11, 2010 at age 89 years. Mike served as a driver in the survey and reconnaissance teams of Headquarters Battery, 522nd Field Artillery Battalion. Mike was a 1940 graduate of McKinley High School and answered the call for volunteers for the 442nd RCT in 1943 serving for the duration of the 30 months combat service in World War II with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion. After the war he worked as an engineering draftsman with the US Army, Air Force and FAA at the Ft. Shafter, Schofield and Hickam Field military bases and then as a civilian engineer drafting technicians with M&E Pacific Company retiring around 1987. He had met Mildred Minami in 1949 when they both worked for the U.S. Engineers at Ft. Ruger and got married the same year. The Haras had two children Sheryl and Barrett and 4 grandchildren.

522-B members also learned of the passing of William Bill Kajikawa in February, 2010 in Tempe, Arizona at the age of 97 years. Bill Kajikawa served in the Message Center, Headquarters Battery, 522 Field Artillery Battalion throughout its combat service, and also coached the 522 FAB baseball team in the Camp Shelby baseball league. Kajikawa was a sports legend in Arizona where he starred as a multi-sport athlete in the mid 1930's and served a 41-year career coaching football, basketball and baseball at Arizona State University starting in 1937 through 1978, interrupted only by his military service with the 522 FAB. As a football coach, Kajikawa served many years recruiting some of Hawaii's best football prospects for the ASU football team. Kajikawa was popularly regarded as "the father of Sun Devil sports," had one of the ASU football fields named for him, and was inducted into the Arizona Basketball Hall of Fame and the ASU Hall of Distinction

The 522 golf news hereby reports three past month's of tournament results:

<u>Players:</u>	<u>7/20/10</u>	<u>8/16/10</u>	<u>9/20/10</u>
Masami Doi	70	70	73
Roy Fujii	70	79	70
Richard Furuta	82	77	72
Boyan Higa	80	75	75
Mits Honda	-	-	-
Mits Kunihiro	-	93	61
George Muramaru	85	77	74
Rocky Tanna	76	74	-
Ted Tsukiyama	-	-	-
Harold Ueoka	75	-	82
Flint Yonashiro	69	81	70

Par Three Pins:

Masami Doi	#2	#8	
Roy Fujii	#8		#2
Boyan Higa			#17
Rocky Tanna		#2	
Flint Yonashiro	#11 & #17	#17	#8



by M. Honda

The 3rd Quarter is coming to an end and there is not much news to report.

The only thing that I can remember is my Great Fall on the 5th of July, which reminds me of Humpty Dumpty who had a great fall and couldn't be put together by all the King's horses and all the King's men and presumably was left there to die. More about Humpty later on.

Luckily for this Humpty and thanks to modern medicine, I was picked up by ambulance and taken

to a hospital; patched up and taken home to a slow recovery with the help of my lovely and kindly lady friend who shares my bed and kau kau table. Before I go any further, let me say that Milady showed tremendous patience and nursing skills in bringing me back to health. AMEN!!

Until last fall, I had been thinking, "How come all these old guys kept falling and cracking their skulls?" I had even heard of cases where this had happened to someone who had not been seen around anymore. Right here, I want to apologize to any family whose loved elderly person had passed away after a fall. I don't want to bring up bad memories to anyone in this news column, which should only evoke happy thoughts and memories.

On the 5th of July, My Lady and I had finished our morning walk at around 7 A.M. and I had stopped at the 7-11 store on Kam Hiway and Lehua Ave. I tried to get out to go and pick up a spam musubi after parking and that's where my troubles started. I tripped going out of the car and fell heavily on my left chest right below the chichi area. I thought my heart would stop and I would die right there on the parking lot pavement. My left temple also hit the ground and I started bleeding heavily with the blood dripping down my face. I called and I called but Milady could not hear me because she was singing one of her Karaoke songs and I cursed the Karaoke Club with all my might. She kept on singing until a huge garbage truck stopped and the shaggy haired driver knocked on her window and said, "Hey Lady your husband stay fall down and he bleeding like hell."

And that's when the action started. She went into a panic and asked the Shaggy Hair, "How I call the Ambulance and what the number?" Shaggy Hair said "I callum already and no movum." Lying there, I thought "Wow! Shaggy Hair more smart than Milady or what?" Luckily, the ambulance came and I didn't have to make a decision.

The hospital is only about a mile and a half from the 7-11 store, but I think the ambulance ride broke my left side upper rib. You see, the ambulance must have had about 300 lbs. of air in each tire because

that was the roughest ride I ever had in all my life. Riding in an Army Tank must be the same kind of ride because even though they had me strapped to the gurney every turn and bump strained the straps that held me down.

They sent me home at about 3 P.M. and I found out that I couldn't move without feeling excruciating pain. Millie could not move me without calling my daughter for help. One time, I couldn't wait for Daughter so I tried to slide off and succeeded but there I sat and could not hold my shishi. I go quite a bit and as Doc would say it's an old man thing and we cannot help it. It was around nine weeks before I could swing my club (golf), but I haven't been to the golf course yet.

This is all for now and I apologize. Next time I will try to do better unless I broke a leg or something then I'll have to write about that.

Aloha for now and I hope no one falls like Humpty Dumpty. Humpty was actually a large cannon that was mounted on a Church Wall during the 17th Century Civil War in England. The man that fired it was "One Eyed Jack Thompson" and he drank a lot of whiskey.

Basta !! Mits



Maui Matters

by Harold Nishida

Aloha everyone! My wife and I are just back from an eight-day stay in Las Vegas to attend the FFNV 2010 annual reunion and other personal business with friends and families. Although we were sad to see fewer attendees this year, we were grateful and happy to meet some new faces as well as socialize with so many veterans we've come to know over the past years. The screening of the latest 442nd documentary, "Live in Dignity, Die in Honor" by Junichi Suzuki was the highlight at the Farwell Banquet. The film was introduced by Dr. Richard Sword (Maui "I" Co. associate) who stood in for the recovering Junichi Suzuki who was injured in an auto accident on his way to attend the Las Vegas reunion. Our best wishes and prayers go out to him and his wife for a speedy recovery.

The film was emotionally moving and brought tears to many in the audience as veterans remembered the long ago events, tragedies and stories of heroism as if it occurred just yesterday. I highly recommend this

film to all those veterans who have not yet shared their experiences with their family members.

We thank Lawson Sakai, Brian Shiroyama and their team of volunteers who continue to do a terrific job of organizing and hosting the annual reunion and for allowing us the once in a lifetime opportunity to fellowship with so many wonderful people. As an "I" Company associate, I was also especially happy to see my mainland mentor Jim Yamashita and his wife Marion, Louise (Kashino) Takesaki and the other veterans and families of "I" Company we've come to know.

Back on Maui, the big news is that on June 19th, a new Executive Council for the Maui 442nd Veterans Club was elected into office. The membership of the Maui 442nd Veterans Club made a decision to keep on "Going for Broke." Even with dwindling numbers and the future of their club in doubt, they have decided that the perpetuation of their social club was of great importance to them. For many who are home bound or in long term medical care facilities, the Club socials provide opportunities for many to get out, to visit and socialize with their peers and to eat non-institutional foods four or five times a year. It has become ever more precious to their well being and longevity. As a result they voted overwhelmingly with

their secret ballots to usher in a new Executive Council with a mandate that the Club is continued for as long as there are surviving veterans, spouses and widows who wish to continue. Incoming President-Kazuo Hamasaki (“G” Co.), VP-Charlie Takahashi (“I” Co. associate), Treasurer-Kaoru Muraoka (Tutto Co.) and I, Harold Nishida (“I” Co. associate) Club Secretary are all committed to fulfilling the membership’s wishes. Our humble thanks go out to all of the general membership of the Maui 442nd Veterans Club for their continued faith and support in our leadership.



by Gail Nishimura

Fall greetings to you! Where has this year gone? We’re now in the 4th quarter of 2010. Seems like I was just getting ready for the opening of school and now we’re headed into the second quarter of the school year. Here’s Wes’ report from the September meeting:

Hi Everyone,

As you know, we had our monthly meeting last Thursday. We were up against tough Competition: the UH-SC Football game! There were a lot of delays on the roads due to traffic. For those who managed to make it to the meeting, we had a nice get together and here are some of the highlights:

Lois updated us on the Joint Memorial Service. Volunteers are still needed for the event. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Ann Kabasawa at 781-8540. The services begin at 9 am on Sunday, September 26th. In addition to helping out that day, we need food donations for the reception after the ceremony. As in the past, we’ll be sharing the cost

of a wreath with the Sons and Daughters of the other organizations.

Many thanks again to everyone who worked on the Honouliuli social event held last month. It was a great success. We shared stories and photos of the event at our meeting. For those who are interested, the photos are posted on our website, on the “Past Events” Page.

Speaking of our website, the new and updated version is just about done. It will replace the existing one by the end of this month. The new version will allow us more flexibility and with multiple administrators, it’ll be faster to post information onto the website. It will also allow people to comment on the articles making the site interactive.

The Veterans Archive Program was discussed. This is a program aimed at expanding the current 442 archives. It focuses on recording photos and stories of our living veterans. A program has been worked out and is ready to be implemented. It was agreed that we would begin with a “pilot program,” which would involve 3 to 4 veterans. This would allow us to fine tune the program, if necessary, with the ultimate goal of making a presentation to the veterans. We currently have one, possibly two volunteers and are looking for a couple more. Please consider asking your dads. If you need more information, contact Anita (676-7478) or Cindy (292-0456).

We also talked about a Family Support Program for the veterans. Ann mentioned that this is something that is ongoing for the veterans of the 100th. The basic concept is that as the veterans get older, they need many kinds of assistance. Laura and Mark expressed interest in further pursuing this idea, possibly developing a joint 100th/442nd program, and will get together with Ann.

As a reminder, the special advance screening of “442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity” is this Friday. All 350 tickets have been sold! Related to this, we have been approached by Burt Takeuchi of Ronin Craftworks. He also has a documentary film entitled, “Valor with Honor” and would like us to host the film in Hawaii. It is currently being shown at a number of venues in California, including the Japanese American National Museum in LA.

We discussed the concept of hosting the film and possibly having another social event with the 100th, MIS and 1399th. The group stated that we need to preview the film before proceeding with this idea. I contacted Burt and he agreed to send a DVD of his film. If you're interested in the preview, let me know. It'll be at the Clubhouse.

All for now, Wes

The Joint Memorial Service went well, thanks to all who helped. Looking forward to next year.

Sons and Daughters annual Christmas Party will be coming up before you know it. Ann Kabasawa is our planner as usual. It will be held at Treetops in Manoa on Sunday, December 19, 2010. Cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children ages 4-11. Join us for the fun and camaraderie. It's always a lot of fun and the food is great.

Take care of yourselves, join us when you can. Before you know it, the Anniversary will be here. It's at the Pacific Beach this year. See you soon!



OTHER News

The following speech was given by keynote speaker Maj. General Robert G.F. Lee, State Adjutant General, at the Joint Memorial Service held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Sept. 26, 2010.

It certainly is my honor to speak to you today, as I am indeed in the presence of some of the greatest warriors in our nation's history.

Gov Lingle and I were in Wash DC this past Thursday when the House of Representatives voted to award the Congressional Gold Medal to WWII veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service. This award is already approved by the Senate so only one more step to go and I am sure President Obama will quickly sign off. Congratulations to this special group of WWII veterans and their families!

The survivors of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team meet annually on the last Sunday in September to commemorate their first combat loss of Sgt Joe Tanaka in 1943 near Salerno, Italy. It is nearly 67 years since Sgt Tanaka laid down his life in service to our nation only to be followed by many more casualties before WWII is ended. His legacy, and the legacy of every soldier who served in

the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Engineers, continues on through a line from Korea, to Vietnam to Iraq.

Sixty-five years have passed since the end of World War II and every year it is sad for me to greet fewer of my heroes of the Nisei generation. As you enjoy your golden years, some of you may wonder how your legacy of patriotism, courage, sacrifice will be remembered. I will discuss at least 3 ways your legacy will live on way past your life time.

Although it took a couple of attempts, the US Air Force has named one of our Hickam C-17 Globemaster III the "Spirit of Go For Broke," in honor of the most decorated unit in the US Army and all the soldiers that have served in the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Your C-17 has flown U.S. military personnel and cargo to Iraq, Afghanistan, and many unusual places around the world. Everywhere this aircraft goes worldwide, Hawaii Air National Guard and Pacific Air Force Airmen have the opportunity to explain to people what the name means. I think it is pretty neat to have the Air Force praise this Army unit. C-17 "Go For Broke" is the most dependable aircraft in the squadron, I wonder why? Even the most dependable aircraft needs maintenance so I apologize that we were not able to fly your airplane this past week. The rescheduled date is Nov 2, and I personally invite the Go For Broke soldiers to fly in their airplane for a few hours. I also extend the invitation to representatives of the Military Intelligence Service and 1399 Engineers.

The nuclear submarine USS Hawaii, one of the Navy's newest Virginia Class submarines, arrived at Pearl Harbor last summer. You must be wondering how Go For Broke is connected to a nuclear submarine? The Navy allows submarines named after States to fly the State flag in addition to the American flag at all while operating. Gov Lingle is the sponsor of the USS Hawaii and her gift to the ship and crew was the Hawaiian flag, but not an ordinary Hawaiian flag. During the 100th Bn, 442nd previous combat tour in Iraq in 2008-2009 she requested a Hawaii State flag from a combat patrol conducted by the soldiers under the command of LTC Mike Peters. During the presentation ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Gov Lingle, gave the history of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. This battle flag was presented by Gov Lingle to the Commanding Officer with the expectation that the USS Hawaii will be the best submarine in the Pacific Fleet. Their flag is flown on special occasions and is encased in the ward room of the submarine since you can't fly flags underwater. Sailors aboard the USS Hawaii, from all over America, know that their flag came from the most decorated unit in U.S. Army along with high standards and expectations.

We have Airmen and Sailors spreading your legacy so this story will not be complete without Soldiers. Soldiers that follow in your foot steps will be your endearing legacy. From the current soldiers of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry led by LTC Kimo Dunn and his soldiers participating in today's ceremony and all that have followed you serving in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Today, our Army smaller in number, more mobile and better connected and integrated with command and control. 100th Bn soldiers have better rifles and machine guns than the enemy. We can see at night and Blackhawk helicopters, armored HMMVs and MRAPs quickly carry our soldiers to the fight. But all this technology goes only so far. Infantry combat forces must still find, fix and defeat the enemy just like your brave actions over 67 years ago. Your brave deeds and the legacy of the 100th Bn and 442nd RCT continue to motivate and inspire our soldiers today.

To our AJA veterans, please know that your patriotism, courage, and sacrifice have not been relegated

to the history books. It is an everyday, living legacy that shall never be forgotten.

In closing, please permit me to extend my personal thanks to this special group. As I close out my career – I never would have imagined that I could've gotten this far. When I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1971, I thought that I would spend my obligation of six years in uniform then move on; but that was before I was assigned to the 100th Bn and learned your history. How lucky can an officer be to have giants as mentors like Sen Inouye and Sen Matsunaga and veterans like Chet Tanaka and Sunshine Fukunaga advising you. The years following Vietnam were not good for the Army and the 100th Bn was no exception. Strength was low and we were threatened with extinction on many occasions. Those of us serving vowed not to let this happen, not this unit. If the citizens in Hawaii wouldn't join us to fill the unit, we were sure Samoans and Chomoros would. That is why we have the Polynesian 100th Bn, 442nd Inf. today with soldiers from Hawaii, Am Samoa, Guam, and Saipan. I did not have lofty goals in the Army, may be if I hung around long enough, I might get lucky and command the 100th Bn one day. I did luck out and that experience leads to even more opportunities. Opportunities I would not have if not for you! Your service and sacrifice in WWII and improving our society after the war by fighting prejudice and inequality which allowed Asian Americans to serve in the highest ranks of our military. So let me add my name to Gen Shinseki, Gen Miyagi, Gen Hirai and other minority general and flag officers in saying thanks for your sacrifice that made it much better for those that followed. You carried us and allowed us to stand on your shoulders.

The 100th Bn and 29th Brigade Combat Team are back from their deployment to Iraq and Kuwait but we have a few Go For Broke and 29th Brigade soldiers serving in the southern Philippines. Please keep them in your prayers for their safe return as well as all our military forces serving in harm's way.

May God Bless this special group of veterans and their families and May God continue to bless the USA.

Mahalo and GO FOR BROKE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Us Locate Member of Task Force Fukuda

I am writing to you because I am trying to identify a person in a photo who was in The 442nd Infantry, formerly the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army, it was an Asian American unit composed of mostly Japanese Americans who fought in Europe during World War II. Well... I guess that was unnecessary. These soldiers were instrumental in breaking through the GOTHIC LINE from where I live in Carrara, Italy.

Recently, an Italian friend named Elio posted a photo of a Nisei soldier on his facebook page. It was taken on the 11th of May 1945. The man who took the photo is no longer alive so we aren't sure where it was taken. Possibly Livorno, Genova, La Spezia or Carrara. We are quite curious to know about this young man. Who he is, if he survived the war and perhaps even where he is now. He looks to be about 20 so he must be about 85 now. He probably made it through the war if the date written on the photo is correct. We believe that he probably returned to the USA if his photo was taken 11 May 1945. The worst of the Italian fighting was over. We actually believe that this man survived.

On the 12th of September 2010 a memorial service is being held in Fivizzano, Italy at the memorial statue dedicated the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, to remember **TASK FORCE FUKUDA**. This particular group was instrumental in freeing the town from German control.

Anyone with any piece of information is urged to contact Ann Perrault aoperrault@hotmail.com or info@jalivinglegacy.org.

Sincerely,
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REMINDER:

Chapter Reports
for the next issue are
due on
January 7, 2011

Save the Date!

442nd Veterans Club

68th Anniversary Banquet

Date: March 27, 2011 (Sunday)
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Place: Pacific Beach Hotel (Grand Ballroom, 7th Floor)
Cost: To Be Determined
Parking: \$5 self parking with validation
\$9 valet parking with validation

Members:

Those wishing to attend the banquet, please submit your name and payment to your respective chapter. Chapter presidents will submit an attendees list and one payment to the 442nd Veterans Club. (Checks should be made out to "442nd Veterans Club" with note "68th Anniversary Banquet.")

Deadline to submit attendees list and payment: Monday, March 7, 2011

Hotel Reservations

The Pacific Beach Hotel is offering a special rate for local, neighbor island and mainland members attending the banquet. When making your reservations, please mention that you will be attending the event.

Room occupancy for 1 to 2 persons:
\$109 + tax for Room only
\$139 + tax for Room and Breakfast for 2 at Oceanarium Restaurant)
Offer is valid 3 days prior and 3 days after March 27, 2011.
(\$15 overnight parking - price subject to change)

For room reservations:
Oahu members call (808) 923-4511
Neighbor island and mainland members call 1-800-367-6060

Any questions, please call the 442nd Veterans Club at (808) 949-7997 or email at 442veterans@hawaiiantel.net

“442: Live With Honor, Die with Dignity”

Ward Theaters, Sept. 10, 2010

(Photos: Ann Kabasawa, Wayne Iha, Clyde Sugimoto, Pat Thomson)



A large number of veterans, family members & friends attend special screening of “442: Live With Honor, Die With Dignity”



Actor George Takei, host for the event, welcomes audience to the special screening



Attendees arrive at Ward Theater



Fox (l-r): Michi & Ron Oba, Richard Murashige, George Nakasato



Medics (l-r): John & Gloria Masunaga and Suzy, Taryn & Oscar Tsukayama



2HQ (l-r): Tamio Otsu, Yasu Shoho, Robert Uyeda



Ruth Uranaka (center) with Irene and Chilly Sasaki (AT)



3HQ Chapter members enjoy the movie



Noboru Kawamoto (RHQ)



Mits & Ellen Kunihiro (522B)



Katsugo Miho (522B)

Joint Memorial Service

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl

Sept. 26, 2010

(Photos: Wayne Iha and Oscar Tsukayama)



Keynote Speaker Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee delivers memorial message



Piper Alan Miyamura & Primasita Seery



100th - Robert Arakaki (l) & Mike Harada (r) present wreath



442nd - Bill Thompson & LTC Kimo Dunn present wreath



MIS - Edgar Hamasu, Judge Andrew Sato (Ret) and SGM Glenn Gomes



1399 - Calvin Date (l) & Tsutomu Oi (center)



The Pearl City Community Church Choir entertains with patriotic melodies



Keynote Speaker MG Robert Lee



MC Pauline Sato



Prayer - Chaplain Kevin J. Gilbert

The 100th Bn 442nd Infantry Honor Guard Participates in Ceremonies Commemorating the 66th Anniversary of the Liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France
Oct. 17, 2010

(Photos: Gerome Villain)



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