

NICHOLAS at the end of March in Austin, Texas.

ED and JANET ONAKA's grandson CHRISTOPHER had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall with the Iolani School orchestra in March. CHRISTOPHER plays the violin. His father is the registrar of the state's agency that handles vital statistics.

ED ONAKA said that he is in contact with his Medic friend KENICHI FUJIYOSHI who now lives in Kaimuki. After discharge from the service, FUJIYOSHI returned to O'laa and worked as an auto mechanic until he retired. He has retained his bachelor hood to this day.



by KAORU WATANABE

The Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas May 18 - 22, 1995 was the scene of our Cannon Company Reunion with over 100 Cannoneers, their families, and friends in attendance. Once again, JOHN & MARY KASHIKI did all the planning and coordination to create for us a 5-day event which will be long remembered. Friendships renewed, stories shared, caught up on the family news and a few Cannoneers were seen for the first time since the war. And let's not count out the ubiquitous slot machines - most of them unfriendly, but most challenging.

We met for the first time since Camp Shelby EDWARD KAJIWARA who came with his wife. ED was one of the original Cannoneers but was pulled out while we were still in Camp Shelby as a replacement for the 100th Bn. ED looks none the worse for the ordeals he endured - you can't miss recognizing him! He has resided in Chicago since 1947 - that's why we never bumped into him at the Long's Drugs or the markets! Also seen for the first time - ISAMU AOKI, a CPA now residing in Concord, CA. Also seldom seen -

BILL & MRS. ITO, ROY & MRS. MIYAKE (Not the Kauai ROY MIYAKE.)

Ideal in size and location, the Board Room on the 2nd floor was our Hospitality Room arranged by JOHN KASHIKI. As you can surmise, JOHN has connections. MARY KASHIKI and her mainland ladies kept the refreshment tables laden with an array of goodies contributed by everyone who came. From sushi, cakes, cookies, nuts, spam musubi, monstrous strawberries - fruits of all kinds and much more! You really didn't have to eat at any of the restaurants - but I'm certain many, like me, enjoyed the food in the Hospitality Room and the Paradise Buffet.

BETTY MAKABE's cold somen with all the homemade trimmings was a terrific hit with everyone. KATHERINE NUNOTANI's narazuke nurtured for 5 long years by herself was exquisite! There was so much more from gobo kimpira to sweet pineapples personally selected by TOM OKINO - son many people brought in tons of good stuff - many thanks to everyone! From us Hawaii members, TOM OKINO with the assistance of KAZU SAIKI and the generous, invaluable help of TSUKA MURAKAMI put together a gift package for each Mainland family to express our thanks and appreciation for their wondrous hosting of this reunion!

JOHN KASHIKI had to charter 2 buses to take us to the show "Legends In Concert" at the Imperial Hotel. It was a most entertaining show of imitators of the concert greats like LIBERACE, THE BLUES BROTHERS, ELVIS PRESLEY and more! All of them had an uncanny resemblance to the originals and performed like the originals.

We were missing one member of our group upon returning to the Fremont - but we just couldn't determine who. When we could wait no longer, we took a leisurely ride back via "The Strip" as the bus driver gave us interesting highlights of the hotels on "The Strip." When we returned to the Fremont, there was TOORU KANAZAWA calmly enjoying his drink wondering what happened to the rest of his group. He had lost us at the Imperial Hotel and took a fast taxi back to Fremont.

It was most heartwarming to see NORMA SHOREY who managed quite well with the help of ED despite her reconstructive knee surgery. And ALICE YOSHINARI - how good to see her - we worried about her recovery from a stroke. And TOM HANAMI - had been slowed - but his spirit is strong. And KATHERINE NUNOTANI - nothing keeps her down - stroke or no stroke. And you have to hand it to TOORU KANAZAWA - age 88 and working on another book about the war, not to mention making typo corrections for his publication Close Support. He saw typos in his book that most of us didn't notice. He is a perfectionist!

TTORU would like to order another printing of his Close Support after he clears up the typos but that project will need some seed money.

There are others who were not well enough to travel to our Reunion - JAMIE SHINTANI, ALICE & JIM YOSHIZAWA, MARTIN ITO, DYKIE KUNISHIGE, and YUKISADA OSHIRO. To all who were able to join us and to all who could not because of health problems - we want to wish them an early, early complete recovery!

And bravely, GERALD GUSTAFSON came to join us - to thank us for the many wishes of condolence and contributions in the name of HONEY who died on March 25, 1995 after a most trying period of confinement. We cannot help but miss HONEY. She was the most fun-loving, friendly, and caring kind of person one could ever meet. If we miss her this much, GUS must feel the loss a thousand fold more. We understand!

It was real nice to have with us KAZU SAIKI who lost JUDY SAIKI on December 11, 1994. He came with his son, LEITH, and his friend BERWIN NYUHA. KAZU manages well because he was the wonderful support of his two sons who look after him.

The golfers were in their glory this Reunion - 3 days of golf at bargain rates thanks to the connections of TAGUCHI, TSUKA's friend who lives in Las Vegas and GUS. Even tho TSUKA spent a lot of time on the golf course, he managed quite well on a friendly dollar slot.

Tho no one in our group won a car this trip,

there were winners - I mean winner - when they left the hotel. The KUDOS did OK as did TOORU KANAZAWA but he is not saying how much.

Today is a week after returning to Honolulu and LINCOLN MAEDA has not yet received his luggage last seen when he left Honolulu. How he managed to stay well dressed in Las Vegas is a mystery. Hope UAL finds your bag, LINCOLN!

At a late night gathering in the Hospitality Room, JOHN KASHIKI chaired a meeting to determine the date/place of our next reunion. Las Vegas got the vote over Hawaii and JOHN has already made preliminary bookings at the Fremont beginning the first Thursday after Mother's Day, 1996 to Monday.



by TERUO IHARA

My sincerest apologies to the Lefty SUGIHARAS for misrepresenting the recent accomplishments of their of their grandsons RYAN and GARETH. After being told that his grandsons' superior accomplishments were in wrestling competition, this writer reported in the last newsletter, that the two grandsons were in soccer competition. How can anyone be so stupid??? Furthermore, both RYAN and GARETH had very successful wrestling seasons. GARETH won the Intermediate Wrestling Championship and runner-up in the ILH Jr. Varsity Wrestling Championship, both in the 100 lb. class. RYAN won the ILH Varsity Wrestling Championship, 100 lb. class. He also won the State Wrestling Championship in the 100 lb. class. LEFTY says the kids train a lot and are able to control their weights, losing upwards to 10 to 15 lb.. preparing for the meets. RYAN is a junior and GARETH is a freshmen, both at Mid Pacific Institute.

A grandson of another EASY CHAPTER mem-

ber is also making a name for himself in Little League baseball. He is DAVIN NAKASONE, son of EARL NAKASONE who is the only son of GLENN and MIYO NAKASONE. DAVIN is a pitcher, short stop as well as a catcher on his Little League baseball team. Speaking of grandchildren, this writer wishes to report that his son MICHAEL, who is a Network Chiropractor, returned to L.A. to be closer to his nine years old daughter MELE. She lives with her mother. Another granddaughter MAKANA TOCMAN was recently accepted as a 7th grader at KUULEI's old Alma Mater, Kamehameha School for Girls. MAKANA is the daughter of LEI and HOWARD TOCMAN and will be twelve years old in August. As a crew member of the HOKULEIA, KUULEI flew to Seattle his morning, May 25th, to join the crew of the native sailing ship for a cruise down up the coast to Bellingham and Vancouver, B.C. then south to Portland, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Diego. She has been in training long for this trip, swimming almost daily in the ocean off Elks Club in Waikiki, as well as exercising with bar bells to develop her upper body strength should she fall off the ship. She needs to be able to free float for at least an hour.

HARRY TACHIBANA was an accomplished tailor when WWII broke out. He resumed his trade following the end of war. He sewed a business suit for this writer, the cloth for which was a gift of DAN INOUYE'S father who then was working for THEO H. DAVIES merchandise department in Honolulu. HARRY soon thereafter entered into the business of independently retailing World Book Encyclopedias. Business was very good for HARRY and he frequently took trips to the Chicago headquarters of the Company. As a consequence he developed close relationships with sales people of World Book Encyclopedias all over the nation. In a TO WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON card from the former Zone I Sales manager, the following is said of HARRY:

"HARRY finally got the green light from his doctor to travel. For a starter, with a close friend NORA who stood by him through three operations, he'll go to Hilo, Hawaii, for a week of

fishing. Then in March, he'll visit LOREN and MARY BULLARD in Naples, Florida, and spend a week fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and crab netting in the bay. HARRY had to cancel a trip to visit LOREN last year due to an operation, plus a year long uphill battle to recover. He did recover due, he believes, to his combat experience during World War II with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. During combat, HARRY survived concussion and shrapnel wounds. Their fighting motto was, "Go For Broke"—a spirit that helped him survive, much to the surprise of the Queens Hospital staff. HARRY wrote that LOREN BULLARD is involved with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and has two large boats."

The above article about HARRY appeared in the Christmas '94 edition of the prestigious World Book Retirees, an 18 page edition which has a mailing list of over 200 VIP'S.

It was really nice to see HARRY and NORA at the EASY CHAPTER dinner meeting at the Wisteria on May 9th. HARRY looked chipper and was his old self. With the severe prostate problem in remission we can now expect one of the oldest surviving members of COMPANY E to entertain us with his ukulele and sweet Japanese music. Congratulations HARRY!!! Others at the dinner were: MARILYN & MASAMI DOI, LEATRICE & EDWIN GOYA, this writer, MIYO & GLENN NAKASONE, MILDRED NAKATA, HAZEL & TOSHIO "MAUI" OKAMURA, JUNE & S. T. "STOOKA" OOKA, HIROSHI OTAKE, TOKUE & SABURO OUCHI, HARUKO OYAMA, LENORE & ED PESTANA, KAY & MASAO "LEFTY" SUGIHARA, CHIYONO & WAICHI TAKEMOTO, ELLEN & SHIGEO "FLY" TAMASHIRO, ALAN TANAKA, DORIS & GEORGE TANDO, CHIKATO TESHIMA, BEATRICE TSUKAMOTO, HIDEKO & NOBORU UESUGI, MARY & TOMO UYEDA, RALPHYAGI, MITSUGI "CHICKEN" YAMADA, NOBU YONEDA, SAKAE & TADAO YOSHIMOTO & SALLY & SHIGE TOSHITAKE.

TOMO UYEDA distributed the list of EASY COMPANY members who plan to attend EASY'S MINI-REUNION at LAS VEGAS between Octo-

ber 29 and November 2, 1995. To date 45 members, spouses and guests have registered with TOMO as being committed to go to the Reunion. They include 34 from Honolulu, 8 from Maui and 3 from the Big Island of Hawaii. From Honolulu: NAOTOMO "NEKA" & HAZEL MATOI, the OKAMURAS, the OOKAS, the OUCHIS, RAYMOND SHIGENAGA, the SUGIHARAS, HARRY & NORA TACHIBANA, FLY TAMASHIRO. the WAICHI TAKEMOTOS, the TANDOS, CHIKTESHIMA, BEA TSUKAMOTO, the UESUGIS, the UYEDAS, RALPH YAGI, KINUE & YOSHIWO YAMAKI, the YOSHIMOTOS and the YOSHITAKES. The Big Island of Hawaii will be represented by YAE & TSUNETAKEMOTO and KAZUTOSHI "CABBY" FUJINO and Maui will be represented by CHARLIE ARAKAKI & son KARL, WINNIFRED & HAROLD KISHABA, AYATO KIYOMOTO, HIDEOMIZUKI and BETTY & HIDEO "PAKALA" TAKAHASHI. The deadline is still months away so the roster may change as the Reunion date of October 29 nears.

MAUI OKAMURA recently underwent an operation for Para-Thyroid problems. The doctors found that condition was increasing his body's capacity to manufacture Calcium and causing some concern for the effect of the Calcium on the other body functions such as the heart, liver and kidneys. In the operation the doctors took out two tumors adjoining the para-thyroid which luckily were benign and not cancerous. Also undergoing surgery was NEKA MATOI. He underwent a five by-pass surgical operation to correct the blood circulatory problem which was making him an old man too soon. NEKA is 76 years old going on 77 late this year. The fact that his golf game deteriorated badly this past year was an indication that he was having physical problems. With the by-pass surgery he should regain his ability to play superb golf.

Continuing with members' problems, this writer underwent cataract surgery yesterday, May 18th, and hopefully he is looking forward to better golf and clearer sight. The operation was done at Kaiser Beretania's Center for Ambulatory Surgery. The process was simple and quick. The

preparation was long, detailed and thorough. And so is the post surgery care and concerns. The Doctor tells me "no golf or anything strenuous for three weeks, eye drops four times a day for two medicines plus two drops of another medicine every day." Being a rather active person the prohibitions have really cramped my life style. They also gave me a pair of dark glasses which makes me look like a Hollywood star. How about that??

As the writer looks back over the years he is reminded that as a bachelor he use to see CHICKEN YAMADA in Hilo quite often. CHICKEN used to stay at the old CUNNINGHAM HOTEL on Halai St. in down town Hilo. I don't remember whether or not he told me of the reasons for his visits but it is obvious today that he was pursuing his wife ROSE with whom he has produced a splendid family of three boys and one girl. He and ROSE have been blessed with four grandchildren, all girls. ROSE herself has had some physical problems of late, having had gall bladder surgery last year and last month had cataract surgery on her left eye. She hopes to have the cataracts in her right eye corrected when her doctor approves the surgery sometime later this year. ROSE has been a very caring mother and wife and fiercely protective of CHICKEN.

In death AL PLANAS must be smiling with satisfaction of the accomplishments of son CHRIS. AL never showed any brilliance that is now in the possession of son CHRIS. CHRIS is an accomplished song writer/musician and most respected in the entertainment profession. The LEFTY SUGIHARA'S oldest son CRAIG has really gone international. Together with several of his associates he has licenses to conduct his TOWN & COUNTRY Surf related in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, France, England, Brazil and now recently in Bali, Indonesia. He has opened four retail outlets in Japan, one in Australia and one in Indonesia. It is heartening to know that one of our own son's is now a world player in the water related sports business. It is a story of hard work, brains, guts and much luck to propel the son the LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA

into a world leader in water related sports activities. More power to you—ganbare CRAIG SUGFIHARA.

As this writer concludes his contributions to the next edition of the 442nd NEWSLETTER, he would like to exhort members of EASY CHAPER, here and on the mainland, to jot down tidbits of newsworthy information about what's happening to your families and send same to this writer at 3162 Beaumont Woods Place, Honolulu, HI 96822-1420. Thank you. T.I.



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

We have reached another year of growth and production and are deeply grateful for the positive responses we have enjoyed hearing from our Dads and Moms and other supporters. We exist only because of the supreme sacrifices and memories of the AJA Nisei Soldiers who gave their lives and because their buddies with friendships forged on the battlefields and in training wanted to begin a social club to continue the camaraderie. And then, again, this *camaraderie* grew into a workhorse that contributed to the course of national and local history and you know the rest of the story. Thank you for supporting our chapter.

### Executive Report

S&D President, ALAN KUBOTA, expressed his sincere appreciation to the S&D Board of Directors and members at the last general membership meeting for the 1994-1995 term of office he served. ALAN conducted all of the meetings with great eloquence, expertise and efficiency as well as serving on the 442 Veterans Club planning committee and 52nd anniversary committee. This was time consuming work for this

active man who also is the president of the Honpa Hongwangi young members organization. Thank you also to his gracious wife, DEBBIE, and young children for their love and support. ALAN, DEBBIE and family and father, SADAICHI KUBOTA (Item) will be attending the CAMP SHELBY reunion in June representing our chapter. We hope ALAN will serve another term, if that is possible. (One year is just "warming up", ALAN!)

### Archives/Oral History Committee

Chairman, ALVIN YOSHITOMI has continued to superbly manage and generously contribute his precious time and skillful talent to this highly regarded sector of the 442 Veterans Club, *The 442nd Archives and Learning Center*. From coordinating the construction, refurbishing and setting up of this center with GUY KOGA, STEVEN HIGA, JOE UNO, GLENN MIRIKIDANI, and veterans CHILLY SASAKI and TAKAMORI MIYAGI along with other gracious volunteers, to being caretaker of the 442 artifact collection and coordinating the acquisition of video equipment for the oral histories program and setting up the taping sessions ALVIN has spent hundreds of hours on behalf of the 442 legacy. ALVIN is a salesman with the *Fuji Film Company*. His lovely and incredibly supportive wife, SUSAN, is a daughter of a 442 veteran.

The S&D Board of Directors voted to turn over their ownership of the computer equipment and other support products to the mother club and still be in charge of its operations.

### Archives Committee Progress Report

The 442nd Veterans Archive Center computer room is completed. Construction and painting work is done thanks to MR. CHILLY SASAKI and MR. TAKAMORI MIYAGI. The computers (thank you, STEVEN HIGA) are installed and are operational. Our next project is a request for donations of computer software. If you have old programs and have no use for them, we will gladly welcome any donations. The Archive Center is currently running both Apple Macintosh and IBM PC systems. Special thanks to S&D

members JOE UNO and ANN KABASAWA for their donation of IBM PC compatible software.

### **Enlistees wanted, Do You Want to Help?**

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to help with some future computer projects. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. We are currently using the computers to generate learning aids and educational display materials. An educational brochure is being created with the help of the computer. A flatbed scanner is used to scan photographs. Combining photographs with text, we are able to design a single sheet multi-fold brochure. Upon completion this educational brochure will contain a brief history about the 100 Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team with several memorable photographic images.

Our target date for completion of this project is early August. Printing of Go For Broke brochures should be completed by the first week of August 1995. During the second and third week of August volunteers will be needed to help fold the brochures. It is critical that this 100th/442nd brochures be ready for distribution by the last week in August. Our goal is to provide this educational brochure to the general public during the last 50th anniversary of World War II commemorative events scheduled to take place here in Honolulu on September 2-4, 1995. This is an invaluable opportunity to educate the public and the world about the 100th/442nd RCT.

It would be most ideal if we could secure around \$10,000 to produce a sleek, glossy, colorful and first class brochure with a waving American flag in the background, for our community speakers to hand out and for the Hawaii Army Museum to use.

### **Valuable donations for the Archives Library**

The 442nd Veterans Archives Library has received several donations of books. Special thanks to authors, DOROTHY MATSUO, RONALD OBA, JOHN TSUKANO, JACK WAKAMATSU, and THELMA CHANG for their book donations. We would like to recognize HAROLD FUKUNAGA, KIYOSHI TAKASAKI,

SHIN SUZUKI and GUY KOGA for their book contributions.

The Archives Library book drive continues as your contributions are needed to help build a complete reference resource library of 100th/442nd related books. If you have extra copies of these types of books please consider donating them to the library. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Please send all donations to the 442nd Veterans Club, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826. You may mail or bring your contributions to this address or call to have someone pick them up.

### **Membership Services Committee**

Reporting on the progress of our membership renewals for 1995-1996, chairman, EILEEN SAKAI, informed us that in 1992-1993 we signed up an initial membership of 227 bona fide regular and associate members. In 1993-1994 we had 132 (58%) renewals, and 75 new members equaling a total of 207 members. As of May, 1995 we have 76 (38%) renewals and 15 new members with many renewals coming in every week and more new memberships. Thank you members!

We continue to receive many letters expressing gratitude for the formation and daily operations of our chapter from members along with a couple of letters inquiring the arrangement of the regular and associate membership. As with other organizations this proves to be an efficient procedure in order to satisfy the quorum requirements of having the required percentage in order to vote on key measures and having regular members off island would balloon the attendance needed and thus place ourselves in an inoperable position. We have as nearly as possible created our bylaws along the lines of the mother club.

### **Regretfully Received Letter**

Chairman and S&D board director, EILEEN SAKAI, has regretfully submitted her resignation to the Board of Directors as her duties as Vice-President at *BANK OF HAWAII* have become extremely involved and have always re-

quired much traveling. EILEEN, daughter of MR AND MRS. RONALD SAKAI (Howe) will always be very supportive of the S&D and will participate as time allows. The tremendous productions from her committee have included organizing the brainstorming session, social events such as the picnics and parties, the quarterly news bulletins, the maintaining of membership rosters and correspondence along with conducting a whole slew of meetings. A BIG SALUTE and bouquet of aloha to you, EILEEN, for all you do for the Sons and Daughters chapter and the veterans club!

### **Education Committee**

TERRY SASAMURA, chairman, reported on the three successful 1995 educational seminars hosted by our chapter presenting speakers RONALD OBA (442RCT), MIKE TOKUNAGA (100Bn), TED TSUKIYAMA, AJA historian (MIS) and surprise speaker, DOUGLAS WADA (MIS) brought to our seminar by former state senator, BERT KOBAYASHI. We privileged, who made it a point to be at the seminars, enjoyed a moving presentation from each of the speakers. The Archives Committee have documented the event on video for future viewing. MR. WADA, the first WWII AJA Naval Intelligence officer, revealed personal anecdotes of history making decisions that were instrumental in WWII operational procedures that determined important events. It was emotionally evident that for MR. WADA, who was among those honored at the 50th anniversary of the MIS, being questioned of his loyalty to the U.S.A. was still very painful to recollect and to relate to the audience.

We thank SENATOR KOBAYASHI for having the foresight of bringing MR. WADA to our seminar. The Education Committee and the Archives and Oral History Committee worked closely together on this seminar as their projects are of the same purposes. Some of the comments received by the committee were that the seminars were too short. The backdrop decorations included a color coded timeline of the 100/442/MIS/1399 from 1941 through 1946. The handouts, thanks to TED TSUKIYAMA, included

timeline and historical information about the four organizations. Thanks go to education committee members, Chairman, TERRY SASAMURA, CLIFTON TANEMURA, DOREEN MATSUDA, GENNY GOTO, TERRY TAKAKI, STEVEN HIGA and ED GOTO, as well as ALVIN YOSHITOMI, for their valuable help.

### **General Membership Meeting and Election of Directors**

The Nomination Committee, WADE WASANO, SHIRLEY IGARASHI and MARIE YAMASHITA have submitted names for election to the Board of Directors. There will be an election at the June 15, Thursday, general meeting. Dinner will be served.

### **53rd Anniversary Memorial Services and Banquet**

WADE WASANO will again be the S&D coordinator for the events commemorating the 53rd Anniversary of the 442 RCT on March 30, 1996. We are very thankful for the support that our chapter receives from S&D members and friends who participate in volunteering their efforts to support the mother club and to honor their parents and "UNCLES".

### **Souvenir Sales Continues**

There are T-shirts (limited sizes) of S&D of 442nd Veterans (\$5) and *GO FOR BROKE* campaign map (\$10), license plate frames (\$5.00), Torch pins (limited 4/\$10), 442nd RCT-Tote Bags (\$5) 1 free with \$25.00 or more souvenir order and 50th Anniversary commemorative coins (limited) Silver/Bronze coins in box \$41.55, Silver coin in box \$31.15. Please send inquiries and orders with payment for shipping charges to: **Sons & Daughters of 442 Veterans**, c/o Grace Fujii, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI 96826.

Many veterans and others have requested 442 RCT car window decals therefore we are ordering some along with more embroidered 2" torch patches as the inventories are depleted. We recognize the fact that as the 50th anniversary

sary events commemorating the end of WWII fast approaches there will be a great demand for souvenir products from our members and other interested collectors and we should be preparing now. There are other inquiries for baseball caps as well as the overseas/garrison caps and dressier shirts for ceremonial events.

### **Second Annual Summer Picnic**

June 25, Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the DAV's TOMMY KAKESAKO Hall is the time and site of our 1995 Summer Picnic for all 442 families and friends. Deadline is June 16, however, if you're interested in coming and are a couple of days late just mail in your check for the number of \$6.00 large bentos and \$4.50 for mini bentos. Make checks to: Sons & Daughters of 442nd RCT. and mail to **Sons and Daughters of 442 Veterans**, ATTN: GAIL NISHIMURA, 933 Wiliwili St., Honolulu, HI 96826. GAIL and SHIRLEY IGARASHI are co-chairing this fulfilled happening with door prizes and games and great food! Thank you, DR. THOMAS ITO, for your generous \$100.00 donation for our summer picnic.

### **1995 Annual Christmas Party (Already?)**

Yes, because of the many Christmas parties being scheduled around town we thought it would be convenient for this announcement to be made so you can mark your calendar, datebook, appointment computer, etc. to not miss this party. The date, place and time, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1995, TRIPLER OFFICERS CLUB, Crystal Room, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *SUNDAY BRUNCH*, approximately \$20.00 per person.

### **Have a *Random Act of Kindness* experience**

Have a blessedly, safe, healthy and memorable summer with your loved ones. Pray for those that are suffering and those that are less fortunate than we are. Reach out and touch someone with a *Random Act of Kindness*. If you have not experienced the joy of telling your family and close friends that you love them, then I encourage you to do so now. My dad and I did, everytime

we spoke, during his remaining years and we were much blessed because of that. It is amazing how many children still yearn for their parents verbal love and approval.

See you in September...



by **EDDIE TAMANAHA**

February 16, 1995

21 members assembled at the Pali Golf Course. ROCKY TANNA was on this day as he came in with a net 68, two strokes better than the closest competitor. CHARLEY IGARASHI was the next competitor with a 70 for second place. Tied for third with 71s were KEN KAWATE, AKABO TAKASAKI, and MINORU TAMASHIRO. Closest to the pin were #4 KEN KAWATE, #7 MASAMI DOI, #12 HERB YONAMURA, and #15 KEN KAWATE. The 19th hole was held under the trees, along 18th fairway, close to the entrance of the golf course. The new clubhouse seems finished with no concessionaire. Anyway, we had a good 19th hole with our own pupus and refreshments. Seems like some of our members knew there wasn't a concessionaire as they brought the goodies with them. Not knowing this, our first group was sent out to purchase some pupus and refreshments, We sure had more than enough.

March 2, 1995

20 members gathered at Makalena Golf Course, ROCKY TANNA made it two in a row, nosing out KATS IBARA by a single shot. He came in with a net 67 to take top honors. KATS IBARA followed with a 68 for second. Tied for third were CHARLEY IGARASHI and ED TAMANAHA one shot back with 69s. NEKA MATOI and RUSTY HONDA were tied for fifth with 70s. Nearest to the pin were #4 YOSHI HIGA, #6 TEIJI UEHARA, #11 KATS IBARA, #14 CHARLEY IGARASHI and #17 NEKA



MATOI. 19th hole was held at the golf course restaurant. Much food, refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

March 16, 1995

25 members got together at the Pali Golf Course. The weather was clear and sunny. The fairways were dry and hard with lots of roll. The greens were good and fast. All these were to MAUI OKAMURA's liking as he beat his nearest competitor by four strokes, a net 64. Tied for second were NEKA MATOI and BOBBY HIRAYAMA with 68s. Another stroke back and tied for fourth with 69s were RON OBA, LEFTY SUGIHARA, and ROCKY TANNA. ROCKY wanted to make it three in a row, but just couldn't do it. Hey, ROCKY, don't be too greedy! Nearest to the hole were: #4 ED TAMANAHA and MAUI OKAMURA tied - first time this happened! To make sure, measurement was made twice with the flag stick; #7 JIRO SHIMAMURA, #12 no winner, #15 ED TAMANAHA. The 19th hole was again held under the trees along the 18th fairway. Again, no concessionaire, but some of our knowledgeable members brought the pupus and refreshments for all to enjoy. Many thanks to MINORU TAMASHIRO, YOSHI HIGA, DICK UYEMURA, NEKA MATOI, RUSTY HONDA, KATS IBARA, BOBBY HIRAYAMA, and others.

March 30, 1995

19 members arrived early in the morning at Ft. Shafter Golf Course. The course played tough due to wet fairways and sand traps. Only net 67s and 68s were winners. Tied with net 67s for first were MASAMI DOI and MAUI OKAMURA. Coming in one shot back with 68s to tie for third were RUSTY HONDA, RON OBA, AKABO TAKASAKI, and ED TAMANAHA. Closest to the pin were #5 BOBBY HIRAYAMA, #8 HARRY TOKUSHIGE, #17 TEIJI UEHARA, no winners for #1, #10, and #14. The 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant. As usual, lots of pupus, refreshments, and fellowship.

April 9, 1995

26 members showed up at the Makalena Golf

Course. The weather was good and the course played easy for LARRY NAKAHARA as he turned in a sensational net 56, six shots better than the second place shooter. Coming in at a respectable 62 (usually a winner at this score!) was TADASHI KUNISHIGE for second. Tied for third were HERB ISONAGA and HARRY TOKUSHIGE with 64s. Tied for fifth were LEFTY SUGIHARA, KEN KUWATA and STEVE HIROTSU with 65s. Nearest to the hole were #4 LARRY NAKAHARA, #6 TADASHI KUNISHIGE, #11 YOSHI HIGA, #14 JIRO SHIMOMURA and #17 LEFTY SUGIHARA. 19th hole was held at the Makalena Golf Course Restaurant with a lot of stories, pupus, refreshments, and comradeship.

April 25, 1995

17 members gathered at the Honolulu Country Club. MAUI OKAMURA was the best this day as he turned in a net 70 for top honors. Tied for second with 71s were MINO TAMASHIRO and RON OBA. Fourth place was tied by BOBBY HIRAYAMA and GEORGE MURAMARU with 73s. Closest to the pin were #4 BOBBY HIRAYAMA, #8 DICK UYEMURA, #13 RON OBA, and #15 RUSTY HONDA. The weather was good after overnight rain. Course played a little damp and greens were in bad shape. 15th hole was the temporary par 3 taking the place of the regular #17 par 3 hole. #17 hole is closed undergoing renovation. The poor turnout this day is due to at least 4 on mainland trips and 3 on sick list. We wish those on sick call a speedy recovery.

May 11, 1995

26 members arrived at the Pali Golf Course on a cloudy day. It started to rain pretty hard when our first group were playing the 8th and 9th holes. TOM MAYEDA and JIRO SHIMAMURA called it quits after 9 holes due to they already had a cold. The rain stopped but it was overcast the rest of the day. Back to the golf tournament - YOSHI HIGA turned in a superb net 62, under the conditions we played, to take top honors. Three strokes back with 65s to tie for second

were LEFTY SUGIHARA and HICHI MATSUMOTO. Tied for fourth with 67s were BOBBY HIRAYAMA and MASAMI DOI. Closest to the hole were #4 GEORGE MURAMARU, #7 YOSHI HIGA, #12 RUSTY HONDA, and #15 DICKUYEMURA. The 19th hole was once again held under the trees with the same guys bringing the pupus and refreshments. Mahalo!

May 25, 1995

26 members arrived early in the morning at Fort Shafter Golf Course. The weather was clear and the greens in excellent shape. The rough were pretty tall and heavy so not much roll. AKABO TAKASAKI was hot this day as his net 62 was tops. Two shots back was BULL NAMBA with a 64 to take second. Tied for third were HERB ISONAGA and HERB YANAMURA with 65s. Two strokes back were a bunch for fifth with 67s. They were LEFTY SUGIHARA, MASAMI DOI, and BOBBY HIRAYAMA. Nearest to the pin were #1 RON OBA, #5 YOSHI HIGA, #8 MASAMI DOI, #10 LEFTY SUGIHARA, #14 HERB ISONAGA, and #17 HERB ISONAGA. The 19th hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant with the usual fellowship, pupus, and refreshments.

Tournaments for the next three months: June 22 @ Olomana 8:30; July 6 @ Pali 11:36; July 17 @ HCC 9:42; August 3 @ Makalena 12:54; August 17 @ Olomana 8:00; and August 31 @ Pali 11:00.



by BRUNO YAMADA & KENNETH SARUWATARI

**Kauai 442nd Tournament**  
**Kiele Golf Course**  
**March 21, 1995**

64 SABURO ITAKURA (I)

65 WILLIAM TANAKA (F)  
 66 HARRY TOKUSHIGE (522-A)  
 67 FRANK SHIMADA (I)  
 68 WALTER FURUKAWA (I)  
 RUSTY HONDA (2HQ)  
 TSUKA MURAKAMI (CAN)  
 69 MIKE IBARAKI (100)  
 DICK TAKEMOTO (G)  
 KEN KAMIYA (K)  
 MAMO KOTAKE (K)  
 AL GOKAN (I)  
 70 TOM TANAKA (SER.)  
 TAD KUNISHIGE (H)  
 MINO TAKASHIMA (K)

**52nd Anniversary Tournament**  
**Hickam AFB Golf Course**  
**March 24, 1995**

60 PAUL KOSHI (GUEST)  
 65 MAS TAMAYE (F)  
 66 BILL TANAKA (F)  
 67 TOM TANAKA (SER)  
 RUSTY HONDA (2HQ)  
 OSCAR MIYASHIRO (SER)  
 68 RON OBA (F)  
 GEORGE NOSAKA (K)  
 DENNIS MAKIYA (3HQ)  
 LARRY HASHIMOTO (2HQ)  
 CAREY MIYASHIRO (S&D)  
 TAD KUNISHIGE (H)  
 69 DON YAGAMI (522-B)  
 MINO TAMASHIRO (3HQ)  
 STEVE HIROTSU (2HQ)

**Hawaii Army Museum Society Fund-raiser**  
 The Hawaii Army Museum Society and the Commander, US Army Pacific, will hold a golf tournament again at the Leilehua Course on Friday, June 23. TV personalities LINDA COBLE and KIRK MATTHEWS will preside over the tournament festivities for the fourth year.

The 442nd Team will consist of TAD KUNISHIGE, LEFTY SUGIHARA, STANLEY YAMAMOTO, and YOSHIO HIGA.

### **Oahu AJA Veterans Council Tourney**

The 24th Annual AJA Council Tournament will remain at the Navy-Marine Golf Course on Wednesday, September 9 according to MIS's KENZO KANEMOTO. Other committee members are FRED KANEMURA of Club 100, RICHARD OKIMOTO of the 1399 and BRUNO of the 442. Registration forms should be ready around mid-July.

### **Kauai ARC**

TSUKA MURAKAMI and the Association for Retarded Citizens of Kauai invites all 442 members and friends to their 11th Annual Golf Tournament on September 15, 16, and 17 at some of the finest courses on the Garden Isle. Also for your convenience, they have a room and car package deal with Kauai Resort Hotel and Budget Rental Car.

More information on this tournament should be ready shortly.

### **Hawaii-Japan Goodwill High School Baseball Series by KENNETH SARUWATARI**

The Club has been involved with this series since 1955. It is one of the few goodwill international projects that we sponsor. Comments and words of appreciation mainly from Japan sources and a few others indicate that this series merits our whole-hearted participation. Since the inception, we have invited at least ten Japan teams and ten Hawaii teams have played in Japan.

This year, the format changes a little. The Japan team will be composed of stars from the Kyushu region. Previously, the team was selected after the summer Koshien tournament. This change allows Japan to arrive here about three week earlier. In turn, this gives us a chance to field a more representative team. Schools will note be in session and the various summer baseball tournaments will have ended.

Your full support is solicited. Please call any of us - myself KENNETH SARUWATARI, BOB SASAKI, RON OBA, GEORGE NAKASATO, MASAJI KUROZUMI, MICHAEL SUGAI - if you

can in any way help.

We are seeking members who can open up their homes to the Japan players for a "HOME STAY" of three nights or so. You would be expected to serve breakfast and drive them to the functions. Above all, you are expected to be goodwill ambassadors and give them a taste of Hawaii and American life.

You may wish to make a generous contribution to the series. You may want to attend the SAYONARA banquet scheduled for August 22 at the Ocean Resorts Hotel. Tickets are priced at \$25.00. How about picking up an extra ticket and hosting a Hawaii player? If you can provide transportation for the group, that will be greatly appreciated.

You are, of course, invited to attend the games. You may want to contribute an item to the potluck dinner for the players after the game.

If you can help us on Maui, it would be tremendous.

The series itinerary is as follows:

August 15 - arrive Honolulu, transfer to Maui; 16 - Game 1 at Wailuku; 17 - Game 2 at Wailuku, transfer to Honolulu; 18 - Visitations; 19 - Sightseeing; 20 - Games 3 and 4 at Iolani Field, pot luck dinner; 21 - Game 5 at L'Orange Field, pot luck dinner; 22 Sayonara Banquet; 23 - depart Honolulu.

We are seeking HOME STAY hosts for the period from August 17 - 21, 1995. Two or three nights would be perfect.

Thank you.



by **GEORGE NAKASATO**

It is said that education is a continuing life-long experience, according to many. Our current roster of 46 members certainly attest to such a cliché as we move into our 13th year and we still are acquiring a little better of an understanding about our Hawaiian culture and heritage. In

addition, by learning to strum, sing, and dance as a group, it adds to our need for self-fulfillment ego.

Who makes up this group of dedicated and loyal members? From the early beginning, they came from various chapters, numbering some 12 different chapter of the 442nd Veterans Club. It is definitely a mix-plate of life members, wives, and widows. All of them joined with a simple idea: to learn and share the values of our Hawaiiana and its musical treasures...songs and dances of "ole and new" Hawaii. And enjoying it!!

In recent times, at least two members of the newly organized Sons and Daughters Chapter ventured into our choral section (and added a

few strong "youthful" voice). Much earlier though, a few members of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Club 100) signed on as Choral singers too, a welcome addition to our group.

Today, our group can be truly defined as a genuine "mix plate" of musical talent of the 442.

The club meets on a weekly basis, Monday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM at the clubhouse (the assembly hall somehow seems smaller and smaller as the membership roster gets larger and larger...)

During the first few years, the group concentrated on the basics - ukulele strumming and hula dancing (and singing too) with various instructors. But today "...a very proficient and talented group.." according to those who attend-



ed past performances, has emerged. The choral section was a recent addition to this resource base.

Leaders of the group were many, and may be listed in the followed manner: President GEORGENAKASATO (F), Vice-President YORI INOUYE (M), Secretary-Treasurer ELEANOR ANDO (232), Song Leader & Hula Instructor JANE UEOKA (522B), Musical director TED YANAGIHARA (retired DOA teacher from Farrington High School), and Musical leaders JOE SATO (232) and JIRO WATANABE (L).

In addition to the weekly sessions, the group performed for numerous community groups, namely senior citizen clubs and associations. It fulfills one of our goals, that is, to share the values we have learned with others.

For example, in the first quarter of 1995, the members performed before 250 senior citizens of the Japanese Cultural Club from the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center. On this appearance, the "Pacific Press" stated that "...the highlight of the program (their annual shinnen enkai) was the entertainment of the 442nd Ukulele, Hula and Choral Club,..." a positive response in sharing and reaching out.

The club also participated in the annual Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, our 52nd anniversary observance in mid-March. A month later, our group organized a program for the seniors at the Kuakini Adult Day Care Center, St. Timothy's Church. Over 45 seniors and volunteers were in attendance. And finally, in late July, our group will perform before the patients from the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center.

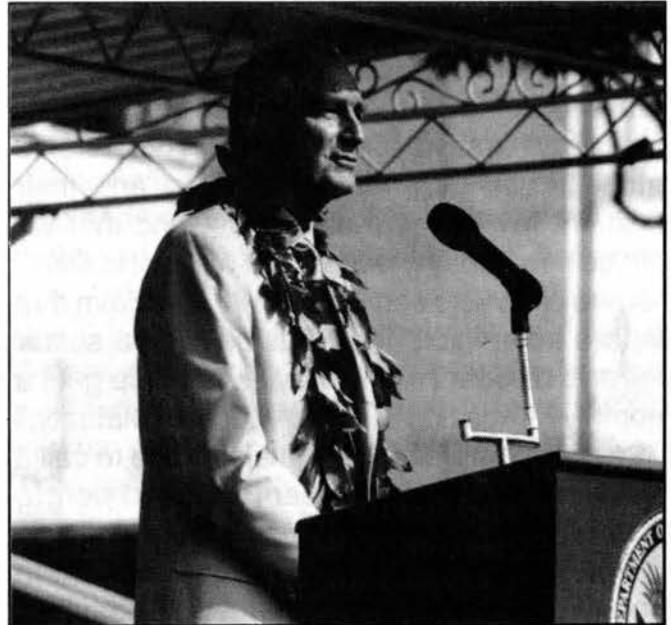
All in all, the first half of the year was and will be one of exciting activities and promising events...learning and practicing new songs and dances, performing before community senior groups, and more importantly, scheduling our own club events to meet our individual needs.

Please join us if you are interested.

"Happy Days are Here Again..."

## OTHER News

### Memorial Service Keynote Address by MR. WILLIAM PATY



Distinguished guests, 442nd families, fellow veterans, and friends,

I am pleased and honored to be with you here this morning and to be a part of the 442nd RCT Memorial Service. No one can come to this National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and look out on row after row of silent grave markers going back over a half a century without recollecting memories of fallen comrades, the good times shared and bonding kinship that only a combat experience can forge.

It would seem that we are in a time of ongoing 50 year flashbacks - beginning in December of 1991, when President BUSH came here to commemorate the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor. Since that time there has been a virtual kaleidoscope of epic battles, both on land and on the seas as each came across the stage of 50 year memories, carrying with it for some 9 million veterans spread out across our country poignant memories of that conflict, and with it a

grim reminder of the cost of freedom. Our armed services are tradition-rich institutions where history not only informs, but also strengthens, inspires, and educates. At the commemoration ceremony in Normandy for D-Day on June 6, 1994, I heard Medal of Honor winner WALTER D. EHLERS (18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division) Big Red One, who landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day, capture the sentiment best when he said:

"We fought to preserve what our forefathers had died for - to protect our faith and to preserve our liberty - to save our way of life for our parents and our siblings - for our children and their children. My brothers died there, and that we can be here today proves that it was not in vain."

None of us who served in WWII can claim that we are not eligible for a bus pass or a senior citizen's discount at the movies. My wife gets a monthly magazine called "Modern Maturity." Some of you here may get it also. I like to call it "Modern Makule." Some years ago now I went to a birthday party for a friend of my dad's - he was celebrating his 75th. I thought to myself at the time. "Man, how old can you get?" Today, for some reason, I don't feel that way anymore. I kinda think that at 75 you are just getting your second wind. Actually, some of us are lucky to have any wind at all.

Seriously, as the recounting of these epic battles is replayed by the media, we can't help but marvel at the grim determination that carried our troops to victory over a tough, dug-in, well-trained army. Most recently, we read of the battle for Iwo Jima and with it, of course, the for-all-lifetime picture of the flag raising there at Mt. Suribachi. It was a heavy price. 6,800 killed in action, and 26,000 casualties. The Marines trained on Maui and at Waimea on the Big Island for this mission, and today many now lie behind us here with their brothers in arms. And speaking of casualties, no regiment was ever exposed to tougher combat conditions than the 442nd RCT. At the anniversary of the battle of Bruyeres and Biffontaine in the Vosges Mountains back in October of 1944, I had occasion to read the account of that battle, and the rescue of the Lost

Battalion that followed it. It has to go down in the annals of army warfare as one of the toughest missions ever undertaken. In writing of the battle to rescue of the Lost Battalion, Chaplain MASAO YAMADA wrote to Co. SHERWOOD DIXON (a staff member of the War Dept. in Washington D.C.) on October 30, 1944 saying, and I quote in part,

"After 4 days we are still pushing the get through. The cost has been high. Our men take their orders in stride without complaint, and go into the volley of fire with one spirit, one mind. My heart weeps for our men - when we complete this mission, we will have written with our own blood another chapter in the story of our adventures in democracy."

Perhaps really the toughest battle of all for the 442nd as we look back, was the one against discrimination of the AJAs, which took far longer to win.

Talking to TADASHI "WINKY" MATSUMOTO, who lives out my way in Waialua, he said there was a good group of you that went back to Bruyeres and Biffontaine last fall. 50 years made a lot of difference he said, but one thing that had not changed was the miserable weather and the sound of the wind in the trees.

I need not remind you that 50 years ago, in late March of 1945, the main body of the 100th/442nd was moving from France to Northern Italy for the final campaign of your storied history that began in Italy in September of 1943 at Salerno.

The curtain is now coming down on the tableaux of 50 year remembrances. 50 years ago tomorrow the 3rd and the 7th armored division broke out from the Remegon bridgehead on the Rhine, and the final fall of the 3d Reich will be commemorated next month. In the Pacific, the pre-invasion bombardment of Okinawa began a half a century ago on March 26. The 77th Infantry Division landed at Keramat Retto and the fierce battle of Okinawa was joined and would continue until July 2 with 49,000 US casualties. The campaign in the Philippines at Luzon was slowly being won. However, V-J Day was still months of hard fighting away.

But as we view the panorama of the big battles

and hear the grim statistics of casualties and hardships, let us remember that it is the individual soldier on the ground, in the foxhole, moving forward under fire in mud, rain, and snow, that achieves our final victories. Let me share with you something that was taken from the body of one of those soldiers who must have fought along with the 100th Battalion in that vicious battle at Anzio.

"Well God, I've never spoken to you,  
But now I want to say 'How do you do?'  
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,  
and like a fool I believed all this.  
Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky  
And figured then they told me a lie.  
Had I taken time to see things you made,  
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a  
spade.  
I wonder God, if you'd shake my hand?  
Somehow, I feel you would understand.  
Funny, I had to come here to see your face.  
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say.  
But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.

I guess the zero hour will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid now, since I know you're near.  
There's the signal...I've got to go.  
I like you lots, I want you to know.  
Look now, this will be a horrible fight.  
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.  
Though I wasn't friendly to you before  
I wonder God, if you'd wait at your door?  
Look I'm crying...me, shedding tears.  
I wish I'd known you these many years.  
Well I have to go now God, Good-bye.  
Strange since I met you, I'm not afraid to die."

That zero hour the first time in combat has many faces, and there isn't a combat vet today who did not wonder how it would be the first time under fire.

I remember well my first experience. I was with the 101st A/B and our regiment, the 501st jumped into Normandy a little after midnight on D-Day, June 6, 1944. I landed with a thud, scrambling out of my harness. I looked around and saw no

one. We were told not to fire in our drop zone and were issued little metal crickets - one click-clack to be answered by two click-clacks. I heard movement in bushes nearby. I clicked once - no response. Movement continued. Click-clack. Still no answer. I pulled out my trench knife. I was crouched - poised, tense, determined, knife in hand - and out lumbered a cow. The adrenaline washed over me in waves. As things turned out I probably should have stayed with the cow.

The 101st lost a lot of good men in Normandy, in Holland, and at Bastogne. I will remember to this day the time I spent on my return to the US calling on the families of the men of my company who had been killed in action. You had this little feeling of guilt that they would feel, but never say, "Why my boy, or my husband, and not you?" I remember calling on a young wife in Oklamugee, Oklahoma. Sitting beside her was a little freckled-face youngster who listened as I told her what a fine soldier Sgt. AMMONS was. The boy looked up at me and asked, "Is my daddy coming home?" Let me tell you, I swallowed hard - what do you say? I said, "No, son, your daddy was a brave soldier and he died fighting to save his country." I doubt that he understood - today he is a lawyer in Dallas and understands well - he did a tour in Vietnam.

Every 10 years or so I try to get back to some of the American Cemeteries in Europe - most of my guys who jumped with me in Normandy and who were killed in the Normandy campaign are buried there. We saw those crosses in the Normandy cemetery vividly when they had all that media coverage of D-Day last June. I had a special buddy, as many of us did in those days. We were both in the same battalion. He was CO of B Company and I was CO of A Company. We went through a lot together, much of which I still haven't told my wife. Today, he lies beneath an apple tree in the American Cemetery in Brittany. By the Lord's will I have enjoyed a good life and a fine family here in this blessed place we call home - Hawaii. It should not surprise me if many of you here today, as you think back on your combat days, realize how close you came to being listed among the honored dead instead of

sitting here this morning at Punchbowl.

As the Judge said, I was a POW. A good part of my POW journey across Germany and up into a prison camp in Poland was by 40 x 8 boxcar, WWII vintage - 40 men and 8 mules. We were jammed in, so we took turns sitting against the side of the boxcar. The scary times were when our train was laying over in a marshaling yard for hours at a time waiting for our next connection. Marshaling yards were a favorite target for allied fighters. The POW boxcars were not marked and we were locked in. I had just traded places against the wall with another POW when the aid raid sirens started to wail and a squadron of Spitfires strafed the yard, and the soldier I had just traded places with moments before took a 20mm shell through his chest. Every combat soldier has a similar story or stories to tell:

We were young and soldiers once, but our generation is moving now to the edges of history. We hand our story on to future generations and to a new breed of soldiers who, I can assure you, as much as I hate to admit it, are better trained, better equipped, better led, and they retain your fighting spirit.

Yes, we changed the world in our time, and we were changed in the process. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, we mustered 16 and a half million Americans to battle on many fronts. 400,000 were killed in action. Today some 9 million American veterans of that war remain alive - more than half of those who served - and this is our last chance to involve so many veterans of the war in a major commemoration of it. The focus on the final victory, V-J Day and the end of WWII will be here in Hawaii. The President will be here at Punchbowl on September 2 for a memorial service. Included at that time, probably the day before, will be a special recognition for Hawaii veterans, including Pearl Harbor shipyard crews and others who made Hawaii the key focal point and command post of the war in the Pacific. The 442nd RCT will be coordinating much of this key event.

It is indeed a commemorative year and a commemorative time, but it also sets the stage for a new beginning. We are shaking hands with

a new century looming on the horizon. With it comes a confusing, contentious new world, but one which we hope and pray will never again call for the sacrifice of so many of our young soldiers.

But for here and now, this day at Punchbowl we come to honor, to remember, and to pay tribute of those of the "Go For Broke" Regiment - the 442nd - who paid with their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. To the families, to the friends of those we honor today, I would like to read a letter written by ABRAHAM LINCOLN on November 21, 1864 to MRS. LYDIA BIXBY, a widow from Boston, Mass:

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

God Bless our fallen comrades.

God Bless the United States of America.

Thank you.

## **KANSHA MEDALLION RECIPIENT RESPONSE** **by GENE CASTAGNETTI**

Dear Mr. Kuniyuki,

It is with a sincere sense of humble appreciation, combined with enormous personal pride, that I accept the honor of being a recipient of the Kansha Medallion from your Board of Directors and gracious membership of the 442nd Veterans Club.



I see my responsibility, as Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, to give national recognition and honor those veterans interred or memorialized at this National Shrine. I believe the manner in which we honor our veterans is a reflection of who we are as people, as individual citizens and as a nation!

As a veteran of a different war, I have always respected, admired, and envied the camaraderie of you members, and shared from a distance, the kinship associated with your generation's sense of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

The Nisei overcame social injustice, racism, domestic inequity, and went on to set an example of being courageous American fighting men whose combat record may someday be equaled, but never surpassed.

The battlefield courage of the 442nd, along with that of your dedicated family members on the home front, was directly responsible for eliminating intolerance and racism as Hawaii struggled to achieve statehood. Your members overcame the seeds of misunderstanding, ignorance, and hate, and set the example of blending ethnicity and nationality into a melting pot of Americans in Hawaii.

The Bushido Code, of the Samurai warrior, and the personal examples of your members in combat in one which inspired by military career. As part of my indebtedness to your patriotic,

unselfish, sacrifices, military skills, devotion to country, and your fearlessness towards the enemy in battle, I'm dedicated to perpetuate, in any way possible, the legacy, deeds, and courage of your organization.

I thank you for this honor, and BARBARA and I appreciate the special kinship accorded to both of us.

Sincerely yours,

G.E. CASTAGNETTI  
Director

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 442nd RCT Foundation by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

The 442nd RCT Foundation brochures, which were mailed to all regular and associate members in February, 1995, brought an avalanche of contributions to the Foundation. We received roughly \$25,000 from 218 donors during the 4-month period ending May 31, 1995.

In addition, we were fortunate enough to receive \$685 from the silent auction, which was held during the annual 442nd Veterans Club anniversary banquet on March 25, 1995. Framed and unframed art was donated by JACKSON MORISAWA, noted artist and Howe Chapter member. DOROTHY MATSUO also donated a copy of her book, Japanese-edition.

We certainly appreciate the generosity of the following individuals for their donations, and those who purchased the art work and books.

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Once again, we thank you.

**442nd Archives and Learning Center  
by ALVIN YOSHITOMI (Sons and Daughters  
of the 442nd RCT)**

The 442nd Veteran's Archives Center construction project is moving forward. The first phase is almost complete, just a paint job is needed. Mr. TAKAMORI MIYAGI of Livorno Chapter has volunteered to paint the computer room with some help of other veterans. We are looking for volunteers from the Sons and Daughters to assist these veterans in completing this phase of the project.

The Archives Committee is starting a reference library of 100th Battalion/442nd RCT related books. We will be approaching authors of books about the 100th/442nd, which are currently in print. We are also requesting contributions of books from the Sons and Daughters, veterans, and individuals. These books can be donated in the name of or in memory of a person or group of people. Our final goal is to create a resource library where veterans, Sons and Daughters, and future generations will have access to these invaluable reference materials. We urge you to participate by donating a book today. Multiple copies are welcomed. Please drop off or mail your book(s) to the 442nd Veterans Club, 933 Wiliwili St., Honolulu, HI 96826. Please make it "Attention: 442nd Archives Center." Please see list on the following page for titles and authors of books needed. This is not a complete list therefore other books relating to the 100th/442nd will also be welcomed.

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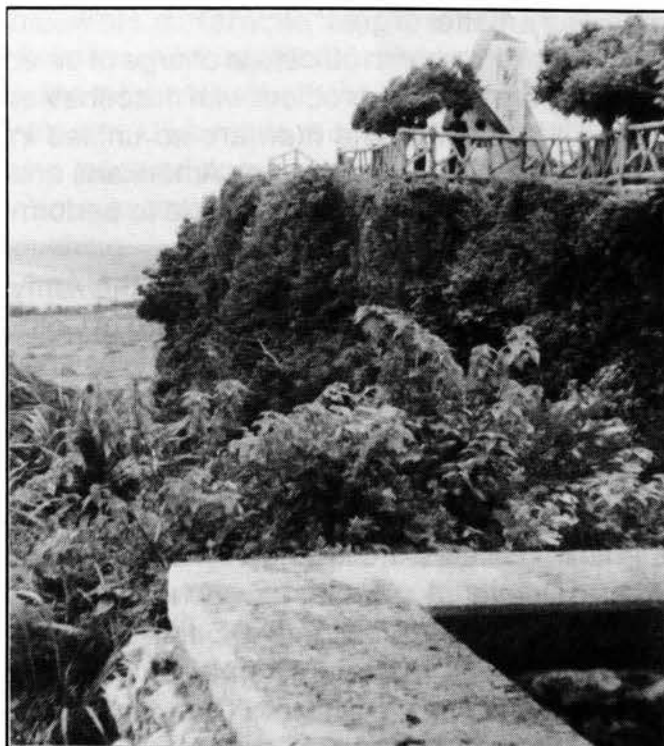
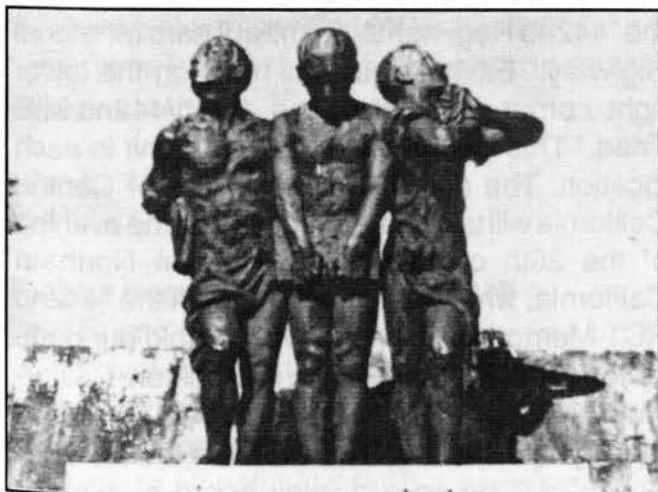
## 522nd Dachau Research Committee by HIDEO NAKAMINE

In the earlier issue of the "Go For Broke" bulletin there appeared a column on the proposed documentary film titled "The Castle Bell - Okinawa, 1945" by Spike Production Inc. of Salt Lake, Utah.

This document film is about the battle of Okinawa as told by various sources, both civilian and military. Updated report on this project indicates much interest has been generated in the U.S., Japan, and Okinawa. The producer will come to Hawaii sometime in August to do research and conduct interviews.

My involvement on this project began after Senator INOUE's office and state officials telephoned me and asked me whether I could be of help to the film producer with information and referrals. I consented to get involved in the project.

I have been in contact with the film producer and had furnished him certain information from my earlier travels to the Islands of the Pacific that were once battlegrounds during World War II. In addition, I have materials, photos, and memorabilia which came from my brother's military collection when he served in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS).



*Top - Kenjino To Memorial in Okinawa  
Bottom: Mabuni Hill - 200 thousand civilians and  
soldiers died on this hill.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **In Memorium - COL. HAROLD RIEBESELL**

As the newly assigned Personnel Officer of the about-to-be activated 442nd RCT at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the then Captain HAROLD FREDERICK RIEBESELL wrote the Activation Orders. This unit became a major influence in his life. He was fired by the unfairness of asking for the lives of Nisei sons while placing their families in relocation camps. It was a bitter injustice.

As the 442nd RCT's units formed and proceeded with its training, his pride in the intelligence of the men grew constantly. The 100th Battalion went overseas and as their casualties increased and replacements were needed, he spent many an hour trying to find the better trained soldier to fill the ever-increasing need for manpower. He felt the responsibility deeply.

After the 442nd RCT went to Italy and started its slow progress up the "boot," the bravery of the

men was a matter of great pride to him. He would say, when talking with officers in charge of other groups, "We have no problem with misbehavior before the enemy. The men are so unified in their desire to be recognized as Americans and as valued citizens that they are able to perform so valiantly!"

After the war, he decided to stay in the Army Reserve and joined the National Guard of Colorado. He served in the Guard until he was sixty years old, retiring as a Colonel in Artillery. In addition to the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster received for his service in World War II, he was given the Meritorious Service Medal of the United States. Following World War II, he went to Denver's University Law School. He also passed the tests to become a Certified Public Accountant and then an Attorney at Law. He was employed by the Chevron Company for 25 years. His pride in the 442nd and his role in it had been a very real part of his life.



*Colonel HAROLD RIEBESELL*

### **Veterans Appreciation Week Tour Package**

Vets Magazine has organized a Veterans Appreciation Week tour package to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Honolulu, Hawaii. Tour dates are September 20 - 25, 1995. The package includes: round trip airfare, flower lei greeting, five nights accommodation at the hotel of your choice, airport transfers, welcome reception, tour of Arizona Memorial and Punchbowl Cemetery, 50th Anniversary Banquet and Dance, armed forces guest speakers, special ceremonies, baggage handling and bellman gratuity, special discount card, all hotel taxes, and services of our Hawaii travel staff. Prices vary according to hotel choice and point of departure.

For registration or more information, call 1-(800) 837-5999.

### **100/442/MIS Memorial Highway**

The Nikkei communities of California, indeed throughout America, was recently honored with the naming of stretches of highway in California, the Military Intelligence Service Highway, the 100th Infantry Battalion Highway, and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Highway.

Highway 123 in Southern California that connects Thousand Oaks to Simi Valley will be named in honor of the MIS. The stretch of Highway 99 between Madera and Fresno (roughly 20 miles stretch will be the "100th Infantry Battalion Highway." Northern California will be honored by naming Highway 99 (approximately 10 miles) between Salida and Manteca the "442nd Regimental Combat Team Memorial Highway." Each plaque will have on the lower right corner, "A Unit of the 100th/442nd/MIS Triad." This is to publicize all three unit in each location. The dedication ceremony for Central California will take place in Fresno on the evening of the 29th of July, 1995. Here in Northern California, where our interest in with the "442nd RCT Memorial Highway." we will hold our dedication at the Stockton Hilton in Stockton, California on August 4, 1995. Colonel HANLEY will be the keynote speaker. Honor Roll of the "Killed in Action" will be on a display board as well as

photos and documents. We hope to have an interesting program for all to enjoy.

The purpose of this news article is to invite our comrades of Hawaii to join us in this activity. If you happen to be on the mainland during this time, make it a point to join us. Hotel reservations can be made at the Hilton by calling (209) 957-9090 or 1 (800) HILTONS. Lodging accommodations will cost \$72.00 per room. Be sure to mention 442nd Highway Dedication Banquet. Make hotel reservations early - peak vacation period. Below is the registration form for the banquet.

Yours in comradeship,  
SUS SATOW (Howe Co.)  
442nd Highway Committee

### **Festival Italiano**

The University of Hawaii is sponsoring a free public Humanities Institute focused on Italy called "Festival Italiano." Lectures, panel discussions, concerts, exhibits, films, and even special Italian dinners served outdoors at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, with Italian music, are being offered this summer. The dinners to be held on July 9 at 4:00 PM and July 21 at 6:00 PM will each cost \$25.00 per person.

I would like to call attention to the free panel discussion to be held on July 22nd, Saturday, at the Manoa Campus Center Ballroom at 3:00 PM. With DR. FRANKLIN ODO moderating, JOHN TSUKANO, VAL TSUCHIYA, and myself will be the panelists discussing the participation of Hawaii soldiers in World War II in Italy.

Everyone is invited, and encouraged to participate.

Your Sincerely,  
DOROTHY MATSUO, Ed.D

### **Thanks from AMERICO BUGLIANI**

Dear Friends,

Once again, I wish to express my appreciation for the wonderful way in which I was received during my recent visit to Club One Puka Puka.

I came to Honolulu to fulfill a promise I had

made to myself to personally honor all of you. However, the magnificent reception given to me by the members of both the 100th and the 442nd Veterans Club made me feel that I was the one who received homage, indeed.

Your exemplary conduct and generosity are touching.

I salute you very fondly.

Aloha and Mahalo,  
AMERICO BUGLIANI, Ph.D.

### **Wanted**

A Mr. B.M. DUFFEN of England is writing a magazine article on the subject of "Nisei Units in WWII" and wrote to us for information.

He would like to have the observations of any 442nd personnel who were present at Biella, Italy, on May 2, 1945 and who witnessed the surrender of the German 75th Army Corps to the Italian Partisans.

The records show that I & R Platoons and H Company reached Turin, Italy on April 30, 1945 and that on May 1, 1945, the 2nd and 3rd Battalion occupied Asti and Novi and had taken Casale, Valenza, Savon, and Ovada, Italy, all of which are in the vicinity of Biella, Italy.

Anyone who was present and witnessed the German surrender in Biella, Italy on May 2, 1945, please let JENNIFER know.

Mahalo,  
TED TSUKIYAMA  
442nd Historian

### **Search for Lt. GEORGE STANLEY TODD**

Mr. RICHARD TODD of Corralitos, California is searching for any and all information about his father, LT. GEORGE STANLEY TODD. His army records show that he was a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from June 26, 1943 to June 24, 1946. He was "the leader of an 81-mm mortar platoon," served in the Rhineland, Po Valley, and North Apennines Battles and Campaigns, and was wounded in France on November 4, 1944.

If anyone has any information at all on this

gentleman, please contact:  
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**Congratulations to JANET GOTO**

JANET GOTO, wife of SHIGERU (HQ3rdBn) and mother of Go For Broke Bulletin Editor ED (S & D Chapter) recently placed 4th in Club Genji's Second Semi-Finals Karaoke Contest, and qualified for the Grand Final Karaoke Contest in August. Be sure to congratulate JANET, a faithful member of 442nd Uta No Kai Friday night group.

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**A MATTER OF HONOR  
by Colonel James Hanley**

"...The book is the story of Colonel Hanley's early life and military career, particularly his years as one of the senior commanders of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in WW II and the conflict in Korea in the fifties. More than that, is the story of the brave Japanese-American (Nisei) soldiers who volunteered for military service following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor - despite the widespread distrust of anyone of Japanese ancestry and the fact that they and their families were incarcerated in concentration camps.

A Matter of Honor reveals a deep understanding of this wartime tragedy and a warm sensitivity and empathy to the Nisei who served under Colonel Hanley's command with distinction and valor. His letter, "Dear Charlie" is a classix tribute and eulogy to the Nisei who shed blood and lost life to prove their Americanism. The Nisei, says Hanley, had a point to prove, 'and prove it they did in a thousand ways - on scores of battlefields and in numerous cities and byways far from home....."

The Sons and Daughters of the 442nd Veterans are selling copies of A Matter of Honor, the memoirs of Colonel JAMES HANLEY, who was the Commander of the 2 Headquarters Battalions. Copies are \$17.00, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Pre-orders are being accepted now. Please submit the form below to: **933 Wiliwili St., Honolulu, HI 96826** for your reserved copy.

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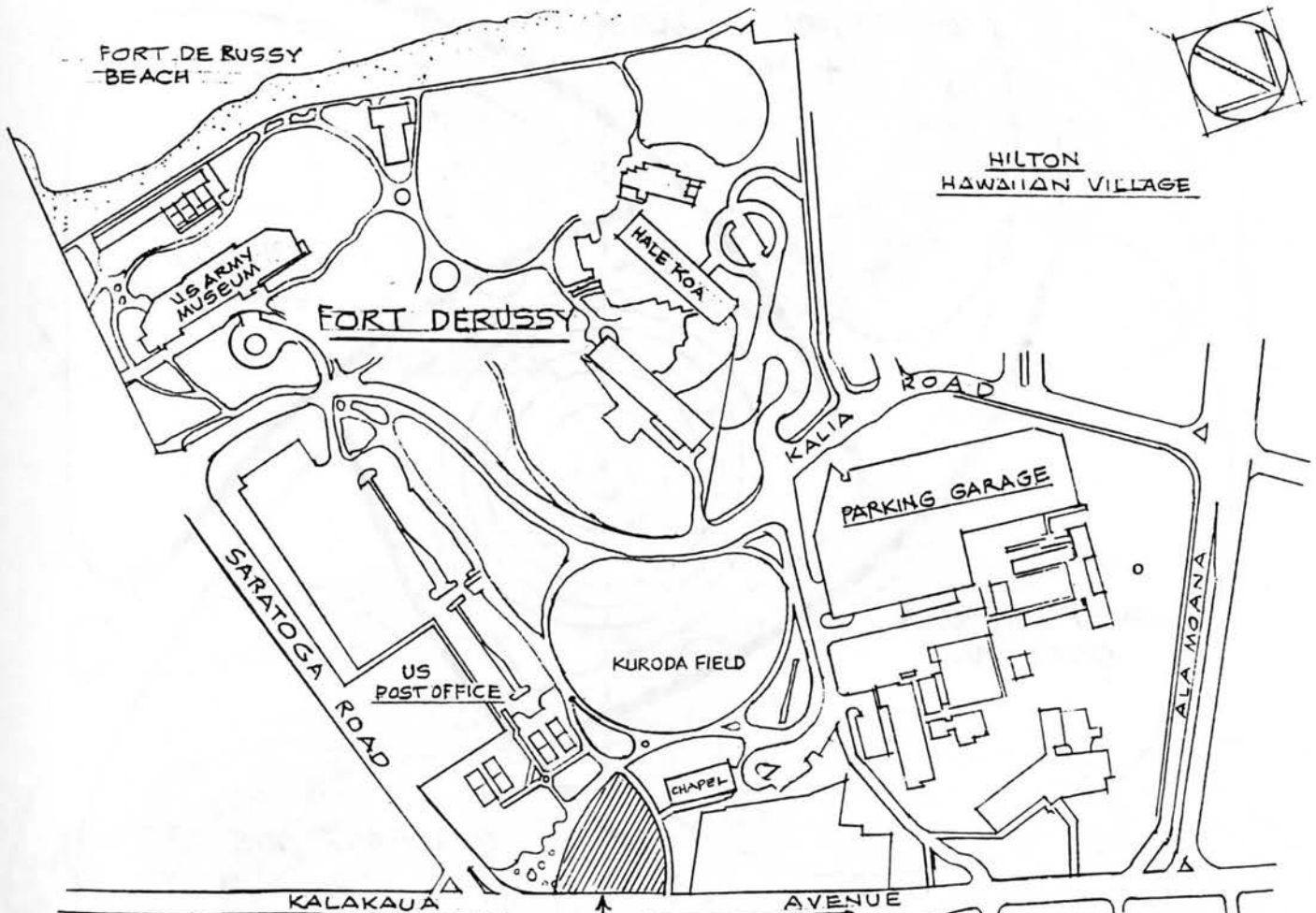
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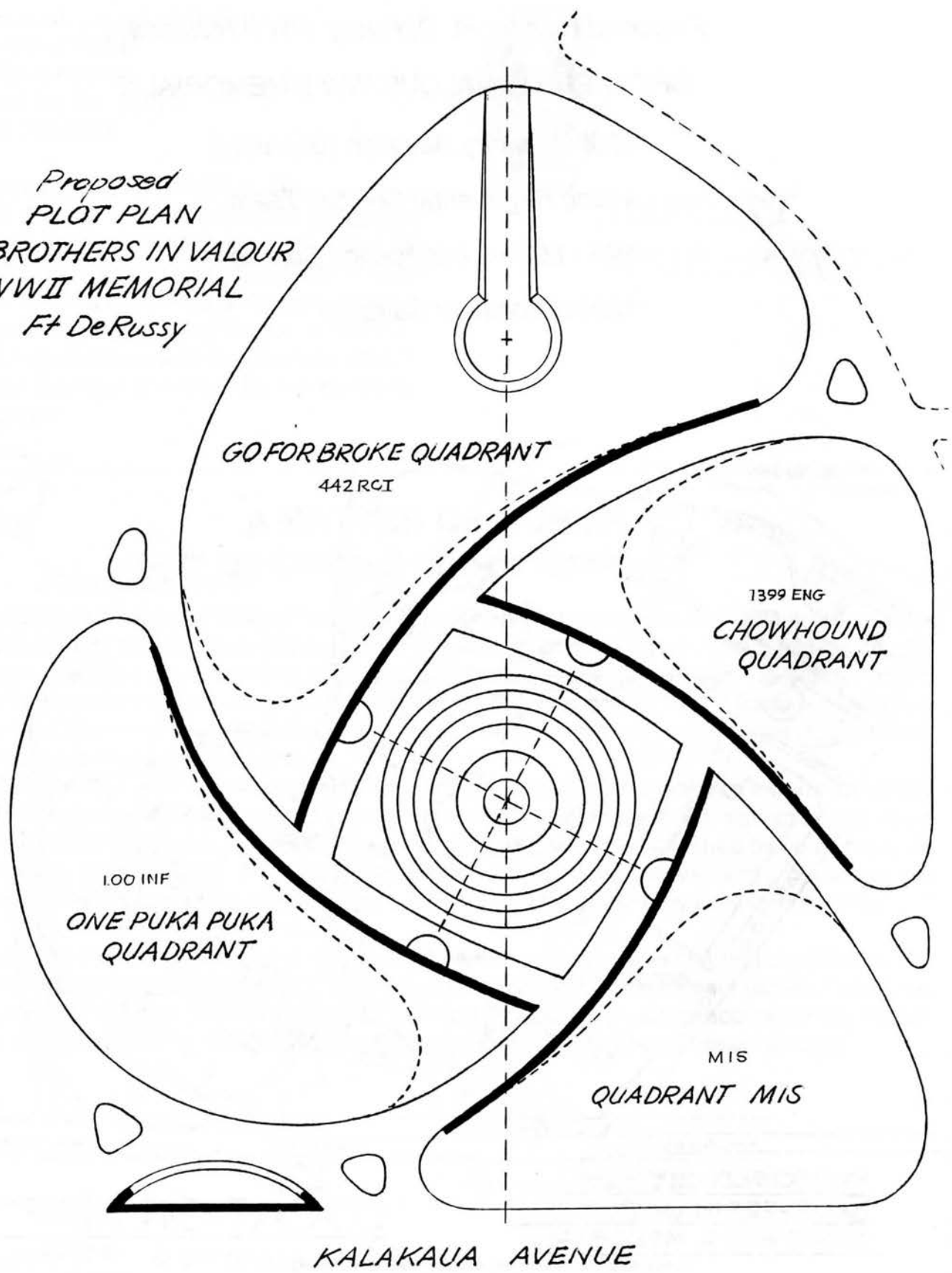
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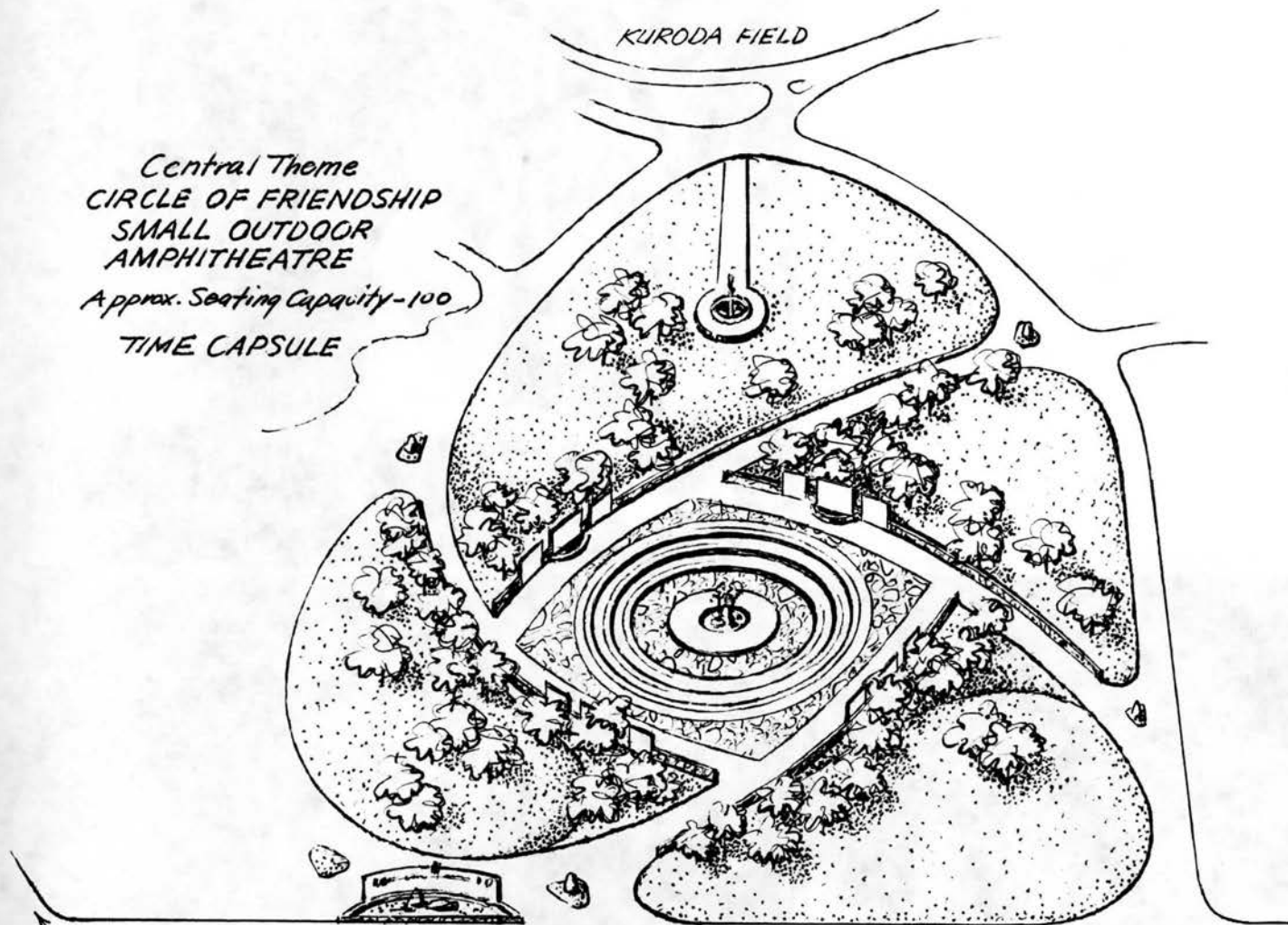
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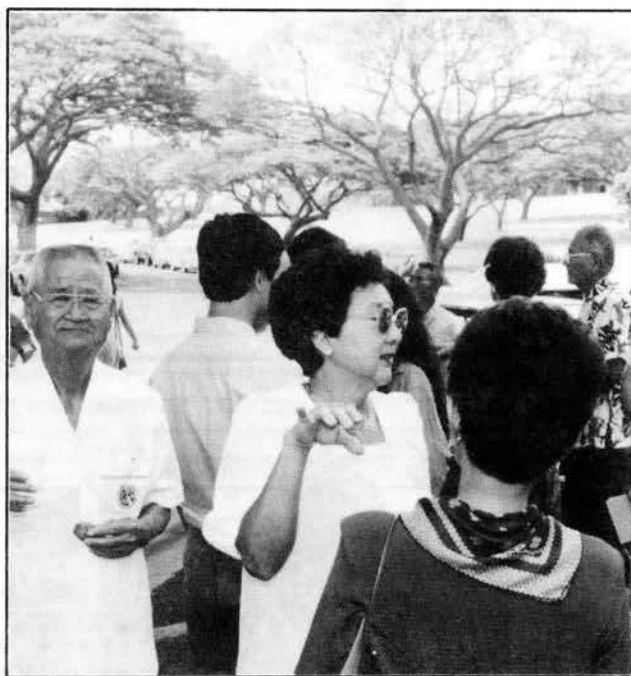
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