

and as a brilliant Labor Negotiator.

TAKAO was born in Paia, Maui on December 10, 1919. He graduated from Maui High School in 1938, and earned a Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Hawaii in 1952 and a Masters of Education degree (Education Administration) from UH in 1974. His first teaching job was at Pearl Harbor Elementary School and then followed by stints at Makawao Elementary School on Maui and to Kahala Elementary School in Oahu. He was promoted to Vice Principal and served at Jarrett Intermediate School in Palolo and Kalaoa Elementary School at Kona. He was then promoted to Principal and served in Kona Elementary, John M. Ross Elementary (Hakalau, Big Island), Hauula Elementary, and Koko Head Elementary School. His last 18 years before his retirement in 1984 were spent as Principal of the McKinley Community and Adult School.

TAKAO took a very active and vital role to insure that Teachers and government workers received their deserved benefits. He served as President of the Oahu Principal and Vice Principal Organization, President of Unit 6, Education Office of Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association of HGEA and finally as President of the HGEA for four years in the early 1970's. His tenure as President of the HGEA was noteworthy because of two significant events: he was the first Japanese-American to head the powerful 25,000 member HGEA; and he was the first leader of HGEA to establish a collective bargaining procedure with management.

TAKAO has also taken an active part with Service Chapter and has served as Secretary and News Reporter for the Go For Broke Bulletin for many years. In addition, he and his wife have donated many prizes and gifts for the Chapter's get-togethers.

He married JUNE KAWAMOTO in August, 1958. They are blessed with six children: THOMAS, ALVIN, MARILYNN, CATHERINE, PETER, and YVETTE and five grandchildren: DARRON, JUSTIN, GRANT, CHELSEA, and

DARCY.

His hobbies are golf and reading.

#### TAKEMI "KAJI" KAJIKAWA

TAKEMI is also one of the quiet but effective members of our Chapter. He rarely misses any of our monthly Chapter meetings.

He was born in Waianae, Oahu on April 5, 1922. He came from a large family of 5 brothers and 2 sisters. When he was 14, the family moved to Kakaako and then to the Pawaa/Makiki district in Honolulu.

He graduated from McKinley High School in 1952. He volunteered for the 442nd Regt. in March 1943, and was assigned to Service Chapter as a Baker in the kitchen staff.

TAKEMI was one of the 442nd soldiers on the plane returning from Italy that crashed near Auburn, California on Tuesday, November 26, 1945. He sustained severe head, leg, and arm injuries from the crash which caused him to spend 14 months recovering at Lettermen General Hospital in Presidio of San Francisco.

When he became well, TAKEMI got a job as a Foundry Molder at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He worked there for 26 years until he retired on November 28, 1978.

TAKEMI has loved his independent style of life and has never married. He took care of his ailing brother (Crohn's disease) for three years at home until his brother passed away last year. He took a trip to Europe with his shipyard group in 1965 and is looking forward to attending the forthcoming Camp Shelby Homecoming and Monument Dedication trip with the RALPH CHINAKA group in June. We admire TAKEMI because he always trying to improve himself by taking University of Hawaii courses. Recently, he completed courses in Spanish and French. Keep up the good work, KAJI!

#### CHARLES SAIKI

He was one of the key persons from Kauai to run the annual 442nd golf tournament.

He was born in Kapaa, Kauai on June 3, 1924. He graduated from Kauai High School in 1942 and obtained his electrician's certificate from

Coyne Electrical Institute and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning certificate from Industrial Training Institute, both located in Chicago in 1947.

CHARLES volunteered for the 442nd Regt. in March, 1943 and was assigned to Service Chapter as a Truck Driver. Upon his discharge from the Army, he attended schools in Chicago and subsequently worked for AMFAC Appliances in Kauai as an Appliance Serviceman and later worked for the County of Kauai as the Supervisor of the Wastewater Treatment Department until his retirement in June 1986.

He married HELEN SHOTA of Kapaa, Kauai on August 12, 1950. They have been blessed with 2 children, CLINT and ALAN and 3 grandchildren: LAUREN, DEVIN, and CHRISTIAN.

CHARLES' hobbies are fishing and golfing. He and his wife had to cancel the Bruyeres/Biffontaine trip last year due to his illness (Diverticulosis) but both of them are looking forward to the forthcoming Camp Shelby trip in June with the RALPH CHINAKA group.

#### THEODORE (TED) YAMATE

TED has been very active with the 442nd Veterans Club and he and his wife have participated in many of the overseas, mainland, and local reunions.

He was born in Koolau, Kauai on January 12, 1922. He graduated from Kauai High School in 1939 and earned a Business/Economics degree from the University of Hawaii in 1948.

TED volunteered for the 442nd Regt. in March of 1943 and was assigned to Service Chapter as a Personnel Specialist. He served as the Regimental Sergeant Major, the top enlisted man of the Regiment, for five months prior to his return from Italy. He remembered that during the war, he and his staff at Headquarters regularly worked until two or three in the morning to edit and process the voluminous citation awards that were submitted by the units.

TED married CLARA SHIGEMOTO of Kapaa, Kauai on August 24, 1946. Hey, it seems all the pretty and charming girls come from Kapaa. The couple have been blessed with son GREGG and grandchildren DANA LEE and BRENT of

Mililani.

TED has been the proprietor of Kapaa Fishing and Tackle and Garden Supplies for 33 years until his retirement in June 20, 1981. His successful store was located near the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Kapaa. He was an active member and chairman of several committees in the Kapaa Businessmen's Organization.

His hobbies include traveling, gardening, and octopus fishing.

He and CLARA attended the Bruyeres/Biffontaine trip last year with the 2nd Battalion group. This tour was worked out by ALEXANDER OKA, Service Chapter and escorted by DOROTHY MATSUO, wife of TED MATSUO of Medics Chapters. The YAMATES will be joining the RALPH CHINAKA group to Camp Shelby.

#### Tidbits

Camp Shelby Trip: HIDEO NAKAMINE, 522B and Chairman of the 522nd Dachau Research Committee will be joining the RALPH CHINAKA group. The names of the 26 other travelers are listed on page 34 of the January-March, 1995 issue of the GFB Bulletin.

Thank you Card: Our Chapter received a nice thank you card from MRS. YOSHIE OGATA of Kealakekua, Hawaii and sister of ICHIRO HASEGAWA, who passed away on March 16, 1995. She mentioned ICHIRO was always proud that he served with the 442nd Regt. and she is grateful to the Service Chapter members for supporting the family during their period of bereavement.

Oklahoma City Tragedy: The April 19th tragedy was mourned by the entire nation. It struck pretty close to me because I used to visit Tinker Air Force Base at Oklahoma City frequently as part of my job at Hickam Air Force base. I have many friends there. I even had a heart by-pass surgery in August, 1984 at Saint Anthony's Hospital which is located not too far from the bombed federal building.

#### Post Script

We were all saddened to hear that CAROL-

ANN HASHI, 44, the daughter of RICHARD & ALMA HASHI of Wailuku, Maui, passed away on May 11, 1995. Although born with a congenital defect, CAROL-ANN was able to live a full and happy life because of the love that she received from her parents, brother JAMES, and all her friends. Her parents took her to all the Service Chapter and Mother Chapter reunions and banquets.

Her funeral service was held at the Wailuku Honpa Hongwanji Mission on Tuesday, May 17, 1995. Chapter Prexy MASAJI KUROZUMI and SUSUMU & KOZUE AWAYA of Oahu and KUNIO & TSUGIKO KIKUTA and Mrs. LORRAINE MATSUO of Maui attended the service.

CAROL-ANN will be sorely missed by her family and all who loved and will be forever remembered by those whose lives she touched.

#### Guest Speaker

MARTHA MIYAKE, wife of JIMMY, was the guest speaker for our May 13, 1995 Chapter meeting at RALPH CHINAKA's home. It was attended by 17 members and 4 wives. She gave an interesting and stimulating talk on the subject of "Funeral Plans."

MARTHA recommended that purchasing the pre-need funeral plans is "a must" for veterans, friends, and others. She emphasized preplanning allows a person to protect their family members or friends from the difficult funeral decisions during times of emotional upheaval. It also eliminates any guesswork about the choices you may have preferred.

MARTHA works for Service Corporation International, the largest Cemetery and Mortuary company in the world. Locally, it owns Hawaiian Memorial Park, Borthwick Mortuary, and works with Hosoi Mortuary selling Pre-need Hosoi Garden Life Plan. You may call MARTHA at 522-9300 or 373-3087 if you are interested in learning the different options and payment plans.

MARTHA is available to give her presentation on funeral plans to any Chapter or groups who may be interested.

## Rural Chapter NEWS



by ED IMAMURA

#### Mainland Visitor

I received a call on April 18 from PATRICIA MORGAN who was visiting friends in Ewa Beach. It was a pleasant surprise because the last time I saw her was when she gave a speech to our Rural Chapter members at our dinner meeting at Mikazuki Restaurant in 1965. Her husband, WILLIAM (Retired Lt. Col.) was stationed at Schofield Barracks at that time.

Veterans of the 442nd Regt. will remember her as the beautiful and charming lady who worked for the USO as a "Girl Guide" at the Rockefeller Center in New York in the Forties. She is the one who took great care of the Nisei boys from Shelby and made sure that we had a great time while we were on furlough in the "Big City."

PATRICIA mentioned that she always had great respect and admiration for the 442nd boys because they were always gentlemen. At one time, her son JAMES PHILLIP, worked for Senator INOUE at the Capitol.

Anyone who wishes to contact her may call me at 621-7045.

## Kauai Club News

by MARGARET OSHITA

*(Editor's Note: This article arrived too late for publication in the January-March, 1995 issue.)*

The biggest news from Kauai for F Company is that MASA AGINA is back in his one-story rebuilt house in Pua Loke. I got a peek before completion, and it is very beautiful and convenient and

comfortable. My peek prompted me to tell MASA that I look forward to sitting around his spacious bar/breakfast counter. I am not sure whether MASA appreciates his new home because I was informed that he literally took off for Las Vegas soon after moving back to it.

I was informed that GEORGE TERAOKA is out on the golf course quite regularly. I pass on this information to ROY KUBO and anyone else who had notions of challenging GEORGE at the Wailua Golf Course.

The Kauai 442 Club under the Presidency of TURK TOKITA held its first 1995 membership meeting on March 16th at the Veterans Center. MINO TAKASHIMA was enjoying the wine which was carried home lovingly by HENRY SHIBATA from France for MINO. I lovingly had a share of that lovely wine carried lovingly by HENRY. When I mentioned that my son was a bottle collector, MINO generously and without any hesitation gave me the bottle with the historical account of Biffontaine. I must give WADE a copy of this draft so that he is reminded constantly of the kindness of MINO and HENRY.

Needless to say, the table was loaded with all kinds of great food, and the number of door prizes made it possible for each person to receive two prizes. By strange coincidence CLARA YAMATE was the first recipient on the first round and then the last one on the second round. We are planning to participate in the Veterans Day Parade again and perhaps we will receive the trophy again. The Museum area of the Veterans Center is not quite ready for the exhibits. We will inform you when that happens. TURK TOKITA and EMI are "infanticipating" and plan to spend time with daughter MARI in the near future.

Aloha from Kauai!

P.S. TURK and EMI TOKITA became the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, SARAH SUEKO GARNER, born on March 23, 1995. SARAH lives in Westminster, Colorado with her dad and mom MARI.

Again, it took us too long to get onto the pages of Go For Broke. The last news from the Garden

Island was the second quarter of 1993. The following is catching up on news and bringing you up-to-date on the doings of this club.

Hurricane Iniki happened two years, eight months ago (as of this writing 5/3/95), but all donors of monetary gifts to help the members of this Club have not been acknowledged, so we take this means to say "Thank you very much," to HIDEO NAKAMINE (522nd) of Aiea. There are only a few reminders of that devastation left today, and we are thankful for the recovery.

The officers who led in 1994 were: TSUKA MURAKAMI, Pres.; TURK TOKITA, V-Pres.; MARGARET OSHITA, Sec.; PAUL AKAMA, Treas.; BARTON NAGATA and CHARLIE SAIKI, Directors; PAUL OKAMURA, Representative to Kauai Veterans Council. Those who are at the helm in 1995 are: TURK TOKITA, Pres.; WHITEY KURASAKI, V-Pres.; the rest are the same except MINO TAKASHIMA replaced PAUL OKAMURA.

Every year the members of this Club have participated in the Veterans Day Parade; however, with CHARLIE SAIKI as Parade Master, this Club was voted the Best Marching Unit in 1994 and awarded a big trophy. There were 24 participants, including spouses, widows, and Sons & Daughters. We have vowed to have more participants this year.

The Kauai Veterans Center (financed by Amfac and the state) was dedicated on November 12 with a luau (thank you, GEORGE KAWAKAMI for donating nine tickets to our Sons & Daughters). There will be display cases for all veteran units to display their own memorabilia. With MINO TAKASHIMA and TED YAMATE as co-chair of the Souvenir Committee, many items have been collected so far that will tell the story of the 442nd.

When the interior of the Vets Center is complete, Mr. & Mrs. JACK WADA will donate a TV set and VCR for all to enjoy the many video tapes that have been collected and deal with the 442nd. The donation will be in memory of Mr. WADA's brother, DANIEL WADA, killed-in-action.

We are now the proud owners of the 442nd

Colors and streamers, ordered and acquired by this Club. ALAN KUBOTA of Lenscape was asked to supply detailed and colored photos so that authentic colors and streamers could be made.

On August 5th last year, a few of us were very fortunate to have been able to entertain French mademoiselles, ISABEL RUPP (daughter of MICHEL & JEAN RUPP) and her friend, MARIE FRANCE, when they came visiting. They left loaded with souvenirs from us.

Our Sons & Daughters Chapter are gathering oral histories of their dads - the going is somewhat slow, but they're hanging in there. At our quarterly meeting of April 8th last year, SHERMAN SHIRAISHI, Attorney-at-Law and son of CLINTON I. SHIRAISHI, enlightened the members of the new Medicaid law. At another meeting some time previously, he provided information on estate law.

Thanks to PAUL OKAMURA, our Club has new Club shirts and Aloha caps with the 442nd logo. The caps came in very handy for those who went to France to help our friends there celebrate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine.

In the meantime, we have lost more members to death: TAKEO MURAOKA on Sept. 28, 1993; JARRETT S. KANO on November 28, 1993; KENNETH T. ISHII on March 20, 1994; MASATO FUJITA on June 8, 1994; and in 1995 so far, HARVEY T. MAEDA, Jan. 7; YATSUJI NAKAGAWA, Jan. 25.; and TAKEO YONEJI, Feb. 23. Our hearts went out to their families.



by CHARLES WATANABE

What is new with 3rdHQ? Well, they did something different this time. Unlike recent years, February's meeting was held during the noon-

time luncheon with the wives joining at the Waioli Tea Room. This was our way of expressing "Thank You" to our "Valentines" in attendance who enjoyed the privacy of a very special room. This occasion also offered a chance to toast the arrival of 1995 - Shinnen En Kai. Everyone had a wonderful time and the meeting was kept short with ERNI UNO briefing the group on the upcoming mini-reunion in Las Vegas. If there are further questions, call ERNI. Enjoying the atmosphere of the recently reopened restaurant nestled in cool and lush Manoa gardens were TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, JANET MATSUDA, ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, ERNI & GRACIE UNO, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

Following is a special report of interest: February was also a significant month commemorating the 10th Anniversary International Friendship Karaoke Song Festival. This event was held in Hawaii by the JAVAC Zen Nippon Karaoke Shinsa Kyokai. Significant event because SHIGERU & JANET GOTO were among the winners in their respective divisions. SHIGERU was presented an award for being an outstanding singer in a special singers division. JANET was honored with a special prize in the advanced singers division. Over 600 singers from Japan, Hawaii, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Los Angeles, and San Francisco participated in the huge musical program that took two days and two nights at the Hilton Hawaiian Village hotel. The overall grand champion was a girl from Argentina. Congratulations to SHIGERU & JANET for their outstanding achievement in their respective divisions. Quite an accomplishment from the same family; maybe one of you will be capturing the grand champion award next time around.

March meeting was held at the clubhouse, and when I say clubhouse, I mean the one on Wiliwili Street, not the one you know where. The usual long faces were there. I mean like TAKESHI

NAKAMURA, DAVID KAIURA, SHIGERU GOTO, HAJIME MATSUURA, BILL KUWATA, FRANK ISHIKAWA, ERNI UNO SAM SASAI, and CHARLES WATANABE.

ERNI UNO presided over the meeting due to the absence of SAM FURUYA who was away on a baseball business trip. His softball takes precedence over our meeting. The meeting brought the boys up-to-date of the 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet of March 25, 1995.

### 52nd Anniversary Events

So as discussed and planned at March meeting, 3rdHQ members gathered at Punchbowl on the morning of the 24th to pay homage to the departed ones by placing the American flags on the gravesides. Then on March 25th, dignitaries, members, wives, sons and daughters, relatives, and friends gathered together for the 9:00 AM Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The 111th Army Band, Hawaii National Guard was very impressive with their participation. Memorial Address was given by WILLIAM PATY, a decorated paratrooper in the



*M.C. ED ICHIYAMA & TRACI TOGUCHI drawing for prizes. Ms. TOGUCHI was recently crowned Miss Hawaii. She will represent Hawaii in Atlantic City.*

Normandy invasion in June 1944. He is also

known to many as Chairman of the Board of the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources from the late 80's to the early 90's. ERNI UNO has become an integral part of our services, officiating as the Chaplain of the 442nd Veterans Club. He gave the invocation at both events. And of course, our thanks to the 442nd Chorale for their time and talent.

In the evening, a banquet was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel with entertainment and door prizes galore. The 111th Army again provided the music for our listening pleasure and dancing. A very talented TRACI TOGUCHI seemed to have captivated the dining room patrons with her excellent singing. It was on the plus side for 3rdHQ in the door prize segment for the lucky winners were ERNI UNO, FRANK ISHIKAWA, ELAINE TAMASHIRO, and JOEY UNO. Others not so lucky but nevertheless enjoying themselves were SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, JANET MATSUDA, BILL & YAEKO KUWARA, GRACIE UNO, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE. The attendance by the Sons & Daughters of 3rdHQ were very noticeable. Enjoying the company of late arrivals SAM & MICHI SASAI were JOEY & NITA UNO, TOMMY UNO, and BARBARA (UNO) OLMOS, who are actively involved in the Sons & Daughters. Wasn't it a great opportunity to get to know each other better?

Also very visible were FRANCES (EDDIE) TSUBATA and her family enjoying themselves at a table all their own. Joining FRANCES in a show of family unity were her daughter GRACE FUJII, sons DAVID and KEITH, GRACE's husband GARY, their sons GRANT and GUY, and GUY's wife LACIA and their daughter GLORIA MARY. TSUBATA family tree appears to be thriving. With each passing year we seem to appreciate our time together more and more.

### Condolence

We remember TATS IWATE in our prayers. ERNI UNO reported in the 3rdHQ Reunion

Communiqué, dated March 31, that word was received of the death of TAT'S wife SUMIKO on March 25, 1995. SUMI will be remembered as an active participating spouse in many reunions over the years in spite of being physically disadvantaged. Our deepest condolences to TATS.

### **This N' That**

Looking through my notes regarding April's meeting, I find very little to report. Unfortunately, my note taking is getting rustier by the year. ERNI, again sitting in for SAM FURUYA, reported briefly on the Camp Shelby Homecoming and the "Go For Broke" Monument dedication. Since no one attended from the 3rdHQ, there were no extensive discussions. Regarding the 442nd RCT Foundation, call ERNI for a brochure if you have not already received one. It's all about the Foundation to help keep alive from generation to generation, the Legacy, the Spirit, and the Dedication of the 442nd RCT.

One more item to report on is the matter regarding Ft. DeRussy memorial. Well, it went back to the drawing board per ERNI; I hope they come up with something that meets everyone's approval. And for those of you who are interested, "Honor by Fire" by LYN CROST is available at the clubhouse. Cost: \$15.00.

The remainder of the evening was reserved for a film presentation. HAJIME MATSUURA somehow had gotten hold of the video entitled "Honor Bound - A Personal Journey." A very emotional film recalling the life and memories of HOWARD HANAMURA, his return to the battlefields of Italy during the October 1994 reunion with his journalist daughter WENDY HANAMURA. Thank you HAJIME for making viewing of the video possible.

At the meeting will BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, ERNI & GRACE UNO, FRANK ISHIKAWA, HAJIME MATSUURA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, SAM SASAI, TAKESHI NAKAMURA, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

On a lighter note, FRANCES TSUBATA recently accompanied her daughter GRACE FUJII on a Caribbean Cruise in the Gulf of Mexico with

stopover at a port city in Mexico, Miami, and Key West, Florida. The trip was made possible because GRACE emerged the top producer of Tupperware sales (for the 1st quarter 1995 or something?) Nice going, GRACE!

The SASAIS enjoyed a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City not too long ago, destinations that have become frequent ones over the years.

Going back to the GOTOS, we learned that SHIGERU & JANET were away to attend the graduation of their granddaughter CINDY from Arizona State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Proud parents are ED & GENNY GOTO of Sons & Daughters. Congratulations to CINDY and the rest of the GOTOS.

Think you're beginning to hear the whistle and jingle jingle or the exciting outbursts and yells of the crowd? Have read somewhere that you don't let anyone tell you that you can't get rich off a couple of nickels. Well, nickels are just my speed and I may be the very lucky one celebrating the huge win: My next report hopefully will be on a certain someone who won it big and stashed away the winnings. Until then, all PAU.



by **GLORIA TAGUMA & GEORGE MINE**

Our guest writers were participants in the recent 52nd Anniversary of the 522 Field Artillery Bn held at Los Angeles on April 27 - 30, 1995. The Hawaii contingent included GEORGE & HATTIE OZAKI from Lihue, GEORGE & TOMIKO MINE from Hilo, and YOSHIO & GLORIA TAGUMA from Kaaawa. From those of us who were unable to make the trip we thank the three couples for coordinating and packaging the gift program for the mainlanders. Following are their reports of the reunion.

Accolades to GEORGE ISHIHARA and TADD

TOKUDA for a well-organized, fun-filled 522 Field Artillery Battalion Reunion held in Los Angeles at the Miyako Inn and New Otani Hotel. The finale was held in Las Vegas at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino. The Aloha Banquet held in the elegant dining room brought laughter and tears to many of us who attended the affair. The evening was filled with eloquent speeches, beautiful music and hula dances by HILDA KANESHIRO. JANE UEOKA led the group in many poignant songs. The happy musicians from California Hotel and their lovely song bird, LANI was a treat for all. The evening program ended by everyone holding hands and singing Hawaii Aloha.

The highlight of the reunion for the Able Battery spouses and men was the trip to Walnut, California, about 20 miles east of Los Angeles, where we had a pleasant luncheon visit with JOE & FLORENCE HATTORI. JOE had been quite ill and much as he had originally registered to be at the reunion, he had to cancel out. A leader of our previous reunions, JOE & FLORENCE could not make it this time so FRED YASUKOCHI and TOOTSIE YOSHIMURA spearheaded this visit with the help of NOBU & GEORGE SEKI, MARY & JIM KASAI, LAWRENCE MORI, ISEI ANAMI, KOJI KONISHI, and JAMES KURATA. We are happy to hear that JOE is in remission, so we wish him strengthening health and good recovery before too long.

In the hospitality room at Miyako there was food, food, food, galore everyday morning, noon, and night. Thursday when we got it there was a breakfast prepared by the ladies of Charlie battery. For Lunch there was food brought in by all the members' wives. The food was out of this world and everyone enjoyed every bit of it.

Friday, the ladies of Able Battery manned the kitchen fixing early breakfast for the golfers. The lunch hour found SEIKO ISHIHARA among the Able ladies, namely TOOTSIE YOSHIMURA, MAY NAMBA, HATTIE OZAKI, DORIS KUMASHIRO, NOBI SEKI, EVELYN YAMASAKI, GLORIA TAGUMA, SUSIE ICHIUJI, TOSHI TANOUE, FUMI UYEDA, YOSHI

YAMASHITA, and SUSIE MIZUKAMI. Did I miss anyone? I heard someone mention ono chicken, cahzuke gohan, delectable salads, all kinds of delicious okazu and there was a beautiful bowl of fruits. The sliced melons, oranges, apples, grapes, and desserts were enjoyed by all. Noteworthy of mention were the crates of huge strawberries courtesy of MANABI HIRASAKI. Somebody's tsukemono also hit the spot. TOOTSIE and SEIKO ISHIHARA brought their rice cookers to make spam musubi. SEIKO's coffee pot could hardly keep up with the demand and was constantly busy. JAMES KASAI did a wonderful job of slicing sashimi all day and evening. That excellent sashimi, courtesy of FRED YASUKOCHI, was a big hit with the gang.

Baker, Service, and Headquarters Battery ladies manned the kitchen for Saturday. The food was equally plentiful and delicious. It was heartwarming to see all the ladies pitch in for food preparation.

The welcome banquet on Friday was a buffet dinner to which we jokingly commented that we either take two large plates or ask for an oversized platter. With so much food spread-out, our plates were mounded with delicious food. Dinner at the Sayonara Banquet was Teishoku and we were treated to a splendid ozen style serving which caught us by surprise.

One of the speakers at the Sayonara Banquet was MRS. PAMELA WIGDALH, daughter of the later LT. CHET GIRARD, who served with Able Battery during our basic training and later was reassigned to Charley Battery. LT. GIRARD was a familiar face at our previous reunions, spending a lot of time with us, and had been sorely missed this reunion. He passed away last fall. PAMELA expressed her thanks for the friendship and companionship accorded her father, who had written to his family throughout his assignment how happy he was with his association with the men of the 522nd. She conveyed her father's fond memories of the unit, and her family's deep appreciation of how well we had received him.

After the Sayonara Banquet at the Otani, the crowd gathered in the Hospitality Room at Miyoko



and really had a great time. A karaoke machine was set up and of all the performers, MRS. **TARBALL KUMASHIRO** was easily the most outstanding singer. We go have great talent! **HILDA KANESHIRO** (Baker) did a gracious hula number, dedicated to **JOE HATTORI**, always the diligent worker and inspirational leader to all Californians attending reunions. His presence at this reunion was sorely missed.

A big hand for all our mainland friends who went all out and did a wonderful job making us feel welcomed. It was exhilarating to see old friends and some whom we haven't seen for fifty years. You spend so much time planning for us and we do appreciate the welcome, generosity, smiles, handshakes, hugs, and tears we shared. To you our mainland kinfolk's... Mahalo!

To **STANLEY KANESHIRO** who coordinated the reunion so that we in Hawaii we kept informed about the latest activities, our most appreciative mahalo!

Finally, to our Hawaii friends, who made it possible for us to take some nice gift items for our mainland friends, we wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following: **MS. JEANNE HERBST**, of Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Co. for the coffee; **MR. ALAN IKAWA**, Big Island Candies for the chocolate-dipped macadamia nut shortbread cookies; **DR. DON & SANDY MATSUURA** of Hilo for the Dendrobium orchids and Anthuriums; **TADASHI & HARRIET TOJO** for the Protea and exotic flowers; and the rest of the Hawaii Able members for their blessings and contributions on this trip so that we could share some "Island Aloha" with our mainland Able members.



**By Mary Sakai, Carol Sakai-Feiteira, Patti Laba**

**TOM NAKATA:** TOM wrote "I'm sending you a picture of a sign I see every time we get on Hiway '99' freeway, south of Manteca. They will have a Memorial Dedication on August 4, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in Stockton at the Hilton Hotel."



**HENRY & MILDRED IKEMOTO:** 442nd President of the Los Angeles area continues part II. "I was selected to be the training battalion 1st sergeant, trainee-type, that is. I didn't have to pull KP or guard duty for the rest of my basic. We finished early, in December '44 because of the 'Bulge' in Europe. We all went to Camp Shanks, NY...then us 'kotonks' were separated from the haole guys and put into a 'budda-head group.' When we were ready to ship, somebody got the measles so the whole bunch was quarantined...I guess it was for several weeks, then early in February, we got words of movement. We were held in quarters...couldn't even go to the PX, as I recall, while we saw the Italian POWs walking freely and coming out of the PX all kind of goodies. On board the USS Washington (I think that was the name) I was given a 'salt-water corporal' stripes and ran the KP duty group.

That was fun. I made friends with couple of Hawaii guys and kotonks...we used to go up to the bow of the ship as far as we could to see the night lights from the other ships...it was a large convoy...and all the lights were supposed to be out. We had a game about who counted the most and the brightest ones. We spent many quiet hours, too. I can't remember the names of any of them.

We debarked at LeHarve, late at night. As we marched off, we were met by the 442 guys...they could pronounce our names good. We got on a boxcar...a whole trainload of boxcars and started moving in the dark. Couple days later, after stopping in the train yard in Paris for a day, we got to Marseilles. I met my sergeant...Lefty Kawamura. Then one day I was pretty sick...very hot...feverish. Next thing I know, I am in a bed at a Station Hospital, sleeping next to an Asian-looking guy, young guy. When I woke up, he was trying to talk to me. I could not understand him at all. I said to myself, "What's happening? Am I that sick that I can't understand what my man is trying to tell me? Is my hearing all shot?" I didn't recall going into battle yet. The sergeant was just telling me that if you're afraid, it's OK because the Jerries are more afraid than you are. We've got lots of ammo and heavy stuff. They have a few heavy stuff, but they're running out of their supplies...and even their replacements are kids and old men. Then, I talked to the guy on the other side who spoke English and I understood. I found out that the Asian-looking guy was a Russian soldier. We smiled and 'signed away' and laughed. By the time I was allowed to leave, the Unit was transferred back to Italy. I was told to get to Italy and found a LST going and arrived at a Replacement Unit in Leghorn. They called 442 but nobody came to get me. I was going to go on my own, but the sergeant said, "Hell, boy, you ain't going nowhere from here unless I say so!" So, when the truck finally came for me, the Unit was in Lecco...the War was over. While I was in Leghorn, I was able to get around a few places with a couple of guys. Then in July, the Army asked for volunteers to go to the Far East. I figured that

they were looking pretty hard and that I might pass the test this time. I did. So, I left beautiful Italy after a few months with the Unit...but I was very proud for having been associated with the AT boys...men, now. I spent a total of 31 years with the Army...but the first year was the most memorable. The 30 years was in the Military Intelligence Service on one way or another, at regimental level in Korea and at the Pentagon for three summers. Eight of the years were active duty and the balance as a reservist. Several of my boyhood friends died in Italy and France. At Epinal, I visited the cross of one of them. I didn't have time to go through the list at the cemetery in Florence."



HENRY IKEMOTO, CHAPPIE KISHABA, "STUD" OSHIRO in Luceram, France.

WALLY & YORI KAGAWA: A brunch meeting was held at the 442nd Clubhouse. WALLY will write all about the wonderful meeting for our next issue. WALLY says "because of the poor showing of the trip to Las Vegas, we had to cancel having tours. However individuals may now call JANIS SAIKI, Royal Adventure Travel for individual ticketing and arrangements. If you wish for any information, call JANIS. Los Angeles is a stop-over on this tour.

SEIJI & EVELYN OSHIRO: Update on SEIJI's family...only son MARK MAKOTO OSHIRO lives in Aiea with his family, works for GTE Services Corporation as an Area Manager for the Hawaii

sites at Hickam Air Force Base, JICPAC Makalapa, and Camp Smith. MARK manages more than 30 field service representatives, technicians and engineers in maintaining government computer and communication systems. Wife DEBORAH is the Director of Aiea Hongwanji Preschool in Aiea, overseeing 67 preschoolers. MARK and DEBORAH's two children, eleventh-grader KATRINA attends Sacred Hearts and eighth-grader LANDON attends St. Patrick School. Both have achieved brown belts in karate. SEIJI visits his son and family at least once a year, spending time with them and catching up on local news. Daughter MARILYN and husband RONALD KUGA are both busy, too. MARILYN is the executive assistant to the General Counsel for Orange County Water District; RONALD works for United Airlines as a customer service representative. Oldest son RYSON is 21 and a senior at California State University Long Beach; youngest son RANDALL is 13, attending seventh grade at Spring View School where he was selected for the 1994 all-Star Dream Team for the cities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, California.

**GEORGE & MOLLY TAMURA:** MOLLY said the "Shinenkai" group is known as the 3 C's: compatible, congenial companions. This steady group of friends are MAC, KEISEO, RAY, MABLE, SAIMOO, MATSUKO, ICHI, MOLLY & GEORGE. They will write about their March celebration next time. Seventy relatives, friends and 442nd members celebrated with a potluck Christmas dinner at George's home.

**MITSUO & SHIZUE AKIYAMA:** MITSUO updated us on KAZUO KIYONAGA's whereabouts... In a case of emergency, go to MIT's neighbor's house across the street on Fridays at 2:30 where you will find KAZUO with classmate having a drink and reminiscing. OSCAROMINE is known to frequent Marukai Store. So if you're in dire need of either fellow, you might try those places.

**MASATO DOI:** A well-deserved rest in Japan for

10 days was offered as an invitation by a friend to MASATO. MASATO responded "I'll go, provided I can see two things: Sakuras Mankai (full bloom) in April and "Rotenburo". These flowering trees only last one week. MASATO said "It was really beautiful even when I was playing golf. The fairways were lined with Sakura trees." The second, Rotenburo (buro means "furo") Onsen of a hot, spring pool. His friend drove him to the Central Alps of Japan, way up on the top of the mountains. MASATO now has experienced being outdoors in a hot spring pool, being able to touch snow at the same time. What an experience!

**KAZUO KIYONAGA:** KAZUO got ERNEST MARUYAMA's address for publication. ERNEST would like to hear from his former A.T. friends.

**ERNEST MARUYAMA**  
1854 Ruby Lane  
Henderson, N.V. 89014  
Phone: 456-9964

ERNEST said, "Please call or see me when you are in Las Vegas."

**MARY SAKAI:** WALLY KAGAWA, OSCAR OMINE, MASATO DOI and MARY with daughter PATTI and grandchildren CHAD and KARI attended the 52nd Anniversary program of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. Daughter PATTI traveled to Toronto, Canada to present at the National Asian and Pacific American Education Conference with Professor Aiko Oda from the University of Hawaii. Another family traveler, PATTI's 11-year old daughter, JEANNE, received a first-hand education about their 5th grade early American colonization when she went to Washington D.C. and Virginia for 9 days with her Ahuimanu teachers and classmates.

**LIZO & YVONNE HONMA:** LIZO and YVONNE need your prayers to help them recover from their physical illness. SALLY NAKAMURA helps two or three times a week. PETITE and MINORU help them, too. It's great to have the assistance they need.

KO & JANET HATA: It's nice and quiet. We take things "day by day."

TSUNETA & THELMA MIZUSAWA: HOTSAUCE and THELMA, MYRNA and daughter FAYE YAMANAKA went to Las Vegas for 5 days. Call THELMA for places to stay, eat and have fun! Our next tour guides?

YUKI & NORA NAKAHIRO: YUKI and NORA are baby-sitting a beautiful, well-loved, 9-month old KELLYANN born September 13th. YUKI and NORA are busy from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. except Tuesdays. You can only reach them after 7:00 p.m.

HARRY & JANET TOKASHIKI: HARRY, JANET and MARY SAKAI are calabash relatives. MARY's nephew Central Pacific's vice-president DAVID YOSHINO's son TROY recently graduated and received a Harry Truman Scholarship Award for graduate studies. Stay tuned for the March Banquet and Club-house Bento Meeting in the next issue!



by JERRY ISHIMOTO

The big story for today of course is the 522Bn reunion which took place in Los Angeles from Apr. 27 and concluded on 3 May in Las Vegas.

But let's back up a little. There were equally important and notable events which took place prior to that. Notable in that the 522 members played a prominent role in it's planning. There was the reunion at the Chuck Wagon for the folk that went on the 50th Anniversary Bruyeres-European Tour. FRED HIRAYAMA planned it to include the off-island people of the Eur. tour who were also here for the Annual 442nd bash. They

included GRACE & ALLEN NAKAMURA of Del Mar; ELLEN & SAIGO NAGAO, ROSELYN & TSUTOMU FUJIMOTO from Hilo. FRED had planned on piping some nostalgic war-time songs for background music but who was listening? The volume had to be turned down because it was interfering with the talk story.

Once again, the impromptu program went into full swing. TED YANAGIHARA, guitar player extraordinary, STAN KANESHIRO and ALLEN NAKAMURA and his ever present traveling companion (ukulele) provided the music for the hula dancers "Lovely" LOVETTE YANAGIHARA, "Super S—" HILDA KANESHIRO, and "The more we get together" JANE UEOKA. Jokes by WESLEY URADA, ALLEN NAKAMURA, and "soup joke" by HILDA KANESHIRO. Then there was MYRTLE SAKAI and MYRTLE SAKAI and MYRTLE SAKAI expounding on her theory of miso soup for male virility. Songs by GARY OHASHI and ROSELYN FUJIMOTO were good for many encores. How quickly time went. "We ought to do this more often" is a song good for many encores for FRED's listening.

The 52nd 442nd Reunion with OIC JOE OBAYASHI with his able staff came to a conclusion. Being Officer-in-Charge of an event of this magnitude requires expertise of management and delegation of duties which JOE acquired in his many years with the military. He didn't get his stripes by just being in the chow line. Among other things, the type of table cloth had to be ironed out; the physical layout of the banquet hall had to be realigned with several meetings with the hotel management; invitations to big-wigs and protocols had to be set. As JOE would say, "Thank goodness the fat lady has sung." A commendation for meritorious service is in order.

The much publicized 522Bn reunion held in Los Angeles during 27-30 April was organized by TAKEO SUSUKI and his son MARK. As elaborate events unfolded, it became apparent that many many people and organizations helped. Locally, the committee headed by STAN KANESHIRO and staff MASAYUKI HIGA, YOSHIO TAGUMA, SADAICHI HIGA and STAN

SAKAI worked with the mainland counterparts. The Hospitality Room, the hub of activity in the Miyako Hotel was hosted by Able Btry. with SEIKO and GASHOUSE in charge of the mess hall. The chilled foods, fruits, and vegetables were thanks to GASHOUSE for lugging the refrigerator from his home in Santa Monica to the Hospitality Room. No mean feat.

The daily food and drinks made available to approx. 300 people each day were the effort of members, spouses, and friends were too numerous to name here - sorry but we will say that it was very much appreciated. A rating of 10. SADAO KODAMA, being in charge of the golf tournament, arranged for transportation of the golfers and clubs for some and the disbursement of the prizes. Although everybody couldn't be a winner, everybody received a pack containing a sleeve of balls and tees.

Fifty years is a long time. Among those present were guys we had not seen in 50 years and if weren't for their name tags which you casually glanced at, you would not have recognized them. JOHN IZUMI, MIKE KAWAGUCHI of L.A. and KOZO KURODA of Idaho to name a few. And then there was WALTER SAKAMOTO of Maui with his distinguished gray hair and mustache who could be mistaken for a wealthy retired rancher. BUDDY HANASHIRO after his recent major surgery has recovered and looks none the worse, thank you. YUKI AKAKI looks like he's still in Camp Shelby. There's no mistaking SADAO KODAMA for the years were kind to him.

Oh, so many people to meet and talk story which can be covered by only a vignette of what took place. When HELEN AKAKI's cranky camera wouldn't work, WALTER INOUE repaired it with a chopstick rather than throwing it away? HQ Btry personnel still looking after Sgt. IWATA by holding a seat for him at the banquets. As TED TSUKIYAMA puts it, he reminded the Hawaii guys of their father. If Sgt. IWATA were younger, he may have been beaten up. Some people make all kinds of excuses for not traveling by a broken left arm didn't keep HISAYO GOTO from making this trip. NEIL NAGAREDA

was moved to tears at Sen. DANIEL INOUE's speech recounting our volunteering was motivated by honor. More than one person poured shoyu into their coffee thinking that it was cream in the creamer. High class hotel? We're used to having shoyu in bottles, right GRACE U.? DON SHIMAZU's daughter SHARON of L.A. did her filial duty and practiced her avocation (masseur) on her dad in the hotel room floor. "Mister Good Guy" SAM KAWANISHI volunteered to drive MARGE KUBA, SUE HAMAMOTO, FUKI OHARA, LAURA MIHO, and KAY HIRAYAMA to the concert hall to catch the stage show "Miss Saigon." With that load of ladies doing back seat driving, no wonder his van jumped the curb doing a U-turn on a one-way street. BIGGIE and JOE waiting patiently as PEGGY and JESSIE leisurely shopped at the Little Tokyo shopping mall. On Sunday, 30 Apr. the Japanese American Museum and American Jewish Committee held a Memorial Program in conjunction with the 522FA Bn Reunion. One of the testimonial speakers was a Ms. JANINA CYWINSKA, a Dachau survivor who recounted her ordeal in camp. She said she was reduced to skin and bones and to expand on the theme "why we volunteered." she said the Nisei' volunteered because the skin and bones needed them. Such poignant words. There weren't many dry eyes upon hearing that. In our zeal to volunteer, never in our wildest dreams did we think that there were skin and bones needing us. Gives you a good feeling. The Memorial Ceremony concluded the reunion.

Close station. March order. Load up into buses to airport to shuttle off to Las Vegas for post-reunion activities. Just before boarding, Sgt. IWATA, daughter, and grandchild saw us off by presenting us with 3 boxes of manju and packages of arare. Thanks, father!

The bivouac quarters is the Four Queens for the next t 3 nights. Here, everybody was left to their own method to lose their money. Some played in the casino's day and night, while some caught the bus to go visiting the other casinos on the strip to shop or talk with JULIUS CEASAR. There was one day of golf arranged by SADAO KODAMA to play on his friend JACK

KAKUICHI's resort course. A beautiful user-friendly lay-out. SADAO KODAMA, TED SUGI, BOYAN HIGA, WALTER INOUE, STAN KANESHIRO and Y.T. enjoyed a brief taste of luxurious country club life.

MARTHA and WALTER visited her brother's bachelor pad. Couldn't get over how low the prices of homes are. They should buy a place here too so we'd have a place to stay when we visited. The sayonara night dinner was another memorable night. A night to let the hair down for knowing that soon we'll be parting to meet who know when, if, ever. The Nevada Hawaiians, consisting of musicians from Hawaii provided music for dining and dancing. DON SHIMAZU did a masterful job of M.C.ing and called upon HILDA KANESHIRO, JANE UEOKA, DORIS ISHIDA, and KAY HIRAYAMA for hula dancing. The professional musicians had nothing but admiration for our hula dancers. NANCY HIGA who revealed her hidden talent, rendered an oldie and dedicated it to BLACKIE NISHIKAWA. The song "My Hawaiian Souvenirs" also rekindled memories for the transplanted Hawaiians. Jokes by SADAO KODAMA which left TEI nervous lest he forgets the punch line. Ukulele playing by "Have Ukulele, Will Travel" ALLEN NAKAMURA with the pros and soloing in between.

CHIEKO TAKATA, widow of JOE TAKATA, B Btry who now resides in Las Vegas was thrilled to be invited by LAURA MIHO to renew old



*At the Four Queens Hotel & Casino*

acquaintances. In the meantime, "Prexy" KATS MIHO was attending his Maui Hi School class reunion elsewhere in Vegas that night.

And so the 50th reunion of the 522FA Bn in history. May we enjoy many more reunions but please, no Las Vegas virus.



*The "Nevada" Hawaiians" at the Las Vegas Banquet.*

### **Scorecard by ROCKY**

29 March @ HCC

Ace of the Month in none other than ROCKY! Clap, clap, clap. Individual winners in the other of descending prize wins were Y.T., BOYAN, and JOE S. If you can't win individually, hope that you have been teamed with a good partner for a payday as these first and second place winners of the two-man team were DON/JOE U. and LARRY/STAN. Other winning combis were BOYAN/TOSHI, WALTER/TOKU, TOM/Y.T., BIGGIE/ROCKY.

CP's on the par 3's: #4 TONY, #8 DON, #13 TOKU, #15 ROY.

18 April @ HCC

Why is our tournament scheduled on a rainy day? You'd think this was a water sport. KEN using a water repellent ball splashed in with a net 66. KEN being a previous winner, Ace of the Month goes to ROY F. but not without the process of tie-breaker. Soggy but happy two-man combis were: KEN/WALTER, GEO/KATS,

TONY/ROY F., DON/JOE O., BIGGIE/TOKU,  
JOE S./TOM.

CP's on the par 3s were #4 KATS, #8 KITTY,  
#13 LARRY, #15 STAN K.

15 May @ HCC

Another rainy day or is it still raining from the last month? Aren't there anything better for these guys to do than get wet before the first T-off? BOYAN didn't mind for he won the Ace of Month and a huge take-home pay. Two man combis in the money were DON/JOES., BOYAN/KATS, Y.T./KON KON, STAN S./JOE U., KEN/TOSHI, GEO/TOM.

CP's on the par 3s were #3 TED, #8 KITTY,  
#13 TONY, #15 JOE U.

As for the others who didn't win anything, let's just say they were sent to the showers.



by HICHI MATSUMOTO

### Annual Banquet

Three and a half tables, that's all were set aside for the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's personnel. Sad but that's our speed today. Occupying all of nine-ten tables, pau, history, mukashi no koto.

The personnel in charge of the banquet did a very good job. Many thanks to General Chairman JOE OBAYASHI (522B) and his staff. And history says that whenever JOE is around, good buddy BIGGIE NAKAKURA is certain to be close by.

Hajimete never get main speaker, which we didn't miss too much. Instead, numerous people were introduced and acknowledged for their contributions to the club down through the year.

One of the evening's announcements was introducing the winner of the annual 442 Golf Tournament played the day before at the Hickam Golf Course who was MASAO TAMAYEI of the Fox Chapter. He is the same guy that went

wow'em and knock'em dead, da Uta No Kai members, the ladies especially the night previous at the 442 Karaoke Class. A local boy, he moved to L.A. years ago like plenty of da ano koro guys. He was called MASA before but now Hapa-Kotonk, answers to MAS. His "thank you very much," after being awarded the first prize of the golf tournament was the evening's best speech - short, snappy, and to the point.

Been all of some 52 plus years since basic training days, the years no doubt took its toll. Had some kind of snafu during the presentation of the colors but what the heck, nobody perfect and to err is human. Hey, on second thought, it could have been deliberate... to loosen up the somewhat solemn gathering.

We were sitted directly manmae in front of the 111th Army Band, Hawaii National Guard that supplied the evening's music was a blast. Even us considered lilibit on da mimiga tooi side had to cup our ears.

Lucky us, we had the good fortune of sitting on the same table with out of towners TOM & LIL MASAMORI. Also had the chance to bang heads and make boto-boto with our Daitoryo and First Lady. Boto-boto is Filipino talk for suck around, small kid time language.

EDDIE KANAYA, the old maestro, still get'em. His playing of the Lord's Prayer on his trusted flute was well received by the 600 plus members, wives, and friends. Umai koto yaru and mada mada tohbun sewanai. But admits to needing more time to practice. He's been retired as a music teacher from the Department of Education for a good many years, but not quite completely because kids still come to him for private lessons. Hard to turn'em away, he says. Lucky kids.

VELMA, chojyo of da RICHARD URABA's three girls was very visible helping out at the banquet, non-stop from the morning memorial service earlier in the day. An ochitsutoru and very nice young lady. She is very active with our Sons & Daughters and they are doing way more things than many of us realize. Bless them.

Very nice of sisters GRACIE & SHARON, oyakoko daughters of YURI & YASUHIDE (de-

ceased) ISHIKAWA to escort mom to the banquet...kanshinna.

In the drawing for door prizes, MARY (DOC) KAWAMOTO was the lucky winner of a beautiful clock. How true of the old saying....the rich get richer.

Was it due to our early departure from the party or what but we never get to see the ballroom dance team of "BARN & BERN" showing their stuff, cutting up da rug on the dance floor. In private life, they are BARNEY & BERNICE ZENIGAMI. Majimeni still attend dance class. They must be past the basics by now.

### **Memorial Service**

The 442 Choral Group was invited to perform at the 442 Regimental Combat Team 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Saturday, March 25, 1995. To the last member willingly accepted the invitation and showed their stuff, rendering three well-rehearsed numbers. Two old timers, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "Kanaka Waiwai." The third and final number sung was recently learned "Bless This House." The Choral Group have been performing regularly for more than a few years no, so the confidence part, no need shimpai. Noticed that steadily more and more people have been attending the service. Ahem, we like to think that the Choral Group has something to do with it.

Wuz totemo hot, kogero hodo, but still beats the rain any time. Murimo nai for the people monku-ing about the sorching/blistering hear. Which comes to mind da akamai guy that composed the following poem:

As a rule, a man's a fool  
When its hot, he wants it cold  
When it's cold, he wants it hot  
Always wanting, what is not.

Honna kots bai. 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members and wives in the choral group that performed: MILLIE HONDA, EDDIE KAWAMOTO, HICHI & JANET MATSUMOTO, and JOE SATO. Meni kakatta people in the audience : ESTHER (MOTOYUKI, deceased) FUJIOKA, BARBARA (ROSCOE, deceased),

HARUKI, DOC & MARY KAWAMOTO, WALTER MATSUMOTO and MASAO & YVONNE YAMASAKI. We had a respectable turnout.

### **MASMORIS of Denver**

Even it's spring time in the Rockies now, our Rocky Mountain friends TOM & LIL MASAMORI of Denver, Colorado, scheduled their vacation time to attend the annual banquet so tsuideni stayed for several more days to soak in some Hawaiian sun. During their leisure stay, they attended both banquet and also the memorial service at Punchbowl, where many of our fallen buddies are interred.

Sticking to the policy of entertaining guests, the members and wives hosted TOM & LIL at the clubhouse da akuru nohi of the banuquet.

Our chapter communication system is second to none....most of the time.

Anyway, after learning that the MASAMORIS were in town, around mid-morning, First Lady HILLARY, no, no, MARGIE called as commanded by her danna san who doubles as chapter president to get things going. The call was to hustle the food. Thinking that Korean food would be something on da mezurashii side for them, thought plate bento from Kim Chee II would be perfect. We are by no means P.R. man for them or anything like that but arera no product ono and more importantly, quantity.

Dat pau and mira chotto suwatta to omotara, BARNEY ZENIGAMI, our group's telephone captain called, yura ikuka or ikanka (enterain our guests) and the count. Ours is automatic tow. No more da kine gotta check with the wife first, baloney. Eh, give our Taisho, konojo for promptness.

Twenty members and wives plus the two guests made it thirty, a good crowd. YOSHI ASATO and YUSO IWANE who were on the sick call list just konaida ma de, were looking well and recovered. Yuso yo, soro soro putting back some of da ushi naota pounds. Now, he looks more like the before time no Yuso.

DOC KAWAMOTO "just happened" to have his shobai dohgu in his car and that really got the party to the next level. Dis guy DOC, we address



him sensei, get class. His dakine but he no play whole cheese and let TOM break the ice with several numbers. Dis guy TOM, hontoni, he's good, good, good. We've known him for say at least 10-15 years, could be more and all the time thought that his bread and butter job was photography.

Being an impromptu thing, never lacked da "borots." Note: borot is Filipino word for show-off. The way it was somebody would say, "Eh, how about you." No sweat that's all the encouragement they need and sasseto go up and do their thing. You no hear the word enryo nowadays. Like the happy go lucky brahmas would say, "no makule, mo pupule." The stars that performed for free were KIYO KIMURA, DOC & MARY KAWAMOTO, JANET MATSUMOTO, & JOE SATO. But NORA YAMASHIRO was the dark horse and went tamagesu everybody with a karaoke number and another adoroita thing is her shosha yo, just like one professional... you can never tell. Both the YAMASHIROS are retired and being on da jitto sete oraren type have second careers. Him a "Bonsan" and her an entertainer. What a contrast.

Who waz da guy now, you cut his long hair, he all jam-up and come helpless. DOC is something like that. Normally he's normal but let him grab hold of a microphone, mama mia, he bugga loose. Omoshiroi ossan do.

Dat KIYO no yatsu yo, nonkina bugga. Being the VP he's automatic honcho for all social events and having the last say in everything. As directed, we picked up 28 bentos. That number of people signed up or called in. But after the ladies went kubaru to each individual, two no nuff. They checked the list several times with the same results, everybody all present an accounted for. Mystery solved when KIYO sheepishly admitted he never included the two guests names to the final count. Otoboke like said, "they never call me." How you going get huhu with somebody like that. Good thing the three ladies, MARGIE IJIMA, JANET MATSUMOTO, and LILY OKAMOTO on da cool calm and collected type. Boy, if that were men, fingers pointing in all directions.

TOM get Hawaii ties his mom, a nisei, was born on Kauai Shima. The great big huge fish in the center of the table, that een if you tried to ignore, you couldn't help but notice due to the size was CHARLEY IJIMA's doing. The name of the fish forget but not the taste. Da bugga was good... like the old folks used to say - uma katta, ushi maketa.

### **Chapter Meeting - March**

People attending - TEIJI CHINNA (immediate past president), HARRY & KAY FUJII, MITS & MILLIE HONDA, CHARLEY & MARGIE IJIMA, BOB ISHIKAWA, EDDIE & BETTY KANAYA, DOC & MARY KAWAMOTO, EDDIE KAWAMOTO, HICHI & JANET MATSUMOTO, WALTER MATSUMOTO, MONTE & LILY OKAMOTO, JOE SATO, MASA & YVONNE YAMASAKI, RODNEY & MORE YAMASHIRO, and BARNEY & BERNICE ZENIGAMI. Ten couples and five solos.

Excellent turnout for imagero. CHARLEY is a go-getter and a good president. Place him in a category that leads by action ... not lip service. Well prepared and can tell he does his homework. None of that I think so kind baloney. Moving from report to report with none of that teregure stuff. Wuz his charisma or "threatening" people with "you come out or else..." Hiisa never get this kine encouraging turnout.

For one, BOB ISHIKAWA who went AWOL for... some long time anyway, yo yatto found his way back to our clubhouse. Caught him thinking aloud, "Eh, dis my second meeting in a row, boy." Very good, no break the string and keep coming. Him, tsurega arunoni, he should take advantage. He lives out in Pearl City. Being on da akamai side, he is a self taught musician, a good one, ukulele being his main forte. He once ase nagashite tried to pound into our heads some of the key basic chords which was like Greek. Says, after you get 'em down pat nothing to it, you can play anything. Yeay, easy for him to say.

Atama tsukote our leader extended the very popular happy hour prior to the business meeting, allowing members and wives to partake and

yukkuri go yobareru on da wives ga sekkaku motte kita ogochisos. Who brought what sappari wakari mahen, but takusan... no two dish alike. The amalgamation of goodies, no makeru een you go kuraberu with any cruise ships.

Our good 2HQ friend KAZU TOMASA wazatto like go nozoku at our food table for a choito look see and go comment, "You guys, boy," which translate to something like, "Eat up eh, yoh kurau no, molto sempre manjare, who's birthday this time." We suspect he is putting on weight just by feasting his eyes on da ukupaila food.

Communications guru, WALTER MATSUMOTO, read a letter he received from S. JOHN IWATSU of the passing away of his brother PETER O. IWATSU, who was an officer with the 232nd Engrs. at Camp Shelby.

Of the multitudeness and tondemo nai amount of food, limit people as to how much they could bring. Ask the BOD for a much larger table than the present one. One last resort, everybody eat and come.

Attending our first chapter meeting of the year, paid the required annual chapter dues and being a fully paid up member, can now monku when any kini iran stuff should come up without holding back.

We assume we being the last with no stragglers left, chapter treasurer MONTE OKAMOTO can close his book (that is until next year) and ankini can take it easy. He being the conscientious type, kiga suman until what's to be done is done.

LILY OKAMOTO, chairman, coordinator, and committee of one gave the latest report of the Reunion in Las Vegas.

### **Chapter Meeting - April**

Da feasting continued (no place for any person on a diet) with assortments of dis kine and dat kine stuff. Happy days are here again, more than the usual people came out. The puzzle is how come all da beer went miteru even with HARRY FUJII absent.

Usually meetings start with the same old routine, the president calling the meeting to order, followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary. Konban was

marukiri different, the president calling for the treasurer's report first. His thinking could be to make damn sure it be known to every body just how much we get (in the bank) before talking or going into anything. Good sound thinking. Anyway, the reverse order caught the treasurer with the pants down. In this case was a she, LILY OKAMOTO who reports the finances for her treasurer husband, MONTE. With CHARLEY, you got to be on your toes... yudan tai.

MARGIE IJIMA corralled the ladies interested in learning some kind of aerobic dance sequence to the music of Alley Cat. Most likely preparing for the Reunions chapter night. Preliminary indications show that the program gonna be mo betah than last years

RICHARD URADA came out after a long hibernation. Looking chipper and lilibit thicker around the middle, otherwise the same old pleasant guy with a smile for everybody. BOB ISHIKAWA made it three in a row - needs only 2,127 more to tie LOU GEHRIG's record.

Dis guy CHARLEY, he no fool around and intense when conducting a meeting. Passes on all the available information. No like hear guys say, they heard something, something from elsewhere. When he speaks, we respond immediately. Not from fear but respect. One of his standout traits, he'll never ask/tell anybody anything he wouldn't do himself. Not da type to ketch people head.

### **Chapter Meeting - May**

Comedy of errors. Reunion iku mae, Daitoryo IJIMA passed the word to his VP KIYO KIMURA attend the Board of Directors meeting on May 1 because he'll be leading the 232nd Engrs/Band delegation to Las Vegas for the reunion. KIYO heard May 8th, so went one week late.

No sweat, the meeting went smoothly. Business was taken care of. The hard part was taking care of the food on hand. The ever so generous HELEN TAKANO, under the weather most likely from da tsukare attending the Vegas went kotozukere us with pies for the meeting.

BOB ISHIKAWA now needs only 2,126 more.

### **Sick Call**

GEORGE YAMADA of L.A., receiving a letter from DORIS SATO, in turn called WALTER MATSUMOTO informing him that EDDIE SATO (Chicago) underwent surgery recently to remove several feet of tameni naran instestines. Doing fine and is resting at home.

HOWARD HIRANO underwent surgery konaida and is resting at home. Hope he has a speedy recovery and get on with his golf game which he loves so much. With wife APRIL looking after him, he has the best of care.

### **Reunion in Las Vegas**

This is the second consecutive reunion in Las Vegas and in the same California Hotel & Casino. Next year? Your guess is as good as any bodys. Honcho for 1994 & 1995 reunion, LILY OKAMOTO, going on sabbatical. She deserves it.

### **Aloha/Welcome Banquet**

This is what reunion is all about... everybody together for one good time. CECILY (ART) KIKUKAWA opened the evening's program by saying grace, followed immediately by Chapter President CHARLEY IJIMA's welcoming speech, which was short and snappy and to the point. And the party was on.

Ace photographer TOM MASAMORI took several kinen group pictures for posterity. Da shashin yoh utsutoru hazu yo, everybody (winners and losers) in fine spirits so far. But the shashinya man had some anxious moment, he didn't expect, setting/getting the group together. The woman like always, no problem. But da menfolk, donkon nara. With a good size corwd and getting everybody in position, posed, not a minor but major problem. So shikata nashi was forced to have some men stand on chairs in the back, last row. You think getting them up to stand on the chairs was a problem? It was duck soup compared to getting them down to the safety of the floor, picture totta ato. Oriru toki, ashige furuete, meni ota. The men sitting on the floor, bolohead row, weren't any better. Kawaii sona, they couldn't get up under their own power. Boy,

shirazu ni age crept up on us. For sure the next time around, gotta have the revolving kine camera. Man alive, did TOM ever work hard...for free.

Show time, no worry with JOE SATO in command. TOM MASAMORI didn't fail his public with "Danny Boy." BOB ISHIKAWA did himself proud, accompanying himself on the ukulele for a couple of solos. Of course, MASAO YAMASAKI's "Kono Ni Sachi Ari" is coming to be just as popular as WALTER MATSUMOTO's "Donkey Serenade." Like SUSUMU AWAYA (Serv.) of 442 Uta No Kai keep pounding in our pakiki heads, better to know all of a few songs than lilibit of many. Some of the women had equal time too. MARGIE IJIMA introduced sort of a line dance so everybody participated. Her crash course instructions of five minutes (or 50 minutes wouldn't have made any difference) was all it needed, it seemed. Two rings were formed, da wahines inside and da kanes outside. That was how it was meant and supposed to be. Nani dokoroka, da dance hajimatta to omotara, what, shiran uchini HIROSHI ARISUMI stay dancing in da inside wahine ring. Nesshin ni concentrating and counting one, two, three, four, right... reminds you of the basic training days, only you in step and the entire platoon out of step. Wuz good fun. People namida dondon kobosete, hara wo kakaete laffing uncontrollably. In short, waya.

The chairperson, yoh kiwo kikasete, had a huge banner made and had it posted on the wall, indicating the event. Now what was the wording. Anyhow, if I recall, shira sete kure.

One of the hi-lites of the evening was GEORGE YAMADA celebrating his 80th tanjobi. Da Happy Birthday boy admitted that this was the best birthday party so far. He expects many more. This party was done in style with a great big birthday cake. And this amazing man of eight summers, without any warm up blew out all the lighted candles with just one mighty blow. Most likely some of his tsuba went help pio more than some candles.

Boocoo awards/prizes were dished out with BARBARA HARUKI winning the grand prize.

## Golf

FRED ARASHIRO, LARRY INAGAKI, TOM MATSUNAMI and GEORGE YAMADA, same foursome like last year, played at the Desert Rose Golf Course, par 71. Like who da guy said, you tourist come dis kine place, no manini and Go For Broke. Being golfers and not duffers, they no fool around and went geev'em and played from the championship tee-streching 6,511 yards.

Listed below is one day score only. The other three day score cards "disqualified." No can make out. Gujya, guyja, worse than chicken scratch. Greek more easy. Dis waz TOMMY's day, other three, wait till next time.

GEORGE YAMADA, Da Happy Birthday Boy and defending champ never came close repeating this year and came in 4th. The important thing is he shot his age, remarkable/deko ageta bai.

FRED quipped: "Eh, playing golf is the best way to save money when you come here."

Moshimo, should there be any kind protest/monku from any of the players for not having the other scores made know, you gotta gaman and wait until the next tournament. Until such time the unreadable score cards, azuke toko.

FRED ARASHIRO	88-16 = 72
LARRY INAGAKI	98-19 = 79
TOM MATSUNAMI	86-16 = 70
GEORGE YAMADA	99-19 = 80

## Slots Tournament

BARBARA HARUKI, da winner and new champeen. First place was worth \$150 cash and so on down to 10th place. All others suck wind. Better luck next time.

LEATRICE NAKASHIGE, last year's winner and defending champion never win, place, or show. Nice of her to give others a chance.

Ohsodo while the tournament was going on, from the players and watchers as well. KIYO HIRABAYASHI and friend (TOMOYO WATANABE) hayo kara itte were the earlier ones to sign up. They didn't fare too good but at least can say they were first in line. Yappari da wahines get faster fingers, six of the ten that won

cash awards were women. Some of the first times (ladies) were overheard saying something like "I dunno how to play dis kine game" but came out winners.

Playing the machines next to YVONNE YAMASAKI was an experience. No can help but overheard her groaning and mumbling some wakaran stuff, went geev'em da side eye. She tapping da kine with her right and switching to the left hand muttering to herself, "dis kine, erai boy."

With so many new players signing up this time, shoganashi was forced to have two shifts. EDNA ARISUMI won the dubious prize, first from the last. The top winners were:

BARBARA HARUKI - 8772  
ESTHER NAKATSUMA - 8489  
CHIYO ISHIGAKI - 8158  
MITS HONDA - 8002  
ALICE WATANABE - 7896  
YOSHIO SHIBUYA - 7848  
TOM MASAMORI - 7740  
BARNEY ZENIGAMI - 7676  
MARGIE IJIMA - 7612  
MICHIKO CHINNA - 7574

## Donations

KAZ "KOTONK" FUJII & HIROSHI ARISUMI, very generous monetary gifts. GEORGE & MARY, several crates of fresh grapes, cherries, and berries. SHIG & CHIYO ISHIGAKI, nuts and ogo. TOM MATSUNAMI, Kakimochi. HELEN TAKANO, cake. KAZ KIYOMURA, beef jerky. ART & CECILY KIKUKAWA, mango chutney and barbecue seasoning. KIMI HASHIMOTO & son JERRY JR., salami and tsukemono.

These are the known contributors. If there are some people missed, not wazatto. Thank you all.

## Hospitality Room

Many thanks to the numerous people that contributed mostly eating stuff to tsumamu while chewing the fat. Even here in the entertainment capital of the world with exciting things going on day and night, the Hospitality Room was well patronized which made it money well spent.

Give much credit to HARRY FUJII and CHARLEY IJIMA utilizing it to da max.

### **Reunion Roster**

From California: KIMI HASHIMOTO & son JERRY JR., KIYO HIRABAYASHI, SHIG & CHIYO ISHIGAKI, KAZ KIYOMURA, TOM MATSUNAMI, FRANK & ESTHER NAKATSUMA, MIN & YAE SUEDA, TOMOYE WATANABE (Guest), GEORGE & MARY YAMADA.

TOM & LIL MASAMORI of Denver, KIYO NAKADA (PERSHING's widow) & BEATRICE UGAI (PERSHING's sister) of Chichago, LARRY & RUTH INAGAKI of Maryland, WESLEY NARITA of Michigan, GENGO & MASAKO OKURA of Las Vegas, KAZ & MAY FUJII & daughter KAREN from Oregon, TOM & MARY HIRAKI of Seattle.

From Hawaii: FRED ARASHIRO and sister EDITH, HIROSHI & EDNA ARISUMI, TEIJI & MICHIKOCHINNA, HARRY & KAY FUJII, BARBARA HARUKI, MITS & MILLIE HONDA, CHARLEY & MARGIE IJIMA, BOB & SHARON ISHIKAWA, YURI ISHIKAWA, ART & CECILY KIKUKAWA, HICHI & JANET MATSUMOTO, LEATRICE NAKASHIGE, YOSHIO & ESTHER SATO (SUE KIYOSAKI's sister) CHOW & CLARA SHIBUYA (Guests), HELEN TAKANO, TETSUI & ALICE WATANABE (Guests), MASAO & YVONNE YAMASAKI, BARNEY & BERNICE ZENIGAMI and LILY & MONTE OKAMOTO.

### **Miscellaneous**

Must be toshi, several in the group requested wheelchairs at the airport. For sure, going be needing more in the future.

That FRED ARASHIRO is a charcter if there ever was one. Seeing him with some papers in his hand at the airport and being the Inquisitive Reporter that we are asked, "Wat Dat?" Without answering, handed it over and him kara totte miruto, 232nd Engr./Band Chapter Roster dated 1976, 19 years ago. Present chapter president CHARLEY IJIMA nearby told'em, you better fix dis guy up.

The cancellations in a way was a little disappointing. Having your mind set in seeing/meeting the guys and they not showing up, due to circumstances beyond their control. Band members attending were TOM MASAMORI and WESLEY NARITA, both mainlanders. HIROSHI ARISUMI and GEORGE YAMADA have attended every reunion.

With CHARLEY's kid sister and husband coming from Grand Junction, Colorado and MARGIE's big brother and wife coming from L.A., the IJIMAs extended their stay a few more days. Wuz good for them, CHARLY hitting a Royal Flush at MGM... making the trip free.

Kaerishina, HARRY & KAY FUJII stopped by to visit their son HAROLD in the Bay area. Being already on the mainland BARBARA HARUKI tsuideni went to Dallas, Texas to visit daughter ANN and children.

The only two times everybody got together was the Aloha/Welcome Banquet in the Ohana Room, California Hotel and for the suckling (kalua) pig dinner at Fremont's Paradise Buffet. Otherwise it was to each his/her own and go do their thing.. you must know what.

### **Reunion Chairperson**

LILY OKAMOTO, our all everything shitoride did just about everything. No more her, no more Reunion, as simple as that. Get people willing to kokua (we are in that group) but to be da main boy, that's entirely another ball game. Takara. Jewel.

After seeing to it that everybody left for home in good shape, extended her stay several more days to have some fun of her own and relax. How she manages to keep her cool in spite of everything is simply amazing. No wonder, so wako mieru. Eh, MONTE, no watch out, people going mistake her for his daughter.



by SHIRO AOKI

### **Kohala No Ka Oi**

Kohala is a sleepy little plantation town on the southern tip of the Big Island of Hawaii. It is where I was born and raised. It's main industry used to be sugar with sugar cane planted all over the place right up to the edge of steep cliffs overlooking the ocean. It had sugar mills at Hoesa, Union Mill, and Halaula. We walked bare-foot to school from Hawi to Honomakau while others from far off places like Mahukona on one end and Niulii and Makapala on the opposite end came by bus while still others were lucky enough to ride their own horses to school. That's how we got to be known as the "Kohala Cowboys." It's main claim to fame was that King Kamehameha I was born there and the original statue stands proudly on the courthouse yard in Kapaau.

But along came World War II and changed all that. Now our claim to fame was that for the Japanese population of the district, we had the highest number of volunteers per capita (or so it seemed to me, anyway) to join up with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. When the parents sent their sons to uphold the honor of their country, they knew that some would not come back. When the war was over, of the first five bodies that were taken from the battlefields of Europe to be re-interred at Punchbowl, three were Kohala boys - the legendary GARY TSURUO HISAOKA from Hoesa; ROY SHIZUO FUKUMOTO from Halaula; and M. Co.'s TSUGITO KAJIKAWA from 17 Camp. Wow! Just imagine that! From all the KIAs that we had, three of the first five to be re-interred at Punchbowl came from the small sleepy little plantation town of Kohala.

**KOHALA NO KA OI!**

And then there's DR. WALLACE NAGAO, past president of Mike Chapter. He was born,

raised, and educated in Kohala. After graduating from Kohala High School in 1936, WALLY went to work for Kohala Sugar Company for three years so that he could earn enough money to further his education at the University of Hawaii. When he was a junior at UH, war came and soon he was a member of the Territorial Guard, then the Varsity Victory Volunteers, and the 442 RCT. After basic in Shelby, he was among those selected to go to Camp Savage and MIS training. WALLY spent most of his war years in Southeast Asia and the Burma campaign. After the war was over, he got discharged in Hawaii and two weeks later was in East Lansing, Michigan to attend Michigan State University where he got his Veterinarian's degree. While he was at MSU, he went to visit his long-time friend WALLACE DOI in Salt Lake City one summer and met PRISCILLA and soon PRISCILLA became MRS. WALLACE NAGAO. After he got his degree, WALLY returned to Hawaii and served as the Vet for the State of Hawaii on the Big Island of Hawaii. He is a three time president of the Veterinarians Organization, and was elected to the prestigious position of President of the Board of Veterinarians Association for one term. After 20 years on the Big Island, WALLY came to Honolulu to head the State of Hawaii Animal Industry and at the same time, another Kohala boy, SOTARO UEHARA was the head of the State Plant Division. So at that point in time, the entire State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Programs were headed by two boys from the sleepy little plantation town of Kohala.

**KOHALA NO KA OI!**

### **A "Weesh" Visit**

YOSHIO "WEESH" TAKAHASHI, 1st Platoon, was here in Hawaii for a visit in early March. He was on his way to go on an all island tour on the Independence when he called to say hello. I asked him to call me as soon as he got back to Honolulu as all of the "Magnificent Eight" as well as some other of his First Platoon buddies wanted to take him and his wife out for an evening of reminiscing but he did not call until he was ready to get on the plane for his trip back to

Los Angeles. When he got back to Los Angeles, he dropped me a short note to thank everyone for the offer to take him out and he would have gladly accepted except for the fact that he was here with this wife and her two sisters and their husbands and he did not think it would be right to burden us Hawaii guys with all of them.

On his cruise to the outside Islands, he met FRANK KANEDA in Hilo; PUFFY NISHIDA in Maui; and his good friend ISAO "SUGAR" SUGIBAYASHI took him around in Kauai. He also ran into DAVID UMEDA at Ala Moana Center. Too bad we couldn't get together with "WEESH." He is a first class guy.

### **The 52nd Anniversary Reunion**

The 52nd Anniversary Reunion festivities started with a memorial service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl on Saturday, March 25th and ended with an anniversary dinner at the Pacific Beach Hotel that night. It was a beautiful memorial service that featured the 111th Army Band, the Pledge of Allegiance led by a 9-year old 442 Yonsei NADINE MATSUDA, the memorial address by WILLIAM PATY, and the harmonious renditions of the 442 Choral Group which has Mikers RALPH & ALICE TOMEI, GALDYS UYEMURA, JIMMY KANEMORI & YORI INOUYE among its singers.

On Thursday, March 23, TOMMY KIKUCHI, RALPH TOMEI, SHIRO & EVELYN AOKI went to Punchbowl to place American flags on the graves of Mike Co. members buried there. The 24 Mikers buried there are: TSUGITO KAJIKAWA, TOSHIRO KAWABE, SANJI IKENO, SUSUMU ISAKI, YOSHIO TANABE, JIMMY MASUDA, KATSUMI ENOMOTO, RICHARD GOTO, EMMETT HIGA, SADAMICHI HORIUCHI, GEORGE ISHIKAWA, KENJI KATO, CLARENCE KOIKE, YOSHIO KURAMOTO, HIROSHI MASADA, ICHIRO NAGAISHI, CHIKAO NISHI, MASAYOSHI OHARA, KENNETH OSHIRO, HARRY SHIGETA, CHARLES TANAKA, HIROSHI WATANABE, ARATA YASUHIRA, and JOE "MUTE" TANIGUCHI. At the Anniversary ban-

quet, there were 21 Mikers paid up. Our chapter did all right in the door prize drawings with KIMIYO IDE winning a beautiful arrangement of proteas and YORI INOUYE winning a gift certificate.

### **A Visit to Maui**

FRANK NOMURA & NORI AKUTAGAWA took time out to fly to Maui to visit ITSUO SHIRAKI. FRANK reported that SHIRAKI is now in a long-term care nursing home, Hale Makua, and while the facility is well maintained, the recovery process for SHIRAKI is very slow and a painfully expensive one. FRANK noted that there is a volunteer, a former 100th Bn man, ARTHUR KUROHARA, who visits almost daily and spends time massaging ITSUO and in general tries to buoy up his spirits. Because of the stark reality of the expenses related to long term medical care, FRANK sent each one of us at the monthly meeting copies of how Medicare and long term medical care could financially affect us in the long run. Speaking for myself, I did not even know about the 36-month look back period until FRANK brought it up. Now I know, thanks to FRANK.

### **A Continuing Tradition**

Although we have lost our long-time benefactor, JOHN GOGIAN, we still want to keep up our annual summertime cookout at the TOMMY KAKESAKO Hall in Keehi Lagoon. This year it is to be held on Sunday, July 9. You will be contacted by our contact people prior to that time.

### **Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy to ALICE BEPPU on the death of her mother at age 95 and to JOSEPH & HAZEL YASUDA who lost their son JAN at the age of 43.

### **From Hawaii to California with love**

SHIGE & YORI INOUYE went to visit their daughter and grandchildren in Los Angeles in April. While there, they were able to get together with SHIRO & FLORENCE TAKEI along with DAVID & JANET UMEDA who drove them to

San Jose to meet the TAKEIS. SHIRO & FLORENCE were very appreciative of this visit from wartime buddies and enriched Mike Co.'s treasury with a donation of \$25.00. Thank you, SHIRO.

SHIGE & YORI also had time to get together with HIROSHI & GRACE YAMASHIRO and DICK & SUMI TOCHIHARA. Every day you hear stories about what a small world it is. But it is never smaller than from Hawaii to California when SHIGE & YORI INOUE's daughter and grandchildren live only three doors away from DAVID & JANET UMEDA's daughter and grandchildren. This world of ours is getting smaller and smaller each day.

JIMMY & FREIDA KANEMORI were also visitors to California in May, when they went to visit their daughter ANN and to attend the graduation of their granddaughter JAMIE HIRATA who received her degree in Biology from Loyola Marymount and was honored with the top award for excellence among those receiving their degrees in Biology.



by BRUNO YAMADA

### Memorial Service

Our Veteran's Relations Chairman, KAZY TAKEKAWA, deserves a lot of credit for the fine showing of I Company members and their participation at the 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service at the National Memorial Cemetery at Punchbowl.

Answering KAZU's call were: RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO, C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO, AKI & BARBARA KAMEDA, BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA, CHAMP SUZUKI, BELLA NAGATOSHI, MASA NAKAMURA, BILL NAGANUMA, NORMAN YOKOYAMA, KAZU TAKEKAWA, TOGO & GLORIA NAKAGAWA,

and TOMMY UMEDA with son ALLEN and daughter-in-law FUMIKO. Also GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA from Kauai, SHIRO & LOU KASHINO from Seattle, FRED & BEA MATSUMURA from Gardena, and FRANK SHIMADA with his golfing gang from San Jose.

Company widows included: LIZ NISHIOKA, BETSY YAMAMOTO, HARRIETH ORIUCHI and family, MICHU KATO, MURIEL (KAPUNO) SUZUKI, YOSHIKO OSHIRO, EVELYN OISHI, and VIOLET MATSUMOTO with daughter. NOBU AMAKAWA's two sisters were seen but left before KAZU or I could get more information on their identity. GUY KOGA and ALAN KUBOTA represented the hard-working Sons and Daughters group. I'm sure our deceased comrades were well honored.

### Anniversary Banquet

The biggest single group must have been I Company with 54 members, wives, sons and daughters, and friends present. They feasted on BBQ chicken and fillet of mahimahi at the Pacific Beach Hotel on March 25.

Miss KARI HIRAOKA, granddaughter of SHIRO & LOU KASHINO and the 1994 Miss Japanese Community Queen of Seattle made a brief appearance thanks to GUY KOGA. Fine entertainment was also provided by vocalist TRACI TOGUCHI. Door prizes winners were: MICHU KATO, HIRAM DOI, BARBARA KAMEDA, HUNTER DOI, SHIRO KASHINO, and RICHARD OSHIRO.

### Condolences

From JIM YAMASHITA comes word that JAMES MUKAI of Fresno passed away on October 25, 1994 from a massive heart attack. Deepest sympathy goes to his wife MARY from all his friends in Hawaii.

Other sad notes: UMEYO ITAKURA (SABURO's mother) passed away on April 15, YASUKO SAKAIDA (SUSUMU's wife) passed away on April 21.

KENNETH KAWAMOTO passed away on May 10.

YOSHIHIKO OGATA (TED's brother) passed



away on May 16.

EDWIN ARITA (ELLEN's brother) passed away on May 23.

HARUKO FURUKAWA (WALTER's mother) passed away on May 14.

Our sincere condolences to all the families.

### **Under the Weather**

TSUNEYUKI "MONTY" MURAKAMI was confined to the Straub Clinic and Hospital on April 4 and was operated on April 6 for aneurysm of the brain. After spending over a month and a half at Straub, he was transferred to the Hilo Health Center on May 19th.

JAMES OKIMOTO, who is suffering from Alzheimer's is resting at the Kuakini Geriatric Care (Hale Pulama Mau.)

EDWIN UYECHI was at Kuakini Hospital and later to the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific after a slight stroke. At present he is resting at home in Waimanalo.

We wish you all a speedy recovery!

### **Mini-Reunion**

By the time you receive this bulletin, the I Company Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas should be all set and ready to go with 120 rooms reserved at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino on October 22 through October 26.

A two-day golf tournament on Monday and Tuesday at the Las Vegas Club and the Boulder City Golf Club should keep some of us away from the crap tables and save us a few bucks. JIM YAMASHITA and FRANK SHIMADA will conduct the tournament.

The hospitality room will be at the Royal Pavilion with RICHARD and NICKY OSHIRO getting the headaches again. They were told that if they do another super job, they will become our permanent honchos. Please give them your full support.

The Banquet at the Kings Pavilion on October 21 is looking for a take-charge guy or a group. I'm sure someone will raise his hand soon. I understand that a musical group from Las Vegas (Hawaiian) will be part of the entertainment.

Sorry we cannot submit all the names who will

be participating at our mini-reunion but three welcome sights will be TSUNE SHIIGI of Hilo who is recovering from Parkinson's Disease; MIKE KREKOSKY of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania, and KAZ MUTO of Fairfield, CA, who is recovering from prostate cancer operation.

BERT AKIYAMA of Aurora, Colorado will not make the reunion this year but promises to join us in the future. BERT has been corresponding with JIM YAMASHITA and he has many interesting memorabilia about I Company.

### **Aligato**

We would like to thank the following people for their generous monetary donations during the 52nd Anniversary Reunion: MR. & MRS. SHIRO KASHINO, MR. & MRS. TAK SENZAKI, MRS. MASA FURUGEN, and MRS. MASA MANABE.

### **Chapter Meeting**

The Chapter meeting on April 13 and May 11 filled the 442 clubhouse on Wiliwili Street to capacity. Is it the shifting to morning or was it because of the forthcoming mini-reunion. Whatever, it was, it was very gratifying to President ARATANI.

Present were: MR. & MRS. RICHARD OSHIRO, MR. & MRS. C.B. SAKAMOTO, MR. & MRS. YUKIO NAGUWA, MR. & MRS. KAZU TAKEKAWA, LIZ NISHIOKA, HIRAM DOI, MASA NAKAMURA, SHIGENORI MATSUMOTO, MASA KOBASHIGAWA, LARRY ISHIKAWA, KAZUMA OYAMA, and MITS OSHIRO. Also JOE OKUMOTO, BRUNO YAMADA, TERI ARATANI, BILL NAGANUMA, SHUSKE FUJITAKE, DAVID ITO, CLARENCE TABA, TOGO NAKAGAWA, MITS YAKUMA, NORMAN YOKOYAMA, TOMMY UMEDA, WALTER FURUKAWA, GUY KOGA, KEN OKUMA, TOM HARIMOTO, ALAN KUBOTA, SADAICHI KUBOTA, MOTOMI SHINDO, AKI KAMEDA, MAMO SHIROTA and CHAMP SUZUKI.

### **A Visit with Jesse by KENNETH OKUMA**

After conferring with both HENRY KUNIYUKI

(Livorno) and KATS MIHO (522B) I proceeded to take steps to arrange a visit with TAKAMIYAMA (JESSE) OYAKATA AZUMAZEKI of the Azumazeki-Beya (Stable) in Tokyo on our recent 2-week sojourn to Northern Japan.

When we arrived in Tokyo on May 12, the Haru Bassho had begun a few days ago. I was able to contact by phone a worker at the Azumazeki-Beya.

After introducing myself as a long ago acquaintance of the Oyakata when he returned to Hawaii as a sumotori, I expressed my desire to observe the training at the stable. According to the worker, practice (Keiko) begins at 8:00 AM and lasts a few hours.

Thus, we agreed to visit the Beya on May 23 after we returned to Tokyo from the North (This arrangement was made without realizing that this date was just a few days after the tournament, which is explained in this article.)

We were not able to make the visitation on the second day of our arrival because we had previously made an appointment to tour Tsukiji, the popular Tokyo open market, to be followed by a train ride to Ryogoku Kokugikan where the sumo tournament was being held. Fortunately, BETTY's Tokyo cousin was able to purchase tickets for what was to be a memorable event.

The atmosphere was electrifying with supporters yelling throughout the matches. Spectators start arriving at least four hours before the first Makuuchi Division confrontation. The last match ends at approximately 6:30 PM. Needless to say, consumption of bentos was prevalent. It was a very enjoyable and satisfying experience. By the way, the three Hawaii sumotoris, Yokozuna AKEBONO, Ozeki MUSASHIMARU, and KONISHIKI won (I think.)

So on May 23rd at 8 AM, upon our return to Tokyo, we reached Azumazeki-Beay, JESSE's stable. As we entered the building, it was quiet and dark. Undismayed, through the persistence of BETTY's cousin, we were able to get through to JESSE.

As he appeared at the door, his huge frame covered the entire entrance. Although it seemed that we had unexpectedly awakened him, he

greeted us generously and graciously.

According to JESSE, after a major tournament, the Rekishi (sumotoris) are given one week's rest and vacation. That was the reason for the absence of Yokozuna AKEBONO, who was resting in a hotel. Some wrestlers were seen sleeping in a hall designated for them

We were pleased to meet JESSE's wife, who served us tea. She is both charming and pretty.

JESSE was generous with his time. He has a keen memory. Since he is from Happy Valley, Maui, he vividly recalls the names of his friends with whom he attended Baldwin High School where he starred in football.

For instance, he recalls associating with GLENN and EARL MATSUI, nephews of BETTY. The Matsui Store was owned and operated by BETTY's sister and her husband. JESSE said his mother used to patronize the store.

JESSE and his wife have two children, a boy and a girl. The boy is a junior at Boston University. When asked why Boston U. was chosen, he said that his son selected it himself. His daughter is a freshman at the same school. The proud fathers states that they are both doing well.

It was a heartwarming occasion. We ended the half hour with several picture-taking poses.

In observance of his 30th Anniversary in sumo, an attractive and informative brochure has been published.





by ALLEN NAKAMURA

### Honor Bound - A Personal Journey

It all started in spring of 1994 as far as we were concerned in our early contributions to the project, when GENRO KASHIWA called my attention to an ad in the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) newsletter to which he subscribes, that the ad is soliciting donations for the project, "Honor Bound." "L" Chapter sent \$300 and some individuals made their own contributions.

It was soon after, that we started to receive telephone calls from WENDY, MICHELLE RIDDLE, JOAN SAFFA, and MARIKO NOBORI for telephone interviews. Our communication network went to work as it was not certain at the time that WENDY and her crew will be at the mini-reunion at Las Vegas in September. When it was definite that they will be there, calls went out to the guys to bring all materials, photographs, their memories, etc. to the mini-reunion. The rest is history for an outstanding achievement by WENDY HANAMURA, executive producer, writer, and narrator of the documentary and her team of Director JOAN SAFFA, associate producer MARIKO NOBORI, coordinating producer MICHELLE RIDDLE, videographer DUANE POQUIS, editor TERRY KANE CHINN.

This broadcasters Gem is best told by a letter received from WENDY dated Dec. 14, 1994. Excerpts from the letter: "I was thinking back to last Christmas when our documentary, Honor Bound, was just a dream and a prayer. It seems like such a miracle that this holiday season we are on the verge of making the first edit in the opening sequence. It is thanks to all of you that we've gotten this far.

In October, our camera crew followed my father and some 800 veterans and their families back to the battlegrounds of Bruyeres and

Biffontaine, France. As the sound of "Taps" reverberated through the brilliant fall sun, I believe we all sensed the presence of the men who lost their lives in those dark forests. When the army band struck up the "Star Spangled Banner" I noticed the Nisei soldiers snapped to attention, standing a little taller, the years melting away. It was such a privilege to capture those images, those moments on tape.

Our crew spent days trekking through the dusty backroads of Italy in search of a way to the top of Mt. Folgorito, where the men of dad's unit, Company L, scaled a 3000-foot cliff in utter darkness to surprise the Germans entrenched on the Gothic Line. When we finally clambered up to the peak, the breathtaking coastal plain of Italy stretched beneath us. From the trench atop Mt. Folgorito, a sniper could sight anything that moved with 180-degrees between his crosshairs. In 1945, Company L captured the outpost. "Amazing," my father uttered again and again. "How could the platoon have climbed up that mountain?"

Now we have the hard task of whittling down the treasure trove of material we've collected into a sleek 51 minutes! But as an Oscar-award winning director once told me, when the cutting room floor is littered with gems, you know you're on to something of true value."

The impossible dream and prayers of WENDY are now fulfilled and secured for a place in history with her documentary masterpiece. Not only has she captured the heart of the veterans intimate stories never quite accomplished before, but she's also put together the sad episode of the U.S. government's internment of AJA'S in concentration camps, footage of Shelby days, actual front line scenes, the 522nd FA rescue of the Jewish prisoners at the infamous Dachau death camp, the return of the colors and the homely Alameida smalltown scenes. It's interesting to note that the U.S. Army had shot the footage of the 100/442 was considered an experimental unit whose actions and performance was being closely scrutinized. Yes, the real life stories of those interviewed mainly from the 1st platoon which was HOWE's platoon, JACOB,

GENRO, BENKITAGAWA, SAMIKARI, CASEY KASADATE, LAWRENCE FUJII, RICHARD FURUKAWA, HIDEO HIGA, ART KOURA, TAK HASHIMURA, medic FEB YOKOI, TOSHI NAKAHARA, 2nd pln & PAUL MATSUMOTO, Hqrs. really depict the valors of the men of the regiment.

Within the Bay Area, "Honor Bound" had a special premire screening by invitation only before the showing on KPIX Channel 5 Sunday, March 5. On Saturday, May 20 in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the National Museum of American History (NMAH) and Wider Audience Development Program presented a premire of "Honor Bound" at NMAH, 14th St. & Constitution Ave, NW Washington D.C.

WENDY plans to submit "Honor Bound" for showing at this years Hawaii International Film Festival but it must first be transferred to a film, a costly procedure for which she must raise extra monies. She is also looking for a national distributor for the documentary so that it can be shown nationwide. She hopes to get it into the Public Broadcasting Station programming lineup, nationwide.

I was appointed by Pres. Elect PAUL TAKIGUCHI as the '96 442 banquet chairman. Besides PAUL (M), the committee of GENRO KASHIWA, JACOB JICHAKU, "MUN" SAITO (K), "CHAMP" SUZUKI (1), RALPH TOMEI (M), SHIGERU GOTO (3HQ), ALANKUBOTA (S&D), and JENNIFER BAKER (Exec. Sec. 442) at a meeting on May 25, unanimously approved to invite WENDY as a guest and be a part of the evening's banquet program. At the time of this report, I am not yet able to reach WENDY on the phone at KPIX. Perhaps many of our friends on the mainland may be interested in joining her for the banquet, Saturday, March 30, 1996, Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom?

### **52 Anniversary Banquet**

We had a decent turnout for this annual affair with the following: FUMIO/MICHIKO OHASHI, BILL/LILY OSHIRO, HIDE/MARY HIGA, WALLY/MABEL KAWAMURA, ROBERT/LILY

SASAKI at one table. GENRO (MURIEL had to cancel out last minute) ALLEN, HIDE NAKAYAMA, YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA at another table. KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI, PAUL/GENNY MATSUMOTO, & TOM/TOYO MIZUNO sharing a table with Easy chapter members. TOM & TOYO from Hilo happened to be here visiting their daughter's family and were able to attend when FRECKLES/GLORIA OSHIRO had to cancel out for funeral obligations.

There was a drawing for prizes at the banquet with YOSHITO TOME's name being the first called. JOE OSHIRO was the lucky one as his name was pulled twice. Like a nice guy that he is, he declined the second prize.

### **Memorial Service**

Services for ELBERT IZUMI 2nd platoon of Chicago were held on April 21, 1995 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, 10 AM. Complete military services were held for ELBERT as SACHI fulfilled his wishes for wanting his final resting place to be at Punchbowl. YOSHIJI AOKI conducted the services as SACHI wanted it to be. JACOB gave the eulogy. The 442nd song and Rock of Ages were sung, which completed the services arranged by VICTOR YAMASHITA.

Besides ELBERT's family & relatives, ALBERT NAKAMA, YOSHITO OSHITA (mail clerk), "DOC" MIYAMOTO, TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA, MICKEY/TATSUE KUROKAWA, BILLOSHIRO, KAZUMA OGATA, JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, LAWRENCE. CHIYOKO FUJII, "COWBOY"/MARIAN MATSUMURA, M BETTY AOKI, TIMMY YAMASHITA, & ALLEN NAKAMURA attended the services. "Gomen" if I missed anyone. SACHI hosted the attendees to lunch at China House after the services. I begged off lunch as I had kinda woozy feeling, having just got over being dehydrated. Gotta drink lotts water guys!

## Obituaries

Our sympathy and condolences to TOSHI & BETTY NAKAHARA on the death of his brother KENICHI "KEN" NAKAHARA Feb. 17, 1995. Memorial services were held at Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary on Feb. 23, 1995.

## Donation

A donation of \$250 was received from GEORGE HATA of Seattle again. GEORGE who comes to Hawaii annually it seems, but we never get to meet him as he's always gone pronto. Thank you GEORGE for the donations to the chapter. We appreciate it very much!

## Apology

It seems there was a grave oversight in not recognizing the \$25 donation made to the fundraiser last year by FUMIO & MICHIKO OHASHI in the last article. It was inadvertant miscue on my part as it was listed on JACOB's computer list. Sorry for the error.

## No. Calif News

News, courtesy of SHIG YOKOTE of Loomis, CA. 1995 Officers for No. Calif. "L" Co. TAYNOBORI, Pres., FEBYOKOI, V/Pres., SHIG YOKOTE, Sec., HIDE KIYOMURA, Treas., TOM TERAMOTO, Historian. HOWE/MARY HANAMURA and SHIG/ROSE YOKOTE attended the 50th anniversary at Biffontaine and Bruyeres.

PIERRE MOULIN and PHILIPPE FORNEY had dinner with members of "K," "L," & Cannon Chapters at Jonnis Nipon Restaurant in San Francisco on Feb. 2.

TOM TERAMOTO, MEL TOMINAGA & SHIG attended the VFW Nisei Post of Calif. reunion at West Los Angeles. Next reunion in Monterey in 1996.

The following "L" members attended the premiere showing of "Honor Bound" at the Kabuki Theater in S.F. on Feb. 23: HOWE, HIDE K., SHIGERU KIZUKA, KEN NIHEI, TAY N., LARRY TAKAI, MEL T., BILL TOMURA, & SHIG Y.

Pres. TAY NOBORI presided at the "L" Co. semi-annual meeting at the Nisei War Memorial

Hall in Sacramento. Lunch was provided by Kampai Sushi Bar. Two motions will be held in the Bay Area on September 11, 1995.

There will be a celebration on August 4, 1995 at Stockton, CA in dedication of naming a portion, 67 miles between Manteca-Salida, CA, the "442nd Memorial Highway."

## EMIKO's Scholarship

My daughter CYNTHIA and I attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Beta Beta State Hawaii luncheon at their annual convention on April 18. I had the privilege of presenting EMIKO's \$1000 scholarship award to this year's recipient, GAYLE TOPOLINSKI of Maui.

## Shinonenkai

The attendance at this annual chapter affair is just GREAT! In fact we are receiving greater support than ever. There were over 125 for this year's shinenenkia. Chairman VICTOR YAMASHITA again put on a helluva show. Sez' he, "wait till next year, it'll get mo bettah!" I believe him as he's a remarkable person, never one to go back on his word.

TERRY/JACOB JICHAKU the old masters of the lucky number drawings had things really under control, which helped me as the M.C. to end the evening at 7PM sharp to get the kids home in time for next day's school. The event was held on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1995 at the H&J WEINBURG Memorial Hall.

After the welcome remarks by President HIDE NAKAYAMA (L) & Commander ISA TAKIYAMA (LIK) chapters, as this is a joint affair. MC ALLEN then recognized YOSHIJI AOKI & JIRO WATANABE back in circulation altho' we have not seen them at the chapter meetings yet. Another long lost soul, ROBERT YUKITOMO was also recognized.

This year for the first time ever, we thought of doing something different which was long overdue. All the donors, people serving on committees and generally getting involved to make this event a success were recognized with a lei and a BIG THANKYOU!! The following received leis: TOMMY KAKESAKO, LAWRENCE FUJII,

KAZUO FINK, JOHN FINK (KHVE Home Team 5 TV), ISA TAKIYAMA, HIDE NAKAYAMA, ALLENN., TOM FUKUNAGA (Sashimi), BETTY NAKAHARA, NANCY/JOE OSHIRO, TERRY/JACOB, MARIAN/COWBOY, RALPH SHISHIDO, JIRO, YOSHITO TOME, PAUL (P.K.), YOSHIJI, BERTHA LEONG & VICTOR. EMILY NEWMAN of New York, age 91, mother of KAZUO FINK were recognized with a lei also.

TOMMY had an assortment of items from Kakesako Jewelers - 1 \$120.00 ladies watch, 12 only ass't watches @ \$20 ea. for a total of \$360 in prizes.

LAWRENCE gave ass't plants. 1-rumohra *Adiantum formosum* "Leather Leaf Fern;" 2-Zamia; 3-Nephrolepis *Exaltata Bostoniensis* "Boston Fern;" 4-Davallia *Trichomanoides* "Rabbit Foot's Fern;" 5-Philodendron *Xanadu*; 6-Philodendron *Monstera Deliciosa*.

From JOHN - Hanes shirt; Hot Hawaiian Nights cassette, NFL on FOX cap; women's 14kt. Cross pen; Magnetic Creations.

ISA TAKIYAMA, painting from Pacific Gallery.

MABEL FUJIMOTO & daughter LINDA KALUA beside case ea. of beer & soda, had quilted baby blanket & Khong Guan Cookies. FLORA WATANABE had 4 cans of ass't Biscuits. YOSHIJI/BETTY a foliage of red ginger plants.

HIDE N. & VICTOR purchased \$400 worth of prizes from the chapters. This is hard work. Glad we have guys that are dedicated and volunteer to make the purchases. Thanks fellows! Purchases were made of can cookies, plastic bag cookies, popcorn, arare, instant coffee kleenex, wesson oil, paper towels, saimin, rice, fruit juices, etc.

Donations were received from: YOSHITO, ALLEN, HAJIME MATSUURA - sodas, 2 cs. each; PAUL TAKIGUCHI - 1 cs; RALPH, NIPPY LEONG, ISA, VICTOR, BILL OSHIRO - beer, 1 cs. each. BETTY NAKAHARA made all arrangements for paper goods, coffee makers, coffee, sugar, etc.

Donations received from TOM/TOYOMIZUNO of Hilo, \$25; "PLUTO"/PAULETTE ARAKAKI, \$50; ALFRED/PATRICIA ARAKAKI, \$10; KUNIO/MORANN FUJIMOTO, \$20.

The dessert table this year was recognizable with a large Dessert Table sign and a sign-in sheet which simplified my chores. I will need to make a Chinese auction sign with a sign-in sheet also. Somehow, I don't seem to have the Chinese Auction list of donor names. I must apologize for misplacing this important list. Please no huhu!

We can open a bakery shop with all the mouth watering desserts as follows: HILDA TAKIYAMA, 7-Up Chocolate Cake; BUTCHIE LEONG, Butter Mochi; NIPPY LEONG, Lemon Drop; MICHIKO OHASHI, Caffeine free coffee and diet coke Kantan; PAULINE TOME, Jello cake; DORIS ISHIDA, Baklava, TATSUU KUROKAWA, Baked Mochi; KAZUKO FINK, Ruggah A; GLADYS KIMURA, Cookies; ANN NAKAMURA, Mud pie (Ice cream pie); MARIAN, Yaki Manju; R. OSHIRO, Pumpkin Cheesecake; LILY OSHIRO, fresh fruit flan; ASAKO WATANABE, cheesecake. PAT PROTXMAN, Brownies, PAULETTE ARAKAKI, Chicken Dango; CAROLINE DANG, Chocolate Cheesecake; MICHIE SHISHIDO, Apple pie; CHIZ SHOJI, Chocolate Trifle cake; BETTY AOKI, Fish & Somen & Lite Beer Sprite Cake; YUKI TAKIGUCHI, Pickled Akule; BETTY NAKAHARA, Takuan & Nasubi Tsukemono; EDNA KURAMOTO, tsukemono.

So ended this wonderful family affair with a large number of sons & daughters besides the grandchildren in attendance, which in essence is the whole reason for this annual affair.

### Mini-Reunion

Four Queens Hotel & Casino will be the site again for the mini-reunion, Oct. 12 - 16, 1995. Following the now-honored, outstanding filming of the documentary, "Honor Bound," the participants will not be lacking for an interesting reunion.

From HONOLULU; YOSHIJI & BETTY AOKI, DAVID & LOUISE ASAEDA, MABEL FUJIMOTO & LINDA KALUA, BILL & HARUMI HAGIO, HIDE & MARY HIGA, GENRO & MURIAL KASHIWA, WALLY & MABEL KAWAMURA, ROBERT, LILY, DORIS & AGNES SASAKI &

DOREEN MATSUDA, PAUL & GENNY MATSUMOTO, COWBOY & MARIAN MATSUMURA, TOSHI & BETTY NAKAHARA, HIDEO NAKAYAMA, FUMIO & MICHIKO OHASHI, JOE & NANCY OSHIRO, BILL & LILY OSHIRO, YOSHITO & PAULINE TOME, MASAKO YUKIMURA, RICHARD/CHIZUKO FURUKAWA, LAWRENCE & CHIYOKO FUJII, JIRO & FLORA WATANABE.

Maui: KIYOSHI & BETTY KISHIMOTO, EDDIE OGAWA.

Las Vegas: TOM & YO MORI, SHIGERU MURATA, FRANK & FRANCES NOMURA.

Michigan: PAUL JOICHI.

Illinois: KENJI & LOUSIE TANI, SACHI IZUMI, JOSEPHINE TOMITA, BYRON & PAT YOSHINO.

Northwest: KEN & AKI HIGASHI, KOZO HIROMURA, ART & AMY KAISAKI, ART & FLO KOURA, TOM SAKAI.

So. California: GEORGE & FAY DOI, TAK & RUTH HASHIMURA, SAM & YO IKARI, SEIJI & HAZEL IMAMURA, MINO KAMINISHI, BEN & FUDGE KITAGAWA, MARGARET KLEGER, CHICKIE SUMIDA, GEORGE KOMATSU, RICHARD KOTO, HIRO NISHIKUBO, BETTY WAKAMATSU, DON & SUMI SEKI, KEO TAKABAYASHI, STANELY TAKEMOTO, JUN & BEVERLY YAMAMOTO.

No. California: LARRY & LOUISE DAVATZ, HOWE & MARY HANAMURA, PAUL HIGUCHI, ERNI HIRATSUKA, JOEY ISHIHARA, SUZANNE ISHII, HIDE KIYOMURA, SHIG & RUBY KIZUKA, JIMMY & PAULETTE KAI, AMY & HENRY MATSUNAGA, TAY NOBORI, ANN NAKAMOTO, KEN & MASI NIHEI, KEN NISHIMURA, MAS & MASA OKUMURA, TOM SHIMIZU, LARRY & BARBARA TAKAI, TOM & SUKI TERAMOTO, BILL & MIYO TOMURA, FRAN & KATHERINE UDA, GEORGE, CHIEKO, FRANK, LILLIAN, THOMAS, & SHIRLEY YAGI, ISAMU & ELLEN YAMADA, FEB, AMY, AUDREY, RICHARD & SCOTT YOKOI, and SHIG & ROSE YOKOTE.



MEDICS

Reports



by HERBERT AKAMINE

The Medics were represented very well at the 442nd anniversary celebration at the Pacific Beach Hotel in March. Among the couples present were the WILFRED TAIRAS, CARL MIYABARAS, SHIGEMI NAKAMURAS, ROY SAKATAS, TED MATSUOS and their daughter and son-in-law BRAD MOSSMAN, ED ONAKAS and their guests SUZUO & JEANETTE YAMADA, TAKASHI NAKAMURAS, SUEO FUJII, HOWARD KOZUMAS, TOSHIAKI TANAKAS, and NOBORU OGAMIS. Obstetrician OGAMI is probably the last of the 442 veterans still active in the medical profession.

MICHELLE MATSUO was the winner of the 1995 "Guess the Cherry Blossom Queen" contest. She predicted correctly that LAURIE TOMA would be the queen and LISA TOBARA would be chosen first Princess. She was able to name two of the court attendants. She won two Korean Airlines round trip tickets to Tokyo which she gave to her parents, DOROTHY & TED MATSUO.

DON NAKASHIMA, despite impaired mobility, manages to move around. He wrote, "Have been somewhat busy since returning from the 50th anniversary trip to Biffontaine and Bruyeres. It was an interesting trip but could have been better if we had a tour director. We wasted so much time in Florence and Rome trying to find our way around. JOAN had to direct the bus driver sometimes because we had been to Florence and Rome before.

We spent two weeks in Tucson over the Thanksgiving holiday visiting our daughter and her family. Had a great time playing with my grandson GREGORY. How he has grown!

After celebrating the Christmas holidays in Lodi, we spent some time at the condo on Molokai. My Tucson family joined us there and

we had a great time watching the great whales put on a tremendous show. GREGORY is ready to return to Molokai any time.

After the sunshine of Molokai, we came home to nothing but rain. We pity our farmers whose crops are taking a beating.

STEVE's wife SOPHIE will be going from Sri Lanka to Toronto to be with her folks until the baby comes in June. STEVE will be joining her then. We'll be visiting them in May after spending a few days with wife JOAN's younger sister in Baltimore. We then go to New York where we will take a cruise ship to Montreal. We'll stay in Toronto a month.

We will return to Molokai in October and go to Sri Lanka after Christmas to visit with STEVE's family.

I might as well have my traveling done while I can. I've had to depend on my walker and wheelchair more and more. JOAN has had to help me from falling sometimes.

The orchids have kept me busy. Had to do a lot of re-potting. The cymbidiums are blooming now; their best ever. The miniature ones are flowering too. The standard ones will bloom later. The cattleyas and dendrobiums are at their peak now. I have a constant battle with snails and slugs in order to maintain my little Garden of Eden."

MASA NOMURA, a HEMINGWAY fan, finally was able to visit Spain about which the author had written so much. She reported: "On our city tour of Madrid, we passed by Sabrino de Batori, one of HEMINGWAY's favorite haunts. In The Sun Also Rises, he writes about this place at the end of the novel. As to the famous bullfights, the season was over so we only saw the bull rings. Some of our group was disappointed because they had hoped to see the wild bull runs. I have some misgivings about bullfights because a friend who had lived a year in Spain became a confirmed vegetarian after seeing a bullfight.

We were rushed through the Prado Museum. Fortunately, TOSH NOMA, your fellow 442 Medics, lent us an annotated guide book which turned out to be invaluable. We missed the other

building where the PICASSOS, DALIS, and MIROS are located.

Our tour included the El Escorial and its magnificent mausoleum for the royals and the huge Valley of the Fallen memorial dedicated to those who died in Spain's Civil War. FRANCO is one of the buried.

The Shrine of Fatima in Portugal was something I'm sure DICK would have wanted to see with all the supplicants on their knees for blocks on end.

After an interesting stay in Lisbon, we proceeded south and ended in Seville where we saw what was left of the World's Fair.

From Seville we took a one-day trip to Morocco which was a cultural shock.

We also took a quick trip to Gibraltar and enjoyed listening to English as spoken in the United Kingdom. Of course, we had to have some fish and chips there. One of our group was a Canadian who had been stationed in Gibraltar during World War II. His reminiscences of that period were most interesting.

En route to Granada we stopped where CERVANTES wrote his DON QUIXOTE while incarcerated for tax evasion which reminded me of O'HENRY who did his best writing in jail.

The Alhambra was exciting. I have been intending to get to WASHINGTON IRVING's Tales of the Alhambra but have yet to do so.

The best was yet to come. I loved Toledo. It was so compact - old Spanish, Roman, Visigoth - one quarter mile of little waste. Oh yes, we saw EL GRECO's masterpiece "Burial of Count Orgaz" and some of his other works. The Toledo Cathedral is the Holy See of Spain and archbishop lives there. One can understand the expression "Holy Toledo" once he sees the magnificent cathedral.

Before returning to Madrid, we stopped for a day at the Costa del Sol - just a place to relax - saw beautiful golf courses and the homes of millionaire golfer SEVE BALLESTEROS, NICK PRICE, and NICK FALDO.

Spain was everything I expected and then some. It abounds in history.

I'm planning to see my great grandson RYAN