mention, have faithfully contributed time and funds for Mother Club projects throughout the years.

Many of the Livorno veterans were privileged to bring home the Regimental Colors of the 442nd RCT from Italy. President Harry S. Truman honored the 442nd RCT as the reviewing officer at a parade in Washington, D.C. in 1946 before the colors were brought home to Hawaii with great pride, in honor of every member of our Regimental Combat Team.

The framed memorial wall, listing the names of all World War II casualties, was donated by Livorno Chapter shortly after the 442nd Veterans Club was organized.

Currently, the Livorno Chapter consists of 20 members. They are, with wives identified in parenthesis: Jerry (Ethel) Doi; Haruto (Yuriko) Harada; Jitsuo (Ruby) Kawada; Howard (Claire) Kiyama; Henry (Emi) Kuniyuki; Masatoshi (Sumie) Mitani; Takamori (Kikuye) Miyagi; Minoru (Mitsuye) Nagasako; Jitsuyoshi (Kay) Nakandakare; Shizuo (Clara) Oide; Morio (Rachel) Omori; Tsugio (Janet) Sakai; Katsumi Sakotani; Harry (Nancy) Sekiya; Paul (Betty) Takaezu; Saburo (Amy) Takayesu; Raymond (Mimi) Tanaka; Kenneth (Patsy) Teruya; Wilfred (Frances) Watanabe; and Jerry Yamamoto. Janet, the widow of the late Ronald Higa, is also recog-

nized as a life member of our Livorno Chapter.

The present officers of the Chapter are: President Minoru Nagasako; Vice-President Paul Takaezu; Secretary Takamori Miyagi; and Treasurer Raymond Tanaka. The Chapter meets every third Tuesday evening of the month for a dinner meeting at the Likelike Restaurant. Attendance at the monthly meetings has been consistently high as the Chapter members enjoy each other's fellowship and talk story, comparing exotic ailments of mind and body.

Bringing home the bacon



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## **KANSHA**

### Gratitude and Acknowledgement

In our cultural heritage, the concept of "ON" (moral obligation) permeates our daily life and forms a vital part of our ethics.

When we Americans of Japanese ancestry suffered ostracism arising from the December 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, courageous individuals, in the face of public scorn, rose up in our defense. These fair-minded persons vouched for our loyalty and their steadfast support culminated in the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) that gave us the privilege to bear arms for our nation's defense and even the right to die for our country.

We value the support and trust they gave us. Once accepted for military service, other people encouraged us. During basic training and later on in combat, their faith in us never wavered. They exhorted us, inspired us, led us.

We cherish the confidence and belief they had in us.

And finally, some patriots half a world away cared for us during the conflict. These townspeople and villagers bestowed upon us their tenderness. As compassionate human beings, they mourned our suffering. To this day, they remember us and our brethren who rest eternally on their soil, in their country.

We treasure their everlasting love and bonds of friendship.

On this our 50th Golden Anniversary, it becomes our obligation to express our "KANSHA" to all these wonderful people for what they did for us, and for all others, who contributed to the betterment of our community. We can only say, very simply, from deep within our hearts: "Thank you."

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The 442nd Veterans are fortunate to have so many thoughtful friends who have not waived their support throughout these many years. On this our 50th Golden Anniversary, all the members of the 442nd RCT wish to extend our deepest appreciation to these friends for giving us this opportunity to make this Reunion a memorable occasion.



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