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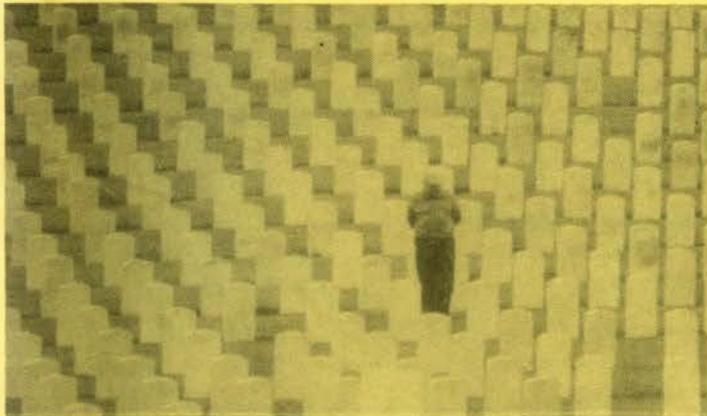
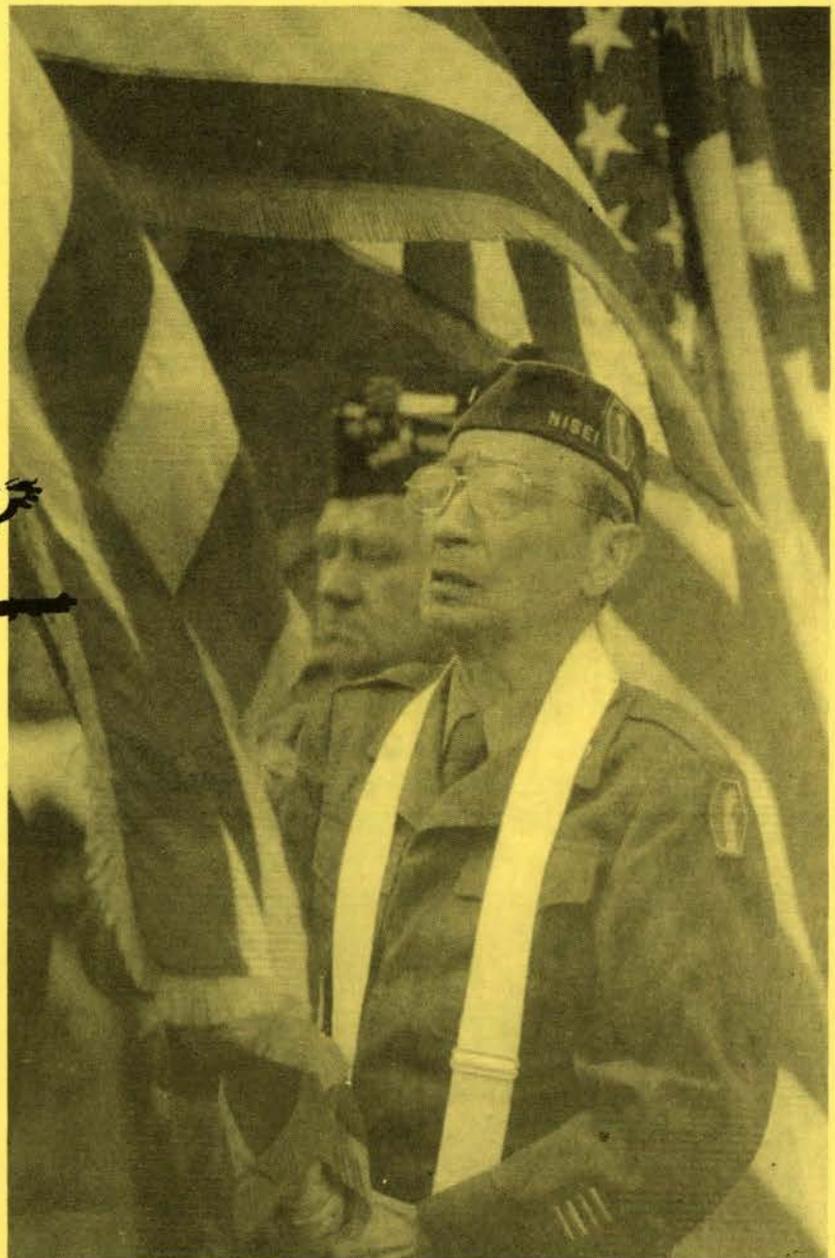
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A Day for Remembering



MACK NOGAKI, a 232nd Engineers/Band Chapter member from Seattle, Washington, leads the Parade of Colors during the Veterans Day observance at Evergreen-Washielle Cemetery where Japanese-American veterans were honored. For more on this story, see 232nd Chapter News

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by **HENRY KUNIYUKI**

As the "Go For Broke" Bulletin went to press, the plans for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Annual Banquet were being finalized under the able leadership of JOE OBAYASHI of 522nd B Chapter. The Memorial Service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific on Saturday morning, March 25, 1995, will be highlighted by the memorial address by former prisoner-of-war BILL PATY. Judge FRANK TAKAO of 171st Chapter is scheduled to serve as Master of Ceremonies. CLAUDE TAKEKAWA of 171st Chapter and his Memorial Service Committee are grateful for the usual effective cooperation received from Director GENE CASTAGNETTI's staff of the National Cemetery. We are also appreciative of the wholehearted support from the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve and the Hawaii Army National Guard. Former Executive Secretary ROBERT SASAKI's granddaughter NADINE MATSUDA was practicing diligently when this report was being prepared to lead the Memorial Service audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. NADINE is a first grader at Maryknoll School and is the daughter of GLEN and DOREEN MATSUDA, members of the Sons and Daughters Chapter. NADINE will receive moral support from her four-year old sister, CHRISTINE, and her parents. Our own 442nd Veterans Club Chaplain, the Rev. ERNEST UNO, readily agreed to give the invocation, with the benediction to be intoned by Bishop YOSHIAKI FUJITANI of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Musical selections by the 442nd Choral Group, appreciated by the congregation in past memorial services, are included in the program to give it a "touch of class!" Members of the Sons and Daughters Chapter, properly

dressed, will serve as ushers and reception hosts. The Board of Directors earnestly desires a good turnout of members and guests to honor our deceased comrades of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

ED ICHIYAMA, Esq. of 522 C Chapter, chairman of the Banquet Committee, reports that a good portion of the banquet program planning has been completed. Only the entertainment part is still pending, as of the January committee meeting. Hopefully and probably, PAT MORITA will be available to entertain the members and guests. Should his acting schedule preclude his participation, replacement entertainers are standing by. The emphasis of the evening will be on relaxing entertainment. The Awards Committee has met and recommended Kansha Medallion to be given to deserving individuals and organizations. The 442nd Executive Committee has approved Kansha Awards to the following: Director GENE CASTAGNETTI, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; Hawaii Army Museum Society with their President, Major Gen. HERBERT E. WOLFF (Ret.) accepting the award on the Society's behalf; and authors THELMA CHANG and CHESTER TANAKA. In addition, I will be awarding three Presidents Distinguished Service Awards, in the form of handsome desk pen sets. The recipients will be announced during the presentation of awards at the banquet. An innovation at this year's banquet will be the posting of the colors by members of the 522nd Artillery Battalion Chapters. Our talented staff Artist, JACKSON MORISAWA, will design the covers of both the Memorial and Banquet programs. The Banquet Committee expects the membership and guest participation to total 600 plus. Excellent door prizes, donated by local firms and individuals, will be given away, with the stipulation that you need not be present at the banquet. Door prize tickets will be distributed by each chapter president, who will also be responsible for banquet ticket sales. The Sons and Daughters Chapters has been given permission to sell souvenir items during the cock-

tail hours. At the start of the formal program, Chaplain UNO will deliver the invocation, to be followed by a rendition of the Lord's Prayer on the flute by ED KANAYA of 232nd Engrs./Band Chapter. Accommodations at the Pacific Beach Hotel, where the banquet will be held, are available at a reasonable daily room rate. A golf tournament will also be held as usual in conjunction with the annual Memorial and Banquet programs, coordinated by HENRY "BRUNO" YAMADA, Chairman of the Golf Committee. The Board of Directors extend a very sincere mahalo to the Annual Memorial and Banquet Committee members: JOE OBAYASHI (522 B); CLAUDE TAKEKAWA (171); ED ICHIYAMA (522C); JERRY ISHIMOTO (522 B); YOKICHI HOKAMA (522 C); ALAN KUBOTA (S & D); GRACE FUJII (S & D); JACKSON MORISAWA (Staff Artist/Howe); and JENNIFER BAKER (Executive Secretary).

Speaking of golf, the Hawaii Army Museum Society will again sponsor a fundraising competition on Friday, June 23 at the Leilehua Golf Course. The 442nd Veterans Club will again enter a foursome, possibly challenging Club 100's group. 442nd's participation is under the guidance of Golf Chair BRUNO. The Sons and Daughters Chapters of both the 442nd and Club 100 have been solicited to provide manpower requirements of the tournament.

From the administrative standpoint, I am pleased to announce that Finance Chairman KOBE SHOJI and his Committee have recommended a balanced 1995 budget to the Board of Directors for approval. Past President KOBE (Love) has another Past President FRED IDA (G) serving on his committee. Past Mother Club Treasurer RAYMOND TANAKA, current Treasurer SAM HIRONAKA, and Executive Secretary JENNIFER BAKER are the other members on DR. KOBE SHOJI's Finance Committee. The approved budget has been referred to the Planning Committee, headed by ED ICHIYAMA, Esq., to be used in their deliberations for future endeavors.

Councilman ANDY MIRIKITANI had the City and County of Honolulu appropriate the sum of

\$125,000 to establish an AJA Veterans Memorial to be located on U.S. Army property, Fort DeRussy. The proposed location is on the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road. 442nd Veterans Club staff Artist, JACKSON MORISAWA, has been asked to suggest an appropriate plan for the project. Immediate Past President RON OBA represents our Club on the AJA Veterans Council to assist Councilman MIRIKITANI. The memorial is to honor the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, Military Intelligence Service, and the 1399th Construction Battalion. The President of the 1399th Veterans Club, TOM TAKEMOTO, will be heading the AJA Veterans Council this year in rotation.

On February 10, 1995, the Lions Club International President, Prof. Dr. GRIMALDI, laid a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, honoring 442nd Veterans Club. Our Legal Counsel, ROBERT KATAYAMA officially represented our club. BOB KATAYAMA is a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.



L - R: Mrs. GRIMALDI, Dr. GUISEPPE GRIMALDI, MELVIN NAKAMURA, & ROBERT KATAYAMA.

The 442nd Veterans Club has been honored with invitations to participate at the special and annula functions of several community organizations, such as the Japanese Cultural of Ha-

waii; Military Intelligence Service Club; the Japanese Consulate; Japanese American Citizen's League, Honolulu Chapter; the United States Navys' Arizona Memorial; the U.S. Army Civilian Advisory Group; the AMVETS Arizona Award; and the Hawaii Army Museum Society to cite a few received within the past several months. The Veterans of the Military Intelligence Service installed their new officers and Board of Directors at a banquet held at the Ala Moana Hotel on 28th January, 1995. HENRY H. FURUYA, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, is the new President, replacing GEORGE TAKABAYASHI, who completed a 2-year term.

Through the strong influence of our Senator DANIEL K. INOUE, the Congress of the United States approved a memorial in Washington D.C. honoring all AJA citizens. The Board of Directors has been informed of this major project to be located in the vicinity of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. This memorial was to honor AJA veterans initially, but the U.S. Congress changed the plan to honor all AJAs, especially for the unconstitutional relocation of AJAs during World War II. The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation has been organized to carry out this project. The Directors of this Foundation met in Honolulu on February 17 and 18 to further publicize this program locally. HIDETO KONO, former Chairman of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, is serving as Hawaii liaison for this Foundation. Past President HAROLD FUKUNAGA, a Regional Vice President of the Go For Broke Association, represents our organization with the NJAMF.

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the new Director of George Chapter, their President GRACE ISHII was formally introduced. She is the widow of the late FRANCIS ISHII, inheriting his life membership according to our by-laws. Welcome on board, GRACE!

Our 442nd Veterans Club entities to benefit our general membership - the 442nd RCT Foundation; the 442nd Federal Credit Union; and the Archives and Learning Center among others are functioning well. The Editorial staff of the Go For

Broke Bulletin is commended for a fine last quarter 1994 publication. To assist and advise Editor ED GOTO, the 442nd Executive Committee will serve as their Editorial Board. As President of our Club, I have found a very diverse opinions as to how our organization should function. I sincerely appreciate these inputs to improve our day-to-day administration of the club. May I close this quarterly report with a quotation by THOMAS HUXLEY: "IT IS NOT WHO IS RIGHT, BUT WHAT IS RIGHT THAT IS OF IMPORTANCE."



by ED GOTO

Our last edition, which was essentially everyone's report on the European anniversary tour, received a lot of positive comments. Your thanks and recognition should go to all of your individual chapter reporters for putting it all down on paper.

That edition also "set records" for volume, production time and effort, and cost. A big volume like that last one involves extra printing, binding, and mailing costs (postage just went up too!) as well as some tremendous effort by JENNIFER BAKER to put it all together in time to meet printing deadlines.

The additional expenses required to put that "book" in your hands raised concerns among the Club's Executive Committee over the need to control costs involved in producing the Bulletin in general. A first-ever dinner meeting with our reporters was held to discuss that concern.

Although the huge *European Tour Edition* was an exception that will probably never recur, agreement was reached among our reporters that future bulletins should be kept to roughly 80 pages. JENNIFER and I believe that under normal circumstances this should be an easy target to meet without having to cut anybody's

submission.

We want very much to be able to print all the information we receive. We ask for your (our readers) patience and understanding, however, if we must postpone publishing a piece until the next issue.

We're also encouraging your reporters to do their work on computers and turn in it on a "diskette." If you own a computer (Macintosh preferred) and know your reporter, invite him or her to play with it and maybe someday use it to make up your chapter report.

I would also like to ask for your patience and understanding on another matter. While at the same time expressing his appreciation for a job well done, one of our reporters brought to my attention that his article contained a number of errors.

My apologies to you if that last "monster" issue was not well proof read. My needing to take time off from work to coincide with JENNIFER's week-day office schedule did not allow me much time to fine tune all those words and typing. I skipped articles proof read by the reporters themselves. I also admit to rushing through my reading of other articles.

Again, my sincere apologies, especially if someone's name was misspelled. I'm afraid lack of precision is something that you'll be asked to put up with for awhile - blame HENRY KUNIYUKI for volunteering someone who isn't already retired and can edit the Bulletin as a fun project! As time goes on, if I find I can't provide you with the service you deserve, I'll relieve myself of duty, as the saying goes.

Still, please continue to let us know if we can improve what you see in your bulletin. Your comments and ideas are welcome. Until next time.....

CONTRIBUTING

Editor

by JACKSON MORISAWA

Our Inherent Quality - The human character and the rational mind

Omori Sogen Rotaishi, one of the foremost Zen Masters of this era, wrote: "We really don't know whether tens or millions of years have passed since man first appeared on this earth. But we can say that we have progressed to the extremes in many ways, ethically and morally, in the virtue of the Ways, in art, culture, and religion, not to mention science and technology. And yet, why is it that being extremely in want of peace, there has not been an interval between war and conflicts? While possessing nuclear arms, which in an instant can destroy the world and eradicate humanity, people go around crying, 'Peace! Peace!' What is the story the uneasy people of the present age are telling?"

"Because we are part of the evolutionary process, we have plant-like cells and qualities of wild animals. Layers of physical, biological, and human qualities in a unified structure; this is what we can call man."

"Because of this stratification in his world, man commonly uses physical laws like the laws that govern the world of matter and biological laws like laws that govern the world of living things. However, man is blessed with an inherent quality, the human character, which distinguishes mankind from other animals."

"And even a man of noble and god-like character cannot exist for even a single day without depriving other forms of life of their life. This is the sad reality of human beings. Even a very honest and pure person must snatch water away from the earth, breathe the air from the sky, and steal energy from the sun without compensating Mother nature. Otherwise he cannot maintain his existence, even for an instant. This is the sad fate of man. According to this definition then, everyone bears the original sin."

"Consequently, even if a man really loves peace, in order to attain this noble aim, must kill the cow, kill the chicken, kill the fish, and kill the vegetable. To put it paradoxically, man himself falls into the scene of the great destruction of life caused by the survival of the fittest. Therefore, one can say that because there is no peace, one

desires peace. Man's existence basically possesses this dialectic structure. In this way the reality is that human existence is definitely based on killing. There is absolutely no human life that does not include killing or death."

"No matter how strong he is, a man thrown into this world with his animal instincts will find conflict. Man's world will be the same as that of a tiger or wolf because armed might is no different from the claws and fang of wild animals."

This profound perception of human beings was the concern of a great man whose teachings in the Way can alleviate man's spiritual malaise.

We must look deeply into this quality of human character. It has the potential to lift human beings to higher levels of existence. But without an understanding of this inherent quality, we tend to abuse this privilege and instead of acting as human beings, exhibit beastly behavior in an instinct of preservation.

Misuse of this quality also makes human beings the most insincere creatures of the animal world. Cats, dogs, and other wild animals possess true sincerity of nature. Their actions are natural without calculation or intention. Human beings, on the other hand, are obsessed with the rational mind. We believe that thinking before acting is the mark of an intelligent man.

Ever since childhood we have been taught to think. Why is it then that the more we think, the more confused we become? According to a knowledgeable scholar, "thinking" is merely collecting and conjuring stale habits and prejudices harbored in one's mind. Thinking only serves to disrupt an already confused mind. Disruption causes the mind to dwell and in turn disrupt the natural flow of the rhythm in action. This by no means is a natural mind.

A natural mind is free of delusions and harbors no habits. There is an old adage of the Ways: "If you want fresh tea, you must first empty the cup of old tea. Otherwise the cup overflows and never retains the fresh tea." The natural mind must be emptied of all the habits and prejudices accumulated through the years. Only then can

one create or concentrate to deliver the natural flow of action.

Concentration, not thinking is the true base for natural action. Concentration is the means to alert all the senses. It is unconscious or consciousness, therefore, works on natural instincts, the oneness of body and mind. Concentration utilizes an alert mind which prevents intellection to interfere with the natural flow of action.

In Zen concept, a natural mind is a mind of an enlightened person and is referred to as "Buddha nature." All sentient beings are originally Buddha or enlightened person. A newborn baby is the most enlightened person. The mind is empty of any learnings, therefore is void of preconceived thoughts which deter the flow of instinctive action. The naturalness is why the baby cries when hungry, sleeps whenever tired, and exhibits sincerity in all actions.

In growing up, however, we inevitably pass through the gauntlet of man-made laws, ethical and moral conducts, religious doctrines, and technological atmospheres conjured from the rational mind. We usually end up harboring all the input, the habits, and delusive thoughts that cloud our minds. Concentration is impossible in this condition and our actions become preconceived and calculated. We become creatures of our own making instead of nature. We eat because it's lunch time, we go to bed because we have to get up early for work, and our virtue is tainted because we know goodness and its rewards.

When you open the morning paper, what do you see? The news you read everyday attests to the level man's utilization of the inherent quality of human character has taken us. Our claws and fangs are showing.

The need to alleviate ourselves from human despair is present and real. Is there a solution? Some find solace in religion or in the pursuit of the mysterious and unknown; some find solace in alcohol or drugs. But external sanctuaries afford us little more than temporary relief, and religion, while it might soothe one's mind, cannot cure spiritual malaise. In this spiritual vacuum,

one needs an expression of spiritual freedom. Unfortunately, only a few look to the Ways.

And now in a lighter mood but with profound consideration....

Story of Three Archers

As any good story starts, once upon a time, there were three bowmen discussing the merits of their mastery in archery. One was an American, another an Englishman, and the last a Japanese.

The American extolled the merits of his bow and how they have developed it to a point of making it a precision instrument. The Englishmen lauded the classical long bow. The Japanese said, "Unf!"

The American stood up first, grabbed his bow and arrow and said, "Watch that fly buzzing around." He lifted his bow, drawing it with ease, and took a good aim at the fly. He released the arrow and the fly immediately fell to the floor, completely devastated. The Englishman looked at the fly and said, "That's brutal, no class at all!" He grabbed his long bow and arrow and haughtily pointed at another fly buzzing around. He drew his bow, aimed at the creature and released the arrow with much fanfare. The fly flew around for a split second the came spiraling down to the floor. The American looked at the fly on the floor and noticed that it was squirming around without any wings. "That's finessel!" boasted the Englishmen.

Now it was the Japanese archer's turn. He just sat there for awhile, calmly meditating. He stood up without effort and took up his ancient bow and arrow. He looked ahead and acknowledged another fly buzzing around. He calmly raised and drew the bow. With half closed eyes he stood for a long time, which seemed like an eternity. Unconscious of intention and calculation, he showed no emotion. The American and Englishman's anxiety was apparent, but before they knew it, the arrow was lost into the air. They both watched the fly in anticipation. The fly kept buzzing around and finally, merrily flew away. They looked at each other and suddenly burst into laughter and turning to the Japanese archer

said "You missed the fly completely!"

The Japanese archer, still standing calmly, nodded and said "Yes, the fly is alive and has merrily flown away to his home. But he does not realize that he will never again become a father."

And so it was once upon a time....

"The mind of Kyudo"



Sadao Okuhara, a Fox Chapter member, passed away on December 6, 1994.

Howard Kiyama, a Livorno Chapter member, passed away on December 9, 1994.

Mr. Akutagawa, a Fox Company member, passed away in the latter part of 1994.

Katsuro Miho, honorary Mother Club member, passed away in January, 1995.

Shigeo "Tonto" Aoki, a Love Company member, passed away on January 23, 1995 in Maui.

Takeo "Ma Ke Cow" Matsuoka, a 522 Able Chapter member, passed away on January 27, 1995.

Serge Carlesso, honorary Mother Club member, passed away on January 31, 1995.



by JOE SHIMAMURA

Sons and Daughters

This second edition of this quarterly news is dedicated to the Sons and Daughters of the K-s, the lucky generation as I would call them, with concerned parents who try their very best to give them all that was impossible during their youth. Were you to take a survey, you will find that hardly any of the offspring haven't visited that fabulous children's playground of Disneyland more than once. Visiting Europe for the 2nd time to join in the Vosges, France 50th Anniversary celebration. PHYLLIS OURA accompanied by her spouse, KELVIN and the ex-Presidente father JIMMY, while Mama CHARLOTTE and brother WAYNE held down the fort.

Seeing the continent by automobile was a new experience as PHYLLIS, our prolific writer, of this new generation put this all in words and described this trip. Surprisingly, an overflow of news is on the agenda, but not wanting to overdo it in one edition, we'll save the rest for the next one. An important headline for the k-members is the announcement of a pair of new officers having finally give JAMES OURA his retirement papers with his #2 CURTIS V.P. MASAO NOBORIKAWA. The 2 new bosses will be MASAO OKASAKO - President and HERBERT YANAMURA as your V.P. More about these 2 in the next issue as we give PHYLLIS the floor for this edition.

Second Time Around by PHYLLIS OURA

Seventeen years ago, Doc JOE SHIMAMURA graciously allowed me to write an article about my trip to the Vosges and the Jumelage (twinning) between Bruyères and Honolulu. The primary reason for my solo journey in 1977 was to attend the baptismal of ELISA LEILANI THIEBAUT who was conceived in Hawaii when her parents, Jean and Claudine, visited with the first group from the Vosges. (I have the honor of being ELISA's Hawaiian godmother and Doc JOE is her Hawaiian godfather.) Once again, Doc JOE has given me the opportunity to tell you about my recent trip to France with my dad JAMES OURA and my husband KELVIN. Our simple itinerary (Paris-4 nights, Vosges-5 nights, Chamonix-3 nights, Paris-1 night) allowed us to

spend more time with friends and to get to know our destinations.

We barely survived Paris: a mixup by the hotel; traumatic experiences with taxi cabs (and the lack thereof); almost getting killed crossing the Champs Elysées; expensive mediocre food; and hauling heavy suitcases on and off the trains. On the brighter side, we mastered the metro system and we know how to make train reservations. Since we had a kitchenette in our room, we shopped at the corner supermarket where we learned how to weigh and label our bags of fruits. The Sunday open air market at Place de la Bastille was an experience in itself - row upon row of stalls selling fresh seafood, meats, cheeses, fruits, all kinds of mushrooms, oriental rugs, and kitchen gadgets! We felt like Parisians walking back to the hotel with our baguette, roast chicken, olives, dried figs, and grapes.

PIERRE MOULIN, through his Siel Voyages, had reserved rooms for us at the Hotel de l'Europe in Grandvillers (6 km from Bruyères). We had neither the address nor phone number and we were driving through Grandvillers in a state of panic without sight of the hotel. Luckily, the it was right off route N420 towards the edge of town. Finally ensconced in the hotel's apartment - a one bedroom suite with a sofa bed in the living room and a full kitchen - I had time to catch my breath and reflected outside on the lanai. Here I was back in the Vosges seventeen years later, almost to the day. It was Indian summer just as before and the Vosges is still a welcome haven from the indifference and chaos of Paris. My train of thought was broken as we saw a young woman walking towards us. We introduced ourselves to WENDY HANAMURA whose father, HARUO HANAMURA (L Company) was travelling with RUDY TOKIWA's group. WENDY, a journalist in the Bay Area, was there to cover the ceremonies for her up-coming one hour television special.

I became a member of the THIEBAUT family during my visit in October 1977. In 1994, I was welcomed back into the family and this time, the welcome was also extended to DAD and KELVIN.

Their home in Gerardmer became our home away from home, complete with JEAN's wonderful cooking. The last time I saw ELISA, she was only two months old. She has grown into a charming young lady, preferring jeans to dresses. ELISA is studying English, German and Italian, and plays clarinet and saxophone. I was disappointed that ELISA's older brother EMMANUEL was vacationing in Quebec because I only remember him as a rascal 6 year old. We were delighted to get to know their younger brother JEAN MICHEL who is 11.

DAD and KELVIN probably did not expect to meet the extended family. We visited with JEAN's mother who lives in Corcieux and used to run a store. JEAN's younger brother RENÇ owns a charcuterie in Granges sur Vologne that is filled with wonderful sausages made by RENÇ. CLAUDINE's parents live in Biffontaine near Borne No. 6 and their kitchen is just as I remembered it. CLAUDINE's youngest sister CATHERINE was a shy 13-year old at ELISA's baptismal. I didn't recognize her as the vivacious mother of two. We also "met" family members through countless photos taken at the weddings of ELISA's cousins.

We spent our first full day in the Vosges (Thursday, October 13th) with CAMILLE and LUCETTE LIÇVAUX. (CAMILLE and LUCETTE joined K Company's family night during last year's 50th anniversary reunion.) The morning was spent in Bruyères. We drove to the site of the 442nd R.C.T. memorial in the Helledraye forest and the five of us had the forest all to ourselves. It was difficult to imagine the bitter conditions DAD and his K Company buddies endured in 1944 because 50 years later, the forest was serene and sun rays were streaming through the trees. Solemnly, DAD ascended the steps, placed a bouquet of flowers at the base of the memorial, bowed his head in prayer, and was overcome with emotion. Just as CAMILLE comforted DAD at the bottom of the stairs, a vehicle approached. It was Mr. GÇRARD DESCHASEAUX with an independent Honolulu production crew. On behalf of K Company, DAD presented a lapel pin to Mr. DESCHASEAUX

and thanked him for all that he has done. The production crew set up their cameras and lights. I overheard DAD begin his interview with, "Every October, around this time, I always think about this place." Although DAD continues to be haunted by the events of 50 years ago, he was satisfied that he had the opportunity to personally pay his respects to his fallen comrades. Afterwards, we drove to the Bruyères cemetery to visit Mama ROSA's grave. People in Bruyères still know her as "Mama ROSA", not Madame ROSA or Madame COLIN.

En route to Ventron, a mountain retreat and ski resort, we drove through La Bresse and wondered where MARY KOSASA and her 522nd group would be staying. During lunch, CAMILLE recounted his story during the war: He was deported to a German work camp where he saved two young Nazi soldiers from drowning. CAMILLE's act of heroism was transformed into propaganda for the Nazis. ADOLF HITLER personally signed a pass to allow CAMILLE to return to France for a visit. CAMILLE returned to France, but joined the FFI and never reported back to the work camp. LUCETTE explained that there are mostly new buildings in Corcieux, Gerardmer and La Bresse because the towns were burned by the Nazis during the war. It occurred to me that we don't know too much of our friends' war-time experiences.

We spent a somewhat leisurely October 14th morning in Bruyères. We befriended Ret. Colonel and Mrs. CHRISTOPHER KEEGAN (H Company) who were also staying at Hotel de L'Europe. The KEEGANS were without transportation so the five of us crammed into our lilliputian car for the short ride to Bruyères.

For lunch, Jean prepared an Alsatian dish called choucroute garni, which is sauerkraut (with saltiness rinsed out) simmered in dry white wine with potatoes, ham, bacon, smoked sausage and knockwurst. After a promenade along the lake shore and through part of Gerardmer, we decided to go to Biffontaine. We visited Champ des Roches, a curious "river" of boulders and went mushroom hunting in the surrounding forest. It was almost dusk when we arrived at

Borne No. 6, the site of the Biffontaine memorial to the 36th Texas Division, 100th Battalion, 442nd R.C.T. and the 141st and 143rd Infantry Regiments. Seventeen years ago around dusk, the memorial I visited consisted of a simple cross made of wood boughs with a red, white and blue ribbon. Now, there is a granite monument surrounded by turquoise glass. The trees that once lined the gravel road have been cleared to provide a turn-around and accommodate parked cars. The forest was peaceful and DAD placed a shell lei on the monument.

The ceremonies and luncheons in Biffontaine on October 15th and in Bruyères the next day were filled with pomp and ceremony. It was a herculean effort on the part of these two towns to accommodate the sheer number of people that converged upon them. I am appreciative not only for their hospitality but also for perpetuating their homage to the Nisei veterans for all these years.

After our own visits to the two memorials, it was overwhelming to see approximately twenty tour buses and their passengers invade the tranquility of the forests. The crowd made it impossible to get a good view, to hear the program and to take pictures. The sea of veterans all looked alike with their red, white and blue caps, 442nd insignia tie, gray hair, and glasses. It's amazing that in Bruyères, we found the K Company group in the crowd and DAD joined them for the parade through the town. For a veteran, to be able to return to visit an old battlefield fifty years later is special; to be able to march through the liberated town, is a victory indeed.

We left Bruyères the day after the celebration and embarked on a 7 hour road trip to Chamonix which is located close to the Franco-Swiss-Italian border. Through SERGE CARLESSO, we met a group from école Militaire de Haute Montagne (Military School of the High Mountain) when they visited Hawaii in 1992. Unsuccessful in rounding up K Company members to meet with the group, my parents spent time with them at the Pearl Harbor memorial. We did not realize the depth of their friendship until we

visited with MAURICE and GENAVIAVE GAY, their daughter FRANOISE, and ANNIE FRANCHINO. The GAYS filled our short, 2 day visit with many activities. We visited Aguille du Midi, a lookout perched on a granite "needle" (aguille) 3,800 meters above the Chamonix valley. The good weather we had in the Vosges followed us to the Haute Savoie region and we had a panoramic view of Mont Blanc and the Alps. Mr. GAY gave us a unique tour of the inner workings of the 11 km Mont Blanc tunnel that connects France and Italy. We lunched with the Colonel of école Militaire de Haute Montagne (EMHM). This extremely prestigious and elite military academy specializes in developing the necessary skills for combat in the mountains. We drove to Annecy where we met four more friends from the 1992 EMHM group for lunch and a walk through the Old Town.

Thanks to the 442nd and the Jumelage between Honolulu and Bruyères, I've had the great fortune of meeting many people from France. I strongly believe that the strength and endurance of the Jumelage and the memory of the Nisei veterans in the Vosges are sustained by individual friendships. Here's an update on some of your friends who have visited Honolulu in the past: MARTIAL HILLARE used to manage a hotel in Bruyères but now owns a tabac shop and is a proud father of twins. BERNARD and JOSIANNE HANS are parents of 11-year old CAROLINE and they have photo shops in Bruyères and Gerardmer. PIERRE MOULIN is CAROLINE's godfather and BERNARD is godfather to PIERRE's son, SEBASTIEN. FRANCE (COLLIN) and her husband Dr. BERNARD JACQUIN live in Pont-Ö-Mousson located between Nancy and Metz. FRANCE's father, Dr. RAYMOND COLLIN, is well and still lives near the church in Bruyères. Mr. and Mme. MAURICE CLAUDE are both in good health, but Mr. CLAUDE, now in his early eighties, walks a little slowly. The years have been good to Mme. VIVIANE CANONICA and DANI CANONICA who don't look like they've aged. THÇRASE SONET has retired from teaching. Mme. JEANNE RUPP is recovering from hip surgery

but walks with a cane. GILBERT NEFF, who bears an uncanny resemblance to ABRAHAM LINCOLN, travelled from the Marseille area to attend the ceremonies. SERGE and MONIQUE CARLESSO and PIERRE MOULIN were so hard at work preparing for the Bruyères ceremony that we didn't have the opportunity to visit at length. We were pleased, however, to have met SERGE and MONIQUE's grandson LAURENT, a personable 11-year old with curly blond hair and braces.

I promised ELISA that I will return for her wedding and I even promised to fold the 1,001 gold cranes for her. On that day, I'll probably meet all of her cousins and hopefully, in some small way, perpetuate the memory of the Nisei soldiers' valor in the Vosges.



by **RON OBA**

*Homecoming evokes
A Divergent memory
Of Camp Shelby*

Year of the Bore

"Oops, unlike the innocuous use of the word "haole" a snouty critter can mean pig, no swine, yes a hog. You can be a piggy like myself who attended the Chinese New Year's at the CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER and made a boar of myself by eating Gau, Jai (ever eat fungus with lily flowers?), and Toong Mai but my favorite were the different kinds of deep fried mochi balls called Jin Dui, filled with black beans or char siu. By consumption and osmosis you're supposed to be blessed by longevity, wealth, immortality?, unity and a whole bunch of mundane goodies mixed in the Jai. So who's a YEAR OF THE BOAR?"

Homecoming and Monument Dedication

Lukewarm, insipid response, and raised eyebrows greeted the announcement. Granted, it's not as exciting as shooting real bullets at the water moccasins or bayoneting a rattlesnake in your slit trench. It's not like ambushing the unseen enemy in the bushes instead of the ticks and chiggers that clings to you till you cry out scratching and digging those critters. The cold and snow of the Vosges can't compare to the hot, humid West Drill Field where we wallowed in the gray soil and tossed make believe grenades or slogged through the Louisiana marshes.. Surely the Southern Belles in Hattiesburg and USOs were not as forgiving as the grateful Senorinas and Mademoiselles who looked at the AJAs as heroes who could do no wrong. Those 25 mile hikes with full field packs, trips to New Orleans, Rower, Jerome and even furloughs to New York City were indelibly etched in our minds.

"What's there to see or remember?," someone said. 'Tis true, I didn't care to go either. I said that three times at invitations by President Kuniyuki to represent the 442nd. After the Biffontaine-Bruyeres trip I vowed never to take a tour group again. Well here we go. Joe SHIMAMURA and K Company needed more participants to make a group so we now have a composite of K and F Companies joining hands to revisit Camp Shelby.

Lt. Col. Herbert Sasaki who resides in Hattiesburg has been the prime mover to bring the homecoming into fruition. He met with Senator Dan INOUE to set the date of June 17, 1995. Herb says that Maj. General Eric SHINSEKI, formerly of Kauai, will command the 1st Cav. Div. Special Horse Show. His mother and family plan to be there. Col. Sasaki declares that this will be the ultimate reunion of the AJA veterans who trained at Camp Shelby. It will highlight the exploits of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry and help educate the deep south of the presence and contribution of the AJAs. Here's hoping that enough Vets feel the urge to go on a Sentimental Journey.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party at the club house was blessed by not having a Rainbow football game on the same Saturday night. RICHARD MURASHIGE, PRESIDENT, and his able assistant, DOROTHY did everything that had to be done about a Christmas Party. SHIGE HIGA again solicited potted plants to the delight of lucky number holders.

Unfortunately the celebration is taking on the air of subdued, staid old buddies standing around drinking and nibbling at pupus for the sake of making idle conversations. Gone are the days when there was nothing but talk of golf, golf, golf to the consternation of non-golfers. The Bingo set was used by another unit and not returned for our party, I was told. One other Chapter decided to purchase their own Bingo set to assure themselves of a lively evening.. The Bingo games always excites and livens up the participants. Guess the children are taking after their parents. The kids all missed the gambling. Attendance was good and a lot more grandchildren seemed to be in attendance:

SHIGE AND ROSE HIGA brought over JACOB G. COOK, TONYA AND SHANE KAGENO. YOSHIO AND CLARA invited KYLA AND JAROH TERAMOTO. BARNEY AND PHYLLIS MIYAJI hosted SHAYNE RIVERA AND NICOLE GARDNER. MICH AND SHINAKO drove KIMBERLY AND CARALYN TAKATA to the party. RUTH AND TAJIRO ushered KRYSTI URANAKA. TOMMY AND MAY escorted KIRA AND SHERILYN TAMAGAWA; RON AND MICH had son, GARY haul his wife, KELLY and children, KELSIE, CORY AND TRACI OBA for a fulfilling fun night for the children. The children always enjoy Santa Claus played by GEORGE NAKASATO. When GEORGE came back into the club house sans his suit, some of the children exclaimed, "There's Santa!"

The following also attended: BOB KATAYAMA, CHARLES AND AIKO ABE, DANNY AND ELSIE HOKAMA, DR. ROY IRITANI, WARREN AND MITZIE IWANAGA (A RARE APPEARANCE FOR HIM DUE TO HIS EYESIGHT), MYRTLE NAKASATO, JEAN OKAMOTO, FRED AND YOSHINO OKADA, JO OKAZAKI, CHIKAKO

SHIMADA, NATSUE OYASATO, KIYOSHI AND YUKIE TAKEUCHI, JOE AND SHARON TANAKA, BILL AND CUPIE TANAKA, PAUL AND CLARA YAMASHITA, AND FRANCES YORITA.

In Memorium

HIRO TAKUSAGAWA reports that DONNA OKUHARA informed him that our good buddy SADAOKUHARA passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 1994 on a golf course in Las Vegas. According to DONNA, SAD had just boarded a golf cart and slumped over. DONNA said that he had gone quietly and peacefully. A memorial service was to be held at the "RANCH HOUSE" IN CYPRESS, CA. with a reception to follow with the KAMAAINA CLUB in charge

"SKULL" contributed several intriguing stories for "THE MEN OF COMPANY F, 442ND RCT." His stories were funny, hilarious and courageous. We thank him for his contributions. We are deeply saddened by his passing and our condolences to DONNA and FAMILY.

I also received an anonymous call informing me that a Fox member, AKUTAGAWA had died of an heart attack. Our sincere condolences to his family.

January Meeting

MICH TAKATA presided and promptly proceeded to appoint PAUL YAMASHITA to continue as TREASURER, BOB KATAYAMA as the FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. BOB consented after announcing that he will still be working till sometime around September. MICH immediately told him that the 1st V. P. doesn't need to do anything until he becomes president. Naturally this opened the way for BOB to be our next President in 1996!

The Camp Shelby Homecoming, the Mini-Park monument, our 52nd anniversary banquet and LYNN CROST'S "HONOR BY FIRE," were discussed. TOMMY TAMAGAWA will again conduct the next GOLF TOURNAMENT after he announced, "Never again," at the Kalakaua tournament.

The mini-park monument honoring the four

AJA veterans' organizations, the 100th Bn, 442nd RCT, MIS and the 1399th, will be located on the corner of Kalakaua and Saratoga Streets in Waikiki. Design planning is now under way among the four units with the concurrence of the Arts and cultural division of the City and County of Honolulu. Fifty thousand dollars have been encumbered and another seventy five thousand, which is approved needs to be encumbered before long.

Councilman Andy MIRIKITANI answered that the idea of the monument was conceived between Professor Judy WEIGHTMAN and himself in order to recognize the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion for their part in the DACHAU connection.

ROY KUBO has been barraged by various ailments such as Pneumonia, exhaustion, and other organic problems. We wish him a speedy recovery so that he can participate in our next golf tournament.

Bob MATSUSHITA is better now and consented to send Maui News again; ditto for YURI TASAKA on the Kauai News. Fox six to Fox one, over.



by **ROBERT MATSUSHITA**

The 1995 Maui 442nd Veterans Club Installation Banquet will be held of February 18 at the Maui Beach Hotel in Kahului. Fox Chapter is in charge this year.

We met at Tasty Crust on January 5. Over a nice dinner, details of the installation program and duty assignments were completed. It was also a time to "talk story" and get caught up on news and things. Present were Chapter head TOSHIO ENDO, IKE IKEDA, CHARLENE & MASA HOKAMA, DOROTHY & TAKAO ITO, MIYO & TOM HIRANAGA, KANJI WAKAMATSU, and MABEL & ROBERT MATSUSHITA.

A homecoming and Go For Broke Monument

dedication is scheduled June 15 - 18, 1995 at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. MASAE and HIDEO MURAKAMI and ROBERT MATSUSHITA have signed up to attend this summer event.



by **HENRY KUNIYUKI**

The Livorno Chapter Livenews is prefaced by both happy and sad tidings. The happy news relates to the return of charter member, KAMEO "CHOP CHOP" SUGIOKA, to active participation at our monthly dinner meetings. The sad tidings, we deeply regret to report, concerns the untimely passing of charter member HOWARD HANJI KIYAMA on December 9, 1994.

KAMEO "CHOP CHOP" SUGIOKA was encouraged by fellow Kaneohe resident KEN TERUYA to attend our monthly fellowship meeting in January, 1995, held as usual at Likelike Drive Inn Restaurant. He was so well-known by his nickname "CHOP CHOP" that Livorno Chapter members had to ask him what his full legal name was to refresh their memory. To further refresh Livorno Chapter members a brief background history about "CHOP CHOP" is published herewith. He was born on May 28, 1920 at Pearl City, the son of the late MR. & MRS. YASUICHIRO SUGIOKA. His mom, ISANO, passed away in 1957, followed by his dad in 1978. In 1938, CHOP CHOP went to San Diego with his brother to do farming thereat. Upon the start of World War II, he was relocated to Poston, Arizona. He was inducted into the Army of the United States from Poston Relocation Center. I understand that the First Sergeant at the Induction Station at Fort Douglas, Pocatelo, Idaho, was responsible for naming him "CHOP CHOP" as the Sergeant was unable to pronounce his name. Upon his assignment to "Love" Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he

served as Mess Sergeant, one of the first replacements to the RCT. "CHOP CHOP" was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant after bringing home the Regimental Colors with others in August of 1946. He settled down with ALICE SHIZUNO TOYAMA on February 21, 1952. After working 19 years as a skilled cutter at Shaheens Garment Factory, he was employed by Jacqueline's of Hawaii for another 15 years. The Chapter reporter recalls taking advantage of KAMEO's employment with the wholesale garment industry by referring mainland visitors to his firm for aloha garment purchases. His wife, ALICE, retired from the Hawaiian Electric Company after being employed thereat as an IBM equipment operator. "CHOP CHOP" has kept himself busy with his shoreline fishing hobby after retirement. He enjoys bottom fishing with his 14' boat. The Livorno Chapter members are most pleased to have him back with us after too long a hiatus!

When HOWARD KIYAMA attended his last Chapter meeting in November, 1994 he bid good-bye to all his fellow Livorno members in attendance, stating that he was faced with a major surgery the following morning at Kuakini Medical Center. He must have had a premonition that he was not going to survive that ordeal. HOWARD's memorial service was held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on Thursday, December 15 with Livorno Chapter members manning the "Choba" reception desk. The Chapter reporter was privileged to give the eulogy at his service. HOWARD's passing was given wide publicity in the Honolulu Star Bulletin as his picture, taken by the Bulletin's ace photographer at the welcome-home ceremony held on the grounds of Iolani Palace, became world famous. This human-interest shot of HOWARD being embraced by his tearful dad has been published, not only in local newspaper, but also in Life magazine and other world publications. BOB EBERT, the photographer, won the American Photo Contest and many other awards for that memorable photograph. MR. EBERT, who retired many years ago as the Safety Officer at Hickam Air Force Base, was present at HOWARD's

inurnment service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific with full military honors. The video made by BOB EBERT has been presented to HOWARD's widow, CLAIRE, with the second copy given to the 442nd Archives and Learning Center. Besides his loving wife CLAIRE, HOWARD is survived by a daughter GAIL; two sons, MICHAEL and RANDALL; three grandsons RYAN, TODD, and KALAE'ULA; and two granddaughters, JENNIFER and ARIEL. He is also survived by two brothers, LOUIS and KENNETH; and a sister, ALICE MIYAGI. HOWARD was born in Honolulu on July 9, 1921, the son of the late MR. & MRS. IUEMON KIYAMA. During World War II, he was a replacement trooper to Company B, 442nd RCT. Like so many 442nd replacement troopers, he took basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He participated in the last campaign of the Regiment in Northern Italy as a rifleman. Upon cessation of the war, he was assigned as Company Clerk of Baker Company. His last duty with Company B was among the several hundred 442nd replacement GIs who were given the distinct honor of bringing home the 442nd Regimental Colors to Hawaii after parading before President HARRY TRUMAN in Washington D.C. HOWARD was honorably discharged as a Sergeant on August 15, 1946. Shortly thereafter, he became a charter member of the Livorno Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club. Upon his return from the European theater of operations, HOWARD settled down with CLAIRE YOSHIE HARADA on November 20, 1948. His long 36-year employment span began as a salesman for Pacific Meat Company. After 17 years with Pacific Meat Company, he was employed by several other wholesale meat establishments. His work record also includes five years as a storekeeper for the Honolulu Police Department. HOWARD retired in 1983 after ten long and faithful career as manager of both Ala Moana and Pearl Ridge outlets of Honolulu Sporting Goods. During his lifetime, HOWARD was an avid deep sea fisherman. He and his family participated in the International Billfish Tournament for twenty years. HOWARD also had a lucrative side business of making special-

ized fishing rods which were much in demand. The Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament records show HOWARD with the highest individual score; the recipient of the Duke Kahanamoku Memorial Trophy; and the contestant with the largest billfish caught on a heavy tackle. HOWARD KIYAMA's family has the distinction of registering more billfish caught over 500 pounds in the history of the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament. "Pain makes man think; thought makes man wise; wisdom make life endurable." May HOWARD rest in peace.



At the monthly dinner meeting of the Chapter in January, the following members expressed interest in participating in the 442nd RCT's 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet: JERRY & ETHEL DOI; HARUTO & YURIKO HARADA; JITSUO & RUBY KAWADA; HENRY & EMI KUNIYUKI; MASATOSHI & SUMIE MITANI; TAKAMORI & KIKUYE MIYAGI; MINORU & MITSUE NAGASAKO; SHIZUO & CLARA OIDE; MORIO & RACHEL OMORI; PAUL & BETTY TAKAEZU; RAYMOND & MIMI TANAKA; JAMES & FLORENCE WATANABE; and JERRY YAMAMOTO. Widows of former

members were invited to both functions as guests of Livorno Chapter. The invitees were: JANET HIGA, SACHI MIKI, and CLAIRE KIYAMA. FRANCES WATANABE also accepted our invitation. the details of the Chapter's involvement at both important annual programs will be covered in the following issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin. Arrivadecci!



by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

Shinnenkai

Our annual Shinnenkai was held on January 28th at the Clubhouse, with food catered from the Suehiro Restaurant. TAKETO KAWABATA was generous enough to pick up the food from Suehiro with his station wagon. He was very cautious about making sure that the food or "shiriu" was not spilled when unloading. All of the guys who helped in the unloading were told to watch out, and don't spill anything. Otherwise, his station wagon would probably smell like "s—t" after a few days.

The turnout by our members and their wives was excellent. We had over 30 present.

EDDIE OCHIAI coordinated the program, making sure new attendees were introduced, so that they could be made to feel at home.

As usual, the Treasurer (YOSHI YOSHIWA) was very busy, to ensure that all of the members paid their 1995 chapter dues, any penalties from 1994, party costs, and the annual 442 banquet costs (if they were planning to attend). He accumulated a big bundle of cash and checks, so he must've deposited the collections into the bank the following Monday.

We are very fortunate in having 2 excellent skin divers in our chapter. They provided excellent "tako pupus" for all to enjoy. Take a bow, TAKESHI ONUMA and RAY HANDA. Some poki and other tasty "pupus" were also available.

After the sumptuous dishes were served and gobbled up by the members and their wives, EDDIE OCHIAI set up a thinking person's game, of trying to decipher a phrase from groups of pictures and letters. It reflected on how we are getting older, because most of us could identify only a few out of 20 chances.

As usual, bingo was played for a few games and most of the wives won, so it made them happier.

Door prizes were given to each participant, so everyone was happy. GRACE ISHII and the AMIIS donated the prizes. Thank you very much to all who donated.

Incidentally, GRACE apologized earlier that the party was in conflict with her annual trip to Vegas at Super Bowl time, so she couldn't make it. She said later that she was lucky that she went with the 49ers and won some money. How much?

The following people attended the party: RICHARD AJIFU, ALFRED & HELEN AMII, KICHIO EBISUYA, DR. KENNETH FUJIMOTO,

HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, RAY & PAT HANDA, HENRY HORI, FRED & DOLORES IDA, ROBERT ITO, TOSHIMASA KANAI, TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA, JOHN & CLARA KIKUYAMA, ROBERT & HARRIET MIYATA, KAZU & FUJIKO MOTOBU, EDDIE OCHIAI, TAKESHI ONUMA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, EDDIE & EMILY TAMANAHA, SPEED & EDNA TANNA, RALPH YEMPUKU, YOSHI & CAROL YOSHIWA, and GEORGE & CHIYOKO HAMADA.

Obituary

JUDY KOMO, wife of our late member, JAMES KOMO, passed away on January 22 in Straub Hospital. Private services were held, so our members couldn't pay our last respects. A few of the members and their wives visited the grave site at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery. She will be buried next to JIMMY at the site. Our condolences to her sons, DARRYL and LANCE KOMO and daughters JOY OJIRI and LORI YAMADA.



(Left to right - seating): LILLIAN NODA, DOLORES IDA, JANET KONDO and SUENO NAKAMURA. (Left to right - standing): FRED IDA, TOSHIMITSU KONDO, HAJIME MIYAMOTO, KAORU NODA, MITSUKI MATSUNAGA, and JACK KONDO.

Get Together in Hilo bu FRED IDA

On their annual trip to Hilo, through the efforts of JACK KONDO, DOLORES and FRED IDA were guests of the Hilo G Company group as shown in the photo below. The meeting took place at Restaurant Miwa and after lunch much of the early afternoon was spent talking about "them good old days." MAC SEWAKE ran into car trouble, driving in from Kohala and couldn't make it.

Mini-Reunion in Vegas

A contingent of Hawaii and mainland G Company guys and their wives will have a get-together at Fremont Hotel on March 10, 1995. No programs are set up except for a dinner on March 10th at Fremont. Everyone is setting up their own itinerary and travel plans. According to FRED IDA, who had coordinated the gathering, the following people have signed up with FRED as of Feb. 9, 1995:

Mainland: BILL & ESTHER ODA, STANLEY SERIKAKU, MARY KAWABATA, JIMMY & ALICE DOI, SACHI & TAK NAKAMOTO, DEWEY & KIYO FUKUI, GEORGE & MARY NAKATSU, TETS & DOTASATO, KAY SEKINO, BONES & SHIZ FUJIMOTO, TED TAKENAKA, IKE IKEDA, GEORGE & MARY KARATSU, JIM YOSHIZAWA, JIM & MASAYOMAKINO, CHIYE & GEORGE HAYASHI, DOT NAKAGAWA, YUKIO OKAMOTO, ROY & FUMI MACHIDA and ARTHUR & GRACE NISHIMOTO.

Hawaii: FRED, DOLORES, & DENNIS IDA, HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, RALPH YEMPUKU, SPEED & EDNA TANNA, KICHIO & ROSE EBISUYA, HENRY HORII, SHIGEMI & BETTY ISHIZAKI, and EDDIE TAMANAHA and his brother-in-law.

Interview with TAKESHI ONUMA and RAY HANDA

TAKESHI and RAY had difficulty remembering what they did or what happened during their military days, but after they started to talk about some things, they remembered what happened to them. TAKESHI said that he volunteered, but didn't get called in when they first called the

group from Kauai, where he resided. When the called in more guys later, because the quota assigned to the mainland AJAs was way short, he was called in, so he arrived in Schofield Barracks Tent City about a week later than the first group from Kauai. TAKESHI worked in Pearl Harbor just before the war started. He was a good friend of BARNEY HAJIRO, who was from Kauai also. BARNEY told him that if TAKESHI wanted to work on a defense job, he could get him in, so TAKESHI agreed. His first assignment was to operate a buster, breaking up concrete. He was so tired after the first day that he couldn't control his hands. He had a hard time opening and closing his fingers. That job lasted only a short while, because of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He went to work that night on a train, but saw how much damage there was and the confusion, that he turned around and went home in Honolulu. All AJAs were kicked off the jobs in Pearl Harbor area, so he did the right thing anyway. He complained that he didn't get paid for the few days he worked, so the federal government saved some money there.

TAKESHI remembered the first day of action, when the squad was walking along the hillside under a grove of olive trees and later seeing some 442 guys getting attacked by the enemy along the road below where they were. Later he found out that they were F Co. guys.

The next episode he remembers was when G Co. captured 3 German jeeps and some Germans when they drove into the area by the small village, which was occupied by G Co.

Both RAY and TAKESHI remember Hill 140 vividly, because of the mortar and artillery barrages received by G Co., along with the rest of the 2nd Battalion. TAKESHI thinks that LT. HILL got hit there. He couldn't understand how he got hit on the reverse slope. He recalled that his BAR man got hit there, but couldn't remember his name. That guy's name was NOMURA, a mainland guy. He was hit on the neck and blood was oozing out. TAKESHI put his finger on the wound to stop the bleeding. In the meantime, NOMURA kept saying, "I going die, I going die." NOMURA was TAKESHI's ammunition bearer.

He was evacuated and survived.

TAKESHI said that he felt like a zombie and couldn't think straight. He was just following orders. Two times he wanted to give up, because he felt like he was going to get killed. Once, he just stood up from the hole, like he didn't care, but he didn't get hit. Then his mind came back to normal, and he went back into the hole. He felt the same way in Bruyeres when all of his friends went back to the hospital from wounds and trench feet. They were attached to the 3rd Battalion at that time when there were only a few guys left in the Co. He remembers GEORGE IDA was frustrated because they shot rifle grenades at the enemy, but the grenades hit the trees and exploded without hitting the enemy. At that time, he wanted to go back to the Battalion Aid Station, but the Japanese blood told him, "You cannot go back!" RAY HANDA said, "I cannot remember too much, but I remember they gave me the squad, because we only had a few guys left. This was only a short time before I went to the hospital because of trench feet. I think that's why the promotion to sergeant was not made official, because I went to the hospital before any action was taken."

RAY and TAKESHI were confused about who was the squad leader for 1st squad, 1st platoon. HAROLD explained that FRED IDA was in charge when we went into combat, but after he was wounded and hospitalized in Italy, ART NISHIMOTO took over. ART led the squad through Bruyeres until JAMES ADACHI, our platoon sergeant, was wounded and he took over as platoon sergeant.

TAKESHI recalls the time that 442 was transferred to France from Italy, that it was rainy and cold. The few days spent near Marseilles in the bivouac area was rainy and cold and muddy. It was a miserable experience; however it wasn't so bad, when compared to the conditions after we hit the front lines in the Vosges Mountains.

RAY remembers one incident just outside the town of Bruyeres. We encountered some strong enemy machine gun fire. After firing at them for a while, the enemy troops ran from their gun positions outside a building and into the build-

ing, which looked like a small warehouse. RAY took his rifle grenade and fired at the enemy into the building. It was a perfect strike, but there was no explosion as we expected. We all asked him what happened. He thinks that he forgot to remove the safety pin from the grenade, so it didn't explode. He was ribbed about it later.

HAROLD FUKUNAGA recalls an incident after we had gone through Bruyeres already and were in the pine forests, when we were shelled. KAORU NODA and he jumped into the same fox hole for protection. KAORU suddenly yelled out, "I got hit, I got hit!" HAROLD looked at him, but couldn't see any blood, so he asked, "Where, where?" KAORU told him, "By my neck." HAROLD finally was able to locate a small piece of shrapnel sticking out of KAORU's neck, so he used the gauze bandage that every rifleman carries with him and bandaged him and told him to go back to the Battalion Aid Station. He returned the next day and said that the medics removed the piece and told him to return to duty.

TAKESHI recalls that because he was on the line for so long, he started wishing for a "million dollar wound," so that he could be sent back to the U.S. for recuperation and out of the war. He was one of the few front line guys in the 442 that went through all of the campaigns and never was wounded enough to warrant going to the hospital for recuperation and being out of the war, even temporarily. He remembers the time in the mountains near Sospel, when "FUZZY" OSHIRO was killed accidentally from a grenade explosion. The Co. was in a defensive position in the mountains near the Italian border. Therefore the guys had much time, outside manning the outpost and going on patrols. The guys were playing poker in a dugout and were leaving the dugout when he stepped on a grenade, which was in a guy's overcoat pocket lying on the floor. When the grenade exploded, he was hit with some of the shrapnel in the back. A carrying party was organized and he was carried back to the Company CP in Castillion, about 3 miles away. He was transported to a hospital, which later reported that he died of the wounds.

RAY said that he rejoined the Company after

Bruyeres from the hospital, where he went for his trench feet or frost bite. After the company pulled out of Sospel, he was reclassified to Class B or non-combat status. He was transferred to a quartermaster outfit when the Regiment went to Marseilles, before returning to Italy. He spent the rest of the war with a quartermaster laundry outfit in Northern France (near Nancy). He returned to Hawaii after they started sending guys with enough points home after the war.

TAKESHI recalls the last push when we had to go early one morning towards the steep hill. He noticed that there were many new replacements, who were quite nervous, hearing the enemy artillery shells whizzing overhead. Some of the guys were hitting the ground. I guess you can't fault these guys, because it was their baptism of fire, so they couldn't judge whether the shells would land close or not. Only through experience would they learn to distinguish the close ones from the distant ones. He remembers the difficulty we had trying to carry the heavy mortar and bazooka rounds that every rifleman had to carry, to relieve the ammunition bearers from the impossible task of carrying the ammunition themselves up the steep mountainside. He thinks that some of the guys left some of the ammo aside, because the task was too much for them.

On one of the attacks near the town of Massa, the platoon was leading the attack when they were confronted by heavy enemy machine gun fire. As a result, they had to hold up and dig in. The enemy counter attacked, using tank fire as well as machine gun fire. Several guys were wounded from the tank fire, which ripped into the ranks of dug-in rifleman. The enemy tried to infiltrate into the platoon perimeter in the evening, but was beaten off by the platoon. Among the guys who were wounded were: FRED IDA and HAROLD FUKUNAGA from the tank fire. One of the H Co. heavy weapons guys was killed in this skirmish.

TAKESHI remembers that G Co. had some lousy sergeants. He remembers that platoon sergeant JAMES ADACHI was a "stinker" in

training, so nobody liked him. He thinks that's the reason why he never attended the reunions. HAROLD thought that ADACHI seemed okay, but that's because he and some others were transferred to G Co. from C Company a few weeks before the unit was sent overseas, so they didn't experience any of the training days with G Co. In order to build up the companies to full strength, the 1st Battalion of 442 was cannibalized and the men in that battalion were transferred to many of the companies in the 2nd and 3rd battalions. TAKESHI remembers LT. HOLMES, who was the 1st platoon leader. He left the platoon just before Hill 140, claiming he had stomach trouble. He never returned to the platoon. LT. ARTHUR BOYD came in as a replacement to LT. HOLMES. He was a fast runner, especially when we had to pull back from an artillery barrage or something. He ran, especially during the Pisa combat patrol, which lasted about a day and a half. When he first joined us, we pulled something on him. We told him that in our outfit, the platoon leader had to lead the attack, and that the men would follow. He was very worried. Later, we told him that it was only a joke. The scouts were sent out as point men.

TAKESHI said that it's hard to remember all what happened, but he remembers thinking that how will he be able to survive the war, especially since he was on the front lines for so long. He kept thinking that he will be hit sooner or later, because the law of averages was going to catch up with him. He guessed that everyone was trying to do his job and survive the war.



by ALLEN NAKAMURA

On many occasions, we cannot find adequate words to fulfill our expression, whether it be appreciations or sympathies. Our hardcore

members fall into this category with their generous donations every year, materially and by participation. Its no wonder then, that our fund-raisers continue to be a great success, enabling the chapter to hold our two important social events during the year; the Shinnenkai and fund-raiser.

Direct donations to EMIKO's Scholarship Fund (ESF): ALLEN NAKAMURA, \$96 (\$50 to ESF); TOSHIO & BETTY NAKAHARA, \$25; JACOB & TERRY JICHAKU, \$125 (\$65 to ESF); KOBE & CHIZ SHOJI, \$250 (\$150 to ESF). Donations received through the mail: BILL & LILY OSHIRO, \$50 (\$25 to ESF); PLUTO & PATRICIA ARAKAKI, \$100; HIDEO ARAKAWA, \$10; MAMO & ALICE ISOBE, \$50; CASEY & KIMIE KASADATE, \$20; JIRO & FLORA WATANABE, \$50; VICTOR & TIMMIE YAMASHITA, \$100; PAUL & GENNY MATSUMOTO, \$30; BILL & HARUMI HAGIO, \$50; YASUKO SUMIKAWA, \$20; SHADOW KUROZUMI, \$10.

Other donors: KAZUMA & TAMA OGATA, \$75; PAUL & YUKI TAKIGUCHI, \$25; FRECKLES & GLORIA OSHIRO, \$25; TOMMY & KAY KAKESAKO, \$190; ISA & HILDA TAKIYAMA, \$25; KAZUO & KAZUKO FINK, \$25; LAWRENCE & CHIYOKO FUJII, \$25; JOE & NANCY OSHIRO, \$25; MICKEY & TATSUE KUROKAWA, \$20; KUNIO FUJIMOTO, \$20; HAJIME & LANI MATSUURA, \$41; WILFRED & BUTCHIE LEONG, \$123; GENRO & MURIEL KASHIWA, \$100; JEFF & AIMEE SCHU, \$140; RANDAL & ANN NAKAMURA, \$91; Friends of LEONGS, \$131; Donors names unavailable on cash auctions, \$398.

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for the tremendous support received from your donations to the EMIKO NAKAMURA Scholarship Fund administered by the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG). This fund has been enriched by over \$1400 thru your generosity. Thank you, thank you! We were happy to welcome PATRICIA JENKS, the recipient of EMI's scholarship fund. She will be enrolled at University of So. Calif. for her doctorate in education. She was accompanied by our long time friend, DOROTHEA LENNON who incidentally are thrilled in auction-

ing for HIDE's orchid plant. PATRICIA is a member of the DKG Mu Chapter of which EMI was a charter member. Each of our chapters received over \$500.

The auction donors who we are forever grateful for their generosity. Starting Dec. 11, 94' fund-raiser, these donors made it easier for me by listing their items that can now be reported much more accurately. Thanks, fellows, hope this is the trend!

DONORS FOR AUCTION

From TOMMY KAKESAKO: 36-hr. Keywind alarm clock (\$17); character twin-ball alarm clock (\$17); diamond alarm clock (\$17); 2 Mickey Mouse watches (\$40 ea.); Sutton watch (\$39); Colibri 18kt gold electroplate (\$35); classic ornament earrings (\$42); Caravelle watch (\$42); 2 Freshwater pearl necklaces (\$60 ea.); cultural pearl earrings (\$40); "Aloha Aina" Hawaiian pendant (\$170); Hawaiian pendant "W" (\$49); Hawaiian barrel w/flavor and diamond "E" (\$180).

From LAWRENCE FUJII: Dwarf Rhaps Palm; Okinawa Holly; Sealing Wax Palm; Thai Rhaps; Thai Ixora; Pink Ixora Little Princess; Ixora Nora Grant; Japan Bird Nest Fern; Lipstick plant. These plants ranged from \$20 to \$90. LAWRENCE goes out of his way to contact his nursery friends for some of these plants.

From KAZUO FINK's contact: MR. & MRS. PETER KNERR, hand-crafted wooden shark (\$65).

FROM JOHN FINK: Restaurant gift certificate (\$300).

FROM KAZUO: 14kt. Earrings (\$30); silver polish (\$7); Record (\$8); Go For Broke Belt Buckle (\$10).

From ISA TAKIYAMA: Wall Picture and Frame - Pacific Gallery (\$65).

From EDNA KURAMOTO: 2 Handmade pillows; 1 Handmade comforter.

From HIDE NAKAYAMA: 5 Cattleya Orchid Plants.

Desserts & Sashimi

TOM FUKUNAGA: 2 platters of ahi sashimi (prepared by wife, DOROTHY). BOOTCHIE LEONG: Mochi gau. TERRY JICHAKU: Cream

cheese Swirl cake. GLORIA OSHIRO: Andagi. BETTY AOKI: Fruitcake. LANI MATSUURA: Mango Bread. HILDA TAKIYAMA: Poppy seed Cake. EDNA KURAMOTO: Prune mui. ANN NAKAMURA: Energy bars & jello. KAZUKO FINK: Cake. PATSY KUROKAWA: Cookies. CHIZ SHOJI: Cookies. MARIAN MATSUMURA: Sushi, noodles, asst. namasu. NANCY OSHIRO: Coffee Cake. CYNTHIA MEDEIROS: 3/Easy Candies in cup. RALPH SHISHIDO: out of this world barbecued homemade Char Siu. Some of the donations went as "Chinese Auction" where you dare not pio - shut your eye - cause' when you open, auwe! all gone already!

Case each of soda: ISA, KAZUMA, JOE, TOSHI. 2 cases soda: ALLEN. Case each of beer: COWBOY, JACOB. 2 cases of beer: PAUL TAKIGUCHI. Potato salad: ALLEN (must have been good, for all gone, ha!).

Preparation of Food, Decorations, Etc.

Gotta credit BETTY NAKAHARA for suggesting stew and curry, instead of the usual chicken hekka. The leftovers were quickly auctioned off in plastic containers brought by BETTY. The auction was her idea also. This, one akamai wahine! NANCY OSHIRO & RALPH SHISHIDO helped in the cooking. Decorations by BOOTCHIE and red ginger foliage from YOSHIJI AOKI. Others who reported early to help were the JICHAKUS, MATSUMURAS, HIDE N., LEONGS, TOSHI & ALLEN. MARIAN who gets up with the birds cooking rice for her oishi ass't sushi & goes marketing early for her other delicious menu, we are just thankful that she accepted our request for separate dishes besides the main menu only. Otherwise sabi-shi.

Celebrity

Altho' TOM & DOROTHY FUKUNAGA and their guests are a fixture at our shinnenkai for many years, this was the first time that they accepted our invitation to attend this event. Among their friends they had WALLY YONEMINE, the great former Hawaiian athlete who made a name for himself in Japanese baseball, having played as well as managed teams in Japan. To refresh some memories, he

also played football with the San Francisco 49ers before embarking on a baseball career in Japan.

So to all of you who had participated in the success of the event, MAHALO!

Taps

SHIGEO "TONTO" AOKI of Wailuku, Maui, passed away on January 23, 1995. "TONTO" who served in the 1st platoon and mentioned as a good cook in GENRO's European Pilgrimage, we were all happy that he was able to attend the 50th Anniversary reunion in Honolulu. For some, this was the first time that they had gotten together in years. Our deepest sympathy & condolence to JANET, daughters VALERIE MIMURA & AVIS VALOROSO.

No. Calif. News

The following reported by SHIG YOKOTE: New officers for 1995/96 - President TAY NOBORI, Vice President FEB YOKOI, Secretary SHIG KIZUKA, Treasurer HIDE KIYOMURA, Historian TOM TERAMOTO.

"10th World Women's Buddhist Conv. & Tour (WWBCT)"

BETTY NAKAHARA took an exciting 15-day WWBCT on September 2, 1994. It was about the time of our mini-reunion, so TOSHI went one way to the mini-reunion & BETTY the other way, but all ended well with a short reunion at Las Vegas on BETTY's return route.

Her itinerary carried her to Anaheim Hilton (the convention headquarters), to Chicago, then on to Orlando, Florida, to visit Kennedy Space Center, Disney World, Epcot Center, MGM Theme Park (I visited Orlando with my daughter's family in December - there's only one word for it - Fantastic!), then on to New Orleans, Louisiana, to Dallas, Texas, and New Mexico before going to Las Vegas and California. This traveling wahine really gets around, not counting the many visits to Alaska.

95' Las Vegas Mini-Reunion

The off-again, on-again mini-reunion is now a

reality according to PAUL MATSUMOTO. TAY NOBORI of the No. Calif. "L" group came across as the savior in agreeing to host the hospitality room. It is now scheduled for October 12 - 16, with Four Queens Casino & Hotel as the headquarters. HIRO NISHIKUBO of LA and FRANK NOMURA of Las Vegas will handle the golf tournament. Those interested contact PAUL at 263 Hakakapiai St., Honolulu, HI 96825-3122. Phone: 1-(808)-395-3158.

Camp Shelby

At the January & February chapter meeting, the subject of the Homecoming & Monument Dedication at Camp Shelby, June 15 - 18, 1995 were discussed. Hardly any interest were shown by the members in going on the tour. The high cost of the tours seemed to be a factor in the lack of interest.

Misread

There was a misread in the last issue on GENRO's excerpt on pg. 72, Profile of 442nd (1945). GENRO was expressing his narration that the Italians at that time were referring to us as "Ci-ne-se" and not as corrected to read "Chinese" as it was published.



by TADASHI TOJO, Guest Writer

One Monday afternoon in June, 1945 (one month after the war ended), a little German girl called KAROLA was rescued from the fast flowing cold waters of the Danube River at Donauworth, Germany by TORAO NITTA, SHUNRO NOMURA, ROBERT YUTAKA, and TADASHI TOJO. These men were awarded the Soldier's Medal by a Colonel and Lt. Colonel who witnessed the entire rescue. Our guest writer, TADASHI TOJO, went to Donauworth during the recent 50th anniversary in Bruyeres,

in search of KAROLA. Much thanks must be extended to TED TSUKIYAMA, our 442nd historian, and his friend from Heidelberg, PAUL LESNIEWITZ, for writing to the Donauworth newspaper (Donauworth Zeitung) explaining the rescue and desire of TADASHI TOJO to have a reunion with KAROLA and her family. The following article recounts the rescue and the subsequent search after nearly fifty years.

(Harry Tokushige)

The bus took us smoothly down the Autobahn towards Donauworth on October 31, 1994. The Germany countryside was beautiful, but my thoughts were in another time 50 years ago when I spent a summer in the town on special police duty.

I could see the town as it was then. The European war was over, but the evidence of the conflict was everywhere in Donauworth. The town center was destroyed, the U.S. Air Force, as I understood it, mistakenly bombed the city proper because the smoke screen deployed to cover the munitions storage and manufacturing plant located nearby shifted to Donauworth on that day. I could see the townspeople meticulously preparing for reconstruction by carefully labeling and storing each stone and carving from the ancient church and town hall.

Beyond the town I could see the forest where we hunted and provided venison to the townsfolk for they had seen little red meat throughout the war. I recalled the warehouse that we found full of military clothing that we made available to the people. The most vivid picture in my memories was the river, our headquarters post on the south side and the Hotel Krebs on the other. I could still see and hear the clatter of the farmers in the first light at 4 a.m. driving their horse-drawn wagons across a heavy wooden planked bridge that the U.S. Combat Engineers had built to replace the steel girded permanent one which was destroyed in the raid to reach their fields. I remembered giving this traffic preference with the military traffic in the morning and again in the late evenings because it was so vital to the town's food supply.

My feelings as the bus took us closer and closer to Donauworth were a mixture of anticipation and apprehension. My deepest emotions were focused not on the town itself, but on a tiny 6-year old girl called KAROLA.

We were in the outskirts of Donauworth, the modern residential homes, condominiums, and huge industrial parks were all new to me. The city center was also new because it had been restored to its pre-war condition. The facades of the grand building had been rebuilt in their historic styles. The old bridge had been replaced.

As HARRIET and I stood on that bridge and looked down stream to the bend around which the turbulent waters flowed out of sight, I was back again at the old bridge on the most significant day of my summer in 1945 here in Donauworth.

As the town children were crossing the bridge to do errands for their parents, a group of GIs on a weapons carrier apparently decided to have what they regarded as harmless fun by playfully but dangerously swerving the carrier to frighten the queue of kids walking the bridge. The heavy wooden bridge being a temporary structure had only a marked pedestrian walkway and no retaining wall. The children in their excitement all scattered. KAROLA ran right under the bridge rail into the water. I had just left the headquarters post and saw her bobbing in the swift water of the Danube. I dove in as did others from the hotel side. We reached the little girl and held her up but could not make progress to the bank. We were swept downstream with thoughts of all five of us drowning, but fortuitously the currents swirled us into still waters at the bend of the river. That was how I met KAROLA and for the remainder of my time in Donauworth we were firm friends.

In the meantime, prior to our departure to Europe, TED TSUKIYAMA, our 442nd historian, enlisted the aid of his Heidelberg friend, PAUL LESNIEWITZ to write to the Donauworth newspaper (Donauworth Zeitung) about my desire to have a reunion with KAROLA and her family. The Donauworth Zeitung responded

magnificently by publishing an article in their paper on October 8, 1994, asking for help in finding the little girl named KAROLA (last name unknown) who had been rescued by American soldiers in the Danube. The response by the public to this plea was overwhelming. On October 10, 1994, KAROLA's sister and aunt called the newspaper to inform them that the *"American rescuer was a very welcome guest and they would be honored to have him visit with KAROLA's family."*

I was not able to accept the invitation because our stay in Donauworth lasted less than a day. However on the evening of October 31, 1994, a newspaper reporter interviewed me and was able to give me the news of KAROLA.

The rest is a sad but comforting memory for me. My reunion with KAROLA will unfortunately not be realized. The little girl's name was KAROLA DUNSTHEIMER, she married a LIPOWSKY and lived in Soflingen (a suburb of Ulm) with her husband, son, and daughter until she passed away 13 years ago. The reporter also gave me a photo which was taken by KAROLA's sister and aunt with KAROLA's family at her graveside on October 15, 1994. Since my return, I have enlarged the photo and have it framed and placed in a prominent place in my home. Hopefully my next visit to Donauworth will be a longer one so I can visit with the late KAROLA LIPOWSKY's family.

Taps

We are saddened by the passing of TAKAO "MA KE COW" MATSUOKA on January 27, 1995. To his sons JOHN & MELVIN and daughters LANA & JAN, our deepest sympathies. Our members GLORIA & YOSHIO TAGUMA, TSUNE YAMADA, YUTAKA WATANABE, TERUHISA NISHIYAMA, AMON OSHIRO, JACKMAN TANIGUCHI, ROY KAWAFUCHI, GILBERT TAKAMORI, MINORU OKABE, SADASHI OHARA, TOMMAYEDA, and HARRY TOKUSHIGE represented the chapter at the memorial services held on Sunday, February 5, 1995 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.



AT



By Mary Sakai, Carol Sakai-Feiteira, Patti Laba

A.T. Commanding Officers, Honolulu Chapter

President WALLY KAGAWA, Secretary MASATO DOI and treasurer JACK KAGUNI meet every Wednesday morning at Jolly Rogers or Zippys. Everyone is invited to their weekly breakfast meeting.

Prexy's Report

The A.T. Chapter Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 1994 at the Waiālae G.C. Clubhouse began with emcee MASATO DOI. Present were ALICE (wife of former Senator TADAO BEPPU), and daughter ANITA BEPPU, MASATO DOI, KO and JANETHATA, HALO and KIYOMI HIROSE, WALLY and YORI KAGAWA, JACK and MARGARET KAGUNI, RICHARD and KATHRYN MIYAKAWA, YUKI and NORA NAKAHIRA, THOMAS "OSCAR" OMINE, CHILLY and IRENE SASAKI, HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI, KEN and HELEN YOKOYAMA, SHIROKU and AMY YAMAMOTO and LINCOLN YOSHIMASU. After enjoying the scrumptious buffet dinner for which the Waiālae G.C. Club is famous, the group was entertained by HARRY TOKASHIKI with harmonica and vocal numbers. HALO HIROSE joined HARRY in vocal duet and led the group in singing Christmas carols. A series of brain teasing games were led by MARGARET KAGUNI and IRENE SASAKI. The highlight of the evening was a rendition of the Hawaiian style "12 Days of Christmas" by 12 persons, one for each of the 12 days. The party ended after a hilarious exchange of gifts.

CHILLY and IRENE opened their gorgeous home and beautiful garden for the A.T. meeting. The highlight for the A.T. Chapter "boys" and

ladies was a 4-hour video showing of "lively" SEIJI "STUD" OSHIRO and lovely wife EVELYN touring Europe with the 50th Reunion group. TOSHI MURAYAMA nicknamed SEIJI "STUD LONIGAN" OSHIRO. STUD showed pictures of Nice but no nudes on the beach. They viewed Monaco and visited the Perfume Factory. SALLY made 600 francs, about \$120 in US money. Breakfast in bed was a delight. Saw Marseilles, southern France and STUD made the bus driver stop in Lucerne. STUD remembered a girlfriend and insisted and argued with the driver to take the group to find this girl he met and knew in 1944?? Or 1945?? The driver stayed, not 10 minutes, but over an hour while STUD looked for the girl. A musubi birthday cake was made by TOSHI and DOROTHY MATSUO for a 522nd member TOSHI ISHIBASHI. CHILLY had the German measles and was left behind during the war while WALLY, JACK, LIZO, PETITE, MINORU, MASATO, HARRY and others went on. Left Marseilles to go to Italy. Saw Notre Dame, built in 1675, still beautiful. Mosaic was ruined by bullets, donations were shown on the wall.

On to Lyon, Switzerland. Hotel Regina's balcony views were delightful, a first-class hotel. Snow covered mountains were breathtaking. In Germany, oak, cherry, ash and rosewood made great clocks. Biffontaine - 18 buses loaded with 40 people went up to the Monument where the Lost Battalions were saved by "our boys". JERRY AYABE lost his leg there. Taps were played - LIZO and SEIJI said tears welled up in their eyes, a truly sentimental trip. "Rejoice since mourning has no end—Nami-abu dabutsu! These men came to save us; they had never been here."

Tidbits

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA: YVONNE had a stroke in late January. After an open-heart surgery, she's home now. LIZO said that a nurse will be coming in from time to time check on her. The A.T.'s prayers is for a speedy recovery.

WALLY and YORI KAGAWA: The holidays were indeed happy for WALLY and YORI be-

cause son KENNETH came to vacation with them. YORI is making a name for herself in Kaneohe—helping at the library, selling used and new books and gardening. Forgot to mention that YORI gave homegrown “chisa” to those who were at the Pearl Country Club luncheon. What a great and generous person!

MASATO DOI: Out of commission with a “tennis elbow” and playing host to Japanese visitors plus planning a 10-day trip to Japan in April keeps the judge pretty BUSY!

RUGGED and KATHRYN MIYAKAWA: KATHRYN is smiling again after a successful back operation before the holidays. She was barely able to move prior to the operation but now is fully recovered, enjoying jaunts to Las Vegas with husband, RICHARD.

WHITEY and AMY YAMAMOTO: WHITEY volunteers for the Hawaii Army Museum. AMY “knits” for the Kapiolani Hospital as a volunteer.

MIKE FUJIKI: MIKE enjoys her new life by taking a Therapeutic Chinese exercise at the City Hall, also learning tai chi, taking cooking lessons at the Hokenani Parks and Rec., also baby-sits when Punahou has no school session...busy lady!

JERRY and ALICE AYABE: Gone again for 10 days with brother DANNY KAWAKAMI and MARIAN. Covering west coast and will end up in Vegas.

MITS and SHIZUE AKIYAMA: After attending a funeral in Kona, MITS and SHIZUE went to GORO and YAYO INABA's “fancy” hotel to have a “fancy” breakfast.

GORO and YAYO INABA: At the request of his good pal, TOM NAKATA of Montica, GORO and YAYO went to Bruyeres and other historic parts of the countries with the 442nd, 50th Anniversary group.

GEORGE and MALY TAMURA: MALY shared “You've heard of the expression, ‘He could sleep through a four-alarm fire.’ MAC MAMIYA, fortunately, is one of those sound sleepers, as the following events will testify. The doorbell rang one early morning about 2:00. He climbed out of bed, went to the window and cautiously looked out the window, without disturbing the shade.

He saw a figure go down the stairs, walk along the sidewalk, and then cross the street. An hour later, he suddenly heard a “bang.” His first thought was, “The carpenters must be working next door,” but then realized the time: 3:00 in the morning! He looked in the direction of the neighbor's house, saw nothing unusual and resumed his sleep. A short time later came another, “bang.” He looked out the window, saw no lights next door, no activity (but still puzzled) went back to sleep. Shortly after his head hit the pillow, he heard another “bang.” Ah well, he yawned...just another “bang” and went back to sleep. The following morning, his neighbor called and asked him if he was aware of a broken window in his basement. He discovered that two of the windows on one side were broken. A heavy shelf standing in front of the windows prevented the burglar from climbing in. The burglar then tried another window: broke it, only to discover that a key was required to gain entry through the door. He then proceeded to the NEXT WINDOW (HOW MANY WINDOWS YOU GOT, THERE, MAC). The outer pane was shattered, but the second, held fast. With so many obstacles standing in HIS way, the poor burglar decided the whole thing was just too damn much to mess with, and went on his way. MAC managed to sleep pretty soundly throughout much of the busy burglar's activity. During the furious window bustings, I imagine there must have been a certain amount of “!!**?*?!” that went along with all that activity. Had I been the burglar, I probably would have cussed pretty soundly, seein' how I got NO RESULTS. And yet, MAC, blithely unaware of all that going on, slept peacefully through it all. Hm-mm just as well. Had he rushed to the scene, he would have been caught in an unexpected encounter: Mac, in P.J.'s, uncombed hair, barefoot, unshaven, facing a surprised burglar, bug-eyed, with dropped jaws and sweating like crazy trying to lug that heavy treadmill out that narrow door. Both of you guys were pretty lucky, I'd say. Mac's theory: If you hear a “bang”...no matter how many; no matter how close to home...simply assume something's going on at the NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE...even if

you see no evidence of activity, no suspicious movements, or no broken windows. H-m-m- so much for MAC's Theory."

CHAPPIE KISHABA: CHAPPIE wrote: "The trip to Europe and the 50th Celebration of the Liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine was a wonderful occasion and a very emotional one, too. As we were observing the ceremony up in the mountains, tears just welled in my eyes as memories of the bitter fighting that took place 50 years ago came back. Also to see the French people participating in the celebration made me realize how much they appreciated what we did there. It made me proud that I was part of this historic episode of WWII."

TAK HATTORI: ALBERT TAKAHASHI writes for the "One Puka Puka" column of the LA 442nd Club. The Nominating Committee chaired by MIKE TAKAMINE announced the slate of officers for 1995 as follows:

President	HENRY IKEMOTO
1st Vice-President	FRANK SETO
2nd Vice-President	BEN TAGAMI
Secretary	HANK SAKATO
Treasurer	HANKYOSHITAKE
Adm. Coord.	GEORGE NISHINAKA

Thanks GEORGE and MALY from Seattle, TAK H., MITS A., and HENRY I. for keeping this reporter up-to-date on news from the west coast. Mahalo to MITS from the Big Island.

HENRY and MILDRED IKEMOTO: HENRY shared: "My wife and I really enjoyed our European trip. I always loved to travel...even during the War. There were many fellas, haoles I trained with, who were always talking about being 'home-sick'. Maybe it's because my home was the Rohwer Relocation Camp. I left my dad, a widower, and my 3 brothers and 2 sisters there when I left camp in 1943 to go to school at Baylor Univ., Waco, TX. That's where I got my notice from Uncle Sam. One of my majors was religion so my professor said that I didn't have to go. One of the first guys I met at Baylor was a tall, good-looking blond young man. He was barely 18 and I was 20. He volunteered for the Navy...and right after boot camp in San Diego, he was out at sea on a destroyer. Within a few weeks, he was hit

and killed. This was early in 1944. I told my professor that I wanted to go, too. Since I spoke Japanese to some degree, I might be able to go to the Pacific. I took basic at Camp Hood, TX. A couple of Navy officers came to see me during basic and called me in for a conference. I had taken the Japanese language test when I first enlisted...but found that my knowledge was not enough. These fellas came to see me about a different mission...because I looked Asian...a classified job. After they heard my life's mission, about helping people, they said, 'Nope, you're not our kind of a guy. You do your thing and we'll find another person. Forget that we saw you.'" Stay tuned for more of HENRY's adventures...

Note from Prexy WALLY KAGAWA

The L.A. Chapter of the 442 Anti-Tank Veterans Club will sponsor a Mini-Reunion, Oct. 9-13 at the Four Queens Hotel in Las Vegas. This affair will be held in conjunction with the 100 Battalion Mini-Convention.

HENRY IKEMOTO, president of the L.A. Chapter promises a very enjoyable time for all. CHAPPIE KISHABA and FRANK SETO will head the Hospitality Committee. Hotel cost for the 4 nights will be \$62 per person, double occupancy, or \$124 for single occupancy. The cost of the 100 Bn. Banquet to which Anti-Tankers are invited will be \$13 per person for 4 Queens Hotel guests and \$25 per person if you stay elsewhere. Fee for golf will be \$40 per day for the 2-day tournament. Costs for A.T. Chapter Night and Hawaii Hospitality contribution will be announced shortly.

Group airline reservations will be taken by HARRY OKOUCHI (3rd platoon) who is affiliated with Super Jet Travel Agency. Reservation for Hawaii members and spouses should be made with JACK KAGUNI.

WALLY KAGAWA, Honolulu chapter president urges all Anti-Tankers, spouses, widows, and relatives to attend the reunion to reminisce and rekindle the bond of friendship and camaraderie of a half century ago, perhaps for the last time.



by K. TANIGAWA

We closed out the old year with a bang. On December 10, 1994, under the auspices of hosts HERB ISONAGA, TOKU KANESHIGE, MIKE SUGAI, and JAMES SAKEMOTO, and the able patronage of MORISO TERAOKA, who catered the Kapiolani Community College chefs, a superb dinner was enjoyed by all.

A hefty (for Hq2ndBn) contingent of 34 diners included: TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, HERB & SUE ISONAGA, TOKU & STELLA KANESHIGE, RICHARD & MARGIE NAKAMURA, TAKASHI & JANE OKAMURA, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, MIKE & SUE SUGAI, MORISO & FLORENCE TERAOKA, ROBERT & HISAKO UYEDA, MASA YAMAMOTO, BERT & HANNAH NISHIMURA, KAZU & MICHELLE TOMASA, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, JAMES & MITSUE SAKAMOTO, MRS. FRANCES SATO, MRS. JOYCE MASUNAGA, MRS. ALICE SUGAI, MRS. AILEEN YONEMORI, MRS. CAROL ODA, MRS. NORA KUWAYE, and MRS. HISAKO (Chaplain) HIGUCHI, to round out a list of healthy appetites with a Ho! Ho! Ho! and a Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Goodnight!

The January meeting was held on the fourteenth at Suehiro's with repeat hosts HERB ISONAGA and MIKE SUGAI for what else? Japanese cuisine - molto ono and tres beaucoup! Diners list: MORISO TERAOKA, MIKE & SUE SUGAI, KAZU TOMASA, RICHARD NAKAMURA, KATOON & TOSHI TANIGAWA, QUANTO (QUANTO COSTA) WATANABE (President), TOSHI & GRACE HAYAMA, TAKASHI OKEMURA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, KENNY & VIVIAN SARUWATARI, MRS. JOYCE MASUNAGA, HERB & SUE ISONAGA, JAMES & MITSUE SAKAMOTO, AILEEN YONEMORI,

FRANCES SATO, MASA YAMAMOTO, LARRY & VIOLET ISHIDA, ALICE SUGI, and ROBERT UYEDA. Not only is the food great, with generous servings, but there is much entertainment with the cocktail waitresses - an order for TWO DOUBLE GIN ON THE ROCKS produced one drink. I quickly tried to rectify the error by saying I wanted two drinks; the ever alert waitress, with a look of benign tolerance worthy of Mother Theresa replied: "This is TWO - DOUBLE MEANS TWO!" Hello! A lesson in English yet! Mother Theresa won the field that day, and all the days before and after that event! BELIEVE!

The February 10th meeting - the first regular meeting of the year - produced only ten stalwarts: President QUANTO WATANABE opened the proceedings to: MORISO TERAOKA, MIKE SUGAI, BERT NISHIMURA, LIPPY HIGUCHI, BILL THOMPSON, LARRY ISHIDA, ROBERT UYEDA, and KATOON TANIGAWA. Refreshments were supplied by KATOON TANIGAWA and KAZU (Invisible Man) TOMASA. If you want to see Harmony in Action in our democracy, you should attend one of our meetings - everything is passed unanimously, including the beer - but, of course, in a different locality.

We were glad to see LARRY ISHIDA looking so perky after that very serious operation he underwent recently - the only trouble is that he is gaining weight after the ordeal, which is strange because we were always of the opinion that an operation is performed to REMOVE something from your body - but in LARRY's case, they must have added a few rocks or something - this bears watching - however, we are happy that he came through with flying colors.

Anyone watch the Channel 2 News at around 6:30 AM on Monday, February 6th? Well, our own MORISO TERAOKA was interviewed by LESLIE WILCOX at KCC where MORISO is tending the cactus garden which he had planted, and is nurturing, yes, in Texas and other such dry and hellish climates, cacti grow wild even without the asking, but in Paradise, a different story - they have to be NURTURED! And from reports circulating and from what was visible on the TV screen, MORISO is doing an excellent

job. Kudos for a job well done.



by JACKSON MORISAWA

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KAMEDA, HIRAM DOI, DOT SUZUMOTO, TERRY ARATANI, and BETSY YAMAMOTO. The TAKEKAWA Family (NEIL, JUNE, KAZU & WINIFRED) donated 2 airline tickets, 1 Budget car rental, Konica cameras, klicker toys, and Konica tissues. Other donations were: KAREN HARIMOTO - 1 airline ticket; GEORGE TANDO - 5 20-pound rice; LIZ NISHIOKA - \$100 Candies; LARRY ISHIKAWA - 2 coolers; SADAICHI KUBOTA - Christmas wreath; TED OGATA - glassware; BELLANAGATOSHI - 10 Bag Candy; YAKUMA - electric can opener; GUY KOGA - Picture slips; BOB ISO (SF) - box of cheese; TOMMY UMEDA - case of Bud Light; and BRUNO - pupus.

A very sizable cash donation was received from RICHARD & MARY NAITO of Seattle "K" Company and also from FRED TAKENAKA of Pennsylvania. Mahalo and hope to see you in Las Vegas on October 22.

Happy New Year (Year of the Boar)

The first Company I meeting of the year was on January 12 and the second one was on February 9. Both meetings drew near capacity participation with over 23 members present at each of the meetings. If this is an indication of what is to come, we should have a very fruitful year. Members present were: LARRY ISHIKAWA, ICHIRO SUZUKI, TOGO NAKAGAWA, MITSUO YAKUMA, MITSUO OSHIRO, DON KAMEDA, CLARENCE TABA, CB SAKAMOTO, EDDIE YAMASAKI, KENNETH OKUMA, BILL NAGANUMA, MASA NAKAMURA, MOTOMI SHINDO, MAMORU SHIROTA. Also: WALTER FURUKAWA, JOE OKUMOTO, SHU FUJITAKE, KAZU TAKEKAWA, TOMMY UMEDA, FRANCIS SUGAI, HIRAM DOI, TOM HARIMOTO, RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO, BRUNO YAMADA, TERRY ARATANI, and KAZU OYAMA.

PEGGY & BILL NAGANUMA entertained HENRY & MITSU NAKADA from Homer, Alaska during a short visit before Christmas. With such notice, BILL was able to round up the OSHIROS (RICHARD & NICKY), the SAKAMOTOS, the ISHIKAWAS, the ARATANIS, and MAMO

SHIROTA. BILL also heard from the KREKOSKYS of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania who is recovering from a prostate cancer operation. This is what kept MIKE and DOT from attending our last reunion in Las Vegas. We're praying for your speedy recovery so you can join us in the next one on October 22.

On January 19, TERRY ARATANI got word that KAZ MUTO was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was scheduled to operate on February 7th. Hope all went well. GAMBARE! And we'll see you at the Four Queens.

KAZ also informs us that a stretch of ten miles on Freeway 99 between Salida and Manteca, California will be named the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Memorial Freeway. There will also be other stretches named the 100 and the MIS Memorial Highways. Anyone who would like to make a small contribution can send donations to" VFW Post 8985, c/o SUS SATOW, 3460 Buccaneer Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826.

EDDIE YAMASAKI, who is presently doing consulting work with clients from Japan and Honolulu will be joining Conley Dew Realtors which is one of the largest realtors in Hawaii. Anyone needing real estate assistance can contact EDDIE at 201 Merchant St., Honolulu.

Anniversary

The 52nd Anniversary Banquet, which has been shifted from last year's Iikai Pacific Ballroom to the Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom, should be filled to capacity on March 25. I Company alone has nearly 60 seats reserved. FRED & BEA MATSUMURA, SHIRO & LOU KASHINO, BOB & ROSEANN SAKAMOTO, FRANK SHIMADA, HUNTER DOI, CAP UTSUNOMIYA, and SLIM NAKAMURA are some of Item's guests from the mainland. KAZU TAKEKAWA, our Veterans Relation Chairman is asking for a good turnout also at the Memorial Services at Punchbowl on the 25th of March.

Aloha to MISS KARI ANN HIRAOKA, daughter of STAN & KRIS HIRAOKA and granddaughter of SHIRO & LOU KASHINO who was crowned the 1994 Miss Japanese Community Queen of Seattle. One of KARI's prize was to come to

Hawaii and be part of the 1995 Cherry Blossom Festival. Unfortunately, the Cherry Blossom Festival Coronation and our anniversary fall on the same night. GUY KOGA and the Sons and Daughters are trying to have KARI over at the Pacific Beach for a short appearance.

Mini-Reunion

As soon as group airfare for October and ground transportation rates are available, Travel Adventures will be able to prepare the final proposal for the "I" Company MINI-REUNION (You should be getting your proposal before you receive this bulletin.) You can thank TERRY ARATANI, JIM YAMASHITA, and KAREN HARIMOTO for the hustle in putting it all together. The headquarters will be the Four Queens Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas on October 22 - 26, 1995. The hospitality room will be in the Royal Pavilion and the banquet will be held in the King Pavilion.

Golfers will enjoy playing at the Las Vegas Club on October 23 and at the Boulder City Golf Club the following day. JIM YAMASHITA wasted no time in getting such wonderful courses. JIM and FRANK SHIMADA will be conducting the tournament.

RICHARD & NICKY OSHIRO have agreed to take charge of the hospitality room and BILL NAGANUMA will handle the bills. Please give them your full support. HAPPY NEW YEAR, everyone! Enjoy life while you can.



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

WHY DID I JOIN.....?

TO LEARN.....

TO EDUCATE MYSELF ABOUT WHAT DAD DID AND THE IMPACT IT HAD.....

TO UNDERSTAND SO HISTORY WON'T

REPEAT ITSELF.....

TO TEACH OTHERS AND THE COMMUNITY.....

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN AND PERPETUATE DAD'S LEGACY.....

So began the announcement of the Educational Seminar for Sons and Daughters of the 100th/442nd RCT presented on three consecutive Saturdays, February 25, March 4 and 11 at the 442nd Clubhouse from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The Education committee chaired by TERRY (KAWAMURA) SASAMURA obtained veterans TED TSUKIYAMA (522nd, MIS) MIKE TOKUNAGA (100th Bn) and RON OBA (Fox) to be our speakers. Announcements were sent to everyone on our mailing list. Also S&D president ALAN KUBOTA informed the Board of Directors at the February 6 meeting of this very important seminar. It is impressive and exciting to hear first hand knowledge from TED, MIKE and RON, our Nisei veteran historians who have written and spoken extensively in books and on radio and television.

Another gathering was the SONS AND DAUGHTERS BRAINSTORMING SESSION of February 26, 1995, Sunday, from 11:00 am to 2:30 PM at the DAV TOMMY KAKESAKO HALL. Every members valuable input is critical for our future. EILEEN SAKAI, Membership Services chairman, S&D president ALAN KUBOTA, JAN KAWABATA and treasurer, JOE UNO who will be the facilitator are planning this long awaited session. MARIE YAMASHITA, cuisine expert, has volunteered to plan the menu. Thank you, MARIE!

Message from the S&D President-ALAN KUBOTA

A popular and successful businessman was asked if he had any advice for his associates: He said:

1. Belong to something bigger than yourself.
2. Work with others towards a common goal.
3. Do your part.
4. Take pride in doing your job well.