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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If the first quarter of this term is any indication, it looks like a busy, eventful year.

It started with the usual exchange of installation ceremonies among affiliated Nisei Veterans' organizations. The inaugural rounds started with the M.I.S, group at the Pagoda International room, (Sam Yoshikane, Pres.); Club 100 at Club 100 with a unique coffee-hour get-together (Raymond Nosaka, Pres.); 1399 Engineers at the Hibiscus room, Ala Moana, (Stan Shioi, Pres.). Then the gentlemen named above will favor us with their presence at the 442nd's 46th anniversary banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel.

One of the amenities all 442nd Presidents enjoy are surprise invitations to worthwhile receptions from time to time. It was a pleasure to accept Governor and Mrs. John Waihee's invite to greet the Kokonoe stable of sumotoris at Washington Place.

We took advantage of this opportunity to have our picture taken with Hokutoumi and Chiyonofuji, the premier Yokozunas in the sumo world. We hope the Hilo gentleman who took the picture will keep his promise and send a print over.

At the Club 100 installation, M.C. Mike Nobuo Tokunaga mentioned that in 1950, he and the late Daniel T. Aoki co-chaired a joint 100/442 fund-raiser. The project was the Karuwaza at the old Civic Auditorium. It was a successful, profit able joint venture.

In early February members of the 442nd and 100th worked together on a First Hawaiian TV commercial that is proving to be one of the best in the bank's "A Better Way" series.

Isn't it interesting that the events taking place 49 years apart underlines the fact that there can be harmony and success in joint 100th/ 442nd projects?

Down the road two "specials" are scheduled for the summer.

In early June several 442nd Board members will accompany the Hawaii High School Baseball All-Stars for a series of games in the Tokyo area. The Japan High School Baseball Federation will be sponsoring the competition. Games will be against Prefecture All-Star teams. This is the most enduring activity of the 442nd Veterans Club; almost 30 years and still alive.

In July a large group is expected to be in France to help celebrate the opening of the Peace and Freedom Trail in Bruyeres. Pierre Moulin is

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IN MEMORIAM MOICHI HANAMOTO

Moichi Hanamoto, an honorary member of the 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on December 17, 1988. He was a member of the Moililli Young Men's Association, who donated the 442nd Veterans Club property.

> IN MEMORIAM MITSUNORI 'Mits' KOMURE

Mitsunori 'Mits' Komure, native of Stockton, California, a member of 522nd Service Battery, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, passed away on January 18, 1989.

IN MEMORIAM HIDEO NAKASHIGE

Hideo Nakashige, an active member of 232nd Engr/Band Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on January 26, 1989.

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the prime mover in Europe. Should La France be beckoning -- See Bruno Yamada (I). A large mainland tour group is also expected.

We are indebted to Chairman George Nakasato and his blue ribbon Long-Range Planning Committee. They have the difficult task of charting the future course of the Club. Working closely with Nakasato are Bill Naganuma, Ted Tsukiyama, Harold Fukunaga, Sam Hironaka, Tom Kiyosaki, Katsugo Miho, Tommy is not only a generous person, he is a Ernest Uno and Fred Hirayama, representing the Historical committee.

First important recommendation pertains to "expanding the base of life membership." This is covered in detail elsewhere in this Bulletin. Other worthwhile recommendations will be forth-

Suggestions from the membership at large are welcome.

By Allen Nakamu.

ABOR OF LOVE". What a beautiful expression, and so it was that our chapter's celebrated the year ending holiday season. What a climax to a most successful ending to the tune of \$2500! Yes, that's what the total count was in donations received from our very generous. kind and caring members, friends and families at the annual Xmas fund raiser for, "LOVE CHAP-TER, LIKM 11, PURPLE HEART CLUB and the EMIKO NAKAMURA SCHOLARSHIP FUND". The bond that binds our friendship, dedication and support to the worthwhile projects are -- OVERWHEIMING!

"Labor of Love", attributed to Kazuo Fink the general chairman, in fact the only chairman since the inception of this project, certainly applies to all who labored so unselfishly in giving of their time on a Sunday is an example of the true spirits which abounds within our members.

This project is almost like a crusade for Kazuo in his great desire to make it a success, that the song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy", doesn't seem to belong in his vacabulary. For undertaking this ungodly task of being the chairman, constantly having to look ahead for donations to be auctioned from his many business associates, having to reciprocate the favors at times, and also from members, families and friends. We thank you very much Kazuo. In appreciation, Kazuo was presented with a beautiful Oneida Oval Gallery silver plated tray, appropriately engraved depicting the presentation.

We had two special guests that evening from Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Beta Beta State Hawaii, Ms's Josephone Day and Dorothea Lennon, treasurer and finance chairperson for the society. Dorothea gave us further insight of our donation to the society's "Emiko Nakamura

Much have been written on the generosity of Tommy Kakesako that it seems there's nothing more can be written about him. But he continues to amaze us with never ending charitable nature of his, that it is a pleasure to feature him. warm, caring and compassionate person. He was responsible for the Oneida Oval Gallery tray being presented to Kazuo Fink. He even took care of the engraving! Among the many assortments of items he donated, his prized donation this year was a beautiful 14kt pierced pearl earring valued at \$400, which went for a bargain \$150 in the auction. We thank you very much Tommy.

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Lawrence Fujii, another of our charitable and compassionate member, who for years has donated countless number of house plants, that we sometimes forget how much work is involved in caring for these plants to be readied for our project. It is without question, one of the best attractions which creates excitements and draws attention, much like the bears are drawn to honey, and a good money maker! Thanks Lawrence for brightening so many of our homes with the house plants.

Excitement fever abounds at these auction fund raisers as we look over the many items on display besides Tommy and Lawrence's donations. Isa Takiyama, an excellent golfer full of charisma was again able to influence his boss from his part-time job at Pacific Gallery, to donate an exquisite wall framed-picture worthy \$150 or more. This is always a good high valued item. It pays to be in good terms with the boss as a golfing partner. Thanks again, Isa. I hope you let your boss win more times than he loses.

John Fink, son of Kazuo and Kazuko, now an established T.V. announcer at the U.H. wahines and men's volleyball tournaments, etc. These tournaments have a wide viewing public due to Dave Shoji's highly successful volleyball teams. John also was able to receive many \$25 - \$50 diner certificates to prestigious restaurants from his business contacts. Kazuo of course, besides working feverishly for donations, have contributed jewelry, novelties, etc., from his own stock of merchandise. We thank both of you for your generosities.

Hide Nakayama, now only a part-time florist owner enjoying his retirement, his donations of cattleya and other varieties of orchid plants and flowers also created excitements in the bidding. Thank you Hide.

The arrangements of the tables covered with tablecloths (we go first-class all the way), made for a better viewing of the auction items and brought the group closer, which was essential as we were using the larger and spacious Memorial Hall for the first time. This was a creation of our retired school principal, Victor Yamashita, who used this same arrangement during the staff meetings.

Yoshiji and Betty Aoki again supplied the foliage of Manoa red ginger plants they have brought for many years. This year, we had the benefit of Bertha "Boochie" Leong's deft artistic talent in the art of cutting out paper poinsettia as ornaments, ably assisted by Terry Jichaku. Victor, who has mastered the art of creative decorations, skillfully wrapped the two

colored paper-mache roll around the steel pipes and beams in the hall. He was helped by the glad helping hand of Dr. Wilfred "Lippy" Leong. With these collective talents of decorators, the hall was bright and cheery. It was holiday atmosphere at its best! There was also a XMAS tree to boot! Thank y' all.

Terry Jichaku, without flinching took on the tireless and time consuming responsibilities of calling the members for the head count. The ever dependable hardworking trio, Kuro Tomasa, Kila Haraguchi and Ralph Shishido, wiping away the perspirations from early morn' to prepare their famous and tasty chicken hekka dinner for the group. We certainly owe our gratitude to this foursome. Thanks!

To all the families who parepared their own favorite appetizing dishes for pupu's, the baked goods and the jellied preserves which really watered the mouth. I don't know who made all these as no one kept a list, but it was real ono. Our sincere thanks to all the families. Your contributions have continously enabled the chapter to help keep costs low. By the way, the "Suzuko" was a donation frin Ben Sugawara of Seattle via Terry. P.K. Matsumoto in his resonant voice, did very well in auctioning off the plants in assisting Kazuo.

Our grateful appreciation to all those who continue to support this fund raiser to keep our treasury healthy, so that we are able to carry on the visits to Hale Pulæma Mau for the elderly and have the annual Shinen Enkai, etc., and ensure funding the "Bmiko Nakamura Scholarship Pund", for which I wish to express my personal gratitude to all of you.

The spirited but friendly bidding of the evening was shared by the following: Yoshiji/ Betty Aoki; Hideo Arakawa; Kazuo/Kazuko Fink and their family, Susan Cup Choy & Jeffrey/Margaret Cadiz; Art Forcier & his guest, Betty; Lawrence/ Chiyoko Fujii; Richard/Chizuko Furukawa; Bill/ Harumi Hagio; Kila/Jane Haraguchi; Rich/Katherine Hefner; Henry/Doris Ishida; Jacob/Terry Jichaku; Tommy Kakesako; Wilfred/Bertha Leong; George Matsumoto; P.K. Matsumoto; Hajime/Hinavo Matsuura; Hajime/Sakiko Minemoto; Toshio/Betty Nakahara; Allen Nakamura & family, Duane/ Cynthia Medeiros & Randal/Ann Nakamura: Hide Nakayama; Kazuma Ogata; Fumio/Michiko Ohashi; Joe/Nancy Oshiro; Freckles Oshiro; Tad Sakai; Ralph/Mitsue Shishido; Kobe-Chiz Shoji; Ray Sumikawa; Paul/Yuki Takiguchi; Betty Ihori; Isa/ Hilda Takiyama; Kuro Tomasa; Jiro Watanabe; Victor/Timmy Yamashita.

We also have a donation box for anyone wishing to donate besides taking part in the

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auction. Some of the members are: H. Matsuura, \$25. J. Jichaku, \$25. K. Ogata, \$50. B. Ihori, \$20. P. Takiguchi, \$25. W. Hagio, \$20. J. Oshiro, \$10. T. Sakai, \$50. A. Nakamura, \$10. G. Matsumoto, \$30. A. Forcier, \$6. Donations at the end of the evening by T. Kakesako, \$20 & K. Shoji, \$80 made it possible to reach the record figure of \$2500, accurately calculated by cashier, Tad Sakai.

We are also thankful to the following members, who were unable to attend due to prior commitments but still sent in contributions: Bill Oshiro, \$20. Yoshito Tome, \$50. Ernest Uno, \$10. & Henry Oshiro, \$10. Genro/Muriel Kashiwa, who had designated their donation of \$200 to go to Emiko's fund, likewise Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto's \$100 which was received earlier following the NWR. It is heartwarming to have such generous members. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Edna Kuramoto, in memory of Sueo presented via Tommy Kakesako, check for \$100 each to "L" Chapter & LIKM 11 at the January meeting. Thank you very much Edna, Sueo will always remain in our thoughts.

Our deepest sympathy & condolences to Kila & Jane Haraguchi on the death of their grandson, Roland M. Louis, Jr., age 3, on Jan. 19 and to parents, Roland Sr., & Susan Louis. Our sympathy & condolence also to Casey Kasadate whose brother Masato, died on Jan. 24. We also learned from the morning Advertiser Obituary column that, Yukio "Manju" Hayashi of Haiku, Maui died on Jan. 31. Our deepest sympathy to Ichiko Hayashi. Some of you may recall that they joined the group to Seattle & NVR in Reno last year.

With the just concluded '88 NVR now history, the next one is just around the corner, scheduled for June 27, 28, 29, 30, 1990 in Kona. I have been asked to chair the "L" reunion. Unlike Maui, where there are a large group of "L" members, the Big Island has such a small group that we will need to take over the functions of the activities from here. This is the first time we are faced with this situation. We know that it is a monumental task, but not an impossible one.

I have formed my committee with capable and experienced members. Jacob Jichaku will again handle the Finance; P.K. Matsumoto & Isa Takiyama, Transportation (air & land); Kila Haraguchi & Joe Oshiro, Hospitality; Terry Jichaku & Betty Nakahara, Food; Souvemir, Victor Yamashita. I have also contacted Tom Mizumo of Hilo to help coordinate in the plarming. Hide Nakayama, president of "li" chapter will attend all committee meetings. Correspondence has already been made with our friends in Seattle, Bay Area, Sacramento & L.A. Friends living in other areas

whose address are available to us will be contacted also. The committee will need help from all of you to make for a good reunion.

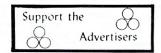
Information received from NVR general chairman, Fred Pujimoto is that the registration forms will be mailed 10 to 12 months prior to reumion date. The deadline for registration is 4/15/90. Hotel cash deposits must be made by 5/27/90. Kona Surf Resort (Host hotel), Keauhou Beach Hotel, Kona Hilton & Hotel King Kamehameha will be the hotels for the NVR. There will be a golf tournament on 6/28 & 29 with Kona Country Club as the possible golf couse.

Congratulations to P.K. & Genny Matsumoto who have had successive weddings of their children within the year, eldest son, Peter having married last year and now their lovely daughter, Mary was united with Dean Ishiki on January 7 at the First Presbyterian Church. Reception followed at the Pagoda Restaurant. Not to be outdone, son, Thomas was married to Laurel Ann Vernon on February 4 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Reception followed at the Kahala Hilton, Waialae Room. P.K. & Genny can now breathe a little easier, it's only three more to go. Congratulations to all again. By the way, P.K. who won the Tutu Kane (Senior Citizen) Hula contest at Keauhau Resort in Kona, has really blossomed as an accomplished hula dancer, correctly reported and observed earlier by Jacob, P.K.'s rendition of "Laupahoehoe" and "Maui Hula" at the Kahala Hilton reception called for an encore with a tootin' & hootin' applause. Well done, P.K. Of course, with the accompanyment from the regular Kahala Hilton's Fernandez Trio, the performance was that much more professionally done.

Tad Sakai, who looks so much better these days just celebrated his 75th birthday at a restaurant in Arcadia, California with his son, Tracy and daughter-in-law, Wenona. He only found out that it was his birthday that they were celebrating by the serenading being done for him. Congratulations Tad, we all hope to see 75!

Deadline for this article is 2/28/89. Shinnenenkai, Punchbowl Memorial Service, 46th Annual Banquet, etc., in next issue.

(See page 40, Surprise!)



MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS

By Herbert Akamine

The February meeting of the Medics was held at McDonald's at Moiliili because we had been locked out of the 442 clubhouse. The members present were Tom K. Nishikawa, Jack Yamashiro, Shigemi Nakamura, Ed Onaka, Roy Sakata, Masato Inouye, Sueo Fujii, and Toshiaki Tanaka. The meeting focused on the Kona reunion of 1990. Amid the business discussions we got to learn a little of Jack Yamashiro's activities after Camp Shelby. Most of the Medics had gone to the different line companies, away from the rest of Medics, so we lost track of each other. Jack went to Third Battalion. Jack sustained a thigh wound near Bruyeres and spent a month at a tent hospital in Epinal. Aside from the rigors of front line combat, Jack remembers the miserable train ride sans toilet facilities, from Provence to the Vosges front, as the most arduous of his wartime experiences. After the war his interest turned to the emerging plastics industry so he enrolled in a technological school in LA but withdrew before completion. Then, he worked for about two years at Tripler Hospital. Later he joined the US postal service until retirement. Jack and his wife visit their daughter's family in California quite often. While there, he sometimes contacts Frank Yano who lives in San

We received holiday greetings from the George Minatas, Joe Saitos, William Yasutakes, Jeanette Drahon, Hana Masuda, and Masa Nomura. Hana and Masa were planning to visit a friend of Seattle days who now lives in Hawaii. Unfortunately, the friend's mother was confined to a geriatric facility so she had to go to the mainland to care for her. The Honolulu trip has now been postponed.

Joan and Donald Nakashima sent to Tom K. Nishikawa a Christmas letter summarizing their past year's activities. They said:

"The year started with a bang when Don had surgery on his neck at UC Med Center in San Francisco on Jan. 9 to remove calcium deposits pressing on his spinal cord. He had been having progressive difficulty with numbness, tingling and in walking. He still has problems in walking but has gotten better and is still on physical therapy. The family had its family reunion in Don's hospital room, one night, wine with fresh Dungeness crab and the other night - wine with Chinese dim sum. That probably made Don recover quickly.

May and June were busy months. We, including Jean (Joan's sis) who flew in from Honolulu, drove to David City, Nebr. to attend their 40th year high school reunion. Stopped in Salt Lake City, Grand Junction and Denver to see sights and visit nursing school classmates. Stopped in Omaha where the girls visited with their nursing school classmates. Jean flew from Omaha to Las Vegas, then to Honolulu and we drove home by way of central Nebraska and South Dakota. Saw buffalos near Hot Springs, S.D. but they were not as spectacular as many years ago.

The biggest event of the year was the wedding of daughter Donna to Michael Wohlleb on Aug. 14th, in the garden of the Wine and Roses Irm in Lodi. It was a beautiful wedding and nature provided them with a perfect evening. It kept Joan and Carol busy because they both lived in Manhattan Beach (LA). Michael was a housemate of Steve when they were at UC Davis. Donna moved in Sept. '87 after they found out how expensive it was to commute between Honolulu and LA by jet. Michael is a biomedical engineer and works for Medtronics. They now live in Tucson, Arizona.

Son Steve and Cindy finally returned to Gloucester, Mass. from their work in Thailand late last year. Steve went back to work as Chief Health Officer for the city and Cindy to work and schooling in Boston. They had to do a lot of fixing their home after being gone for lay years.

Daughter Carol has been extremely busy with OB-GYN practice that she is pretty much booked 9 months in advance. Even her days off and weekend tend to be busy with deliveries, etc. She has her dog and cat who are great buddies. When they all go for a walk together, the neighbors get a big kick out of them.

Son James is still at UC Davis. He did go through the graduation ceremonies in June for his PhD but still had a thesis to complete. He is getting closer to completing it and is looking in to job offers. In the meantime, he is trying to get the house he lives in ready so that we can sell it after he moves.

Joan has been busy in her usual volunteer activities. She is still on the Board of Directors of Lodi Memorial Hospital besides working in the OB Clinic. She is active in the Omega Nu sorority, church work, and sings in the church choir. We drive to Loomis, 60 miles away, weekly to take care of her folk's needs - marketing, doctor visits, finances, etc.

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Don's also somewhat occupied with his volunteer work at the hospital, besides helping take care of Carol's pets and yard and growing orchids in his greenhouse in Carol's backyard. He's doing pretty good as he keeps our home, Carol's home and her office with many blooming orchid plants.

The computer bug has finally invaded our home. The old typewriter finally gave up and it was either a new typewriter or a computer. So we bought an IEM clone recently. Fortunately, James is a whiz on computers and has entered the programs in it and taught us the basics."

Responding to our request for news, Don wrote on February 23, 1989: "I am writing to you to ask if you have the dates of the Kona Reunion in 1990. I need the dates as I would like to make further plans for that time in Hawaii - that is visit other islands, etc.

I don't know if I have written to you since the end of December. I did fall and fractured my left ankle a few days before Christmas so that left me somewhat incapacitated during the busy holiday season. The worst part of it was the difficulty in taking a bath with a leg in a cast. Got along pretty good with a walker at first, then with a cane.

Had our family reunion in Cancun, Mexico during the week of Jan. 7th, since the kids all wanted to go snorkeling. I was all set to do the same but as it was, I sat around the beach with my cast in a plastic bag. Had a great time in spite of it. Snorkeling was good on Cozumel. On Friday, the day before, we did go deep sea fishing. When we hit the big waves, my chair went sliding all over the deck and finally got tossed out hitting the deck and fracturing my right rib. The pain didn't hit until I got home the next day and it was the most painful week I spent. I am over it now. Got my cast taken off in mid-January and am now taking therapy. The left leg is still achy and stiff and I hobble along and at times I use a cane. It is getting better.

We really had some cold days for a while about 10 days ago. The themmometer dipped down into the lower 20's for several days. Had my car outside one night, and when I went out to drive next morning, I found the brakes frozen solid and couldn't drive until later in the day when it had thawed out. We even had snow on two occasions which is most unusual for Lodi. The snowfall at the ski resorts have been good this year. There are several resorts within 1½ to 2 hours drive from Lodi."

442 Stems

By Mino Suzumoto

This "Bulletin" should be in your hands just about the time we'd be commemorating the 46th Arniversary of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, on Sun., Mar. 26, 1989, Pacific Beach Hotel, right smack in there, in Waikiki. Festivities to commence at 5 p.m.

The golf tournament is on Fri., Mar. 24, with BRUNO YAMADA as general chairman. The pertinent facts: Mililani Golf Course; front and back nine; lst tee off at 11:18 A.M., limited to the first 80 applicants.

The morning of Sat., Mar. 25 will see a 442 Memorial Service in progress at "Punchbowl" (The National Memorial of the Pacific, if you wish). Was first sent through its paces last year. It created such an inspirational uplife for all participants, it was decided then and there, we'd make it an annual affair. I urge all of you, if its any way possible, to be in attendance. KAZU-MA, MANABE, AKI KAMEDA, TAKEKAWA are some of the familiar faces you'll be seeing. At least they were there last year and I don't know why it should be any different this time around. If the weatherman cooperates, I guarantee, you won't regret it!

The seatings at the "Anniversary Banquet" I'm told, will be 8 to a table. GEORGE & MARCARET OSHITA; SAB ITAKURA; AL "BRA" GOKAN, all from Kauai, all promised to be there for the gala occasion. Will I see you there? Frankly speaking, Co. I ticket sales have been brisk to good.

Big, gentle HIRAM DOI (now, don't misquote me on this. I never said he was a gentleman) going about these days with his head in "Cloud 9!" Merely shot himself an "eagle" at the Ft. Shafter Colf Course, Par 4, 2nd hole. Says he's prouder now than when he shot his hole-in-one. Witness to his latest amazing feat: BOBBY MIYAJI (2 HQ). Still, me thinks, one of the best quote to appear in print in recent years went thusly: "Colf is a sport that helps prolong the lives of some of the most useless guys in this world!" I'll drink to that! Anyone else care to join me?

TAD FUJISHIGE, in and out of Kaider-Permanente Medical Center, in Moanalua. His "box-score" to date: A heart attack suffered approximately 2 years ago; one bout with pneumonia; another heart attack and now, complete exhaustion. The latter 3 occurring within the last 6 months, or, so it seems. Presently recuperating as best as can be expected at home (of Mrs. ULULANI CHANG) in Waimmanlo. He has asked TERRY ARATANI to relieve him of his duty as Co. I Treasurer (a position he's held

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since 1970. TERRY himself came on in 1973 and has been our Prexy ever since). BILL NAGANUMA has voluntarily stepped in to fill the void. Until the former can fully regain his "ika" perhaps. Meanwhile, BILL, in spite of his peculiar ways, "he seems to be marching to the beat of a different drummer", deserves credit for this one. And as an aside, may I inform you that BRUNO YAMADA has been visiting him each time TADASHI san puts in his "reservation" at Kaiser, Moanalua. Just thought you should know.

Also during the interim: Enjoyed breakfast with SADAICHI KUBOTA (Hilo), together with "you know who' and ELLEN YAMADA on Christmas Eve, 1988, at the Likelike Drive Inn. Prime purpose and subject being the Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona, come summer, 1990. SADA was quick to point out that GILBERT HAKODA was the one and only "Itemite" residing in that area (Keauhou). And he also emphasized that obtaining an early head count of convention go-ers from among the "I" Co. group, local and elsewhere, was most essential to their scheme of things. HAKODA san can make no commitment, will make no move unless furnished with some sort of a figure he can base his estimations on. BRUNO and I was to impress upon you that the "date" is not that far off. Matter of fact, throwing a time-worn cliche at you "Its practically right around the corner!" So, to those of you who are planning to take in the 1990 Kona event, let the Big Island Co. I group know of your intentions. Incidentally, MAKO FUJIOKA is their new President and we'd like to extend our "Congratulations!" to him.

And to get things rolling, here's some Itemites who have indicated that they are definitely taking in the NVR (like "See you in Kona," via their Christmas cards): HARRY & BETTY YANAGA (Tularosa, NM); Dr. VIC & MICHI IZUI (Chicago, I1); KAZ & YO MUTO (1337 Flint Way, Fairfield, CA 94533. It's a new one folks, better file it); "TONTI" & YASUKO SAKAIDA (Kualapuu, HI); JIM & MARIAN YAMASHITA (LaHabra, CA); FRANK SHIMADA (who cares?); JOE & MIYO NAKATSU (Seattle, WA...Co. E, but, an Itemite-at-heart); SHIG & YOSHIKO DOI (Richmond, CA); JOHN & TSURUKO SADANAGA (Vacaville, CA); MAUCH YAMASHITA (Lodi, CA); LLOYD FUJITANI (Lodi, CA). The KASHINOS, SHIRO & LOU will be in Kona too, I've been told by a very reliable source. If the guy from Seattle is stradling the fence on this (no, he didn't express his intentions, one way or the other in his card), we'll get a petition "requesting your presence," going back here. Not a bad list for a starter, huh?

Continuing on with those who took time to wish us well, over the the Christmas Holidays (and we in turn, on behalf of Prexy TERRY ARA-TANI, wish them the very best of everything! Of course!): SETS TANDO (Chicago, II); TAK & MARY SENZAKI (L.A.); GEORGE & MARGARET OSHITA (Kapaa, Kauai); SAM & NOBI MORISHIGE (Penryn, CA); SAB & NAE FUJITA (Los Gatos, CA); MIKE & DOROTHY KRESKOSKY (Nanty Glo, PA); MAKO & ETSUKO FUJI-OKA (Hilo); LARRY KAZUMURA (Seattle, WA); NOBO & ROSE IKUTA (L.A.); FRANK & TAMI KINOSHITA (Ranch Santa Fe, CA): WILSON & MARGA MAKABE (Reno, NV ... don't tell me they won't be here in 1990); "BRA" & YOSHIKO GOKAN (Lihue, Kauai); SUGURU & BETTY TAKAHASHI (Kahului, Maui); MOTOSHI & EDNA TOKU-NAGA (Wailuku, Maui); MONTY MURAKAMI (Mountainview Hawaii); HAROLD & FRANCES WATASE (HNL); SADA & AMY KUBOTA (Hilo); HARRY & ROSE KATAOKA (Seattle, WA); HIDE & VIOLET MATSUMOTO (HNL); BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA (HNL); WILLY & VEE HIGA (HNL ... Co. L); RON & RUTH MINAMI (Wauwatosa, WI); NICKY & YOSHIE IWAI (Koloa, Kauai, ... expressed through the latter); SMITTY & ELSIE KOCA (HNL); KIYOSHI WATA-NABE (Molokai); CLARENCE & NANCY TABA (HNL); MICKEY AKIYAMA (Oakland, CA ... one of these days, his will be a collector's item); HANK & KIYO OTSUKI (Livermore, CA ... Thanks, once more, for your tremendous contributions last summer at the Bally's, Reno, NV); SAB & ITOE ITAKURA (Kalaheo, Kauai); JAMES & SUMI YAMANE (Lakewood, CO); GEORGE & JOYCE MIYASHIRO (San Diego, CA); CHARLEY & JANE OKADA (Seattle, WA); YO & MARY ITO (Hackensock, N.J.); EDDIE & TOMI YAMAGUCHI (Torrance, CA); TOMMY HARIMOTO (HNL); HIDE TAKAHASHI (Ontario, OR); The Honorable JOHN WAIHEE, Governor of Hawaii; FRED & BEA MATSUMURA (Gardena, CA ... missed you during your February trip here, huh?) and my former boss, U.S. Senator DAN & MAGGIE INOUYE Yep! I've finally decided to join the ranks of the 'retarded" ones. That leaves CLARENCE TABA, TOGO NAKAGAWA and BILL NAGANUMA as the only "Itemites" earning an honest buck, from here on in. If they're any others of this strange species left, let me in on it.

Attention, all guys & gals bitten by the travel bug: BRUNO YAMADA's 20 days "1989 Northern Europe Tour" will be departing from Honolulu, for New York on Fri., June 23 on Pan American Flight #82 at 9:45 P.M. The tour will blanket 7 countries: London, ENGLAND: Bergen & Oslo, NORWAY; Goteborg, SWEDEN; Copenhagen, DENMARK; Hamburg & Wiesbaden, GERMANY, Lucerne, SWITZERLAND; Bruyeres & Paris, FRANCE. Included will be the celebration and dedication of the "Peace and Freedom Trail" being held in Bruyeres & Biffontaine on Sun., July 9. After a brief stay in Paris, you'll be jetting out to London, there to board Pan Am flight #121, bound for Los Angeles. You'll be staying one night in L.A. before boarding Pan Am flight #81, arriving home here in Hawaii on Fri., July 14 at 4:19 P.M. If you're interested in any ways, contact him for further details at 487-3909. I'm sure he'll thank you for the call.

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Now, to all of the donors that evening (some gifts were received a little earlier in the month) all I can say is 'Merci Beaucoup!" 'Mahalo Nui "Do-mo Arigato Gozai Mashita!" TERRY thanks you! CHAMP thanks you! Treas. TAD thanks you! Some of the contributions were on the substantial side and we can hardly express our gratitude in an adequate fashion. Anyhow, I'd be remiss in my job if I were to let it slip by without making an acknowledgement of some kind. So, here are our generous donors and we, the receivers, are grateful!: MICHI KATO (in memory of her late husband, KIICHI): PATSY OKIMOTO (JIMMY is seriously ill); JOE NAKATSU (in appreciation for the hospitality extended to his family while they were here from Seattle); DANNY YAMASHITA (regrets his inability to "show" ... has difficulties about night driving); GEORGE TANDO (Co. E ... in memory of his "kid brother" ISHUP); KAZ MUTO (for the umpteenth time); RALPH ARASHIRO, FRED HAYAKAWA (an Itemite at heart); HIDE MATSUMOTO; KENNETH OKUMA; JOE OKUMOTO; CLARENCE TABA: KAZU TAKEKAWA: MITS OSHIRO & MASAMI ISO (San Jose).

CHAMP SUZUKI was Gen'l Chairman with FRED OISHI serving as Program Chief. BILL NAGANUMA was left in charge of Door Prizes. BRUNO acted as M.C., while yours truly's kuleana was the Decoration Committee.

The food was good and the liquid stuff seemed to compliment them divinely. All in all, it can honestly be said, "We had a most enjoyable, entertaining evening."

A tip of my hat, if I had one, to RALPH ARASHIRO, TERRY, CHAMP, KENNETH OKUMA & TOMMY UMEDA for all their kokua (beginning from 9 a.m. that day!). The late KIICHI KATO was a charter

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By Ron Oba

The year of the Snake Firecrackers usher it in Looking for money

Please welcome the new year 1989 and say goodbye to 1988 because a "New Breeze" is blowing through our new President George Herbert Walker Bush. It is also because this is the year of the snake, which maligned as the "forked tongue and a "Snake in the grass", is supposed to be a year for making money. You'll not only be lucky in money but attractive, wise and compassionate. So forget about your last year's losses and ride the new breeze and Go for broke, starting with the super bowl. If you won, then on to Las Vegas and double your winnings. If you lost, then just reminisce on 1988 that was and should have been.

But what's "In" and "Out" for 1989? Well, Pork rinds are in, Jelly beans are out; Progressives are in, Liberals are out; Cost of living is in, Taxes are out; flu is in, Aids are out; Moratoriums are in, New golf courses are out; Reparations are in, Appropriation for same is out; Banks are in, Savings and Loans are out; Tartar toothpaste is in, O'hara is out; Heisei is in, Showa is out.

New year's resolutions are made of broken promises, right? How many are on the Yo-vo circuit? Quit smoking and smoking again? Started on Low Calorie Diet and back on high calorie diet again? Started exercises and back on the couch again? An article in a wellness letter says that one should set aside a worry period. Don't be a worry ward about your up and down life. Instead set aside a period of half an hour every day and you'd be amazed how much constructive problem solving is accomplished in half an hour instead of worrying about the problem all day long. It not only helps resolve your resolutions you broke, but will greatly reduce your anxiety so you can start all over again next year. Don't forget, worry only half an hour a day, no more no less and don't worry if you can't worry.

Fox Visitors

On December 6th and January 3rd respectively, Ginzo "Babe" Morino and Dr. James and Trudy Mimura were entertained at the Suehiro restaurant and the Misuzu. Babe came over on a golf tour and stayed over for a few more rounds of golf with the Fox members. He promised to return for the Kauai Invitational Golf Tournament

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Dr. James Mimura, wife Trudy, daughter Carol and boyfriend Jim Given came for their annual trek to Hilo. Before going to Hilo, Carol and Jim enjoyed a round of golf with Ron and Michi Oba at the Moanalua Colf Club. After returning from Hilo, the Mimura's and Jame's sister, Mrs. Graham joined the Fox members to a delicious Japanese cuisine at Misuzu's. Jimmy and Trudy are prospecting for a winter home in Kaneohe and have been looking around for the day they will spend the winter months in Hawaii. Those attending one or both of the receptions were: Rose and Shige Higa, Phyllis and Barney Miyaji, Mary Muranaka, Grace and Kats Nakamura, Ron and Michi Oba, Clara and Yoshio Shibuya, Chikako Shimada, Shinako and Mich Takata, and Clara and Paul Yamashita.

Annual Christmas Party

As usual our Christmas party served multiple purposes for those who braved the weather. It was a time for singing carols and eating with our guests from the East-West Center. Katsunori Nariya from Kanagawa, Japan is here for his M.A. in Asian Studies and Gopi Uprepi from Nepal, India, is studying for his PhD in Horticulture. The ubiquitous Santa Claus was the image of George Nakasato as he Ho, Ho, Hoed his way with the children who eagerly awaited their gifts from Santa. Lucky number drawings and bingo games kept the winners happy with bonuses of potted plants and egg plants for everyone. Thanks to Shige Higa and Ron Oba who traveled to Waimanalo in inclement weather to solicit enough plants for the members. George did his share by soliciting boxes of egg plants from his farmer friends in Waimanalo. Thanks to Joe Tanaka for the whiskey. Carry over officers are: President, Paul Yamashita, Vice President, Shige Higa, and Secretary/Treasurer, Barney Miyaji. Thanks fellas. Those attending were: Rose Higa and grandson, Jacob, Mineo Inuzuka, Warren and Mitzie Iwanaga, Roy Kubo, Tsugimi Masuda and daughter, Wendy and grandchildren, P.J. Starr, Tootsie and Tessa, Phyllis and Barney Miyaji, Mary Muranaka, Dorothy and Richard Murashige, Grace and Kats Nakamura, Myrtle and George Nakasato, Michi and Ron Oba, Jean and Jimmy Okamoto, Clara and Yoshio Shibuya and grandchild, Tara, Chikako Shimada, Shinako and Mich Takata, May and Tommy Tamagawa, Sharon and Joe Tanaka and grandchildren, Lindsay and Ansley, Ruth and Tajiro Uranaka and grandchildren, Michael, Brayn and Sharla, and Clara and Paul Yamashita.

Coming Events

Shige Higa has been empowered to plan the Shinnen Enkai for February 10 or the 24th,

whichever is available with the Nuuanu Onsen as the first choice. Then there is the Armual 46th Armiversary Banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel Ballroom on March 26. On Feb 18, 19, Mich Takata, guest Yoshio Inukai, Bill Tanaka, Paul Miho, Dan Horikawa, Tommy Tamagawa, Roy Kubo, Ron Oba, Yoshio Shibuya, Joe Tanaka and Babe Morino are planning to participate in the Kauai Invitational Golf Tournament. Tommy will try to get the Kiele Golf Course for our first day's practice round if he can get the time through our reliable friend, George Kawakami.

The Kauai Fox members have been busy communicating with all islands for input to their retunion in June. All indications are that this will be another well attended island-wide reunion with many mainlanders already prepared to attend. As a result the Honolulu Fox members have decided at the last meeting to host a mini post reunion on Oahu for those who decide to spend some time on Oahu. A golf tournament and a combination welcome-farewell dirmer is also planned for that evening. After that all visitors will be on their own time.

Michi and Ron Oba were invited by the Hilo chapter to attend their rice and stew meeting if he wanted more war stories from the Hilo gang. The meeting was held at Kimie Miyashiro's home on December 3, 1988. After renewing acquaintances with everyone, the meeting resolved into planning the 1990 Nisei Vets Reunion in Kona. The members were assessing each other to carry on the fiscal responsibilities and the tremendous transportation and manpower logistics posed by the distance from Hilo to Kona. Yas Deguchi from Kona attended the meeting to accept the generous help offered by the Hilo members. To illustrate the logistical aspect, Yas and wife Helen had to stay over in Hilo after the meeting. It seems that Sadao Nishida and Bob Honda have the situation well in hand. They stated that this event will serve doubly as Hilo's turn for the statewide reunion. Anyway, 1991 will be Maui's turn. Kato Matsumura from Kealakekua couldn't make the meeting but promised to be there doing his share. I told Yuki Okutsu to just catch enough Koles and everyone would be eminently satisfied.

The First Hawaiian Bank's "Helping Hand" advertisements have involved the members of the 442. President Yamashita reported that George and he are in the cast and the ads should be shown sometime in January. You might say that Paul and George are no longer stand-ins but bonafide salaried actors who are sometimes called "Hams."

Update

Well, the new year finally got off to an auspicious start with the Shinnen Enkai held at

Swing Upright, Swing Flat, Swing through Kiele Course designed by Jack Nicklaus is difficult in many ways. Difficult to imagine that the first 18 holes were mostly built over the old Kauai Surf Golf Course. The fairways were so lush it was difficult to get up to your ball and dig a divot when the ball is not landing on the greens, especially when the yardage is imprinted on every sprinkler head. Difficult to concentrate on your shots over intimidating ravines and over the splashing waves to greens you shouldn't miss. I counted as many as 8 sand traps around the greens - "Difficult not missing them," said Tommy Tamagawa. "That's stupid," replied George Kawakami, "You can see all the bunkers and sand traps. No reason to go into them." But it wasn't difficult to play the role of tourists whose carts were filled with ice and a variety of soft drinks in built-in coolers. Finally as you drove back to the clubhouse the cart boys came running to the carts and cleaned every club in your golf bag except my balls. Now I know how the rich and famous live - just ask me.

For the record, Mich Takata took overall on the first day with a 71 net. But behold, Bill Tanaka took everying but the Wailua Golf Course. He shot 67, 67 for 134, two days' net and received Koa bowls, a set of ping irons and every jack pot he entered. Nice going Bill! You must be a snake year person.

In Memoriam

Just received word via Framk Fukuzawa that lovable George Higa of Montebello, California passed away on Jan. 15th. At the Reno reunion and in San Francisco he was showing signs of his failing health but he lived life to the fullest and lived intensely till the very end.

We'll surely miss him.

Mrs. Hiro Suwa, 89, mother of Grace Nakamura passed away on Dec. 21, 1988. Services were held at Milliani Memorial Park. Our sincere condolences to Grace and Kats Nakamura.

Mrs. Hatsu Kimura, 104, mother of Ruth Uranaka, died Feb. 14, 1989. Private memorial service was held. Our sincere condolence to Ruth and Tajiro Uranaka.

Kauai News

By Wally Tasaka

Over 75 individuals have indicated that they will be joining Kauai's Fox Chapter for Reunion, 1989. Of the above number, 20 are from the big, big island called "mainland." When you include the guys and gals from the small, small but the most green and beautiful island of Kauai, we should have a company of approximately 100 people.

Present plans call for a chicken hekka dinner at Iydgate Park on Thursday night, a Chinese dinner at a Nawiliwili restaurant, a buffet banquet on Saturday night at Kauai Resort, and the Aloha luncheon, Sunday at Niumalu Park. Tours to Kokee and points enroute including the Westin Hotel and a north Kauai tour are in the plans. Even slow Kauai has changed; so we assure you that it won't be boring all the way.

George K. is plugging starting times for Wailua Golf Course on Thursday and Saturday with a Friday golf day at the Kiele Westin.
George T. says, "Nuff said for that!"

Bumped into Kensei Higa and his Mrs. who is Sandy Yoshimori's sister. They say that Sandy is wrapped up in his role as "ojii chan." We hope that he'll take time off for the reunion.

Kauai loves you and looks forward to seeing you all on June 22.

Hilo News

By Sadao Nishida

Greetings and Happy New Year to you all from the South. Here on Hawaii we all terminated 1988 with a lot of feasting and with a bang to chase the devils away as the old saying goes and welcomed the new year with more noise and continued feasting. No one worried about cholesterols and calories. We were also blessed with the visit of Dr. James "Toshi" Mimura and his family from Birmingham, Michigan, who came to welcome in the New Year with us. The Mimuras were thrilled with the events of their first Nisei reunion in Reno

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and San Francisco last summer. Toshi was planning to attend the Kauai reunion but will not be able to make it because he will have to marry off his daughter, Carol, the same weekend in June. We will be seeing the family more often inasmuch as he has purchased a condo in Kaneohe.

The weather here has sure been a wet one since New Years for over a month. We have and are experiencing quite a bit of same atop the mountains and it sure has been cold for awhile. Perhaps the Siberian cold has been visiting us too - like snow in Los Angeles and subzero weather on the continent. Anyway the sun is again out and giving us a chance to clear up the yard. The volcano smog is also visiting us but the weather man predicts the expected trade winds should take care of that soon enough.

In spite of the continued rain, the guy upstairs has always seen to it that the weather stays clear when Hoxie Nagami is wheeled around by his buddies. There hasn't been a day that Hoxie didn't take his tour of the city because of inclement weather. He is real well and often talks about his old buddies as he is wheeled around. His cheerful memory of friends and events are most gratifying as we B. S. our tour of duty with our friend.

Our most available gals, Jane and Kimi will soon be visiting Las Vegas. They tell us they are no gamblers so that's not their objective for their visit to the bright lights, but tell us they'll be keeping their eyes open and are motivated to find some guys with pants on. Good hunting girls!

President Robert Honda will soon be calling the gang together for our annual Shimmen En Kai get together and we hope to report the event in our next column. In the meantime keep well.

Maui News

By Robert Matsushita

Shinnen akemashite omedeto gozai masu - konnen mo aikawarazu otanomi itashimasu. The ammual New Year's ewe get-together was held by the mother chapter at the Kaunoa School Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. Cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Members of "L" Chapter and their spouses were hosting the New Year's ewe party. It was nice to see the former Mauians back for instance, Don Shimazu and wife, Hirayama and Dr. Hirayama, a prominent physician here on Maui. To my surpise, I found both of my sisters there at the party. Peggy and Alice were there and they were happy to win door as well as bingo prizes. I believe they all had fun renewing all acquaintances as well as meeting those from Honolulu back on Maui.

Naturally we had the customary New Year's Ozoni, etc., for this occasion. Good old Clarence 'Hekka" Oka led us in the Hotaru No Hikari. We all toasted for a prosperous New Year and headed home.

Installation of 1989 officers for the Mother chapter is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17, 1989. Fox chapter will host the 46th Anniversary Maui 442 Veterans Club Installation Banquet at the Maui Beach Hotel poolside restaurant. We did have a couple of advance meetings among the Fox members and spouses. Chairman Toshio Endo made the following appointments: General chairman, Toshio Endo; Program and MC, Robert Matsushita; Decoration of tables, Mrs. Miyo Hiranaga; Refreshments, Tom Higa; Publication, Tom Hiranaga; Leis, Mrs. Mabel Matsushita; Entertainment, Mrs. Masae Murakami. During the cocktail hour, we will have the 442nd Karaoke singers as well as guests perform. We do have great singers within the 442nd membership. Guest speaker for the evening is Mr. Meyer Ueoka, attorney of Ueoka and Ueoka, elected many years as our representative to the State Board of Education and serves in various capacity in the community.

During my last business trip to Kauai in December, 1988 bumped into "Big" George Kawakami at the Kukui Nut Tree Inn. He did look good. I did extend my season's greeting to him and through him to our Kauai members. I did say Maui is 100% strong coming to the reunion in July, 1989. He did ask whether I had any preference. I said I know how much of a headache the sponsoring unit has. I told him, we Mauians will leave it up to them provided we do have a good fellowship set up. I told him we are getting older and ato ga amari gozai masen no de monku yuu koto mo gozai masen. We parted grasping each other's hands.

END



By Akira Fukunaga

The Anti-Tank year opened with a strong uplift from our Captain at 149 Woodlands Road; Harrison, N. Y., 10528.

He weighed in with a substantial contribution to the AT 1990 Kona Fund to help entertain our visitors.

Captain Ferris writes, "The note in the Bulletin about fund-raising for aid to the mainlanders did not escape my notice. Enclosed is a small check. We will do our best to be there."

I still remember when we first visited the Captain in Wall Street, he was a general partner of Bache and Company (Prudential-Bache today). After taking us on a complete tour of the paper littered main floor, he took us up to the "Club" for lunch. I always remember the Oyster Rockefeller appetizer we had at the bar on the way to lunch. A gournet's delight unmatched.

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We lost another AT leader. Tak Hattori writes from LA with this account of the tragic, accidental demise of Mutsuo "Lefty" Kawamura.

"Received a call from Mark Kawamura from San Benito, Texas. He told me that his dad, Mutsuo (Lefty), suffered a tragic ending while walking his dog on his farm. His dog got away from him. He ran to retrieve the dog and fell into a drainage pipe and became lodged in there and suffocated. He was found by his neighbor after his wife became concerned when he did not return home from his regular morning walk."

"It is especially tragic after surviving WW-2 and retired from farming all these years, then suddenly in a completely unexpected accident on his own farm, die from a freak accident such as this."

"It behooves us all to be especially careful in our old age, as we are not as agile as we used to be. This reporter slipped and fell while crossing a street. The knee was sore for quite some time. It could have been tragic if traffic had been coming at that time."

"BE CAREFUL! Mutsuo was 70 years old and survived by his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Shizuka Kawamura, two daughters, Janis and Suzanne, a son Mark from Dallas, brother Toyo and six sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Condolence card and Koden was sent to the Kawamura family from the Anti-Tank Company."

Another long-lost buddy was located by our LA operative in search of missing Tank-Killers. He is Neil Fujita. The last contact with him was when he was studying at Chouinard Art School about 40 years ago.

Since his graduation Fujita established a successful graphic design business in Manhattan. He also taught part time in Brooklyn. He is now back to his roots in California.

His address is 1540 Ridge Crest Way, Monterey Park, CA, 91754. Another address change is Kiyo and Mary Fujimoto, 1772 Hoover Place, Placenta, CA. 92670.

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Members on the Orchid Isle gathered at Mitsuo Akiyama's Komohana Street home over the Holidays. After enjoying Shizue's cooking they discussed the Kona reunion, but no definite plans were set. When the AT attendance count for Kona is more firm, they will get together again.

Goro Inaba of Holualoa volunteered as host for the AT Chapter night. Golfers Mitsugi Nakahara, Masao Hayashikawa and James Kato will prepare for challenges from the mainlanders and Oahu divot-diggers.

All the Hawaii members are retired, except for Dr. 'Ma' Sagawa who keeps his dentistry office open a few days a week. Fishing is his passion.

Butterman Hamamoto brought news that Mrs. Gerrie Kurlan and daughter may attend the reunion. Also present were Tadao Tanoue and Pop Takemura.

Whenever Pop's name comes up, it reminds me of the scam he cooked up with Lizo Honma. They originated the cigarette/sawdust switch in Europe. The deal was made after hectic negotiation, the carton and currency exchanged in haste, the escape was swift and clean, but it all ended in uproarious laughter, mixed with some chagrin, when realization came that they were clutching counterfeit Lires.

Both Noboru Nagashima and Gary Matsumoto were on Kauai and missed the "shinenkai". Tats Oshiro, although confined to a wheelchair, is in excellent spirits. Tats had suffered a stroke about 15 years ago. Mitsuo reports that Charles Omija of Kau could not be located.

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Mitsuo is in close contact with Lt. Boon Takagi's older sister, Dr. Nobuko Tonggai of Bangkok. Mitsuo and Coro first met her when she was a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii. Since then Mitsuo also visited her on two trips to Thailand.

Recently she wrote to Mitsuo about visiting Lt. Takagi's grave at a Ü. S. Military Cemetery near Florence, Italy.

We all remember Lt. Takagi, a handsome, green-eyed hapa-haole from Jamestown, N. Y., one of our best officers at Camp Shelby. Another was his good friend, Lt. Saburo Maehara of Punnene, Maui. Ironically, both were killed in action in Italy while reassigned to the 100th Battalion.

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Any Tank-Killer visiting Seattle, WA. will be sure to receive the benefit of the Aloha spirit dispensed by George and Maly Tamura, Mac Mamiya, Smiley Tsuchiya, etal. They truly can outdo the Hawaiians. We Hawaiians are all very grateful.

A recent letter from Maly and George included a titillating narrative about a snowy day in Bellevue, WA. I don't think they would mind our sharing it with you. Take It Away, Maly

"Last week, we woke up one morning to find the entire countryside blanketed in snow. I hadn't seen this much snow since my childhood days in Spokane. It was absolutely beautiful—that is until you had to cope with the harsh realities of shoveling, trying to get to work, waiting for long-delayed buses, driving and sliding on treacherous roads, etc."

"We actually had 7 accidents in front of our house - not by our neighbors, not across the street, not a few yards from, but directly in front of our house."

"Our street sign was knocked over by a skidding driver, but not before ramming into a parked car which, in turn set off a chain reaction by bumping the parked Mercedes directly in front, which suddenly took off, driverless, merrily free-wheeling down the road. It suddenly landed in a ditch close by, turned on its side, but only because it struck a van which had been stuck in another ditch (by our house, needless to say)."

"A short time later, a bright red jeep came barreling down this same street (directly perpendicular to our property) and unable to stop on the icy pavement, rammed into our carport. While the nonchalant driver got out to put chains on his tires, his car was struck by another vehicle which in turn was struck by the medic car, one of two which came converging on the scene but thankfully not colliding."

"So to make a long story short, we ended up with a living room full of strangers, all 7 of them. One man with a broken leg, his frantic wife, the driver causing the mischief, two medic men, two traffic cops and a stranger who seemed to have come from out of the cold. Each one, coming in and out, tramping in all that snow and mush, using our telephone, as if we were a public service institution."

"After it all blew over, no one wanted to take direct responsibility for this whole mess. Sigh. That's Life."

Whew!!!

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AT Co closed out the year '88 with a bumper turnout for a joyous evening at the Waialae Country Club, courtesy of Masato and Sachi Doi.

The Judge exercised his prerogative and announced that he would serve another term as President. Kazuo Kiyonaga, VP, and Jack Kaguni, Treasurer had to follow suit.

The food as always was bountiful and delicious, countless items to choose from. Without question the best gathering of the year.

Margaret Kaguni turned out to be the big winner, a camera for door prize.

In addition to the faithful two dozen, it was good to enjoy the company of Lizo and Yvonne Honma, the Don Nakamuras, Halo and Kiyomi Hirose, especially Miyeko Fujiki (Flash) and Mary Sakai (Eddie). Jits Kunichika after a few no-shows was there with a lovely new date.

Mary put on her smart hat to win the numbers -puzzle game. She claimed 10 correct answers out of 15.

What kind of game is this? Here's a sample.

???? What Do Letters Stand For ????
20 = Y. that R. V. W. S.

The answer -- in next Bulletin. P A U

by Eddie Ichiyama

The joyous harmonizing of carols and the sweet fragrance of a christmas tree provided a perfect setting for the annual Christmas party. The festivities were held in the party room of the Banyan Tree Plaza condominium on Saturday evening December 9th with 24 members, spouses and guests present.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening's activities, judging by the smiling faces, the happy laughter and the animated conversations going on. The caroling was most pleasant and enjoyable, the games interesting and the accompanying prizes were generous, the pupu platters of 'tako' and aku sashimi were delicious. The catered food from Suehiro's were hearty and the story telling by 'Naka' Sakamoto hilarious.

Bea Kikawa, ably assisted by her husband Dr. Bobby, led the caroling and also chaired the games. George 'Cowboy' Morishima and Tsuneo Maruo, the chapter 'squidders' provided the tako; George Suenaga, the aku sashimi; Akabo Takasaki made the arrangements for the food and Kokomo Hokama, Mrs. Jane Kobayashi (George) and the Kikawas donated the prizes.

After dinner and after all the 'caroling' and games were completed, our story teller 'Naka took over center stage. In his inimitable and animated style, Naka regaled the gathering with his humorous recounting of the Chapter members escapades, exploits and failures. How this guy can recall incidents that transpired some 40 odd years ago is truly amazing. He can even describe paint drying and make it sound interesting. Some guy, Naka. Those attending the party were: M/M Sada Higa; M/M George Suenaga; M/M Bobby Kikawa; M/M Kaoru Shimizu; M/M George Morishima, M/M Bob Orita; M/M Raymond Kunimura; M/M Tsune Maruo; Mike Akamine; Hideo Sato; Eddie Ichiyama; Yokichi Hokama; Akabo Takasaki; Mrs. Jane Yamao; Mrs. Jane Kobayashi; and Mrs. Kay Sasaki Bilonta.

Mike Akamine and Yokichi Hokama, the outgoing and incoming president spearheaded, coordinated and distributed 442nd pendants to some surviving widows of Charley Chapter members. This was a most gracious and sentimental gesture and judging by the response received from the recipient widows, they were much honored and touched to be so remembered and gratefully accepted the pendants. Each pendant was accompanied by a letter expressing our sentiments and the pride we all have in being part of the 442nd RCT. There are many "C" Battery widows for whom we don't have addresses, particularly for those living on the mainland. So you mainlanders please contact Kokomo with widows current addresses, so we can mail them their pen-

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By Harold Fukunaga

Shinnen Kai

Usually with the opening of a new year, G Chapter celebrates it with an annual get-together This year was no exception. January 28th was the date and the 442 clubhouse was the scene.

Under the chairmanship of Al Amii, it was a bang up party, with delicious catered food, lots of refreshments and pupus and well participated games. This year Judy Kawabata and Jane Fukunaga set up competitive games for 6 teams, so that everyone had a chance to participate. The games included indoor putting contests, word building games, product identification in plastic pouches, and several other games. Team #2 came out the wimmer by one point, after nosing out two other teams by one and two points respectively.

Bingo was played afterwards, to highlight a well programmed night.

As usual, this annual party smoked out a large turnout. Guys, who normally find it difficult to attend our monthly meetings, were present. Guys like Bill Yokochi and Ken Fujimoto were there. The following regular members and their wives were there: Al Amiis, Harold Fukunagas, Ray Handas, Fred Idas, Francis Ishiis, Shigemi Ishizaki, Robert Itos, Toshimasa Kanai, Taketo Kawabatas, John Kikuyamas, Hitoshi Matsumotos, Whitey Nakayama, Eddie Ochiais, Takeshi Onuma, Hiromi Suehiros, Eddie Tamanahas, Speed Tannas, Harold Tokeshi, Judy Komo and Peggy Komoda. In addition, our former Co. Commander, Bill Ault and his wife, Mary were there to enjoy the party.

Eddie & Grace Ochiai's Dream Trip By Eddie Ochiai

What can one do for an encore after completing the "trip of a lifetime"? Twenty years ago, that person would start planning his next bigger and better trip but having attained the status of "senior citizen" this very fortunate individual finds it more practical to reminisce and marvel at the enormity of his accomplishment -- a forty nine days, 10,200 miles odyssey across the USA in a Japanese luxury automobile (Maxda 929).

The desire to see the mainland in one's own way and at one's own pace rather than through the regimented travel schedules required by organized tours must burn deep in the hearts of many would be travelers. This idea started gnawing at my subconscious as well as conscious thoughts about five or six years ago; however, for such a trip to become a reality, I had to recruit my spouse as

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navigator in spite of her initially lukewarm attitude toward a trip that had no itinerary and no time limit. After obtaining her grudging acceptance of the plan, we both had to achieve retired status so that we could leave and return when it suited our fancy.

The plan meshed together in 1988 so on the night of September 27, 1988 we boarded Delta Airline's flight to Boston to start our "dream vacation". Our plane touched down smoothly at Boston's Logan International Airport at noon on September 28th. We picked up our Avis rental car and headed north toward Lynn, Massachusetts where the Mazda and Mitsubishi dealers with whom we were to negotiate for the purchase of a car which would reliably, comfortably and safely take us wherever we wanted to go were located. We thought we should first find a motel and unload our luggage as well as freshen up before locating the auto dealers but we ran smack dab into the Sea Crest Mazda dealer in Lynn before finding a motel. The salesman whom we had contacted by long distance telecon prior to our departure from Honolulu was out so we left word for him that we would be back in a couple of hours after checking into a motel. To our great sorrow, we found that locating a motel in the Lynn area was like finding the proverbial needle in a haystack and we found ourselves in Maine before backtracking to Sea Crest Mazda putting more than 80 miles on the odometer of our rental car in the process on top of more than four hours on our time clock. Since it was getting dark, we grabbed the first motor inn that we found a short distance south of the auto dealership although it turned out to be the most expensive lodging that we were forced to use during our entire trip. This experience bolstered my navigator's doubts about the wisdom of ad libbing our way across the country but was I worried? Not in the least -- I figured that as long as you had enough money to purchase your transportation and pay for food and lodging with cash or credit cards, you can do just about anything your heart desired.

To get to the trip itself, suffice it to say that negotiating for the purchase of the Mazda 929 by pitting the Mitsubishi Galant Sigma (dealer located diagonally across the street) as competition was like playing poker and we came out with a winning hand. Time required for negotiations, purchase of auto insurance from a company licensed to do business in Massachusetts, provision of a Massachusetts address and obtaining Massachusetts license plates totalled two days.

The following is the meandering path that we took to log 10,200 miles on our odometer: Boston to Montreal via New Hampshire and Vermont;

west to Toronto on the beautiful Trans-Canada Highway; south to Niagara Falls on the Canadian side; south to Buffalo, New York; east to Philadelphia; south to Washington, D.C.; north again to Atlantic City, New Jersey; south to Petersburg, Virginia; west to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina: south to Florida through Georgia: down to the southern most trip of Florida itself, Flamingo, in Everglades National Park; north then west to Hattiesburg, Mississippi; north to Memphis, Tennessee; south to New Orleans, Louisiana; west via San Antonio and El Paso, Texas; west to Phoenix then Lake Havasu City, Arizona where the London Bridge is located; north to Las Vegas via Loughlin; northeast to Grand Canyon Village in Arizona to see the Grand Canyon; west to San Simeon, California to see Hearst Castle: northeast to Sacramento: east to Lake Tahoe and Reno. Nevada: back to Sacramento and into Napa Valley; finally, to San Francisco and home sweet home after forty nine days on the road.

The awesome spectacle of millions of gallons of untamed water thundering and cascading over Horseshoe Falls at Niagara Falls on the Canadian side has to rate at the top of our chart for outstanding visual experiences because it made us feel so small and insignificant in the presence of so much force and power. At night, the color show that superimposed the colors of the rainbow on Horseshoe Falls made it more indescribably beautiful than it appeared during the day. Niagara Falls is truly one of the wonders of the world.

A close second on our chart was the thrilling panorama of splashes of red, orange, yellow and other colors in between that surrounded us on our breathtaking scenic drive from Boston to Montreal through New Hampshire and Vermont. One has to personally experience this annual phenomenon of autumn leaves flushing in their proudest brilliance just prior to withering and falling to earth to return to dust in order to fully appreciate its significance. We'll forever be grateful that our timing was perfect enabling us to be in the right place at the right time because this happening lasts for only a couple of weeks each year.

We rank the breathtaking splendor of the Grand Canyon next only because it can be seen almost all year round in contrast to the brief cherry blossom like show put on by autumn leaves. Leaving Las Vegas on the morning of November 4th with the temperature at a balmy 84 degrees and ending up 300 miles later the same evening at Grand Canyon National Park where the temperature registered a cool 39 degrees made us feel like we had gone through the Japanese "Nishishiki" treatment.

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The exhibits and shows at Epcot Center in Disney World, Florida were exciting as well as educational and informative. Go there in the off season like we did and you'll enjoy everything much more because the lines are short enabling you to maintain your pleasant disposition.

Florida has all kinds of attractions for tourists like ourselves. Besides Epcot Center and Disney World there is the Kemedy Space Center, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, Silver Springs, Everglades National Park, Cypress Gardens, to name a few places that should please almost anyone.

I looked forward to visiting Camp Shelby where we underwent basic training during WW II with some trepidation because I wasn't really sure why I wanted to go there. The camp is in tip top condition with a beautiful WELCOME TO CAMP SHELBY sign at the South Entrance. It is now the Southeastern Regional Headquarters for the National Guard. We got there on a Saturday afternoon and found that we were free to drive anywhere in the camp without having to obtain a special visitor's permit, and further, that if we visited between Monday and Friday, a guided tour was available. I must confess that the only two things that I recognized were the water tank and the parade grounds. Couldn't locate the battered old barracks where "G" Company was situated because today's barracks either had hollow tile walls or vinyl sidings and there were no latrines. It is my understanding that today's barracks buildings contain bathrooms with showers and toilets.

Drove over the world's longest bridge when we entered New Orleans via Lake Pontchartrain from the North. It's a toll bridge and it is 24 miles long -- makes you wonder if you're ever going to get to your destination.

Hearst Castle was a big disappointment. It can't compare with the authentic castles we saw when we went to Europe with the 442nd Veterans Club's first tour to Bruyeres, France. Elvis Pressley's home, Graceland, was worth driving an extra 300 miles to see -- sure made my navigator happy.

Few Hawaiians, that's us, experience the thrill or apprhension of driving through a snow storm, even a light one. We did, at around the 7,000 ft. elevation on our way to Lake Tahoe. How about throwing snow balls at each other --we did, at Donner Pass on our way back to Sacramento from Reno. We also rediscovered how "ono or oishil" musubi and vienna sausage right out of the can tastes at rest stops on lonely

SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

By Alexander J. Oka

Officers for 1989 are MASAJI KUROZUMI, President; SAM YAWADA, Vice-President; JAMES MIYAKE, Secretary and RALPH CHINAKA, Treasurer. After many years of faithful service as Chapter Treasurer, TOSHIO DIXON YAWASHITA was granted his well earned retirement. Dixon's request was for a "younger" person to take over.

RECIPE FOR JOYFUL LIVING

Take two heaping cups of patience.
One heartful of Love,
Two handfuls of generosity,
A dash of Laughter,
One headful of Understanding...
Sprinkle generously with Kindness;
Add plenty of Faith and mix well.
Spread over a period of a Lifetime,
And share it with everyone you meet.

Author Unknown

This was the recipe distributed by Royal and Hiro Manaka at the Reno Reunion. And to properly display this wonderful recipe, Royal handcrafted a beautiful recipe holder for each member attending the Reunion. Thanks to Royal and Hiro for your thoughtfulness in making the Reunion a memorable one.

Mainland members at the Reunion were Masami Endo, Nobu and Rose Ikuta, George and May Mabe, Royal and Hiro Manaka, Gen and Mrs. Ogata, Harold and Jane Riebesell, Herbert and Mrs. Sasaki, Homer Takahashi, and Yoshiro Tokiwa. From the Big Island - Isamu and Mrs. Kanekuni. From Kauai - Charles and Helen Saiki, Ted and Clara Yamate. From Maui - Richard and Alma Hashi and daughter Carol, Kunio and Tsugiko Kikuta. From Oahu - Ralph and Grace Chinaka, Tokuo Furuto and daughter Jean, Mike Inouye, Terry Itaki, Takemi Kajikawa, Masaji Kurozumi, James and Martha Miyake, Alexander and Jean Oka, Masami and Margaret Tanabe, Tom and Chic Tanaka, Noboru and Masako Tanoue, Bill and Betty Toma and Sam and Frances Yamada.

The aloha spirit was evident at the Reunion Welcome Banquet when Chic Tanaka presented a corsage to each of the mainland wives and Alma Hashi presented them leis from Hawaii. Service Chapter was also well represented at the banquets. Harold Riebesell as President of the

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By Terry Ihara

After a respite of one report period, your reporter is back at his old job of getting the news of the Chapter to you. Several activities took place during the fourth quarter of 1988 and this reporter would like to mention but two of them. The first has to do with the visit of KIYO YAMATE and his family in late October. KIYO stopped over for a few days on his way home from a long trip to South East Asia. He wanted just a small group party but about forty people turned up for a dinner at the Wisteria Restaurant. MITZI and LYLE accompanied KIYO.

Coincidentally, JOE and MTYO NAKATSU and son, JOHN from Seattle were visiting their other son, MARK, who has an assignment in Honolulu with the Justice Department. So the dinner party turned out to be a gathering honoring the Yamates and the Nakatsus. As usual the event gave members and spouses a chance to renew old friendships and plan for more such events in the future. As is always the case, KTYO had dried fruits and pistachio nuts for 'miyage' while JOE brought over a case of Delicious Washington apples.

The other activity that will be reported here is the annual Chapter Christmas Party which was held on December 13, at Zippy's Iwilei hall. (Actually this event is a proper news item for this report as the month of November is the cut off date for news for the fourth quarter). As is always the case, membership and spouse attendance was excellent. The one thing that made this event a little more special was that two of our former members from Maui were at the party. PAKALA and BETTY TAKAHASHI, the new instant rich of Lahaina, were back again. BETTY who suffered a mild heart attack last fall looked very well and healthy as could be. PAKALA of course is the same sturdy PAKALA; much rested and ready for whatever. BEN and DAISY TAKAYESU also came to proudly show case their very precocious granddaughter. She is the daughter of the late DAVID TAKAYESU, second son of the senior TAKAYESUS, who after a long illness passed away late last year. Our heartfelt con-dolences to BEN and DAISY. While most of us are retired, BEN will keep on going for a while to help pay for DAVID'S enormous medical bills. That's a father for you!! PAKALA of course brought some Maui manjou. There were also door prizes galore including donations of dinner certificates at several restaurants as well as from Zippys, TOMO'S Company.

Poinsetta flower pots were placed at the plots of all Easy Company members who are buried at Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery. This year the turnout for the mission was not too good because

one man forgot and the other had to leave for the airport. The four who did the job were GEORGE TANDO, MASAMI DOI, HIROSHI OKADA and this writer. STOOKA made the signs and OKADA brought the pegs to keep the pots from being blown over by the strong winds.

The Chapter held its annual "shinnen kai" on Valentine Day, February 14, at the Flamingo Restaurant on Kapiolani Blvd. Attendance at the dirner were MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, CEORGE & DORIS TANDO, JOHN & BEA TSU-KANOTO, GLENN & MITYO NAKASONE, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, S. THOMAS & JUNE OOKA, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, MASAMI & MARILIYN DOI, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, RAYMOND & LAURA SHIGENAGA, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI, NOBU & BETTY YONEDA, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, CHI-KATO & PATSY TESHIMA, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, ALAN TANAKA, RAYMOND SHIROMA, HIROSHI OTAKE, SHIGEO TAMASHIRO, SHIGE YOSHITAKE and TERUO IHARA.

At the business meeting STOOKA reported on the actions of the Mother Club Board meeting and SHIGE YOSHITAKE, our new President, offered words of welcome and a challenge for the new year. Officers besides SHIGE are Vice President, S. T. OOKA, Treasurer, GLENN NAKASONE and Newsletter, TERUO IHARA. Among the business items discussed was a call for the names of those who will be attending the EASY Company mini-Reumion in San Diego, September 21 to 24. The following said they will be going: SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, JUNO KANESHIGE and this writer. Plans are being made to go to Las Vegas after the reunion and return to Hawaii thereafter. The package price for the tour is something like \$395.00 with three nights in Las Vegas with meals.

Actually the trip is from Honolulu to Las Vegas and back with a stop over in Los Angeles. KIYO YAMATE and the Los Angeles Chapter will drive us to San Diego and back. MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA and WAICHI & CHIYONO TAKEMOTO are also making plans to visit Mexico City and Guadalajara. They are looking for others who wish to make the trip with them to Mexico City.

This writer had the occasion to travel to Washington, D.C. for a two day meeting early in February. On his way back to Honolulu he had a three hour layover in Chicago so he took the opportunity to call KATHY CROWLEY who fortunately was at home that morning. The purpose of the call was to visit with TOM CROWLEY who is very ill in a hospital in Glenview. KATHY was at O'Hare in 20 minutes so this writer had

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By Henry Chagami

The first meeting of the Chapter for this year was held in the Laulima Room at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Present were John Ushijima, past State Senate president, Najo Yoshinaga, past chairman of the State Senate Ways and Means Committee, as well as president Takashi & Ann Muraoka, vice-president George & Margaret Tonaki, secretary/treasurer Kaoru & Mabel Watanabe, Dr. Masaru & May Koike, Kazu & Judy Saiki Masami & June Ohara, Tom & Barbara Okino, John & Mary Mikasa, Charles & Reiko Oda, Lincoln and Irene Maeda, Dykie Kunishige, Yukisada Oshiro, Akira Okamoto, Norman Sato, Bolo Mizukami, Mamo Morita and Henry Chagami. Attendance was excellent. We would encourage and welcome other cannoneers to join in future gatherings. The main business was the 1990 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Kona. President Curley Muraoka provided the following information from the first correspondence received from the Reunion Committee: Dates - June 27th to 30th; Hotels -Kona Surf 450 rooms, Keauhou Beach Hotel 250 rooms, Kona Hilton 200 rooms, and King Kamehameha 200 rooms; Schedule of events - June 27th Welcome Banquet, June 28th Polynesian dinner review, June 29th Chapter night, June 30th Farewell Banquet, July 1st Memorial Service at Kona Surf 9:00 A.M. Four nights' hotel accommodations will be billed in advance. Registration forms will be ready 10-12 months prior to Reunion and deadline will be April 27th, 1990 with cash deposits by May 27th. There will be a twoday golf tournament on June 28th and 29th at the Kona Country Club. Cannon Chapter reunion committee members on Oahu are Curley Muraoka, George Tonaki, Kazu Saiki, Kaoru Watanabe, Masami Ohara, Norman Sato, Bolo Mizukami, Akira Okamoto, Dykie Kunishige, Charles Oda and Henry Chagami. Curley is the coordinator on Oahu and John Ushijima and Alfred Goto are coordinators on the Big Island.

Tickets for the 46th Anniversary Banquet to be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom on March 26th were distributed. Response was good.

We have a celebrity in the Chapter. He is Mr. HONFED Tom Okino. His 9x10 inch picture appears in a half page ad in the two major local newspapers. It shows handsome Tom with his hands behind his head, leaning back with a wide smile of satisfaction for having put his money into HONFED Bank new Tiered Money Market Account. He looks distinguished with his white mustache and sideburns. Could this be a new career in the movies and on television, Tom?

There was a picture of Henry Chagami, his brother, Richard of Service Chapter and sister, Nancy Kawamura in the February 21st publication of the Honolulu Star Bulletin. The picture was related to a story about the Forty Niner restaurant in Aiea. The restaurant opened in 1947 and has been operated by Richard for the past 41 years with the help of family members. The reason why Forty Niner was selected by the reporter, Phil Mayer, was because he originally thought the restaurant was named in anticipation of Hawaii becoming the 49th State. It was explained in the news article that the name was on a lunch wagon purchased by the Chagami's prior to construction of the restaurant. Forty Niner was probably named after the gold rush in California.

Mabel and Kaoru Watanabe became grandparents for the second time recently. The baby's name is Jourdan Watanabe and the parents live in Irvine, California. Jourdan is their second grandson. Kaoru says boys run in the Watanabe family and except for one girl, the rest are all boys.

Gerald Gustafson (Gus) will be in Hawaii sometime in April. Cannon Chapter golfers, be ready for several rounds of golf.

The dinner meeting was arranged by Margaret and George Tonaki. The well prepared steak and chicken dinner was delicious. The accommodations were excellent. Our thanks to Margaret and George. Our thanks also to Curley for a well conducted meeting.

New Year greetings to all! For those with medical problems, our prayer of concern. The. Chapter members hold you ever in their thoughts.

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stretches of Interstate Highway in Texas, Arizona or California to name a few places where we chowed down on that repast but you can only enjoy this treat if you remember to take your rice cooker with you.

My apologies for the length of this report but a detailed account of everything we encountered or experienced during our trip would take ten times longer to recount. I'll stop here expressing the hope that everyone who hasn't already done it, will have an opportunity to take that "dream vacation" soon!





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1988 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, 442ND VETERANS CLUB FCU

Your Board of Directors is pleased to submit our 34th annual financial report which shows continued profitability, and improving reserves and undivided profits for your protection.

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, our loan balance has been declining over the past several years. Necessarily this has resulted in reduced earnings from interest on loans. It also meant that we had to depend upon other investments to make up the reduced interest on loans: time and savings deposits in banks and S&L's, and in government and agency securities. All our investments are with local financial institutions or with reputable and dependable local securities dealers.

Our savings balance shows a slight decline. Our reserves and undivided profits total \$271,143 and are equal to 12.9% of savings -- an improvement over last year's 11.5%. This percentage is substantially more than required by the National Credit Union Administration and is far above national or Hawaii average.

During the four quarters of 1988, we declared a 6% dividend rate. So long as we remain profitable, it is the intent of the credit union to pay as high a rate as is prudent. At the same time, it is our policy to keep the loan rates as low as any financial institution here in Hawaii or on the mainland. Compare our rates and you will find them lower than any bank, S&L or credit union!

As the accompanying loan policy shows, your Board of Directors has once again made improvements to assist those who need to borrow. The changes are noted in the personal unsecured and co-maker categories: reduction in rate if loan partially secured by savings, and by extending the repayment periods.

We also report to you that we have not had any seriously delinquent loan in years. On December 31, we had one delinquent loan with a balance of \$176!

As we look forward to 1989 as our 35th Anniversary Year, we pay special appreciation to the original incorporators who are still active members of the credit union: Walter T. Matsumoto, Edward K. Ochiai, Tadao Beppu, Blake S. Mitani, Masato Doi, Toshiro Iwamoto, and Clarence T. Taba.

We thank you for your confidence and in joining us today.

DIRECTORS: Shigeru Goto, Wallace Kawamura, Walter Matsumoto, Katsugo Miho, Togo Nakagawa, Minoru Suzumoto, and Clarence Taba

January 30, 1989

1988 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGING TREASURER TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, 442ND VETERANS CLUB FCU

January 30, 1989

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR VARIOUS YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

ACCOUNT TITLE	1985	1986	1987	1988
ASSETS OF CREDIT UNION MEMBERS:				ma arma d
Loans to Members Cash in Bank-Interest Bearing Account	702,320 308,384	901,508 384,590	799,435 54,662	759,952 193,386 1,016,796
Savings/Time Deposits in Banks, S&L's, CU Government Agency Securities Furniture & Equipment, Depreciated Other Receivables and Other Assets	769,714 583 45,348	649,463 83,773 455 44,000	1,244,421 169,594 178 86,052	332,446 100 75,032
TOTAL ASSETS OF CREDIT UNION MEMBERS	1,826,349	2,063,789	2,354,342	2,377,712
OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY OF CU MEMBERS:	S. Dr. 191221	out sits at all	band sky	n is daily
Accounts Payable & Deferred Credits Savings Accounts of Members General Reserves Undivided Profits & Earnings	680 1,640,015 75,000 110,654	772 1,850,075 75,000 137,942	2,862 2,105,899 100,000 145,581	7,296 2,099,273 100,000 171,143
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY	1,826,349	2,063,789	2,354,342	2,377,712
COMPARATIVE PROFIT & LOSS ST	PATEMENTS FOR	VARIOUS YEA	RS	63 13
ACCOUNT TITLE	1985	1986	1987	1988
OPERATING INCOME FOR YEAR:	100 100 100 100	CONTRACTOR SHOW	volvier del le	terms. The
Interest on Loans to Members	72,731 82,007 15,597 127	77,604 89,331 4,818 3	77,212 97,762 10,168 8	73,224 99,969 20,105
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	170,462	171,756	185,150	193,309
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR YEAR:		estrem da lide	new original Wal	Butt. produc
Borrowers' & Savers' Life Insurance NCUA Supervision & Operating Fees. Officers/Directors Fidelity Bond Premium Staff Comp Benefits, Taxes etc Computer Data Processing Costs. Conference-Workshops: Directors/Officers Office Expenses Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,374 799 2,347 8,959 2,754 1,608 5,730 5,597	7,274 944 2,455 8,598 2,827 1,435 5,920 4,958	8,404 1,129 2,215 10,348 3,097 1,301 6,213 6,113	7,700 1,321 3,351 11,049 3,640 527 6,675 7,280
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	30,168	34,411	38,820	41,543
OTHER NON-OPERATING GAINS/(LOSSES)	5,694			(1,979
NET EARNINGS BEFORE DIVIDENDS*	145,988	137,345	146,330	149,787
*Dividends Paid to Members Dvd Paid Ratio to Net Earnings	104,175 71.4%	110,057 80.1%	113,691 77.7%	124,224 82.9%

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by Larry Ishida

Exit 1988, a wonderful and memorable year for members of this Chapter. Thanks to Prexy, Larry Ishida; Vice President, Richard Nakamura; Treasurer, Botchan Okemura and News Writer, Kazu Tomasa, 1988 will be remembered as an active and fum year for all. Many thanks to the various members and wives who hosted many of our get-together.

Enter 1989, and indications already point to a banner year with Kazu Tomasa at the helm, Toshi Hayama as Vice President, Botchan Okemura, our life time Treasurer and Larry Ishida as News Writer.

On December 10th, The Annual Christmas Party was hosted by Jimmy and Mitsue Sakamoto at the Clubhouse. Whenever these two are hosting a gettogether, it always turns out most enjoyable and successful. Many of the gifts and prizes were donated by son, Alan who is doing business in Advertising and Promotion with office located in Kaneohe. Members who attended the party were Kazu/Michelle Tomasa, Toshi/Grace Hayama, Katoon/ Toshiko Tanigawa, Sweeney/Sue Sugai, Moriso Teraoka, Lippy Higuchi, Hisako Higuchi, Frances Sato, Toku/Stella Kaneshige, Herbie/Sue Isonaga, Botchan and Jane Okemura, Jimmy/Mitsue Sakamoto, Larry/ Violet Ishida. Many thanks to Nobe Miyamoto for the delicious dried raisins, Salty/Yuki Mizuta for their generous gift, and Chef, Moriso Teraoka for preparing the delicious home cooked food.

At Kanraku Tea House on January 14th, we held our Installation of Officers Party for 1989. Herbie/Sue Isonaga hosted this gathering attended by the Okemuras, Nakamuras, Tomasas, Tanigawas, Kaneshiges, Sakamotos, Teraokas, Sugais, Hayamas, Watamabes, Saruwataris, Ishidas, Thompson, Sugi, Sueo Higuchi, Hisako Higuchi, Frances Sato and Aileen Yonemori. Food was excellent and plentiful The old time songs by Kazu and Larry were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Herbie and Sue for a wonderful evening. Also, Mahalo to Tokuo and Larry for the beer.

HQ2's first meeting for 1989 was at the Clubhouse. Host Quanto and Richard Nakamura put together more than enough pupus and drinks to satisfy K. Tomasa, T. Okemura, M. Yamamoto, T. Hayama, M. Sugai, Y. Sugi, Scully Shimizu, S. Higuchi, and L. Ishida. It's quite obvious that the early exit is showing since past years, 10:30 p.m. exit was normal, but currently, 9:00 is the deadline. Maybe the DUI is scaring these guys off to report to their wives? At any rate, I note, too, that our friends next door (232nd Engr) also go home early.

Moriso Teraoka was designated to be our 1989 prexy, but he got off the hook by claiming too busy--too busy--so I investigated this excuse and concluded that he actually is busy. After retiring from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in 1985, he attended Kapiolani Community College, majoring in Food Service which he completed and earned an Associate Degree, next he attends U.H. to learn Japanese so he can get in with the elite in making money, and then he goes back to Kapiolani C.C. for advanced cooking and food preparation. On top of these busy hours, he spends time as a member of Succulent Cactus of Hawaii, whose goals are to improve/increase the beauty of leafy plants, e.g. Aloy Jade etc. This hobby takes up a lot of time which he spends at the Diamond Head Community College Campus. To top it all, he's an officer (has been for years) of Central Kalihi Neighbor Association, whose primary goal is to help and improve Community Service. Moriso, after all this we excuse you from holding office HQ2 Chapter, and we congratulate you on your ambitious undertakings.

Sick Call - Steve Takenouchi (Kidney), Tomizo Saruwatari (Injury from Fall), Botchan Okemura (Heart By-Pass). All serious cases a year ago, but are smiling today since they've overcome obstacles and are well on their way to normal living. Best of Luck to all.

Think about and decide whether you plan to attend the Kona Reunion in 1990. Chairman, Herbie Isonaga would like to know ASAP so he can reserve hotel rooms.

Anyone interested in going to Las Vegas? Sweeney Sugai is taking roll call and plans to take the gang (if enough going) sometime in 1989 (possibly in October).

Host Moriso Teraoka amnounced Dinner/Meeting --wives included-- on May 13 (Saturday), will be held at Tsin Sin McCully (formerly the New Asian Restaurant). Please keep that date open for this occasion.

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member of this committee (by coincidence) lived right in the neighborhood). Now, his strapping son, BURT insists he's taking his dad's place. Made me promise to give him a call every year from here on in. Well, come to think of it, those cases of beer, soft drinks, etc., are getting heavier and heavier, hauling them up those stairs, to the 2nd floor. Incidentally, our Christmas Party, this year (1989) will be held on Dec. 10, the 2nd Sunday; same place, same time. Will keep you posted.

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By Joe Shimamura

SNAKE

It sliters along as we greet this the year of the snake. Still holding it's own, the KINGS-MEN will be carrying on for another year led by PREXY - JAMES OURA, VICE PREXY - CURTIS NOBORI-KAWA, SECRETARY - HIROSHI SUYEOKA and TREASURER -KENT K. KAJIWARA. Keeping 'em healthy, the lifeline of the K-men is expected to be upheld by the following men on the active roster: WALTER HEI-RAKUJI, YOSHIO HIGA, ROBERT HIRAYAMA, KATSUYE IBARA, CHARLES IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, TOKUO KAJIWARA, TSUNEO KANEMORI, FUJIO MIYAMOTO, ROBERT NAGATA, TED NAKATA, ROBERT NITAHARA, RICHARD ODA, EDWARD OGATA, YOSHUIO OROKU, JAMES OURA, SATORU SAWAI, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, SEICHI SAKAIDA, KENSHI TOMOMITSU, NIZAE YASHIMA, SANDY TAKESHITA, KENNY SHIMABUKURO, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, JOE SASAKI, CHET TANAKA, MASAO OKASAKO, YUKIO TOKUDA, TOSHIO YAGI, and JAMES YANAGIDA.

FAREWELL

Closing the old year, final farewells were said for MASAYUKI OKUMURA, HARRY HAWADA and Mrs. HORACE SMITH. Born and raised on the Valley Isle, MASAYUKI was a member of the 298th engineers, a member of the original Co. K and served as a company cook. A self appointed hancho of the Maui K-men he was a hustling lobbyist for the UFW on the Valley Isle, while carrying on as a chief custodian for the DOE. Passing away in November at the age of 68, MASA is survived by his wife, TOSHIE and daughter, NAOMI and son, ITMMY

HARRY HAYATO HAMADA born September 25, 1919, entered into rest on November 8, 1988 in Mountain Home, Idaho. HARRY who served as one of the cadres was a cook in Camp Shelby, bugging out of the kitchen when we were sent to the ETO and served as a squad leader in the 1st platoon. Survived by wife, MARCIE and daughters, BONNIE and ALICE, this IDAHO best will surely be missed by all who came to know him. It took quite a bit of arm twisting, but was most happy that HARRY accompanied by MARCIE did get to see our part of the world as he came to the last reunion before going on to the world beyond. MRS. HORACE SMITH, after a long period of illness passed away during the early part of 1988. To the surviving members of these 3 families, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy.

1988

The old year was brought to a close with the November meeting held at the LIKELIKE DRIVE INN $\,$

and the December affair taking place at the FLAMINGO CHUCK WAGON. The November 8th affair honored DR. & MRS. GERARD ALAIN, a childhood friend of PIERRE MOULIN who is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and who presently practices in Nancy, France. The attendance was good for boun of these affairs with the hustling now being done by the ichi-ban secretary, H. SUYEGKA. If you don't think the life of a retiree is good, better talk to "SUIKA" who can now do all this hustling with so much time on his hands. Things are easier yet now with the retirement of PREXY JIMMY. 1988 was a busy year as the K-s must have met on an average of once a month.

ECHOES

Echoes of the past brings forth some frontline analysis of but one infantryman as seen thru his eyes and experience. In the process of trying to recall past incidences, found a most amazing mind that seem to have an everlasting memory in the way of the wizard ROBERT CHIKARA NITAHARA who went thru this all hardly missing a day in combat. Being one of the 298 boys, CHIKA who is considered to be one of the old timers as compared with us youngsters, has an uncanny ability to recall the past not missing a thing. Should you make any statement, you'd better be sure to have some concrete proof to back this up as CHIKA will tell you exactly who, what and where this was all about. To put into words the perils of the frontline infantryman is a rather hard task that has to be experienced by you and you alone. The here today, gone tomorrow concept was the expected way of life for the frontliners who survived day after day relying on his hunches and instincts to live to fight another day. An interesting aspect of the saga of the KINGSMEN would be to try and recall the number of brass that passed thru the ranks during it's existence. Taking but one phase such as the epic battle in the Vosges of the rescue, 4 officers, 2 replacements and 2 originals begun this trek. Two days into this mission, 2 were seen being led down by the medics and it didn't seem to be a purple heart case with a 3rd being evacuated, most probably with a legitimate reason leaving but Lt. DAVIS, a 1st platoon replacement as the only brass on line. The late T/Sgt FRED SUGIURA of the 1st platoon took on the duties as 1st Sgt being the ranking noncom, and YOSHIO "BIG JOHN" OROKU carrying on as the Hancho for the heavy weapon boys. During this quest, recall seeing a Lt. DEAN! lying in a prone position with his 45 all cocked and ready for action, not even knowing what platoon he was assigned to. Never saw him after this day so he must have been evacuated after 2 days with the K-s. A Lt. RAINWATER joined the 1st platoon on

LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS

By Henry S. Kuniyuki

Shin-nen akemashite omedeto gozaimasu! Livorno Chapter members extend their Happy New Year's Greetings to all since this is the first "Go-for-Broke" Bulletin for the Year of the Snake.

The Livorno Chapter News features the Ronald Kosuke Higa's fine family for the first 1989 issue of the "Go-for-Broke" Bulletin.

Ronald Kosuke Higa was born in Honolulu on January 9, 1922, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kojin Higa. His dear mom, Mrs. Keme Higa, like all war-time mothers, suffered the worrisome anxiety while Ronald served overseas as a replacement trooper to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Prior to his induction into the United States Army, Ronald married Janet Hatsue Gima on December 26, 1943. Shortly thereafter he received his Presidential greetings.

Ronald took his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and was assigned to the Specialist Battalion trained cooks, clerks and wiremen for overseas troop replacements. Upon arrival in Leghorn, Italy he became a member of Service Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Among his Italian Campaign memoirs include chef's duties at Rest and Recuperation Camps, after the cessation of hostilities. As you may know, these R&R Camps, established by the U.S. Army Special Services, were located at exotic parts of war-torn Italy. Ronald was honorably discharged as a Technician Fourth Grade from the Army of the United States. He was among the replacement troopers who were given the distinct honor of bringing home the 442nd Regimental Colors after parading before President Harry Truman.

Ronald retired in 1986 after a long and faithful career with Aloha Petroleum, the successor to the Tidewater/Phillips Oil Company. Janet also retired after working for Lola Fashions. Their fine family include a son, Melvin Morio, and a daughter, Lynette Leiko. Melvin is married to the former Myran Ichikawa. Melvin's family include a daughter, Stephanie, who is eleven, and Barry who is eight. Daughter Lynette Leiko is a X-ray technician at Queens Medical Center. Lynette also works part-time at Dr. Gabriel Ma's office. Being very ambitious, she attends Kapiolani Community College at night to study legal aide courses.

Ronald and Janet Higa reside at 2521-B Waiomao Road, deep in Palolo Valley. Both Ron and Janet welcome visitors to their lovely home to "talk story".

Livorno Chapter members are encouraged also to visit President Katsumi Sakotani who is confined to his home in Kaneohe. Kats continues his rehabilitation on weekdays at Kuakini Medical Center. While on the subject of "sick calls", Acting Chapter President Wilfred Watanabe and Jerry Doi continue to be plagued with serious medical problems.

Other Livorno Chapter News of interest Minoru Nagasa's only daughter, Lynn, was home on a well-deserved Christmas vacation of two weeks. As you may recall, Lynn, who is a "Magna Cum Laude" graduate of Princeton and a Juris Doctor degree recipient of Columbia University, is currently serving as a Legal Counsel for the giant First Interstate Bank in Portland, Oregon. Jerry and Ethel Doi became proud grandparents again with the birth of Travis Toshiro Doi on November 25, 1988.

Those of us who served in the Personnel Section at Regimental Headquarters may be interested to learn that one of our colleagues, who was Company Clerk of Dog Company, Tokuichi Segawa, has been afflicted with the dreaded cancer. At the time this Chapter News was being prepared, he was hospitalized at Straub Medical Center in Honolulu. Tokuichi resides in Hilo, Hawaii. Another Personnel Center colleague of ours, Aki Nishimu passed away last year. Aki was Vice Principal of Benson Technical High School in Portland, Oregon. While he was alive, his family graciously extended a warm hospitality to Lynn Nagasako. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the Aki Nishimura's family.

On a more pleasant note, Raymond and Mimi Tanaka will be visiting the People's Republic of China this Fall. The fabulous 22-day journey will be led by Roger Ariyoshi, the renown Red-China expert of China-Pacific Travel here in Honolulu. The Chapter Reporter and his wife will also be among the "Lotus Series" travel group departing on September 27, 1989. Paul Takaezu's famous Ceramic Artist sister, Toshiko, held a two-weeks show recently at Kamehameha School. His sister has returned to her professorial duties at Princeton University.

Chapter Secretary Takamori Miyagi would like to remind Chapter members that the monthly dinner meetings are held on the second Tuesday evenings at Wailana Coffee House starting at 6:30 pm. Treasurer Raymond Tanaka would also like to remind Chapter members that the annual Chapter dues of ten dollars should be submitted to him if you have not done so to date.

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By Charles Watanabe

Here we go back to zero and one again.

held at the clubhouse got off to a very good start. Much better than expected. Must have been the full moon and members were on the prowl. It was a good thing because it gave Takeshi Nakamura a chance to collect the dues for the year. If you have not as yet contributed, call Takeshi. He is anxious to keep his books straight.

Meeting was called to order by our fiery fearless leader Erni Uno. This is his 3rd year at the helm and I admire him for that. But, of course who can we get better to do the job.

Nothing much in the way of meeting of importance and anything significant is the remodeling the clubhouse, and that means adding more rest rooms for the ladies and gents.

Meeting ended at the usual coffee place with more da kine stuff. At the meeting were Sam Furuya, Shigeru Goto, David Kaiura, Bill Kuwata, Hajime Matsuura, Harold Mikumi, Takeshi Nakamura, Frank Ishikawa, Sam Sasai, Erni Uno, Chas Watanabe. Hope I did not miss anyone. Like I said we had a quite a gang. Hardly ever have this many for a very long time.

Before getting into anything else, Hq 3rd ended the year 1988 with a Christmas party at Ermi & Grace Uno's residence at Aiea Heights. It was a very cheerful event with lots of Christmas atmosphere and mistle toes. The food was delicious, roast turkey, w/cranberry sauce, baked salmon, barbecue meat and lots of salads and dessert. Best of all was all you can eat, change your plate if you like. Refreshments galore furnished by the Kuniyuki's. It was Hq 3rd at it's best when food are concerned.

The fun part of the evening was the grab bag which had everybody oohing and aahing and clamoring for things which they like. Surprising, a little insignificant sushi maker had so much attention.

Well, of course, we had good old jolly St Nick make his appearance. Santa was supposed to be in Las Vegas but could not resist Hq 3rd annual Christmas party and had to return to attend. A most enjoyable evening was held and thanks to the Uno's.

Now let's get into some news of notes we like to keep $\underline{\textbf{i}} n$ our memory.

Sa Nakata was here visiting here with her family, and that's her son, wife and children. Glad that she is looking well and reports it is very cold out at Bainbridge.

We had a get together at the China House chop suey with a very fine turnout. After dinner we gathered at the Nakamura's residence for more dessert and coffee and entertainment. Would you like to know what kind of entertainment. Would you believe me if I said, karaoke. "Yes," karaoke. We have many talented people among us who are members of the Uta No Kai. Ever hear Shigeru Coto sing, also Janet Goto. Finally everything blossoms out. Irene Nakamura also sings too. How come all these talents. Never too late, we now have a select group to entertain us.

Just thinking, how would you like to hear Sam Sasai singing love songs with his goatee. Seems very sexy to me. I think he would be sensational.

Takeshi Nakamura joined the Uta No Kai and promptly they made him an equipment manager. Not that they gave up on him and his voice, just that they needed a talented strong back.

What else on the agenda, yes, of course the anniversary banquet. March, of course, that's when you make your decision to become a full patriot.

The Nakamura's, Kuwata's, and Coto's are going on a Scandinavian trip in June.

Janet Matsuda and Frances Tsubata, were at the China House. Glad to have seen them again.

Hq 3rd should pin a service medal on Erni Uno for his dedicated work as presdident.

As I reflect on the year just past, Hq 3rd did very well. No Casualty and hope and pray it will continue for many more years.

Don't forget Memorial Day, Hq 3rd again will decorate the graves at Punchbowl and again will hold a cookout at the Matsuura's. Save your flowers for the occasion.

All pau for now. Like they say, "Be Happy Don't Worry."

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

UP FRONT

The first information bulletin for the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion to be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii has been received. Hotel accommodation, registration requirements, local transportation, car rentals, local tours, schedule of events etc., have all been identified. You should be receiving your registration forms by the end of this Summer and the registration deadline is April 15, 1990. Kona International Travel Service (Kona ITS) 75-5722 Kuakini Hwy, Suite 106, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 76740, telephone 329-8811, Toll Free No. 1-800-634-8818, has been designated the Reumion travel company. If you haven't received this first information bulletin, please contact Jerry Ishimoto who is the 'B' Chapter Reunion Coordinator.

Mark your calendar also for the next family (ladies) and white elephant night which will be on August 25th, at the clubhouse.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1988

Many members deserve much mahalo for their contributions to the Christmas party which was held for the first time at the JCC Hall. Decorations and crafts were by Martha Inouye, Ellen Kunihiro and Kay Hirayama. For entertainment, the Karaoke singers were Ellen Kunihiro, Kay Hirayama and Richard Ogata. Ted Tsukiyama and his daughter Sandy, a professional Koto player, added a touch of class with their Koto and sakuhachi. Burst the balloons tied to your ankles and best dressed toilet paper wrapped mummies were new games presented by Gladys Nakahara that had many in stitches. Much mahalo also to Jane Ueoka and Hilda Kaneshiro for program assistance, including the singing of carols. 1989 officers as reported in the previous bulletin news were also installed and decked with leis made by Martha Inouye. Incidentally, if I missed anyone here or anywhere else, please excuse and remind me not to forget the next

FAMILY NIGHT-WISTERIA, FEBRUARY 24TH

Don Shimazu, now Chapter president, and his crew got control of the helm for this family (ladies) night. Forty-three members, spouses and guests attended and enjoyed the evening socializing and bidding for the white elephant contributions by members, too many to report. However, the hottest bidding were for edibles, especially cookies and tsukemono. Vegetables and fruits were next and disappeared quickly. Mahalo once again to auctioneer kats Miho and collection agent

Biggie Nakakura for this part of the program that netted the Chapter a couple hundred dollars. Chapter business conducted during the evening included two items of import, the 1990 Reunion in Kailua-Kona and Chapter support of the Hawaii Holocaust project. In support of the Hatter, Mits Kumihiro made a motion for a \$200 Chapter donation to the project and this was approved unanimously. Much thanks to Walter Inouye for the excellent party arrangements.

CHAPTER GOLF BY ROCKY TANNA

On December 18, twenty golfers showed up at HOC in muggy weather and a soggy course and only five shot net par or better. Bill Horie and Ken Kawate tied for first with 69 nets. This was the first time Bill came in as a winner and he should be congratulated. Ken Kawate took the front nine with net 33 and Ted Tsukiyama and Roy Okubo tied for the back with nets of 33½. Par 3 winners were Kats Miho (2), Don Yagami and Ted Tsukiyama.

JANUARY 23RD, LEILEHUA

Nineteen golfers left their homes before daybreak for this round of golf at Leilehua. The course played tough and only two golfers shot net 72 or better. Jack Shiroma and Joe Obayashi tied for first. Walter Inouye took the front nine and Jack Shiroma too the back. Par 3 winners were: Joe Obayashi, Milton Uchigaki, Teiji Uehara and Rocky Tamna. Larry Shinabukuro from 'A' Battery joined the golf club.

FEBRUARY 13, KALAKAUA

Nineteen players turned out for this event and Rick Ogata shot one his better rounds of golf! He was the overall winner with 82-14 net 68. Milton Uchigaki took the front nine with a net 32½. Par 3 winners were Biggie Nakakura, Ted Tsukiyama, Joe Obayashi and no one hit the green on one.

FEBRUARY 27, KANEOHE

Eighteen players met at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Rick Ogata had another hot day with a net 67, 80-13. Biggie Nakakura took the front nine and Jack Shiroma the back nine. Par 3 winners were Joe Obayashi (2), Milton Uchigaki and Don Shimazu. With food and drinks on the Club, all enjoyed this day out at the Marine Base.

Starting the 1989 year, the twenty-six members handicaps are as follows:

Kenneth Kawate(9)	Geo. Muramaru(21)
Don Yagami(9)	Joe Obayashi (21)
Larry Shimabukuro-(10)	Stanley Kaneshiro (23)

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Flint Yonashiro(11)	Walter Inouye(27)
Richard Ogata(13)	Shoso Kagawa(27)
Teiji Uehara(13)	Lester Kato(27)
Ted Tsukiyama(14)	Mits Kunihiro(27)
Rocky Tanna(16)	Larry Nakahara(27)
Roy Fujii(17)	Biggie Nakakura(27)
Bill Horie(18)	Toshi Nishizawa(27)
Kats Miho(18)	Roy Okubo(27)
Joe Takata(18)	Don Shimazu(27)
Milton Uchigaki(18)	Jack Shiroma(27)

Last week we made note of 74 year old Mike Austin averaging 318 yards on six drives and some may say he's a big man to begin with. Well then, let's consider Steve Gaydas, 5' 5'', 135 pounds and 73 years, who bet anyone \$10, he could drive the first hole at the Summehana Golf Club in Pennsylvania. There were no takers. Furthermore he needed only a driver and a 3 iron to reach a hole when the immortal long hitting Jimmy Thomson was short with 2 drivers, the second tee'd on the fairway. The first hole at Summehana? Only 430 yards. How did he do it? Exercise with cut up railroad tracks to develop strong hands and forearms.

46TH ANNIVERSARY, 1943-1989

When you receive this Bulletin issue, the 46th would have come and gone. 46 years ago, we were in Camp Shelby. 45 years ago, we left Camp Shelby in April for Europe. 44 years ago and during the month of March, we started the rat race through Germany and Battalion Hqtrs. moved 13 times in March, from Menton to Antibes, France and then to Kleinblittersdorf and towns beyond in Germany. By the time the 'rat race' ended in Donauworth on May 18, 1945, the Battalion had established command posts 44 times in Germany and all in two and a half months. Hope to have seen you at the 46th Anniversary Banquet to reminisce.

BITS & PIECES

Seen at the Wisteria, and a party next door, the the February family night was JUSEI HIGA (Serv). Living within our midst, most of us haven't seen him since the forties. Retired from Pearl, he's now or already a great grandfather. Tad and Lily Tokuda (C) spent a few days in Hono-Tulu with the Ray Kunimura's (C) while enroute to New Zealand and Australia. They have a nephew in Australia and will spend 30 days there. Those who attended the NVR in Reno will remember this couple from L.A. contributing much to the hospitality room. A few of us had them over at the clubhouse with the Kunimuras for a night of laughter, fun and food with the 442nd Ukulele/Hula Club. Photo herein taken at the Maui 442nd banquet is from Fred Hirayama. Are they WW I or WW II veterans?



Annual Maui 442nd New Years Eve Farty held at the Kaunon Maui Senior Citizens Center-Hiroshi Yamagishi(B), Jerry Ojiri(SV), Tets Kawasaki(B), Don Shimazu(HQ), Fred Hirayama(HQ) & Walter Sakamoto(HQ).

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Congratulations to 'Hard Rock' Nakamura, our completed his 5th consecutive run this past December. For this run he set a goal of 5 hours and lo and behold he accomplished it with considerable flourish and flair with lots of time to spare, completing his stroll with a time of 4 hours and 59 minutes and 57 seconds.

Our newly 'volunteered' chief Kokomo Hokama wasted no time in asserting his authority at our January 1989 meeting. While Sada Higa was busy concentrating on his fried aku bones, he was appointed the coordinator for our upcoming Kona Reunion. Sada will work with our man on the scene, Tsucomu Fujimoto of Hilo. Those thinking of attending the Reunion should contact Sada post haste.

A total of 16 members and spouses enjoyed a reunion dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tad Tokuda of Los Angeles, at Suehiro's on Saturday evening 2/25/89. Mr. and Mrs. Tokuda are on their way to visit their son who is residing in Australia. During their short layover in Honolulu, they were house guests of the Raymond Kumimuras of Kailua. The Tokudas promised to return for the Kona reunion just to hear 'Naka' Sakamoto talk stories.

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by Hichiro Matsumoto

Christmas Party - 198

The site of our annual Christmas party was held at old reliable Victoria Inn. Not a hokano nor elite but more of a blue collar place where you can sageru your hair and sawagu lilibit and the main thing get the whole place to ourselves. Having gone there for so many times, by now, everybody must know the place like the back of their hands. Doshite shiran but this year's attendance seemed more than the past several years. You'd think should be leveling off or dwindling by now.

To no one's surprise, the Tom Masamoris from the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado, mata kita. Akamai guys getting away from the frigid Rocky Mountain weather to suck up our warm Hawaiian sunshine, even for a few days. Kosuke Imori of both Honolulu and Seattle, Wash., is a regular now.

Konban unveiled another Bonsan. The newest of all, Richard Murakami gave the invocation and was chow down with the ladies leading the parade. This was Richard's first (maybe not elsewhere but for the chapter), but old timer no yoh ni iiguwaini yatta. Nanimo suru noni, he prepares well in advance, plus get one good head too, that's why he rattle 'em off and no make you squeeze for moshimo hikkakaruka. Back up Bonsars were old pros Rodney Yamashiro and Henry Nakama. They all good so no such thing as first team, second team or anything like that.

Emushi (M.C.) for da subarashii and most enjoyable evening was Kiyo Kimura who needs no introduction. With assistance from Joe Sato and our four youthful looking hula maidens; Eleanor Ando, Millie Honda, Janet Matsumoto and Nora Yamashiro put on an interesting and entertaining show. No can leave out Tommy Hirao's Princess Pupule hula went knock 'em dead. Christmas carols were sung and games were played. You must know by now, with Kiyo in there, you can expect the unexpected and the unexpected as well. Shiran uchini, Doc Kawamoto went "sneak" in and sing one enka (we think) song.

Thanks to all of them, no need to worry about good live entertainment...da pololoi kind. Next year's (1989) Christmas party (chanto stay reserved awreddy) will be same place and the date is December 9, on a Saturday Sukoshi early to set the date and reserve the place you say? We don't think so. One of the biggest plus in having 'em early is, no need make anykine shimpai for bang bang in dates, like later ni setara.

Yuso Iwane's tako pupu smothered in sumiso yoh ureta. Dis tako man, he not only go poke 'em and prepare da bugga but oishi soomi, umai umai yute go eat up. Kono ossan, he get savvy (ajitsuke) and guts (eat his own cooking) as well. Da kimchee wet bust da mout too. The hotness (chili pepper hot) and ajitsuke was so dakine, you go eat even a tiny mouthful, you suguto reach for the cold stuff for some fast relief. Was like that (beer & pupu - back & forth) that's why beer daibun atta but mirna miteta. The hot stuff went all miteru too.

Like in past years, prizes galore with everybody attending contributing more than their share. As usual Calvin Yasuhara was the hustler and the man in charge. Tommy Kiyosaki mata went gibaru so much (all tame ni naru things), several guys had to lend a hand transporting 'em from the car to the party site. Luckily, the party was on the second floor. Jodan ni a guy go say, next year donate as much as one can handle himself.

Monte Okamoto, the usual collector was a no show so Barney Zenigami went pinch hit and was manning da choba, "relieving" guys of some cash. Gary Kawate and Jimmy Nakamura were at their usual post, tending the bar. Durno what Charley Ijima's duty was but he sure looked impressive with his arms folded across his chest. These guys and the countless behind the scene help suru people, you gotta point 'em out because you never can thank them enough, always contributing anyway they can. Guys like us go strictly as "guests" and the only time get a little messy, more like lilibit wet is whenever we reach for another cold one. For some, the evening was not long enough, thoroughly enjoying themselves so much, lost track of time and management kara oi dasareru made go huddle up in a corner and keep on partying.

It was really nice of the widows of passed away members to give up their time and come spend the evening with the chapter members, wives and friends. Bump into some of them at times and for others, only at this here Christmas party.

Tis the season to be happy and have a good time, business matters, announcement and the likes were put aside and sticking with tradition, only chapter officers of 1989 and the Golfer of the Year were introduced.

Chapter Meeting - January

Still being oshogatsu for some guys that stretch the holiday season, not to mention the inclement and cold weather kept the attendance of the first meeting of the year a little down than

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the usual. What made it appear less than on hand was guys were slowly trickling in better late than never. All the chapter officers were out and in good spirits too, a very good sign for a great year ahead. Monte Okamoto, chapter treasurer was in there busy as a bee building up the chapter's mint. With not too much to deal with and always keeping the meeting business-like at all times, hayo sumashite adjournment was at 8:05 after the call of 'Meeting come to order," at 7:30 p.m. on da nose. For chotto once, something went awry during a discussion but never posed any problem and no sweat with parliamentarian Richard Murakami on top of things at all times. No can miss for sure kotoshi iitoshi toru, eating up on Tommy Hirao ga motte kita manju. Now days you gotta eat fast (manju, chichi dango, etc.) bambai no mo. Talk story later. That's right boy, toshi toruto da taste bud kid time yorimo, no stay da same. Noticeably missing were the two ex-presidents, President Yamashiro (mother club) and Kiyo Kimura (chapter).

Chapter Meeting - February

Was imagorono typical meeting, short and snappy. A few announcements and discussions on issues brought up at the Board of Directors' meeting. Subjects touched were the upcoming 46th Anniversary Banquet at Pacific Beach Hotel on March 26, the Memorial Service at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific on March 25, and the golf tournament at Mililani on March 24. Also next year's (1990) reunion in Kailua, Kona headed by our own Fred Fujimoto. After meeting pau, which took a little over half an hour, everybody comfortably laid back with something cold in hand for the remainder of the evening, watching our beloved UH Rainbows Baseball Team's 1st of three games against Santa Clara University of California, which was already in progress. Was a game worth watching the first 4/5 innings, which made the already good tasting beer better. But (that word) thereafter it was all down hill, ending up 20 for the visitors and only a measly four for us. The best were to come, the home team sweeping the two remaining games. A moment of silence was observed for Hide Nakashige, who passed away on January 26.

Chapter Officers - 1989

President - Hichiro Matsumoto

Tohto shoganashi da selection committee was forced to reach down and scrape da bottom of da taru. Going to be some tough job and a challenge as well, taking over after outgoing president, Kiyo Kimura. But no scared 'em, we no going lay down, roll over and play dead, that's not our style. Like they say, hardwork never was the

cause of anybody to keel over but one good way to get better results.

Vice-President - Joe Sato

"Gieuseppe" is another one of the you-cantanomu-and makasu-anytime guys in the chapter. Any kind mondai, major or minor you get, within reasons of course, no problem, see him, good as done. Being the VP he automatically inherits the "cream" job, chairmenship of all club activities like dinner meeting with wives and the prized plum of them all, the annual Christmas party. Oh yes, it's gonna be a great one and the one thing you can be sure, it will be something with a musical theme.

Secretary - Masao Yamasaki Treasurer - Monte Okamoto

These two super chapter officers' been faithfully and loyally serving at their respective positions not only for a long time but doing excellent work as well. Dedicated and unselfish is one way to describe them. Mada mada homete yaritai but no can because da nomiso capacity limited and besides kakitai koto mirna kaita. Gotta be, boy, serving for so long. Officers come, officers go, but they just keep on going. They are INDISPENSABLE.

Sgt At Arms - Mervyn Takano

To have good meetings, you gotta have somebody who can keep things under control at all times. We have that man. Only sometimes nemuri go tsuku.

Parliamentarian - Richard Murakami

Being on the reserved and otonashii side, it might not show on the surface but Richard is a knowledgeable and able parliamentarian as they make 'em. Conducting meetings going be duck soup and fun with him at the side on the ready in case of moshimo

Committee Chairmen

Aloha & Welfare - Walter Matsumoto & Joe Sato

Soto kara mitara, this job "soda-water."
Naka kara miruto marukiri hantai. You can say, it's the most urmwanted/undesired job of them all by far, but shoganai, eh, somebody got to do it. The duties are taking care of the chapter's kosai, koden and things of that nature. As if that wasn't enough the "job description" calls for making visits too.

Christmas Party - Joe Sato

Parties/entertainment and him go hand in hand

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so that's one job no need shimpai.

Golf - Teiji Chinna

Efficiency is his middle name. Operates like a well-oiled machine is just another of many ways to describe him.

Beer & Pupu - Gary Kawate & Jimmy Nakamura

Two most taken for granted guys and seems as though they no exist when going good and get everything, but da monku ga deru kotoga (from da monku tares) when inadvertently something is forgotten which is par for the course.

Soliciting - Calvin Yasuhara

What da hell, give him the title (no cost nobody nothing) da way he crack his bahine even for once a year.

Contribution - Tommy Hirao

Him demo, he deserves a title, the things (mochi, chichi dango, etc.) he tadami contributes and plenty too to meetings and functions. Add setara daibum naru.

Dinner with Wives

This here get-together dinner with wives, the first of many scheduled for the year was to view the much talked about "Go For Broke" tape, featuring the 442nd RCT, at our clubhouse (free, no charge). The thing that won over the enthusiastic crowd was the 232nd Engrs. went "shine up," appearing in a good portion of the tape, which ran a little over half an hour. High and low mitemo, the only recognizables were then Captain Pershing Nakada and Sgt. Kosuke Imori. Our's (Engrs.) was filmed while training in the "wilds" of Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Not so easy trying to pick out guys after some 45 plus years. What made it tougher was, most of it was taken from a distance.

Was good but seemed like watching the US/USC baseball game on TV was more exciting. Now, after all these years, we think we know why the Engrs/Band softball team never win one championship, no more the "inside baseball smarts." If only Charley Ijima or Yuso Iwane were at the helm, championships galore. This night they proved themselves to be the top two "Monday Morning Quarterbacks." Good fun buggas.

Like any successful "production" there are the dedicated people that make it happen. And in this instance, they were Joe Sato, reserving the hall and tape and also catered da imagoro no yoh hayaru gourmet box bento; Jimmy Nakamura taking care da daijina yoh ureru hiyai stuff. Doc Kawamoto was da main boy for da night, da mon pic-cha man. No more him, no more show. Margie Ijima ga motte kita boiled peanuts (huge, nearly the size of lima beans) was very popular. Etto atta but shiran uchini all went disappear.

Thanks to all the "volunteers" and all those 26 people showing up, making it one nigiyakana get together.

Golfer of the Year

Teiji Chinna, considered one of the Big Boys in the 232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club, handily (more like walked away) won the much coveted handsome Kawasaki Perpetual Trophy. To be more precise, he went leave everybody in the dust. The prized trophy is his to keep, admire, neramu, show-off, use for tsukemono weight, door stop or whatever but most important of all, no get moloha and keep 'em polished (him nara sewa nai) for one year or until dethroned, whichever comes first.

Who said nice guys finish last. Like they say, it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. That my friends, is not just a line, but a fact to which not 99% but 100% of the people asked would attest to it. His nature is such that people enjoy playing in the same group as a partner or foe, doesn't make any difference. Like for example, at times when needing another to complete a four-some and hyokutto like call him, he never, never give you that famous line, let me check the calendar first (get permission from the wife), but right then and there gives first "yes" or "no" answer. He no believe in making guys whistle.

Winning the sterling silver trophy is proof that he was the best golfer and steadiest as well for the just completed 1988 golf season. The golf club calendar year runs from December to da akuru toshino November. That prestigious trophy is won by amassing the most Kawasaki points. Winning a scheduled tournament earns you ten points plus ten balls and the jackpot; second, five points and balls and so on down the line. Participating in a tournament gets you one point but no ball. Kurushii for da heta duffers but shogamai no, ability ga no more nara.

The true sportsman that he is, win (often), lose (mettani nai) or draw, without fail, lights up the "Victory" cigar after completion of every tournament. Like all champions, every phase of his game is sound. No more weak spots, even at the 19th hole. With that inevitable toshi taking it's toll, da once yoh tobiyotta tama, no tobu like his bygone "Gorilla" days. Gorilla in golf terminology is a guy that tataku da ball so hard, a bugga come pakun (lopsided). Agyan demo today, he still puts plenty real estate between us

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Teiji is the retiring 442 Retiree Golf Club's Tournament Chairman. How he fared? He only did such an efficient job, going be some tough for the guy that follows to duplicate. He best examplifies; no need to toot da horn for people to recognize quality talent. Also, he takes over the President/Tournament Chairman job for the 232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club for 1989. Relinquishing one headache job and taking on another, ain't no big thing for him, just another day at the office. Well, that's the price one pays for being so, doh yutara lika. Summing it up and making a very, very long story short, 442's lost is 232's gain.

To the best of our knowledge, ours is the only one (golf club) with a trophy. Something to cackle about. Odon tacha deko agena hatta bai. To that our cuginos and cuginas from the old country would say something like, taishita monja. Chotto mitara the trophy looks something like the Ryder Cup but the similarity ends there because unlike the Ryder Cup, all the engraved names on it sound "foreign" like, Arashiro, Chimna, Hirono, Iwane (2x), Kamikawa, Miyashiro, Nakasone (3x), Sato & Yasuhara.

The Kawasaki Trophy

Kiyosaki Noritomo (that's only our Tommy) no okage san de the Kawasaki Trophy came into being. Tommy, then the Hawaii High School's Dept. of Athletics Program Specialist on one of his earlier trips to Japan made the acquaintance of Mr. Kawasaki, a business tycoon. Thereafter, him ga nihon iku tambini their friendship grew and soreno sugu ato, da okanemochi aikane went ageru da trophy to him to keep for himself. Caught unaware, him arede doshoka to omote, after much debate with himself decided to donate 'em to the 232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club. Oi, otchan, dohmo arigato. And you know what? Da fushigina part is dokosan mitemo no more his name engraved on the trophy, which means he never win yet. Us guys nara, win or no win, make sure put our name on 'em first. Mr. Kawasaki is the president of Kawasaki Sporting Goods, one, if not the largest sports equipment manufacturer in Japan, specializing in tennis racquets. The sterling silver trophy is no imitation or dime a dozen stuff but the Real McCoy. A reasonable (?) questionability on it's worth, we'd say would be in da nanjuman en figure. Most likely, way more.

Mata Kita

Dis time Mac Nogaki and wife Jackie of

Seattle, WA. came for another Hawaiian vacation and also to visit with daughter, Sylvia. The now frequent isle visitors stayed at Pagoda Hotel, a favorite of many Mainland people. Futaritomo just like da kanemochis, getting away from the old Pacific Northwest and come to balmy Hawaii to see and soak in some sun. Up there, ima samui gena.

Sylvia is a personable and johinna hapahaole young lady on leave from her full time reporter job from the Seattle Times and attending University of Hawaii on a fellowship from the Garnett Corporation. She'll be finishing up shortly and probably go to Japan to further her education. Oyaji (Mac) go yuhnoni, if she takes Nihongo, you can count on him helping nothing.

In full retirement (pau with fooling around with part-time work, kiri ganai) now, Mac spends a good deal of time following and watching his two grandsons (10 & 8 years old) play Pop Warner football. Like any typical proud grandfather, ibaru kotoga, about his pride and joy, the older one especially. Claims da kid so good and versatile, they throw 'em all over da plae where need plugging up and delivers. Not only on offense but on defense too. Of the komaino, he says, give 'em time. Kidded him how come the football Seahawks, baseball Mariners and basketball Sonics, not so hot. Shaking da head said, what can you do....The Washington Huskies too.

Our 442 clubhouse was the gathering place and the main entree gourmet food for the evening was from non other than the popular K.D. Drive Irm, on the corner of Harding & Kapahulu Aves. Whadya mean us guys no more class. John Dominis to anmari kurabe raren but everybody monku nashi went eat up and never nokosu nothing (because hungry and not enough, that is open for debate). No need go harau dakine bakarashii prices, you just got to know the right places.

Was a most enjoyable fireside chat-type kind evening with everybody in on everything. With the holiday season not quite over, the turnout was just about what was expected. Guys might still be celebrating New Year's, nursing hangovers, being held on a Saturday night and on such short profice.

232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club

Bull Namba, one of the better golfers in the 232nd Engrs/Band Golf Club, offered to open up his home for the members for a get together. The boys took him up on it and yorokonde accepted. With Christmas only a short couple of weeks away and people already in holiday spirits, tsuideni made it into a get together and Christmas party joint venture affair. Attendance was good,

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everybody had a good time, which more than made up for all the years and club went without. If our dakine memory serves us correctly, it was the first Christmas party ever in the how-many-years of existence, the golf club, that is.

This ladies and gentlemen golf no koto story is honest to goodness, one for da book. The original hole in one insurance of \$3 per member (was paid so way back, the president was a democrat) is still untouched and intact in da toronko safely stashed away uner lock and key. To which da old folks comment would be something like, mo kabe ga waitoru daro.

The main dish for the evening was Bull's specialty, go pulehu steak over charcoal fire and go eat up while still hot. Cholesterol, gout and dakine stuff was put on hold for the night. For some the duration of the holiday season. If you never try, you better you dunno what you missing. What makes it so great is da chef possess da touch. Not something you pick up here or there. Either you get 'em or you no get 'em, he get 'em. The wives participated too, bringing pupus/des-

Winnie Namba is such a gracious hostess, she even makes shiran people (meeting for the very first time) feel comfortable and put them to ease. Even da shizukana de anmari sohdo sen people feel so much at home, they unclam up and cut loose a little. We THANK DA NAMBA's very much.

442nd Ukulele/Hula Club

The Oahu Retired Teacher's Association extended an invitation to the 442nd Ululele/Hula Club to show their stuff at their annual Christmas party at Hale Koa, on the grounds of Fort De-Russy, Yorokonde da "borots", gomen nasai, the club members unanimously accepted and responded with a good show, we think. You know, it's some difficult to make an unbiased judgement, you being in the show, no matter how small a part. This is one man's opinion. The performance was as good, correction, let's make it pretty near as good as any group with the entire cast comfortably. past retirement age.

No doubt, everybody enjoyed being on center stage and in the spotlight, even for chotto no aida. With an attentive (inkyo senseis) audience and da whatchamacallit starts flowing, arwe brah, you no can help but strive to give your best and reach out for more. The "star-studded" show opened with hula numbers (ladies & men) followed by Hawaiian songs and closed with Christmas carols. Do we need to mention the performers received a job well done round of applause? Looked high and low for any familiar faces (for-

mer teachers) nambo mitemo mitsuke dasan, nani dokoroka, all of them a good many years younger and some much much younger than us guys. All our's must be dakine by now.

Tommy Kiyosaki had a cataract operation kono aida so for chotto no aida was kyukutsuna for him with one makapipi eye. No big thing for him because gaman (hard head bugga) is one of his

Ato no shukan ran into Primo Kikukawa at the clubhouse, came for a physical checkup. He stay looking some good. Kono ossan no mondai is enryo nashi nandemo kandemo yoh kurau.

Richard Murakami underwent major stomach operation in the middle part of February at Kuakini Medical Center. As of this writing is still an in-patient. Wife Lily thanks everybody for their concern and requests no visitation just yet. Gotta let him rest up and get stronger first Muri for the byonin to receive visitors when mada on da not too genkina side.

A Memorial for Hide Nakashige by Walter Matsu-

Hide was born in Kahuku on June 25, 1917, and grew up there. He attended and graduated from McKinley High School in 1936. Following graduation, he went to work as an electrician at the Kahuku Plantation.

In January 1943, when President Franklin Roosevelt issued a call for AJA volunteers to form an experimental combat unit, Hide was among the more than 10.000 volunteers. Partly because of his work background, he was assigned to the 232nd Combat Engineer Co. of the 442nd RCT at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Hide went overseas with the 442nd and participated in all four campaigns in Italy and France. His citations included a Purple Heart Medal and an Oakleaf Cluster for wounds incurred first day of Combat in Italy, and later in France, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement against the enemy and the distinguished Unit Badge, given to all men in the 442nd. He was a good and dedicated soldier, and his family can rightfully be proud of his part and contribution towards the unparalleled record of the 442nd, which not only dispelled all doubts as to the patriotism of the AJA's here and on the mainland, but also for their acceptance into the community's main stream.

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By Bruno Yamada Sports News KAUAI 442ND INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Temprarily incapacitated Tom Tanaka was not able to defend his back to back titles which he had won in 1987 and 1988. However, another Tanaka (Bill) from Honolulu shot steady rounds of 67-67 for a 134 total to capture the 24th annual Kauai tournament which was played at the tough Wailua Municipal golf course.

Sen Uenten of Kauai had rounds of 68-63 (131) but did not qualify for the grand prize being a guest participant so he became the winner of "B" Flight. Stan Kanzaki and Ed Watanabe of Honolulu were tied in "A" Flight with 135's, but Kanzaki was declared the winner after cutting a higher card than Watanabe. Howard Kurihara and Tsuka Murakami of Kauai trailed closely with 136. In "B" Flight, Tom Tajiri of Honolulu also fired a 136 for second place followed closely by Wally Kawamura, Tad Hirai of Honolulu and George Oshita of Kauai with 138.

Bill Tanaka who also won this tournament in 1974, was awarded the Senator Dan Inouye's trophy, Governor John Waihee's bowl, Lombardi's low gross prize, and a set of irons.

Stan Kanzaki and Sen Uenten took home the Governor John Waihee's bowl and also a set of woods. Nearly 170 players participated in this year's tournament which was chaired again by the hustling Yuki Arashiro. Welcome night party was held at the Hanamaulu Cafe and the awards banquet at the Wailua Marina.

Some of the outer state players included: Ken Inukai of Tokyo, Japan; Tom Watanuki from Blue River, Oregon; Frank Shimada, Bob Sakamoto, Art Tanaka and Slim Nakamura from San Jose, California and Slim Murakami, Fred Matsumura and Akio Kumamoto from Los Angeles.

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RESULTS OF KAUAI 442ND INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Feburary 18 - 19, 1989

OVERALL	LOW NET	BILL TANAKA	aur1
	''A'' I	TLIGHT	
1.	STAN KANZ	ZAKI	135
2.	ED WATAN	ABE	135
3.	HOWARD KI	JRIHARA	136
4.	TSUKA MUI	RAKAMI	136
5.	BRIAN HI	RAYAMA	140
6.	MARSHALL	NAKAMATSU	141
7.	DONALD M		142
8.	GEORGE KA	AWAKAMI	142
9.	HENRY SH	IBATA	143

	NALIER HIRAMOTO RON MATSUBA	143
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	"B" FLIGHT	
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	SEN UENTEN	131
	MILAT MO	136
	JALLY KAWAMURA	138
	CAD HIRAI	138
	GEORGE OSHITA	138
	ROBERT SASAKI	139
	MAXIE MUKAI	139
	GEORGE KOGA	140
	KEN FUKUMOTO	140
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A CASE	442ND INVITATIONAL GOL PAST WINNERS	
1989	BILL TANAKA	HONOLULU
1988	TOM TANAKA	HONOLULU
1987	TOM TANAKA	
1986	DANIEL AOKI	HONOLULU
1985	HENRY SHIBATA	KAUAI
1984	JIRO SHIMOMURA	HONOLULU
1983	TOSHIO MUNETAKE	HONOLULU
1982	FRED IDA	HONOLULU
1981	CHARLES MIZUTANI	KAUAI
1980	MICH TAKATA	HONOLULU
1979	WALTER NIITANI	KAUAI
1978	KATS MIHO	HONOLULU
1977	FRANK SHIMADA	SAN JOSE
1976	EVERETT ODO	HONOLULU
1975	TOM KIYOSAKI	HONOLULU

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RETIREES GOLF CLUB by Eddie Tamanaha

BILL TANAKA

GEORGE NIITANI

JAMES OSHITA

NORMAN SATO

MINORU TAKASHIMA

GEORGE YAMAMOTO

GEORGE OSHITA

GEORGE OSHITA

GLENN KOGA

1974

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The Retirees Golf Club had a most successful and enjoyable 1988. We had another hole-in-one made by Yoshio Higa on our last tournament of 1988, held at Shafter Golf Course. Yoshi made his H-I-O on the 17th hole on December 29, 1988. This is the 5th for our club which ended its 6th year of operation. The club hole-in-one insurance is sure helping out with the 19th hole celebration. Here are all the hole-in-one, so far: Masami Doi 12/29/83, Ala Wai; Hiram Doi 1/19/84, Makalena; Rusty Honda 11/21/85, Makalena; Mike Mikasa 3/20/86, Makalena; Yoshi Higa 12/29/88, Shafter. Who's next?

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Tanaka) with prizes won at the Kauai Invitational Tournament.



Margaret Oshita, George Oshita and Frank Shimada at the Marina (award banquet).



Left-right; Sen Uenten (lst-B), Tom Tajima (2nd-B) and Yuki Arashiro (general Chairman).



Left-right; Stan Kanzaki (lst-A), Howard Kurihara (3rd-A), Paul Miho (representing overall winner William Tanaka). Ed Watanabe (2nd-A) and Yuki Arashiro (general chairman).

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We held 22 tournaments during 1988 and fortunately had no rainouts. We participated in the Annual Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament; the 442nd Anniversary Golf Tournament; AJA Vets Golf Tournament; our annual Hilo KMC tournament and held a special Mr. & Mrs. Get-Together Dinner at Bull & Mrs. Namba's residence. It certainly had been a busy year for the club.

Our 19th hole get-together continues to be of commadeship and fellowship. Due to loss of tee times at Ala Wai Golf Course, our 19th hole at the 442nd Clubhouse has been eliminated. We still have the Pali clubhouse and the Wah Kung Restaurant near Gibson, in the Mapunapuna area after golf at Honolulu Country Club and Shafter Golf Course.

Our annual meeting and banquet was held at the Doong Kong Lau Hakka Restaurant in the Chinese Cultural Center. Some year-end awards were given besides the special end of the year tournament prizes. For participating in every tournament: Harry Tokushige and Teiji Chinna; Average Low Gross score: Lefty Suginara; Average Low Net score Stanley Yamamoto; No Wins in 1988: Mits Honda & Champ Suzuki. New Officers for 1989 elected were: President, Ed Tamanaha; Tournament Chairman, George Ikinaga; Handicap Chairman, Tom Mayeda; Secretary/Treasurer: Maui Okamura; and Schedule Chairman: Ed Tamanaha.

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Our tournaments for the months of March, April and June are: March 9th, Pali; March 28th (Note: changed from March 27th) HCC; April 6th, Makalena; April 20th, Pali; May 4th, Shafter; May. 18th, Makalena; May 30th (change from May 29) HCC; June 15th, Pali; and June 29th, Makalena. GOOD GOLFING!!

END

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the day we made contact with the lost battalion and was proving to be a pretty good officer, but was hit a few days later as we never got to see him after this. Cannot recall when and how Lt. DAVIS left the outfit, but here we lost a good replacement whom we've never seen to this day. The last officer seen on this ridge, name unknown, came up to see the situation thinking the ridge was all cleared, caught a direct hit of a devastating tree burst ending up as a KIA on his first day on the line. So she goes for this issue of Echoes of the past.

Bringing to a close the first one for this new year, may we ask that you take them vitamins and keep 'em healthy, especially, KIDMIO WATANABE, BIG JOHN OROKU and ISAAC IKEHARA. Our thanks to MASAO OKASAKO for the background information on MASAYUKI OKIMURA.

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about 30 minutes to visit with the ailing CROWLEY. TOM looked good except that he lost a lot of weight and was in a weakened condition but in good spirits. He was apologetic for the condition he was in and wanted all Easy Company members to know how much he loved them. To him it was an experience that has been very, very dear to his heart. TOM has cancer of the lungs.

While in D.C., the writer also visited the offices of the senior Senator from Hawaii and among other things he told this writer that he will shortly have to undergo surgery to his left hand. Can you imagine the problems he will face with his left hand all wrapped up in a bundle? He did say that he will ask the doctor to leave his thumb outside the bundle so that he can at least turn the pages of reading material he may need to read to keep abreast of things. Woe to the handicapped!!! All for now.

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National Japanese American Historical Society, formerly the Go For Broke, Inc. Herbert Sasaki, who now resides in Hattiesburg, and who is also with the NJAHS, represented the Governor of Mississippi for the proposed 442nd monument at Camp Shelby. The banquet was also a testimonial for brother, Mike Masaoka for his untiring effort in all the years for the cause of the Japanese American Citizen League.

On the Reno golf course, Masami Endo won the nearest to the hole special prize with his hole in one. The first one in his life. Tom Tanaka won the prize for the longest drive. Our chapter night was held at the hospitality room where only the men were requested to attend. (there were many 'hulu' wives for being excluded) At that informal gathering, Chapter President Masaji Kurozumi presented each mainland and neighbor island member with the Go For Broke pendant and key chain.

Chapter members have agreed on the minitour to Kauai and a weekend camp out at the North Shore. The Las Vegas mini-reunion was dropped since there was not enough time to organize the mini-reunion.

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Hide was always an active member of both the 442nd Veterans Club and the 232nd Engineers/Band Chapter. His friendly presence and participation in all Club and Chapter activities will be missed Even with his busy schedule he was always willing to help and do more than what was asked of him. He enjoyed a special kind of bond and friendship, as only those who have fought side-by-side in a combat outfit can feel.

To his widow, Leatrice, his daughter, Karen, sons, Alan and Scott and brothers, Edward and Thomas, and two grandchildren, the 232nd Engineers extend to you our deepest sympathy and condolences on your great loss. And to you, Hide, eternal rest and peace.

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NEW PUNCHBOWL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ARRIVES

The National Memorial Cemetery in Punchbowl has a new Assistant Director. Mr. Robert F. McCollum came on board November 25, 1988 and is a great asset to the organization. Bob and his wife, Judy, came from Little Rock National Cemetery in Arkansas. He is a retired Navy Chief and is very knowledgeable of our veterans' needs.

Bob was the Director of New Bern National Cemetery in South Carolina prior to taking over Little Rock. He trained in one of our most active and largest cemeteries in the system, Riverside National Cemetery, California.

MAJOR CHANGE IN OUTPATIENT CLINIC

A major change in policy of the VA Outpatient Clinic, Honolulu, which may impact on the eligibility of certain veterans to receive health care through the VA. Due to VA budgetary limitations, resources are being directed primarily to mandatory workload. In order to equalize access to care on a nationwide basis, VA facilities exceeding a certain level of discretionary workload will suffer a resource reduction.

Current law establishes three levels of eligibility for VA care, Categories A, B, and C. Category A includes service-connected veterans and those with special entitlement (former Prisoners of War, veterans exposed to Agent Orange or ionizing radiation, World War I, Spanish American War, Mexican Border Period veterans, and veterans in receipt of VA Pension). Nonservice-connected veterans are required to furnish income information and based on the results of this means test, are determined to be either Category A,B, or C. Category A patients represent mandatory workload, and care will be provided to these veterans.

Category B and C patients represents discretionary workload. Due to budgetary limitations, the discretionary workload must be reduced. Therefore, effective March 10, 1989, the VA will no longer authorize inpatient or outpatient care in the community for Category B and C veterans. New Category B and C veterans applying for care in the VA Outpatient Clinic will receive an initial medical examination and evaluation, but will be referred to community resources if treatment is indicated. Military retirees, for example, may elect to apply for care at a military facility or utilize

their CHAMPUS benefits.

Category B and C veterans currently being followed as outpatients will be discharged to private care beginning March 31, 1989, or upon their first visit after that date. Upon discharge, a supply of medication may be provided to allow you time to make arrangements for alternative health care. Social Work Service assistance will be available, if required, to assist in these referrals.

These changes will allow our facility to more effectively utilize available resources to treat veterans whose care is mandated by law.

Any questions concerning your eligibility category may be referred to the following VA Eligibility Clerks:

Mr. Gerry Vincent-----Tel. No. 541-1596 Mr. Phil Wright -----Tel. No. 541-3188 Ms. Marianne Hiser ---Tel. No. 541-1599

Any other questions concerning this change may be referred to Ms. Pat Nicholas, Chief Medical Administration Service, Tel. No. 541-1580.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Medications may be furnished to veterans when prescribed:

- A. for the treatment of a service-connected disability or a condition aggravating a service-connected disability.
- B. for any medical condition for veterans rated 50% or more disabled due to service-connected conditions.
- C. for any medical condition for veterans of WWI, former Prisoners of War, veterans in a VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program or veterans in receipt of Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits.
- D. for treatment of the conditions for which a veteran is emrolled in the Outpatient Treatment/Ambulatory Care, Outpatient Treatment/Non service-Connected, or Pre-Bed Care programs.

Except for veterans in receipt of Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits, prescriptions written by non-VA physicians may be filled only if the veteran has been authorized treatment at VA expense on a Fee Basis, (meaning the veteran must have a Fee Basis Outpatient Treatment authorization

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TIME LIMIT SET FOR CASHING CHECKS

The Treasury has announced that checks issued on or after October 1, 1989, will bear the legend 'Woid After One Year.' This applies to all government checks, including VA, federal salaries, military and civil service retirement, and Social Security checks.

Treasury checks issued prior to October 1, 1989, must be presented by the payee for cashing before October 1, 1990. Financial institutions have to process them within six months. Checks issued prior to October 1, 1989, that are not negotiated will be canceled by the Treasury by April 1, 1991. There are people who, in the past, have held on to their uncashed checks for years, as if they were Savings Bonds, plaming to cash them when they retire or when their grandchildren attend college. This practice will no longer be possible.

Treasury checks issued on or after October 1, 1989, will be automatically cancelled by the Treasury after 18 months from the date of issuance.

Treasury will not retain check records more than 18 months after the date of issuance. Therefore, the length of time a payee can present a claim for non-receipt, loss, or theft of a check to an agency, including the VA, is limited.

Any claim on a check issued prior to October 1, 1989, must be presented by the payee to the certifying agency (the VA, in our instance) before October 1, 1990. Any claim on a Treasury check issued on or after October 1, 1989, must be presented within one year of the date of issuance.

Claims for entitlement of the underlying obligation (if over 1 year old) will be limited to information or record. For example, if a check is not cashed after 12 months, the Treasury will cancel the check and credit that amount to the VA for credit specifically to the account of the individual for whom the check was intended. If non-receipt of the check is claimed, the VA, after determining availability of the funds, could reissue another check.

If the check were cashed, however, there would be nothing in the VA records other than the fact that the check was issued. The Treasury would have shredded all checks after 18 months, and their records would indicate only that the check was cashed. Records would not be available at the Treasury to show who cashed the check. Thus, a claim that the check was not cashed by the intended payee could not be substantiated and a duplicate check could not be issued.

HAWAII VETERANS TO GET RECORD VA PAYOUT

The Veterans Administration will pay more than \$1 billion nationwide in 1989 to veterans holding active VA life insurance policies -- the larfest amount in the 70-year history of the program. The 1989 divedend total exceeds the 1988 payment by \$44.6 million.

Honolulu VA Regional Office Director Samuel A. Tiano said that the dividend reflects both favorable cliams experience and high yields on the policy premiums, which are invested in U.S. Government securities.

In Hawaii, 17,277 veterans will divide almost \$7.6 million in dividends. The record payout will be sent automatically to veterans on the anniversary of their policies.

Hawaii's World War II veterans comprise the largest of the state's veterans groups receiving 1989 National Service Life Insurance ("Prefix V") payments with 13,990 receiving an average of \$350.

Dividends totalling \$64,000 will be paid to 189 Hawaiian World War I veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance (prefic "K") policies for an average of \$338.

Over 2,500 Nawaii Veterans have Veterans Special Life Insurance (prefixes "RS" and "W") and their dividends will average \$310.

Holders of "J", "JR" and "35" policies --Veterans Reopened Insurance -- who currently number 580 in Hawaii will receive 1989 dividends averaging \$284.

Individual payments under each of the the seven programs paying dividends vary according to age, type of insurance and length of time a policy has been in force.

Covernment life insurance policies were issued between 1919 and 1966 to veterans of World Wars K and II, and the Korean Conflict. All policies still in force receive annual dividend distributions without application from individual policyholders.

The VA also administers a special life insurance program for disabled veterans and another offering mortgage life insurance coverage, neither of which yays dividends. The VA supervises a contract with a private carrier who underwrites Servicemen's Group Life Insurance for active-duty service members and reservists.

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OUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. I receive a small VA pension check twice a year. I would like to receive the amount that I am due monthly. Is this possible?
- A. Yes. As of March 14, 1988, recipients of imporved pension who receive periodic payment (quarterly, semiannually or annually) may elect to receive payment on a monthly basis.
- Q. Are VA educational benefits payable for repeating a course even though I receive a passing grade?
- A. Yes, in certain situations. For example, if a particular subject requires that at least a "C" be given for credit toward graduation and it is so stated in the official catalog. Subjects cannot be repeated solely to raise a grade point average.
- Q. Do National Guardsmembers or Reservists qualify for VA-guaranteed home loans?
- A. They qualify only if they have served sufficient "federalized" or "activated" duty.
 Active duty for training in the National Guard or Reserves is not qualifying service for
 VA home loan purposes.
- Q, Are VA educational benefits payable for an "incomplete" grace?
- A. Yes, provided the incomplete converts to a credit or punitive grade within a calendar year. If it remains an incomplete beyond a calendar year a reduction in benefits may occur.
- Q. My father served with the occupation forces in Nagasaki at the end of World War II. he died last year of multiple myeloma. Is my mother eligible for Dependancy and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)?
- A. Your mother should apply for DIC, citing your father's service in Nagasaki. The multiple myeloma can be ruled service-connected if it became manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more within 40 years after the last date on which your father participated in the occupation of Nagasaki.
- Q. My brother is a totally disabled veteran whose only income is his Veterans Administration compensation check. Recently, a guardian was appointed by the Probate Court to manage his affairs. Does the VA do any follow-up monitoring to ensure that my brother will be protected?
- A. The VA audits the periodic guardianship accountings that required by the Probate Court.

 If discrepancies are discovered, the Probate Court is notified and asked to take corrective action. The welfare and needs of disabled veterans under guardianship are monitored by VA Field Examiners who make periodic visits with these veterans. Unattended needs or adverse conditions are reported to the guardian or, if necessary to the Probate Court for required Action.
- Q. Are Merchant Marine seamen considered veterans for the purpose of VA benefits?
- A. The Defense Department has declared that certain Merchant Marine seamen who served in active, ocean-going service from December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945, are veterans for VA benefits purposes. The decision also affects Civil Service crewmembers aboard U.S. Army Transport Service and Naval Transportation Service vessels in ocean-going service during the same period. Any VA regional office can assist in making application for a discharge certificate.
- Q. Do the eligibility assessment procedures for VA medical care apply to veterans age 65 and older?
- A. VA's eligibility assessment procedures apply to all nonservice-connected veterans regardless of age. Public Law 99-272 repealed a provision in The Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1970 that allowed veterans 65 years of age or older to receive care in VA facilities regardless of income.

Veterans Administration compensation payments for disabled veterans will be increased by 4.1 percent effective with checks issued Jan. 1, 1989, the VA has announced.

The cost-of-living increase will benefit over 10,000 veterans and their families in Hawaii, plus some 1,300 survivors of service members or veterans who died from service-connected causes.

The increase is part of the Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act of 1988, signed by President Reagan on November 18.

For a single veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent, the change means an increase from \$1,411 to \$1,468 per month. New monthly amounts for other disability ratings are: 90 percent, \$883; 80 percent, \$784; 70 percent, \$678; 60 percent, \$537; 50 percent, \$426; 40 percent, \$300; 30 percent, \$210; 20 percent, \$138; 10 percent, \$73.

In addition to veterans, the 4.1 percent cost-of-living increase applies to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation paid to spouses and children of service personnel who died on active duty or veterans who died from service-connected illnesses or injuries.

THE COLUMBARIUM AT PUNCHBOWL

The Columbarium at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific contains 5 vaults or courts and has 5,400 recessed niches with the capacity to inurn the ashes of 10,800 human remains. The Columbarium concept has been around for many years but the Columbarium at Punchbowl has only been in existence since its dedication in August 1983. The Chief Architect was Donald Walbrink & Associates and the primary contractor who accomplished the on-site construction was J.L.K. Tom Construction Company.

At present the Columbarium provides veterans and their families with a burial alternative. Other alternatives include in-ground cremation, in-ground full size casket burials and memorialization if the veteran's remains were not recovered, scattered at sea or donated to science. As Punchbowl nears full capacity for casket and in-ground cremation burials, veterans and their dependents will have the opportunity to opt for inurnment in a niche at the Columbarium since the Columbarium is not expected to reach full capacity for another twenty years.

The ground was broken along the northeastern rim of the crater in December 1981 to begin construction of the Columbarium which is joined at the center by a Commital Court. The Columbarium structure is a basic modular design concept which is open to the sky so that an ample quantity of natural light, air and plantings are present throughout. From the Outer Drive this structure is visually unobtrusive from the Honolulu Memorial and central areas of the crater giving the site its own sense of place. The site is situated high enough on the slopes of the crater to be within the horizontal view lines created by the Plumeria trees, thereby satisfying the requirements for obscurity.

The Committal Court footings from the entrance walkway and the precast columns, glass roof, trough, benches, catch basins and moss rock walls form the shelter where all interment committal services for both casket and cremations are held daily. Most families have reacted favorably to the location for their private and public funeral services due to its sublime location. The committal Court backs up to the crater which provides a natural barrier from the wind and rain The location is ideal as it not only provides a shelter from the natural environmental elements but it also provides a private tranquil setting for the families we serve, which is paramount to operations at a National Shrine such as Punchbowl, where more than five million visitors are expected to visit this number one cultural attraction this year.



TOPS-Kona's 7th Annual King Kalakaua Invitational Kupuna Festival held at the Kona Lagoon Longhouse, PAUL MATSUMOTO (Co. L) took first place in the Tutu Kane division, dancing to "Kokee." He is a member of the Na Kupuna Hui O Paki of Honolulu.



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