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## May

Much report to catch up on. Let's begin with the month of May. Meeting was held as usual but not the usual time and date place. This time it was on May 29th. During the day members gathered at Irene and Takeshi Nakamura's residence to make bouquets to take to the National Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Normally it would have been at Hajime Matsuura's residence, but somehow Hajime was on a trip to Japan

Anyway it was Memorial day, the traditional day for member of 3rd HQ. s in the past years, members provided the flowers and with the help of the wives we were able to make bouquets. The flowers were beautiful, plenty of ginger, bird of paradise, hellebores, antheriums, ferns, orchids, ti leaves, etc. which members grew in their backyards.

The boys at Punchbowl are still remembered, will be continued to be remembered as long as we are able. Just so it will stay fresh in our minds, here are the names: TAKEZO KANDA, SHIZUTO KAMIKAWA, JAMES KAJIHARA, KIYOTOSHI WATANABE, RAYMOND YAMADA, TOSHIO HIGA, HIDETO MATSUDA, MAX ISARA, EDDIE TSUBATA, SHIRO MORIOKA, MASAO YAMADA (REVERAND) JOSEPH KOSEKI, TEIJI ISHII, NOBUO MORITA, HAROLD SUMIDA. There are a few more names which I have to research which I don't

think are at Punchbowl. They maybe on the neighbor islands.

That evening a pot luck dinner at Ala Moana Magic Island park was held, meeting at the same time. Members thought of killing two birds with the same stone having a meeting and after that to watch the fireworks from the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. What a disappointment the fireworks were. Close your eyes and the fireworks were over. It wasn't worth the time and effort.

Anyway, about the dinner or pot-luck, we had NY steaks over charcoal, whichever way you like and oozing with au jus, broke the mouth they say. Lots and lots of other things like fish, poke, potato salad, vegetable salad, chili, hamburgers, desserts galore, pudding, and delicious watermelon. All you can eat is just fabulous.

## June

June 23 was again an active month. 3rd HQ sponsored another cookout with invited guests at DAV Kakesako Hall. Invited guests means each member brings a guest whoever he or she maybe, a veteran.

The guests were James & Martha Miyake, Charles & Reiko Oda (Sam Sasai), Joe & Nancy Oshiro, James Suyenaga, James Matsunaga (Hajime Matsuura), Paul & Yuki Takiguchi (Ernie Uno) and Harry & Harriet Nakayama (Takeshi Nakamura).

The entertainment for the evening were songs karaoke style by our very versatile singers, Janet & Shigeru Goto and Irene Nakamura. Janet and Shigeru



are very accomplished singers, excellent in everyway. So is Irene Nakamura.

The evening cannot be concluded without Sam Sasai doing his thing, of course, singing his favorite family song, which he learned from his parents. How did he sound? Well from where I was standing, don't know about the others, I would give him a 9.0. Too generous? Well, give him a break, otherwise we may not hear him sing again.

### July

July meeting this time at the clubhouse. Now where did the members go, just a handful but that's alright, still a quorum to say no on any issue.

Discussions were held on the reunion, with the months getting closer, pretty soon countdown. Firm commitment and other things are still not settled and still pending. Why is that so, I don't know. We should be able to firm things up soon. Otherwise, that's it. We should be able to get things more definite when Ernie Uno is able to confirm things.

### August

August 24th meeting held at the club house with the wives invited to confirm things more definitely about the reunion. Seems like the wives are always included when decisions are to be made. What happened to the samurai's? Aah, not there any more.

Ernie Uno make his reunion report again. Still there are many things pending. Until such time regarding the mainland visitors we have to put everything on hold. By next meeting

report Ernie will definitely have everything on the go. All systems ready.

That's it for the business portion now for some da kine stuff.

### Da Kine Stuff

The traveling news:

Takeshi and Irene Nakamura, and Shigeru Goto are on a Alaska cruise, the luxury kind, you know where you eat all you want, hot bath, games, exercise, midnight snacks, makes you feel young again. I mean the ship not a boat.

Frank and Grace Ishikawa area headed for Japan.

David Kaiura, guess what, Japan again.

Forgot to mention this in the last report: Bernie and Doris Persweig joined the gang at Atlantic City last April. Also on April 24th, Takeshi and Irene Nakamura, Michi Sasai and Clara Watanabe were fortunate to take in the Phantom of the Opera at the Forrest Theater in Philly and Clara's still raving in delight.

Harold Mikuni is back home again from the hospital; give him a ring and say Hi! to cheer him up.

The Tsubata's are rather active in the Sons and Daughters Club. I see them often helping with various functions. They are Keith, David, and Grace (Fujii).

Just to let you know the Sons and Daughters Club have an application in to be full-fledge members of 442nd. Good idea, why not.

The club purchased a computer in the tune of....nope, I won't mention the price.



The club also spent some da kine moola in cleaning the clubhouse. Wonder who did they service. Notice any difference? The rest room too. Wonder what they spent on that.

Before I forget to mention, the Sons and Daughter of 442nd sponsored a legacy at UH Kuykendall Hall with Ernie Uno as moderator and guest speakers Ted Tsukiyama and Masato Doi. Very interesting.

Hope you see the 442nd museum exhibit at Bishop Museum.

The cookout for the month of June has been canceled. Why, no explanation.

September meeting notice is herewith, it is at Orson's Restaurant at Ward Warehouse, September 18th. This will help Shigeru Goto making all the phone calls to each member. The club is without a secretary so overworked Shigeru must make all the calls.

That's about it, must say CIAO.



*by Mino  
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First thing first and on behalf of our Prexy TERRY ARATANI and Co., a "Merci Beaucoup" from the bottom of our hearts to HARUKO MANABE for the generous "endowment" made to Item Chapter in memory of her husband, the late MASA MANABE. Received during the waning days of May, it was absolutely too late to be classified in the prior Bulletin. And we sincerely regret the tardiness of this acknowledgment. The Itemite who acted out the role of the

intermediary here: HENRY "BRUNO" YAMADA.

It's June and MICHU KATO continues (again) to add her very liberal contribution to the Co. I coffer. This was done, of course, in memory of her husband, the late KIICHI KATO. Let's face an obvious fact. It is gifts such as hers, as well as those from other Itemites and Itemites-at-heart that's making it possible for our chapter to subsidize all that liquid refreshment that's being consumed during our monthly sessions. (You didn't think that came out of C.B.'s or my pocket, did you?) And we're genuinely thankful for our benefactor's gestures.

HIRAM DOI's son-in-law's last name is YAMASAKI. DON YAMASAKI. And not YAMASHITA as I had indicated in the prior Bulletin. Sorry about that. Incidentally, SUS KISHABA's last name ending with a "U" and Popeye becoming a "Pope" in previous issues are not of my doing. Me, I'm ever mindful of the politician's sacred edit: "You can call me an SOB, but damn it, spell my name right!"

TERRY has laid down a decree that says ICHIRO "Champ" SUZUKI shall be our chapter coordinator during the 1993 442 50th Anniversary celebration. As such, it'll be his job to keep the "communication line" between the Reunion Committee and the rest of us opened at all times. Which entail (among other things) attending the many meetings etc.

BRUNO, with even his temperament and expertise in setting up golf tournaments both locally and on the mainland (Reno, Las Vegas, etc.) has been tapped as it's "golf czar" by the



Reunion Committee itself...BILL NAGANUMA also is serving in some capacity within the '93 Reunion Committee setup.

Did I credit KENNETH OKUMA as being the new editor-in-chief of the Go For Broke Bulletin, replacing the deceased TAD SAKAI? And doing a good job while he's at it!

Wondering out loud: Now the ELVIS PRESLEY stamp is a reality, wouldn't it be something if the US Government came out with a commemorative stamp featuring the 442nd Regimental Combat Team? Just expressing a thought.

The 442 office let it be known that ex-local Itemite, long-time San Francisco resident DICK MIURA will be here for the 50th Anniversary bash. And that should make his friends happy.

ERNEST MAKITA, on the other hand, says he definitely is not coming. Our counterpart from Delhi, CA, insists he has a 93-year old mom that needs looking after. We first had the inkling that he knew about the 1993 extravaganza when he requested we send the official reunion shirt, the reunion souvenir book (DOROTHY MATSUO's version), the cap, and the T-shirt to him. This yours truly promises to do, so not to worry. "No beeg theeng!" like we say. To be honest, JIM YAMASHITA made me do it. JIM confessed that he was caught completely by surprise when, out of the blue, MAKITA calls from Merced and requested the favor. MR. YAMASHITA in turn referred the individual to ours truly (That's known as "passing the buck," JIM!). Of course, I would have gladly done it for him to begin with. And so would any other

Itemite back here. KAZUMA OYAMA and TOMMY UMEDA especially come readily to mind. Incidentally, the Item golfers occasionally bantered his name about during their 18th hole. The bottom line here is we all wish him well.

Speaking of TOMMY UMEDA, Itemites were treated to an unexpected bonaza during our August meeting when he brought a whole case of mainland black plums "Don't stop! Send some more!" Just kidding. They were good. Thanks, Mr UMEDA! For what it's worth. Advice given by radiation therapist at Queens during 7 consecutive weeks of treatment involving my prostate cancer: "Keep your bladder wet. Have a glass of water before coming for treatment (at 9 a.m.). Every morning!"

YUKI NAGUWA (Hilo) dropped in during both our June and August meetings. Heck! That put him 2 up on some of our local members who don't show up at all!

TONTI SAKAIDA, through a phone call from his island of Molokai, confided, "There's no pineapple to take to Las Vegas this October. We used to get our from Lanai and they're harvesting their very last (forever) crop sometime this week. And we've said 'aloha!' to our (Molokai pine) many years ago!"

Acknowledging the trans-Pacific phone call received from JIM YAMASHITA, La Habra, CA, informing us that DEAN MATSUMURA, elder son of FRED & BEA MATSUMURA, had passed away at his home in Gardena, CA, during the interim.



Closer to home, LARRY ISHIKAWA lost his mom just prior to our August meeting. Funeral services for her were held at the Mililani Memorial Park, Wahiawa. To both the MATSUMURA and the ISHIKAWA families, may we take this mean to convey our deepest condolences. May the soul of both deceased rest in peace forevermore.

Her name was MILDRED but she prefers to be called "Millie;" this kid sister of (KIA) CARL MATSUDA. We had just been introduced by my old acquaintance and hometown gal DORIS (NAITO) YOSHIMOTO, "H" Co.'s WONG YOSHIMOTO's other half.

"I knew a CARL MATSUDA who was from Kona," I offered. She countered with, "Someone from Co. I once invited me to their picnic (?) a long time ago. This fellow was working at a service station on the corner of Nuuanu and Kuakini Sts. His name sort of slipped my mind, but I remember his saying that he was actually a mail carrier"(Who else could it be but the late HIDE MATSUMOTO?).

Told her that HIDE had died a year ago or so, and she expressed her regrets. "I also met WILSON MAKABE. HE once came to Kona to look over some real estate property he was interested in. And stayed at our place overnight."

Back to her brother and "we were so young then, I remember very little about him," she started to reminisce. "He was the 5th in the family and I was the 7th of 8 children," she mused. "He loved to sing in the furo. Whenever GORO took a bath, I would sit outside on a wooden stool and stoke the fire for

him. Listening to his singing, in the meantime. His favorites used to be songs made popular by UYE HARA BIN. Did he sing for you people?" she suddenly wanted to know.

"No. I remember him mostly for the boxing skill he showed when he fought the haole merchant mariner on board our liberty ship on our way over to Italy, after leaving Newport News in Virginia."

"Oh. This is the first time I've heard of it. Yes, he used to shadow box a lot. CARL had left home in a huff because I had failed to do him a favor. And I never saw him alive again," she tailed off our conversation. 49 years is a long time to be burdening yourself with a guilty conscience, or whatever. And pretty soon it will be 50 years! Have forwarded all vital information on her (full name, address, etc.) to KAZU TAKEKAWA, our veteran's welfare man. Who knows? Maybe some of these days she'll see fit to attend one of our memorial services.

"NIKI" OSHIRO will again be assisting yours truly on auxiliary news during our trip. A repeat of what happened in Reno, last year. So give her your cooperation should she come around. Which also means she'll be doing double duty, since Mr. YAMADA had tapped both she and hubby RICHARD to be Hospitality Room honcho come Oct 18-22, 1992. About the time this periodically gets into your hands.

To the 150+ Itemites and Itemites-at-heart who'll be heading out to the California and Freemont casinos, to commingle with an equal number of your mainland counterparts, may your Co. I



Mini-Reunion in Las Vegas be a successful one! Bon voyage, lots of luck, and stay healthy all the way! You'll be flying with Delta. Your travel agent is KAREN HARIMOTO of Travel Adventure, Inc. BRUNO will serve as your troubleshooter.

Your Co. I 1992 Christmas Party is scheduled to be held on Sunday, December 13, on the second floor of the Victoria Inn. See you there!!



*by J. H.  
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### Memorial

May the 24th, Sunday found the K-men walking mighty tall as 14 members turned out to pay their respect on their annual visit to the National Memorial cemetery of the Pacific. Thus far this is the biggest turn-out we've yet had with the norm being a good dozen on this day of remembrance. Flower bearers were AKIRA DOI, WALTER HEIRAKUJI, KENT KAJIWARA, TOKU KAJIWARA, FUJIO MIYAMOTO, ROBERT NAGATA, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, ED OGATA, JAMES OURA, SEICHI SAKAIDA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, CLARENCE TAMAYORI, YUKIO TOKUDA. Find that this walk in the sun is getting tougher as the years roll by with those old infantry legs just about making it on those uphill climbs. A hearty breakfast at Zippy's and it was goodbye time for this long weekend.

### Honors

It's been awhile but heard for the "Big Apple" as BILL & MARY KOCHIYAMA send their regards and a bit of what's cooking on the eastern end of big America, with special emphasis being accorded to one to the best officers that served with the K-men during those conflicting years. Word for word, the announcement reads as follows: **ROBERT H. FOOTE** (brief biography)

On August 13, 1992, which is one week before his 70th birthday, R. H. FOOTE will be honored at a symposium at Cornell University. Papers prepared for this event will be published as an issue of the journal *Theriogenology* and, thus, will also will also constitute a Festschrift to mark the occasion. In addition, an endowed lectureship will be established to enable outstanding reproductive biologists to present lectures at the annual meetings of a learned society. This will pay ongoing tribute to DR. FOOTE'S enthusiastic love of learning and humanitarian respect for the efforts of others. DR. FOOTE received his B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut (1943) and his M.S. (1947) and PhD degrees from Cornell (1950). He served as an officer in the army with the 442nd Combat Team of Japanese-Americans, who bore the brunt of driving the Nazis out of Italy and France in some of the fiercest fighting of World War II. This had a profound and sobering effect on DR. FOOTE's thinking; he recognized that most soldiers on both sides of any conflict are relatively innocent victims of circumstance. DR. FOOTE



subsequently spent much energy and his own financial resources promoting international understanding in his laboratory and in travels and lectures abroad.

### **FOOTE as a Teacher**

DR. FOOTE's teaching had had enormous impact. His AS 220 (Animal Reproduction) was one of the most popular courses of all time at Cornell, with about 6,000 students taught over 4 decades. Even though the course had a great reputation, DR. FOOTE continually changed its content to meet new needs. He also implemented new teaching technologies as they became available. Over 100 of his students were also teaching assistants in AS 220 labs. Several hundred continued their post-graduate education, receiving DVM, MD, and/or PhD degrees. The training received, including giving "mini" lecture, was invaluable. Professor FOOTE taught a number of other courses, in particular AS 430 (Artificial Insemination) and AS 431 (Embryo Manipulation and Transfer). He also served as major professor for over 40 graduate students and nearly 40 post-doctoral students. Most of his students, both undergraduate and graduate now serve in leadership positions throughout the world.

### **FOOTE as a Research Scientist**

Although he had tremendous successes in teaching and training students, DR. FOOTE probably is best known for his research. He has authored or co-authored more than 400 papers (not including abstracts) concerning reproductive physiology of farm animals and rabbits. Most of his work falls into four broad categories: 1. Spermatogenesis

and epididymal function 2. Extenders for semen and cryopreservation of sperm. 3. Oogenesis, superovulation, and embryo transfer 4. In vitro fertilization, culture, and micromanipulation of embryos. Even though each of these categories is extremely broad, he also has researched other topics that do not fit into these categories, for example, sexual behavior. Furthermore, he has prepared numerous excellent reviews. The remarkable thing about this productivity is its depth as well as breadth - there is much meat. Few scientists would be well known for more than one or two such categories of research: DR. FOOTE is considered a world authority on each of the above categories.

### **FOOTE as a citizen**

DR. FOOTE is a member of many learned societies and has been an officer, including president, of some of them. Furthermore, he has served on numerous editorial boards and review committees. He has received more than a dozen awards, including the National Association of Animal Breeders Research Award; The American Society of Animal Science Physiology and Endocrinology Award; the Upjohn Physiology Award from the American Dairy Science Association, The Distinguished Andrologist Award from the Andrology Society of America; and the L.E. Casida Award for Outstanding Training of Graduate Students. Possibly even more remarkable is that a number of his students have received many of these same awards and other distinguished awards. It seems appropriate to honor DR. FOOTE's contributions with a symposium and endowed lectureship. His excellent



example as a scientist and good citizen make all of us proud - his students, colleagues, employees, peers, sponsors of his research, and all who use the information generated for betterment of society. It is also essential to recognize Bob's wife RUTH, who not only helped with grading papers, checking data, and facilitating experiments with her innovative ideas, but who also served as a gracious hostess, personal counselor to many students, mothers, and someone who is always there.

In bringing to a close this chapter of a most deserved honor being accorded to a most distinguished scientist, we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to BOB who lost his beloved RUTH on January 10, 1992.

So she goes for this one as we continue to prepare ourselves for that big one coming March the 24th, 1993. Keep 'em happy and healthy.



by Allen  
Nakamura

Joe Oshiro, our ever Conscientious and reliable member, who is very active on the Tommy Kakesako's Thursday gang in the maintenance and beautification of the DAV grounds has enrolled at Honolulu Community College class in nurturing plants so that he can be a resource person for the Thursday gang. Another example of "never too old to learn!" Got room for an assistance, Lawrence Fujii?

### Richard Honda

I received a phone call from Sylvia Nakagawa in June '92. Gee, I don't know of any Sylvia. As it turned out she is the daughter of Richard Honda of Holualoa, Kona. She wanted 3 Boyhood to War 50th Anniversary souvenir books for herself and her sisters. It was only then that I learned Richard passed away this past January. Her mom died last December. Not knowingly, I mailed Richard the registration forms and my letter with phone number and address.

I mailed to Sylvia a copy of my article on NVR Kona in which I started off with a letter, submitted verbatim in the Go For Broke Bulletin from Richard which could possibly have been the last he had written. "After 45 years, yes, many are strangers, even those I remember then, have grown older and look a little different. Tay Nobori looks the same. Shig Kosugi not much change. Hide Nakayama was hard to recognize at first, vice-versa." It'll be great if she gets to meet you guys when she picks up the books at the Prince Kuhio.

It was only be chance that we got to know that Richard existed in Kona. but it was that one chance that gave him the opportunity to at last get together with some of his long lost war-time buddies. Registration forms will still be accepted when this article comes out in early October. Remember, final payment is not due until January 15, 1993. Some guys will look the same, some not much change. others, your guess is as good as mine. But you'll never know if you don't come. It could be the last hurrah!! PLEASE COME!!!