

## 1999 S&D Conference

Planning for the 1999 Conference was stalled a bit when it was learned that the AJA Council made up of representatives from each of the four "Nisei Veterans" groups, the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn, the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, the MIS, and 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineers, were planning a joint memorial/banquet in the year 1998, the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the 442<sup>nd</sup>. Although the plans continue, it does not appear that the scope of this first ever joint event will have any significant impact on our own efforts to have a Sons and Daughters conference involving all of the same units the following year.

After giving it some thought, the 1998 AJA Council event has the prospect of actually enhancing the success of having the S&D conference the following year. The joining of the fathers' groups may be an opportunity to promote the idea of the collective gathering of the Sons and Daughters. It is still uncertain what scale our conference will take on. It is hoped that those of you S&Ds who read this will make the effort to join us in 1999.

## Membership

Plans for the annual membership drive are well underway and you S&Ds on our mailing list should soon find a renewal notice or membership form for first timers being sent to you. (Of course, 1<sup>st</sup> timers won't be reading this unless they're reading their parents' copy of the bulletin - or have a lifetime membership in the mother club.) Anyway, we encourage you to return your forms and join.

This year members will be receiving a membership card. And remember, all first timers receive the special edition S&D lapel pin.

If I've missed any updates for this quarter, I'll do my best to catch up in the next issue. This time around we're trying to do our best to get out a timely edition, and my mind has lost a few megs of memory with age. Please call or write if you have some important news or information to include. Till then, Aloha.



## Rural Chapter NEWS

by Ed Imamura

### Obituaries

During the first 3 months of this year, we lost 3 members and a member's father. Our deepest condolences to all the families.

Raymond Kenichi Kataoka (522, Hq Btry) - Born October 12, 1921 in Wahiawa, Oahu. Retired Captain of Schofield Bks Fire Station. Survived by wife Flora, son Ronald and 2 daughters; Janis Awakuni and Susan Ishii. Died January 24, 1997.

Samuel Mitsuo Kihara (MIS) - Born August 1, 1922 in Wainaku, Big Island. Former owner and Kihara Grocery Store in Wahiawa, Mikazuki Restaurant in Wahiawa, Japanese School Teacher, Kendo Teacher, Tour Guide and Mortuary Consultant. Survived by wife Evelyn and 4 sons; Melvyn, Roy, David and Russell. Died March 8, 1997.

Masayuki Kikuchi (522 and I Co) - 70 of Aiea, Oahu. Born in Makawao, Maui. Retired from US Army. Former Butcher of various stores. Survived by wife Jenny, son Eugene and 3 daughters; Emogene Estores, Shirley Ishihara and Leilani Tanaka. Died February 19, 1997.

Genzo Takamori - Father of Nobuo Takamori (552, Hq Btry). He was 105 years old. Former Chef of various restaurants. Survived by 3 sons, Nobuo, Richard and Robert and 2 daughters, Annie Tamura (her husband Hirotochi is a current member of H Co) and Grace Sueyoshi. Died January 16, 1997.



by Bruno Yamada



### Kauai Tourney

The Kauai 442nd retiree invitational golf tournament on the garden Island on March 17 and 18 was easy picking for Kenneth "Cannon Ball" Kawate of the 522-B Battery who fired a 67 at the soggy Kiele Lagoon Golf Course followed by a whopping 63 at the Wailua Municipal Course to nose out Fox Chapter's Bill Tanaka who shot a 64 at the lagoon and a 69 at Wailua. Sixty-four golfers participated in the two days affair. Mahalo to the following who were instrumental in organizing this tournament: Al "Bra" Gokan, Sab Itakura, Ed Nakano, Charles Saiki, Willie Takiguchi, Mino Takashima, Larry Marushige, George and Margaret Oshita, and Gail Onuma.

Here are the final results:

1 - Ken Kawate (522-B)	130
2 - Bill Tanaka (F)	133
3 - Paul Koshi (K)	137
4 - Tom Tanaka (Ser)	138
5 - Jerry Ishimoto (522-B)	141
6 - Neka Matoi (E)	143
7 - Ken Kamiya (K)	143
8 - Mino Tamashiro (3rd Hq)	144
9 - George Nosaka (K)	144
10 - Masato Sugihara (E)	145
11 - Stan Takahashi (100)	145
12 - Herb Yanamura (K)	146
13 - George Muramaru (522-B)	146

### 54th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Jim Yokota, a Love Company guest from Sacramento, showed the locals how the game should be played when he shot a 62 net at the Mamala Bay Course at Hickam Air force Base to edge Bill Tanaka of F Company by one stroke to win the tournament. Eighty-seven golfers showed up in this year's tournament. Thanks again to Stan Yamamoto, Hal Watase, Hiram Doi, Ed Imamura and Gail Onuma for your much needed kokua.

Results:

1 - Jim Yokota (L)	62
2 - William Tanaka (F)	63

3 - Jensen Takasaki (522C)	64
4 - Roy Iritani (F)	64
5 - Carey Miyashiro (S&D)	65
6 - Isa Takiyama (L)	66
7 - Mino Tamashiro (3rd Hq)	66
8 - Tom Tanaka (Ser)	66
9 - Yoji Nukaya (L)	67
10 - Hal Nakasone (Can)	67
11 - Mas Tamayei (F)	68
12 - Bob Sasaki (L)	68
13 - Herb Isonaga (2nd Hq)	69
14 - Tad Kunishige (H)	69
15 - Dick Okinaka (K)	69
16 - Kats Ibara (K)	69
17 - Oscar Miyashiro (Ser)	69
18 - Sab Itakura (I)	70
19 - Bert Nishimura (2nd Hq)	70

The Hawaii Army Museum Society is inviting the participation of the Oahu AJA Veterans Council in its golf tournament to be held on June 20, 1997 at the Leilehua Golf Course. The 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club is planning to sponsor a foursome again this year.

Club 100 will also hold a golf tournament on Friday, June 20, 1997 at the Kapolei Golf Course to celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 442<sup>nd</sup> golfers are invited and the cost is \$60 per player. Application forms are available at the 442<sup>nd</sup> Club at 933 Wiliwili Street.



by Eddie Tamanaha

December 9, 1996 - 18 members gathered at Honolulu Country Club on a clear, sunny, cool and breezy morning. The course was in pretty good shape with the greens very fast. Ron Oba liked the condition as he turned in the best net score of 67 to take top honors. Three strokes back was Bobby Hirayama with a net 70 for second. Bruno Yamada came in third with a 71 just one stroke back. Another stroke back with 72s were George Muramaru and Rocky Tanna tied for fourth. Closest to the pin were: #4



Ed Tamanaha, #8 Herb Isonaga, #13 Tadashi Kunishige, and #17 Ron Oba. Our annual luncheon/election of club officers meeting was held at the Inn of Six Happiness. The officers elected for 1997 were: President & Schedule Eddie Tamanaha; Tournament Ron Oba, Assistants Masami Doi and Herb Yanamura; Handicap Tom Mayeda and Harry Tokushige; Secretary/Treasurer Maui Okamura; and appointed Membership Chairman Bull Namba. A delicious 7 course Chinese lunch was enjoyed by all after the awards presentation for today's tournament and our annual golf balls awards.

December 19, 1996 - 22 members showed up at Barbers Point NAS Golf Course for our last tournament of the year. The weather was clear, a little warm for this time of the year, and the greens were about average. Akabo Takasaki was hot like the weather as he won first place four strokes better than the closest competitor with a net 65. Kats Ibara was second with a net 69 three strokes better than his nearest competitors. Minoru Tamashiro and Neka Matoi were tied for third with 72s. Closest to the hole were: #2 George Muramaru; #8 Mino Tamashiro; #11 Masami Doi and #14 Eddie Tamanaha. The 19<sup>th</sup> hole was held at the 19<sup>th</sup> Puka at the Barbers Point Golf Course.

January 9, 1997 - Our first tournament of the year of the Ox, 24 members assembled at Ft. Shafter Golf Course in the morning. The weather was sunny, but the fairways were wet and soggy. Carts were not allowed in some fairways. No matter, Herb Isonaga, Maui Okamura and Bruno Yamada found a way to manage the course. All three came in with identical net 64s to tie for first. Four shots back were another group tied for third place with 68s - Ron Oba, Eddie Tamanaha, Akabo Takasaki and Minoru Tamashiro. Closest to the pin were: #1 no one; #5 no one; #8 Kats Ibara; #10 no one; #14 no one; and #17 Teiji Uehara. I think this is a record for our club where no one was on the green on four par three holes. The Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant was the site of our 19<sup>th</sup> hole where everyone enjoyed each others company, pupus and refreshments.

January 23, 1997 - 23 members gathered at Barbers Point NAS Golf Course on a clear, crisp morning with temperatures at about 67 degrees. The course was in fair condition with some bare spots and pot

holes with water—playing under casual water rule. Francis Tsuzuki was on this day as he turned in a net 69 to claim first place. Two strokes back with a 71 was Dick Uyemura for second. Masami Doi, George Muramaru, and Tadashi Kunishige tied for third with net 73s. Closest to the hole were: #2 no one on the green; #8 Bobby Hirayama; #11 no one; and #14 Masami Doi. Our 19<sup>th</sup> hole was held at the 19<sup>th</sup> Puka snack bar of the Barbers Point Golf Course where everyone enjoyed.

February 6, 1997 - 23 members ventured to Pali Golf Course about mid-morning on a cool, clear day with a moderate wind. The course was dry with a few wet spots. Ken Kawate walked away with first place turning in a super net 61 for Pali Course. Teiji Uehara turned in a respectable 65 but this day, good only for second. Tied for third with good 67s were: Bobby Hirayama, Ron Oba, and Maui Okamura. Closest to the pin were: #4 Ken Kawate; #8 Bobby Hirayama; #12 Herb Isonaga; #16 Maui Okamura. The 19<sup>th</sup> hole was held at the Pali Golf Course Restaurant and as usual, a good time was had by all.

February 20, 1997 - 22 members gathered at Fort Shafter Golf Course early morning on a sunny, clear and breezy day. The course was dry, lot of roll on the fairways and the greens were in good shape. The good scores tell the story. George Muramaru turned in a one stroke winner, spectacular net 60 for first. Chasing him were Masami Doi and Maui Okamura with 61s to tie for second. Lefty Sugihara was fourth with a 63 which would normally be good for first. Closest to the hole were: #1 Lefty Sugihara; #5 Mits Honda; #8 George Muramaru; #10 Larry Nakahara; #14 no one; and #17 Herb Yanamura. 19<sup>th</sup> hole was held at the Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant where everyone enjoyed the pupus, refreshments and comaraderie.

March 6, 1997 - 24 members gathered at Barbers Point Golf Course on a sunny and windy morning. The course was in very good condition. Larry Nakahara was the best this day with a net 65 to take top honors. Just 2 strokes back was Masami Doi with a 67 for second place. Herb Isonaga was third with a net 70. One stroke back with a 71 was Ken Kawate for fourth. Closest to the pin were: #2 Bull Namba; #8 no one; #11 Minoru Tamashiro; #14 Ken Kawate.



19<sup>th</sup> hole was held at the 19<sup>th</sup> Puka of the Barbers Point Golf Course.

March 16, 17, 18, 1997 - A group of our members went to Kauai for the usual before the 442 Anniversary Banquet golf. Courses played were the Lagoon Course and Wailua Course. The results will be furnished in the Sports Scope by Bruno Yamada. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.

March 20, 1997 - 17 members turned up at Ewa Village Golf Course at mid-morning. This is a new municipal golf course which opened recently. Our original schedule was changed when they gave us tee times for 1997. The weather was very good and sunny. However, due to previous rains, part of 2 fairways were not playable so the holes were shortened. The rest of course was in very good shape. Ken Kawate took top honors this day as he nosed out three chassers by 2 shots, a net 64. Tied for second were: Ron Oba, Maui Okamura and Tadashi Kunishige with 66s. Closest to the hole were: #2 Larry Nakahara; #7 Ron Oba; #11 Ron Oba; #15 Maui Okamura. The 19<sup>th</sup> hold was held at the golf course restaurant. It was a dry 19<sup>th</sup> hole due to the restaurant still didn't receive their liquor license. Anyway, everyone enjoyed their pupus, coffee and tea.

April 3, 1997 - 23 golfers assembled at Shafter Golf Course in the morning. It was a gloomy, overcast day with drizzles off and on making the course soggy and wet. However, we played summer rules with the casual water relief rule. Maui Okamura didn't mind the dreary weather, in fact, he must have enjoyed it as he turned in a sizzling net 61 for first place. With not too bad scores under the conditions, Lefty Sugihara came in second with a 65. Dick Uyemura's 66 nosed out a group for third. And tied for fourth with 67s were Kats Ibara, George Muramaru, and Harry Tokushige. Closest to the pin were: #1 Ron Oba; #5 Maui Okamura; #8 Eddie Tamanaha; #10 no one; #14 Mits Honda; and #17 Rocky Tanna. The Moanalua Golf Course Restaurant was the site for our 19<sup>th</sup> hole. After the wet, soggy day, the refreshment, pupus and fellowship was a delight.

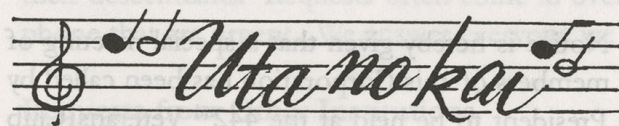
April 17, 1997 - 18 members showed up at the Ewa Village Golf Course just before noon. Weather was just fine with blue skies and slight breeze. This was Neka Matoi's day ashe shot a steady game and

turned in a net 65 to place first. Three strokes back was George Muramaru with a 68 to take second. And tied for third with 69s were Tadashi Kunishige and Teiji Uehara. Closest to the hole were: #2 Lefty Sugihara; #7 Tadashi Kunishige; #11 Eddie Tamanaha; #15 George Muramaru. The golf course restaurant was closed by the time members got in at about 5 pm, so most went home. Those remaining help with tally the scores for the prizes. Lefty Sugihara and Maui Okamura having experienced the previous dry 19<sup>th</sup> hole had brought a cooler with refreshments and peanuts. So those who remained did have a 19<sup>th</sup> hole of sort.

Our revised schedule (throw away the original schedule) for the next 2 months:

May 1	Pali	11:00
May 12	HCC	10:00
May 29	Olomana	9:14
June 12	Shafter	8:03
June 26	Pali	11:00

Aloha for now.



by Kay Hirayama

### Uta No Kai Shinnen Enkai

The Uta No Kai celebrated its annual New Year festivity on Sunday, February 2. This year's Shinnen Enkai was held at the Treetops Restaurant in Paradise Park, Manoa, instead of a traditional teahouse party. This change in environment, abounding with Mother Nature's lush creations in green Manoa Valley, afforded a gratifying experience. Everyone was elated with the pleasant surroundings, and the blend of sumptuous occidental and oriental cuisine was a welcome fare. Hichi Matsumoto emceed the program, and both members and guests actively participated in the karaoke exercise from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Members present were: from E Chapter Kay Sugihara; from 522B Kay Hirayama, Ellen and Mits Kunihiro; from 522C Jane Yamao; from Livorno Mimi



and Ray Tanaka; from M Elsie and Yoshio Teruya, Betty Tomikoshi, Janet and David Umeda, Gladys Uyemura; from Medic 2nd HQ Kazu Tomasa; from 171st May Otani; from 3rd HQ Irene and Takeshi Nakamura; from 232nd Millie Honda, Doc and Mary Kawamoto, Janet and Hichi Matsumoto, Nora Yamashiro. Guests included Mabel and Masa Yonemori hosted by the Ray Tanakas; Eleanor and Melvin Dang and Fred Hirayama hosted by Kay; Flora Agena and Nancy Higa hosted by Nora Yamashiro.

Since its inception over a decade ago, the Uta No Kai has developed a sizable repertoire of Japanese songs. There is noticeable improvement in the members' singing capabilities and enthusiasm prevails as evidenced in their weekly karaoke sessions.

Latest member to join is Evelyn Shintani (Eng.)

## OTHER *News*

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF 442<sup>ND</sup> VETERANS CLUB

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the members of this Corporation has been called by the President to be held at the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club clubhouse, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 1997.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider and act on (i) amendments to the By-Laws as reported elsewhere in this Bulletin and (ii) such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated: April 28, 1997

*Yail Osuna*

Executive Secretary

### ARCHIVES REPORT by Katherine Collins

This is my first article for the Bulletin, so please bear with me. I will report on the Archives' progress each quarter and let you know what the Archives can do for you. I work from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday

through Friday. The Archives is open to the public from 8:30 am to 11:30 am on weekdays with other times available by appointment. The rest of the time I process artifacts and work on the projects and programs approved by the Sons and Daughters' Archives Committee. You can contact me at the 442<sup>nd</sup> Archives and Learning Center at 945-0032.

We give tours of the Archives and assist researchers on the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, 100<sup>th</sup> Bn, and MIS. This quarter alone we have had 97 visitors to the Archives. 67% of our visitors are Veterans. Our highest priority at the Archives is conducting oral history interviews with Veterans. We conducted oral histories with 13 Veterans from January to March, 1997. In April 1997, we interviewed over 27 Veterans. The number is expected to increase. The second highest priority is the collection of artifacts. We had over 200 artifact donations to the Archives. We are also working on the awarding and upgrading of medals ranging from the Purple Heart to the Medal of Honor. We submitted 26 recommendation packets for possible upgrade of 442<sup>nd</sup>/100<sup>th</sup> DSC recipients to Medal of Honor. We are also currently testing a number of database systems. When we determine the most appropriate system for our Archives, we will be able to create a database for all our materials and artifacts. This will mean a more efficient Archives for everyone.

### Oral History

We have conducted oral history interviews with over 90 Veterans. The Sons and Daughters of the 442<sup>nd</sup> conducted group interviews with 45 Veterans over 3 years. Since June 1, 1996, we have more than doubled that number. We still need to reach more Veterans. Many Companies are not represented. Even when we have interviewed a Veteran from a particular company, we still need to interview someone to corroborate his story. Please call for more information.

Through Howard Sugai, US Army Reserve, we have the opportunity to use their location at the Kalani Reserve Center at Ft. DeRussy for some intensive interviewing without disturbing the Veterans' normal use of the clubhouse. Our transcriber is making progress with transcripts and the speed has increased



dramatically. We need Veterans to make any corrections to their transcripts that they want so they will be satisfied with the results. We are making every effort to accommodate the Veterans while preserving their legacy.

Representatives from the Japanese American National Museum and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii came to the Archives to learn about our Oral History Program. Please give the Sons and Daughters a pat on the back for establishing a top-notch program. We are on the JCCH Oral History committee thanks to Chairman Ted Tsukiyama. We have provided detailed information on how and why to conduct an oral history, how to preserve the tapes, and how to organize and transcribe the information. This is an on-going project.

### Artifacts

The 442<sup>nd</sup> Archives and Learning Center received over 200 artifact donations. The majority of the artifacts were photographs, followed by letters and other documents. Most donations have been from Veterans and their children. We have extended our collection of photographs, German regalia, two DSC medals and numerous other medals, US patches and insignia, uniforms, firearms and other weapons, and unique artifacts. We are legally able to receive donations of firearms. For more information, contact Guy Koga or Alvin Yoshitomi. Veterans have also donated a lot of reference books which have added to our lending and research libraries. The depth of the collection has also increased with individual Veterans donating a number of artifacts relating to a particular event, campaign, or person. This will improve our displays in the future. We identify, catalogue, and preserve all artifacts according to the standards and recommendations of the Society of American Archivists and the American Association of Museums. Very few of the 78 museums in Hawaii meet these standards. Please let the Archives Committee know if you plan to donate something to someone. We can help you.

### Research and Projects

We have had over 35 project requests and have assisted numerous others. Requests arrive daily on a variety of subjects relating to the 442<sup>nd</sup>/100<sup>th</sup> Bn/MIS. We have had requests from as far away as Great Britain, France, and Japan. Projects have included, but are not limited to, support for inductions of Veterans into the Gallery of Heroes, DSC research for the Chief of the Army Awards Branch (at his request) and research for Senator Akaka's office. If you know of anyone who should be nominated, please let us know. Eyewitness accounts serve as evidence with the Chief of the US Army Awards Branch so documentation is not a major problem. Don't let justice be denied. Due to the overwhelming demand, we are now requiring a project request form on projects that will take more than one hour to complete. If you tell me about the project, I can fill out and submit the form for you. If demand continues to increase, we will revise our policies as necessary.

We receive over 10 information requests a week. Information is needed by patrons ranging from elementary school students to college students and their professors. Most requests come from Veterans and their descendants. Requests often come in over the phone that are urgent. We answer everyone we can.

### Requests from Other Institutions

There have been numerous requests for assistance from other institutions. Howard Okada, Executive Director of the Hawaii Army Museum Society, requested information on Distinguished Service Cross recipients for induction into the US Army Museum's Gallery of Heroes. Arnold Hiura and Audrey Muramoto requested copies of photographs for a traveling exhibit co-sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum and the Bishop Museum tentatively entitled, "The Politics of the Plate Lunch." The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii has requested information and assistance for their exhibit tentatively titled, "Honor and Sacrifice: The Japanese American Liberators of France." They hope to produce a 900 square foot exhibit for Crossing '97. The US Army Museum at Ft. DeRussy has offered us their large display space in the front of the museum, by the theater, for an exhibit of our own focusing on the 442<sup>nd</sup>.



We will be cooperating with them in developing and producing exhibits to educate the public and remind them of the contributions of the 442<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone who would like to loan or donate artifacts or other materials, please contact me at 945-0032. The 442<sup>nd</sup> Archives and Learning Center was established by the Sons and Daughters to be their official repository of artifacts and information about the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT. We also collect and preserve information and artifacts on a variety of related issues and units including the MIS. We are the only institution focusing on the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, so please donate to us so that we can preserve the legacy.

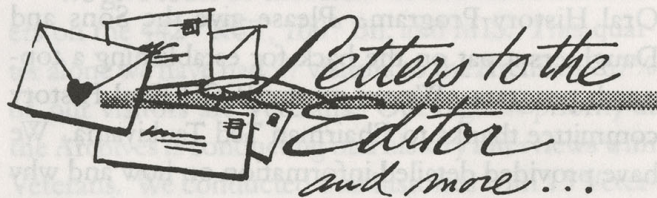
### Future

There are already tangible results of our efforts. We have more than doubled the number of Oral histories. Artifact donations are up. Papers and presentations by students increase knowledge of the 442<sup>nd</sup> in the classroom. KIA/MIA/DOW lists are more accurate now. This has been particularly helpful to families of Veterans who wanted information on a loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice. Authors are writing about the contributions of the 442<sup>nd</sup> with greater accuracy. The Spring Officers' Board will decide on some of the upgrades to Medal of Honor with information we provided. We have even found new DSC winners of the 442<sup>nd</sup>/100<sup>th</sup>/MIS that were previously unknown.

Projects continue to increase as more people find out about the Archives. The future Sons and Daughters Conference and the various Crossings '97 exhibits will require continued support. Some publications are missing information on the 442<sup>nd</sup> or giving inaccurate information out. We must offer corrections where possible. The US Army's list of DSC winners was missing over seven of the 442<sup>nd</sup>/100<sup>th</sup> winners. The Silver Star list also needs correcting. We have to get the facts straight.

Presentations have been requested to get more young people interested. The increased use of the available technology should not be a problem if we have enough time and support from the Veterans. Indexing documents and creating research files will be very time consuming, but are vital to the Archives.

We will increase the oral history interviews and transcripts, if Veterans volunteer to talk to us. The database system will be adopted after we finish testing the available systems to ensure compatibility and maximum efficiency. We also need to create a guide to the Archives so that people will be able to gather information more efficiently.



March 6, 1997

Dear Sirs:

Congratulations!!!! You have arrived at MATURITY.

A wonderful special edition was enjoyed from cover to cover in the first time in over thirty years.

THANK YOU!

Very truly yours,  
Mary A. Nakamura  
Kula, HI

March 14, 1997

Ed,

I recently received the January-March 1997 issue of the Go for Broke Bulletin and was pleasantly surprised when I looked at the pictures on page 22.

The picture in the lower right hand corner of the three lieutenants includes my Dad, Nobuo. He is the one with glasses on the right. I assume this picture was taken sometime after he completed OCS in Italy. He was the Cannon Company 1SG prior to going to OCS.

Well, just thought I would drop you a note to express my appreciation for seeing my Dad's picture in the Bulletin. Keep up the good work!

Mahalo,  
Michael F. Tanigawa



April 6, 1997

Aloha, Edwin:

The special edition of the G.F.B. came Friday P.M. and I read wiki wiki, I only stop to 5-4-4. Some of those stories bring back memories. I remember well when we heard about the truck bolwing up, alot of questions came up.

I goined the 34th Div. in early Sept. 1943. Twenty of us Infantrymen were attached to the 34<sup>th</sup> Cav. Recon Tp. as trouble shooters. We were stationed in a olive grove near Oran. That first evening after chow, I wrote a few letters and then were heard Hawaiian music, so we made a recon and there was the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. Buddhaheads playing music and doing the hula. That was our evening entertainment every evening. One night we didn't hear any music, but we went anyway. They were waiting of da geetah playah. He not cum he was in hospital, he hurt his hand. The leader said, "We need a guitar player." I told them I did, so I played with them two nights and the regular came back.

We we invaded Italy, the second day the Captain asked us four volunteers to go to the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. To observe and assist, when needed. I raised my hand, made my buddy raise his hand and the captain volunteered the other two men in our jeep and gaveus amap and said to get going. We crossed the Volturmo twiceand wounded were returning walking or on litters and a few crawling. I helped a wounded man up the bank, he had an arm wound. He said one of his squad was shot in the legs and couldn't walk. The litters were full and the medics were very busy. So, I decided I'd go. He said he was about 50 yards from the bank with four dead gis. I saw them and crawled to them. I was too late, he bled to death. I took their rifles and bandolers and returned. At the bank I stood up and yelled their all dead. I was pushed and went down the bank. I spread eagle to stop got up and crossed the river, on the other side I layed the rifles down and the bandoleers and I felt a burn on my back and took off my pack. One of the men saw a hole in my jacket. I took off my jacket and shirt and there was a tracer bullet laying below my shoulder blade. Two men opened my pack and unrolled the blanket and found 21 bullets in it. Purple Heart #1.

Then I met the 442<sup>nd</sup> men at Anzio in our talking one of them mentioned that their family was in a camp and told us the story. Three of us were from Illinois, so we wrote a joint letter to Illinois U.S. Senator C. Wallan Brooks about the camps said they were against everything in our Constitution. Six weeks later we got an answer saying he was sorry that it's the law and he would try and have it removed. Well, we all know what happened, NOTHING.

My wife and I attended our first Nisei Vets Reunion in Chicago in 1976. We've attended everyone since. And we made many Nisei friends on the mainland and in Hawaii. And 100<sup>th</sup> Mini-reunions in "Lost Wages." We also got adopted by I Co in Reno. So we attended some of their Minis in Las Vegas and we really have a good time and asked to come to the next reunion and we usually do. We've been to Hawaii 14 times so they call us tanakas. A couple of them call me a Boheman Buddhahead. My Father's father was German and my other three grandparents were Boheman.

My combat days ended 15 Oct. '44 on a three day battle to take Balonga, on the second day I was wounded by a mortar shell 50mm and that was the end for me.

I was in the 17<sup>th</sup> General Hospital during October in Naples. They came in the room with a cart and laid a patient in a bed. He was all covered up so we couldn't see who he was. He was taken in and out of the room four times. Then I saw he as a Nisei. When he woke up, I asked him if he was 100<sup>th</sup> or 442<sup>nd</sup>, he said he was 100<sup>th</sup>. I told him I was 34<sup>th</sup>. Two days later he was alert and was able to eat, but he needed the bedpan. It ended up that I was the only one who would talk to him, the others totally ignored him, but they were very, very friendly with a 92<sup>nd</sup> patient, Reno Bunn. On the hospitalship going home, we spent both Thanksgivings on the ocean. I got my first new name, "Jap Lover." I've been called that many, many times since. I got to like it. Nuf sed, I gonna pau fo now.

Much aloha,  
Warren Fencil



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Regular Members, 442nd Veterans Club  
 FROM: Executive Committee  
 DATE: March 17, 1997  
 SUBJECT: Amendments to By-Laws

1. The existing By-Laws of the 442nd Veterans Club need to be updated, clarified, and matched to the Club's current practices. Accordingly, after an exhaustive review and consultation with some former presidents of the Club, a draft of the proposed amendments to the Club's By-Laws was prepared.

2. Attached for your review and comment are "Proposed Amendments to By-Laws - 442nd Veterans Club."

NOTE: The new words are italicized and underlined, while the words to be deleted are shaded.

a. The substantive amendments are as follows:

(1) To change the terms of office of the officers of the Club from 2 years to 1 year. In the normal course of events, an officer progresses from third vice president to immediate past president in a period of 10 years as presently constituted. Our two most recent presidents have commented that 10 years in office is too long for one person to be an officer of the Club. In view of the ages of our Club's veterans, a total of 5 years would be more realistic. In other words, a 1-year term for each elected officer.

(2) The number of members of the Executive Committee has been found to be too large. For different reasons, attendance at the Executive Committee meetings has been low. Also, the Executive Committee exists to assist the President to manage the Club effectively. Hence, the President should have the authority to designate the members of the Executive Committee.

(3) The standing committee on Public Relations has been deleted because its function has rarely been exercised in recent times. Moreover, whenever a press interview is conducted, the press interviews the Club's President for news. A new Budget and Finance Committee is recommended for addition to the standing committees because this function and that of the Treasurer should not be placed in the same office, somewhat like keeping the functions of accounting and auditing separated.

(4) A new Article entitled "Nonpolitical Character" is recommended to be added to the By-Laws to prevent the recurrence of the internal disruption created during the 1996 elections wherein certain persons who endorsed a candidate for elected office had their names published in a full-page advertisement along with the shoulder patch of the 442nd RCT as well as the name of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. But of more serious concern is that the IRS is currently investigating several nonprofit organizations for alleged support or opposition to candidates for elected public office as reported in The Wall Street Journal of February 10, 1997. In the words of the IRS spokesman: "Organizations that are exempt under certain tax laws may not engage in activities either in support of or in opposition to a candidate for elected public office." At the November 4, 1996 Board meeting, then President Takiguchi clarified the Club's non-endorsement policy, but Board minutes get lost or are forgotten so an explicit By-Laws provision will not only keep our memories fresh, but will also act as a shield against any IRS investigation.

(5) The remaining proposed amendments to the By-Laws have been drafted to clarify those sections that have been subject to various interpretations.

3. RECOMMENDATION: The proposed amendments to the Club's By-Laws should be approved by the Regular Members



**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS  
442ND VETERANS CLUB**

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. **REGULAR MEMBER.** Any person who was assigned, or who was in any unit which at any time was assigned, to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team between the times of its activation and the time of its inactivation shall be eligible to become a Regular Member. The direct descendants of an eligible *Any child (including any step, adopted, or acknowledged child)* of any Regular Member of the 442nd Veterans Club shall also be eligible to become a Regular Member. An eligible person shall become a Regular Member upon payment of the dues prescribed in Article IV; provided, however, that from and after January 1, 1966 upon delinquency in the payment of the prescribed dues for a period of six (6) months, membership in the Corporation shall automatically terminate. Any eligible person may become a Regular Member for life as herein provided.

Section 2. **LIFE MEMBER.** Any person eligible to become a Regular Member shall may become a Life Member upon payment of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in one lump sum cash and in addition thereto the annual dues only for the year when application is made. He shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and obligations of a Regular Member for and during his lifetime save and except that as a Life Member he shall be exempt for life from payment of the annual dues set forth in Section 1 of Article IV hereof. The life membership of a Life Member may be transferred once upon his death to any descendant or next of kin, *his child (including any step, adopted, or acknowledged child); spouse; parent (including any step or adopted parent); or sibling, (including any step, adopted, or acknowledged sibling)* of the Life Member; but only in the following manner: The Life Member must, prior to his death, file with the Executive Secretary a written designation signed by him naming a transferee, and the transferee must within six (6) months after the death of the Life Member file with the Executive Secretary a signed acceptance of such transfer. Unless such written designation and such written acceptance are filed in compliance herewith, the life membership of a Life Member shall expire upon his death; but if the same are filed as foresaid, the transferee shall become a Life Member, effective as of the date of death of his or her transferor. The transferor may name alternate transferees, stating the order of priority in which they are to be considered, but only one life membership is transferable by a Life Member. Where used herein, the term "Regular Member" shall include a Life Member (hereinafter referred to as a "Regular/Life Member"), except for any requirement of payment of such annual dues. To become a Life Member from and after January 1, 1968, a person shall pay One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and in addition thereto shall pay the annual dues assessed only for the year when application is made.

Section 3. **HONOR ROLL MEMBER.** Any person who was assigned or who was in any unit which at any time was assigned to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team between the time of its activation and the time of its deactivation, and who was, or is, killed in action or died or dies of wounds received in action or in the line of duty, and any person who is at the time of his or her death a Regular/Life or Associate Member shall be an Honor Roll member. Honor Roll membership is only a recognition and does not import any rights in the Corporation.

Section 4. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER.** Any person eligible to be a Regular/Life Member who does not reside on Oahu shall be eligible to be an Associate Member (but this shall not be construed to prohibit a person not residing on Oahu from becoming a



Regular/Life Member. An eligible person shall become an Associate Member upon payment of the dues prescribed in Article IV; provided, that upon delinquency in the payment of the prescribed dues for a period of six (6) months, membership in the Corporation shall automatically terminate. Also, any person who is an Associate Member of a local chapter may become an Associate Member of this Corporation upon payment of the prescribed dues. An Associate Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Regular/Life Member unless expressly denied by specific Corporation policy, but he or she shall not vote.

Section 5. HONORARY MEMBER. Any person who has rendered valuable and meritorious service for and on behalf of the members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team or in the furtherance of the objects and purposes for which this Corporation was formed may, upon proposal by petition reciting his or her qualifications signed by twenty-five Regular/Life Members representing at least one-third (1/3) of the local chapter, be considered by the Board, and upon recommendation by the Board, be elected an Honorary Member at any membership meeting. An honorary membership is only a recognition and does not import any rights in the Corporation.

Section 6. SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY. Notwithstanding anything in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Article restricting eligibility for membership to those who were affiliated with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Board may, upon written application to it, make any descendant or any next of kin child (including any step, adopted, or acknowledged child); spouse; parent (including any step or adopted parent); or sibling (including any step, adopted, or acknowledged sibling) of an Honor Roll Member eligible to become a member of the Corporation. A person so made eligible may become a Regular, Associate, or Life Member, as the case may be, on the same terms and conditions as applicable to those eligible under Sections 1, 2, and 3.

Section 7. CHANGE OF STATUS. A Regular Member who leaves Oahu may retain membership in the Corporation as a Regular or as an Associate Member upon payment of the annual dues applicable to the status which he or she wishes to retain. A Life Member shall continue as such, whether or not he or she lived on Oahu.

Section 8. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES DELINQUENCY. From and after January 1, 1966, any member whose membership has been terminated by reason of dues delinquency, voluntary resignation, expulsion, or otherwise shall, upon re-admission, pay the current year's annual dues. (Regular or Associate, depending on his or her actual residence during the period of non-membership.)

Section 9. EXPULSION. [In the second line, after the word "Regular" add the word "/Life"]

#### ARTICLE IV: DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 2: ASSESSMENTS. Special assessments, apart from annual dues, may be imposed on Regular/Life (including Life) Members by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Regular/Life Members present at a membership meeting, the notice of which shall state that a purpose of the meeting is to consider the imposition of special assessments.

#### ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: COMPOSITION. The Board of Directors of the Corporation, herein



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referred to as *the* "Board," shall be comprised of the officers of the Corporation, the immediate past president of the Corporation, and the president (or his *or her* representative) of each chapter of the Corporation. Only a Regular/Life Member may be a Director.

#### ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. COMPOSITION, ELIGIBILITY, TERM. The officers of the Corporation shall be president, president-elect, second vice-president, third vice-president, executive secretary, and treasurer. All of the officers aforesaid shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Article XI, except the executive secretary who shall be appointed by the Board and serve at its pleasure. No person shall be eligible to be an officer who is not a Regular/Life Member. All of the officers, except the executive secretary, shall serve for ~~two~~ (2) one years (from January 1st 1 to December 31st) or further until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 2. PRESIDENT. The president shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board, call membership and Board meeting whenever he deems them necessary, and attend to the usual duties of a president and to all other matters as directed by the Board. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of the term of office of the president, the president-elect shall succeed to that office and each vice-president shall succeed to the office one above in rank.

Section 5. TREASURER. The treasurer shall receive and keep all moneys belonging to the Corporation except as otherwise directed by the Board, invest the same as authorized by the Board; keep correct books of account of all receipts and expenditures of the Corporation and have general supervision of the accounts; submit semi-annual financial statements of the Corporation on or before January 31 and July 31 of each year; make such disbursements as the regular course of business of the Corporation may require or as the Board may order; report to the executive secretary by March 20th the names of those members who are delinquent in their dues as of May 15; report to the executive secretary the names of those members who are subject to membership termination or reinstatement under Article III be responsible for maintaining proper records of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation, except as otherwise directed by the Board; invest liquid assets as authorized by the Board; and keep accounting records according to generally accepted accounting procedures and principles as promulgated by the Federal Accounting Standards Board. The treasurer shall also submit quarterly financial statements on a cash basis with appropriate footnotes for full disclosure of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation at current values; and attend to the usual duties of a treasurer and to all other matters as directed by the Board.

#### ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The officers (including the immediate past president) of the Corporation, and such other members as may be appointed by the president the chairpersons of the respective standing committees, the chaplain, the historian, and the legal counsel shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall (1) have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation between Board business meetings, (ii) make recommendations to the Board, and (iii) perform such other duties as are specified by the Board or these By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Board and none of its acts shall conflict



with any action taken by the Board or the Corporation.

Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The Board shall by written resolution create such standing committees as it from time to time deems advisable, defining the duties and powers of each committee, to serve at its pleasure. Permanent standing committees are as follows: Archives, Budget and Finance, Long Range Planning, Archives and Property and House Rules, and Public Relations.

#### ARTICLE X: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Section 3. NOTICE. Notice of membership meetings shall be in writing and served upon each Regular/Life Member personally or by mailing such notice addressed to his or her last known residence or business address at least one week in advance of the meeting. Failure to give notice, however, shall not invalidate any action otherwise taken at the membership meeting.

Section 4. QUORUM, VOTING. Twenty-three (23) of the Regular/Life Members present in person at any membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of the Regular/Life Members present or represented by proxy in writing shall be sufficient for the passing of any motion or resolution except such as shall require a larger number of votes under the Charter, these By-Laws, or then existing statutory provisions. Any member may participate fully in a membership meeting, but the right to vote shall be restricted to a Regular/Life (including Life) Member only. Each Regular/Life Member shall have one vote except that but the presiding officer of the meeting shall not vote except in case of a tie vote. The validity of any proxy shall be passed upon by the top three (3) officers of the Corporation, excluding the executive secretary, present at the meeting, and their decision shall be final. Each proxy-holder, who must be a Regular/Life Member shall be limited to five (5) proxy votes.

#### ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

Section 4. VOTING.; Noting shall be by ballot of the Board of Directors. The Board, as determined by it, shall vote by ballot or by unanimous consent.

#### ARTICLE XII. VACANCIES.

Section 1. PERMANENT VACANCY. In case of any elective office becomes vacancy vacant occurring during the term of any elective officer among the elective offices of the Corporation through any cause other than temporary absence, the Board shall appoint a suitable person to serve in the vacant office until a successor is duly elected at a special election as provided for in Article XI to be held with due dispatch; provided that if the said vacancy occurs in the office of president, president-elect or vice president, each affected president-elect or vice president shall be elevated one in rank and the office of third vice-president shall be deemed vacant; and provided further that no special election need be held for any vacancy if the Board determines that the unexpired term of the vacant office is too short to merit a special election. A successor officer shall complete the unexpired term of office of the predecessor officer and thereafter he or she shall complete the regular term of the office to which he or she was elevated.



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## ARTICLE XIII. LOCAL CHAPTERS.

The Board may authorize the organization of local chapters of the Corporation as it may deem necessary or desirable. Any local chapter so organized shall operate under its own rules, regulations, and by-laws, subject, however, to the Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation. The Board shall not authorize the organization of new local chapters from and after January 1, 1953, unless such chapter has an initial membership of at least fifteen (15) members who are Regular/Life or Associate Members of the Corporation. All officers of a local chapter shall be Regular/Life or Associate Members of the Corporation. Property of whatsoever nature belonging to a local chapter shall not belong to the Corporation.

## ARTICLE XV: NONPOLITICAL CHARACTER

The Corporation shall not endorse, support or oppose, or otherwise allow the use of its name by or for any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended by (i) submitting the proposed amendment in writing at any regular membership meeting or at any or special membership meeting, (ii) vote of the majority of its the Regular//Life Members present at any meeting duly called and held, the notice of which shall have stated that a purpose of the meeting is to consider the amendment of the By-Laws, and in accordance (iii) complying with the provisions of the then existing statutory requirements.

Note: By-Laws may be amended by vote of the majority of its members present at any meeting duly called and held, the notice of which shall have stated that a purpose of the meeting is to consider the amendment of the By-Laws.





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