



Go For Broke Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Go For Broke!

Save the date – 9 May 2020 – for the 43rd annual Go for Broke Association dinner at the Hale Koa to reminisce old times and friendship. The annual dinner information will be posted on the association website <http://www.gfbassn.org>

– with payment information as well. The menu is the same as usual with carved prime rib, crab legs, poke, poi, and all of the good stuff.

With over two decades of Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) funds from Saipan and American Samoa Post Exchanges (PX) profit margins supporting the battalion's non-Operational and Maintenance (O&M) funding requirements, our key charter objective – supporting the Battalion's non-official function requirements - has lost its validity. Three years ago, we also stood in the cross-roads with our aging WWII Nisei veterans clubs with taking the legacy lead with less living WWII veterans, but now there is no deal with non-veteran/family members taking over and not relinquishing the legacy lead. Therefore, it is time for our association to re-evaluate our charter mission. We want to hear from life members and are planning to hold an open board meeting on 8 July 2020 at Oahu Veteran Center to discuss charter mission ideas in order to re-focus the association charter mission and bring value to this association with the Battalion and its post-WWII legacy history. With the change of charter mission, we can plan our

association's future and phase in revisions of our association charter along with ideas for future fund-raising events/programs.

Lastly, we grew with 15 new life members. We need to keep up our recruiting tempo to recruit new eligible life members from the Battalion, as well as former Battalion members, to ensure we help the Battalion's legacy perpetuates for future generations.

Live the spirit - Go for Broke!



100-442 IN Battalion leadership with part of the KERIS STRIKE, 1996 in Ipoh, Malaysia.



Company D (AA), CPT Sean Lee & ISG Henry Torres - at annual training 1995 in Yakima Training Area, WA.

GO FOR BROKE ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SERVICE



Approximately 75 Gold Star Family members attended the memorial service held on October 26, 2019 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The Go For Broke Association sponsored the event.

The Go For Broke Association paid homage to members of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment “who gave their full measure of devotion and made the ultimate sacrifice” during the Vietnam and Iraq Wars. A total of fourteen Soldiers were remembered in a memorial service held on October 26, 2019 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Guest speaker retired Brigadier General Raymond Gandy, Jr. addressed the nearly 250 guests in attendance.

In 1968, the 100th Battalion was activated in support of the Vietnam War. Soldiers were levied to Vietnam as individual replacements, resulting in nine Soldiers Killed-In-Action. In 2004, the unit was again activated, but, this

time, deployed as a unit to Balad, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The 100th Battalion suffered five KIAs during the year-long deployment.

The legacy of duty, honor and service, set forth by the 100th Infantry Battalion, and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of World War II continued through additional deployments in 2007 to the Philippines as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and in 2009 to Kuwait (OIF).

The Planning Committee included Arthur Delos Santos, Reuben Bilan, Jimmy Kaaihue, Calvin Nomiyama, Jaybee Obusan, Russell Shimooka, and Andy Tamori.



The 111th Army Band, Hawaii Army National Guard, led by Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Hiyane provided music for the memorial service.

“Remember, Retell, Reaffirm”



Retired Brigadier General Raymond Gandy, Jr.

“I ask today's Soldiers to look closely over at that tree line. In your mind's eye you will see over 75 years of Battalion Troopers looking back at you. From snow filled foxholes, dank muddy jungles, and hot desert sands, like ghosts in silent over watch: they expect you to carry on the Duty and Honor that go with that shoulder patch. When the going gets tough-when the mission is hard-when the danger is close-will you; the future generations of the 100th Battalion, do your duty? Will you honor their memory? Will you "remember where you come from and what Duty and Honor mean to the 100th Battalion family?" Our Family?"

“The mark is on the wall ... The high standard has been set.”

“Rucks up! Scouts out!”

“Go For Broke!”

Expanding Access to MWR Facilities

Effective January 1, 2020, access privileges to the Commissary, Exchanges, and other Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities have been expanded to veterans who did not retired from Active Duty or from the Guard/Reserves. They include Purple Heart recipients, former Prisoners-of-War, all veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities (0-90%), and Approved and designated Primary Caregivers for eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family caregivers.

Individuals qualifying under the descriptors above must have a Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) issued by the Veterans Administration (VA).

A short summary is attached to this newsletter highlighting pertinent information.

2019 Memorial Service



On December 14, 2019, the GFBA Board of Directors continued its long tradition of honoring their fallen comrades at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Mililani Memorial Park, and Homelani Memorial Park in Hilo.

A lei and an American flag were laid at each gravesite.

2020 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

The Go For Broke Association's Annual Membership Dinner Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the Hale Koa Hotel's Waikiki Ballroom.

The Aloha Buffet will feature a mouth-watering prime rib carving station along with the usual clams and snow crab. Costs for the dinner:

Members \$40.00 Guest \$60.00



The Aloha Buffet features a Prime rib carving station.

For the past three years, the cost for the buffet dinner has steadily increased, so much so, that for the second year in a row, the Board has had to increase the share a member and guest must pay. The cost of the buffet is now at \$81.53 per person. The Board relies on its annual golf tournament fundraiser to subsidize the cost of the dinner.

Contact your Squad Leader or go to <http://gfbassn.org> to reserve your seat. In an effort to minimize cash transactions at the door, you are highly encouraged to forward checks, no later than Friday, April 24, 2020, payable to the Go For Broke Association at:

**Go For Broke Association
P.O. Box 88234
Honolulu, Hawaii 96830-8234**

GFBA Golf Tournament Fundraiser



The 2020 Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser is scheduled for 13 August 2020 at the Leilehua Golf Course. A shotgun start time is set for 12:00 p.m.

This is the Association's one and only fundraiser. Monies raised support its various programs and subsidizes a major portion of the annual membership dinner meeting.

Registration forms will be available on May 1, 2020. Interested players and donors may go on-line to gfbassn.org to sign-up.

Coming Soon

Go For Broke Association Membership Annual Dinner Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa Hotel

Go For Broke Association Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Place: Leilehua Golf Course



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

**The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.**

***STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING*, 1923**
BY ***ROBERT FROST*** (26 MARCH 1874 – 29 JANUARY 1963)

New Morale, Welfare, and Recreational (MWR) Benefits

REFERENCE: Article, "Department of Defense Expanding Access to Military Commissaries, Exchanges and Recreation Facilities."

Effective Date: January 1, 2020

1. Eligibility (Spouse not allowed benefits*)

- A. Purple Heart Recipients
- B. Former Prisoner-of-War
- C. All veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities (0-90%)
- D. Approved and designated Primary Caregivers for eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family caregivers

* Anyone may enter the Navy Exchange near Moanalua Shopping Center and Pearl Harbor Elementary School, but not allowed to make purchases (payment at cashier).

2. Requirements

A. In possession of Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) issued by the Veterans Administration (VA).

B. No VHIC?

1) Go to the second floor of the Sparky M. Matsunaga Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center at Tripler Army Medical Center (mountainside) to register.

2) Present DD 214 to Administration Official

i. No DD 214? Go on-line to request copy:

<https://www.aardvarkresearchgroup.com/army-dd214/>

3) Contact information for Sparky M. Matsunaga Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center at Tripler Army Medical Center

1) Address: 459 Patterson Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

2) Phone: (808) 433-0600

3) Website: va.gov

C. Veteran not eligible under this Act? Register and shop on-line!

1) Army and Air Force Exchange – <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>

2) Coast Guard Exchange – <https://shopCGX.com>

3) Marine Corps Exchange – <http://www.mymcx.com>

4) Navy Exchange - <https://mynavyexchange.com>

5) Veterans Canteen Service – <https://shopvcs.va.gov>

3. Installation Access (As applicable, first visit, only)

A. Present VHIC to gate guard

B. Report to Visitor Center with Driver's License, Car Registration, and auto insurance

4. Benefits

A. Commissaries

B. Military service exchanges (PX, BX, etc)

C. Golf Courses

D. Bowling centers

E. Recreational lodging (e.g., Hale Koa Hotel)

F. RV campgrounds

G. Movie theaters



GO FOR BROKE ASSOCIATION 2020

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100th Battalion
442nd Infantry Regiment

43rd ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

442nd Regimental
Combat Team



May 9, 2020



1399th Engineer
Construction Battalion



Military Intelligence
Service

5:30 PM

No-Host Cocktails

6:30 PM

Invocation • Dinner • Program

★ Presentations ★ Door Prizes ★ A Special Guest Speaker★

Cost: Life-Time Member: \$40 Guest(s): \$60

Tables: Assigned seating is set for 10 individuals per table (Reserve your group seating early by submitting your group listing

s and payment)

RSVP by **Monday, April 10, 2020**

Please submit digitally request through the website and check for parking instructions.

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Soldier: _____ **Company Assigned** _____
(Last, First Name)

Guest(s) Name: _____

Tel #: _____

Life-time Member: _____ X \$40 = \$40

Guest _____ X \$60 = \$ _____

Total Due _____ = \$ _____

Please send the completed form with your check (payable to: Go for Broke Association):

Go for Broke Association, P.O. Box 88234, Honolulu, HI 96830-8234

Please provide email information: _____