



# Go For Broke Association Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



- Jay Trinidad -

First and foremost, I want to thank Colonel Sean Lee (Retired) for leading the Association for the past four years, especially during the last challenging eighteen months in which the annual membership dinners and golf tournaments were cancelled ("And thank you, Sean, for agreeing to remain on the Board as the Vice President!")

As for myself, in 1983 I enlisted in the Army Reserve as an 11B and was assigned to Alpha Company of 100/442 back at Fort De Russy. After serving with the 4960th Multi-Functional Training Brigade (MFTB), I came back to the 100th Battalion and served as the HHC Commander under LTC Jon LEE. After my 2005-2006 combat tour with the 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade (CAB), I again returned to the 100th Battalion as the Executive Officer under LTC Mike PEETERS. In 2018, I retired as a Colonel, from my two last assignments as the Commander of 322nd CAB, and finally, as an Assistant Chief of Staff with United States Forces-Korea.

On the civilian side, I've been with the Honolulu Police Department for over thirty years, I'm currently a Metropolitan Police Major in charge of the Records and Identification Division. As our State slowly, slowly, slowly transitions to the "new normal", and as your new President, I look forward to getting back on track with reconnecting with the present membership, gaining new members and all of us "breaking bread" in person!



*President Trinidad volunteers at this year's annual Golf Tournament, passing out dinner bento and prizes.*

## **Annual Training, a.k.a., Summer Camp at Pohakuloa Training Area** (Courtesy CSM Jerry Walden)

This AT (Annual Training) the Battalion focused on Squad Level Proficiency with squad level Situational Training Exercises (STX) and Live Fire Exercises (LFX). The Battalion also conducted Individual and Crew Served Weapons Qualifications, Gunnery and Mounted Live Fires.



*Anti-Tank TOW (Tubular, Optically Tracked, Wire-Guided) Live Fire Exercise*

The Main Command Post was exercised in a Forward Tactical Environment with the Battalion Staff and Operations conducting C2 over the Battalion formations and events. The Battalion successfully utilized JBC-P (Joint Battle Command-Platform) Tactical Communication and reporting, to include secure FM communications.



*Food Service Specialists from the 740th FSC prepare evening meals.*

The 740th Forward Support Company (FSC) conducted CTCP (Combat Trains Command Post) Operations, which provided support and sustainment to the Battalion, all the while completing qualifications and live fires as well. The FSC conducted Battalion level field feeding while deploying the Combat Kitchen and field fueling for the Battalion rolling stock of tactical vehicles.

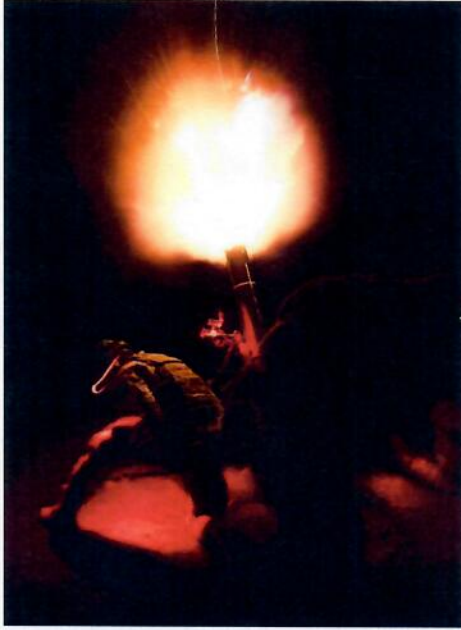


*Battalion's Combat Medics simulate the evacuation of injured Soldiers*

The Battalion Medical Platoon not only supported the individual Companies with Combat medics, but also supported Main Command Post Operations with the Set-up of a Battalion Aid Station in a tactical environment. The Battalion Medical platoon reacted superbly with 2 separate iterations of Mass Casualty (MASCAL) simulation exercises that included Air Aviation asset support from the HIARNG Aviation.

The Battalion was able to incorporate enablers from the HIARNG for support for the duration of the Battalion AT. The 3-126 AVN REGT from the HIARNG supported Echo Company with an Air Movement and Air Assault for STX lanes training, two Iterations of MASCAL exercises, multiple iterations of evacuating a casualty in support of Section STX/LFX.





The 1-487 FA supported the Battalion with Indirect Fire support Observers who not only helped with the validation of the Battalion Mortars and various Company Mortar teams, but also Call for Fire training for Soldiers within the Battalion. This effort was a great application of using live rounds for Soldiers to call onto targets in an engagement area.



*81mm Mortars conduct Live Fire Exercise*

The 227th Brigade Engineering Battalion supported the 100th Battalion with demolitions training, and supported our maneuver companies with engineer breaching capabilities in a Squad Live Fire environment.



To note, our Charlie Company, which has recently been approved for re-stationing from Pago Pago, American Samoa to Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Washington, participated in Annual Training 2021. There were about 30 Soldiers who, as a Platoon, were assigned as the 3rd Platoon for Echo Company from Guam/Saipan. They were graciously welcomed into the fold of not only the Company but the Battalion as well. 1LT Mayes and 2LT Riley spearheaded the tactical training for the Charlie Company Soldiers under the tutelage and guidance of CPT Bruce Camacho, Echo Company Commander and 1SG Noel Chargualaf. The Charlie Company Soldiers showed great drive and tenacity when given task and performed exceptionally despite having only on tactical training Battle Assembly prior to Annual Training. A squad from The Charlie Company Platoon was selected to conduct a Squad Live Fire for the Chief of the Army Reserves and the 9th MSC Commanding General. The Charlie Company Soldiers were able to train with their assigned MTOE equipment as the Battalion was able to ship the Company equipment from American Samoa to Pohakuloa Big Island for the Company. Now the Company will have all necessary equipment to be able to train at Home Station at JBLM. The Company is on track to have an activation ceremony in

October to include a casing ceremony of the guidon in American Samoa as well.

The Battalion will have a new BN Commander in September, LTC Alan Perkins, hailing from Boston MA. The CoC will happen in September Battle Assembly.

An article written about our Charlie Company restationing written by MAJ Melodie Tafao, the 9<sup>th</sup> MSC PAO and provided to Dvidshub:  
<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/403579/go-broke-jblm-army-reserve-infantry-unit-relocates-across-pacific>

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### Air Assault!

Congratulations to SSG Mejias, SSG Evans, and 2LT Riley, the 100th Battalion's most recent Air Assault Graduates. The training was conducted at Schofield Barracks, Air Assault



*SSG Mejias, SSG Evans, 2LT Riley*

The Lightning Academy (LA) Air Assault Course (AASLT) is accredited by the Maneuver Center of Excellence and is run by the Black Hat Instructors of the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th Infantry Division vicinity Schofield Barracks and East Range Training Area, Hawaii.



It is designed to provide parent units with subject matter expert Soldiers, NCOs, and Junior Officers in the full spectrum of Air Assault operations.



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### New Executive Board of Directors

Congratulations and mahalo to the newly elected Executive Board of Directors who will lead the Association through May 2023.



President  
Jay Trinidad



Vice President  
Sean Lee



Treasurer  
Mark Young



Secretary  
Calvin Nomiyama

President-Elect Jay Trinidad retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2018 at the rank of Colonel. He enlisted after his high school graduation; served in A Co., moved up through the ranks while serving in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry; was deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006; served as the 322<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade afterwards; and ending his career as Assistant Chief of Staff with United States Forces Korea. Trinidad is a Life Member, having joined in 2003.

Vice President and Past-President Sean Lee retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2011 at the rank of Colonel. He Commanded Company D, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry (Anti-Armor) as well being the Bn S3 for the Battalion's first JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) rotation in 1999, then leaving the Battalion in 2001 as the Bn XO, with his last USAR assignment in USARJ (U.S. Army Japan) Support Unit. He deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006 with the 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade. Vice President Lee is a Life Member, since 1992

Treasurer Mark Young retired from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry in 2000 after serving in various positions as an Army Reservists, in the AGR (Active Guard/Reserve) Program, and as its SSA (Senior Staff Administrator). Young has been a Life Member since 1980.

Secretary Calvin Nomiya retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2008 at the rank of Colonel. While serving in various assignments throughout the USAR, he was deployed to Iraq with the 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade. He has been a Life Member since 1978.

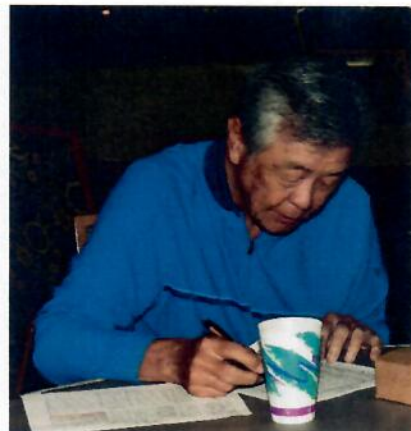
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## 24th Annual Go For Broke Golf Tournament

Excellent weather, course conditions, and friendly incentives provided the right environment for another successful Golf Tournament at the Leilehua Golf Course. Held on August 12, 2021, the field consisted of many Association members, and long-time supporters from the community whose fathers and uncles served during World War II in the 100th infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The tournament was the largest fielded in years, nearing its capacity.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, Course Managers and staff, along with the tournament coordinators helped insure a safe environment. Safety protocols caused many changes to normal procedures, but in spite of it all, players enjoyed a leisure round of golf followed by a hearty prime rib bento.



*Tournament Director Andy Tamori complete tee assignments for the tournament.*

This year marked the 24th time this event has taken place with all but two tournaments held at the Leilehua Golf Course. Many thanks go out to Tournament Director, Andy Tamori, who over the years has been successful in putting together tireless teams of volunteers to support the tournament.



Back Row, L-R: Jimmy Kaaihue, Colbert Low, Diane Au, Jovem Miranda, Brian Lau; Front Row, Jennifer Guerrero-Trinidad, Darlene Nakashima, Misty Nakashima, Charlene Nomiya, Jay Trinidad.



For years, Arthur Delos Santos and Jimmy Kaaihue (*Pictured above*) have provided photographs of each team participating in the tournament. A gallery of the pictures can be found on the Association's website, <https://www.gfbassn.org>

The tournament consisted of 3-person teams, in a best-ball scramble, with ten-percent of the teams' total handicap applied to its net score.

This year's top three teams are pictured below:

In first place, the team of Brendon Chun, Shannon Tanoue, Chad Umetsu.



*Photo Not Available*

Finishing second place, below, was the team of David Leong, Andy Tamori, and Willis Yap.



*David Leong, Andy Tamori, and Willis Yap.*

Rounding out the top three teams was the team of Chris White, Russell Shimooka, and Dr. Eric Matayoshi, pictured below.



## Electronic Payments Come to the Go For Broke Association



Sometime soon, the Go For Broke Association will have a link on its website for members to make electronic transaction with the use of a credit card. The link is designed for members to make payments for items like membership dues, annual dinner fees, golf tournament fees, purchases for logo items such as aloha shirts, or polo shirts, when available.

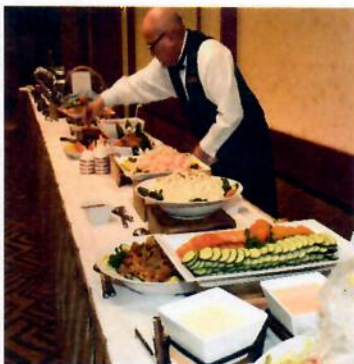
Users will be assessed a small fee of 2.85% of the total amount, plus \$0.10 for each transaction.

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## Annual Dinner Meeting

The COVID-19's delta variant continues to plague the State of Hawaii and specifically, the Go For Broke Association. For the second consecutive year, the Board of Directors (Board) has announced the cancellation of the Annual Membership Dinner Meeting for 2022.



The Board is actively seeking an alternative event that will allow members to gather safely, and not become a COVID super-spreader event.

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## Organization Day, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry

(Courtesy of 9th MSC Public Affairs Office)



100th Battalion, 442 Infantry Regiment executed a stand down April 5, 2021 in honor of National Go For Broke Day. It was a challenging, cohesive, and educational organizational day to instill esprit de corps, honor the Veterans of the 442nd.



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“Build a team so strong that no one can point out the leader.”

— CSM Michael Crosby  
Army Futures Command





## BECOME A MEMBER, TODAY!

**Eligibility** - Every person who performed honorable military service with the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Separate), 442d Regimental Combat Team, 442d Regiment, 100<sup>th</sup> Battle Group, 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment; or any predecessor unit at any time shall be eligible for Membership in the Corporation by majority vote of the Board.

**Life Members.** Life Membership is open to any member who pays One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in one lump sum. Life memberships are not transferable. A life member shall not be subject to dues and shall be entitled to vote.

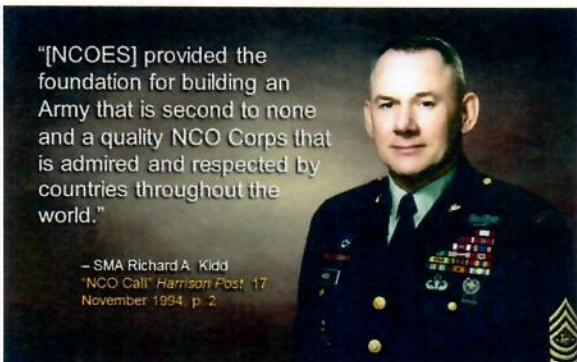
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### COMING SOON

#### Go For Broke Association Memorial Service

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2021  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific



"[NCOES] provided the foundation for building an Army that is second to none and a quality NCO Corps that is admired and respected by countries throughout the world."

— SMA Richard A. Kidd  
"NCO Call" *Harrison Post*, 17  
November 1994, p. 2.

*SMA Richard Kidd*



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**NOTE:** The URL for the Go For Broke Association is now a secured website to accommodate electronic payments using credit cards. The new URL is <https://gfbassn.org/>



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