



# Go For Broke Association Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President  
Sean Lee

Go For Broke! This year we are pushing full-speed with the Association's Legacy project to document and inform the public of the Battalion's history after its World War II history and Army Reserve status from 1947 to the present. We will need all our members' kokua in this effort with your on-duty personal pictures with a short vignette that captures your experience and the unit's history. CSM(Retired) Arthur Dela Santos is leading this

legacy effort. This is our effort to publicize the Battalion and its history from 1947 to the present, as a majority of the general public does not realize the Battalion exist today in a reserve status and continues to carry its legacy with its current and former Soldiers. This is one of our main efforts to step forward to carry the Battalion's legacy with WWII veterans' families that never served.

This year is also the 15th anniversary for the Battalion's first Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom III) deployment in 2004 under the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) which saw its companies serving in the LSA (Logistical Support Area) Anaconda's Area of Operations (AO) which encompass Balad Airbase. The Battalion minus, led by then LTC Colbert Low, was OPCON to 3rd Division outside LSA Anaconda perimeter while the 29th Infantry Brigade retained the Battalion's Delta Company for the 29th Infantry Brigade HQs' main perimeter security mission with its 29th Support Battalion. Let's acknowledge them for their tour and sacrifice along with spending a little time talking with them to get to know their experiences.

Lastly, our association is aging and is looking for new recruits from former and current Battalion

members to carry its legacy. We need all GFBA members to reach out to known alumni and current Battalion members to join the association and serve the battalion in an outsider/veteran capacity during and after active/reserve service in the battalion. Besides supporting the Battalion in funding outside MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) requests and carrying the legacy as its Association, we are an asset and a voice for the Battalion that cannot speak for itself in its best interest as a military/government entity with legal implications.

Lastly, we are nearing a watershed moment for the Battalion and our Association to step forward to lead our legacy with the WWII Nisei veterans' organizations that are currently led by its members that have never served in the Battalion. We need everyone's kokua to recruit former and current Battalion members to strengthen our Association and lead the Battalion's legacy future along with the Battalion itself.

Live the spirit - Go for Broke!

"CPT Sean Lee at Penang's (Malaysia) Snake Temple during the Battalion's participation with USARPAC first TSCP exercise KERIS STRIKE 1994 in July-August. Picture snaked into buying a two tourist pictures of myself as a temple's photographer snapped two pictures after another the temple staff laid unknowingly two temple-blessed poisonous snakes on me."



## *Continuing the Legacy!*



One of the Go For Broke Association's (GFBA) primary mission is to preserve the legacy of "Go For Broke" established by the men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, and the 442d Regimental Combat Team of World War II. As such, the GFBA Board of Directors is undertaking a monumental project to tell the story of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment's history as the only combat unit in the U.S. Army Reserve, dating back to its activation in 1947.

As life members of the GFBA and former Soldiers having served in the 100th Battalion, it is our duty to the men and women who currently serve as part of the 100th Battalion across the Pacific to illustrate how that legacy <sup>was</sup> carried on and how it continues today. Both in peacetime and in war, the unit's accomplishments and individual achievements reflect that true spirit of "Go For Broke," and that story must be told, "lest we forget."

In order to convey our story as accurately and completely as can be, the Board is requesting your assistance. Please share your pictures with a short caption or a short narrative and your contact information. These may be forwarded to the Association's website, <http://gfba.org>, or through your squad leader. Don't have a computer? Hard copy pictures and narratives may also be submitted to the Association's Post Office box:

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

### **Go For Broke!**



## 2018 Memorial Service



(L-R) Arthur Delos Santos, Jaybee Obusan, Brian Lau, Andy Tamori, Alvin Au, and Reuben Bilan pay respects to fallen comrades at "Punchbowl."

On December 8, 2018, the GFBA Board of Directors held its annual memorial services for ten fallen comrades at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Mililani Memorial Park, and Homelani Memorial Park in Hilo. Nine of the ten KIA's were a result of action during the Vietnam crisis.



This year, the Board of Directors added to its list of honorees, Sergeant Deyson Cariaga from the 229th Military Intelligence Company, 29th Combat Infantry Brigade.



Sergeant Deyson Cariaga

SGT Cariaga was attached to Company C, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry during Operations Iraqi Freedom when his vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device.

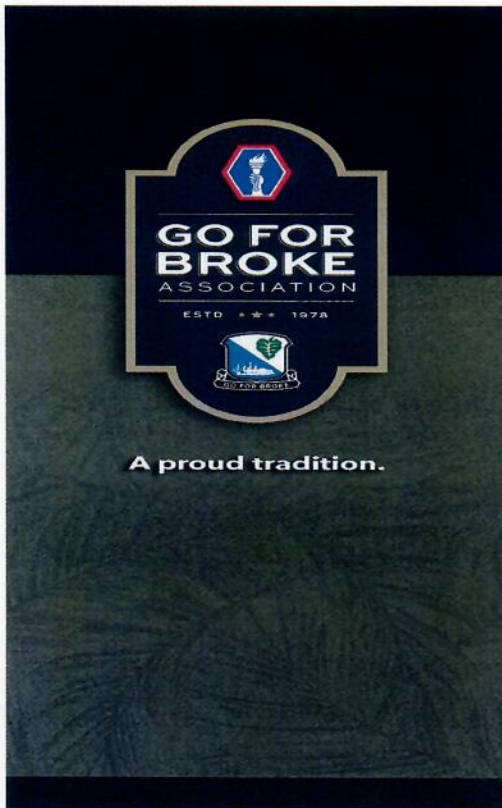
Words of remembrance were also shared for SSG Frank Tiai (American Samoa), SGT Evan Parker (Kansas), SSG Wilgene Lieto (Saipan), and CPL Darence Jack (Saipan) who were KIA's during the battalion's deployment to Iraq in 2004-2006."



General  
George S. Patton Jr

"Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains that victory."

## Information Brochure



The GFBA Board of Directors recently released an informational brochure about the Association in an effort to increase awareness of the organization and its program to support its membership and the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment.

Copies may be obtained by forwarding requests via the Association's website.



## 2019 Annual Dinner Meeting

The Go For Broke Association's Annual Membership Dinner Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Hale Koa Hotel's Waikiki Ballroom.

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

**Members \$30.00      Guest \$50.00**

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 26, 2019, payable to the Go For Broke Association at:

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## GFBA Golf Tournament

Chaired by Tournament Director Andy Tamori, the 2019 Tournament is scheduled for 15 August 2019 at the Leilehua Golf Course. Tee time is set for 12:00 p.m.

Our Tournament has been supported by our members, active and retired soldiers, families, business and community groups. As a result, the GFBA has been able to award scholarships to Soldiers of the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment and their immediate family members. 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.

## New Association Aloha Shirts

The GFBA Board of Directors is spearheading a sale of new aloha shirts, replacing the black rayon aloha print shirt. Orders are now being taken in an effort to have the shirts available before the Association's Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

The Port Authority Easy Care Camp Shirts are "classic camp shirts, perfect for upscale service environments. Made from no-fuss fabric, these shirts have faux-coconut shell buttons and soil release finish that helps keep you clean and stain free, so they keep their great looks wear after wear."

The shirts weigh 5-75 ounce, made of 75/25 poly/rayon with soil release finish. They have an open collar, and open hem.

The shirts come in three colors, ivory, black, and blue, ranging in size from XS (extra small) to 4XL (4-Extra Large).



A pre-sale order form is attached to this newsletter for your use, and may also be downloaded from the Association's website, <http://gfbassn.org>. The table below is a guide to assist in sizing. The cut is large.

	XS	S	M	L
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43
Waist	25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36
Hip	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43
Cost	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	XL	2XL	3XL	
Chest	44-46	47-48	49-50	
Waist	37-39	40-42	43-45	
Hip	44-46	47-49	50-52	
Cost	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$54.00	

\*Measurements in inches

All orders, accompanied with a check, payable to the Go For Broke Association, must be **received no later than Monday, April 1, 2019. Send all orders and payment to the Association's P.O. Box.**

The intent is to have the aloha shirts available at the Annual Membership Dinner on May 9, 2019 and distribute the shirts at the dinner.

If you wish to have the shirt mailed to you, an additional fee for shipping will be assessed (see attached order form)

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## Scholarship Program

Applications for this year's GFBA Scholarship Program have been suspended to the next fiscal year, 2019-2020. Program guideline are under revision to better meet the needs of the Association's membership.

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### New Aloha Shirt Pre-Sale Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Color	Quantity	Sale Price	Sub-Total
X-Small		_____ x	\$50.00	
Small		_____ x	\$50.00	
Medium		_____ x	\$50.00	
Large		_____ x	\$50.00	
X-Large		_____ x	\$50.00	
2X-Large		_____ x	\$52.00	
3X-Large		_____ x	\$54.00	
			Total	\$

Please make check payable to the Go For Broke Association.  
 Order form and payment must be received by **April 1, 2019**. Submit your order to:

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to have my shirt(s) mailed to me

Please contact me when the shirt is ready for pick-up.

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Shipping: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Coming Soon

- Go For Broke Association Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Place: Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa Hotel

- Go For Broke Association Annual Golf Tournament

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2019  
Time: 11:30 a.m., Registration  
12:00 p.m. Shot-Gun start  
Place: Leilehua Golf Course

## Contact Us



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## 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 Association 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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