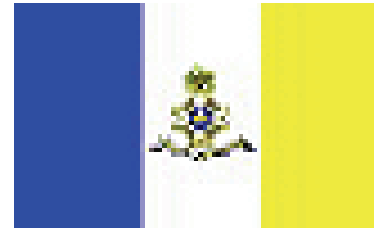


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Sunday, June 26 Garden Party and Theatre

The Garden Party will begin at **12:00 Noon**. Compatriot Don Miller and his lovely wife Fran are hosting our Patio Reception and Picnic at their Saratoga home. At **2:30 PM** we will enjoy the theater play at the nearby Saratoga Civic Theater.

Tickets are \$40 for theater and lunch (We have 50 reserved tickets)

The West Valley Light Opera Association musical, *Flower Drum Song*, is a light-hearted way a vision of the East set in San Francisco's Chinatown. A fresh approach to the ageless conflict between old and new - old and young.

It opened on Broadway in 1958 and in 1961 was made into a film version. One of Rodgers' most persuasive scores, accompanied by wistful and amusing Hammerstein lyrics

makes this show an absolute delight when East meets West. The score features such favorites as "I Enjoy Being a Girl", "Love, Look Away", "Don't Marry Me", "A Hundred Million Miracles", "Sunday" and "Grant Avenue."

The reception & lunch will be held in the spacious backyard patio at Don and Fran Miller's home located at 14600 Wild Oak Way (take Fruitvale to Farwell to Wild Oak Way).

The play will be at the Saratoga Civic Center located at the corner Fruitvale and Allendale near Saratoga Avenue about one mile from the Millers

Who is invited? SAR and DAR members, applicants, and their friends.

Our purpose is to support the Annual SAR scholarship fund..

Members of the DAR are especially welcome. We will also honor our SAR applicants and associates. A raffle will be conducted to raise money for our SAR scholarship.

What are you going to wear? Dress in sport coats or sweaters with a patriotic flair (pin, tie).

For tickets and party chairman contact:

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We are limited to 50 tickets – so please order now.

Special price admission is available for those who wish only to attend the picnic at the Millers.

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Special points of interest:

• Save the dates -

December 17 for the Christmas and Holiday Party in Palo Alto from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Following 2005 meetings to resume at Austin's –

- September 17,
- October 15, and
- November 19.

Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg, Virginia, itself is an impressive feat; an entire town brought back to life as it was on November 11, 1775, the anxious eve of the American Revolution. Horse-drawn carriages clop past the same taverns where the founding fathers plotted over tankards of ale. Milkmaids gossip behind barns where artisans forge guns and tools, and courthouse juries debate whether to flog a thief or just throw him in the stocks for a day.

Elsewhere in Williamsburg, students wander the gorgeous campus of William and Mary. Founded in 1693, it is this country's second oldest (next to Harvard).

Just a short drive away, on the bank of the James River, is Jamestown, the first permanent European colony in America.

Travelers should take the winding Colonial National Parkway to Yorktown on the other side of the peninsula from Jamestown. Two thousand people lived in Yorktown in 1776.

In 1781, Lord Cornwallis arrived, pursued by the American army and French navy. Days of bombardment convinced the British general to surrender on October 19, and a new country was "off and running."

Earth ramparts erected by George Washington's troops and their field tents are on display at the Yorktown Visitors Center. Tour interpreters are in costume and character. In town, there remain over two dozen homes more than two hundred years old. As for the modern day...

Check out Norfolk. It is Virginia's second largest city.

The National Maritime Center is in Norfolk. State-of-the-Art exhibits cover all things, including naval warfare simulators and aquatic touch-tanks and aquariums.

Parked next door is the 887-foot USS Wisconsin. The battleship saw action in WWII, Korea, and the Persian Gulf. Imagine 2,700 crewmates on this vessel.

Norfolk is home to NATO's Atlantic operations and all 150 ships of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The naval base spans 15 miles along the Elizabeth River and Willoughby Bay.

Interested? Call the area's visitor bureau at (800) 368-6511 or look up the URL —

www.visitwilliamsburg.com

Chapter Activities

Another fine example of interaction of community and fraternal groups was the Hacienda Cemetery clean up May 14 that found representation from District VI Daughters of the American Revolution; **Silicon Valley Chapter 05, Sons of the American Revolution**; The California Pioneers of Santa Clara Valley; and Mountain Charlie Chapter 1850.

In passing, several of those residing in the area stopped to thank those involved for the clean up effort.



Color Guard parading in Costa Mesa at CASSAR meetings

A Little Chapter History

In the 1970's Palo Alto Chapter had three Chapter Presidents who served the National Society, SAR as Vice President Generals.

Today our earliest living Chapter President is Thomas N. Barry, ED.D who served as President of Palo Alto Chapter in 1967.

Between 1996-1998 Life Member Willis Clayton, served as President, Secretary. Compatriot Clayton held a declining Chapter together almost by himself during these years (all three of his sons are among our newest 2003 Chapter Members).

The Chapter demonstrated consistent growth in membership in the period of 1999-2002 & after being reorganized in 1999 by a committee of eight consisting of Don Miller, Bill Clark, David Dailey, Willis Clayton, Jerry Cook, Vern Turner, Ford Osbourne, and Chris Palmer.

Lt. John Cauthen's Letter Home (continued from last issue)

January 6, 2005

Hello parents,

So you seem to be passing the e-mails about. That is fine with me as it is about as close a first hand account of what is going here as I can think of providing. Do whatever you wish. We are all making progress and everyday we are narrowing the safety margin so you can tell mom that and let her know we are all being the consummate professionals we were trained to be. I had a long day today as did the rest of the squadron with a 7.5 hour flight. I will tell you that being in the cockpit for that long is not kind on the knees or the ass. I will write again so take care and hope all is well. Love, John

I just wanted to take a few moments to write about what is still taking place over here in Sumatra. The Marines have arrived with some heavy lift helicopters and engineering battalions to begin rebuilding the infrastructure, first and foremost, the road down the coast. Once this repaired along with the dozen or so washed out bridges the relief effort will become exponentially easier. More food, more water and more medical help will arrive. As of now the only way to reach the people is via helicopter and there are not nearly enough. More and more arrive daily but the level of need is staggering in proportion to what we can physically handle. This, however, is not to underscore the good that we have been doing everywhere. As of today we have delivered well over 500,000 pounds of food, water and medical

supplies. This is flying from day break to sunset during the last five days and the end is not in sight yet.

As a subset to our primary mission we, as a crew, have been deciding to save a few bags of rice and a few cases of water after we drop our main load off at the distribution points set up at three different places up and down the coast. We have been searching for targets of opportunity when and if we see pockets of stragglers wandering the roads or congregating together in makeshift camps. For those that we cannot directly help we will over fly and mark a position using GPS so that the information can be passed to the next crew. Our hope is that we will be able to relieve those that have been abandoned along desolate stretches of road and swampland with nowhere to travel.

Today we left the ship at dawn and flew to Banda Ache to drop off our stalwart load crew. These men and women should be commended and handed congratulations as they remain under an unrelenting sun all day loading an unending line of aircraft. The physical stamina of these people is unbelievable when one stops to think that they are loading ton after ton of cargo from dawn until dusk. To compound their difficulties the malaria pills we are taking make our skin extremely sensitive to the sun. The young men and women are sweating profusely, smile through scorched and sun-

burned faces and continue to heave food as if their very lives depend on it. This to me is the unlimited good will inherent in the American character, and the images that I have been privy to are a testament to that very notion. No matter what the world says of us I know that the citizens of this country are the most generous and gracious on the face of the planet.

As we landed and let out our sailors to commence their days work we were tasked to embark a contingency of Air Force Special Forces. They were to be taken to an airfield at Sabang, an island north of Banda Ache. Their mission was to survey the airfield, its runway and determine if it would be a suitable base to bring in heavy lift Air Force cargo planes. The main impetus for this was twofold: Sultan airfield at Banda Ache is becoming inundated with people, aircraft and cargo; and the previous night the first mishap occurred in which a landing 737 struck a water buffalo. The 737's left main mount collapsed and the aircraft skidded to a halt halfway down the runway. This closed the airfield for nearly an entire day. Operations were stalled and refugees remained stranded. But the surplus of food remained and thankfully we were able to continue flying our missions.

When we finally arrived at the secondary airfield at Sabang, we found a community that had somehow miraculously survived the tsunami. The island itself is essentially a mountain in the ocean.

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Among the participants on parade at San Francisco's Presidio on Memorial Day: State Vice President Bob Ebert, Chapter President John Kohli, and Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer.