



Silicon Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Each one of us joined the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SVSAR) in order to recognize our fellow citizens, patriots and youth for their patriotic accomplishments, community service, and support for the SVSAR. It is by these acts that we affirm our faith in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free citizens. Please join us for the sixth chapter meeting of 2007.

All SAR, DAR, CAR and guests are welcome. All ladies will receive a single rose as a guest of the Silicon Valley Chapter.

Time: 9:30 am (Breakfast at 9:00 am)
Date: September 15, 2007
Type: Chapter Meeting
Location: The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California, 95014



Important Events

April 20 & 21, 2007
CASSAR 132nd Spring Annual Meeting

May 26, 2007
Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) Tour

May 28, 2007
Memorial Day Observance

July 4, 2007
Independence Day Observance

September 19, 2007
Constitution Day

November 1 & 2, 2007
CASSAR 132nd Fall Board of Managers Meeting

November 11, 2007
Veterans Day Parade

December 8, 2007
Christmas Social





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New Membership

Ranney Thayer will be inducted as a new Associate Member of the SVSAR Chapter.

William Hellman Pope and Douglas Alan Gillespie will be inducted as new Compatriot Members of the SVSAR Chapter.

Geoffrey Lee Gillespie, Michael Robert Gillespie and Tyler Alan Gillespie will be inducted, in absentia, as new Compatriot Members of the SVSAR Chapter.

Recognition

Compatriot Terry Lee Briggs will receive the Silver Children of the American Revolution (CAR) Medal of Appreciation & Certificate from Compatriot Karl W. Jacobs, CASSAR President.

Compatriot John (Jack) F. Mallory will receive the President's Special Award from Compatriot Karl W. Jacobs, CASSAR President

Professor Linda Darling-Hammond will receive the Silver Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate from Compatriot Karl W. Jacobs, CASSAR President.

SVSAR Scholarship

Ms. Megan Hesterberg, a student at De Anza Community College under the tutelage of Dean John K. Swensson, Dean of the Language Arts Division, will receive the SVSAR Scholarship. Megan has agreed to honor us with a reading of her winning essay.

After the reading, Compatriot Richard Knock, member of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present Megan an American Flag, which was flown over the United States Capital, a Flag Certificate, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. Christina has already received the \$500 SVSAR Scholarship.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond will present "Tending Our Garden: Transforming Schools, Communities, and the Futures of Children".



Professor Linda Darling-Hammond of the Stanford University School of Education (SUSE) will deliver a lecture entitled "Tending Our Gardens: Transforming Schools, Communities and the





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Future of Children."

Professor Darling-Hammond will discuss the sustained effort to support the long-term health of East Palo Alto - a community that is home to many low-income Latinos, African Americans and Pacific Islanders and that has long been the focus of volunteer efforts by Stanford.

About six years ago, Professor Darling-Hammond co-founded a partnership with the Ravenswood City School District to create a charter high school - the first public high school in the community for more than 25 years - and, more recently, a charter elementary school. She also will discuss how resources from many of Stanford's schools and departments can be harnessed for this kind of community service.

Professor Linda Darling-Hammond is the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University, where she has launched the Stanford Educational Leadership Institute (SELI) and the School Redesign Network (SRN). Professor Darling-Hammond has also served as faculty sponsor for the Stanford Teacher Education Program (STEP). Prior to Stanford, Professor Darling-Hammond was William F. Russell Professor in the Foundations of Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. There, she was the founding Executive Director of the National Commission for Teaching and America's Future, the blue-ribbon panel whose 1996 report "What Matters Most: Teaching for America's Future", catalyzed major policy changes across the United States to improve the quality of teacher education and teaching. Her research, teaching, and policy work focus on issues of teaching quality, school reform, and educational equity. Among her more than 200 publications is "The Right to Learn", recipient of the American Educational Research Association's Outstanding Book Award for 1998, and "Teaching as the Learn-

ing Profession" (co-edited with Gary Sykes), recipient of the National Staff Development Council's Outstanding Book Award for 2000.

CASSAR Speaker: Compatriot Karl W. Jacobs, President of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR).



Compatriot Karl W. Jacobs, President of the CASSAR, will recognize deserving SVSAR compatriots, discuss the fundraising efforts for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and make general comments.





Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen - Letters Home

Humanitarian Mission Banda Aceh, Indonesia



*Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen, USN,
piloting his helicopter during the Banda Aceh mission*

We finally got tasked and we are flying out this morning to the northern tip of Sumatra. It is the airfield at Baden Ache where all the supplies are being staged. We will be leaving with the vast majority of our aircraft and the entire strike group is centered on trying to get supplies and help to the people out in the more desolate areas of Indonesia. There is not a whole lot of information or coordination due to the country being wrecked so we will be the first wave delivering goods, picking people up and providing some reconnaissance and intelligence on how to do this. It is strange to think that we are

this close to such devastation and that an entire naval strike group is poised to lend a helping hand. I am just hoping that we can get to where we need to go and drop off the supplies that so many people aren't getting due to the roads being washed out. I believe we will also be medivac for the wounded and sick but that is to be determined on a case-by-case basis. I would just like everyone to know that the US is doing as much and most likely more than the news broadcasts are making it sound. We are all centered on this and completely restructuring an aircraft carrier and an air wing to help these people. More will follow when we get back. Tell everyone I say hi and pass the good word that we aren't as evil as they like to think.

January 1, 2005

I cannot even begin to appropriately describe the magnitude of devastation and destruction that I saw yesterday. In my life, and as vivid an imagination I have sometimes, I could never have envisioned what we saw yesterday. I now know how over 100,000 people have died. There is no question as to the power of this tsunami and the toll it has taken on not only the dead but those who were fortunate enough to survive. As we flew into the country the catastrophe became readily apparent as we encountered massive amounts of debris floating in the water, some of which I am sure were bodies. As we approached the shoreline and flew over the beach the damage done was on a scale that no one could ever imagine. Entire communities are absolutely vaporized with no signs of life ever having been there except for the remnants of a few foundations. Swaths of earth were entirely missing or consumed by the sea. What was once land has since been reclaimed by the water. As we moved about 1-2 miles inland from the beach the destruction became





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more visible as some houses and buildings remained standing while other were toppled over. Busses, tractors, boats and portions of buildings lay scattered and in areas that they would normally not be in. The city of Banda Aceh on the northern tip of Sumatra is no more. It has been carried out to sea or has been swallowed by it.

The survivors of this city have congregated at the airport which is about 5-6 miles inland located atop higher ground. They have been receiving basic assistance and I believe that most are await-ing evacuation to another part of their country if not out of it. The airport has no controlling agency and the sheer number of navy helicopters as well as fixed wing heavy lift aircraft have turned the place into a veritable three dimensional traffic jam. It is extremely chaotic and hazardous as we are all speaking on one radio frequency and trying to keep separation with only our eyeballs. The inclement weather is compounding our efforts to bring food and relief to the people who are stranded on the western portion of the island south of Banda Aceh. It is not a very comfortable feeling when we are suddenly swallowed up by clouds and rain at 300 feet when we are flying around a country characterized by 12,000 foot peaks and island spires located just off the coast we are navigating by.

When we finally landed at the air-port we were told to shut down and wait. There were 8 helicopters standing by as well as thousands of pounds of food but there were no attempts to merge them together. Much to our chagrin, the authorities at the airport would not re-lease the supplies until the politics of the situation had been resolved. After our admiral met with their general, we were finally allowed to load the food. We finally loaded about 2,500 pounds of food and drink into our helicopter

and de-parted for the west coast with an-other simi-larly loaded helicopter. As we flew out our minds returned to our mission, but it was difficult to ignore the landscape, which was nothing more than a cess-pool of a once large seaside city.



Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen, USN, scouting a landing site on the Banda Aceh mission

Our destination was a small and now isolated village about 100 miles south of Banda Aceh. The road that once ran south along the western coast of the island is no longer there, only portions of it. There are no bridges and the same destruction and devastation is appar-ent. What were once towns and villages bisected by this two lane highway were completely gone. The earth is barren with the occasional lone tree or section of paved highway. There is a significant amount of rubble and debris and it is difficult to say what debris is a corpse and what isn't. Unfortunately there is no way to get to these areas except via helicopter. As we continued further south the amazing thing was that amongst all this destruction there were mosques that remained standing.





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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 what-ever 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 con-summate professionals we were trained to be. I had a long day today as did the rest of the squad-ron 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.



*Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen, USN,
Piloting his helicopter during the Banda Aceh mission*

Love, John

I just wanted to take a few mo-ments to write about what is still taking place over here in Suma-tra. The Marines have arrived with some heavy lift helicopters and engineering battalions to be-gin rebuilding the infrastructure, first and fore-most, 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 under-score 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 strag-glers wandering the roads or congregating together in make-shift 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 Aceh to drop off our stalwart load crew. These men and women should be commended and handed congratulations as they remain under an un-remitting sun all day loading an unend-ing line of aircraft. The physi-cal 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 ex-tremely sensitive to the sun. The young men and women are sweating pro-



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fusely, 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 Aceh. 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 Aceh 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.

Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen and his father, Mr. Jeffrey Alan Cauthen, are active members of the SVSAR.



The above logo represents the Helicopter squadron HS-2, the "Golden Falcons", in which Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen was assigned.

Helicopter Squadron HS-2 is a Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron. Helicopter Anti-Submarine squadrons are composite squadrons usually made up of 4 to 6 SH-60F Seahawks and 2 to 4 HH-60H Seahawks. Both aircraft are Carrier-Based. The SH-60F's primary mission is Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) defense of the inner zone, which includes detection, classification and destruction of hostile submarines. The HH-60H's primary mission is Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), Naval Special Warfare support (NSW) and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW).





The American Revolution - Month by Month

Written by
Compatriot Andrew Jackson Stough, III

May of 1775



The Battle of Bunker Hill took place on June 17, 1775 near Breed's Hill, as part of the Siege of Boston during the American Revolutionary War. General Israel Putnam was in charge of the revolutionary forces, while Major General William Howe commanded the British forces. Although the battle is known as the "Battle of Bunker Hill", most of the fighting actually took place on nearby Breed's Hill.

The result was a Pyrrhic victory for the British, who suffered more than 1000 casualties. On their third assault, the British forces overran the revolutionaries' fortified earthworks on Breed's Hill and Bunker Hill. Afterwards, British General Henry Clinton remarked in his diary that "A few more such victories would have surely put an end to British dominion in America".

Major General William Howe's immediate objective was achieved, but it did not affect the siege. It did, however, demonstrate that the Americans were willing to stand up to a pitched battle. Among historians, it is debated whether General Israel Putnam, his second-in-command, Colonel William Prescott, or someone else gave the order, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes!"

Geography

The Charlestown Peninsula, known as the "Neck", was narrow to the northwest and it extended about one mile (1,600 meters) toward the southwest into Boston Harbor. At its closest approach, less than 1,000 feet (300 meters) separated it from the Boston Peninsula. Bunker Hill is an elevation at the north of the peninsula, and Breed's Hill is near the Boston end, while the town of Charlestown occupied the flats at the southern end.

Battle

On the night of June 16th, American Colonel William Prescott led 1,500 men onto the peninsula. At first, General Israel Putnam, Colonel William Prescott, and their engineering officer, Captain Richard Gridley, disagreed as to where they should locate their defense. Breed's Hill was viewed as much more defensible, and they decided to build their primary redoubt there. Colonel William Prescott and his men, using Captain Richard Gridley's outline, began digging a fortification 160 feet (50 meters) long and 80 feet (25 meters) wide with ditches and earthen walls. Benjamin Cotterell, a resident of a small settlement named Poestenkill, is said to have carried the first wheelbarrow of earth to the battle. They added ditch and dike extensions toward the Charles River on their right and began reinforcing a fence running to their left.





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The first British attack on Bunker Hill.

In the early predawn, around 4:00 a.m., a sentry on board HMS Lively spotted the new fortification. HMS Lively opened fire, temporarily halting the Americans' work. Aboard his flagship HMS Somerset, Admiral Samuel Graves awoke irritated by the gunfire, which he had not ordered. He stopped it, only to reverse his decision when he got on deck and saw the works. He ordered all 128 guns in the harbor to fire on the American position, but the broadsides proved largely ineffective since the guns could not be elevated enough to reach the fortifications.

Across the narrow channel in Boston stood General Thomas Gage, his staff, and loyalist Abijah Willard. Upon looking through a telescope, Abijah Willard recognized his brother-in-law Colonel William Prescott. "Will he fight?" asked General Thomas Gage. "I can't speak for his men" replied Abijah Willard, "but Prescott will fight you to the gates of hell".

Colonel William Prescott did live up to Abijah Willard's word, but his men were not so resolute. When a young private was killed by cannon fire, Colonel William Prescott gave orders to bury the man quickly and quietly, but a large group of men gave him a solemn funeral instead, with several deserting shortly thereafter.

It took almost six hours to organize an infantry force and to gather up and inspect the men on parade. Major General William Howe was to lead the major assault, drive around the American left flank, and take them from the rear. Brigadier General Robert Pigot, on the British left flank, would lead the direct assault on the redoubt. Major John Pitcairn led the flank or reserve force. It took several trips in longboats to transport Major General William Howe's forces to the eastern corner of the peninsula, known as Moultons Hill. On a warm day, with wool tunics and full field packs of about 60 pounds (27 kilograms), the British were finally ready by about 2:00 p.m.

The Americans, seeing this activity, had also called for reinforcements. The only troops to reach the forward positions were the 1st and 3rd New Hampshire regiments of 200 men, under Colonel John Stark and Colonel James Reed (both later became generals). Colonel John Stark's men took positions along the fence on the north end of the American position. When low tide opened a gap along the Mystic River on the northeast of the peninsula, they quickly extended the fence with a short stone wall to the north ending at the water's edge on a small beach. Captain Richard Gridley or Colonel John Stark placed a stake about 100 feet (30 meters) in front of the fence and ordered that no one fire until the regulars passed it. Private John Simpson (later Major), however, disobeyed and fired as soon as he had a clear shot, thus starting the battle. Thus began the 2nd battle of the Revolutionary War.

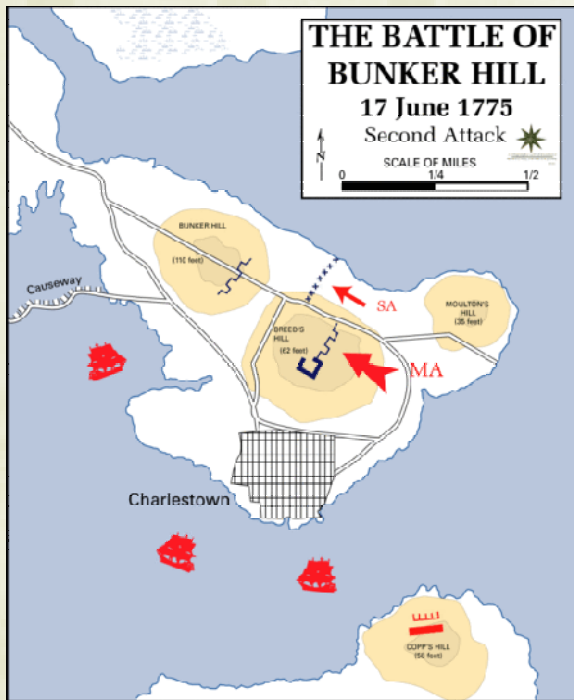
The second British attack on Bunker Hill.

Major General William Howe detached both the light infantry companies and grenadiers of all the regiments available. Along the narrow beach, the far right flank of the American position, Major General William Howe set his light infantry. They lined up four across and several hundred deep, led by officers in scarlet red jackets. Colonel John Stark's men stood behind the crude stone wall. In the middle of the British lines, which were deployed to attack the rail fence between the beach and redoubt, stood Colonel James Reed's men and the remainder of Colonel John Stark's New Hampshire regiment. To oppose them, Major





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General William Howe assembled all the flank companies of grenadiers in the first line, supported by the line companies of the 5th Regiment and the 52nd Regiment. The attack on the redoubt itself was led by Brigadier General Robert Pigot, commanding the 38th and 43rd line companies, along with the Marines.

Colonel William Prescott had been steadily losing men. He lost very few to the bombardment, but assigned ten volunteers to carry the wounded to the rear. Others took advantage of the confusion to join the withdrawal. Two generals did join Colonel William Prescott's force, but both declined command and simply fought as individuals. One of these was Dr. Joseph Warren, the president of the Council and acting head of Massachusetts revolutionary government. His commission as a Major General was not yet effective. The second was Seth Pomeroy. By the time the battle had started, 1,400 defenders faced 2,600 regulars.

The first assaults on the fence line and the redoubt were met with massed fire at close range and repulsed, with heavy British losses. The reserve, gathering just north of the town, was also taking casualties from rifle fire in the town. Major General William Howe's men reformed on the field and made a second unsuccessful attack at the wall.

By this time, the Americans had lost all fire discipline. In traditional battles of the eighteenth century, companies of men fired, reloaded, and

moved on specific orders, as they had been trained. After their initial volley, the Americans fought as individuals, each man firing as quickly as he could. The British withdrew almost to their original positions on the peninsula to regroup. The navy, along with artillery from Copp's Hill on the Boston peninsula, fired heated shot into Charlestown. All 400 or so buildings and the docks were completely burned, but the snipers withdrew safely.

The third and final British attack on Bunker Hill.

The third British assault carried the redoubt. The British reserves were included in this assault, and both flanks concentrated on the redoubt. The defenders ran out of ammunition, reducing the battle to a bayonet fight, but most of the Americans' muskets did not have bayonets.

Aftermath

According to the John Trumbull painting, the flag carried by the colonists during the battle was this historical flag of New England.

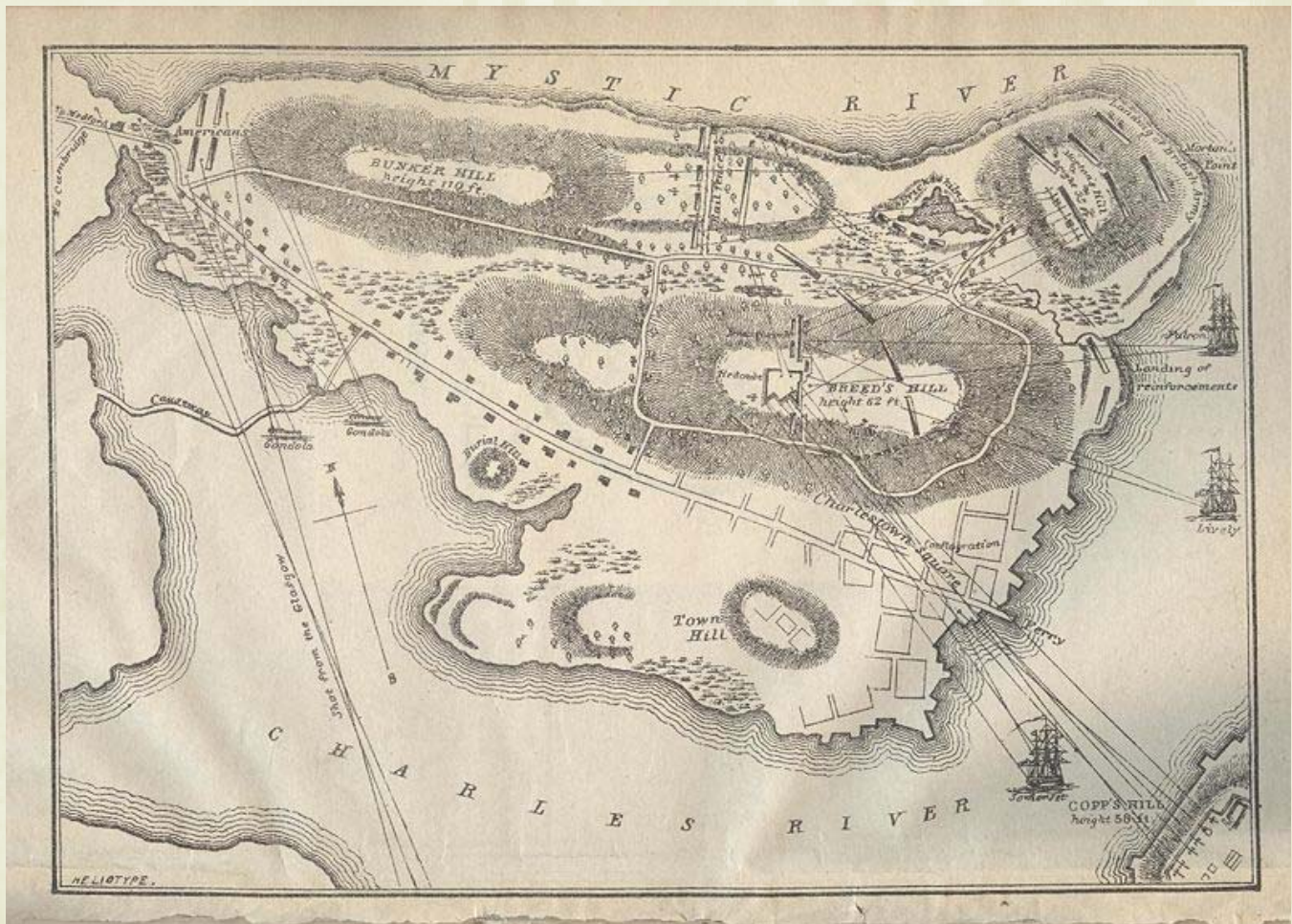
The British had taken the ground but at a great loss with 1,054 shot (226 dead and 828 wounded), and a disproportionate number of





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these were officers. The American losses were only about 450, of whom 140 were killed, including Joseph Warren, and 30 captured, of which 20 died later as Prisoners of War (POWs). Most American losses came during the withdrawal. Major Andrew McClary was the highest ranking American officer to die in the battle. Also, he was reputedly the last casualty. He was commemorated by the dedication of a fort in Kittery, Maine as Fort McClary.



The British lost most of their officers as dead and wounded. Major General William Howe was the only one not shot in his entire field staff. Major John Pitcairn was dead, and Colonel James Abercrombie fatally wounded. The American withdrawal and British advance swept through the entire peninsula, including Bunker Hill as well as Breed's Hill. Under General Israel Putnam, the Americans were quickly in new positions on the mainland. Coupled with the exhaustion of Major General William Howe's troops, there was little chance of advancing on Cambridge and breaking the siege.

The attitude of the British was significantly changed, both individually and as a government. General Thomas Gage was soon recalled and was replaced by Major General William Howe shortly afterward. General Thomas Gage's report to the cabinet repeated his earlier warnings that "a large army must at length be employed to reduce these people" and would require





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“the hiring of foreign troops”.



The famous order, “Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes” was popularized by stories about Bunker Hill. However, it is uncertain as to who said it, since various writers attribute it to General Israel Putnam, Colonel John Stark, Colonel William Prescott or Captain Richard Gridley. The original use of this quote came from the Battle of Dettingen where Andrew Agnew of Lochnaw warned his Regiment, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, not to fire until they could “see the white's of their e'en”. Some doubt that anyone at the Battle of Bunker Hill actually said it, and instead believe that it's a historical mistake confusing the two battles. At any rate, it was not a brilliant and original piece of field generalship. It was a reasonably common order at the time.

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August Membership Information

Registration Anniversary

Name: Anthony Kenneth Girdley
Anniversary Date: September 15, 1984

Name: James Vincent Marino
Anniversary Date: September 15, 2006

Name: Eric Charles Buran
Anniversary Date: September 27, 2005

Name: Cray Lyman Foley
Anniversary Date: September 27, 1991

Name: Albert Phipps Nelson
Anniversary Date: September 29, 2005

Birthday

Name: Phillip Charles Alexander
Birth Date: September 30, 1930

Name: Joshua Aaron Breed
Birth Date: September 18, 1987

Name: Alan Ralph Eaton
Birth Date: September 9, 1953

Name: Randall Craig Epperson
Birth Date: September 9, 1948

Name: Michael Robert Gillespie
Birth Date: September 13, 1971

Name: Edward Eugene Kaufman
Birth Date: September 6, 1948

Name: Albert Cargill Kelsey
Birth Date: September 26, 1931

Name: Robert Kurtz Loudon
Birth Date: September 1, 1930

Name: W. Bruce Pruitt
Birth Date: September 14, 1932

Name: Thor Nicholas Wiles
Birth Date: September 22, 1961





August Membership Information

Member Honors



*Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen, USN
(second from the left)*

John Alexander Cauthen was born to Jeffrey Alan Cauthen and Ching Yu Cauthen in Los Angeles (Van Nuys), California March 16, 1979.

In September of 1983 his family moved to San Mateo where he attended school, kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating from Hillsdale High in 1997.

In August of 1997 he attended Northwestern Preparatory in Southern California graduating in December of 1997 after which he was accepted into the 2002 Naval Academy and took the oath of allegiance July 1, 1998.

He graduated from the Naval Academy May 2002, the first war time graduating class in over 30 years, and was accepted into flight school at Pensacola, Florida and began primary flight training on July 1, 2002. He earned his wings as a helicopter pilot November 21, 2003 and was designated a Naval Aviator.

He was assigned for 6 months to a training class at North Island Naval Air Station (San Diego area) beginning December 2003. After completion of training, he transitioned into Helicopter squadron HS-2, the "Golden Falcons".

He and Megan Hutton (of San Mateo) were married January 2, 2004 at Monterey California (the Naval Post Graduate School).



*Compatriot John is in the top row fourth from the left.
His wife, Megan, is to his right.*

His first deployment to the Pacific was on USS Abraham Lincoln, CVN 72, in October 2004.

The Abraham Lincoln was diverted to Indonesia in late December 2004 to assist with Tsunami and earthquake relief in Banda Aceh. The entire crew, but most especially the two attached helicopter squadrons, performed nearly around the clock relief, rescue, and re-supply missions. In many cases, the pilots and crews were in the air for 10 hours at a time. This relief effort lasted for approximately one month and then the Lincoln headed home. Crew and ship arrived home to San Diego in early March 2005.





August Membership Information

John deployed again to the Pacific on the Lincoln from March 2006 to late August 2006. This was a routine mission with no excitement as on the previous deployment.

John left HS-2 July 1, 2007 for change of station to Annapolis, Maryland. He will attend American University for one year, earning a masters degree in history. He will then teach history for two years at the Naval Academy. What awaits him after this tour is unknown for now.

The above biography was sent to the SVSAR Editor by Mr. Jeffrey Alan Cauthen, the father of Lieutenant John Alexander Cauthen. The SVSAR membership wish Compatriot John the best in his future endeavors at the Naval Academy.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

2007 Meeting Schedule

SVSAR Chapter Meetings are scheduled for 9:00am on the third Saturday of January, February, March, April, May, September and October. The December chapter meeting and Christmas social is generally scheduled for 9:00am on the second Saturday of December. The meetings will be convened at The Forum at Rancho San Antonio at 23500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014. The telephone number is 650-944-0100. Please visit the SVSAR Website at www.svsar.com/Contact_Us for Driving Directions, Road Map and Building Map.

No regular chapter meetings are scheduled for the months of June, July, August and November. The Christmas Social follows the end of the December Meeting.

2007 Meeting Schedule

- January 20, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- February 17, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- March 17, 2007 (9:00am - Bay Café & Deli)
- April 21, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- May 19, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- June of 2007 – No Meeting
- July of 2007 – No Meeting
- August 2007 – No Meeting
- September 15, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- October 20, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)
- November of 2007 – No Meeting
- December 8, 2007 (9:00am - The Forum)

Please visit the SVSAR Website at www.svsar.com/Meetings for details about chapter meetings.

2007 Event Schedule

April 20 & 21, 2007

CASSAR 132nd Spring Annual Meeting



The 132nd Spring Annual Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21, 2007, at the Hacienda Hotel LAX, 525 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90245.

The meeting is an excellent opportunity for SVSAR members to attend a CASSAR Spring Annual Meeting. Major activities include the election of officers and the adoption of the Annual Budget. During the business meeting, the Officer and Chapter reports will be presented. The annual Youth Awards Luncheon will occur on Saturday, as will the annual evening banquet.

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

May 26, 2007

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation Tour



The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) tour will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at 3915 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, California, 94028.

The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation is one of the largest and most significant collections of historical military vehicles in the world. The goal of the foundation is to acquire, restore, and interpret the historical significance of 20th & 21st century military vehicles. Domestic and foreign combat vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other technically interesting mobile platforms are the focus of the collection. The foundation also maintains an extensive technical library that describes many vehicles down to the part level. Aside from the vehicles, there are towed artillery, antitank, and anti-aircraft guns. Military support equipment, inert ordnance, and accessories round out the collection.

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

May 28, 2007

Memorial Day Observance



The SVSAR Color Guard has been invited to participate in the 139th Memorial Day Observance at 10:30am on Monday, May 28, 2007, at the San Francisco National Cemetery located in The Presidio of San Francisco.

Color guardsmen from the San Francisco and Silicon Valley chapters, along with other SAR members and guests who wish to participate in the parade, will gather at the Parade Ground parking lot between 10:00am - 10:15am. The parade will begin at 10:30am at the corner of Sheridan Street and Montgomery Street, proceed along Sheridan Street, and end at the San Francisco National Cemetery. The formal ceremony will begin at 11:00am. Those who are not marching may go directly to the San Francisco National Cemetery to get a good seat.

The Event Program for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

July 4, 2007

Independence Day Observance



The sixth annual Saratoga Independence Day Observance, the birth of America and our freedoms, will be celebrated from 10:15am to 12:00pm on Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Saratoga's Azule City Park (behind Blue Hills School on Goleta Avenue near Sea Gull and across the freeway from Kevin Moran Park).

Children and adults are encouraged to decorate their bikes and their pets with red, white, and blue. Activities will include a band, singing, choir, dance, hand bells, Sons of American Revolution (SAR) in period dress, and the ringing our Liberty Bell thirteen (13) times to honor the colonies, our freedoms and our soldiers. Following the ringing of the bell there will be a Family Patriotic Parade around the park, which will include small bikes, pets, strollers, groups, adults, etc. After the parade children will receive an ice cream or an otter bar. The dress is patriotic casual, and there is no charge.

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

September 19, 2007

Constitution Day



The Silicon Valley Chapter (SVSAR) has been invited by Veterans Administration (VA) Chaplain Marsha Davis (Palo Alto Chapter of the DAR) to assist with Constitution Day from 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS), 3801 Miranda Avenue, Palo Alto, California, 94304-1290.

Chaplain Marsha Davis will collaborate with the Volunteer Service and a Recreation Therapist for the Constitution Day, along with various lineage groups. Those in Colonial and Revolutionary costumes are welcome to join the SVSAR Color Guard for a hospital-wide photo at the American Eagle in front of Building 100 at approximately 1:00pm. On Constitution Day, September 17, 1787, only one item of business occupied the agenda of the Continental Congress, which was to sign and make official the Constitution of the United States of America.

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

November 1 & 2, 2007

CASSAR 132nd Fall Board of Managers Meeting



The 132nd Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 1 & 2, 2007, at the Hotel Mar Monte, 1111 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, California 93103.

The tentative schedule includes a Hospitality get-together on Thursday evening, Breakfast Buffet on Friday morning followed by CASSAR and LAUX business meetings. Lunch will be on your own. The Presidio of Santa Barbara presentation will be at 3:00 pm on Friday. Closing out the Fall Meeting will be a Banquet on Friday evening

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.

November 11, 2007

Veterans Day Parade



The 89th Annual Veterans Day Parade will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Delmas Street, San Jose. The Parade begins at 12:00 noon in downtown San Jose on Delmas Street and ends at San Carlos Street.

Each year since 1919, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) has conducted an Armistice Day Ceremony and produced a Veterans Day Parade with support from the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara. This year's Parade, the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California, honors all those who have served, and those who are continuing to serve their country.

The Opening Ceremony for the Veterans Day Parade begins on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month with a memorial ceremony at Plaza Cesar de Chavez on Market Street in honor of the 1918 Armistice of the "War to End All Wars".

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedules

December 8, 2007
Christmas Social



The December SVSAR Chapter Meeting is our last meeting of the year and is immediately followed by the SVSAR Christmas Social.

The meeting is open to all SAR, DAR and CAR members, wives, children, friends and those interested in the SVSAR Chapter. The SVSAR Chapter Meeting will have a shortened agenda. The SVSAR Christmas Social will have non alcoholic eggnog and small hors d'oeuvres.

The Event Announcement for this event is posted on the SVSAR Website at the following Internet address: www.svsar.com/Events.





2007 Chapter Information

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At the Chapter Meeting held on December 9, 2006, the following members were elected to the positions listed below by unanimous consent.

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