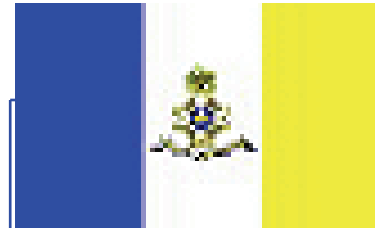


# Silicon Valley Forge

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## Sunday, June 26 Garden Party and Theatre

**Event: 12:00 Noon**  
Patio Reception and Picnic at Don & Fran Miller's Saratoga home  
**2:30 PM** Theater Play at the nearby Saratoga Civic Theater

sion of the East set in San Francisco's Chinatown. A fresh approach to the ageless conflict between old and new - old and young.

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 vi-

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).

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## Army Captain Horn at Austin's BBQ Roadhouse

Saturday, April 16th's Silicon Valley Chapter Meeting will be held at Austin's Restaurant in Mountain View at 9:30.

All compatriots and their guests are encouraged to attend. Austin's offers a wide variety of menu choices and good service.

Captain Chip Horn, Recruiting Officer with the U.S. Army will be our guest speaker.



Contact Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer for Memorial Day and 4th of July Opportunities

### Special points of interest:

- Save the date -
- December 17 for the Christmas and Holiday Party in Palo Alto from 11 to 3
- Following 2005 meetings on
- April 16,
- May 21,
- September 17,
- October 15, and
- November 19.

## Patriot Ancestor Charles Caton, Senior

Served as a Private, 3rd Co., Upper Bn., Militia, Aug. 30, 1777

Peden, H. C., Revolutionary Patriots of Montgomery County, Maryland 1776-1783.

Charles was elected as one of the seven officials to govern Montgomery county Maryland in 1780, after the election someone pointed out to Charles that he had neglected to take the oath of allegiance to the State of Maryland. So Charles rushed down to the courthouse and took the oath of allegiance and then later took the Oath for a Civil Official.

Charles was born 20 Aug 1733 Piscataway, St Johns Parish, Prince Georges county Maryland and married Jemina Summers, they had 11 children that survived to become adults, marry and have grandchildren.

Hearing of cheap land in North Carolina and having a very large family, Charles traveled to Rowan county North Carolina to purchase land from the Earl of Granville's land office. The land office is closed due to the death of the Earl (the Earl's oldest son was the agent and had been recalled to England). Charles does what everyone else is doing; staking a claim and making improvements until the land office is reopened. (Charles Caton and James Reed are on a tax list (together) in 1772 in Rowan County).

Because of the corruption and taking of illegal and exorbitant fees of the royal officials in Rowan county NC, dissidents started shooting the royal officials in 1768 and the violence escalates. It culminates in the rebels (called regulators) occu-

pying the Salisbury Rowan county court house and courts (using force) in 1771 and demanding legal redress of the situation.

The Royal Governor William Tryon leads a royal militia army of 1000 men to take control of the county (The County is one third of the current state of North Carolina). In addition a second Royal Militia army under the command of General Hugh Waddell of 300 men on the same day left Salisbury but just after crossing the Yadkin was met and stopped by a large body of Regulators. General Waddell called a council of officers and it was decided that in view of the numerical superiority of the enemy, and because their own men could not be relied on to fire on them, it would be wise to fall back to Salisbury.

## 2005 Annual NSSAR Congress

The 115th National Annual Conference will be held in Louisville from Saturday July 2 to Wednesday July 6.

Accommodations will be set at the Hyatt Hotel. SAR have special rates at the Congress Headquarters hotel for \$117 per night.

Conference registration costs \$250 but includes two banquets, one luncheon and a Saturday reception.



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[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)*

## Contact Jack for "Flower Drum Song" Reservations

**Play:** At the Saratoga Civic Center at the corner Fruitvale and Alledale near Saratoga Avenue about one mile from the Millers

**Invited:** SAR and DAR members and their friends and all applicants

**Purpose:** Annual SAR social/scholarship fundraising event.

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.**

**Dress:** Sport Coats/sweaters with a patriotic flair (pin, tie, etc.)

For tickets and party chairman contact: Jack Mallory, 12258 Kirkdale Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070, [Mallory58@aol.com](mailto:Mallory58@aol.com), 408 252 7447

**Deadline for purchase is May 23.** We are limited to 50 tickets – so please order now.

# Lt. John Cauthen's Letter Home

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 around 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 intel 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 around this and completely restructuring an aircraft carrier and an air wing to help these people. More to 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 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 Ache 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 awaiting 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 Ache. 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 airport 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 release 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 2500 pounds of food and drink into our helicopter and departed for the west coast with another similarly 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 cesspool of a once large seaside city.

Our destination was a small and now isolated village about 100 miles south of Banda Ache. 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 apparent. 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 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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## Compatriot Scott Aaron's Patriot

Compatriot Scott Aaron's patriot ancestor, Caleb Carpenter, was a Quaker. Therefore, Caleb could not take up arms during the revolution, so he found another way to show his patriotism.

Carpenter joined the New York Committee of Safety in Westchester County. This committee was tasked with various duties to support the American cause.

General George Washington wrote to the committee urging them to prevent the local population from assisting British shipping. This was becoming a real problem for those in the Loyalist stronghold of New York.

Caleb served on this committee with other Americans of note: Lewis Morris (signer of the Declaration), Jacob Purdy (home was G. W.'s Head Quarters during the Battle of White Plains), and Peter Van Tassell of Sleepy Hollow fame (Washington Irving based characters in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.")



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Chapter President **John Kohli** (on the right) presents Knight Essay award winner **Stanford Tran** and his family a pin and certificate.

To the left, is our March speaker **Ken Housley** talking about Vietnam.

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