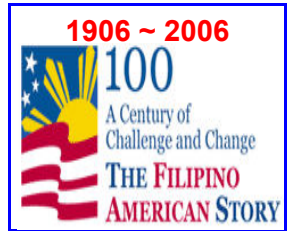




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FAAGC Elections Coming Soon !

Before you know it, it will be time for the FAAGC to hold another election of officers. The next election will be held during the Columbia Fil-Am annual Easter picnic tentatively set for April 8, 2007.

For those interested, be aware that the Association By-laws require that candidates "must be paid members in good standing for at least 3 months prior to the election." Make sure that your dues are paid by January 7, 2007 to become eligible as a candidate.

So, start thinking of your possible candidates (maybe even twisting someone's arms to make him/her run for office :-), or better still, your own candidacy, and help set the course of the Association for the next two (or more) years. ❖

Columbia Fil-Am Annual Christmas Party At New Venue on December 9

The Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia will hold its 16th Annual Columbia Fil-Am Christmas Party on December 9, 2006, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Family Center/gymnasium. The new venue is at 3600 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

The holiday celebration will feature a restaurant-catered Asian buffet dinner with *lechon* and Filipino dessert in addition to an entertainment program. FAAGC Executive Board Member Precy Walker is coordinating the entertainment numbers. Stargazer DJ will provide music for the

listening and dancing pleasure of attendees.

All Association members, supporters and friends (and their families) are all invited to this fun-filled, festive occasion. To cover costs for the buffet dinner, DJ, venue rental, and other incidental expenses, tickets are \$12 each for members, \$13 for non-members, \$5 for children 6-12 years old, and free to children under six years. Also, to help defray expenses, each family is requested to bring a 2-liter bottle of soda. Tickets may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door.

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Comatose SC Filipina Teacher Needs Help

A Filipino teacher who came to South Carolina this year to avail of an employment opportunity is now in dire need of help.

Carissa Uy, a 30-year old teacher from Quezon City, Philippines came to Sumter, SC last July to start her three-year contract with the Visiting International Faculty Program (VIFP) teaching science to 6th

graders at Mayewood Middle School.

On November 11, after leaving a school-related workshop, she was in a car accident and received severe brain and spine fractures. She was airlifted to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) hospital in Charleston, SC where she had a brain

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FAAGC To Raise Funds for Manila Orphanages

The Columbia Fil-Am Association is holding a fund-raising initiative to benefit two orphanages in the Philippines.

Located in Manila, *Hospicio de San Jose* and *Asilo de San Vicente de Paul* orphanages are affiliated with the *Sisters of Charity* orphanages. The mission of the orphanages is to house, clothe, educate,

counsel, and find homes for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, abused or homeless.

A raffle to benefit the orphanages and the Columbia Fil-Am scholarship program will be held during the upcoming Fil-Am Christmas party.

Those interested in contributing

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FAAGC Meets IPAG

FAAGC current President Alan Geoghegan and past presidents Helen Alon and Grace Collins have a "kodakan na" moment with IPAG troupe members at the Fayetteville (NC) 28th International Folk Festival on September 24, 2006. The festival featured the Philippines as "host nation" with Philippine Ambassador Willy C. Gaa serving as parade grand marshal and IPAG as the top-billed performers.

On its first U.S. tour, the Mindanao-based Integrated Performing Arts Guild (IPAG) is a dance-theater ensemble whose critically-acclaimed productions integrate the dance, music, and arts traditions and expressions of Southern Philippines.

IPAG founding artistic director Steven P.C. Fernandez, DFA, (extreme right in the photo) discussed with the FAAGC contin-



gent, who saw the troupe's performance in Fayetteville, the possibility of IPAG coming to Columbia during its tentatively planned

2008 U.S. tour. More information about IPAG can be found at its website: www.msuiit.edu.ph/ipag.



The President's Corner by Alan Geoghegan

BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS

First of all, thank you to those who attended our Annual Gala on September 16th. We had a very good turnout and an evening enjoyed by many. Our friends at the Fil-Am community in Asheville, North Carolina, offered a number of very well-received cultural dances for our guests and we thank them for bringing their talents to our area. In late September, a few

of us ventured to Fayetteville, North Carolina for its international festival and parade. We witnessed two mesmerizing performances from IPAG (Integrated Performing Arts Guild), a leading Philippine dance-theater company based in Mindanao. With other Philippine dance troupes coming state-side such as the Philippine *Bayanihan* group touring this fall, we are exploring ways to bring Philippine cultural dances closer to our area. If we can lend a hand to visiting cultural troupes like IPAG, we

are succeeding in our mission of spreading Philippine culture. We will hold our annual Christmas gathering at the St. Joseph Church's gymnasium on December 9th. This year's raffle will partly benefit two orphanages in Manila. We hope to see you all there. On behalf of the FAAGC Board, we wish all of our members and friends continued success and blessings for the fall and Christmas season.

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Just A Reminder

Membership renewal for the Fil-Am Association Year 2006-07 is now due for many members. Please check the mailing address label on Page 6 — if there are three asterisks (***) on the line above your name, then your membership has expired or will expire on the date specified after the asterisks.

Your membership renewal and prompt payment of membership dues are crucial to the continued operations and success of the FAAGC. Please send your membership dues as soon as possible. If there are membership renewal questions, contact Helen Alon (738-0372; e-mail: helenqda@yahoo.com).



The FAAGC 2006-2007 Directory of Members will be available early next year. Anyone who would like to place a small ad or business listing in the directory (for a small fee) is urged to contact Noel Alon (738-0372; FAAGC@hotmail.com).

By invitation through past president Grace Collins, the Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe performed *pandango sa ilaw* and Igorot folk dances at Lexington Baptist Church's *Global Impact Celebration*, an international celebration for missionaries held on October 24, 2006. The troupe is now being coordinated by Precy Walker (788-7101).

SPECIAL THANKS

to the following Fil-Ams for their assistance and donation of furniture and other items to the newly arrived Filipino nurses in the area:

- * Randy & Tessie Collado
- * Rudy Dizon
- * Warren & Myrna Whitmire

FAAGC Annual Financial Report

(Fiscal Year 2005-06: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006; unaudited)
(As reported by George McNulty, FAAGC Treasurer)

OPENING FUND BALANCES

as of July 1, 2005:

General Fund	\$ 8,531.19
Building Fund	12,837.30
Scholarship Fund	2,357.50
Dance Troupe	664.14
Petty Cash	880.00
Total	\$ 25,270.13

CLOSING FUND BALANCES

as of June 30, 2006:

General Fund	\$ 10,558.08
Building Fund	12,909.80
Scholarship Fund	2,427.40
Dance Troupe Fund	649.44
Petty Cash	608.00
Total	\$ 27,152.72

2005-06

Net Income:

Membership Dues	\$ 1,069.00
15th Annual Gala	1,047.09
Gala Raffle	688.00
Christmas Raffle	268.00
International Festival	931.88
Christmas Party	120.03
Misc. Donation	173.00
Banking:	
Interest /less Fees	18.69
Total Income	\$ 4,312.24

2005-06

Net Operating Expenses:

Newsletter/Website/Directory/Postage	\$ 1,278.92
Representation at Fil-Am Events	20.00
Equipment/Supplies	342.72
Scholarship Fund	149.60
2004-05 Int. Festival	121.01
Easter Picnic	162.70
Dance Troupe	14.70
Sympathy	53.00
P.O. Box	40.00
Insurance	247.00
Total Expenses	\$ (2,429.65)

FY 2005-06 Net Annual Proceeds \$ 1,882.59

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M O T I O N S & T R A N S I T I O N S

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

★ **RANDY & TESSIE COLLADO** of Columbia, SC. Active charter members of the Association, they recently came back to Columbia from Germany after Randy retired. The 1992-93 FAAGC second vice-president, Randy is originally from Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, while Tessie is from Imus, Cavite. They have a grown-up daughter, Ann-Adelaide, and two grandchildren.

★ **JOHN (“Pogi”) & LUISA (“Inday”) HILL** of Simpsonville, SC. They have been regular attenders of FAAGC gala and other get-togethers. John is originally from Minnesota, while Inday hails from Surigao del Norte.

★ **ANGELO (“Jun”) & CELIA (“Pebbles”) TEJADA** of Columbia, SC. They have three children: Jody, 12; Jerry, 7, and Josiah, 1. ❖

~ Congratulations ~

➤ to **Ihona Sunday**, a science teacher at Crayton Middle School, on her being named **Richland One Teacher of the Year** for 2006-07. Of Fil-Am parentage, she had previously taught at Richland Two's Dent Middle School and Richland Northeast High School



➤ to **William & Joy Clark** on the birth of their second son, **Brandon Trent**, on October 9, 2006.

➤ to **Carolyn Rae “Carrie” Hopkins** on her marriage to Victor Lunn Moore, Jr. on September 23, 2006, at the Mount Hebron United Methodist Church, West Columbia, SC. She is the oldest daughter of FAAGC sustaining charter member Cindy Tefft now living in Schaumburg, IL.

➤ to **Tessa Kenerson** on her upcoming marriage to Steve Jones on February 3, 2007, in Mt. Pleasant, SC. She is the older daughter of FAAGC sustaining charter members Jim & Tessie Kenerson of Columbia, SC.

➤ to **Shelly Benedictos** on her upcoming marriage to Marc Tanner on April 28, 2007, in Valdosta, GA. She is the daughter of FAAGC past president Minnie Wheedleton now living in Thomasville, GA. ❖

CONDOLENCES

† Our condolences to the families of:

➤ **Loui Lim** who passed away on September 2, 2006 in Columbia, SC. He was 18. Born in Cebu City, Philippines, he was a senior student at Richland Northeast High School. A member of Palmetto Boxing Club, he twice won the amateur boxing tournament held in Orangeburg and was to compete for the championship belt in Atlanta in October.

He was a son of FAAGC members Lonell & Amelia Mugridge Lim of Columbia and the brother of Jasper (a former Fil-Am Cultural Troupe performer) and James Lim.

➤ **Greg Tahop** who passed away at age 55 on November 24, 2006 in Ft. Gordon, GA.

Born in the Philippines, he had lived in the Augusta, GA area since 1992. He founded and played bass guitar and drums for the *Stargazer Band* which has been providing live and DJ music for FAAGC galas and Christmas parties for several years now.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Ning, son, Kristian, daughters Joyceanne and Katrina, brother Brigido, sister Florencia, and several nieces and nephews.

[FAAGC requests members with a death in the family to contact Spiritual Affair Committee co-chairs **Merlyn Bajamunde** (422-1524) or **Tessie Kenerson** (699-1178) ASAP so proper arrangements, if needed, can be made by the Association.] ❖

From the FAAGC Inbox



● On August 23, 2006, 1:10 PM, **bautistaf@comcast.net** wrote:

I would like to thank you for my continued copy of your newsletter although I'm many miles away from your community. My wife and I truly enjoy reading every article especially your group's achievements and most especially the achievements galore of Fil-Am children.

More Power to your community.

Frank & Lydia Bautista
Goose Creek, SC

● On 9/18/06 3:08 AM, **lmcfadden@wistv.com** wrote:

I can't say THANK YOU enough for asking me to co-emcee the gala on Saturday night. I know I said it a thousand times, but I never once felt like a visitor. I had so much fun learning about the Filipino culture and getting to know our local folks. Please thank the Filipino board for me.

Lucas McFadden
Reporter "Live with Lucas"
WIS TV 10

26 September 2006

I would like to thank you for your letter and for sending us a copy of the souvenir program during your 16th Annual Gala.

Allow me to reiterate my congratulations to the men and women who comprise your organization for their dedication and tireless efforts in rendering services to others. May you continuously reap success in the years to come.

Warm regards.

Willy C. Gaa
Ambassador
Embassy of the Philippines
Washington, D.C.

● **Any Filipina want to email a good friend of mine?**

On November 29, 2006 1:51 AM, **kiz002@yahoo.com** wrote:

I was wondering if any Filipina would be interested in exchanging email with a good friend of mine. Her name is Ronelin Flores, and although from Mindanao, she is currently working in Vietnam.

I am planning on visiting her next February, and going to her hometown in Zamboanga del Sur. (Yes - that does make me a bit nervous!) She and I are hoping we like each other enough to get engaged.

Would any Filipina member of FAAGC be willing to answer any questions she would have? Thanks.

Ken Zearfoss

P.S. yes, I am a member of FAAGC

2006 Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Awardees

The following 2006 *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* awardees were formally recognized during the 16th Annual Gala on September 16, 2007:

★ **Aileen Leigh D. Alon**

★ **Christian Elamparo**

★ **Jasper Lim**

★ **Marianne Magapan**

★ **Fay Manapat**

Started in 2002, the scholarship awards are given to college-bound students who have participated actively in Fil-Am activities and whose parents are FAAGC members. ❖

It was good to be a *balikbayan* [one who comes back home], and be around family, relatives, friends and neighbors once again. Armed with few *pasalubong* [gift or souvenir] (no *balikbayan* box this time), I recently embarked on a long trip back home to the Philippines for only two weeks. Seeing familiar and smiling faces as well as beautiful places made me feel so relaxed and at home! Memories of yesterdays can become so fresh that one will enjoy every minute of a short holiday. *And I did!*

It was not meant to be just a holiday, however. It was actually a special family gathering as we commemorate our late father's nine-month anniversary. As some may remember, my father passed away early this year. It was his final request a few days before his death that we hold *cañao* [feast] on his nine-month anni-

A *Balikbayan* Revisits Baguio City

by Odessa Brinkman

versary. We were so honored to offer one in his memory for all in the villages to take part.

Cañao Ritual

Cañao is an old Benguet (province in Northern Luzon where Baguio City is located) tradition/ritual that is celebrated with a dance that is also regularly performed at special occasions such as fiestas. In this two-person dance, the man hangs blankets that are usually woven with an indigenous pattern or design over each shoulder, while the woman wraps a single similar blanket around her. The man leads the woman and dances in a circle with a hop-skip tempo to the beat of sticks and gongs that are played by mostly men who goes around in circle following the dancers. Two drummers are seated side by side away from the dancers. The beat-

ings of the sticks and gongs synchronize with the sound of the *solibao* [drums]. The woman follows the man but each time the man faces her, the woman tries to avoid him by turning around as she continues to dance then follows him again as he leads.

The dance must continue until the audience or onlookers decide to honor the dancers twice with a shout of "*Ooo wag, hoy! hoy!*" Once this is done, the dancers can stop.

When one is offered the blanket, he or she better take it as it is an honor to be invited to join the dance [*you get blessed*], and elders and other respected members of the community are expected to join in at every occasion. I am so delighted to say that I had the privilege to perform the first dance with my cousin.

Before the dance starts, ritual dictates that one gets a sip first of the *tapuy* [native wine]. It was yummy! It was brewed by my mother. The feast lasted for three days.

City of Pines

Visits here and there, to and from relatives/friends followed after a few days of rest from the excitement the feast brought. It was a pleasure to see once again the beautiful City of Pines, Baguio City. With early Christmas decors all around town and its market stalls and sidewalk vendors, the city looks very attractive with its shimmering light, day and night. If you are going *balikbayan* soon, or later, don't miss this beautiful city. A bus ride going up the mountains will be a good start. Go visit Baguio City, Philippines.

By the way, it is good to be back home again -- to my own family and the FAAGC family here in the U.S.A. ❖

Filipina Teacher Needs Help

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operation to stop excessive bleeding. She has been comatose since then with very minimal response to outside stimuli, according to Dr. Julio Chalela, a neuro-intensivist. However, the doctor is very hopeful as she responded to an electric shock recently.

Carissa doesn't have any family or close relatives here in the U.S. Her father and sister arrived from the Philippines on November 18 but were only allowed to stay for only 2-3 weeks. Her father, Alex Uy, left on December 1 while her sister, Ciela Marie Uy, is leaving on December 8.

Hiyas-Min's Zennie Mendoza informed the *Fil-Am Bulletin* that according to VIFP, Carissa will be terminated three months after the accident and her Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance ended. Her visa will be converted to medical visa and COBRA continuation health insurance coverage will kick in, if the family so desire and pay the higher premiums. They have been trying

to get all her contracts and personal papers from Sumter so a lawyer can look them over and decide the best legal way to handle her accident and current condition.

The Filipino community in Charleston, especially the Pan-gasinan Association of Charleston and the Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston has responded to the family's call for help and had collected \$738.00 as of November 27.

Zennie Mendoza, who has been coordinating the assistance drive in Charleston, is "still in the process of getting some contacts to help Carissa and her family" and asks if the Fil-Am community in Columbia can help.

Anyone who wants to give any donation towards Carissa's hospitalization and recovery costs will be greatly appreciated. You may direct inquiries to Zennie at (843) 475-3530. Donations can be mailed to Zennie Mendoza, 129 Londonderry Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445. ❖

Christmas Party

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Families who are bringing their children (*and they should since this is a fun-for-the-whole-family affair*) are requested to bring a wrapped present (*just ONE for each child, please*) to be placed under the Christmas tree for distribution by Santa Claus. Each present should be clearly and **LEGIBLY** marked with the child's **FULL NAME**.

For more information on purchasing tickets or the event itself, contact Alan Geoghegan at (803) 787-5255; Odessa Brinkman at (803) 210-7577;

Alan Matienzo at (803) 331-5048, Edith Alston at (803) 553-5797), or Polly Pearson in Sumter at (803) 499-9596. For additional details or for a map, visit FAAGC's website: www.filamsc.org

Parking is available behind St. Joseph Church on Blossom St. between Kilbourne and Bonham Sts, (accessible from Devine Street, corner of Kilbourne Rd., near Piggly Wiggly). Parking spaces are also available in the church parking lot or on other surrounding streets. ❖

Orphanage Fund

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ting to this worthy cause may send a check or money order made payable to *FAAGC* or *Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia*; please specify that the money is for the "*Fil-Am Orphanage Fund*."

Mailed donations should be sent to FAAGC, P.O. Box 24112, Columbia, SC 29224. For more information,

interested parties may contact Alan Geoghegan at (803) 787-5255 or Keith Seymour at (803) 960-8785.

Special Thanks to these early donors to the Fil-Am Orphanage Fund :

- ◆ Richard & Rita Morris of Elgin, SC
- ◆ Drs. Stephen Tuel & Katharine Presty of Columbia, SC ❖

There are several internationally-acclaimed Filipinos but none are quite like Carlos Peña Romulo. He has had a profound and lasting impact on the landscape of Philippine and world history and is probably one of the most decorated Filipinos in terms of honorary degrees, awards, and recognitions. Next time you have access to your local library's on-line catalogue, type in *Romulo* and you will likely see at least one of his books listed. You may also see books by Beth Day Romulo who was his wife.

Also known as Carlos P. Romulo, he was born in Camiling, Tarlac, Philippines on January 14, 1899. He died in Manila, Philippines on December 15, 1985 and was interred at the Heroes' Cemetery in Manila.

Journalist: He was an author, prominent journalist, editor, and newspaper publisher in Manila, Philippines. He was a reporter at 16, a newspaper editor by 20, and a publisher at 32. He published 18 books, which include *The United* (a novel), *I Saw the Fall of the Philippines* (1942), *Mother America, I See the Philippines Rise* (war-time memoirs) (1946), *Crusade in Asia* (1955), *The Meaning of Bandung* (1956) *Forty Years: A Third World Soldier at the UN* (his memoirs as a United Nations [UN] affiliate), and *The Philippine Presidents* (oral history of his experiences with the Philippine presidents he served).

His autobiography *I Walked*

The Unforgettable Filipino:

Carlos Peña Romulo (1899-1985)

by Imelda Go

with Heroes: The Autobiography of General Carlos P. Romulo (1961) is subtitled *The Autobiography of General Carlos P. Romulo: Teacher, Soldier, Journalist, Pulitzer Prize Winner, Diplomat*. He was



proclaimed Philippine National Artist for Literature in 1984.

Pulitzer Prize Winner: In 1942, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Correspondence. In 1941, the United States and Japan were on the verge of war when he toured East Asia and predicted Japanese aggression in a series of articles published in the *Philippines Herald*, which were syndicated in the United States. He was the only Asian to win the award in this journalism category.

Teacher: He graduated from the University of the Philippines at Manila in 1918, and from Columbia University at New York City in 1921. Recipient of numerous honorary doctorate degrees, he was a faculty member of the University of the Philippines where he taught English from 1923 to 1928

World War II Aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur: In 1941, the Japanese invaded the Philippines and Romulo be-

came a press aide to General Douglas MacArthur. Some believe that he coined the General's famous promise "I shall return." He was MacArthur's *aide-de-camp* at Bataan, Corregidor, and Australia.

He was with MacArthur and the liberating forces in the invasion of Leyte and later in the recapture of Manila. He is depicted as one of the statues in the famous Leyte memorial that marked their return. At the end of the war, Romulo was promoted to rank of brigadier general in the Philippine Army in September 1944.

U.N. Leader: After World War II, he helped draft the United Nations charter and was elected the first Asian president of the United Nations General Assembly in 1949. He was also a spokesman for newly independent Third World nations.

Philippine Public Servant and Diplomat: He served the country and the world in so many different ways. His political career includes being secretary to Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine Senate, in 1922; a member of independence missions to the United States in 1921, 1924, 1928, 1929, 1933, and 1937; a member of the Board of Re-

gents of the University of the Philippines 1929-1941; the secretary of Information and Public Relations and member of the President's war cabinet in 1943 and 1944; a member of the Filipino Rehabilitation Commission 1944-1946; the secretary of public instruction from, 1944-1945; Resident Commissioner to U.S. Congress from the Philippine Islands, 1944-46; a permanent delegate of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations as appointed by President Roxas in 1946; the Ambassador to the United States 1952-1953 and 1955-1962; the secretary of foreign affairs 1949-1951; the president of the United Nations General Assembly in 1949 and 1950, and of United Nations Security Council in 1957; the president, University of Philippines and concurrently secretary of education, 1962-1968; the president, Philippine Academy of Arts and Science, 1962; the secretary of foreign affairs as appointed by President Marcos, 1969-1984.

United States Presidential Medal of Freedom

Awardee: On January 12, 1984 and near the end of his life, President Ronald Reagan awarded him the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*. "As parliamentarian, soldier, educator, U.N. Charter signatory, diplomat, and foreign minister, Carlos P. Romulo's statesmanship and promotion of international accord add up to a remarkable record of achievement. His more than fifty years of public

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Filipino and Filipino-American Recipients of the Congressional MEDAL of HONOR,

the U.S. highest military award given to a member of the U. S. Armed Services, who "distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Recipient's Name	Rank / Service Branch	Date & Place of Birth	Accredited to	Scene of MOH Action	Date of MOH Issue	Remarks
JOSE B. NISPEROS	Private First Class U.S. Army, 34th Company, Philippine Scouts	December 30, 1887 San Fernando, La Union, Philippines	Philippine Islands	Sept. 24, 1911 Lapurap, Basilan, Philippines	1913	First Asian-Pacific Islander to be awarded the Medal of Honor
TELESFORO TRINIDAD	Fireman Second Class, U. S. Navy	November 25, 1890 New Washington, Capiz, Philippines	Philippine Islands	Jan. 21, 1915 at sea on board the USS. San Diego	April 1, 1915	
JOSE CALUGAS	Sergeant, U.S. Army, Battery B, 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts	December 29, 1907 Barrio Tagsing, Leon, Iloilo, Philippines	Philippine Islands	Jan. 16, 1942 Culis, Bataan, Philippines	February 24, 1942	
RUDOLPH B. DAVILA	Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company H, 7th Infantry	April 27, 1916 El Paso, Texas		May 28, 1944 near Artena, Italy	June 21, 2000	Filipino mother
GEORGE FLEMING DAVIS	Commander, USS. Walke, U.S. Navy	March 23, 1911 Manila, Philippines	Philippine Islands	Jan. 6, 1945 Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippines		Posthumously awarded

FILIPINO—AMERICAN Association of Greater Columbia CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **December 9, 2006** (Saturday, 6:30 p.m.)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Annual Christmas Party**
 - ◆ **St. Joseph Catholic Church gymnasium**
3600 Devine St., Columbia, SC 29205
- * **March 31—April 1, 2007** (Saturday -Sunday)
 - ▶ **Columbia International Festival**
 - ◆ **SC State Fairgrounds**
1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201
- * **April 8, 2007** (Sunday)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Annual Easter Picnic & FAAGC Election of Officers for 2007-09**
 - ◆ **Sesquicentennial Park** [Phone: (803) 788-2706]
9564 Two Notch Rd., Columbia, SC 29223

Mark Your Calendars Now!

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service embody the warm relationship between the United States and the Philippines from the colonial period through the Commonwealth, wartime, and independence to the present. In tribute to his long and close association with the United States, this medal is gratefully conferred.”

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