

Sacramento Post

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

April 26, 2007

General Meeting at the Rusty Duck

May 24, 2007

Tour: Sand Cove Environmental Restoration

June 11, 2007

SAME Golf Tournament

Message From the President

Fellow SAME Members:

As you read through this month's newsletter you'll once again see the fruits of our efforts to strengthen our nation's public and private engineering team. We are planning a number of events through July towards this end. I invite you to sign up as soon as possible for the July Levee Conference, which we are hosting in partnership with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This conference is already drawing a lot of attention--if you have anything to do with levees and flood protection, you ought to attend this conference!

As we approach June, it is time again to elect new officers and Directors for the Sacramento Post. From my perspective, this is an excellent way, if not the best way, to really make a difference and add value to SAME. Our current slate of officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs have served with great distinction this past year. I hope you will consider putting your name on next year's slate. Don't be bashful--volunteer and help us take the Sacramento Post to even greater heights in 2007-2008!

Colonel Ron Light

Sacramento Post Achieves Distinguished Status

Each year, the Posts of the Society of American Military Engineers compete for Streamer Awards in recognition of outstanding performance and achievement. Posts that stand above others in their endeavors are award Distinguished Post Status.

We are pleased to announce that, the Sacramento Post has achieved the DIS-TINGUISHED POST award for 2006. We were also awarded the Membership Streamer (way to go Vida Wright!), and submitted our financial information on time (thanks to Dave Cook!), both of which were required to qualify us for the Distinguished Post award. This honor took a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of all the sustaining and individual members of the Post, and it is an award we should all be very proud of attaining!

Special thanks to Pat Persi for pulling a such a large amount of information into a cohesive and winning package.

Volume 6, Issue 1 **Post Leadership**

Officers President:

COL Ron Light

1st Vice President:

Vida Wright

2nd Vice President:

Michael O'Hagan

Treasurer:

David Cook

Secretary:

Lisa Cope

Directors

Past President: Margie Namba

Continuing Directors: Cheryl Bly-Chester, Nadia Burleson

Elected Directors: CAPT James Clay, Larry Smith and Pat Persi

Appointed Directors: CAPT Jerry Frost, Michael Ernst, Carl Lang

and Steve Crane

Committee Chairs & Volunteer Members

Education & Training Streamer

Programs: Larry Smith

Sustaining Member Forum: Michael O'Hagan

404 Permit Conference: Michael O'Hagan

PDH Awards: Linda Miszkewycz

Licensure Support & Publications: Linda Miszkewycz

National Security Program Streamer

Fast Start Plan: Cheryl Bly-Chester

Preparedness and Security Training Cheryl Bly-Chester

Outreach & Communication Streamer

K-12 Mentoring: Margie Namba

College Students:: CAPT Clay

YM Mentoring by Fellows: Cheryl Bly-Chester

Young Members Affairs: CAPT Frost & CAPT Clay

Scholarship: Sue Goss

Communications: Michael Ernst

Community Service: Carl Lang

Families of Fallen Heroes: Spencer Defty

Outreach for Families of Deployed Troops:

CAPT Frost & CAPT Clay

Relationships & Recognition Streamer

Small Business Conference: Nadia Burleson (Committee Chair)

Golf Tournament: Chris Smith (Committee Chair)

Welcoming: Pat Persi

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Welcoming

Sustaining Member Firms can elect to become a sponsor for the SAME General Meetings every month. In exchange for donating two or three raffle prizes, the Sponsor is allowed five minutes to speak about their firm at the beginning of the meeting. Money collected from tickets sales supplement the Post's scholarship fund. If you would like to become a meeting sponsor, please contact Pat Persi at Jones & Stokes, (916) 737-3000, ext. 3120, or ppersi@jsanet.com.

Membership

Vida Wright

If you are a sustaining member firm, please make sure that you designate five member representatives for your company including a young member who must be under the age of 35. Please contact Vida Wright, at (916) 783-9378 or vida.wright@veridicogroup.com with any membership related questions.

Readiness

Cheryl Bly Chester

The Readiness Plan can be accessed at www.samesacramento.org. Please contact Cheryl with questions at

cabchester@aol.com.

Sustaining Members Forum

Ad Hoc Committee

The 2006 Sustaining Members Forum was held on 07 September and was a great success. For more information on next year's Sustaining Member's Forum, please contact Mike O'Hagan at:

Michael O'Hagan. P.E.
Managing Principal, Urban Land
Stantec
Phone (916) 569-2500
Direct (916) 569-2521

Young Members Affairs

CAPT Dave Clay and CAPT Jerry Frost

Please be sure that if you are a Sustaining Member, that you have a young member representative—the benefits are invaluable!

For more information please contact CAPT Dave Clay: <u>James.D.Clay.CPT@spk01.usace.army.mil</u>; or

CAPT Jerry Frost: jeremiah.frost@travis.af.mil

Community Service

Carl Lang

The Post's Community Service Committee is accepting donations for hotel-type toiletries (soaps, shampoos, etc.) to provide them to the St. John's Shelter for Women & Children. Donations are accepted continually. If you would like to donate small toiletries or larger items, please contact Carl Lang at carllang@mindspring.com.

Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is currently evaluating the applications of over 20 candidates from high school and college students. Results will be announced in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please contact Dave Zuber at dzuber@brncald.com or Susan Goss at sgos@dtsc.ca.gov.

Communications

Michael Ernst

This newsletter has been prepared by your Communications Committee. Distribution is electronically via email, and the website www.samesacramento.org. If you have any comments, improvements, or recommendations regarding this newsletter, please contact the Communications Committee Chair, Michael Ernst, at info@samesacramento.org.





2007 Levee Conference, 24-26 July 2007

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Sacramento Post and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Sacramento Section are hosting a milestone conference to discuss solutions for California's complex flood damage reduction issues. The conference theme is "Still Battling the Inland Sea: Exploring Solutions for California's Complex Water Issues."

The 2007 Levee Conference will be held on July 24 - 26 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento, California. The Conference is a timely event as the Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 provides funding to rebuild the levees in the Central Valley, improve flood control in other areas, build by passes to divert flood waters, and map areas vulnerable to flooding.

The Conference will consist of plenary and technical breakout sessions. This is a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and share technical knowledge. Speakers include elected officials, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Water Resources, local flood control agencies, renowned flood control experts, and leaders of the architect and engineering community. The conference will also include a presentation on the IPET findings from Hurricane Katrina and a presentation by the Dutch Delegation. Four technical breakout sessions are also planned. If you are interested in being a presenter in the 2007 Levee Conference, please contact Technical Program Committee Chair Martin Farber at mfarber@cityofsacramento.org.

SAME Sacramento Post and ASCE Sacramento Section encourage the engineering and construction community to fully participate in the 2007 Levee conference by attending, sponsoring and exhibiting in the Conference. The Conference related information will be posted on SAME Sacramento Post web site at www.samesacramento.org and at SAME National web site at www.same.org under the 2007 Calendar of Events. For additional information, please contact SAME Sacramento Post Liaison Vida Wright at vida.wright@veridicogroup.com and ASCE Sacramento Section Liaison Greg Zeiss at gzeiss@surewest.net





SAME and CMAA form Strategic Alliance

By Larry J. Smith, P.E., Director Sacramento Post

The SAME Sacramento Post and the Construction Management Association of American (CMAA), Northern California Chapter have agreed to adopt the National MOU to forming a strategic alliance to facilitate collaboration and information sharing at the local level.

SAME Mission: The SAME Mission is to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals.

CMAA Mission: CMAA Mission is to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process.

Areas of Mutual Support: SAME aggress to participate in CMAA Northern California Conferences, Training and Trade Shows and will support CMAA events by providing professional development content primarily focused on military and related construction management program(s).

CMAA Northern California Chapter agrees to support SAME events by providing professional development content focused on construction management best practices.

Furthermore, SAME and CMAA agree to advertise mutually beneficial events and conferences sponsored by both organizations. More information will be provided throughout the year regarding this exciting strategic alliance. Our first formal exchange is being planned for SAME Sustaining Members Forum scheduled for 6 September 2007 at Travis Air Force Base.

More information about CMAA and their programs can be found at their website: http://chapters.cmaanet.org/chapters/nca/



SAVE THE DATE June 11, 2007

S.A.M.E. SACRAMENTO POST SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

In 2006, the Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament produced record net revenue of over \$11,000. The proceeds were used for the Post's scholarship fund and awarded to qualified high school, junior college and college recipients majoring in engineering related fields. The goal for this years event is to raise \$15,000.

We are seeking support of corporate sponsors for our 2007 tournament. Participating firms will receive recognition for their contributions. Your participation in this winning combination allows us to contribute and encourage prospect students to pursue careers in the engineering and science fields. Mark your calendars and let's make this another record breaking event!

2007 TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- ► JUNE 11, 2007
- ▶ 1 PM SHOTGUN SCRAMBLE
- **▶** WILDHORSE GOLF CLUB
- ► GREAT PRIZES!



➤ EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Sign up as a Sponsor or Golfer before April 13, 2007 and you could be the winner of the Early Bird Prize. Winners will be announced at April's S.A.M.E. Meeting

Registration will begin at 10:00 am at 2323 Rockwell Drive, Davis, CA. Fee includes: green fees, carts, range balls, box lunch, drinks, and dinner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MY NGUYEN AT (916) 372-2000.



S.A.M.E. ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsored by the S.A.M.E. Sacramento Post
At Wildhorse Golf Club – Davis, CA
June 11, 2007 – 1 pm Shotgun Scramble
REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JUNE 4TH, 2007
To REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX FORM TO
My Nguyen at 916-372-9401
mnguyen@ahtnagov.com

Active Duty Military Government Employee Others	\$60.00 \$75.00 \$100.00	mnguyen@ahtnagov.com		
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PLEASE SELECT A	Sponsors	HIP LEVEL:		
☐ HOLE SPONSOR	\$30	0	☐ Food Sponsor	\$500
BEVERAGE SPO (waives fee for 2 golfe	15	00	Course Sponsor (waives fee for 4 golfers)	\$2000
PAYMENT TYPE: Check by mail: (Include registration form with payment. Please write check out to Sacramento Post S.A.M.E). Mail to: Ahtna Government Services Corp. Attn: My Nguyen 3680 Industrial Blvd., Suite 600H West Sacramento, CA 95691 I will bring the check payment to the event. (Please write check out to Sacramento Post S.A.M.E.)				
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MY NGUYEN AT (916) 372-2000.

Signature:

What You Missed.

The Programs Committee has done a great job of putting together an exciting and informative series of events for 2007. If you didn't attend a event in the last quarter, here is a little taste of what you missed.

January 25, 2007 - Small Business Meeting

The speaker for our first meeting of 2007 was Mary Conway-Jepsen, Marketing and Outreach Specialist with the Small Business Administration. Ms. Conway-Jepsen discussed the SBA Mentor-Protégé Program, outlining how businesses of all sizes can team with small disadvantaged 8(a) businesses to cooperatively work together to obtain government contracts.

February 22, 2007 - Yuba County Narrows II Tunnel Tour at Englebright Dam

This year's February meeting ventured out into the field to see the Yuba County Water Agency's Englebright Dam Narrows II flow bypass. The event was well attended – more than 20 participants braved the impending weather to tour the bypass and see the operations. Steve Onken, Operations Manager with YCWA, lead the group on the tour and presented on the work done to drill/blast into the rock to meet the existing conduit, cut into the conduit and install a "T", install the 168 inch turbine butterfly shutoff valve, then install the 78 inch cone guard valve. This month's event sponsor was HDR (www.hdrinc.com), providing three baskets of goodies that were raffled off to the attendees.



March 21, 2007 - Combat Engineering at Travis AFB

The presenters at this joint meeting with the SF Post were Lieutenant Colonel Jonathon Revolinsky, Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District and Lieutenant Colonel Scott Hoover, Base Civil Engineer, Travis AFB. Both presenters were able to provide firsthand accounts of combat engineering experiences as part of Operation Iraq Freedom.

LtC Revolinsky spoke on his experiences as Officer in Charge of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Baghdad Area Office. LtC Revolinsky directed a staff of 30 U.S. military and civilian personnel along with 50 Iraqi engineers with the goal of turning Baghdad back into a great city. "It was the birthplace of civilization and today we're investing huge of amounts of money to rebuild 30 years of neglect as residents regain their confidence that this city has a future. It's hard when you've been repressed for that many decades to stand up for what you believe and that's the challenge we're facing."

LtC Hoover spoke on his experiences at the Base Civil Engineer at Balad Base, Iraq, located in the northern part of the country. Balad Airbase is in a very strategic location for Air Force missions in support of combat operations into Baghdad and is the launching point for Air Force F-16 fighters, Army helicopters and Army military intelligence unmanned aerial systems. LtC Hoover described the challenges and triumphs of turning an old, poorly maintained airfield in to a modern, fully functioning capable air force base, capable of supporting operations as long as it is needed. This included upgrading runways, installing air field lighting systems, improving living conditions for the 25,000 U.S. troops stationed there.

Engineer's Day at the Mall

As part of National Engineer's Week, the SAME Sacramento Post participated in an Engineer's Day held at Sunrise Mall, on February 17. This annual event to brings public attention the work and contributions of our community's engineers and is great opportunity to inspire young people to pursue careers in science and engineering.

During the event, Post members assisted young perspective building the strongest bridge possible with a single piece of paper , and measuring distance using optical surveying equipment. The Sacramento Post would like to thank all members that donated their time to make the event a great success.





Math Counts

Four volunteers representing SAME (Martha McDonnnell, P.E., Carl Lang, P.E., and Pat and Vic Persi) helped grade papers at the MATHCOUNTS® competition at Sacramento State University on February 24, 2007. MATHCOUNTS® is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. With over 24 years of experience, MATHCOUNTS is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, and students.

After several months of coaching, participating schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in one of the more than 500 written and oral competitions held nationwide and in U.S. schools overseas. Winners at the local level proceed to state competitions, where the top 4 Mathletes® and top coach earn the right to represent their state or territory at the national level. At all levels, MATHCOUNTS challenges students' math skills, develops their self-confidence and rewards them for their achievements.





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SAME Sacramento Post 1st Vice President & Membership Chair has launched Veridico Group, Inc. a Management Consulting and Engineering Firm

Veridico Group, Inc. (Veridico) is founded by Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E. with a mission of providing high quality, cost-effective and socially responsible management, engineering and environmental services to public and private sector clients. Expert services in a wide range of management, engineering and environmental fields are provided by Dr. Wright and a network of professional colleagues with outstanding experience and credentials including advanced degrees and registrations.

Veridico offers our clients solutions to complex environmental and water resources issues in the 21st century saving them money and time. Our experts have experience addressing environmental, health and safety and regulatory issues of impaired properties and managing risks to owners for projects of varied complexity and size. Other service areas include water resources engineering including flood plain analysis, flood risk management, and levee reconstruction and repair.

If you are a seasoned Engineer or Scientists who has retired or is planning to retire (or just tired of not achieving your potential), have a passion to practice your craft, and interested in getting back in your game and make money/have fun, I invite you to join me and help me build Veridico Group. For additional information, please contact Vida Wright at 916-783-9378 or via e-mail at vida.wright@veridicogroup.com

CABRERA SERVICES WINS NUNN-PERRY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PERFORMANCE

(Cabrera Services, Inc. (CABRERA) has won the 2007 Nunn-Perry Award as an outstanding small business under the Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé (MP) Program with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Jacobs) The award was presented to CABRERA at the 2007 DoD Mentor- Protégé conference in Temecula, California on March 7, 2007.

Serving as protégé since 2003, CABRERA leveraged Jacob's valuable technical assistance in the areas of finance, accounting, management systems, and technology to greatly improve project management and overall project performance. During the Mentor-Protégé relationship, CABRERA grew in size by 65% and expanded gross revenues by over 80%. "The success of the relationship was based on the similarity of both of the companies' core values and complementary capabilities," stated Lorenzo Cabrera, President of CABRERA.

The prestigious Nunn-Perry Award recognizes mentor-protégé teams that have excelled in technical developments, cost efficiencies, and increased business opportunities for small disadvantaged firms. The DoD's Mentor-Protégé Program was established to provide incentives for major defense contractors to help small disadvantaged businesses augment their capabilities and increase their participation as subcontractors and suppliers under DoD government contracts.

Founded in 1994, CABRERA is full-service environmental company specializing in high-hazard radioactive and munitions (MEC) sites. The growth experienced as a result of the MP Program has allowed CABRERA to expand its services lines and develop significant capabilities in the areas of homeland defense and national security. CABRERA is committed to protecting our homeland from the ever-present threat of terrorist attacks.

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Captain Jerry Frost Becomes Professional Engineer, **Thanks SAME for Support**

Captain Frost would like to thank the Post for its support in his pursuit of becoming a Professional Engineer here in California.

"Without the books that the Board so generously bought for me and future candidates, I would not have been able to achieve this dream."

The Sacramento Post congratulates Captain Frost in obtaining his professional registration.

e²M Looking for Business Area Manager

Business Area Manager (BAM)

This leadership position provides an exciting opportunity for growth and success in a positive environmental consulting and engineering business. The ideal candidate will have excellent verbal, oral and written communication skills, demonstrated reliability, strong work ethic, time management skills, and demonstrated team-oriented performance. Candidate must have proven experience in staff management, business development/marketing, and client relations working with the Department of Defense (DoD), other governmental agencies, and commercial clients. As a Business Area Manager, a successful candidate must have proven staff management experience – and be able to provide positive direction, guidance, and oversee the growth & performance of more than 10 professional employees. Must be a proven leader, self-motivated, driven, and have a positive attitude, and possess the ability to successfully manage a variety of environmental compliance or engineering projects and professional employees. Bachelor's Degree in engineering, environmental science, or similar discipline is required. Minimum of 10 years working experience in project management, supervision, business development, and working with DoD or commercial clients on a variety of environmental and/or engineering projects. Travel throughout the U.S. and territories is required.

e²M is a leading provider of environmental engineering and consulting services. With offices throughout the country, we are always recruiting for qualified, exceptional additions to our team. For a complete listing of career opportunities, please visit our website at http://www.e2m-inc.com/Careers.html.

Jones & Stokes Ranks #1 for Fifth Straight Year

Jones & Stokes, the Sacramento Valley's premier environmental planning and natural resources management firm, has topped, for the fifth year in a row, the Sacramento Business Journal's list of Environmental Engineering/Consulting firms, based on 2005 gross billings.

Founded in 1970, Jones & Stokes has grown to become the largest environmental firm in the region and one of the largest private employers in downtown Sacramento. Jones & Stokes is a multidisciplinary, employee-owned environmental consulting firm headquartered in Sacramento. They provide a wide range of natural resource management planning services to public agency and private clients throughout the West.

Contribute to Member News

Individual members are invited to submit professional achievements such as awards, publication, or profession registrations.

Sustaining Members are invited to submit announcements detailing recent hirings, current job openings, major contract awards, office relocations, mergers, etc.

To submit an announcement for consideration, simply email the announce to info@samesacramento.org.

Announcements must pertain to the Sacramento area to be accepted.

Submissions may be edited for length and/or clarity.

The Society of American Military Engineers—Sacramento Post

The Sacramento Post Welcomes New Members

New Sustaining Member Firms: Individual Members:

Bay West Inc. Mr. Nickolas Raterman

Environmental Management Services Inc. Mr. Christopher Morss

Salaber Associates Inc. CPT Joshua Ligday

Veridico Group Inc. Mr. Daniel Figueroa

Ms. Lindsey Carolla

Ms. Tress Kretschmann

Mr. Carl Henderson

Dr. Tom Minch

Mr. Greg Shepard

Ms. Gina Wander

Our Sustaining Members

ERM 3D/International

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HNTB Federal Services Corp. **AMEC**

American Integrated Services Inc. HydroGeoLogic Inc **ARCADIS** Innovative Tech. Solutions

AST Inc. **JACOBS** Jones & Stokes Bay West Inc.

Brown and Caldwell Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

Burleson Consulting Inc Kleinfelder Inc. Cabrera Services Inc. LFR - Levine Fricke California Laboratory Services Luster National Inc.

Carter & Burgess Inc. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting

Malcolm Pirnie Inc CDM CH2M HILL Mead & Hunt

Comprehensive Security Services Inc. Mendoza & Associates

DataChem Laboratories Inc. Michael Baker Corp./Michael Baker Jr. Inc.

Diamond D General Engineering Inc. MKM Engineers

MWH DMJM Dutra Construction Company Inc. PBS&J

 e^2M Salaber Associates Inc.

Earth Tech Inc. Science Applications International

ECC Corporation

EDAW Inc. Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.

EM-Assist SI Group Inc. **Engineering Remediation** SlipStone Inc.

Resources Group Inc. Stanley Consultants Inc.

Environmental Management Services Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

Inc.

Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors

Tetra Tech **TerranearPMC**

TNT Industrial Contractors Inc.

Towill Inc.

URS Corporation

US Army Corps of Engrs. Sacramento District

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