LEADER PROFILES

To the Great Sacramento Post, Society of American Military Engineers:

By Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Kiger Sacramento Post President

What a great year it’s been for the Sacramento Post as we continue to successfully bring our engineering and related fields together to share our knowledge of engineering, technologies, applications, and practices. And we’ve done this in spades through our superb conferences and forums – our 2009 California Water Conference, our Sustaining Members Forum, our Young Members Forums, our annual Golf Tournament, and our many monthly meetings. We’ve been so successful in fact, that this past year we’ve been able to award over $33,000 in scholarships to our young aspiring future engineers, the most we’ve ever awarded in a single year!

All of you, our individual and sustaining members, our young members and military members, and our venerable Fellows – all of you have made a huge difference towards our incredible success. And I want to thank every one of you for your extremely hard work and commitment to our post. Can you believe post membership now numbers 570 individual and sustaining members with 106 member firms. That’s fantastic! With that type of support and commitment, in my mind, we can continue to be the best post in the Nation continuing to deliver great forums on the issues of our day in Northern and Central California. In fact, we are already planning our 2011 Water Conference!

I would like to thank Colonel Tom Chapman for his outstanding leadership and dedication as the Post President for the past two years. He has been an inspiration to us all and it is my great pleasure to take the ball from him and continue to drive it down the field. I am committed to serving all of you and the post in accomplishing our objectives over the next year. And I know I can expect the same dedicated commitment from all of you. Our post is a great team. Thanks again.

2010-2011 Election Results

By Steven Herrera, P.E. (HDR|e2M)

On behalf of Post President COL Tom Chapman and the Election Committee, votes from the 2010 – 2011 Sacramento Post elections have been tallied. Your Officers and Directors for the 2010 – 2011 term are:

Officers (One-year term) President - LTC Andrew Kiger (USACE Sacramento District), 1st Vice President – Mr. Steven Herrera (HDR|e2M), 2nd Vice President – Ms. Margie Namba (Kennedy/Jenks Consultants), Secretary – Ms. Lauren Young (Arcadis), Treasurer: Mr. Phil Welker (GeoEngineers)  Continued on Page 2...
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- **Elected Directors (2010 - 2012)** Mr. Steve Crane (ITSI), MAJ Scott Cameron (California Army National Guard), Mr. Nathan Rockwood, P.E. (Mead and Hunt).
- **Continuing Director (2009 – 2011)** Mr. Mike Conrad (Sapper West), Mr. David Cook (Kleinfelder), Ms. Sharol Moore (Wildlands).
- **Appointed Directors (2010 - 2011)** Mr. Tim Anenson (GEI Consultants), Mr. Casey Holland (CH2M Hill), Ms. Sarah McIlroy (Stantec).
- **Past Post President** COL Tom Chapman (USACE Sacramento District).

*Thanks to all of you who took time to vote in this year’s elections!*

**HIGHLIGHT OF PAST & FUTURE EVENTS**

**March General Meeting**

*By 1Lt Brett Bailey*

**Air Force Civil Engineering in the AOR**

On March 18th 2010, Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield California hosted over 100 guests from the Sacramento and San Francisco Posts who came to learn more about what Air Force Civil Engineers are doing to support the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lt Col Wade Lawrence, the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander at Travis, welcomed the attendees and showed them why Team Travis is the nation’s premier west coast air mobility hub. Travis is home to the C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster, and KC-10 Extender as well as the Air Force’s largest Medical Center, David Grant and the 615th Contingency Response Wing. His presentation highlighted the many ongoing construction projects that include a $47 million full replacement runway repair as well as a new C-17 Assault Landing Zone, Airfield Fire Station and a Commercial South Gate entrance. Lt Col Lawrence’s main takeaway for the audience was that Travis AFB continues to grow and has a very bright future and with that comes increased opportunities for contract firms looking to do business with the base.

Captain Mike Fiedler a civil engineer with the 615th Contingency Response Wing based at Travis shared with the group his recent deployment experience to Afghanistan where it was his team’s job to survey remote airfields and provide Air Force leadership with information regarding the airfield’s condition and capabilities. The 615th Contingency Response Wing is only one of two units in the Air Force with this unique capability to provide immediate response worldwide.

1st Lieutenant and electrical engineer James DePriest from Beale Air Force Base’s 9th Civil Engineering Squadron recently returned from a deployment with the Air Force’s RED HORSE Civil Engineers who specialize in heavy construction. Lt DePriest provided electrical design support to numerous projects throughout Iraq that included everything from airfield lighting to hospital electrical systems.

The meeting was a huge success and participation from both the Sacramento Post and San Francisco Post made it one of the largest general monthly meetings in recent years. The presentations highlighted how diverse Air Force Civil Engineering is in the deployed environment and the capabilities they can provide. A special thank you to Brown and Caldwell for sponsoring the meeting and to all the presenters who shared their stories.
May General Meeting

By Steve Crane, ITSI

Society of American Military Engineers - Sacramento Post

Awards Record Level Scholarships to 19 Local Students

On May 27, 2010, the Sacramento Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) awarded 19 scholarships totaling a Post-record $33,000 to local high school, community college, and college students from the area or attending schools in the Sacramento Region. SAME scholarships are awarded annually to students who are studying engineering or related technical disciplines, including computer science, environmental studies, architecture, math, or the physical sciences. Individual scholarships vary from $1,000 to $4,000 for college students and from $1,000 to $2,000 for high school students.

This year’s college awardees and the schools they are attending are Ross Yeager, University of the Pacific; Troy Hart, Sac State; Shannon Barcal, University of the Pacific; Brianna Juhrend, University of the Pacific; Emily Suter, MIT; Blake Reller, Cal Poly SLO; Cristen Phillipsen, UC Davis; and Alee Moua, SAC City College. The high school awardees are Kara Richins, Mira Loma (Sacramento); Steven Pham, Christian Brothers (Sacramento); Daniel LaFranchi, Ponderosa (Shingle Springs); Ciera Price, Center (Antelope); Brendan Rafeld, Jesuit (Carmichael); Jenkang Tao, Folsom; Mitchell Zutter, Ponderosa; Long Ho, Sheldon (Elk Grove); Jake Daum, South Tahoe (South Lake Tahoe); Eunice Fong, McClatchy (Sacramento); and Jeremy Akiyama, McClatchy.

This outstanding group of applicants represented a rich diversity in backgrounds, geography, accomplishments, contributions to their communities, and educational pursuits. The Post had originally intended to award fewer scholarships, but this year’s applicants were all exemplary students and representatives of their communities. The selection committee felt that they embodied what SAME as an organization wants for representatives of its ideals, and therefore, the decision was made to increase the number of scholarships awarded for this year.

SAME scholarships are competitive and are based on academic performance; references; academic/professional goals; extracurricular and volunteer activities; community service activities; previous or active military service or ROTC membership, if any; a statement of why applicant should be considered for the award; and other comments or justification to assist in the selection process, such as special challenges the applicant had to overcome or school or community awards.

The Sacramento Post Scholarship program has grown tremendously in recent years, increasing the total cash value of all scholarships in 6 of the last 7 years. This notable contribution to the development of young engineers and scientists has resulted in widespread recognition for the organization as well as a solid influx of young members. In just the last 4 years alone, the Sacramento Post has awarded $107,000 in scholarships to deserving area students. Current plans are for a similar robust Post scholarship program in 2011.

The 2010 Post Scholarship Committee included Dave Bieber, GEOCON; Dave Zuber, Brown & Caldwell; Carl Lang, USACE (ret.), and Steve Crane, ITSI (chair).

Outreach and Mentoring:

By Margie Namba, Kennedy/Jenkins Consultants

The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program provides an opportunity for educationally disadvantaged students to become actively engaged in the exploration of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) careers. The Sacramento State/UC Davis MESA Program offers academic support to students in grades K-12 in preparation for college/university admission. Precollege programs include math, science and engineering competitions, field trips, STEM career explorations, preparation for enrollment into rigorous and challenging curriculum including honors and AP coursework, college entrance exams preparation, and encourages students to assume leadership roles and engage in civic service opportunities.

MESA programs are regionally located and, in cooperation with school districts, also provide extensive enrichment summer programs, unique academically based year-long projects, and partnerships with professional STEM representatives from local agencies. K-12 students enrolled in the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program received unique awards for outstanding academic achievement on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS).
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Nearly 70 students in grades K-8th grades received the “Oscars” based on nominations from their MESA Advisors for exemplary academic accomplishments and leadership skills. Students in the 9th – 11th grades received grade level calculators, including graphing, test ready versions with programs for college level math. A unique award of movie tickets went to ninth and tenth graders to reinforce the importance of balancing study and personal time for stress reduction and relaxation.

Additionally, $25,000.00 in scholarship funds were awarded to seniors to defray the costs of their college education which, in some cases, reached the $60,000.00 mark for annual enrollment. Over 98% of the MESA students receiving scholarships are declared science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) majors, and 50% of this group planned careers in the biological and medical sciences. The other students plan on entering the fields of engineering, economics and art.

The Sacramento Post of SAME has donated $5,000/year to the MESA Program for the past several years. The Sacramento Post has established an alliance with the MESA Program, not only by providing scholarship funds, but also by providing volunteers to assist in MESA Day Competitions. SAME members have assisted as judges in events such as the speech competition, bridge building, and egg dropping contest. Colonel Thomas Chapman provided a keynote address for one of the MESA Award Programs. Margie Namba represented the Sacramento Post at the Awards Program this year and helped pass out scholarship awards to the students. She presented Summayah Wiggins, a sophomore at Monterrey Trails High School in the Elk Grove Unified School District, a special “full ride” scholarship to the U.S. Army Engineering Camp in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This scholarship is fully funded by the Sacramento Post of the Society of Military Engineers (SAME).

Ms. Jean Crowder, the Director of the CSUS/UC Davis MESA Center, said “If there is any doubt that the SAME organization is changing lives of extremely capable young students, with outstanding potential, you should be aware that this will be Ms. Wiggins’ first airplane trip - and she is so excited! And last year’s U.S. Army Engineering Camp candidate, Tyrone McKenzie, has been admitted to several 4-year universities and is a declared engineering major. As I said, your generosity is changing lives - one deserving student at a time! What an impact”. Ms. Wiggins and Mr. McKenzie will be invited to a future Sacramento Post luncheon to share their stories.

Sacramento Post Sustaining Members Forum

By Mike O’Hagan, HNTB Corporation

Are you curious about what opportunities are coming out of the federal and state government in the future? If so, mark your calendars and block out this date! On September 9, 2010, the Sacramento Post will host its annual Sustaining Members Forum (SMF) at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. The all-day event is an opportunity for SAME members to listen to premier speakers from the Department of Defense and State of California, as well as a chance to advertise with booths and network with over 130 colleagues.

This Sustaining Members Forum will provide a unique opportunity listen to luncheon keynote guest speaker Mr. Will Travis speaking on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The audience will also hear from BG Rock Donahue, Commander, South Pacific Division, along with an overview of upcoming contracts in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento by new Commanders or Deputy Commanders from each of the SPD Districts. Other noteworthy speakers include CAPT. Keith Hamilton, the Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest Division; representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, AFCEE, AFCESA, California Army National Guard, Department of Water Resources; and the Base Civil Engineer from Travis and Beale Air Force Base. This year’s program is a who’s who from all these agencies!

The SMF also serves as a fund raising opportunity for the Sacramento Post. This year’s SMF goal is $15,000 for our identified charity and special causes. Proceeds will be used in supporting the Sacramento Post Scholarship and Fallen Heroes Funds, as well as support for families of deployed troops and other charitable endeavors.

Registration will be limited to 140 attendees, so don’t delay in getting online to register. Register at www.samesacramento.org and follow the link for this event. The SMF is held for the benefit of the SAME Sustaining Members. We look forward to your participation. Contact Mike O’Hagan at HNTB (phone 916.380-3983; email mohagan@hntb.com) with any questions.
Kings Game & Fisher House

By Sharol Moore, Wildlands, Inc.

It was an honor for the Sacramento Post of SAME to treat the men and women who serve their country by hosting a fun packed night at a King’s game on April 5. The SAME Sacramento Post Board is planning to make this an annual event. Thanks to board members 1st Lt. Brett Bailey, Dave Cook, Mike Conrad, Vida Wright and of course our outgoing President, Colonel Chapman and his posse (4 adorable sons) who helped make it a fun night. The volunteers on the board feel that one of the reasons we donate our time is to give back to those who sacrifice.

The board also donates to The Fisher House Program, which is a unique private-public partnership that supports America’s military in their time of need. This program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform by meeting a humanitarian need beyond what is normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher House does many things, one of which is “comfort homes” built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one during stressful times such as the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease or injury. There is at least one Fisher House at every major military medical center and the program serves more that 10,000 families. The individual Fisher Houses are operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House!

Wounded Warrior Ski Race

By 1Lt Hillary Richard, P.E.

Team "Yard Sale" and their support crew from the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron at Beale AFB had fun in the sun and snow on March 19th participating in the Phil Bocks Memorial Ability Challenge hosted by Disabled Sports USA Far West. The ski race was held in support of the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project and involved pairing 4 able-bodied skiers with one disabled team-member. All team members completed two slalom courses as fast as the icy and then slushy snow would allow (without wiping out of course) and the composite of all of the times yielded the final score. Overall Team Yard Sale placed 9th out of 25+ teams! More importantly, all participants had a great time sharing the slopes with the "wounded warriors" and enjoyed the atmosphere provided by the Sierras to all outdoor enthusiasts, no matter the ability level. Team Yard Sale would like to thank SAME for their sponsorship and we're all looking forward to next year!
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Sacramento Post Member Volunteer at MATHCOUNTS® 2010 Competition

By Phil Welker, Geoengineers, Inc.

Three volunteers representing SAME (Steven Herrera, Post 1st Vice President; Carl Lang, USACE [retired]; and Phil Welker, Post Board Member) helped grade tests at the regional MATHCOUNTS® competition held at the Sacramento State University Campus on February 27, 2010.

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 27 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 regional 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.

Phil Welker, Post Coordinator for the event, expresses a big “Thank you!” to the dedicated volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help with this worthwhile contest.

MILITARY NEWS

9th Civil Engineering Squadron at Beale AFB

By 1LT Patrick Deering

If you’ve ever been to Beale AFB, you might assume by its secluded location, vast landscape, and the numerous cows roaming the base, that it is a sleepy hollow of sorts. Tucked away in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas, Beale AFB looks like a small installation with not a whole lot going on. But at any given time, there are airmen actively engaged with forces in Iraq and Afghanistan right within the boundaries of the base.

Beale AFB is home to the Air Force’s main source of High Altitude Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR). The ISR has the unique capability of gathering data anywhere on the globe, sending it back to Intelligence Analysts at Beale AFB, who then process the information in real time, and relay that information to forces on the ground. This capability has become invaluable to the Air Force and other services fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. The men and women of the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) have been tasked to maintain the infrastructure responsible for keeping that mission alive.

As Commander of the 9th CES, Lt Col Todd Waldvogel, puts it, we have the unique mission of “keeping the lights on and the doors open” so Beale AFB can operate in today’s ever increasing operations tempo. But while the 9th CES is responsible for garrison support of Beale AFB, we too are hit hard by the operations tempo in the Middle East. Air Force Civil Engineers are in high demand, and for a good reason; we are great at what we do.

A key facet of Air Force Civil Engineering is the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians. These men and women are highly trained specialists who are called to every corner of the Middle East to ensure coalition forces can operate and move within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) safely. The 9th CES constantly has EOD technicians deployed. Their most recent taskings were to the mountain regions of Afghanistan to perform dismounted operations. A typical mission for these technicians consists of a 10 mile hike at an elevation of 7000 ft, with elevation changes of up to 1500 ft. All of this while carrying a combat load consisting of 75 to 105 pounds of gear and equipment. And after all that, they must be able to calmly and methodically perform their duties to disarm and dispose of nearly any type of ordnance or Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Needless to say, not just anybody can be EOD.

Not only is the 9th CES tasked with home station garrison support, they are also tasked to deploy and perform an array of garrison support within the AOR. Recently they provided a 20-man team to deploy with the 819th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) from Malmstrom AFB, Montana. RED HORSE is a self sustaining engineer unit specializing in heavy construction. The CES’s 20-man team joined with the 819th RHS and was sent all over the AOR. The CES had personnel in Basrah, Iraq supporting the US Army’s 34 Infantry Division (ID). They also had personnel in Kandahar, Afghanistan providing infrastructure support for the massive force surge that took place in summer 2009. With that surge of forces into the AOR, new missions and bed-down locations needed to be supported. In response, CES personnel built new Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) as well as design and build the airfields that would be placed at these FOBs to bring the US and Coalition ground forces into the fight.

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Another important, yet sometimes overlooked aspect of Civil Engineering is the Fire Fighting capability. The Fire Fighters are tasked just as much as the EOD techs and the craftsmen. They are charged with maintaining fire safety and managing emergency response at most US Forward Operating Bases. They also have the unique mission of training Afghan and Iraqi forces in fire safety and emergency response. Beale fire fighters trained Afghanistan National Army (ANA) personnel in fire safety and fire response and also aided in the development of specialized emergency response forces. The training these airmen provided will have a lasting effect on the ANA’s ability to improve their military force.

It goes without saying that Air Force Civil Engineers and the men and women of the 9th CES are very motivated, dedicated, and hard working people. Charged with maintaining aging infrastructure stateside and supporting the increasing operations tempo in the Middle East, they manage to stay very busy. Being able to see firsthand the impact our work has on the mission to Fly, Fight and Win is very rewarding. The CES is confident in saying that the majority wouldn’t trade what they do for anything else.

Runway Construction at Travis Air Force Base

By 1Lt Brett Bailey, Project Manager, 60th CES
Photos by SSgt Shaun Emery

Part of Travis Air Force Base’s 28 million square feet of airfield pavement is undergoing a much needed renovation. A $60 million runway construction project is rebuilding one of two 11,000 foot runways at Travis as well as building a new 3,500 foot C-17 Globemaster Assault Landing Zone (ALZ) to further bolster its global mobility mission. This is the first major repair done to the runway since it was built in the 1950’s. The construction provides a needed facelift to an existing runway and adds a new, money saving training capability to the other runway.

“This project is all about enabling airpower,” said Lt. Col. Wade Lawrence, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “The runway and ALZ provides a huge boost to our global mobility mission, and provides a safer, more efficient and effective platform to launch and recover aircraft.”

Construction began in early February and is expected to last 18 months, opening in August 2011. This effort is a huge undertaking that requires massive coordination between the entire project team. Although this is an Air Force project, the construction and contract is managed by the Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) office on Travis. Baldi Bros. from Beaumont California is the contractor. They will completely demolish the existing runway and rebuild on top with concrete up to 18 inches thick as well as install an entirely new lighting system.

“Not only does it revitalize a 50-year old runway with modern materials and energy-efficient lights, but it also enhances combat capability by providing C-17 pilots a realistic short takeoff/landing assault runway to practice on,” said Lt Col Lawrence. C-17 pilots from Travis are constantly using this training in their real world missions downrange supplying troops and equipment to austere locations. Currently the closest airstrip Travis C-17 pilots use for ALZ training is in Washington, which is a three-hour round trip. Having the available space for training at Travis not only saves money, but those three hours can now be used for training instead of traveling.

The 60th Civil Engineer Squadron along with the entire project team is extremely excited about the project and the fact that it will go a long way to ensure Team Travis continues to be America’s first choice for total global mobility.

CSUS SAME Student Chapter Activities

By Andrew Newell - CSUS SAME Student Chapter President

Since the creation of the CSUS SAME Student Chapter, it has been continually growing in members and activities. Last year, the chapter hosted the young members forum at Sacramento State, and members of the post volunteered their time for this and several other events.
This upcoming academic year the students are looking forward to working with the UC Davis chapter in planning the young members forum at Davis as well as continuing to volunteer for special events such as MESA days and Math Counts. The students at Sacramento State University also want to plan a “competition of sorts” between teams of engineering majors both from Sacramento State and UC Davis. The events will include contests in bridge design similar to the West Point Bridge Design Project and the construction of a Trebuchet. Both competitions will measure certain aspects of the design to evaluate the engineering skills. The CSUS SAME Student Chapter Members have been discussing how this competition would be executed and judged. It is their hope to include professional engineers as part of the event. Not only to participate in the judging process, but also to provide an opportunity for students and professional engineers to network and discuss real world applications of their designs. The planning details for this event are still in its infancy, but the intent is that this can become a yearly event for both universities to look forward to each year.

**SAME Post Leaders and Student Workshop**

By Lauren Young, ARCADIS US, Inc.

**March 4-5, 2010, Dallas, Texas**

The Sacramento Post recently sent Board Secretary, Lauren Young, to represent the Post Leaders at a semi-annual SAME National conference in Dallas designed to motivate and encourage leadership in both young and long-time members. Students and SAME representatives from around the country participated in the hands-on workshop offering suggestions and solutions to common issues faced by Boards nationwide. Offering “best practices” from various posts proved to unite individuals on many levels. Some of the hot topics included suggestions on various methods of communication that SAME can provide to encourage continuation of its membership and increasing participation for Post meetings. SAME’s Executive Director, Bob Wolfe, hosted the event with an enthusiastic crowd; national leaders mixed well with the young and student members in this opportune setting.

Due to scheduling conflicts the Sacramento Post was unable to send a student leader to the March conference, but plans are underway to have a representative at the August workshop.

**Sacramento Post Receives Distinguished Status**

By Steven Herrera, P.E. (HDR|e2M)

Each year, individual 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 awarded Distinguished Post Status.

We are pleased to announce that the Sacramento Post was awarded Streamer Awards for our work in: Education and Training, Outreach and Communications, Relationship Recognition, and Readiness/National Security Programs. All streamers were awarded with **DISTINCTION**. Additionally, the Sacramento Post was also selected as **SAME DISTINGUISHED POST**. The Distinguished Post status was bestowed to only 10 Posts out of 110 active Posts in the U.S. 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!

Congratulations to Steve Crane (ITSI) for leading the effort to prepare and submit the Post’s Streamer Package. Additional thanks to Post Board Members, Sustaining Member Firms and their Representatives, Individual Members, and all volunteers for their hard work and dedication in assisting the Post in achieving the Streamer Awards and Distinguished Post Status.

**Membership Highlight**

**Opportunities to Get Involved**

By Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E., F. SAME Sacramento Post Membership Chair & SAME Fellow

SAME Sacramento Post is run by an all volunteer work force with a focus on bringing high quality programs for our members, serving our community and supporting our deployed troops. Serving in a volunteer position with the Sacramento Post is a very rewarding experience.
If you are interested in getting involved in the Sacramento Post affairs, I encourage you to explore joining one of our committees by contacting the individual who is currently serving as the Committee Chair. Sacramento Post Committees and Programs include:

**Ambassador Program:** Ambassadors are the primary member liaisons and are focused to enhance membership retention and membership growth by increasing member satisfaction and involvement and by providing connections, awareness and information. The Ambassador Program is limited to 6 participants. Ambassadors play a vital role in member retention, recruitment and communication. Each Ambassador is committed to ensure that member needs, questions and concerns are communicated to the Membership Chair who in turn will communicate these concerns to the SAME Sacramento Post Board of Directors.

**Ambassador Program Chair:** Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E., F. SAME
Veridico Group, Inc., Phone: 916-865-4170, E-mail: vida.wright@veridicogroup.com

**Awards and Recognitions Committee:** The awards and recognition committee is responsible for timely preparation and processing of recommendations for various awards available from the Society for Post members. These awards are designed to recognize individual members and sustaining member firms who have demonstrated consistent dedication and commitment to promoting SAME’s mission.

**Awards and Recognitions Committee Chair:** Ms. Cherrie Danoff FP Construction, Phone: 916-622-1023, E-mail: cherrie@fpconstructioninc.com

**Charitable Works Committee:** This committee has a mission to align the Post with organizations or activities that efficiently support causes similar to those considered by the Sacramento Post throughout the greater Sacramento community. The committee is charged to support such local organizations with money, donated labor, publicity and other forms of support. The committee has an annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.

**Charitable Works Chair:** Ms. Sharol Moore Wildlands, Inc., Phone: 916-435-3555, E-mail: smoore@wildlandsinc.com

**Communication Committee:** The communication committee is responsible for maintaining strong communication ties between the Sacramento Post Board of Directors and its membership. The committee emphasis is placed upon establishing and maintaining communication with all Post members via Post web site and e-mail announcements. The committee is also responsible for maintaining an up to date web site for the Post and e-mail distribution list.

**Communication Committee Chair:** Mr. Steve Herrera, P.E. HDR, Phone: 916-817-4964, E-mail: steven.herrera@hdrinc.com

**Membership Committee:** The membership committee is responsible for initiating actions as may be advisable to increase Post membership. The committee is also responsible for promotion of sustaining memberships from private sector and governmental agencies in accordance with criteria established by the Society. The committee maintains liaison with all Sustaining Members and their representatives to ensure that they are kept abreast of Post activities and to encourage their active participation in Post sponsored events. The membership committee also actively promotes participation of uniformed services and public sector employees in the SAME organization.

**Membership Committee Chair:** Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E., F. SAME
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**Program Committee:** The program committee is responsible to consider, plan and prepare programs for Post meetings and activities. The committee selects programs that are of high quality and of such nature as to promote professional development for our membership. The committee is responsible to schedule and arrange details of all events sponsored by the Sacramento Post with thoughtful consideration given to variety, interest and timely appeal to the engineering and construction community.

**Program Committee Chair:** Mr. Mike Conrad, P.E., F. SAME
Sapper West, Inc., Phone: 916-642-1200, E-mail: mconrad@sapperwest.com

**Readiness Committee:** The readiness committee is responsible to develop processes, so the Post membership can be called upon to mobilize quickly and effectively in assisting the local community and our nation in times of natural and man-made disasters. The committee evaluates and offers specialized training to those members who have an interest in volunteering their time and professional skills assisting the community and the nation during such emergencies.

**Readiness Committee Chair:** Ms. Cheryl Bly Chester, P.E.
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Scholarship Committee: The scholarship committee is responsible for actively seeking applications from qualified students in high schools (seniors), junior colleges, and 4-year colleges for scholarship awards. The committee establishes guidelines for scholarship awards, including the number of awards and the dollar amounts for each category, and evaluates applicants based on these guidelines. The committee then makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for the award recipients. The committee has an annual budget approved by Board of Directors.

Scholarship Committee Chair: Mr. Steve Crane, P.E. ITSI, Phone: 916-853-1839, E-mail: scrane@itsi.com

Young Member Affairs: The young member affairs committee is responsible for promoting and developing Post activities which are of interest to the younger members and encouraging the participation of young members in Post activities. This committee sponsors the Annual Young Members Forum at UC Davis.

Young Member Affairs Committee Chair: Lt. Brett Bailey, Travis Air Force Base, Phone: 707-424-0870, E-mail: Brett.Bailey-02@travis.af.mil

Welcoming Committee: The welcoming committee is responsible for greeting Post members at all scheduled Post functions including regular luncheon meetings and special events. The committee is also responsible for the collection of member payments for these activities as well as obtaining door prizes or other special purchases as may be required.

Welcoming Committee Chair: Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E., F. SAMEVeridico Group, Inc., Phone: 916-865-4170, E-mail: vida.wright@veridicogroup.com

Membership Report

By Dr. Vida G. Wright, P.E., F. - SAME Sacramento Post Membership Chair & SAME Fellow

SAME Sacramento Post has experienced a tremendous growth in recent years setting new records for all levels of memberships including individual members, sustaining member representatives and sustaining member firms. We have also made some progress in increasing our military membership and participation from our uniformed services including Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard. For membership information, please contact Sacramento Post Membership Chair, Dr. Vida Wright via phone at 916-865-4170 or e-mail at vida.wright@veridicogroup.com.

Sacramento membership roster as of July 1, 2010 as follows:

Individual Members: 184
Sustaining Member Reps: 386
Total Members: 570
Sustaining Member Firms: 106

Sacramento Sustaining Member Firms are:

4 Leaf, Inc.  Duro-Last Roofing Inc.  JF Jones Company
AECOM  ECC  Jonas and Associates
AGS, Inc.  EM-Assist  Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
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