Our Annual Holiday Mixer was held on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:30 PM until 9 PM at the Firehouse Restaurant in Old Sacramento. Friendly faces, festive attire, and super scrumptious delectables — as well as a few games and raffle prizes were on the agenda as we celebrated another great year!

Our gracious and generous sponsors included:

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Thank you for continuing to support our events and making our posts effort’s to provide programs and scholarships for young minds to pursue big dreams — and support various non-profit organizations including St. John’s Program for Real Change and the Fisher House.
2017 — SACRAMENTO POST’S YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year! As 2017 embraces its last few days and the moon gently reminds us that the next time we see its full face - will bring us to a new year. The Sacramento Post’s Year in Review included the following monthly luncheon meetings, member appreciation night, scholarship awards, and Sustaining Members Forum.

- **January**  Update on Ballot Measures Passed in Santa Clara and Contra Costa Counties
- **March**  2017 Member Appreciation Night
- **March**  Student Forum: Evening with Industry
- **May**  Scholarship Award Dinner/Officer Installation
- **June**  Annual Golf Tournament
- **June**  Joint Meeting with APWA: WSAFCA/Flood Control
- **July**  Sustaining Members Forum | Travis AFB
- **August**  Golden One Center Tour
- **September**  SMUD Opportunities
- **October**  Joint Meeting with ACEC: DWR Flood Protection
- **November**  Cannabis Cultivation in California

**NOVEMBER’S MEETING: CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN CALIFORNIA: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND REGULATIONS | FEATURED SPEAKER —G.O. GRAENING, NATURAL INVESTIGATIONS**

G.O. Graening, Principal of Natural Investigations Company, presented to over 40 attendees at the Spaghetti Factory in midtown Sacramento on Tuesday, November 9th. His discussion and presentation showcased the environmental impacts of small, medium, and large grows and their impacts to local city and county resources and law enforcement agencies. Natural Investigations Company specializes in Cannabis regulatory compliance services.
What is Starbase you ask...? DOD STARBASE is an educational program — sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs — that provides hands-on/minds-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The program provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force Reserve, Army, and Air Force bases across the nation.

The Sacramento STARBASE program, located adjacent to the Okinawa Street Armory at the former Sacramento Army Depot, has developed a speaker’s bureau for their Career Day activities. Here’s what we need and what is involved:

- We need a maximum of five speakers per month during the school year.
- The speakers can be five different individuals, or one individual repeating each day for five days.
- The speaker has a maximum of 20 minutes, split between presentation and Q&A.
- Speakers will be presenting and engaging classes of 11-year old fifth graders.
- Speakers may focus on their job or life story, bring videos or slides, or even bring in equipment for hands-on learning with the intent of getting the students interested in a STEM career.

How can you get involved? Easy-peasy...just email COL Michael Herman at michael.herman.79@gmail.com

Upcoming dates include:

- January 30, 31
- February 1, 2, 26
- March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- April 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
- May 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
- June 4, 11
2017 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sacramento Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) awards scholarships annually to high school and college students who are studying engineering or related technical disciplines. On Thursday, May 25th — 27 hard working and well deserving students were recognized at a SAME sponsored dinner and scholarship awards program.

The following college students received scholarships:

Aaron Allen  
(Sac State)  
Jiajun Guan  
(American River College)  
Nic Rasmussen  
(Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)

Brenden Barling  
(UC Davis)  
Alec Jobbins  
(UC Berkeley)  
Sarah Spivack  
(UC Berkeley)

Amanda Braun  
(UC Davis)  
Cameron Miller  
(Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)  
Ricardo Tan  
(Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)

The following high school students received scholarships:

Jason Feldkamp  
(Bella Vista HS)  
Mason Pierce  
(Colfax HS)  
Matthew Signorotti  
(Christian Brothers HS)

Katelin Godwin  
(Vista del Lago HS)  
Miles Richmond  
(Rio Americano HS)  
Cameron Stone  
(Oak Ridge HS)

Max Harrington  
(Folsom HS)  
Allison Robinson  
(Del Oro HS)  
Kevin Taylor  
(Oak Ridge HS)

Justin Helmholz  
(Union Mine HS)  
Sophia Sangervasi  
(Davis Senior HS)  
Kush Upadhyay  
(Vista del Lago HS)

Eashaan Katiyar  
(Vista del Lago HS)  
Evelyn Sherman  
(Forest Lake Christian School)  
Michael Vernau  
(Davis Senior HS)

Alla Klimkiv  
(Antelope HS)  
Kristin Sherman  
(Forest Lake Christian School)  
Taylor Wellsfry  
(Del Oro HS)
HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS

COL Michael Herman and some volunteers prepared care packages filled with all types of sundries and other goodies for some well deserving troops deployed in Afghanistan. Among the volunteers that assisted COL Herman - were his wife Deanna, Dave Cook of GENTERRA Consultants, Gerry Swanick, and Eric Sprague.

Packages included toiletries, snacks, coffee, and other treats to share some good tidings and appreciation for all they do!

This is an annual tradition of the Sacramento Post and was sponsored by proceeds from the Post’s 2016 Annual Golf Tournament. Donations and profits from hot dog sales at the event - provided the funds for the Post to send more than 15 packages to troops and USACE civilians based in Iraq and Afghanistan.
In early November, members of the SAME Student Chapter, Sacramento State University, were invited to an after-hours personal tour of the FMC Technologies Schilling Robotics manufacturing facility in Davis. SAME Sacramento Post Board members were also invited to participate. Founded by Tyler Schilling and established in Davis in 1985, the facility is used for manufacturing robotic arms and for underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROVs). The tour began with all students putting on their safety glasses, hard hats, and protective shoes. Then tour leader, Ian Strimaitis, led them through the various work stations within the 400,000-sq-ft facility where a variety of manufacturing activities occur. Later the students were led to the testing department, where completed ROV’s are deployed in a pool of water for testing. At the tour’s completion, all students were offered a unique “souvenir” — a piece of stainless steel scrap metal generated from the production of the mechanical parts.

Pictured above: Phillip Olding, Steve Diamond, Billy Socha, Matt Nemeth, Joe Cherry, Lincoln Gallegos