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Message From the President

Professional associations such as the Society of American Military Engineers stand and fall on the basis of a committed, service-oriented membership. Over the years, many such associations have withered and faded away, as they have lost relevance and voice. Nothing could be further from the truth about your local Sacramento Post of SAME. During calendar year 2006, the Post has contributed thousands of dollars to engineering and science scholarships...assisted the families of fallen servicemen and women...and planned and conducted focused engineering and science programs to raise the professional caliber of our membership. It takes many, many hands to run a SAME Post, and I am grateful to this past year's Post Board for their dedication and service. We have an equally talented Board this year, with some fresh faces and new ideas. I sense that the Post continues to grow, and I congratulate those of you who have met our "every member get a member" and "attend one Post event per quarter" challenges. I especially want to acknowledge the long term service of Chris Smith, joined this year by Mike Dryden, in organizing our annual SAME Golf Tournament. You can read about this successful event elsewhere in the newsletter. Chris, we are in your debt for the six years of planning and effort you have selflessly offered in service to the Post. We are doing great things in the Sacramento Post of SAME, and the best is yet to come!

COL Ron Light

Results of the 2006-2007 Post Elections!

Thanks to all of you who took time to vote in this year's elections for our 2006–2007 Post Officers and Directors. Ballots were distributed via e-mail, and the voting period ended June 9, 2006. The results of the elections are as follows:

OFFICERS

President	Col. Ron N. Light	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1st Vice President	Vida Wright	ERM
2nd Vice President	Mike O'Hagan	Stantec
Secretary	Lisa Micheletti Cope	Arcadis
Treasurer	Dave Cook	Kleinfelder

DIRECTORS

Pat Persi	Jones & Stokes
Capt. Dave Clay	USACE
Larry Smith	USACE

Future Events

July 27—Folsom Dam Tour

August 24—General Meeting at Beale AFB

September 7—Sustaining Members Forum

Committee Reports:

Welcoming

Pat Persi

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

To update membership information, visit www.samesacramento.org, or contact Vida Wright. New members can also sign up electronically on the website. Please contact Vida Wright, at (916) 924-9378 or vida.wright@erm.com with 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 will take place on 07 September and is anticipated to be 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:

James.D.Clay.CPT@spk01.usace.army.mil; 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

We are looking for enthusiastic and talented applicants, so tell your friends, colleagues and neighbors to apply in Spring 2007, when the next round of applications will be accepted. If you have questions, please contact Dave Zuber at dzuber@brncald.com or Susan Goss at sgoss@dtsc.ca.gov.

Programs

Alan Driscoll

Questions about the Programs Committee should be directed to Alan at

adriscoll@forsgren.com.

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.

What You Missed.

The Programs Committee has done a great job of putting together an exciting and informative series of events for 2006. If you didn't attend a event in the second quarter, here is a little taste of what you missed.

April 27, 2006 - Sacramento Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center

At our April General meeting, Lt. Tim Johnstone of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department provided Sacramento Post Members a local perspective on homeland security. Lt. Johnstone works at the Sacramento Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (RTTAC), a partnership of local law enforcement, public safety, and allied agencies tasked with protecting critical assets in our community from acts of terrorism. The primary function of the RTTAC is to act as a central point where terrorist related information can be received, analyzed, evaluated, and disseminated. Lt. Johnstone discussed the importance of establishing viable, functional, two-way communications between industry and government to share threat, incident, and trend information.

May 23, 2006 - Constructed Wetlands Site Visit, Beale AFB

In lieu of our normal general meeting, we sponsored a Wetlands Restoration and Mitigation Bank Site Visit at Beale AFB. This half-day event will included (weather permitting) a guided tour of a reconstructed wetland and will provided insight in to every phase for the project, from initial concepts and design to contracting and construction.

June, 12 2006 - Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 2006 Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament produced a breaking mark; the tournament produced a record net revenue of over \$12,000. The revenue will be used for the Post's scholarship fund to be awarded to qualified high school, junior college and college recipients majoring in engineering related fields. The Golf Tournament Committee would like to thank the major contributors including Ahtna Government Services, Newland Entities, Inc., Shaw Environmental Inc., and Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc. and all the Hole Sponsors for making this another successful event. Many thanks to Chris Smith and Lindsey Viersen of Ahtna Government Services Corporation and Mike Dryden of STL for coordinating this event.

Member News

Diamond D Awarded Minority Owned Small Business of the Year

Diamond D General Engineering, Inc. was recently elected Minority Owned Small Business of the Year by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Diamond D General Engineering—a heavy civil engineering contractor specializing in excavation, underground, paving and habitat restoration— was founded in 1991 with a single employee and no financial backing, and now in 2006, it's a company of with a staff of 18. It grew from one piece of machinery to 30.

Diamond D demonstrates good business practices. First, it treats its employees well—with a commitment to quality benefits, retirement plans and a pleasant working environment. Its excellent customer relations has resulted in repeat business— and the best of all kind of advertising—customer referrals. As a corporate citizen, Diamond D gives generously locally—it's a Yolo County 4-H sponsor and Woodland Little League sponsor, among others.

Kleinfelder Inc, Awarded Contract to Conduct Geotechnical Design Analyses for Sacramento Valley Levees

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) has awarded a \$4.6 million studying on how to upgrade weak levees in the fast growing Natomas area in the Sacramento Valley. This decision comes as a response to a February report that showed Natomas levees do not meet the 100-year flood standards, despite \$57 million worth of improvements in the 1990s.

The report, based on new, deeper explorations and seepage analyses performed by Kleinfelder, found that levee underseepage in the area was a much bigger problem than previously known. SAFCA would like to avoid having FEMA designate Natomas as a floodplain, which could halt development. As a result, they are moving quickly to develop remediation strategies for improvements to the levee system.

The \$4.6 million work plan includes contracts with 12 consultants. The biggest single contract for the work plan was awarded to Kleinfelder for \$2.8 million. The Sacramento office of Kleinfelder will be performing additional soil borings to evaluate the extent of the needed repairs. Most of the remaining contracts are for design, permits and land acquisition planning for levee projects along virtually the entire Natomas basin.

Larry Smith Wins Air Combat Command Project Manager of the Year Award

Larry Smith received the 2006 Air Combat Command Project Manager of Year Award — Construction Category at an award ceremony in Newport News Virginia. Larry was recognized as a repeat winner having won this same award in 2005.

The award is based upon individual performance in meeting Air Force Construction Metrics and Customer Service. Over the past two years Larry has focused his construction team on process, changes and results to measured criteria.

"To be recognized by the customer is the highest honor you can achieve. Project delivery is our business" said Larry.

Larry has been selected as the Chief of Construction for the Sacramento District and is now working with a larger team to continue construction excellence throughout the Sacramento District and the Corps of Engineers.

Syblon Reid Announces New Hires

Syblon Reid has hired **John Pottenburgh** and **Alan Corr** as project managers, **Ben Drennon** and **Drew Weichert** as project engineers, and **Curtis Nelson** as estimator. Pottenburgh brings over 26 years of experience to our Structures Division. Corr most recently worked as Project Coordinator in the Land Development Department for a local home builder. Drennon is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo while Weichert recently earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from California State University, Chico. Nelson brings over 7 years of underground experience to our estimating team.

Syblon Reid is a general engineering contractor in Folsom specializing in "Providing Solutions to Difficult Projects" for over 50 years in northern California and Nevada.

Sacramento Office of e²M is Growing

The Sacramento Office of e²M is pleased to announce the hiring of Michael Moeller as a Senior Project Manager in the Compliance Business Unit. Mr. Moeller brings over 19 years of environmental management experience, most recently serving as an Environmental Program Manager for Fort Hunter Liggett, CA.

e²M is actively recruiting individuals in order to enhance our services and respond to growing client needs in the Sacramento area. The Sacramento office of e²M currently has career opportunities for entry and mid-level Environmental Engineers, Scientists, and Geologists. Senior Level and Management opportunities are also available.

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>.

Member News

Sacramento Post Members COL Ron Light and Michael O'Hagan Appointed to SAME Academy of Fellows

The Sacramento Post is proud to announce the addition of COL Ronald Light and Mr. Michael O'Hagan to the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Academy of Fellows, Class of 2006! Applications for COL Light and Mr. O'Hagan were recently approved by the SAME National Board of Direction. They will be officially inducted to the Academy of Fellows on 8 November 2006 during the Southwest/Rocky Mountain Region Education and Training Conference in San Francisco, California.

SAME established the Academy of Fellows in 1995 to recognize those members of the Society who have distinguished themselves in dedicated and outstanding service to the Nation, the engineering profession and the Society. To be nominated, a member of the Society must meet strict standards, and each nomination is carefully considered by a reviewing committee and approved by the SAME Board of Direction.

COL Light has been a member of the armed forces since joining ROTC in 1977, and has been a member of SAME since 1982. COL Light currently serves as the Commander and District Engineer at the Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to his involvement with the SAME Sacramento Post, COL Light has been affiliated with eight other SAME posts throughout the Nation. Here with the Sacramento Post, COL Light served as the First Vice President (2004-2005) and was elected as the Post President in June 2005. He has instituted an "Every Member Get a New Member" campaign for 2006, and currently Sacramento Post membership is at 400 people - the highest in the Post's history.

Mr. O'Hagan, P.E., Managing Principal for Urban Land Engineering with Stantec Consulting Inc., is currently the 2nd Vice President of SAME's Sacramento Post. His SAME service includes Director from 1994-1995, 1st Vice President from 1995-1996, President from 1996-1997, Past President from 1997-1998, Director from 1999-2000, Director from 2003 to 2005, and 2nd Vice President from 2005 to the present. Mr. O'Hagan assumed the Presidency of the Sacramento Post when the three military bases in Sacramento were being slated for BRAC closure. His leadership helped keep the Post positive and focused during a very difficult adjustment period of military downsizing. Mr. O'Hagan continues to contribute greatly as chairman of committees for the annual Sustaining Membership Forum and for 404 Permitting Workshops jointly sponsored by SAME and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Please congratulate COL Light and Mr. O'Hagan on their appointments to SAME Academy of Fellows, Class of 2006!

Contribute to Member News

The SAME Sacramento Post is pleased to announce our new "Member News" section in our quarterly newsletter. It's your chance to contribute and share important news with the Post.

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.

SAME Sacramento would like to welcome the following new members:

Drew Bateman	Rena MacLeod
Doug Bielskis	Doug Nelson
Miles Bolton	Darrell Pereira
Floyd Bolton	Sanjiv Pillai
Louis Collins	James Porter
Joseph Ferranti	Chris Prentiss
Kerry Greene	Mike Richardson
Brad Hall	Jon Rodgers
Philip Hawkins	Matthew Socha
Ralph Hodge	Randy Twist
Scott Huismann	Josh Twist
Brad Kordic	Mike Weldon
Cindy Liu	Joseph Wedlock

Why SAME?

By Vida Wright

Looking to make sound business connections? Join SAME! SAME is a great organization with a mission “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”. SAME is also engaged in many worthwhile community causes. Our Sacramento Post provides community support in the form of donation to St. John Women’s Shelter, scholarships to high school and college students and supporting the families of our fallen soldiers. According to SAME National June 2006 newsletter, last year the Sacramento Post achieved “Top Post” status for the dollar amount and the number of scholarships awarded to high school and college students. As we start a new year in the Sacramento Post history, our membership is at all times high of 400 members. As we go forward, our challenge is to maintain and grow our membership, a challenge that requires the support and active participation of all of our individual and sustaining member firms. We need your support to grow our membership, continue giving back to our community and assure a “Top Post” status for the Sacramento Post in the coming years.

Our Sustaining Members

3D/International	Geocon Incorporated
AHTNA Government Services Corporation	Harris & Associates
Air Toxics LTD	HDR Engineering Inc
Alpha Analytical Inc.	HydroGeoLogic Inc
AMEC	Innovative Tech. Solutions
American Integrated Services Inc.	JACOBS
ARCADIS	Jones & Stokes
AST Inc.	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
Brown and Caldwell	Kleinfelder Inc.
Burleson Consulting Inc	LFR - Levine Fricke
California Laboratory Services	Luster National Inc.
Carter & Burgess Inc.	MACTEC Engineering and Consulting
CDM	Malcolm Pirnie Inc
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
DMJM	MWH
Earth Tech Inc.	Science Applications International Corporation
ECC	Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.
EDAW Inc.	SI Group Inc.
EM-Assist	SlipStone Inc.
Engineering Remediation Resources Group Inc.	Stanley Consultants Inc.
Engineering-Environmental Management Inc.	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
Environmental Resources Management	Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors
Forsgren Associates Inc.	Tetra Tech
	The Dutra Group
	TNT Industrial Contractors Inc.

Towill Inc.
URS Corporation
US Army Corps of Engrs. Sacramento District
USPHS/IHS/CAO Office of EH & E
Vanir Construction Mgmt. Inc.
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