



Sacramento Post Newsletter

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Programs	Alan Driscoll
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Message from the President

by Col. Ronald Light

I am delighted to succeed Margie Namba as the Sacramento Post's next President. Margie did a fantastic job leading the Post this past year, and I am anxious to follow her success and take the Post to the next level. Towards that end, we will hold a planning session for the coming year's activities, to include programs, mentoring of young members, and support of the US Army Corps of Engineer's Small Business Conference in Reno NV, planned for April. I'd be grateful for your energy and ideas. Contact Alan Driscoll (adriscoll@forsgren.com) to participate in this planning session. This planning session will provide us a roadmap for next year, but the success of our program depends on your involvement. Few of us can attend every Post event, but I ask every Post member to commit to attending at least 4 events next year. I would especially like to see greater involvement of our public sector members. There is strength--and energy--in numbers, and the Post will grow in our ability to represent Military Engineers as you involve yourself in opportunities to grow, learn, and serve. I hope each member will commit to a greater level of support and involvement in the Post's program in the coming year.

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Col Ron Light
Sacramento SAME Post President

Scholarship Committee Report

by Sue Goss

In 2005, the SAME Sacramento Post Scholarship Committee recommended and the SAME Board of Directors approved a \$5,000 contribution to the Capitol Center Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program, which is the largest of the twenty-four California MESA Pre-College programs. It serves more than 5,000 students at the high school, junior high/middle school, and elementary school levels. MESA serves educationally disadvantaged students and, to the extent possible by law, emphasizes participation by students from groups with low eligibility rates at four-year colleges. These are students who are interested in preparing for and majoring in math-based careers such as engineering, computer science, chemistry research, astrophysics, robotics, biomedical engineering, mathematics, teaching, petroleum engineering, and space science. MESA's goal is to make sure these students graduate from high school academically prepared to major in scientific and technical fields. Margie Namba, the Sacramento SAME Post Past President, participated in the Capitol Center MESA Scholarship Award Brunch, held at California State University, Sacramento on Saturday, May 21st. The Scholarship Committee also selected eight successful recipients of scholarships in three categories in 2005. The categories included College, Junior College, and High School with awards totaling over \$8,000 in varying amounts for the first, second and third place awards.

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Future Post Meetings

October 27th—General Meeting **November 17th**—General Meeting **December 8th**—Holiday Mixer

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. Sponsors for 2005 have included Geocon, Brown and Caldwell, Jones & Stokes, HDR, Aerotek, ERM and Mead & Hunt. 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

Please be sure to keep your membership information up to date. Frequently Sustaining Members do not have 5 representatives listed under their membership. To update membership information at www.samesacramento.org. 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

See Readiness Committee Report on Page 4. Please contact Cheryl with questions at cabchester@aol.com.

Sustaining Members Forum

Ad Hoc Committee

The 2005 Sustaining Members Forum took place on 08 September and was a great success. See the article on Page 3 for additional information. For information on next year's Sustaining Member's Forum, please contact Mike O'Hagan for more information:

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

Young Members Affairs

Lind Ngim

Please be sure that if you are a Sustaining Member, that you have a young member representative—the benefits are invaluable! Contact Linda Ngim for more information at (916) 557-7267 or Linda.f.ngim@usace.army.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

See the article beginning on Page 1 for information about the Scholarship Committee.

Programs

Alan Driscoll

See Programs Committee Report on Page 4. Questions about the Programs Committee should be directed to Alan at adriscoll@forsgren.com

Communications

Nick Steinke

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 new Communications Committee Chair, Mr. Nick Steinke, e²M at info@samesacramento.org.

2005 Sacramento Post Annual Sustaining Members Forum – Big Success!

By Pat Persi



The Sacramento Post of the Society of American Military Engineers held their annual Sustaining Members Forum (SMF) on Thursday, 8 September at the Travis Air Force Base Conference Center. This year's theme was "Partnering with the Military" and speakers included informative and entertaining representatives from the Corps of Engineers, the Navy, the Air Force, the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, and McClellan Business Park. Proceeds from the event, approximately \$11,000, will be used to help fund the Post's annual scholarship program, which awarded \$15,000 in scholarships this year.



During the event, URS and e2M were recognized by the Department of Defense ESGR as Patriot Employers for going above and beyond in their support of their deployed National Guard and Reservist employees. BG Schroedel, Commander Pacific Division and COL Light, Commander Sacramento District were also recognized by ESGR for their leadership in managing deployment of the USACE civilian employees who have been activated. Twenty-four SAME Sustaining Member companies signed "Statements of Support" for our National Guard and Reservists during the conference.

Air Toxics and e²M were awarded 5-year sustaining member plaques from SAME, and Margie Namba was presented with plaques of appreciation for her service during her very successful term as the Post President last year.

Twelve Sustaining Members (Aerotek, American Integrated Services, Inc., Brown and Caldwell, Chow Engineering, Inc., Diamond D General Engineering, ECC, ERM, Harris & Associates, HDR, MacDonald—Bedford LLC, ResonantSonic, and URS) helped sponsor the event by displaying their company's information on table-top displays. In addition, many members bought advertising space in the SMF binder.



Proceeds (\$575) from the raffle of a U.S. flag that recently flew over Basrah International Airport, Iraq, the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC, and the State Capitol in Sacramento, will be used to help provide interim monetary support to families of fallen military personnel. Joyce Jackson, on assignment from the Sac District in Iraq, coordinated the flag being flown in Iraq. If you would like more information regarding this critical source of support to local military families, or to make a donation, please contact Spencer Defty at Diamond D at (530) 662-2042, or sdefty@ddge.net.

A big round of applause and sincere thanks go to Mike O'Hagan from Stantec for chairing the SMF again this year. His committee members included Capt John Kozler from Travis AFB, Margie Namba and Dave Zuber from Brown and Caldwell; Pat Persi from Jones & Stokes, Doug Christensen from Montgomery Watson Harza, Monique Meyer from Earth Tech, Spencer Defty and Janelle Sexton from Diamond D, Nick Steinke from e2M, and Sherry Ann Banks from DBR & Associates.

Programs Committee Report

By Alan Driscoll

On August 25th, the Sacramento Post held its annual Young Members meeting. This meeting was planned, coordinated, and conducted by the Post's Young Members Committee, under the direction of Ms. Linda Ngim (USACE, Sacramento District), Committee Chair. Mr. Ian McGovern (Forsgren Associates), also a Young Member, spoke to the general membership on the Engineering Applications of Geographic Information Systems. In September, the Post held another annual event – the Sustaining Members Forum at Travis AFB. Please see the article in this newsletter for more details. On October 27th, the Post will hold a meeting at Beale AFB to learn about the innovative technology associated with the Global Hawk Program. A tour of the Global Hawk facility will be available to interested members. In November, a representative of the USACE, Sacramento District will give a presentation on Dam Safety and Life Cycle Management. To close out 2005, the Sacramento Post looks forward to our now traditional, annual Holiday Mixer with the Professional Environmental Marketers Association (PEMA) at the Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento. Planning for the Post's 2006 program is underway. Post members are encouraged to get involved! If you would like to get involved, or if you have comments, suggestions, or requests concerning the Post's programs, please contact Alan Driscoll at (916) 638-1119, or adriscoll@forsgren.com.

Readiness Committee Report

By Cheryl Bly-Chester

On November 7th, SAME Sacramento Post will be participating in the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services terrorist attack drill by exercising the phone calling tree developed in the Readiness Plan and reporting to the Incident Commanders on the availability of personnel and equipment within our Post membership. By October 21, all Sustaining Members must provide updated 2005 contact and capability information on the form that was previously e-mailed to Cheryl Bly-Chester at (916) 721-8339 (fax) or by e-mail CherylBlyChester@aol.com. Should anyone wish to participate in the calling tree on November 7, please contact Cheryl Bly-Chester.

On October 15, 2005, SAME will be holding an all day certification training for the State Office of Emergency Services - Safety Assessor Program. State Registration as a Professional Engineer, Geologist, Engineering Geologist or Building Inspector is required to be eligible for this certification. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch. The training will be held at the Lions Gate in McClellan Park. Applications can be obtained from Pat Persi or Cheryl Bly-Chester.

Recognition

Cheryl Bly-Chester has been appointed to the California State Board of Reclamation. According to a recent press release from Governor Schwarzenegger's office, "California faces significant flood challenges. To protect our communities, economy and keep Californians safe we need a comprehensive and ongoing effort to reduce these risks with better planning, new investments, and improved flood infrastructure," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "The Reclamation Board oversees flood control in the Central Valley and each one of these individuals shares my commitment to ensuring these lifesaving efforts are not ignored or postponed. My Administration will continue to push for action in the Legislature and support from the federal government." The press release stated that Ms. Bly-Chester is a Fellow with SAME and heads up the Readiness and Homeland Security Committee for the Sacramento Post.

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The Society of American Military Engineers—Sacramento Post

General Meeting Costs:

(unless otherwise posted)

Younger members (< 35 y.o.)	\$15
Military or public servant	\$15
Members	\$25
Non-Members	\$30

Meeting sponsors for this quarter were:

July—ERM

August—Mead & Hunt

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The Sacramento Post awards scholarships to eligible high school, junior college and college students studying engineering or related technical disciplines. Scholarships vary from \$500 to \$2000 for currently enrolled high school, junior college or college students. Applications for more scholarships will be accepted in Spring 2006. The selection criteria include 1) academic performance, 2) essay and references, 3) community service, 4) extracurricular activities, and 5) active/past military experience. The SAME Sacramento Post activities that support this scholarship fund include the annual Golf Tournament and the Sustaining Members Forum.

Thanks to Chris Smith and Mike O'Hagan (Committee Chairs) and all of the participants and sponsoring companies for the success of this scholarship program! We are looking for enthusiastic and talented applicants, so tell your friends, colleagues and neighbors to apply in Spring 2006, 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.

SAME Sacramento would like to welcome the following new members:

2Lt. Jerome Baquilar
Mr. Andrew Campbell
Mr. Alec Gragg
2Lt. Leonid Gromov
Mr. Tony Mason
Ms. Meegan Nagy
Mr. Mike Pearl
Mr. Keldon Plude
Mr. Michael Smookler
Mr. Jeff Steiler
Ms. Katie Trodden
2Lt. Sara Underwood
Mr. Howell Wood

2005 Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament by Sue Goss

The 2005 Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament produced a record turnout of golfers! The Golf Tournament is always a great venue for networking with some really talented engineers and scientists. The tournament produced a record net revenue of over \$10,000 this year. This revenue is used for the Sacramento 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., 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 many hours of time spent coordinating this event, gathering sponsorships, getting signs made, and obtaining awesome raffle prizes! The raffle was also a huge money-maker this year. Mark your calendars, get your teams together and keep practicing! The golf committee has graciously volunteered for another great tournament to be held at "Wild Horse Golf Course" in Davis on Monday, June 5, 2006. For additional information, contact Chris Smith or Lindsey Viersen at (916) 372-2000 or Mike Dryden at (925) 513-1270.

Our Sustaining Members

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AHTNA Government Services Corp
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American Integrated Services Inc.
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AST Inc,
Brown and Caldwell
Burlison Consulting Inc
California Laboratory Services
CDM Federal Programs Corp.
CH2M Hill
Data Chem Laboratories Inc.
Diamond D Engineering
Earth Tech Inc.
ECC
EDAW Inc.
EM-Assist
e2M

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Forsgren Associates Inc.
Geocon Consultants Inc
Harris & Associates
HDR
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Mendoza & Associates
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MWH
Parsons
SAIC
Sequoia Environmental Cor-

poration
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Versar Inc.
Washington Group International Inc.
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Please contact Vida Wright at vida.wright@erm.com to inquire about Sustaining Membership and its benefits!

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