



Sacramento Post Newsletter

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Students...Exciting Summer Camp Opportunities!

The Sacramento Post wants to sponsor two high school students for the upcoming summer's Engineering and Construction Camps at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO from July 5-11, 2004 and at the Naval Facilities Engineering Center in Port Hueneme (Ventura County), CA from July 24-30, 2004. Interested students should refer to our post website for details and/or contact Ms. Linda Ngim at (916) 557-7267 or by e-mail at Linda.F.Ngim@usace.army.mil for details concerning the camp. Applications are due by the Close of Business, April 1, 2004.

Corporate sponsorship is also needed for the Seabee Engineering and Construction Camp at the Naval Facilities Engineering Center at Port Hueneme. Lets make this camp a true Southwest Regional Event. If your sustaining member firm is interested in sponsoring an event or making a monetary donation, please contact Linda Ngim.

The camps are open to high school students who have completed their freshmen, sophomore, or junior year and are interested in the fields of architecture, construction, and engineering. Students will get hands on experience in construction and engineering. The camps run approximately one week from July 5-11, 2004 for the Air Force Academy session and July 24 – 30, 2004 for the Naval Facilities session.

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Review of 2003 Camps

Last year, 29 students learned about structural engineering, surveying, computer aided design, and nautical engineering at the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC) in Port Hueneme California. Also, 60 students learned about materials and soils testing and various design and construction techniques at the Air Force Academy's Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory in Colorado Springs, CO.

a summer you'll never forget...



Build a cardboard canoe... and race it!

FUTURE Post Meetings

April 22nd
May 27th
June 7th

@ Beerman's
General Meeting
Golf Tournament



June 24th
July 22nd
August 26th

General Meeting
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Committee Reports:

Membership Drive \$25 Gift Card

The Post is holding a New Member Drive. Recruit new members and you will be eligible for a \$25 gift card from Starbucks Coffee Shop, or a Jamba Juice Card.

To be eligible for a Starbucks \$25 gift card, obtain a new sustaining member or obtain five individual members.

To be eligible for a Jamba Juice Card, obtain two new individual members.

Membership applications, and more information is available on our website at www.samesacramento.org

Welcoming

Pat Persi

Sustaining Member Firms can elect to become a sponsor for the SAME General Meetings. In exchange for donating raffle prizes, the Sponsor is allowed five minutes to speak about their firm. Money collected from raffle ticket sales supplements the Post's scholarship fund. Sponsors have included Versar, e²M, HDR Engineering, Kleinfelder, Tetra Tech, URS, Air Toxics, CH2M Hill, Geocon, Harding ESE, SCS Engineers, Parsons, Jacobs, and Earth Tech. Please contact Pat Persi at (916) 737-3000, ext. 3120, or ppersi@jsanet.com if interested.

Membership

Mitch Langlois

Although the Post lost one individual member and one sustaining member firm over the last month, membership should grow rapidly as Satellite Posts are established at Beale AFB, and perhaps Travis AFB. Sustaining members should have 5 representatives listed under their membership. Update membership information at www.samesacramento.org. New members can also sign up electronically on the website. Call Mitch Langlois, (916) 355-8444 with questions.

Readiness

Kelly Heidecker

The Readiness Committee has taken a well deserved break following distribution of the most recent Fast Start Plan and Capability Database at the end of 2003. Soon we will begin working on removing programming bugs and developing the database for interactive web use. Our hope is that by doing so we will not only allow all users to search the database on the world-wide-web, but also allow participating firms to update their own information as necessary. We are very excited about this potential and have been given permission to proceed from the Post's Board of Directors. Any members interested in joining the Readiness Committee should contact Kelly Heidecker at kelly@krmplanning.com.

Programs

Alan Driscoll

Upcoming Post Meetings are listed on the first page of this newsletter. If you have any recommendations for presentation topics or are willing to share your company's success story with the Post, please contact Alan Driscoll at adriscoll@forsgren.com

Young Members Affairs

Linda Ngim

Last quarter the Young Members sponsored and planned the November general meeting—the meeting was a success, thanks to Linda Ngim and Sarah Madams. 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.

Community Service

Carl Lang

This quarter the Post donated \$1,000 to the St. John's Shelter for a new accounting software package. In addition, the Post sponsored the local chapter of MESA. If you have any causes that would promote our involvement in the community or promote our Post's purposes, please contact Carl Lang at carllang@mindspring.com.

Awards and Scholarships

Margie Namba

The Scholarship Committee has been very busy reviewing the Scholarship Applications submitted to the Sacramento Post recently. The Sacramento Post awards annual scholarships to eligible high school and college students studying engineering or related technical disciplines. Scholarships vary from \$500 to \$2,500 for currently enrolled senior high school, junior college or college students. The Committee will make selections before the end of each year. If you have any questions please contact Judy Nottoli at 916-563-6412 or Dave Zuber at 916-853-5318.

Communications

Patrick Luzuriaga

This newsletter has been prepared by your Communications Committee. Distribution is electronically via email, and the website www.samesacramento.org and hard copy at the General meetings. If you have any comments, improvements, or recommendations regarding this newsletter, please contact Patrick Luzuriaga at pluzuriaga@e2m.net

Engineer's Day at the Mall

by Russ Nygaard

On Saturday March 6th, S.A.M.E. participated in the Engineers Day at the Mall at the Sunrise Mall. This annual event is the culminating affair for the Sacramento region's participation in National Engineers Week. The main purpose is to reach out to the youth in the area and expose them to engineering. This year's event included booths from nearly every local engineering society.

The S.A.M.E. booth highlighted the great variety of disciplines active in our organization. To encourage kids to stop by and chat, a hands-on activity gave the kids a chance to build truss bridges and geodesic domes out of



Patrick and Russ ready for the next rush of kids!

toothpicks and gum drops. Often times the children's imaginations would take off and we would suddenly have multi-story buildings or other contraptions growing across the

Table (we even had a H2 Hummer)! This also gave us a

chance to talk with the parents and let them know the many ways engineers benefit their everyday lives.

In addition, a "Guess the Number of Bolts" contest was held. A tank containing various sizes of bolts sat at the booth and kids would fill out entries with their guess. It was fun watching kids and parents try to figure out a way to calculate the right value! The winner of the \$50 gift certificate to The Discovery Channel Store was 9 year old Michaila Hays. She guessed 198 bolts and the actual count was 176.

After a full day and many bags of gum drops, S.A.M.E. helped to spread the word about engineering and a very good time was had by all!

Other Happenings...



"Sacramento County Undersheriff John McGinnis presents Sacramento Post's Readiness Chair Kelly Heidecker with a Certificate of Completion and Volunteer Badge for participating in the Community Service Reserve Corps training, October 2003."

Upcoming 2004 Golf Tournament

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
For



The Sacramento Post's Society of American Military Engineers Scholarship Golf Tournament

This year's tournament will be held on June 7, 2004
At the Wildhorse Golf Club in Davis, California
Noon Shotgun Start

**To register contact Lisa Ostergren @ (916) 372-2000
or email lostergren@ahntagov.com**

Download the Registration Form—www.samesacramento.org

Programs Review, 1st Quarter 2004

by Alan Driscoll

The Sacramento Post finished its 2003 program with what has become a very enjoyable tradition, the annual Holiday Mixer, co-hosted by the Professional Environmental Marketers Association (PEMA). The Mixer was held on December 11th at the Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento with great food, spirits, and the run of the Museum enjoyed by all. The Post would like to thank the Museum, the many raffle prize donors, and the SAME and PEMA volunteers who made this event a success. The 2004 program was kicked off with another tradition on January 29th, our annual meeting at Travis AFB with the San Francisco Post. Colonel Michael Conrad shared his personal photographs and experiences from his recently completed tour in Iraq. Over 100 people from the Sacramento Post, Travis AFB Satellite Post, and the San Francisco Post enjoyed the presentation, the popular Mexican buffet, and generous raffle prizes provided by the meeting's sponsor Diamond D General Engineering. The 2004 program continued on February 26 with a presentation by Ms. Barbara Marshall of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the new Standard Form 330, designed to replace the old SF 254/255. In March, Mr. Dave Hawkins of the California Independent System Operator will discuss the impact of the northeastern blackout on the power industry. Please watch for news on this and other upcoming events. If you have comments, suggestions, or requests concerning the Post's programs, please contact Alan Driscoll at (916) 638-1119, or adriscoll@forsgren.com.

The Society of American Military Engineers

General Meeting Costs:

(unless otherwise posted)

Younger members (< 35 y.o.)	\$15
Military or public servant	\$15
Members	\$20
Non-Members	\$25

Meeting sponsors for this quarter were:

January—Diamond D Engineering —
ddge@directway.com

February—EM Assist—www.emassist.com

March—Rosewood Environmental Engineering—cherylbychester@aol.com

e-mail updates:

To update your e-mail address with the post, please visit our website to request an update.

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ON THE WEB!
WWW.SAMESACRAMENTO.ORG

Community Service Donations

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

This Just in...

Your SAME Sacramento Post WON the GRAND SLAM Streamer award for 2003! Congratulations to all for a year well done!

This Quarter's Trivia Question:

How many students went to the Engineering Summer Camps in Port Hueneme and Colorado Springs last year?

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Guess, then read through this Newsletter for the answer!

Answer to Last Quarter's Trivia Question:

How many sustaining members does the Post have? 52 (The answer is below!)

Our Sustaining Members

Please contact Mitch Langlois at mlanglois@emassist.com to inquire about Sustaining Membership and its benefits!

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