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2013 Golf Tournament Raises \$27,000 for Scholarship Fund

By Amie Carpenter, SAGE Engineers

The 2013 SAME Sacramento Post Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament was again a huge success! The event was held at Granite Bay Golf Club for the third year in a row and raised \$27,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Golfing with SAME members and guests was a great way to spend the day having fun and raising money for future engineers.

As always, the success of this event is also attributed to the team work and support provided by company sponsors, member attendance, and a great group of enthusiastic volunteers. New to the tournament this year was the addition of an opening ceremony to honor our Wounded Warriors and Veterans. The ceremony included the presentation of colors by the Honor Guard from Travis Air Force Base, the National Anthem beautifully performed by Angie Reed, and recognition of the attending Wounded Warriors with a presentation by Mike Conrad. Kiewit kicked off the tournament by providing bagels and coffee. Syblon Reid provided lunch and participants refueled at various locations on the course with refreshments provided by HDR, SAGE, Taber Consultants, and Taber Drilling. Eberhart & Company brought a gorgeous 2013 Chevy Camaro for a Hole-In-One prize but no one could pull off that perfect shot. After a full day of golf, the first dinner drink was pro-



Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard Presenting Colors



National Anthem sung by Angie Reed

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Golf Tournament (cont.)

vided by Magnus Pacific and an Italian Feast dinner by Kiewit. Thanks to Celeste Arvin and Colleen Schaefer at HDR, a slide show presentation of the day on the course was running during dinner with photos of everyone having a great time. Finally, the awards and raffle prizes that were generously donated by participating companies were distributed. Like many Sacramento Post events, there were several big winners!

The income generated from the golf tournament allows us to continue encouraging and supporting prospective students to pursue careers in the engineering and technical fields. The proceeds will be used for the Sacramento Post Scholarship Fund and will be awarded to qualified high school and college students from the Sacramento area. Thank you to Steve Sanders, President of SAGE for volunteering to coordinate this event and to our generous sponsors: Title Sponsor: HDR; Bagels & Coffee Sponsor: Kiewit; Dinner Sponsor: Kiewit; Refreshment Sponsors: SAGE, Taber Consultants, and Taber Drilling; Lunch Sponsor: Syblon Reid; 1st Drink Sponsor: Magnus Pacific; Hole-In-One Sponsor: Eberhart & Company; Golf Cart Sponsor: Andregg; Hot Dog Cart Sponsor: Wood Rodgers; and Hole Sponsors: Suulutaaq, Inc., Psomas, Lionakis, GEI Consultants, American Integrated Services, ERM, Martin Brothers Construction, RORE, Inc., Sapper West, Black & Veatch, Construction Testing Services, Kiewit, GSI, Peterson Brustad, Inc., ITSI Gilbane, Basalite, and Empire West Insurance Services. Last but not least, a big



Participants enjoying the golf tournament



Wood Rodgers sponsored Hot Dog Cart

thank you to all of the 2013 participants and volunteers. The level of success and participation for this event just keeps getting better every year. If anyone would like to volunteer for next year's event, please contact Claudia Paval 916-924-9378.



Join the 'SAME Southwest Region Group' on LinkedIn to get the latest updates on SAME as well as connect with other SAME members in your area. The Southwest Region includes eight Posts and associated Field and Student Chapters throughout California and Nevada.

SAME Sacramento Visits Folsom Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project

By CPT Michael Meyer

Members of the Society of American Military Engineers – Sacramento Post visited the construction site of the Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway project July 25.

David Thomas, director of the project, briefed the SAME members using time-lapse videos to illustrate the complex construction activities.

“One of the challenges of this project is that we are building a new dam against an existing reservoir,” said Thomas. “When the Hoover Dam was built, they diverted the river and built the dam in an existing canyon. We had to excavate our own canyon, then we began building the control structure, and now we must build a cofferdam or temporary embankment to hold back the water, so that the excavation can be completed.”

Thomas pointed out that the control structure presently stands at more than half of its eventual height. When it is completed it will be nearly as tall as the Statue of Liberty, which is 146 feet tall.

The auxiliary spillway’s new dam has gates that are 50 feet lower than Folsom Dam’s existing gates, which will allow more water to be released earlier in a storm event.

“It’s well known in our region that the Folsom auxiliary spillway project is one of the few, if not the only, mega projects under construction,” said Tom Chapman, SAME Sacramento Post program chair.

“Our region has one of the highest risks of flooding in the U.S.,” said Chapman. “A good portion of our post membership is involved in flood risk reduction. Viewing this project firsthand gives us a very detailed look at what the government and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is doing to reduce flood risk in the region.”

The tour of the construction site included a visit to the control structure, the stilling basin, and the area of the future approach channel. Each location will see significant construction activities

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David Thomas, director of the Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway project, briefs SAME members during a tour of the Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway construction site in Folsom, Calif., July 24, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Michael N. Meyer/Released)



A view of the Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway construction in Folsom, Calif., July 24, 2013. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Michael N. Meyer/Released)

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November 3-6, 2014



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and Sacramento Posts

Folsom Dam Auxiliary Spillway Project (cont.)

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during the next four years.

“Visits like this are important because they keep the public informed on the project, and it gives our engineers an opportunity to continue to develop relationships within the professional engineering community,” Thomas said.

The first of twelve massive gates for the control structure are scheduled to arrive from Oregon in early 2014. Each gate stands up to 45 feet tall and weighs up to 179 tons, or the equivalent of 25 school buses, and will be installed in late 2014. Excavation of the rock between the new control structure and the lake will continue into 2016 and the overall project will be completed in late 2017.

Winter 2013 Post Leaders Workshop

by Ken Greene, CH2M Hill, President SAME Northern Nevada Field Chapter

Introduction

The 2-day (January 24-24, 2013) workshop included information on membership and Post operations, SAME organization and leadership, what constitutes an effective Post program, college outreach, and a brief overview of engineering & construction camps. A presentation was also provided on the San Antonio Post's Leadership Lab and the conference concluded with individual attendee briefings about successful Post programs.

Agenda Items

Membership & Post Operations

Given by Diana Dawkins and Kashae Williams, an overview SAME membership was given, as were ideas for recognizing members and tips for recruitment and retention of members. The Post Operations discussion was very helpful and provided insight/clarification on various topics (e.g., recognition, CLAS, Change of Officers Report, financial reporting, and streamer requirements and submissions) which were subsequently relayed to our Chapter's Board for information/use.

SAME Organization & Leadership

The SAME National update (given by Dr. Wolff) gave a 2011-2015 Strategic Plan overview and reiterated the 2012-2013 Focus Areas (sustainable installations, support to Wounded Warriors, cyber infrastructure). This was a great presentation that reiterated SAME HQ's commitment/support to Posts and members, including SAME's on-the-road CEP to minimize Post-specific costs and membership TDY.

Break-Out Sessions

During the conference, break-out sessions were provided. Observations are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Session 1A: Wounded Warriors

The discussion gave further insight into the support provided by SAME through the Wounded Warrior Initiative and introduced QL+ (Cal Poly) and The Mission Continues and their respective ongoing programs and projects.

Session 2A: Effective Post Programs

The key take-away from this presentation was that effective programs result in member recruitment and retention of membership. A summary of the types of programs (e.g., professional, social, networking) was provided, with key program planning objectives discussed. Post program models were presented and webinars and SAME's CEP focus area were discussed.

Summary

The conference gave me the chance to introduce our Chapter to the attending Post Presidents/members and afforded me the chance to network with some great Post leaders who have well-established and effective Post programs. Presentations and dialogue revealed a few very successful Post elements (e.g., quarterly new-member breakfast [Pikes Peak], K-12 STEM mentoring/outreach [No. Virginia], Float-a-Soldier [San Antonio] Explorer Program [Denver]) that could be tailored for our Chapter. The conference also introduced me to Julie Fisher and enabled me to serve on the Education and Training Streamer Committee for 2012. Lastly, the Post and Student Leader dinner on the 24th provided a great opportunity to network with Student Leaders, better understand their continued interest in science, technology and engineering, and to appreciate the value that SAME has provided as these Student Leaders begin to transition into the professional workforce.

Sacramento Post Readiness Plan

By Sean McNeil, HDR Environmental, Co-Chair Readiness Committee

The Sacramento SAME Post participated in the Great California Shake-Out on October 17th by updating the Post's Readiness Plan/Post's Sustaining Member Capabilities Database and by running an email exercise. The goal of the e-mail exercise was to capture the Posts Sustaining Member readiness capabilities in a functional format. If you would like to be a Sustaining Member listed in the Posts Readiness Plan and you would like to receive future Readiness e-mails in the event of a real world event please have one point of contact from your organization respond to the email on October 17th which contained the capabilities questionnaire (2 sheets to fill out) and email it to sean.mcneil@hdrinc.com. The information obtained will update the Sustaining Members Capabilities list which SAME sends out to all federal, state, and local emergency management government agencies as well as to populate the attached example flyer.

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- > Customized recognition at venue station
- > Three Complimentary Tickets

Dessert or Gift Bag \$750 (1 each)

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- > Logo recognition on website and venue station or gift packaging
- > Two Complimentary Tickets

Charitable Contributor \$300

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- > Logo recognition on website

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SAME 2013 Small Business Conference

for Federal Engineering, Construction & Environmental Programs

Nov. 19-21, 2013 • Kansas City, Mo.

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Sacramento Post April 2013 Membership Report

By Jon Revolinsky, Membership Chair

Membership was stable with a shift from individual to company memberships with the totals shown below.

Sacramento Post membership roster as of September 5, 2013 was as follows:

Individual Members: 208 (increase of 5)

Public Sector Individual Members: 93

Company and Agency Representatives: 475

Public Agency Representatives: 14

Total Members: 683 (increase of 5)

Total Public Sector Membership: 112

Student Members: 73

Sustaining Companies and Agencies

The post as of September 2013 stayed steady with 112 sustaining companies and agencies.

Representative Members (REP)

We currently have 475 REP members relative to the baseline for the year of 464.

Individual Members

The individual membership has a baseline of 213. Total individual membership now stands at 208, up 5 from last month.

Membership Streamer

January starts a new baseline, which is a total of 691 total members, and we are at 683, an increase of 5 for the month. We encourage sustaining member firms to fill the total 5 slots that each firm has to bring overall numbers back to 691 by December 2013.

Student and Faculty Members

We have 73 student members and 3 faculty members in the database.

New Sustaining Firms

BC Laboratories

RVP

Gannett Flemming

The Sacramento Post appreciates the support from all our Individual Members and Sustaining Member Firms!

Those individuals or firms interested in becoming SAME members can contact Sacramento Post Membership Chair, **Jonathan Revolinsky** at jonathan.revolinsky@usace.army.mil. For information on types of available SAME memberships, please visit: <http://www.same.org/>
