



Sacramento Post

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

January 25, 2007

General Meeting at the Rusty Duck

February 18, 2007

Engineer's Day at Sunrise Mall

February 22, 2007

Field Trip to the Yuba County Water Agency Narrows II Tunnel Operations project at Englebright Dam

February 24, 2007

Math Counts at CSUS

March 21, 2007

Combat Engineering at Travis AFB

March 28, 2007

404 Permitting Workshop

Message From the President

Your Sacramento Post of the Society of American Military Engineers ended calendar year 2006 on solid footing. As you will see as you read this issue of the Post's newsletter, our financial situation is strong and ever improving. As a non-profit entity, this is important as it translates into more engineering and science scholarships, and more opportunities for the Post to further the public-private engineering partnership, and to serve in general. Our membership posture also strengthened last year, and I want to continue to invite every member to "get a member." Sacramento is designated as a "large Post", and we are simply able to do more the larger we grow. As we move into 2007, let me again encourage you to attend at least one Post event per calendar quarter, and help us take the Post to the next level!

Colonel Ron Light

Post President

Support of Families of Deployed Troops

Sacramento Post is committed to support our deployed troops and their families. We appreciate the sacrifices that they and their families endure while they are away in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting the Global War on Terror.

LCpl Jeff Landay joined the Marines just out of high school at the age of 17. He turned 18 in boot camp. He was deployed to Iraq on 6 January 2006. On 21 May 2006, he and his platoon left Camp Fallujah on a routine patrol. Along the way, they encountered and initially were successful in avoiding several improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Unfortunately, one IED was eventually triggered and their humvee blew up and veered off the road. This incident resulted in one casualty, Cpl Cheeks Ramirez, the gunner. Several others were injured including LCpl Landay who sustained massive head injury. After spending several months in Bethesda Naval Hospital and Palo Alto VA Hospital, he is now back with his family and continues to slowly recover from his injuries. However, in the process of attending to their injured son, the Landay family also endured loss of jobs and other financial difficulties.

On 9 December 2006, LCpl Landay received his Purple Heart in a welcome home ceremony organized by a local radio station and held in the Aqua Club in Citrus Heights. During this event, the Sacramento Post presented LCpl Landay and his family with a \$2000 check and an appreciation letter signed by our Post President, COL Ron Light. We hope that our small gift in some way eases the financial burden on the Landay family and we wish LCpl Jeff Landay (seen on the left in the picture below) a speedy recovery from his war injuries.



Officers

President: COL Ron Light
1st Vice President: Vida Wright
2nd Vice President: Michael O'Hagan
Treasurer: David Cook
Secretary: Lisa Cope

Directors

Past President: Margie Namba
Continuing Directors: Cheryl Bly-Chester, Nadia Burleson
Elected Directors: CAPT James Clay, Larry Smith and Pat Persi
Appointed Directors: CAPT Jerry Frost, Michael Ernst, Carl Lang and Steve Crane

Committee Chairs & Volunteer Members

Education & Training Streamer

Programs: Larry Smith
Sustaining Member Forum: Michael O'Hagan
404 Permit Conference: Michael O'Hagan
PDH Awards: Linda Miskewycz
Licensure Support & Publications: Linda Miskewycz

National Security Program Streamer

Fast Start Plan: Cheryl Bly-Chester
Preparedness and Security Training Cheryl Bly-Chester

Outreach & Communication Streamer

K-12 Mentoring: Margie Namba
College Students:: CAPT Clay
YM Mentoring by Fellows: Cheryl Bly-Chester
Young Members Affairs: CAPT Frost & CAPT Clay
Scholarship: Sue Goss (Communications: Michael Ernst
Community Service: Carl Lang
Families of Fallen Heroes: Spencer Defty
Outreach for Families of Deployed Troops:
CAPT Frost & CAPT Clay

Relationships & Recognition Streamer

Small Business Conference: Nadia Burleson (Committee Chair)
Golf Tournament: Chris Smith (Committee Chair)
Welcoming: Pat Persi

Membership Streamer

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Welcoming

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

If you are a sustaining member firm, please make sure that you designate five member representatives for your company including a young member who must be under the age of 35. Please contact Vida Wright, at (916) 924-9378 or vida.wright@erm.com with any membership related 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 was held on 07 September and was 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.
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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.

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.

Sacramento Post Scholarship Deadline Extended

SAME Sacramento Post Members,

As you know, the Sacramento Post awards scholarships annually to high school and college students who are studying engineering or related technical disciplines. The Sacramento Post is pleased to announce accepting applications for our 2007 SAME scholarship program until **March 1, 2007**.

Further information on the scholarship program, including a list of past winners, can be found on our website: <http://www.samesacramento.org/scholarshipinfo/index.html>

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact scholarship chair Susan Goss at sgoss@dtsc.ca.gov; phone (916) 255-6403.

Treasurer's Report

I am happy to report the Sacramento Post met its financial goals for the year and remains financially healthy, helping us achieve the Post's missions such as awarding scholarships for deserving students, doing our part for community service, and providing technical information and training for our membership. We started the year with \$84,944 and at the time of this writing your Post has a total of \$96,099 in all accounts. Our spending plan is on track and the increase is due to a sustaining members forum, golfing outing, and monthly meetings throughout the year that have earned more than budgeted. Thanks to everyone for the generous support. We also earn money from investments and these are doing very well in our education and mentoring account at Morgan Stanley. Some accomplishments from the Treasurer for the year include preparation of a FY2006 income and spending plan, registration of the Post with the state as a charitable trust, preparation and submission of state and federal tax forms, reporting of our financial condition to National, consolidation of our operating accounts with the Golden 1 Credit Union, and activation of on-line banking.

The Post is in need of a new Treasurer for 2007/2008. If you are interested in service to SAME, please consider this opportunity.

David O. Cook, PE

Treasurer

Sacramento Post Announces New Website Initiative

In order to better serve our members, the Board of Directors had decided to do a complete overhaul of the Sacramento Post website.

The new website will have many improvements including the following:

- Highly visible event history, will summaries/pictures of recent SAME Sacramento Events
- Automated registration/confirmation for meetings and events
- Highly visible job board
- Volunteer opportunity listings
- Easy to find contact information for board members
- Forum board for SAME Sacramento Members
- Sustaining Member section with ability to put company/organization logos

The Board of Directors would like to thank Sacramento Post member, Kathryn Graham for stepping up and spearheading this initiative. The Sacramento Post is seeking volunteers to design, update, and maintain the new website. Previous experience is not necessary and training is available. Any members interested in web design are encouraged to contact Kathryn at Kathryn.Graham@hdrinc.com.

What You Missed.

The Programs Committee has done a great job of putting together an exciting and informative series of events for 2007. If you didn't attend a event in the last quarter, here is a little taste of what you missed.

October 26, 2006 - Young Members Forum

The SAME Sacramento Post held its first annual Young Members Forum at the University of California (UC), Davis Campus on 26 October 2006. Over 100 people attended this unique event, including 40 Air Force and Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets from Sacramento State University and UC Davis. Sustaining members sponsored the attendance for each cadet, enabling them to participate in this SAME event free of charge. Additionally, public sector employees were encouraged to attend under a discounted rate structure to widen the network of participants. Distinguished speakers included General McMahon, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) South Pacific Commander; COL Light, USACE Sacramento District Commander; LTC Connelly, ROTC Commander, and Mr. Thomas Sobolewski, USACE Sacramento District GIS & Mapping Section Chief. During this event, the Sacramento Post recognized several of its Young Member Leaders who contribute significantly to the Post's leadership. This forum also served as a kick-off meeting for the UC Davis Student Chapter, where Cadets and students met with the local business community and were encouraged to become active in their SAME Chapter and future leaders of SAME.

November 7 – 9, 2006 - SAME Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regional conference

Many members of the Sacramento Post attended the SAME Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regional conference held at the Marines Memorial Club in downtown San Francisco. This was a very well attended event at a first-class venue. The Marine Memorial Club was established in 1946 as a Living Memorial to the Marines who lost their lives in the Pacific during World War II. The non-profit Marines' Memorial Association offers Club Membership to former and retired members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The building's history dates back to 1926 and the décor reflects the elegance of old San Francisco.

The three-day conference kicked off with a golfing event at the historic Presidio of San Francisco, followed by an evening mixer. Lieutenant General Strock, P.E., SAME President and Commander and Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provided opening remarks for the first full day of the conference. Distinguished speakers from the Navy, Army Corps of Engineers, Air Force, Coast Guard, California Department of Water Resources, and the engineering consulting community filled out each day's agenda on topics relating to the conference's theme: "Sound Infrastructure: The Key to Emergency Preparedness." One highlight of the conference was the promotion ceremony for Brigadier General John McMahon, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division. Throughout the conference exhibitors displayed full-size booths in a large showroom where conference attendees networked and enjoyed give-aways from exhibitors. Perhaps the high point of the conference was the induction ceremony for twenty-two SAME Fellows, including our own Sacramento Post president, COL Ron Light, and our 2nd Vice-President Michael O'Hagan, P.E. The SAME Academy of Fellows recognizes SAME members who have distinguished themselves in dedicated and outstanding service to the nation, the engineering profession, and SAME.

December 7, 2006 - Holiday Mixer

The Sacramento Post teamed up with the Sacramento Chapters of the Professional Environmental Marketing Association, (PEMA) and the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) for a joint holiday mixer at the Discovery Museum. Sacramento Post members celebrated the holiday season with clients and colleagues and participated in one of the best charity raffles in Sacramento. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento.



Submitting Articles to Professional Publications can Earn Your Company Recognition through the SAME Sacramento Post

Each year, the Posts of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) compete for Streamer Awards in recognition of outstanding performance and achievement. In 2005, our Sacramento Post was awarded 100% of the possible Streamer Awards. We will be submitting our Streamer Award application for 2006 this month, and expect another 100% award! We want to continue this strong performance and need your help.

As members of the SAME Sacramento Post we need your help to meet the requirements for the *Education and Training Streamer* and continue to strive for the highest level of recognition. You can help by submitting articles to the *Military Engineer* or other professional publications to satisfy one of the required criteria for this Streamer Award. Not only will you be supporting your local SAME post, but you will also increase your firm's brand awareness by directly marketing your company's services to the larger community of Military Engineers. Your article will be read by top decision makers who support our work. Submitting an article allows your company to pursue a targeted marketing strategy that also improves public relations with long term clients.

If you have already submitted an article to *The Military Engineer* or other professional publication, please inform Linda Miskewycz at (916) 286-0357, lmiskew@ch2m.com, so your firm can be recognized by the SAME Sacramento Post.

More information about submitting to *The Military Engineer* is available at <http://www.same.org>, and publication deadlines and information for upcoming 2007 editions are included below.

July-August 2007 Issue

Main Theme: **Water Planning & Management**

The *Military Engineer* will spotlight projects and efforts of private companies, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other government agencies to strengthen our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure, flood control, beach erosion control, inland waterway systems, and ports and harbors.

Special Report: **Federal FY08 Programs**

The *Military Engineer* will present the FY08 programs of federal agencies that focus on construction, environmental and civil works such as DOE, AF-CESA, IMA, CNI, DHS, NASA and DVA.

Section Topics *Leader Profile, Engineers in Action, Facilities Management*

Special Insert: *SAME Strategic Plan*

Deadlines

Article Proposals: March 1, 2007

Manuscripts Due: April 23, 2007

Ads Close: June 1, 2007

Ad Materials Due: June 4, 2007

September-October 2007 Issue

Main Theme: **Facility Management**

Facility management (FM) impacts an organization's productivity and financial bottom line. In this issue, The *Military Engineer* will highlight FM issues including energy management; functionality of the built environment; building and facility management; as well as professional development and certification programs for professionals.

Special Report: **Emerging Technologies in A/E/C**

Cutting-edge technologies for use in architecture, engineering and construction projects are being developed by our uniformed services, public agencies and private companies. The *Military Engineer* will highlight these technologies and their practical applications.

Section Topics *Leader Profile, Engineers in Action, Environment*

Special Insert: *SAME Engineering & Construction Camps*

This issue will be distributed at the [IFMA World Workplace](#), New Orleans, La., Oct. 24-26, 2007.

Deadlines

Article Proposals: May 1, 2007

Manuscripts Due: June 22, 2007

Ads Close: Aug. 1, 2007

Ad Materials Due: Aug. 3, 2007

November-December 2007 Issue

Main Theme: **Design & Construction**

The *Military Engineer* will cover methods and best practices for design and construction, including design-build and other alternative delivery methods; architect-engineer selection under the Brooks Act; bonding and insurance; safety; construction management; and alternative procurement methods.

Special Report: **Installation Development and Realignment**

The *Military Engineer* will feature articles representing the planning, design and construction of more than \$18 billion in facilities, infrastructure and environmental remediation related to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act and the global restationing of U.S. forces.

Section Topics *Leader Profile, Engineers in Action, Environment, Facilities Management*

Special Insert: *SAME Strategic Alliances*

This issue will be distributed at the [USACE Small Business Conference](#), Nov. 13-15, 2007, in St. Louis, Mo.

Deadlines

Article Proposals: July 2, 2007

Manuscripts Due: Aug. 24, 2007

Ads Close: Oct. 1, 2007

Ad Materials Due: Oct. 3, 2007

Leo Flor Designated Manager of Federal Programs for Harris and Associates

Leo Flor, RVP for the SAME Southwest Region and Sacramento Post member, has just been designated Harris and Associates' Manager of Federal Programs. He is responsible for marketing Harris' engineering consulting services to federal agencies, nationwide, and forging alliances with other consultants and contractors in response to federal project needs. Leo retains his position as the Manager of Program Management for Harris' Northern Region, which includes the greater Sacramento area. He works out of the company's corporate office in Concord, CA. His e-mail address is lflor@harris-assoc.com.

e²M Awarded On Site Support Contract for LA AFB, Immediate Positions Available

engineering-environmental Management, Inc. (e²M) recently won the contract for on site support in the engineering and environmental department of the Civil Engineering Squadron at Los Angeles AFB and is seeking **Engineers (CE, ME, and EE), Architects and Project Managers** with experience in facility management, design, and/or project management for multiple immediate openings. e²M is also looking for personnel experienced in **AutoCAD, Cost Estimators, and Construction Inspectors**.

If you are interested in learning more about the positions or would like to refer someone who might be please contact Sean O'Brien at sobrien@e2m.net.

Other immediate openings in the e²M's Sacramento Office Include:

Business Area Manager (BAM)

This leadership position provides an exciting opportunity for growth and success in a positive environmental consulting and engineering business. The ideal candidate will have excellent verbal, oral and written communication skills, demonstrated reliability, strong work ethic, time management skills, and demonstrated team-oriented performance. Candidate must have proven experience in staff management, business development/marketing, and client relations working with the Department of Defense (DoD), other governmental agencies, and commercial clients. As a Business Area Manager, a successful candidate must have proven staff management experience – and be able to provide positive direction, guidance, and oversee the growth & performance of more than 10 professional employees. Must be a proven leader, self-motivated, driven, and have a positive attitude, and possess the ability to successfully manage a variety of environmental compliance or engineering projects and professional employees. Bachelor's Degree in engineering, environmental science, or similar discipline is required. Minimum of 10 years working experience in project management, supervision, business development, and working with DoD or commercial clients on a variety of environmental and/or engineering projects. Travel throughout the U.S. and territories is required.

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>.

Contribute to Member News

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.

What is new in membership?

The Sacramento Post sustaining and individual memberships steadily grew in 2006. With 66 sustaining member firms and 138 individual members, our Post experienced another all time high in membership numbers. The membership growth along with many other Post's accomplishments has positioned us for receiving the distinguished Post status in 2006.

SAME HQ is transferring membership information from our current membership database system to a new association management system (AMS), ClearVantage. The AMS is a modern, fully-integrated interactive database system which will provide added value for both the Posts and SAME's membership.

During this transition period, no new Individual Members applications, renewals, or member information changes can be made online at the present time. These functions are planned to be active again for Individual Members in early 2007. The online function is operational for the sustaining membership.

Please note that all memberships affected by the transition to the new AMS database will be extended until the new system is fully online and renewal notices have been sent.

Thank you for your understanding during this transition period. Please contact Vida Wright, Sacramento Post 1st Vice President & Membership Chair at 916-924-9378 or via e-mail at vida.wright@erm.com if you have any question or wish to have any additional information.

Our Sustaining Members

3D/International	Engineering-Environmental Management Inc.	SlipStone Inc.
AHTNA Government Services Corporation	ERM	Stanley Consultants Inc.
Air Toxics LTD	Forsgren Associates Inc.	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
Alpha Analytical Inc.	Geocon Incorporated	Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors
AMEC	Harris & Associates	Tetra Tech
American Integrated Services Inc.	HDR Engineering Inc	TerranearPMC
ARCADIS	HNTB Federal Services Corp.	TNT Industrial Contractors Inc.
AST Inc.	HydroGeoLogic Inc	Towill Inc.
Brown and Caldwell	Innovative Tech. Solutions	URS Corporation
Burleson Consulting Inc	JACOBS	US Army Corps of Engrs. Sacramento District
Cabrera Services Inc.	Jones & Stokes	USPHS/IHS/CAO Office of EH & E
California Laboratory Services	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants	Vanir Construction Mgmt. Inc.
Carter & Burgess Inc.	Kleinfelder Inc.	Veridian Environmental Inc.
CDM	LFR - Levine Fricke	Versar Inc
CH2M HILL	Luster National Inc.	Washington Group International
Comprehensive Security Services Inc.	MACTEC Engineering and Consulting	WESTON Solutions Inc.
DataChem Laboratories Inc.	Malcolm Pirnie Inc	
Diamond D General Engineering Inc.	Mead & Hunt	
DMJM	Mendoza & Associates	
Dutra Construction Company Inc.	Michael Baker Corp./Michael Baker Jr. Inc.	
Earth Tech Inc.	MKM Engineers	
ECC	MWH	
EDAW Inc.	PBS&J	
EM-Assist	Science Applications International Corporation	
Engineering Remediation Resources Group Inc.	Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.	
	SI Group Inc.	

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