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This Quarter's Activities

The Sacramento Post finished its 2002 program on December 5th with a fun, and raffle-intensive Holiday Mixer, co-hosted by the Professional Environmental Marketers Association (PEMA). The Mixer was held at the Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento with great food, spirits, and the fun of the Museum enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the Museum, to the many raffle prize donors, and to the SAME and PEMA volunteers who made this event, again, a success. The 2003 program was kicked off on January 16th with the San Francisco Post in a joint meeting at Travis AFB. The highlight of this annual event was a presentation by Major Mark Ruse on the upcoming construction activities at the Base. The combination of MAJ Ruse's presentation, participants from the San Francisco Post, and



Our 2002 Holiday Mixer with PEMA at the Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento.

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an excellent Mexican buffet resulted in an attendance of over 100 people. The 2003 program continued on February 20 with our SAME Post President, Colonel Michael Conrad, speaking on the engineering challenges of flood control on the American River. The food and ambience at the Firehouse restaurant in Old Sacramento added to the fun and success of this meeting. We did not have a General Meeting in March due to the Regional Conference in Las Vegas. In April, the Sacramento Post will resume the 2003 program in a joint meeting with the Beale AFB Satellite Post. 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@farsgren.com

FUTURE Post Meetings

April

Joint Meeting with Beale AFB Satellite Post

May

General Meeting and National Conference in Seattle

June

Golf Tournament and Transition of Post Officers

Committee Reports:



Mitch Langlois
your Post
Membership
Chair

Welcoming

Pat Persi

Sustaining Member Firms can elect to sponsor a SAME General Meeting. In exchange for donating raffle prizes, the Sponsor is allowed five minutes to speak about their firm at the beginning of the meeting. Money collected from ticket sales supplements the Post's scholarship fund. If you would like to become a meeting sponsor, please contact one of the Post's Officers.

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.same.org. New members can also sign up electronically on the website. Please call Mitch Langlois at (916) 364-0793 if you have any questions.

Readiness

Kelly Heidecker

The Readiness Committee has recently lost the assistance of many of its members due to the changes in duty station and other personal commitments. A request was made at last month's General Meeting for new volunteers; and three of you stepped forward to lend a hand! The Readiness Committee will meet at the Firehouse Restaurant following the February General Meeting.

Please email Kelly.Heidecker@parsons.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@farsgren.com

Young Members Affairs

Jennifer Miller / LTCR Scott Helgeson

The statewide MathCounts (www.mathcounts.org) competitions are being held on Saturday, March 15th, at both UC Davis and UC Irvine. If you would like to volunteer time to grade exams, proctor, etc., please contact Jennifer Miller at j.miller@airtoxics.com.

Community Service

Carl Lang

We delivered several bags of small toiletries and personal-sized health and beauty products to St. John's Women's Shelter in Sacramento. We are also in contact with them to paint and install carpet at the Shelter. If you are able to help paint the interior of the Shelter—please contact Carl at carllang@mindspring.com. Help is appreciated! Also, the Post will receive canned food goods for St. John's Women's Shelter at the Holiday Mixer with PEMA on December 5th.

Awards and Scholarships

Margie Namba

The Scholarship Committee will award their \$500 2002 High School Scholarship to Katherine Sanui, a senior at JF Kennedy SHS in Sacramento at the February 20th meeting of the Sacramento Post. Margie Namba has recruited Judy Nottoli (URS Corporation) and Susan Goss (Ahtna Government Services Corporation) to serve on the Scholarship Committee. They will be meeting in the near future to discuss the 2003 SAME Scholarship awards) and selection process.

Communications

Patrick Luzuriaga

This newsletter has been prepared by your Communications Chair. Distribution is by electronically via email, and the website www.same.org/Sacramento, and hard copy via the General meetings. If you have any comments, improvements, or recommendations regarding this newsletter, please contact Patrick Luzuriaga at



The Sacramento Capitol Building

Results of the 2002 Post Awards ...

The Results are here for the CY 2002 Post Awards - and WE won the following streamers: **Education, Knowledge Mgmt., Programs, Readiness, Sustainability, Swimmer, and Youth Activities.** We also won the **"Distinguished Post"** award. Thanks to all board members who helped put the streamer applications together!

In CY 2002 there were 155 posts of SAME around the world, with a total of just under 25,000 individual members. Over 3,400 new SAME members were obtained in 2002! There are also just under 3,000 young members and 3,000 Sustaining Members. Last year SAME grew by over 1,200 individual members and 130 Sustaining Members.

We are one of 70 Posts that won the "Distinguished Post" award. There were eight Grand Slam winners in CY 2002, including the following Posts: Los Angeles, San Diego, Charleston SC, Boston, Greater Kansas City, Washington D.C., Vicksburg MS, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Congratulations to all the distinguished and Grand Slam Posts!

Your Sacramento Post has won the "Distinguished Post" award again, for 2002!

SAME Southwest and Rocky Mountain Joint Regional Conference

The 2003 Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Southwest and Rocky Mountain Joint Regional Conference will be held at the Alexis Park in Las Vegas. The Sacramento Post has played a key role in the planning of this event, which takes place on **March 19-21, 2003.**

The theme of this year's conference will be **Engineering Our Homeland Security.** Its focus will be to educate our American engineers on the latest technological advancements to meet the new engineering, infrastructure, security, and environmental challenges of our time. Invited speakers, such as Tom Ridge, make this a particularly exciting education and training event. In addition, the conference will host the official 2003 Service Chiefs Brief and the Society's National Board Meeting.



A Message From Our Post President

Congratulations to all those Sacramento Post SAME members who contributed to successful Rocky Mountain/Southwest Joint Regional Training Conference held March 18-21 in Las Vegas Nevada. Despite world events, the conference was a huge success and well attended. The golf tournament, technical tracks, luncheon speakers, awards ceremony, business displays and Chiefs' briefs made for a very interesting, educational, and fun time for all. Thanks again to all those who contributed and participated in this worthwhile event.

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General Meeting Costs:

Younger members	\$12
Military or public servant	\$12
All others	\$20

Meetings sponsors for this quarter were:

January—none—Joint Meeting At Travis AFB

February—SCS Engineers —www.scseng.com

March—none—joint Regional Conference in Las Vegas

e-mail updates:

To update your e-mail address with the post, please e-mail pluzuriaga@e2m.net and request an update.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.SAME.ORG/SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento Post was founded in November of 1943 and has been continuously active since its inception. Outstanding leaders in the profession have presided over The Post at various times. Even our current Treasurer (Carl Lang) was President of the Post in 1986!

This Quarter's Trivia Question:

In what year was the Sacramento Post Founded?

1941 1943 1945

Answer in next Quarter's Newsletter...

Answer to Last Quarter's Trivia Question:

In what year was SAME incorporated?

1920

Our Sustaining Members

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

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Downtown Sacramento at dusk with the Delta King in the foreground along the eastern bank of the Sacramento River.