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Our Post President in Iraq—USAID PROJECT SAFWAN PUMPING STATION BASRAH GOVERNATE , IRAQ

In the City of Safwan, more than 40,000 residents have long been deprived of fresh drinking water. Years of neglect and abuse transformed a once functioning pump station into an antiquated collage of rusted and leaking pipes. As a result, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assigned the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) the task to monitor Bechtel National's contract to provide potable drinking water for the residents of the City of Safwan. The project would include the installation of new distribution pumps, piping, valves, filtration systems, and restoration of the water storage.

Under the guidance of the USAID, the USACE, and Bechtel, Al-Ryadh & Najid Company (Subcontractor) completed the restoration and rehabilitation flawlessly. The Subcontractor logged in more than 8,000 man-hours, and completed the work on schedule, within the established budget, and without employee injuries.

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Members of Bechtel and USACE Iraq Reconstruction Office (IRO) - Team Basrah, accompany COL Michael J. Conrad Jr. (in white shirt), during the inspection of the newly constructed manifold valve chamber assembly. The newly created valve chamber will allow plant facility workers to manipulate the water distribution valves without personal injury.

FUTURE Post Meetings

January 22nd	Joint Meeting with San Francisco Post at Travis AFB
February 26th	TBA
March 25th	TBA

Committee Reports:

\$25 Gift Card

Pat Persi

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) 364-0793 with questions.

Readiness

Kelly Heidecker

The Readiness Committee is preparing the Fast Start Plan and Capability Database on CD-Rom. Russell Nygaard (Earthtech) has joined the Readiness team along with John Warren (Shaw Environmental), Dave Bieber (Geocon), Mitch Hayden (USACE), and Kelly Heidecker (Committee Chair). With a strong team and great ideas for the upcoming year, the Sacramento Post Readiness Committee is ready once again to take our post to the forefront of Readiness Planning in SAME.

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

Lind Ngim

Linda Ngim has joined our Post leadership to lead the Young Members Affairs. She comes to us with experience working at both of the Engineering Summer Camps last year held in Colorado and California.

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!

Awards and Scholarships

Margie Namba

The Scholarship Committee has been very busy reviewing the Scholarship Applications submitted to the Sacramento Post by the Nov. 21st deadline. The Sacramento 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 the year 2003. 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 Chair. Distribution is be 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 pluzuriaga@e2m.net

Young Members Affairs

by Linda Ngim

Recently, SAME Young Member, Mr. Will Hall and I had the opportunity to mentor to some freshman college students at Sacramento State University. We participated in the "Day-in-the-Life" MESA Engineering Program (MEP) at the Sacramento State University, and spoke to students enrolled in Engineering and Computer Science classes. It was an opportunity for us to talk about our college experience, career outlook, in hopes that our experience might assist them in making important decisions for their own career choices. It was a wonderful experience and opportunity to give, share, and empower future engineer and science graduates.

If you are interested in mentoring young adults, or would like to participate in future mentoring opportunities, please contact Linda at (916) 557-7267 or via email at Linda.F.Ngim@usace.army.mil

Safety Assessment Program

by Kelly Heidecker

On November 13th, the Sacramento Post hosted its general monthly meeting at the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) in Rancho Cordova, California.

Mr. James Barnes, Disaster Assistance Program Specialist for the Safety Assessment Program (SAP) provided a brief presentation about the SAP Services.

The SAP utilizes the services of professional structural and civil engineers, licensed architects, and mutual aid certified building inspectors to conduct safety inspections of facilities after a disaster. OES monitors and designs the training modules for SAP Facility Evaluators and Coordinators, initiates and processes registration and orientation of personnel into the program, issues identification badges for volunteers, and deploys licensed volunteers to and mutual aid building inspectors to the disaster site.

After training has completed, the SAP Evaluators can be deputized as local building officials to post placards on facilities. All Evaluators are designated as "Disaster Service Workers" (DSW) for the duration of their volunteer duty. California law provides workers' compensation and liability protection to volunteers while they are deployed by the state performing SAP duties.

If you would like more information about SAP or OES, please contact the Sacramento Post Readiness Chair, Kelly Heidecker, at kelly@krmplanning.com. The following lists upcoming training dates and registration contacts:

Training Date	Location	Contact	Phone No.	Email
December 18, 2003	Rancho Cordova, CA	SEA Steve Hiner	(530) 245-7197	hiner@pacbell.net
January 17, 2004	Oakland, CA	ASCE Robert Green	(510) 874-3036	robert_green@urscorp.com

Borden Johnson, Guest Speaker

by Linda Ngim

The November Post Luncheon meeting, held at the Emergency Services Office, had a successful attendance. Mr. Borden Johnson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), was the Guest Speaker. Mr. Johnson explained how the Corps utilizes information technology to assist in decision-making emergency situations. The meeting was conducted with the assistance of Ms. Sarah Madams, Executive Board Member, and several SAME Young Members.

Success at our 2003 Golf Tournament

by Chris Smith

The 2003 Sacramento Post Scholarship Golf Tournament produced a net revenue of \$7,517.01. This is an increase of 20 percent from last years 2002 tournament. The committee would like to thank our major sponsors: ARCADIS, AMEC, Severn Trent, ITSI, SECOR, Ahtna Government Services Corp., and all the Hole Sponsors for making this another successful event.

Mark your calendar, and get your teams together, and start practicing. The 2004 Tournament will be held at the "Wild Horse Golf Course" on June 14, 2004. For additional information please contact Chris Smith or Lisa Ostergren at (916) 372-2000.

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General Meeting Costs:

(unless otherwise posted)

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

Meeting sponsors for this quarter were:

October—Ahtna Government Services—
www.ahtnagov.com

November—Brown & Caldwell—
www.brownandcaldwell.com

December—none—PEMA/SAME Mixer

e-mail updates:

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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 Quarter's Trivia Question:

How many sustaining members does the Post have?

10 25 52 94

Answer in next Quarter's Newsletter...

Answer to Last Quarter's Trivia Question:

How many SAME Student Posts exists in the United States? 58

Our Sustaining Members

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

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