

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAME ORANGE COUNTY POST**

To: Distribution
From: Will Manker
Date: January 31, 2009
Subject: S.A.M.E. Orange County Post Board of Directors Meeting – January 5, 2009

Board Members (in attendance):

- Ron Everly	- Jim Carter	- Jeff Davis
- Don Mitchell	- John Cromwell	- Sharon Bison
- Penny Cornwall	- Judy McKeehan	- Alicia Meza
- Tonya Compton	- Scott Pringle	- David Richter
- Will Manker	-	

A meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Orange County (OC) Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was held at the offices of Ninyo and Moore on Monday, 5 January 2009. Mr. Jeff Davis, the SAME OC Post Vice President, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:57 am, after lunch.

Mr. Ron Everly informed the BOD that OC Post Director and Nominations Chairman, Dr. Peter Supko, would be unavailable to attend BOD meetings for a few months and that his colleague, Mr. David Richter, would temporarily be attending on his behalf.

1. Minutes Review

- Draft minutes from the December 2009 BOD meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved with no modifications.

2. Slate for 2009 Board of Directors

- A revised slate of candidates for the 2009 BOD, including the name of Dr. Scott Pringle, was reviewed. The BOD approved the modified slate, which will be voted on by the general membership at the February meeting. Mr. Ron Everly, Assistant Regional Vice President, is making arrangements for the Southwest Regional Vice President to attend the February meeting and install the newly elected BOD.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Ms. Penny Cornwall, the SAME OC Post Treasurer submitted her monthly report for review by the BOD.
 - o Checking - \$50,151.53
 - o Investment CD - \$15,078.69

- CD (8-mo @ 4.69%) - \$10,549.90
- Penny noted in her report that the books on the 2008 financial year have closed and that she will attempt to schedule early completion of the 2008 taxes.
- Penny presented the 2008 budget for reference and as a template for the Proposed 2009 budget. She asked the BOD if they could predict any substantial changes in 2009 over the expenditures in 2008. The BOD was encouraged to be prepared with their comments for the February BOD meeting.
- Penny was commended by the BOD for her stewardship of the Post finances in 2008.

4. Engineering Summer Camp

Dr. John Cromwell, the OC Post Program Chairman, appealed to the BOD to help identify candidates for the July Seabee Engineering Camp at Naval Base Ventura County. John explained that ideal candidates were high school sophomores or juniors interested in studying engineering in college. He mentioned that an interest in a military career and planned study at one of the service academies, in particular, was helpful. In the past, the OC Post has sought candidates from Santa Ana High School, which sponsors a JROTC program. Last year, Santa Ana High School did not provide candidates. John asked the BOD to provide the names of prospective candidates at the next BOD meeting. Applications are due to SAME by 15 May.

5. Holiday Donations to Military Families

- Mr. Jim Carter, the OC Post Business Symposium Chairman, described recent donations the OC Post had provided in support of our military and their families over the holiday season. With the previous approval of the BOD and using the proceeds from the annual “Camp Pendleton Day”, Jim identified and directed contributions to the following worthy organizations:

Armed Services YMCA - a check in the amount of \$1,500 went to support the Secret Santa program (providing for commissary food gift certificates to needy military families), the Concrete Bridge Cook-Out (for soldiers in training), and the Moms in Transition (providing support for post-partum counseling).

Operation Homefront – the OC Post donation of \$1500 sponsored 30 Holiday Food Baskets. By teaming up with Lincoln Military Housing, Operation Homefront presents annual Holiday Food Baskets to over 1000 families of soldiers from several Southern California bases including NAS North Island, NWS Seal Beach, El Centro, Miramar, and Camp Pendleton.

- The BOD expressed their appreciation of Jim’s worthwhile efforts and singled him out for recognition.

6. Program Committee Report

- Dr. John Cromwell, OC Post Program Chairman, Mr. Jim Carter, Chairman for the Business Opportunities Symposium, and Mr. Jeff Davis, the Golf Tournament Chairman, discussed the upcoming 2009 Program schedule.

- Saturday, December 13 – Holiday Ball, Fort MacArthur. This jointly sponsored event by the Los Angeles and OC Posts was attended by OC Post members Ms. Tonya Compton, Mr. Don McDougald, Mr. Will Manker and their dates.
- Friday, January 16 – Meet the Chief Breakfast, Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park. This joint meeting of the Los Angeles, Inland Empire and OC Posts featured Lt. Gen Van Antwerp, the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 1st Vice President of SAME, as the scheduled speaker.
- Thursday, February 26 – Eagle’s Nest, Cypress. Col. Steve Fisher (Ret) of Camp Pendleton, representing the Marine Executive Association (MEA), is the tentative speaker. This will coincide with a description of the OC Post Subcommittee, the Warriors Career Bridge.
- Thursday, March 26 – Eagle’s Nest, Cypress. Ms. Judy McKeehan volunteered to contact the Veterans Administration and ask if they would provide a speaker for this event.
- Thursday, April 23 – Eagle’s Nest, Cypress. Speaker TBD. Captain John Kurtz, the Commanding Officer for Seal Beach NWS, is a potential candidate. The Los Angeles Post’s Annual Business Forum is scheduled for 21 April.
- Thursday, May 28 – Eagle’s Nest, Cypress. Speaker TBD. General Coombs, the Commanding Officer of the Joint Services Training Center Los Alamitos, is a potential candidate.
- Thursday, June 25 – Camp Pendleton Day. Based on discussions during the 2008 event, the OC Post agreed to share this event with the San Diego Post. John Cromwell will contact Capt. Steve Wirsching to discuss.
- July – The OC Post may resume Angel’s Baseball Night in July in partnership with the Veterans Administration
- August - Eagle’s Nest, Cypress. Speaker TBD.
- Friday, September 11 – Annual SAME Golf Tournament. Jeff Davis made arrangements to hold the event at the Navy Golf Course at the Eagle’s Nest, in Cypress.
- October – U.C. Irvine Scholarship meeting. Speaker TBD.
- Thursday, 19 November - Business Opportunities Symposium, Costa Mesa Hilton.

7. Small Business Committee

Mr. Don Mitchell, the OC Post Small Business Chairman, mentioned that the upcoming, 8th Annual Veterans and Small Business Training and Outreach Conference, sponsored by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division, will take place 14 -16 April, in Sparks, Nevada.

8. Young Member Committee

Ms. Tonya Compton, OC Post Young Members Chair and Mr. Jeff Davis, current OC Post Vice President and 2009 Incoming President, will attend the SAME Post Leaders Workshop in Los Angeles, February 11 -12.

9. New Business

2008 Streamers - Mr. Will Manker, OC Post Streamers Chair, mentioned that the applications are due no later than 30 January. John Cromwell and Judy McKeehan volunteered to review the draft applications in advance of their submittal.

10. Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be at Ninyo and Moore's Irvine office on Monday, 2 February 2009. The lunch sponsor for this meeting will be DCA Engineering Group.
- Recent lunch sponsors for the BOD meetings have been:

5 January 2009	Kleinfelder
1 December 2008	URS Corporation
3 November 2008	Huitt-Zollars
6 October 2008	Don Mitchell Consulting
8 September 2008	Chambers Group, Inc.
4 August 2008	Hill International
7 July 2008	VA Consulting
2 June 2008	Ninyo & Moore
5 May 2008	DCA Civil Engineering Group
7 April 2008	SCS Engineering
3 March 2008	EMAX Laboratories
4 February 2008	Kleinfelder
7 January 2008	Jacobs Carter Burgess

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Manker
SAME OC Post Secretary