



North Winds

VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

FEBRUARY 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Luncheon

23 February 2006, 11:30 a.m.

Moose Lodge No. 1534

4211 Arctic Boulevard

*(Corner of Arctic Boulevard & Tudor Drive)**RSVP to Kathy Riker by Wednesday,**22 February at 743-5343 or e-mail Andy Larson
at Tikaani@mtaonline.net*

Executive Board Meeting

24 February, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Society of American Military Engineers, Anchorage Post, will hold their monthly meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2006, at the Moose Lodge. The cost is \$8.00 for a buffet lunch. Members and guests are welcome!

Dr. Herb Schroeder of the University of Alaska, Anchorage, heads an innovative and effective education and diversity program called the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, or ANSEP. This program reaches native Alaskan students providing them with support to follow course work in high school, readying them for engineering at the college level. The program's retention rate is an astonishing 70 percent compared to 53 percent for all other students. Please come hear more about ANWSP.

Please refer to the Calendar of Events above, for RSVP details. ***Please note new telephone number and e-mail address.***

2006 PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Welcome to my inaugural column! Right up front I want to say thank you! You are an amazing group of folks, as evidenced by the outpouring of support you provided at the annual SAME Banquet—and what a success it was! I look forward to a year of outstanding activities and opportunities to excel within

our local community. We are a rich and diverse group with many talents and experiences to offer those within and outside spheres of influence.

One of our wise elders and directors on the board, who shall remain nameless (John Magee) shook my hand graciously, welcomed me on the board and reminded me that I was delinquent in establishing goals for the upcoming year. Well, he was right. An organization as influential and powerful as ours should not be set adrift without a chartered course; so here is my vision of where we need to set our heading.

Among the top of our goals will be to plan, organize, and execute a superb regional conference within the next year. In the following year, we will also have a laser focus on streamers. Yes, Streamers! Streamers drive the goals and objectives of the larger organization as a whole. They are what we as a Post of the Society of American Military Engineers symbolize; they recognize the national objectives we have sworn to uphold. Additionally, they are a measure of our effectiveness as a Post. Therefore, I commit your energies to max streamer production and recognition as a "Distinguished Post."

Along that same vane, there are subgoals near as eminent to our primary focus that we should not lose

sight of. Foremost are math and science dominance. I for one believe we have lost the bubble on what has led to our preeminence in the world today. Currently, we are at the edge of the slipstream ready to drift off into the stagnant pool, as others climb into the center of the wake leaving us to flounder as they steadfastly develop their intellectual capital. It is up to us to develop the young and continue to support the teachers who spark that ember for the continued unfolding of the mysteries of math and science.

To this end, we must continue to offer those who hold the ember, the opportunity to fulfill their destinies. We will continue to offer robust scholarships to those most deserving, and filled with the calling to become engineers, architects, and scientists.

We can build on this dream by increasing our own membership. I challenge the Post to increase our individual membership by 15 percent, and our sustaining membership by 5 percent.

Finally, I believe we need to have a continued focus on recognition of those in our membership who selflessly contribute to our goals.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you all and enjoying a productive year as your President.

Col. Mike Haas, 2006 SAME Anchorage Post President

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: President Col Steve Moes, New Post President Col Mike Hass, 1st VP Jamie Spell, new 1st VP Mark Syren, 2nd VP Lt Col Kenneth P. Smith, new 2nd VP Kevin Thomas, Secretary Mo Mueller, Treasurer Kathy Jacobson, Maj Bobbie Stone, Pat Coullahan, John Magee, Bruce Steely, Ted Trueblood, Chris Turletes, Bill Kontess, and Maj Gordon Taylor.

Presidents Report: Col Steve Moes opened the meeting with the final arrangements for the Annual Banquet. Maj Bobby Stone presented Robotics and the benefit to all who participate, which was voted on with Chris Turletes 1st, and Pat Coullahan 2nd, all passed.

Streamer Update: Kudos to Jamie Spell's hard work on the Streamers. All should be submitted to National. Outreach and Communications were reviewed, looking at more possibilities for the military and their families.

Membership Report: Individual members-112, student members-15, sustaining member representatives-256, new members-54.

2006 SAME Meeting Schedules

Month	Luncheon Date (4 th Thursday)	BOD Meeting Date (Last Friday)
January	1/28 Banquet	1/27
February	2/23	2/24
March	3/23	3/31
April	4/27	4/28
May	5/25	5/26
June	Golf Tournament	6/30
July	7/27	7/28
August	8/24	8/25
September	9/28	9/29
October	10/26	10/27
November	11/16	11/17
December	12/21	12/22

**BG BENJAMIN B. TALLEY
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

Election for Trustee Positions at February Meeting

At the Anchorage Post's monthly February meeting there will be an election for Seat A of 4 Trustee positions for the Endowment Fund. We meet quarterly during lunchtime for 1½ hours. We invite interested members to participate! Presently, the ballot includes 5 members offering to serve in the 4 positions: Skip Koch (Weston), John Magee (R&M), Kevin Murphy (Enterprise Engineering, Inc), Scott Thompson (Equinox Consulting), and Jim Voltz (Corps of Engineers). Write-in candidates can also be nominated at the meeting. Remember voting will be at the February Post meeting. If you cannot attend but would like to vote, you may provide to any attending member, a handwritten proxy with your voting instructions for 4 of the 5 above possible Trustees. Please contact Cheryl Stewart if you are interested in serving as a Trustee.

Next Fund Meeting

The first quarter meeting for 2006 for the Board of Trustees will be in March. Post members are welcome to attend, please contact Cheryl Stewart for specifics. Newly elected Trustees will be installed and officer selections for the Board of Directors voted. Fund investment recommendations will be reviewed and direction provided.

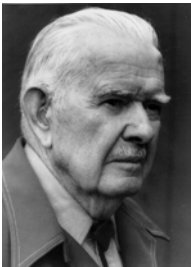
Fund Balance

The Fund's balance as of January 26, 2006 was about \$169,000. The \$12,000 donation to the Post for the scholarships and Excellence in Teaching awards had not been deducted yet. The Fund is professionally managed by Steven Foster, of Raymond James Financial Services, and administered by the Board of Trustees.

Annual Report of the Fund

The annual report on the Fund to the membership, as required by the bylaws, follows.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005



The Fund, a non-profit Corporation created in 1997 by the Anchorage Post, honors Brigadier General Benjamin B. Talley, a charter member of the Anchorage Post and a distinguished engineer popularly known as the father of military engineering in Alaska, by providing

financial assistance to upper-division students in engineering and natural sciences. In addition, each year the Fund provides grants, which recognize educators for their outstanding contributions toward promoting and fostering mathematics and science programs.

A Board of Trustees is charged with management of the Fund. Members of the Board of Trustees are volunteers who include both individual Trustees-at-Large elected by the members of the Anchorage Post for three-year terms, and institutional representatives who are offered the opportunity to serve as representatives from each of the local military engineer organizations. In addition, a position of Trustee Emeritus is held by Mrs. Virginia Talley.

The 2005 Board of Trustees were:

Trustee Emeritus: Virginia Talley.

Board of Directors: Chairwoman, Cheryl Stewart; Vice-Chairwoman, Kathy Prentki; Treasurer, Jim Volz; and Skip Koch, Secretary.

Trustees-at-Large: Dave Gardner, Tim Gould, Craig Lance, John Magee, Alan Quesnel, Steve Schwicht, Jamie Spell, and Scott Thompson.

Institutional Members: Col Tim Gallagher (Corps of Engineers). There were no other representatives from the other military engineering groups.

The Board held four quarterly meetings as required by its by-laws.

The Board worked with financial Account Manager, Mr. Steven Foster of Raymond James Financial Services, who has provided advice on the management of the Fund since 1998. The fund maintains a cash reserve of at least \$5,000, to assure it can provide for the yearly scholarships without having to "cash" in significant amounts of any account stocks or funds at an undesirable time. The Fund is based on a fiscal year of October 1 through September 30 so that earnings can be considered when determining the amount of money to be donated to the Post for scholarships. The amount of money to be donated to the Post for scholarships/grants needs to be identified at the 4th quarter Fund meeting in early November. The account value on October 1, 2004 was \$146,495. Cash had been transferred to the account in this last fiscal year totaling approximately \$8,500. Withdrawals of \$9,000 were made in the fiscal year for the 2005 scholarships. The financial management fees in 2005 totaled \$786. The balance as of the end of the fiscal year of September 30, 2005 was \$178,134. The Fund had an annual dollar-weighted return of 22.33% for the fiscal year. In light of the good performance this year, the Trustees voted to provide \$12,000 to the Post for the 2006 scholarships (that withdrawal was performed in January 2006 in the next fiscal year).

The Fund first provided scholarships/grants in January 2000. This year will be the seventh year the Fund has provided at least \$9,000 to the Post for the scholarships and grants.

The endowment is funded primarily by donations from the Post and individuals. Fund-raising

activities such as the Annual Banquet Raffle and golf tournament and the "split the pot" at the Post meetings have provided funds toward contributions from the Post. All gifts are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

The Fund's mailing address is: BG BB Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund, P O Box 6409, Anchorage, AK 99506-6409.

Respectfully Submitted by Chairman,



**STUDENT NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION
SUMMER CAMP(S)**

WANTED: Adventurous High School Student(s) for a week during a summer they will never forget. The Anchorage Post is proud to be sponsoring, for our 5th year, an opportunity to for a qualified student to attend one of three SAME Engineering and Construction Summer Camps. This year the Camps are offered at U.S. Army Engineers in Vicksburg, MS, on 11-17 June; at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO on 6-12 July; and at the Navy's Pacific homeport for the Seabees in Port Heuneme, CA, on 22-28 July. The Anchorage Post has sent four campers to the SAME Camps: Kamron Gastineau from Dimond in 2003, Jon Herr from Chugiak in 2004, Justin Hickel from Grace Christian in 2005 all attended the Air Force Academy Camp. Brock Olson from Dimond attended the Seabee Camp at Port Heuneme, CA in 2005. The Anchorage Post is looking to pay the tuition for up to two High School students who have completed their sophomore or junior year to attend the SAME Engineer and Construction Camp at one of the three camps. Take a look at the SAME web site for details of the camp: <http://www.same.org>. The post will sponsor the student(s) by paying the Camp tuition; the attendee is responsible for transportation to and from the camp. In order to be considered for the Post Sponsorship, students must fill out the nomination packet on the website listed above and submit it to Chris Turletes at ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu or Pat Coullahan at Patrick.Coullahan@URSCorp.com by **31 March 2006**. If you are, or know of a student that is

interested, please call and talk to us. Chris can be reached at (907) 244-8063 or Pat can be reached at (907) 727-3934.

The successful candidate must have an interest in science and engineering, a connection to the Society of American Military Engineers, and a strong desire to have an adventurous week at one of the camps and meet the criteria below. Family or friends of Post and Sustaining Members are strongly encouraged to participate.

To qualify for consideration students must:

- Completed their freshman, sophomore or junior year of high school and have an expressed interest in applying to a Service Academy or ROTC program, or have completed their junior year of high school and have applied for entry to a Service Academy or ROTC program.
- Be on a high school track that will provide a basis for attendance at an accredited engineering college or university (i.e., be taking appropriate math and science courses);
- Have an expressed intent to pursue a degree in architecture, engineering or related field
- Have demonstrated leadership characteristics through participation in extra-curricular, sports, and/or community activities
- Be physically fit
- Be of high moral character

The campers learn leadership, engineering and construction skills, and have fun with students from around the country.

Anchorage Post will pay the registration fee for the camp of \$500.00. The student(s) are responsible the cost of the student's airfare.

Please review the SAME web site and select the USAF Academy Camp. And fill out the application at the website below.
<http://posts.same.org/camps/>

Post Young Members interested in mentoring at the construction camp should take a look at the Camp site <http://posts.same.org/camps/>

**ANCHORAGE POST SUPPORTING UAA
ENGINEERING'S SENIOR DESIGN COURSE**

Our Post will be supporting UAA Engineering's Senior Design Course again this spring as we have for the past two years. The Senior Design Course is the capstone senior design class. This course is designed to simulate design of an engineered project culminating in preparation of an engineering package including construction plans, specifications, and contractual requirements. This year's course will be working with DOWL Engineers on the East Dowling Road extension. The course meets every Friday during the Spring Semester from 9:00 am – 11:45 am.

More specifically the Engineering Department would like a team of senior professionals to present a panel discussion on the Engineering Business Practices on 10 March. They are also looking for guest lecturers for the following topics on the dates listed:

Topic	Date
Utilities and Transportation Projects	3 March
Engineering Business Practices	10 March
Preparing Plans and Specifications	17 March
Working with Vendors	31 March
Cost Estimating	7 April
Legal Aspects of Engineering	14 April

Please contact Skip Koch at 276-6610 or Skip.Koch@WestonSolutions.com, or Andy Larson at tikaani@mtaonline.net for additional information or to volunteer.

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**YOUNG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
MS. LAURA STUTHEIT**

Laura Stutheit, EIT, is a Project Manager with the BEM Systems, Inc., Anchorage office. Ms. Stutheit is a chemical engineer with a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona, with experience in the environmental engineering/remediation field, including CERCLA site remediation, Phase I/II/III Environmental Site Assessments, and underground storage tank investigations and cleanups. She also has expertise in computer systems. She will be sitting for her Professional Engineering license in April 2006.

Ms. Stutheit is the project manager for BEM's two Air Force performance-based contracts (PBCs) in Alaska. In 2005, she successfully completed the PL81-Valve Pit 11 PBC project, a petroleum soil cleanup and site closure at Elmendorf AFB. She is currently preparing multiple decision documents for the Nikolski Radio Relay Station PBC project in the Aleutian Islands. Fieldwork for that project, including remediation and debris removal, is scheduled for the summer of 2007.

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