



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

MARCH 2006

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monthly Luncheon

23 March 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 March at 743-5369 or e-mail Andy Larson at  
alarson@northwind-inc.com*

#### Executive Board Meeting

31 March, 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 March 2006, at the Moose Lodge. The cost is \$10.00 for a buffet lunch. Members and guests are welcome!

Introduced by Congress in 1998, the Denali Commission is an innovative federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure, and economic support throughout Alaska. With the creation of the Denali Commission, Congress acknowledged the need for increased inter-agency cooperation and focus on Alaska's remote communities. Since its first meeting in April 1999, the Commission is credited with providing numerous cost-shared infrastructure projects across the State that exemplify effective and efficient partnership between federal and state agencies, and the private sector.

George J. Cannelos was appointed the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez and began work at the Commission on October 3, 2005. He most recently served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the architecture and design firm, Koonce Pfeffer Bettis, Inc. and Director of the Heritage Land Bank for the Municipality of Anchorage. He capped a 32-year military career as a Brigadier General commanding the Alaska Air National Guard.

Mr. Cannelos also has considerable experience in rural Alaska. He began his career in Alaska in 1975 with the Department of Community & Regional Affairs. Over the years, he has completed planning projects in over 50 Alaskan communities, both in the public and private sector, to include comprehensive planning, coastal management planning, transportation planning, feasibility studies, training and ANCSA 14(c) land management work. He served as Chief Operating Officer for Chugach Alaska, Inc., and as Land Manager and General Manager for Bethel Native Corporation. He resided in Bethel in the early 1980s.

He earned a Bachelors degree from Lewis and Clark College and a Masters of Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Cannelos is a member of the Anchorage Rotary, Commonwealth North, a board member of the Anchorage Community Land Trust, Vice President of Anchorage Winter Cities, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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

## 2006 PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



You may be wondering like me, where did February go? If you were lucky and you managed to attend last month's general membership meeting, then you were the recipient of a superb presentation by Dr. Herb Schroeder of the University of Alaska. Dr. Schroeder 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% compared to a retention rate of 53% for all other students. Dr. Schroeder's program directly supports one of the goals I proposed in my vision statement: To develop the young with interest in math and science and mentor them toward careers as engineers, architects and scientists. To our sustaining members out there, I think there's a great opportunity to partner with ANSEP and begin to germinate the seed and begin to grow some of our own future professionals. Craig Lance of URS sent Dr. Schroeder our SAME scholarship application package and offered his assistance in filling out the applications—great work Craig! I'd like to think we'll see several applications from these students when we send out our call in September.

In other matters, Bill Kontess, and Pat Coullahan are blazing the trail, along with all the committee leads toward preparing the Anchorage Post for the 2007 SAME Regional Conference. I want to say thanks to all these folks for their outstanding effort so far. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there, but these folks are really stepping out. If you can give them a hand, by all means step up and get involved.

Speaking of involvement, we have the opportunity to step out early on streamer production for our post. Consider being a Streamer Chair for 2006. If you are interested in leading the way to qualify our Post for one of the many prestigious streamers, contact Mark Syren or Kevin Thomas.

Look forward to seeing you at this month's general membership meeting. Remember, bring a friend, non-member preferably, and see if we can't entice them toward membership.

*Col. Mike Haas, 2006 SAME Anchorage Post President*

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mark Syren, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kevin Thomas, Secretary Mo Mueller, Treasurer Kathy Jacobson, Newsletter Editor Kathy Riker, Pat Coullahan, Kathy Gardner, Skip Koch, Bill Kontess, Andy Larson, John Magee, Jamie Spell, and Chris Turletes.

**Presidents Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mark Syren opened for Col. Haas, who was unable to attend. Introductions of the new board members were made. Luncheons at the Moose lodge will be \$10.00 with the increase in food costs. The web site is looking good with the work of Andy Larson and Tad Dean. Has anyone seen the post flag? Skip Koch and Andy Larson are looking for volunteers to be guest presenters for the UAA Senior Engineering program—please give them a call. Pat Coullahan will be looking into SAME awards that need people nominated. The banquet was a success, a big thank you to Kathy Gardner on the raffle.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy Jacobson reported the audit was completed. There is still money out with the banquet. The monies in the savings was proposed to go to the Tally fund, all agreed, once balanced. Kathy Gardner motioned for the budget of the Science Fair to be increased for the savings bonds with movie tickets, or something extra to be awarded, John K. Magee 1<sup>st</sup>, Skip Koch 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Then the motion of \$600 for the budget of the Science Fair, Chris Turletes 1<sup>st</sup>, Pat Coullahan 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Chris Turletes needs three high school students budgeted for Engineering camp, Pat Coullahan 1<sup>st</sup>, John Magee 2<sup>nd</sup> to provide \$1,500 for the program.

**Regional Conference:** The sub-committee is moving along, Hilton contract to be reviewed by John Magee and Pat Coullahan. The banquet will coincide with the conference. Pat Coullahan suggested the Regional Conference would be used as a spin-off for new members on sub-committee's,

forming new committee's, Bill Kontess 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agreed. Skip Koch motioned on focusing on the conference this year, with the streamers secondary, John Magee, Kathy Gardner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Streamers:** Jamie Spell will be working with Kevin Thomas on the streamer goals. Kevin Thomas and Kathy Gardner will be organizing support for the families of the military deployed, volunteers will be needed to gather supplies. More information to follow next month.

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

### **Election Results – New Trustee**

At the Anchorage Post's monthly February meeting there was an election for the four Trustee positions for Seat A for the Board of Trustees for the Endowment. Congratulations on their election to incumbents: Skip Koch, John Magee, and Jim Volz; and new Trustee, Kevin Murphy of Enterprise Engineering. Thank you to these Post members who volunteered to serve as Trustees.

**Thanks!** Please join the Trustees of the Endowment Fund in thanking outgoing Trustee, Mr. Scott Thompson of Equinox Consulting, LLC for his service on the Board.

**Next Fund Meeting.** The first quarter meeting for 2006 for the Trustees will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the offices of RISE Alaska at 12:00. Post members are welcome to attend. Newly elected Trustees will be installed and officer selections for the Board of Trustees will be voted. Fund investment recommendations will be reviewed and direction provided.

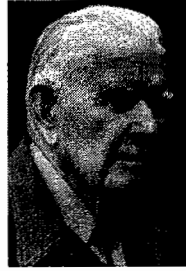
### **2005 Officers & Trustees**

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

Military Members: COL Timothy Gallagher



**About the Fund.** The Fund 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. The Fund provides financial assistance and recognition to upper division students in engineering and

natural sciences through award of scholarship grants. In addition, each year the Fund provides grants that recognize educators from the Anchorage and Mat-Su school districts for their outstanding contributions toward promoting and fostering mathematics and science programs. For information on the Endowment Fund, contact Chairwoman, Cheryl Stewart at RISE Alaska / 276-8095 or by email at: [cstewart@risealaska.com](mailto:cstewart@risealaska.com).

Respectfully Submitted by Chairman,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Cheryl Stewart".

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu) or Pat Coullahan at [Patrick.Coullahan@URSCorp.com](mailto: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/>

## **YOUNG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **JOHN SLETTE**



Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, John Slette was a star student and varsity athlete graduating with honors from East Anchorage High School. He then continued his education in Alaska and received a BS from UAF, graduating with honors in Mechanical Engineering.

John is currently employed by Earth Tech and is the most experienced and valued field engineer at the Missile Defense Agency, Ground Missile Defense project at Fort Greely, Alaska.

John facilitates and leads engineering product team analyses, as well as performing government quality assurance of both Boeing and Corps of Engineer construction projects at the missile defense complex. The Missile Defense Complex is being constructed in phases and now supports nine non-nuclear interceptors within two missile fields. While John continues to oversee and support the continuing construction, he was also part of the initial engineer and construction team that met an aggressive two year construction cycle for the first phase, completed on time and within budget in October 2004 to accept the initial deployment of six interceptors.

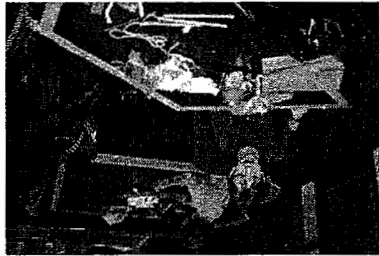
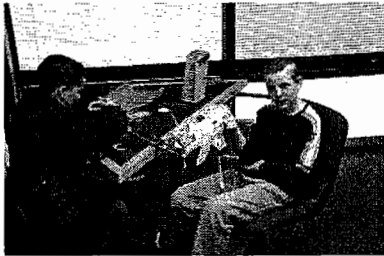
John continues his work as the key engineer supporting the MDA Government Site Manager for both the sustainment of completed defense complex facilities, as well as the additional on-going construction as the program continues to expand at Fort Greely. When he is not working on missile defense, John enjoys hiking, skiing, and fishing throughout Alaska with his new wife, Stephanie.

### **Engineers Week Floatable Moatable Competition Results, February 2006**

Another Engineers Week has swept by, but not without action packed activity at the UAA Student Competitions. SAME volunteers joined up to help kids build their Floatable Moatable Devices. Teams of kids from 1st – 12th grades showed up to make a floating vessel and marble-loading device out of an assortment of goodies provided in a lunch sack. Once construction was done, each team had five minutes to load marbles into their boat. And the one with the most marbles you ask? The honor goes to Justin Sands (see last picture below) of Service High School with 406 MARBLES!

#### **A Hearty THANKS to the volunteers that made it possible:**

Candi Zastrow, Alyeska Pipeline, Chris Floyd, ACOE, Chris Turletes, UAA, Claudette Engblom-Bradley, UAA, Jo Neumaier, ML&P, Joe Noble, 3CES, Kathy Gardner, Alyeska Pipeline, Kyle Gebhardt, 3CES, Mark Syren, Aeromap, Mike Engblom-Bradley, Alyeska Pipeline, Mike Frison, EEI, Mike Utley, ACOE, Mo Mueller, Balco, Paula Lacey, PDC, Stan Syta, GCI, Tom York, EarthTech, Virginia Groeschel, TNH



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