



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### ANNUAL SAME GOLF TOURNAMENT

22 June 2006, 7:00 a.m. Shotgun Start  
(6:00 a.m. Sign-in Time)

LOCATION:

### Eagle Glen Golf Course

(Elmendorf AFB)

#### Executive Board Meeting

30 June 2006, 6:30 a.m.

#### Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

### ANNUAL SAME GOLF TOURNAMENT



### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Alaska is absolutely wonderful! Things are really coming around in preparation for the Regional Conference. Our subcommittees and surging forward with programs, publicity and registration. We're out on the hunt for keynote speakers, and I'm sure we'll attract the best. The conference is going to be packed with superb training opportunities and current and useable information.

Congratulations are due to the two new SAME Fellows Craig Lance and Chris Turletes! They have been invited to the SAME Academy of Fellows annual Investiture ceremony to be held this November in San Francisco where Chris and Craig will be elevated to the rank of Fellow in recognition of their efforts over the years on behalf of the Society.

Additionally, we have the annual SAME golf tournament being held 22 June 2006 at Eagle Glen, 0700 shotgun start. The tournament is a college scholarship fundraiser for engineering students. All proceeds go to the SAME scholarship fund. Lots of good stuff this year: sponsored beverage cart, lunch provided, door prizes, and.....Silent Auction for 2 Roundtrip tickets to Seward on the Alaska Railroad.

Finally if you missed the May lunch meeting at AeroMap sponsored by Mark Syren, you missed an informative and tasty time. Our Anchorage SAME Post met at the AeroMap hangar, for prime rib and Alaska king crab followed by a great speaker Charlie Barnwell, GIS Manager with HDR, and Marcie Compton, GIS Analyst with AeroMap, followed by a robot team demonstration. Something great is always happening at SAME's Anchorage Post, come join us.

## MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**ATTENDEES:** President Col Mike Hass, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mark Syren, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kevin Thomas, Secretary Mo Mueller, Pat Coullahan, Bill Kontess, Andy Larson, Everett Mabry, John Magee, Bruce Steely, and Robert Wrentmore.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The Golf Tournament is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. 'Get The Word Out'. All of the planning is going good, Col. Mike Hass has promised good weather. The upcoming Pacific/Northwest Regional SAME Conference planning committees are going well; the schedule of events is coming together. On the Education-based activities, Chris Turletes and Pat Coullahan have the upcoming Engineering and Construction summer camps.

**THE SAME POST FLAG:** A HUGE "Thank you" to Kevin Thomas! The SAME Post flag has been recovered with the streamers.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Major Gordon Taylor needs help with the membership updating. The membership application will be looked at with the definition of sustaining members clarified.

### CHRIS TURLETES AND CRAIG LANCE NAMED SAME FELLOWS

By  
**Patrick Coullahan, P.E., F.SAME**

We have two new Fellow-selects among our Post Membership--Craig Lance and Chris Turletes! This is great news for our Post as we produced two of the 22 Fellows to be invested in 2006.

The two have been invited to the SAME Academy of Fellows annual Investiture ceremony to be held this November in San Francisco where Chris and Craig will be elevated to the rank of Fellow in recognition of their efforts over the years on behalf of the Society.

Chris Turletes, CFM, has served the Society well since becoming a member in 1976, is now a Life Member and is an exemplary member of the Society by any measure. He served SAME in key roles in the Anchorage Post since 1996, where he has been a director—heading up several local Post committees (Readiness, Youth, Scholarship, Summer Camp) doing the real work of the Society.

He has filled in for the Post Presidents countless times. He served as Co-Chair for the Pacific-Northwest Joint Regional SAME Conference in 2001—that by chance started on 9/11, and yet became a memorable success on its own right because of both co-chairs' remarkable resiliency, flexibility and resolve, to focus all the participants under the Nation's tremendous strain and sorrow. Chris also served as a key post planning committee member for other, prior, tremendously successful SAME Regional conferences held in Anchorage. He has been a staunch and dedicated supporter of mentoring and education initiatives for young members and area youth.

His military career marked him as an exemplary leader and military engineer—he changed the face of Alaska in his management of the MILCON and civil works programs and environmental cleanup and regulatory management throughout the Greatland, and finished his terrific Army career as Alaska District Deputy Commander. He then served for 3 years on the Missile Defense Agency's small but extremely effective team as private sector consulting engineers with Earth Tech after military retirement. The myriad of complex supporting facilities, utilities, and systems were built and ground-based midcourse defense interceptor missiles emplaced in the silos at Fort Greely in no small part due to his instinctive organizational skills and hands on remote site leadership from day one. Now he is faithfully carrying out the tough duties as the University of Alaska, Chief of Facility Maintenance—and recently earned Certified Facility Manager (CFM) designation.

Craig B. Lance, CCM, Program Manager Alaska Construction Services, URS Corporation, and Trustee on the B.B. Talley Scholarship Foundation of the Anchorage Post, has served on the Board of Directors, has been 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and President for the Anchorage Post. Craig was Arrangements Committee Chair for the 1995 NW Regional Conference and Education Committee Chair for the Anchorage Post. He was responsible for developing the first scholarship application form and selection criteria for the Anchorage Post. He strengthened relationships with the Anchorage School District by establishing two School Business Partnership agreements. Craig organized two highly successful training seminars, which generated over \$8,000 to the

scholarship fund. Craig, a former Air Force Civil Engineer Officer, helped lead the Air Force and the Professional community in innovative technologies and contracting methods, and helped bed down important missions and manage the construction of important support facilities.

Both Chris and Craig have added greatly to the continuing successes of the Anchorage SAME Post over the years.

## SAME NATIONAL MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

By  
**Patrick Coullahan, P.E., F.SAME**

Four members of the SAME Anchorage Post were in attendance at the annual meeting—the “2006 Joint Engineer Education and Training Conference and Expo” from May 30th to June 1<sup>st</sup>, in New Orleans, Louisiana. New Orleans was a very appropriate place to hold the annual conference that was attended by over 1,400.

For those of you who have not seen the tremendous devastation of Hurricane Katrina, be assured it is very real and heartbreaking to see—especially after all of these ensuing months. Despite what spin you may have heard from so many sources, one thing remains certain—the engineering professional has been spotlighted as a result of the damages and the ensuing recovery. As leaders continue to try to sort things out, the start of the 2006 Hurricane season is already here—however, the engineers and the construction companies are hard at it.

The highlight of the conference for me was the “behind the scenes tour” of the Katrina damages and repair conducted by the URS Metarie Office Chief, Mr. Bruce Adams. He gave an in-depth tour of the lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward; the seawalls, levees, and pumps; and the plans for the future as they are now developing. Also, I was able to discuss Katrina activities in-depth with BG Robert Crear, USA, Commander, USACE, Mississippi Valley Division during dinner.

The Louisiana Post had some excellent Technical sessions and they awarded Professional Development Hours for tours, seminars, technical sessions, and ceremonies.

Without a doubt—they still know how to party in the “Big Easy”.

The Exhibit Hall provided excellent networking and gave the Anchorage Post lots of visibility for the planned 2007 SAME Regional Conference in Anchorage. The booths at Bryce and URS were used to raffle off Alaskan prizes to lucky recipients in order to draw attention to our pending conference—lot’s of interest was generated. Handouts were left at all luncheon tables highlighting our conference program and the 10 reasons to come to Alaska in 2007. Our 10 reasons poster was a great hit at the Bryce and URS booths.

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At the Military Ball, the “Moose was loose” as well...a rare encounter with the Anchorage Moose, two Foxes, and a Wolff was caught on camera:



MG Dean Fox, Mrs. Sally Fox, “The Moose” and Dr. Wolff publicize the 2007 SAME NW/Pacific Regional Conference during the SAME “Big Easy Military Ball”

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