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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Monthly Meeting

27 July 2006, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Anchorage Moose Lodge

Executive Board Meeting

28 July 2006, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

SAME Monthly Meeting

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Lunch is available for \$10.00. Please RSVP to alarson@northwind-inc.com by Wednesday, 26 July.

Anchorage Post Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 28 July 2006 at 6:30 a.m. at the Country Kitchen restaurant (346 E. Fifth Ave., next to the Sheraton Hotel).

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome members and friends. It's been 11 short months since my arrival on the Anchorage scene, and every month has been great (even the cold ones). The dedicated and professional folks I've met and encountered in our SAME Post have brightened and enriched my time here. Originally, my family and I planned to spend at least two years here as Commander of the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron on Elmendorf. However, the Air Force has offered me Command of the 18th Civil Engineer Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan and I have accepted the assignment with a short notice report date of 25 July. The assignment to Japan makes me happy, but so does the progress made by the Anchorage SAME Post over this short period. The superb leadership of Pat Coullahan and Bill Kontess have us well on track for hosting the Northern Regional Conference. "Tropics to Tundra, Spanning the Pacific" an awesome theme with an equally awesome program developing. You folks do, do it right. Additionally, the recent golf tournament netted over \$5,000 for the Brigadier General Benjamin B. Talley, Scholarship Fund. This shows great commitment to the sponsorship of future generations of engineers and architects. I would like to thank the membership of the post and the truly generous contributions of the outstanding Sustaining Membership for making the Anchorage Post shine as bright as the Northern Lights. On a special note; Colonel Tim Gallagher, Commander of the Alaska Region of the Army Corps of Engineers, is retiring this week, we'd like to wish Tim and Linda all the best. More importantly, they are staying in the Anchorage area; meaning we'll keep a great member of our team. Thank you all for your wonderful support, hope to see you at the Regional in February, and Godspeed.

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JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendee's: President Col. Mike Hass, 2nd VP Kevin Thomas, Secretary Mo Mueller, Treasurer Kathy Jacobson, Kathy Gardner, Skip Koch, Bill Kontess, Everett Mabry, Bruce Steely, Maj. Gordon Taylor.

President's Report: Col. Mike Hass announced he will be departing from Alaska; the Air Force needs him in Kadina, Japan. Col. Mike Hass states that working with the Anchorage post has been a pleasure, and all will be missed. The committee's working on the conference is moving along well. Skip Koch will be talking with AGC on having an Industry Day. Col. Mike Hass mentioned the student scholarships could be given out sooner than November, maybe late August. Robert Wrentmore, Chris Turletes, and Maj. Bobby Stone work with the students, Maj. Gordon Taylor and Kevin Thomas will be contacting them to discuss this further. The Society of American Military Engineer's National post is asking for donations for the Century House, Bill Kontess motioned to meet our needs for the Talley fund first, Col. Mike Hass 1st, Maj. Gordon Taylor 2nd, motion was passed to meet Talley Scholarship funds first and then discuss what the post would like to donate. Skip Koch motioned to donate, Maj. Gordon Taylor 1st, Bill Kontess 2nd, motion passed to donate.

Golf Tournament: Everett Mabry reports a success with the tournament, and thank you to all who participated. The golf tournament raised roughly \$5000.00 for the Tally Scholarship Fund. Kathy Jacobson motioned to have to funds moved to the Tally Scholarship fund when the final dollar amount is determined, Bill Kontess 1st, Kathy Gardner 2nd, Col. Mike Hass moved for the funds to be deposited.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Jacobson reports on budgeted and received/expended monies of the post and we are on schedule.

Membership report: Maj. Gordon Taylor reports 360 members total. There are 102 individual, 12 student, and 246 sustaining members. Dropped members were 23, with 26 new members. Maj. Gordon Taylor will be talking with Lt. Col. Charles Bush; he would like to get involved with the post. Maj. Gordon Taylor reported he is working with the younger officers to join our post, and to be involved.

Newsletter Articles: Skip Koch is working on gathering articles for the newsletter. Please one and all send them in.

Anchorage Post Membership

First, thank you for the interest in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and your post. SAME is a tremendous service organization providing an array of engineering services to our nation. The organization was founded to disseminate relevant engineering information concerning our national defense to the country. SAME today has many outreaches—from growing new engineers through scholarship programs and competitions that foster interest in the sciences; published articles in the national magazine and newsletter that identify the latest research, construction, and environmental sciences methods in the military and industry; post meetings to bring issues of local interest; and conferences to share ideas and build partnerships. The key benefit of SAME I see is an opportunity to serve our great nation in our field of expertise and encourage others to enter the discipline of engineering and work together, such as we did during recent natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina.

I further hope as members of the Anchorage Post we see the benefits of SAME to ourselves also. The friendships and partnerships that are built through these meetings and conferences last a lifetime. The information we seek to impart to others is also given to us to build our knowledge and awareness. SAME posts are a great way to showcase the resume for your company, organization, and individual talents.

As of Jun 06, our post has 102 individual members, 12 student members, and 247 sustaining member representatives from a total of 59 companies. These numbers are down 9%, 20%, and 3% respectively from the beginning of the year. There is no easy solution to the dropping numbers, but I encourage each one of us to look for opportunities to promote SAME and the Anchorage Post. Guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend our meetings and only have to pay for their lunch.

If you know people that are interested in SAME, they are welcome to check out www.same.org for information about the society to include dues and www.sameanchorage.org for information about the post, or they can contact me directly for information at 552-9642 or Gordon.Taylor@elmendorf.af.mil. SAME has adjusted membership dues and simplified their online membership application procedures with future renewals set for 1 Jan.

Gordon Taylor
Membership Committee

SAME Golf Tournament Huge Success

The 17th annual Benjamin B. Talley Scholarship golf tournament was held on June 22 at the Elmendorf Eagle Glen Golf Course. The weather was a little wet, but the golfer's spirits were high and a good time was had by all. We had a total of 26 teams and were able to do a Shot Gun start at 7AM. The winning team was from the Rodney P. Kinney Associates, Inc and consisted of Rod Kinney, Chris Kinney, Clark Kinney and Kevin Smith. Their winning score was a respectable 12 under par. They will be displaying the tournament trophy in their office until next year's tournament. The second place team was from the 3rd CES. The tournament was heavily supported by our Sustaining Members, who contributed over \$2200 in Hole, Beverage Cart and Breakfast sponsorships. Thanks to our Sustainers generous support, the Scholarship Fund will receive a donation of over \$5400 from the golf tournament this year. A special thanks to the Alaska Railroad for donating two roundtrip tickets to Seward...ceremoniously won by Scott Blount of Weston Solutions. And an extra special thanks to Ms. Debbie Masker of the 3rd Civil Engineer sign shop for her continued support in producing Sustainer sponsorship signs.

2007 SAME Regional Conference Update:

Planning for the conference continues. Pat Coullahan, co-chair for the conference noted good interest in what we were planning when he attended the SAME national conference in New Orleans. Currently, we are working to attain keynote speakers, completing the work necessary for on-line registration, and getting the conference website completed. The program is getting solidified with several tracks of instruction and training available for both in-depth learning, as well as executive-level overviews that will be of keen interest to both Alaska residents and our attendees from around the Pacific Rim.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Presentations:

August – Rick Newill of BEM Systems -
Performance Based Contracts

September – to be determined

October – Weston Solutions – Enhanced Use
Leasing

November – West Coast and Alaska Tsunami
Warning Center

This Month's Speaker Scott Prosuch

Scott Prosuch is a DOD Program Manager with The Shaw Group and the Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President for SAME. He has over 25 years of professional experience as an Army Officer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). He has executed construction, environmental, civil and force protection projects and programs. He has worked Europe, Israel, Iraq and across the U.S. Most recently, he was a Deputy and Area Engineer with the Omaha District and Deputy Commander for the U.S. installation in Kuwait. Key national projects include: Unwatering/Rebuilding New Orleans, Israeli Airbases, Schriever AFB, Army/AF Space Cmd, Installation Security and technology development and application. He did not win any Gold medals in the recent Winter Olympic Games in Italy.

Help Wanted

The Anchorage Post is looking for a Sustaining Member representative to serve on the membership committee. If you are interested or know someone who could help contact any of the Post board members or contact Maj Taylor directly.

New Post President

As seen in this month's President's column, Col Hass is moving to Japan. That means that current 1st Vice President Mark Syren will assume the duties of the President. Look for his first column next month.

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