



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

February 2007 EDITION

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Monthly Meeting

22 March 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Golden Corral Restaurant**  
(C Street and Tudor Road)

Executive Board Meeting

23 March 2007, 6:30 a.m.

**Country Kitchen**

346 E. Fifth Avenue

*(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)*

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) monthly lunch meeting and monthly Executive Board meeting have been postponed for the month of February and will return to their regularly scheduled monthly time in March due to the Tropics to Tundra 2007 Pacific/Northwest Regional Conference. Please RSVP to Andy Larson at [andy@discoverydrilling.com](mailto:andy@discoverydrilling.com) by Tuesday, 20 March for the March meetings.

### SAME Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

February 2007 There will not be a regular monthly meeting in February; it will be replaced by the Regional Conference. The Post is continually looking for Monthly Speakers on topics concerning the engineering community. If interested please contact the Board of Directors.

March 2007 Seismic Retrofitting

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

#### Parting Thoughts

As we approach our annual banquet on 1 March, it's a good time to reflect on the year past and the way ahead. We have a lot to be proud of. SAME has a long history of supporting education and last January, a record of nine scholarships totaling \$16,000 was awarded to deserving college students. We're on track to beat that record in the next round of scholarship awards which will be announced at the banquet. In June the annual golf tournament proved once again to be a lucrative fund raising event, generating \$5,400 for the scholarship fund.

The Post hosted twelve monthly general membership meetings typically attended by 30 to 60 people and featuring dynamic topics ranging from performance based contracting to the dewatering of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. The post sent two students to SAME engineering and construction camps, an unforgettable experience for promising young engineers. The Post continues to recognize an Engineer of the Year and this year selected Skip Koch of Weston Solutions, a richly deserving candidate. The Post also nominated two members to the College of Fellows and was proud to have Chris Turletes and Craig Lance inducted in November. Capt Greg Mayer, the post junior vice president and a member of 3<sup>rd</sup> CES was our nominee for the SAME Sverdrup Award. And in a major coup, the 3<sup>rd</sup> CES won the SAME Curtin Award as the best large CE unit in the entire Air Force, an incredible accomplishment.



These are just a few of many noteworthy events and I think anyone would agree it's been a banner year for the Anchorage Post. But the best is yet to come with the regional conference right around the corner. We are nearing the finish line of a year long effort by a large group of dedicated people and we're seeing the payoff.

After a few anxious months, registrations, exhibitors, sponsorships and hotel room nights have all exceeded our goals. We have an amazing body of expertise and experience that's sure to dazzle with knowledge, information and advice on a variety of topics as we explore the theme "Spanning the Pacific, From Tropics to Tundra".

We have speakers of world renown including retired General Barry McCaffrey and Libbey Riddles, famous Alaska sports personality. We are going to hear from many engineer leaders in the Air Force, Army, Navy and the private sector. Change and transformation will be a prevailing theme and hopefully we will arm you with valuable tools and knowledge to cope with the frantic change that seems to dominate the times. We'll also have fun, to include a field trip to a microbrewery where we'll learn the principles of beer making and perhaps, beer tasting. If you haven't signed up yet, don't despair, you can still register for the conference at the Post website.

We'll cap it off with a changing of the guard. A new slate of officers will be inducted at the banquet led by incoming President Lt Col James Hodges who will take the post ever higher in the upcoming year. It's been my sincere pleasure serving as your President and also a privilege working with so many great people dedicated to the values and principles of our profession which are best represented by SAME. I look forward to seeing you at the conference and other post events in the months ahead.



### Joint Regional Training Conference Only Weeks Away!

Over a year's worth of planning is about to culminate in our Tropics to Tundra 2007 Pacific/Northwest Joint Regional Education and Training Conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton in downtown Anchorage from February 27 – March 2, 2007. Already, nearly 140 people are registered for various portions of the conference. Conference highlights include:

**Speakers:** The conference features presenters and keynote speakers of national and statewide renown, including General McCaffrey providing the Keynote presentation at our luncheon on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, and Libby Riddles, the first woman winner of the legendary Iditarod, will be the Keynote Speaker at our banquet on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Training:** Public, private, and military engineers, architects, and allied professionals may earn valuable continuing education credit in such diverse course offerings as:

- **Design/Build Seminar:** Presentations from the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA).
- **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED):** Introduction & LEED basics and more.
- **Security/Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection:** DoD Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection programs.
- **Acquisition Tools - Keys to Effective Proposal Preparation:** AFCEE, on their two-step facility acquisition contracts.

This is a small sampling of the opportunities available at this conference. For more information on this conference please visit our web site at: <http://www.sameanchorage.org/tropics-tundra/home.html>.

**Networking:** Gain valuable technical, professional, and marketing insight from civilian and military leaders both regional and nationwide.

**Annual Banquet:** Come be entertained; participate in our auction featuring artwork, crafts, and other items with an Alaskan flare; and meet our scholarship winners! A great evening is guaranteed for all. Banquet tickets are only available by registering through the Topics to Tundra website portal at <http://www.sameanchorage.org/tropics-tundra/home.html>.

**Cutting Edge Scientific Inquiry:** Come join us Friday afternoon for a scientific investigation sure to satisfy the most discerning of inquiring minds and reveal to all participants extreme engineering and modern marvels!

On behalf of the entire conference planning committee, Col Stu Hartford, my Co-Chair Pat Coullahan, we had a great time putting together what we feel is a truly outstanding program, and we hope you take the opportunity to register today! We're looking forward to seeing you.

Bill Kontess, F. SAME, AIA  
Conference Co-Chair

## **Volunteers For Regional Conference Committees Needed**

The regional conference is very close and a dedicated team is fully engaged to make it a resounding success. This conference will surely be one to remember. Meetings now occur every week as we enter the home stretch and all plans and arrangements are coming together nicely. Additional help is always appreciated so if you'd like to get involved we'd be delighted to put you to work. With the conference rapidly approaching we're gathering a list of people who would like to help. Several committees will need help now and other committees will need help during the conference. Please contact Kevin Thomas at 552-4112 or kevin.thomas@elmendorf.af.mil so we can match you with the right committee based on your availability.

## ***It's the SAME Curtin Award for the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron!***

### ***Named Best in Air Force for 2006***

**By Patrick Coullahan, PE, F.SAME  
Colonel, USAF (ret.)**

On January 4, 2006 the members of Elmendorf Air Force Base's 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) learned that they were selected for the prestigious Society of American Military Engineers Major General Robert H. Curtin Award as last year's "Most Outstanding Air Force Civil Engineering Unit". This is the highest honor in all of Air Force civil engineering and it is the first time in the 40-year history of the Curtin Award that it has been awarded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> CES.

Lt. Col. James Hodges, 3rd CES commander, SAME Anchorage Post President-elect exclaimed "I could tell from day-one that this was a special team ... eight flights with nearly 700 people doing amazing things daily. This award simply validates what I knew all along. I'm proud to be part of such an outstanding team!"

The award nomination package is crammed full of notable achievements, worthy of detailed story-telling on each and every one of the team's tremendous accomplishments. From participating in a significant Military Construction program to begin the bed down of F-22As and C-17s and relocate Air National Guard Operations from Kulis ANG Base to Elmendorf AFB; running an exceptional Housing Privatization program considered to be the model for the Air Force; closing the 1950s era power plant and reducing the NOx air

emissions by 2/3 and putting in 271 boilers in 131 buildings; running a voluntary wildlife enforcement monitoring program with 64 agents; receiving an EXCELLENT rating on the Unit Capability Inspection; being recognized for running the Air Force's best snow and ice control program for an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> time (clearing over 78 inches of snow from more than 20 snowfalls);

Elmendorf AFB is undergoing a transition unlike any before in its long and distinguished history of service to the Nation. Leading the charge in all of this are the men and women of the 3<sup>rd</sup> CES. Colonel Hodges knows the men and women of the 3rd CES always try to excel and stated: "Even though we have some old infrastructure and lots of new missions and transformational challenges facing us, the men and women of the 3rd CES continue to look for better ways of doing things and are out there building a better future for Elmendorf".

Col Rich Fryer, a former 3rd CES Commander, and now Commander, Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency (AFCESA) said on the 3rd CES selection for the Curtin Award: "The 3 CES was a hands down winner in the large CE unit category. Their initiatives, accomplishments, and strategic vision set them above from their peers. This was the first year that the Air Force did the evaluations by paper only and there was a clear victor in the large category. Well done, Arctic Warriors! P.S. and for those who were wondering, I was not part of the evaluation team." Col Rich Fryer, AFCESA Commander

From PACAF/A7, Director, Installations and Mission Support, Col William M. Corson, "Elmendorf's Curtin Award recognition as the USAF's Large Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit was tremendous news for a unit that is firing on all cylinders. The 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) is the hub of activity for an unprecedented volume of bed-downs at a single base as it works the programming, design, and construction for the AF's newest airlift and weapon systems; the C-17 and the F-22A. At the same time, the 3rd CES is also working RED FLAG Alaska and BRAC/Total Force Integration initiatives which provide both exceptional training and teaming opportunities for our Active, Guard and Reserve forces. From major construction and environmental programs to day-to day operation of one of our largest bases, the 3rd CES has excelled while deploying hundreds of squadron members all over the globe to fight the Global War on Terrorism. They are truly deserving of this recognition at the highest level in our AF".

## Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes SAME, Anchorage Post

**Date/Time:** 26 January/0630

**Location:** Country Kitchen Restaurant

**Attendees:** Col Stu Hartford, Mr. Mark Syren, Capt Greg Mayer, 1Lt Ross Dotzlaf, Ms Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Jamie Spell, Ms Andrea Soland, Maj. Gordon Taylor

**Not Present:** COL Kevin Wilson, Ms Kathleen Gardner, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Everett Mabry, Ms Karen Padgett, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Joey Gillespie, Mr. Tad Dean

### Proceedings:

- ◆ Col Hartford, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0630.
- ◆ Ms Kathy Jacobson provided the Treasurer's Report and disseminated copies of the current budget report for review. Items of note:
  - The 2007 budget has been outlined/reviewed. If you have any suggestions or recommended changes, please let Kathy know.
  - Mr. John Magee will be helping Kathy with the upcoming audit of the post accounts; this will be especially important because the results will be tied to this year's streamer awards.
  - Engineer's Week submitted a formal request for donation; the Post gave \$1K.
  - Due to cancellation of this year's Teacher Awards, the \$2K originally budgeted for the awards will be used to support our SAME camp participants. Mr. John Magee presented a motion to cancel the Teacher Awards and redirect the funds towards scholarship awards for HS seniors interested in science/engineering. The BOD voted and unanimously agreed.
  - \$500 was donated to Mathcounts.
- ◆ Lt Dotzlaf provided the Secretary's Report. Items of note:
  - The BOD meeting minutes from December's BOD meeting were unanimously approved, attendance was taken, and updates were made on the post officer roster.
  - Lt Dotzlaf requested information regarding any past records and official post documents for consolidation. BOD members referred to the 'traveling box', and provided additional leads, to include: Mr. Andy Larson, Ms Kathy Riker, and Lt Col Hodges' office closet.
  - The BOD discussed this month's new general membership meeting location (Golden Corral). Most attendees like the food and felt it was a good

change of pace from the Moose Lodge; however, there was some confusion with the reservation, seating arrangements, and payment. The BOD unanimously agreed to hold the March general membership meeting at the Golden Corral, noting that care must be taken to avoid the problems that caused confusion this month.

- ◆ Programs. There will not be a regular monthly meeting in February due to the Regional Conference. The topic for March's meeting will be seismic retro-fitting.
- ◆ Regional Conference. Members of the Conference Committee shared information from yesterday's committee meeting; the BOD discussed the following items of note:
  - General Fraser will no longer be able to speak; the programs committee is looking for a replacement.
  - There has been a trend towards late registration (76 have registered to date, but the committee is expecting 130-140).
  - Pat Coullahan is collecting pictures from sustaining members for the banquet slide show. Pictures should focus on "AK Engineering."
  - Col Hartford tasked the program committee with clearly explaining conference roles, interactions, who/what/when/where/why/how, etc to each speaker in order to ensure smooth operations and to clear up any confusion.
  - The BOD discussed whether the primary focus of the banquet was the post or the conference. The BOD voted unanimously that the banquet should be focused on the post. Accordingly, post officer inductions were added back into the banquet agenda and deleted from the March general membership meeting.
  - 3 CES will be recognized during the banquet for receiving the Curtin award.
- ◆ Teacher Recognition Award. Due to repeated lack of interest, the BOD unanimously agreed to do away with the Teacher Recognition Awards in favor of scholarships for high school seniors with an interest in science and engineering.
- ◆ Membership. Due to major problems with SAME National registration webpage, the individual membership streamer award has been canceled for this year. However, the group-membership/sustaining member streamer is still a go; the post is 1-2 away from the streamer for 06. Maj. Taylor reported the post currently has 116 individual members and 58 sustaining members. Maj. Taylor is continuously following up with those whose membership has expired in order to increase the number of renewals. Maj. Taylor also noted that each sustaining membership includes 5 complimentary individual memberships. Col Hartford noticed a discrepancy between our numbers, and tasked Maj. Taylor with determining the cause of this problem. Additionally, members of the BOD pointed

out that sustaining members profiles on the post website were not accurate and need to be updated.

- ◆ Publicity. No updates this month.
- ◆ Newsletter. The next edition of the post newsletter will be the 'Conference Edition', and will focus on the conference and sequence of events. The electronic version of the newsletter has been making its intended impact; there have been zero requests for hard copies. However, the post website must be updated with links to the last few newsletters.
- ◆ Streamers. Mr. Jamie Spell has 3 streamer packages ready for submittal, but he is still looking for finishing touches on a couple others. He sent an e-mail last week with the specific facts he needs.
- ◆ Website. No updates this month.
- ◆ UAA Engineering Support. Mr. Skip Koch announced that there were 4 mentors working with UAA students on the morning of the BOD meeting. There are 6 lectures that the post is supporting; 4 are covered. Skip is still looking for 2 volunteers; there is one opportunity to mentor in a Law in Design course and there is another opportunity in an Ethics course.
- ◆ Next month's events:
  - Regional Conference: 27 Feb – 2 Mar (Anchorage Hilton)
  - BOD meeting: 23 Feb @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)
- ◆ Col Hartford closed the meeting at 0737.

## Help Wanted

**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 the 6<sup>th</sup> year, an opportunity for a qualified student to attend one of three SAME Engineering and Construction Summer Camps. This year the camps are offered at US Army Engineers in Vicksburg, MS in June; at the US AF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO in early July; and at the Navy's Pacific homeport for the Seabees, Port Heuneme, CA in late July. The Anchorage Post has sent six campers to the SAME Camps: Kamron Gastineau from Dimond in 2003, Jon Herr from Chugiak in 2004, Justin Hickel from Grace Christian in 2005, Alex Kontess from Eagle River in 2006--all attended the AF Academy Camp. In 2005 Brock Olson from Dimond attended the Seabee Camp at Port Heuneme, CA as did Daniel Dellinger from Service in 2006. The Anchorage Post will pay tuition for two High School students who have completed their sophomore or junior year to attend the SAME Engineer and Construction Camps in 2007. It's not too early to think about your summer adventures. Keep an eye on the SAME web site for details at: <http://posts.same.org/camps/>.

The post will sponsor the student(s) by offsetting costs for transportation; the attendee is responsible for

transportation to and from the camp. If you are, or know of a student who is interested, please contact us. Chris Turletes can be reached at (907) 244-8063 or Pat Coullahan can be reached (907) 727-3934.

To be considered for 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 **30 March 2007**.

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

## URS Announcement

Mr. David Shaw recently joined URS and brings with him 14 years of military experience working in the Civil Engineer career field. He graduated with his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall of 2004. He is currently working at URS as a Civil Engineer in the Engineering Group. His work experience includes water resource engineering, quality assurance, writing reports and work plans, to include construction quality program plans, health and safety plans and proposals. Most recently David has worked on the Landfill Maintenance at Clear Air Force Station for the United States Air Force as an Assistant Project Manager; on the Barrow Landfill Closure in Barrow, Alaska for the North Slope Borough as an Engineer and as an infrastructure engineer supporting the 611<sup>th</sup> Air Support Group's Radar Sites Rightsizing Project throughout Alaska for the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence. He is also an Air Force Reservist, currently serving as Prime BEEF officer for the 804<sup>th</sup> CES at Elmendorf AFB.



## IFMA Certified Facility Manager Review Course and Exam

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The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), in conjunction with the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), is offering a review course for the Certified Facilities Manager (CFM) exam at a specially-

reduced rate for SAME and IFMA members. SAME and IFMA members are encouraged to take advantage of continuing education and networking opportunities offered through IFMA and to achieve a certification relevant to DOD installation management. This course is offered in conjunction with (but prior to) the **2007 Pacific/Northwest Region Education and Training Conference in Anchorage Alaska** (<http://www.sameanchorage.org/tropics-tundra/home.html>).

The course will be held on Sunday Feb 25, 2007 and Monday Feb 26, 2007 with the exam given on Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. The course will run from 8am to 5pm in the Anchorage Hilton Hotel's Lupine Room. Registration will be limited to approximately 24 people. Local POC is Chris Turletes, CFM at (907) 244-8063. To register, use the IFMA/SAME CFM Review Course link. The Hilton Hotel will honor the SAME conference room rate for the CFM Review Course participants. IFMA members attending the course are welcome to register for the conference but are not required to.

The review course allows qualified Certified Facility Manager (CFM) candidates to review IFMA materials while providing the opportunity to meet and network with fellow SAME members in a conference setting. Review sessions precede the conference allowing for networking opportunities. Before registering for the exam, you **must determine your eligibility** through IFMA at [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org)

This course is offered to SAME and IFMA Public Sector members at a reduced rate of \$300; IFMA members in the Private Sector may register for the course for \$495. By comparison, the CFM review course for non-IFMA Members costs \$695. Through this partnership, course attendees may then take the CFM Exam for \$300; the typical non-member price of the exam is \$600.

#### **SAME / IFMA CFM Review Course Checklist**

- Locate your IFMA or SAME Membership Number
- **Determine Your Eligibility** to become a CFM
- Complete the Registration Form (see Conf web site) for CFM Review Course
  - Send by fax (with payment information) to: **1-713-623-6124**
- Attend the CFM Review Course 25-26 Feb 2007
- Take the CFM exam 27 Feb 2007
- Report Results to SAME HQ by Email to [Mmayhew@same.org](mailto:Mmayhew@same.org)

#### **Attention Sustaining Member Firms,**

Thank you for your support and interest in the mission of SAME and your affiliation with our post. With your membership, you get four sustaining member representatives and one young member representative (must be 35 or younger to use this slot). Currently, 23 of our sustaining member firms have no young representative and 11 firms have not filled all the alternate representative slots. If you would like assistance to add representatives, you may contact Maj. Gordon Taylor at 552-9642, by e-mail at [Gordon.Taylor@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:Gordon.Taylor@elmendorf.af.mil), or update your membership online at [www.same.org](http://www.same.org).

#### **From the Editor**

It has been an honor to serve as the Newsletter Editor for the past few months. In the coming editions I am hoping to receive more photos and interesting commentary to post in the Newsletter, so keep those announcements and awards coming.

There have not been any requests for paper copies of the newsletter even though they are available. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please email your request to the Editor so arrangements can be made for printing and mailing. All members should check the web page to verify your email address is correct at [www.same.org/custom/postrosters](http://www.same.org/custom/postrosters)

#### **From the Web Master**

##### **Website Update:**

We've added the following new pages to the web site:

- Monthly luncheons – where we post presentations from past luncheons
- Job Central – where members are invited to post resumes or job opening announcements free of charge!

You can navigate to these pages by visiting [www.sameanchorage.org](http://www.sameanchorage.org) and clicking on the links at the left of the page.

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