



North Winds

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March 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 is scheduled at the regular times. Please RSVP to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com by Wednesday, 21 March for the March meetings.

SAME Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

March 2007 Seismic Retrofitting by Samantha Spindler of BBFM a structural engineering firm based in Alaska. She'll be discussing various technologies and their applications and how they have been used in several local Alaska projects.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This month the newsletter announces the incoming president for 2007. Lt Col James Hodges has been a member of SAME since 1990 when he was a founding student member at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is a life member of SAME and has previously been a post treasurer and assisted with the Engineer and Construction Camp at the Air Force Academy.

"I am honored to take the reins of the thriving Anchorage Post and impressed by the landmark regional conference

recently conducted in Anchorage. I would like to send a special thanks to the committee and all who helped pull off this world-class event. I am committed to the continued development and accomplishment of the Anchorage Post goals in the coming year"

Lt Col James C. Hodges is the Commander, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Responsible for 700 military and civilian professionals to provide vital force readiness, construction, maintenance, environmental quality, housing, fire protection, and explosive ordnance disposal services.

Lt Col Hodges entered the Air Force in May 1991 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. A career civil engineer, he has held several base, major command, and Pentagon level positions. His base-level experience includes assignments as design engineer, Chief of Maintenance Engineering, Commander of Resources Flight, and acting Chief of Operations Flight at Air Force installations in the continental United States and overseas. He is a licensed professional engineer in Arkansas and wears the Air Force master civil engineer badge.



Lt Col Hodges is married to the former Julee Payne of Wichita, Kansas. They have three children, Jefferson, Anderson, and Bryson.

EDUCATION:

- 1991 Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 1996 Master of Science in Engineering and Environmental Policy, Washington University, MO
- 1996 Outstanding & Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School (resident), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1999 Master of Arts in Organizational Management, George Washington University, DC
- 2004 Command and General Staff College (resident), Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- 2005 Air War College (correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

B.B.TALLEY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Seat C Nominations Open!

Nominations are now being taken for those members interested in running for the Seat C Trustee positions which will be voted upon at the March Post luncheon meeting. The four positions run from April 2007 through March 2010. There are four quarterly luncheon meetings. Interested members may contact any of the current Trustees for further information about being a Trustee. Nominations should be directed to Alan Quesnel, contact information below. Nominations will also be accepted at the Post's March 2007 luncheon meeting. We will vote at the March meeting as well.

Investment Report

The Fund's balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$186,515. This last year the Anchorage SAME Post made \$5,700 in donations to the Fund. The Trustees voted at the November 2006 meeting to provide the POST with \$10,000 for the Scholarship Program. The Fund is administered by the Board of Trustees and professionally managed by Steven Foster, of Raymond James Financial Services.

2007 Officers & Trustees

Trustee Emeritus: Virginia Talley

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Military Members: COL Kevin Wilson (representing COE) and Lt Col James Hodges (representing USAF)

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. For information on the Endowment Fund, contact Chairman, Alan Quesnel at 611CES, Elmendorf AFB, AK/552-5222 or by email at: masteraj@pobox.mtaonline.net

Respectfully Submitted by Chairman,
Alan Quesnel



TROPICS TO TUNDRA SAME REGIONAL CONFERENCE

"Success on a Grand Scale"

Additional photos of the success experienced at the regional conference can be viewed by visiting the Anchorage Post web site. All Photos the courtesy of Ed Ambrose, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District.

Native Dancers





Awards Presentations



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 6th 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, located at Port Heuneme, CA in late July. The Anchorage Post has sent six campers to the SAME Camps in the past:

- 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 the above mentioned 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 or Pat Coullahan at 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.

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, or update your membership online at 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

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 and clicking on the links at the left of the page.

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