



North Winds

VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

April 2007 EDITION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Monthly Meeting

26 April 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Moose Lodge

(Arctic Blvd. and Tudor Road)

Executive Board Meeting

27 April 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

April 2007 Our guest speaker this month will be Mr. Michael Black, who will be speaking about the Newtok Relocation Project. Visitors to this month's meeting will include Mr. George Tom, Newtok Traditional Council, Mr. Stanley Tom, Tribal Administrator and Relocation Liaison for the Newtok Traditional Council, and Mrs. Elizabeth Tom, Stanley Tom's wife and Newtok resident

Please RSVP to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com by Tuesday, April 24 to reserve a catered lunch for the April meeting. Lunch will be provided by LoneStar Restaurant and will cost \$14.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I continue to be impressed by the dedication and involvement of the Anchorage post members and

leadership. Prior to last month's general membership meeting, I wondered if we would have much attendance to speak of. However, we had a great crowd to hear the energetic and insightful presentation about Seismic Retrofitting by Samantha Spindler of BBFM, a structural engineering firm based here in Alaska. This month we have a discussion on coastal erosion, a topic of engineering, environmental, and social concern. We look forward to continuing this tradition of providing informative presentations regarding the engineering solutions to the military and societal challenges of today.

At the last board meeting, the post leadership continued its support for great engineering outreach programs, such as the junior robotics competition teams. We are also encouraging involvement in the SAME Engineering and Construction Camps. The post will send two high school students (sophomore or higher) to any of three SAME summer camps. I also encourage our firms and military organizations to sponsor a young member from our post to serve a mentor. I've seen first hand how young students become inspired toward engineering and military careers during these camps. Christ Turletes can provide more details. These initiatives not only help out our organization, but they also help fill the national shortage of engineers.



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There has been a ground swell of support to establish our post goals and objectives. We have been reviewing those proposed goals and will officially incorporate those this month, advertise them to the membership, and develop an action plan to accomplish them. Ultimately, achieving these goals will make our post stronger, enhance the education and training of our membership and future engineers, and help us achieve the SAME mission: "to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."

**"IT'S UP TO US" –
Luncheon & Leadership Development
Conference**

Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, BP

Tuesday MAY 15th, 2007 at the
Anchorage Downtown Hilton

**WE ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
ANCHORAGE!**

Leadership Anchorage, a program of the Alaska Humanities Forum, will host a luncheon and half-day interactive conference on developing and sustaining community leaders. John Graham, president of The Giraffe Heroes Project, will be the keynote speaker. As a John Wayne wannabe in the Foreign Service, Graham faced death many times. But later, at the United Nations, he was deeply involved in peace initiatives in Southern Africa, South Asia and Cuba. Surviving a sinking cruise ship in the Gulf of Alaska, Graham thought, "Don't die before you've made a difference." He is the author of *Stick Your Neck Out -A Street-Smart Guide to Creating Change in Your Community and Beyond*.

After the keynote address Mr. Graham and local Anchorage professionals will provide interactive leadership development workshops. A social gathering will follow the workshops from 5:00 until 6:00.

This event celebrates 10 years of Leadership Anchorage's contributions to the Anchorage, Mat-Su and Alaska communities.

Registration sponsored by the Anchorage Society for Human Resources Management

<http://www.akhf.org/programs/leadership/conference2007/welcome.html>
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LUNCHEON & CONFERENCE COST

- * Luncheon & Keynote Address Only - \$35
- * Table Sponsorships - \$400 / 10 persons (not available online -

to
sign up contact Lakima Spenser lakimaak@yahoo.com or 244-7339)

* Luncheon, Keynote and Full Conference with Sessions plus Social - \$80

* All above along with Continuing Education Credits - \$105.50

Note: Conference workshop audiences are limited. Sign-ups for specific workshops will occur on the day of the conference on a first come-first served basis.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- * Tom Gill, Tom.Gill@BP.com or
- * Lorie Morris, akfamilies@gci.net

"When a leader reaches out in passion, he is usually met with an answering passion"
- John C. Maxwell

**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

2007 Officers: Alan Quesnel (Chairman), Kathy Prentki (Vice-Chairwoman), Jim Volz (Treasurer), Skip Koch (Secretary).

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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

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

Date/Time: 30 March/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Lt Col James Hodges, Mr Tim Gallagher, Mr Kevin Thomas, Mr Jamie Spell, 1Lt Ross Dotzlaf, Ms Kathy Jacobson, MAJ Bryan Erickson, Col Stu Hartford, Mr Pat Coullahan, Mr Ted Trueblood, Mr Everett Mabry, Mr Chris Turletes, Mr Skip Koch, Mr Bruce Steely, Mr Andy Larson, Mr Bill Kontess, Maj Gordon Taylor, SMSgt George Bunting

Not Present: Capt Greg Mayer, COL Kevin Wilson, Mr John Magee, Ms Andrea Soland, Ms Karen Padgett, Ms Kathleen Gardner, Mr George Herr, Mr Steve Schwicht, Mr Robert Wrentmore, Mr Joey Gillespie, Mr Tad Dean

Proceedings:

- Lt Col Hodges, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0635. Being his first BOD meeting as post president, Lt Col Hodges remarked that he is proud to be part of the team and to take the helm of such a fine organization.

- Ms Kathy Jacobson provided the Treasurer's Report and disseminated copies of the current budget report for review. Items of note:
 - o Kathy and Chris Turletes recently wrote a lot of checks for this year's scholarship awards.
 - o The budget has no current income; sustaining member funds usually come in January...there is possibly an error with National's recent electronic file turn-over. Kathy wants to check the post mailbox before calling HQ about the income.
 - o The board unanimously approved to renew our annual Moose Lodge membership for \$35; this will ensure a backup meeting location.
 - o The board unanimously approved to donate a total of \$1000 to junior robotics competition teams; \$500 will go to support the Environodes and \$500 will go to support the Diamond High School team.
- Lt Dotzlaf provided the Secretary's Report. Items of note:
 - o The last BOD meeting minutes (January) were approved via e-mail; due to the conference, there was no BOD meeting in February.
 - o The BOD roster was restructured with respect to board seats; due to numerous committee changes, members were asked to annotate their current committee affiliations. The location for the monthly general membership meetings was discussed. Members generally agreed that the Golden Corral is not an ideal long-term meeting location, but it will work temporarily if necessary. The search continues; other possibilities include the Hilton and the BP Energy Center.
- Post Goals. Col Hartford shared that when he assumed the Post Presidency last June, John Magee provided a thorough list of post goals for review. There is no need to form a new committee to review the goals; the work has already been done. Lt Col Hodges asked that the goals be brought to the next BOD meeting for a vote; they will be disseminated by e-mail.
- Senior NCO Involvement. SMSgt George Bunting (3CES) was unanimously approved by the BOD to become the post's first SNCO representative to the board of directors.
- Programs. Kevin Thomas shared the upcoming meeting agendas: April's speaker will discuss coastal erosion, May's meeting will be hosted by

Aerometric (topic yet to be determined), June's meeting will be replaced by the annual golf tournament, and July's speaker is tentatively schedule to discuss melting of the polar ice caps.

- Regional Conference. Bill Kontess shared final comments on the Regional Conference: the post received great feedback from all attendees. Remaining tasks include: committee closeout meeting, lessons learned report, financial closeout, published list of participants, poster/signage storage, and prize mailing. An end-of-conference questionnaire will not be done.

- Readiness & Homeland Security Committee. Pat Coullahan shared that he is working to re-energize this committee with the primary purpose of engaging the Emergency Management Community to join SAME. Pat is not sure who is currently on the committee, but he'd like to get a note in the newsletter to solicit new members and a new vision for the committee. Lt Col Hodges mentioned that he could make contact with Ms Heather Handyside (Anchorage EOC Director), and Pat added that he'd like to see SNCO representation from the Elmendorf Fire Department

- Scholarships. Chris Turletes reported that, as of the banquet, all scholarships have been awarded and are closed out for this year.

- Summer Camps. Chris Turletes shared that the post has only received 1 applicant for the Navy Camp so far...the post sends 2 high school students (sophomore or higher) each year one of three SAME summer camps. The BOD also discussed the possibility of sponsoring a young member to attend one of the camps as a mentor.

- Membership. In light of new member number assignments, Maj Taylor has requested a new post membership list with new member numbers from National. The post sustaining member list is down only 1 member from last year, but we are doing much better than the average 9% loss felt by posts around the world. Individual membership levels are steady. One particular item of interest was the free individual membership slots that each sustaining member firm receives – Col Hartford suggested identifying these first so we can target them individually.

- Publicity. Andy Larson shared that internal publicity is on-track, but that he will be revising the external publicity listings. He also inquired as to whether RSVP was still required for general

membership meetings...the post unanimously agreed to discontinue.

- Newsletter. No updates this month.

- Streamers. Mr Jamie Spell reported that the post won all streamers that it applied for, two with distinction. Please note, the post has not received an official notice of these awards, but it is reported on the website. The post's two weak areas this year were NCO involvement and members publishing articles in scholarly journals.

- Website. No updates this month.

- UAA Engineering Support. Mr Skip Koch reported that this semester's mentoring opportunities are coming to an end. This year, SAME has provided 14 people from 12 companies for lectures, mentoring, and leading discussion groups. More opportunities will be available in the fall. Additionally, Skip is planning to get with the UAA instructors to honor the volunteers.

- Golf Tournament. Mr Everett Mabry shared that the golf tournament will be held at the Elmendorf Golf Course on Friday, 22 June. Mr Mabry requested a plug for the tournament in the April newsletter, and he is looking for any volunteers to assist with planning.

- Alibis.

- o National Conference will be held in May...Mr Gallagher will be attending as a sustaining member, and will also represent the post to receive our streamer awards.

- o Chris Turletes suggested that the website add electronic forms for scholarship packages.

- o Jamie Spell announced that the AK state licensing board is looking to increase the continuing education credit requirements...this would be the bi-annual requirement from 24 to 30 hours.

- o Col Hartford suggested that the performance of the Talley Fund should be looked at – the BOD decided that a Talley Fund Committee representative should provide a fund report to the BOD on a quarterly basis. Skip Koch will notify the Talley Fund Committee.

- Next month's events:

- o Regional Conference: 26 Apr (T.B.D.)

- o BOD meeting: 27 Apr @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)

- Lt Col Hodges closed the meeting at 0740.

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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Check it out at:**

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