



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

May 2007 EDITION

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Monthly Meeting

24 May 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Anchorage AERO-METRIC, Inc. office  
(2014 Merrill Field Drive)

#### Executive Board Meeting

1 June 2007, 6:30 a.m.

#### Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

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

Society of American Military Engineers May Monthly Meeting will be May 24, 11:30 at the Anchorage Aero-Metric office located at: 2014 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Lunch will be served in AERO-METRIC's hangar for the low cost of your generous donation to the Talley Scholarship Fund.

Please RSVP to Andy Larson [andy@discoverydrilling.com](mailto:andy@discoverydrilling.com) by close of business Tuesday, May 22, to ensure that adequate food is provided.

### SAME Monthly Meeting

#### Guest Speaker

**May 2007** Our guest speaker this month will be Nicholas Mastrodicasa, Project Manager for State of Alaska, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He will speak about the Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative.

In addition, the Boretide Robotics group is back from their trip to Atlanta and will be present with their robot.

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"We continue to make great strides each month in making the Anchorage Post the best in SAME. Last month Mr. Mike Black, Director of the Division of Community Advocacy with the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, provided an enlightening presentation about Newtok and other villages in Alaska facing relocation due to coastal flooding and erosion. Newtok village residents also attended the meeting and provided their personal perspectives to the discussion.

At the April Board of Directors meeting, we approved our 2007 goals. Within the next month, Post leaders will put together an action plan to ensure we meet these goals and support the SAME mission, "to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security." These goals will soon be available for all to view on the Post website. The Board also approved funding for a local student to attend the SAME Engineer and Construction camp, provided partial support to an "at-large" student from another post, and provided partial support for the University of Alaska Anchorage Architect/Engineer club to help Habitat for Humanity on-site with the Hurricane Katrina recovery.



Finally, Spring is in the air! This time of year in Alaska brings many opportunities to help out in our community and to get out to enjoy Alaska in all its natural grandeur! A great opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors while helping our community is the SAME Golf Tournament. On June 22nd, the SAME Golf Tournament will be held at the Elmendorf AFB Egleklen Golf Course with a 7:00 a.m. shotgun start. Mr. Ev Mabry will soon be providing a media blitz with details on cost, sign-up, etc. Ev tells me that the entry fees will include greens fees, continental breakfast, lunch, golf cart, and a bag of other goodies. Egleklen Golf Course is accessible to the public at the Elmendorf AFB Post Road gate. We encourage members and guests to take part in this grand event that enables our post to raise funds for

scholarships that support deserving engineering students."

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

**Date/Time:** 27 April/0630

**Location:** Country Kitchen Restaurant

**Attendees:** Lt Col James Hodges, Mr Tim Gallagher, Mr Kevin Thomas, Capt Greg Mayer, 1Lt Ross Dotzlaf, Ms Kathy Jacobson, MAJ Bryan Erickson, Col Stu Hartford, SMSgt George Bunting, Mr Everett Mabry, Mr Chris Turletes, Ms Kathy Gardner, Mr Bill Kontess, Mr Robert Wrentmore, Maj Gordon Taylor

**Not Present:** Mr Jamie Spell, COL Kevin Wilson, Mr Pat Coullahan, Mr Ted Trueblood, Mr John Magee, Ms Andrea Soland, Ms Karen Padgett, Mr Skip Koch, Mr Bruce Steely, Mr Andy Larson, Mr George Herr, Mr Steve Schwicht, Mr Joey Gillespie, Mr Tad Dean

#### **Proceedings:**

- Lt Col Hodges, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0640. Lt Col Hodges welcomed all in attendance and remarked on the quality of Thursday's general membership meeting.
- Ms Kathy Jacobson provided the Treasurer's Report and disseminated copies of the current budget report for review. Items of note:
  - o The post received a thank-you note, picture, and t-shirt in appreciation for our donation to this year's Mathcounts competition.
  - o Sustaining member dues have arrived from SAME National HQ via electronic transfer. The post will receive these funds quarterly, totally approximately \$4K annually.
  - o The cost for the catered lunch on Thursday came out to roughly \$18 per person with tip included. The BOD discussed the price for future catered meals, and all were in general agreement that the price is not a major factor in attendance as long as the program is dynamic. After a lengthy discussion of potential general membership meeting venue options, LtCol Hodges directed the following: the post (through Kathy Gardner) will reserve the BP energy center for May '08 (1-yr lead time), the post (through Chris Turletes) will explore potential meeting venues on UAA campus, and in the meantime, the post will continue to look for other options while using the Moose Lodge with catered meals as a backup.
- Lt Dotzlaf provided the Secretary's Report. Items of note:
  - o The last BOD meeting minutes (March) were approved.
  - o Lt Dotzlaf will be PCSing in July and is looking for a replacement.

- Post Goals. LtCol Hodges opened discussion on the post goals by sharing his views on the draft goals document. The draft is in pretty good shape, and it is perfectly in line with the 5 focus areas: Education and Training, Relationships, Relevance, National Security Programs, and Recognition.
  - o Bob Wrentmore shared a brief history of the post's goals over the last 10-15 years. Based on lessons learned, he recommended that the final version of our post goals should be very simple, easy to understand, specific, and measurable. He also recommended creation of a long-range plan (~10 years) for post goals.
  - o Col Hartford made a motion to accept the current draft with edits and inclusion of the inputs received and discussed; the motion passed, and the goals were approved.
  - o LtCol Hodges closed discussion on the post goals by announcing that he will schedule and chair a small panel to develop an action plan for implementing the post goals in June.
- Programs. Kevin Thomas shared the upcoming meeting agendas: May's meeting will be hosted by Aerometric (topic yet to be determined), and June's meeting will be replaced by the annual golf tournament. For future meeting agendas, he suggested a joint meeting with another professional organization, and opened the floor to topics suggestions. The following ideas were discussed: Knik Arm Bridge, Alaska Railroad expansion, Anchorage city development, port expansion, and more.
- Readiness & Homeland Security Committee. Col Hartford shared that Pat Coullahan has identified a Committee Chair (Mr Stu Nelson).
- Summer Camps. Chris Turletes shared background on the post's 1 applicant for this summer and made a motion to approve. He also shared that a student from China is requesting sponsorship for camp tuition (does not include airfare) and made a motion to approve. The Architecture and Engineering Club from UAA provided a pitch for funding to support their Habitat for Humanity Trip to New Orleans this summer. To close this discussion, LtCol Hodges entertained a motion to use the \$3000 earmarked to sponsor two students for summer camps to provide \$1500 for the post's 1 traditional summer camp applicant, \$500 to sponsor the student from China, and \$1000 to the UAA Architecture and Engineering Club; the motion was unanimously approved.
- Membership. Maj Taylor provided a brief report on post membership. He shared that he has a membership advertisement ready for editing and submittal in the next newsletter; he also shared that he will be coordinating an updated e-mail distro for post members for the post newsletter due to the fact that last month's had approximately 35 undeliverable recipients.

- Publicity. The BOD decided to stop requesting RSVPs for general membership meeting attendance at last month's BOD meeting. Since RSVP was required for this month's caterer, Andy Larson is more than willing to continue RSVPs as before. The BOD agreed to continue.
- Newsletter. No updates this month.
- Streamers. No updates this month.
- Website. No updates this month.
- UAA Engineering Support. This semester's mentoring opportunities are complete; the program was an overwhelming success and enjoyed by all involved. There will be more opportunities in the Fall.
- Golf Tournament. Mr Everett Mabry shared that the golf tournament will be held at the Elmendorf Golf Course on Friday, 22 June, with an early morning start time. Tournament entry fees will include greens fees, continental breakfast, lunch, golf cart, and goody bag. Mr Mabry shared that prices to host the tournament are increasing, but the BOD decided to hold entry fees at last year's price of \$100.
- Alibis.
  - o Teacher Recognition. Mr Tim Gallagher would like to avoid elimination of the Teacher Recognition awards. Instead, he suggested that the post should re-adjust how we search for candidates. He volunteered to lead a team to formulate this plan. The BOD agreed that this award should be continued.
  - o National Conference. The post will be sending Tim Gallagher, Greg Mayer, and Tim Pach to represent the post and pick up our streamers.
  - o 2013 National Conference bid. LtCol Hodges would like quarterly updates on our progress for securing our bid.
- Next month's events:
  - o General Membership Meeting: 24 May (Aerometric)
  - o BOD meeting: 1 Jun @ 0630 (Country Kitchen) \*\*  
The meeting was moved from 25 May due to the holiday weekend. \*\*
- Lt Col Hodges closed the meeting at 0800.

### 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

I apologize for the late arrival of the May edition, It is the beginning of a busy season for all of us. I am still looking for photos of SAME activities and hope to see some good action shots from the Golf Tourney.

Also, the 2007 SAME Goals and Objectives will be posted to the SAME website.

All members should remember 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.

Your North Winds Newsletter is published by:



235 East 8<sup>th</sup>, Suite 210  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Newsletter Editor:** Mr. Joey Gillespie  
[jgillespie@northwind-inc.com](mailto:jgillespie@northwind-inc.com)  
Phone: 277-5488

This months Newsletter is sponsored by MACTEC.  
Please review the insert for more in-depth information  
concerning the services they provide.



engineering and constructing a better tomorrow

Interested in sponsoring an edition of the North Winds  
SAME Newsletter? We need sponsors for June 2007  
through December 2007, so contact the editor to select  
your month.

Contact [jgillespie@northwind-inc.com](mailto:jgillespie@northwind-inc.com)

**Post Mailing Address:**  
**S.A.M.E.**  
**P.O. Box 6149**  
**Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506-6149**

**Have you been to the Post website?**  
**Check it out at:**

<http://www.sameanchorage.org>

## OFFICERS

<b>President:</b> Lt Col James Hodges <a href="mailto:James.hodges@elmendorf.af.mil">James.hodges@elmendorf.af.mil</a>	552-3007
<b>1st VP:</b> Mark Syren <a href="mailto:msvren@aerometric-ak.com">msvren@aerometric-ak.com</a>	272-4495
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP:</b> Kevin Thomas <a href="mailto:Kevin.thomas@elmendorf.af.mil">Kevin.thomas@elmendorf.af.mil</a>	552-4112
<b>Junior VP:</b> Capt Greg Mayer <a href="mailto:greg.mayer@elmendorf.af.mil">greg.mayer@elmendorf.af.mil</a>	552-3230
<b>Secretary:</b> 1Lt Ross Dotzlaf <a href="mailto:ross.dotzlaf@elmendorf.af.mil">ross.dotzlaf@elmendorf.af.mil</a>	552-5009
<b>Treasurer:</b> Ms. Kathy Jacobson <a href="mailto:kathyj@tnh-inc.com">kathyj@tnh-inc.com</a>	343-0248

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Col Kevin Wilson/ <a href="mailto:nova.l.robbins@poa02.usace.army.mil">nova.l.robbins@poa02.usace.army.mil</a>	753-2504
Mr. Pat Coullahan / <a href="mailto:patrick_coullahan@urscorp.com">patrick_coullahan@urscorp.com</a>	261-6760
Ms. Kathy Gardner/ <a href="mailto:gardnerk@alyeska-pipeline.com">gardnerk@alyeska-pipeline.com</a>	787-8931
Mr. George Herr / <a href="mailto:geoherr@aol.com">geoherr@aol.com</a>	384-7557
Mr. Skip Koch / <a href="mailto:skip.koch@westonsolutions.com">skip.koch@westonsolutions.com</a>	276-6610
Mr. Bill Kontess / <a href="mailto:bkontess@kpb-alaska.com">bkontess@kpb-alaska.com</a>	770-4378
Mr. Andy Larson / <a href="mailto:al Larson@discoverydrilling.com">al Larson@discoverydrilling.com</a>	277-5488
Mr. Everett Mabry / <a href="mailto:everett.mabry@shawgrp.com">everett.mabry@shawgrp.com</a>	384-0182
Mr. John K. Magee / <a href="mailto:jmagee@rmconsult.com">jmagee@rmconsult.com</a>	646-9656
Ms. Karen Padgett / <a href="mailto:karen.padgett@alaska.com">karen.padgett@alaska.com</a>	561-4430
Mr. Steve Schwicht / <a href="mailto:sschwicht@DOWL.com">sschwicht@DOWL.com</a>	562-2000
Mr. Bruce Steely / <a href="mailto:bsteely@dihthaad.com">bsteely@dihthaad.com</a>	223-6339
Mr. Ted Trueblood / <a href="mailto:tedt@tnh-inc.com">tedt@tnh-inc.com</a>	343-0215
Mr. Chris Turletes / <a href="mailto:ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu">ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu</a>	786-6988
Mr. Robert Wrentmore / <a href="mailto:wrentmore@gci.net">wrentmore@gci.net</a>	561-4400
Membership: Maj Gordon Taylor / <a href="mailto:gordon.taylor@elmendorf.af.mil">gordon.taylor@elmendorf.af.mil</a>	552-9545
Web Master: Mr. Tad Dean/ <a href="mailto:webmaster@sameanchorage.org">webmaster@sameanchorage.org</a>	243-6300

*Ms. Virginia Talley, Director Emeritus*

## 59 SUSTAINING MEMBERS!

AERO-METRIC, Inc.  
AMEC Earth & Environmental  
Anchorage Municipal Light & Power  
ASCG, Inc.  
BEM Systems Inc.  
Brice Incorporated  
Bristol Design Build Services  
Bristol Environmental & Engineering  
Services Corporation  
CH2M HILL  
Clarus Technologies LLC  
Cornerstone General Contractors  
Davis Constructors & Engineers Inc.  
Dihthaad Global Services LLC  
EA Engineering Science and Technology  
Earth Tech, Inc  
Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
EHS Alaska Inc.  
ENSR International

Enterprise Engineering, Inc.  
GeoEngineers, Inc.  
Hart Crowser Inc.  
HDR Alaska, Inc.  
HNTB  
JACOBS  
KBR  
Kiewit Building Group  
Kiewit Federal Group  
Koonce Pfeffer Bettis Inc.  
Land Design North  
MACTEC Engineering & Consulting  
Marsh Creek Government Service LLC  
MBA Consulting Engineers  
Meridian Management Inc.  
Michael Baker Corporation  
Michael L. Foster & Associates  
MWH  
NANA Pacific LLC  
Neeser Construction, Inc.  
North Wind, Inc.

Pacific Rim Logistics Inc.  
Parsons  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
PND Engineers  
R & M Consultants  
Reid Middleton, Inc.  
RIM Architects  
RISE Alaska, LLC  
RSA Engineering, Inc.  
SGS Environmental Services, Inc.  
Shannon & Wilson, Inc.  
Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.  
Tatitlek Management Inc.  
TDX Power, Inc.  
Tryck Nyman Hayes, Inc.  
URS Corporation  
USKH, Inc.  
VECO Federal Inc.  
Watterson Construction Company  
WESTON Solutions, Inc.