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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Meeting

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

Anchorage Moose lodge
(Corner of Artic and Tudor)

Executive Board Meeting

27 July 2007, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

Society of American Military Engineers July Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, July 26, 11:00 to 1300 at the Moose Lodge located just north of the intersection of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than July 24th to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

SAME Monthly Meeting

Guest Speakers

This months guest speakers will be Mr. Jeffery Watts of the USACE Alaska District, Ms. Lauri Strauss of KBP Architects, and Mr. James Stonebraker of Bristol Construction Services, LLC.

The speakers will present: ***The Successful Design Build Process, EIE-214 Replace Chapel Center, Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska.***

Jeffery O. Watts, is Program/Project Manager for the USACE, Alaska District. Jeff is an Alaska Resident, born and raised. He started his career with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, then moved to the Private sector working for a large Construction firm in the Construction Management field. The projects he worked on ranged from \$8 million to over \$100 million. After working in the private sector for a few years, and three kids later, he moved to the Federal sector with the Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. He has worked in both the Fairbanks, Northern Area Office and is

currently at the Anchorage District Office as Project Manager for Eielson Military Construction projects.

Lauri Strauss, AIA, LEED® AP is an Associate Architect with the sponsoring firm kpb architects.

Lauri has nearly 20 years of professional experience in architecture managing numerous project types, notably for city, county, state and federal government clients including Williamson County Texas, State of Nevada, and the Department of Defense. Her most recent clients include the Corps of Engineers, the Port of Anchorage, and the City of Fairbanks. Her project experience is as varied as her clientele and includes design-build requests for proposal, flight simulator facilities, fire stations, schools, and courthouse restorations. Lauri has long been an advocate for sustainable design and provides clients and contractors solid solutions for building responsibly. Her recent interest is in climate specific applications for the use of the LEED® rating tool and green building techniques.

James L. Stonebraker is Senior Construction Manager with Bristol Construction Services, LLC.

Mr. Stonebraker has more than 30 years of experience in managing all aspects of a wide variety of public and private construction projects. He has served as senior project manager for construction of school and university buildings, military facilities, hotels, office buildings, commercial buildings, roadways, and utilities, and for industrial site development and environmental remediation projects ranging from several thousand dollars to more than \$32 million. Over the past 18 years, he has also served as construction project manager for 16 U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE), Alaska District and Seattle District, vertical construction projects at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Fort Greely, Elmendorf AFB, and Fort Richardson, and Ft Lewis WA., all of which were completed without schedule or budget problems and without claims. Clients have also included state and local government agencies as well as the private sector. Mr. Stonebraker has a strong technical background in engineering and construction and well-developed skills in estimating, scheduling, contract administration, and modern networked management systems. He has a wide

range of experience in both urban and geographically remote locations and is able to effectively work with diverse groups of people and organizations in complex, multi-disciplined project environments to achieve project goals and objectives.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This past month has been a lot more dynamic for the Anchorage Post than originally expected. We thought we would only have the Annual SAME Golf Tournament and the standard Board of Directors meeting. However, we also hosted a fairly short notice visit by the new SAME National President, Major General Del Eulberg, and also had a separate planning meeting to put our recently approved goals into action.

The Annual SAME Golf tournament was a great success. We managed to stay dry while raising over \$3,000 for our scholarships! Thanks to all the sponsors, participants, Ev Mabry and all who gave of their time and effort to pull off the tournament. Even the winners got into the act--all who won cash prizes donated their money to the scholarship fund! Unfortunately for me, the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron team did not win this year; the Corps of Engineers team was supreme. There's always hope for the rest of us next year!



Although we did not have a general membership meeting planned, we took advantage of a target of opportunity when General Eulberg was visiting the Air Force bases in Alaska. During the luncheon at the Elmendorf Air Force Base Susitna Club, General Eulberg shared his vision for SAME. One key area he stressed was for the Society to retain and develop its existing members. This short notice luncheon was a resounding success and we had are largest group in attendance since the Regional Conference. Thanks to First Lieutenant Ross Dotzlaf for putting this together in such a short amount of time.

Speaking of Ross, our Anchorage Post Secretary, he is moving to Ohio on an Air Force sponsored engineering masters degree program at the Air Force Institute of Technology. This is a great move for Ross but we will miss him here.

Finally, I have unfortunate news to relay regarding our SAME family. Brigadier General John Peabody, our Pacific Region Vice-President, suffered the loss of his mother. We wish him and his family well during this time of grief. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Date/Time: 29 June 2007/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Lt Col James Hodges, Mr Kevin Thomas, Mr Jamie Spell, Capt Greg Mayer, 1Lt Ross Dotzlaf, Ms Kathy Jacobson, MAJ Bryan Erickson, SMSgt George Bunting, Mr Pat Coullahan, Mr Ted Trueblood, Mr Everett Mabry, Mr Skip Koch, Mr Bruce Steely, Mr Bill Kontess, Mr Robert Wrentmore, Maj Gordon Taylor, Mr Joey Gillespie

Not Present: Mr Tim Gallagher, COL Kevin Wilson, Col Stu Hartford, Mr John Magee, Mr Chris Turletes, Ms Andrea Soland, Ms Karen Padgett, Ms Kathy Gardner, Mr Andy Larson, Mr George Herr, Mr Steve Schwicht, Mr Tad Dean

Proceedings:

- Lt Col Hodges, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0635. He noted that this has been an extremely busy and productive month for the post, and thanked all members who ensured the success of Maj Gen Eulberg's luncheon, the annual golf tournament, and completion of the post's goals action plan.
- Ms Kathy Jacobson provided the Treasurer's Report and disseminated copies of the current budget report for review. Items of note:
 - o The post has received the signed contract from the Eagan Center for next year's annual banquet (February '08).
 - o Joey Gillespie has done a great job securing sponsors for the newsletter – October and December are the only remaining months in 2007 that still need sponsors.
 - o Talley Fund Deposits – for the record, the post does not advertise, nor adhere, to regular donations to the Talley Fund. As funds accumulate, the BOD makes a decision to dispense money to scholarships, various expenses, and the Talley Fund. As a rule of thumb, the post makes deposits to the Talley Fund on a quarterly or semi-annual basis for tax reasons.
 - o Regional Conference Funds – the post has still not received the final amount from the conference. Without this number, the BOD can't make a decision for the amount to distribute to the Talley Fund. In order to meet this year's 2nd quarter deposit, the BOD unanimously agreed to deposit \$2K from the golf tournament; pending notification of the final amount from the conference, the BOD will vote on the amount to distribute to the Talley Fund at July's meeting.
- Lt Dotzlaf provided the Secretary's Report, passed around a copy of last month's minutes for review, and

collected attendance. This was Lt Dotzlaf's last BOD meeting (he is PCSing in July); his replacement as post secretary is Capt Matt Anderson (3 CES) who will be arriving on 26 July. In the interim, Maj Taylor volunteered to find someone to arrange July's general membership luncheon (26 July @ Moose Lodge, catered by Lone Star).

- Goals. Lt Col Hodges shared that the goals committee met on Monday (25 June) to align the post's goals with SAME National's and to develop a plan to meet the criteria for each goal. The final product will be complete soon, and it will be sent to the BOD via e-mail.
- Programs. Kevin Thomas shared that the topic for July's general membership meeting will be design/build with members of the Corps of Engineers and Lauri Strauss from KBP. The speaker for August will be Craig Lance from Neeser who will talk about his time in Iraq.
- Readiness & Homeland Security Committee. Mr Pat Coullahan shared that Mr Stu Nelson will no longer be able to chair the committee, so he (Coullahan) and SMSgt George Bunting will be co-chairs. The committee is still looking for members from the JBEAR Fire Dept, Anchorage EOC, Alaska Emergency Management, and USACE – any interested should contact Mr Coullahan. Committee members are working to get their required training knocked out (IS 100); an internet link to the training will be posted in next month's newsletter. On this note, the BOD discussed SAME National's rumored plan to make IS 100 required training for all SAME members in the future.
- Membership. Maj Taylor shared that he is still tracking down some issues with membership, but there are no major problems. He also shared that the membership streamer criteria for 2007 is to show no net loss for individual membership only – he proposed that the post raise the bar to have the same goal for sustaining membership. Maj Taylor will be on-board until his PCS in September, but he is actively pursuing a replacement in the 611 CES.
- Publicity. No report this month.
- Newsletter. Mr Joey Gillespie shared that sponsorship is going well, but the post still needs sponsors for October and December. Joey also asked for pictures from Maj Gen Eulberg's visit and the golf tournament to put in the next newsletter.
- Streamers. Mr Jamie Spell shared that the streamers committee met last week; they are currently putting together a plan to vie for the top post in 2007.
- Website. No updates this month.
- Golf Tournament. Mr Everett Mabry shared that the golf tournament was a success, although income was slightly down this year (can be attributed to higher expenses and lower participation due to the Association of General Contractors golf tournament the same day on Ft Richardson). Nevertheless, the tournament still raised around \$3000; the final figure will be available by next

BOD meeting. Special thanks to all prize winners (all cash prizes were donated back into the fund!!), and congratulations go out to this year's winning team – the Corps of Engineers.

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 - o SAME Annual Individual Awards. Continuing on what he shared at last month's meeting, Skip Koch shared a list of 10 awards that SAME National offers each year. In order to ensure our post's nominations, Skip proposed responsible parties for each award. The BOD unanimously approved the proposal, and Skip will continue to press forward with these efforts. His next step is to get with the military units to get a name responsible for each award.
- Next month's events:
 - o General Membership Meeting: 26 July (Moose Lodge)
 - o BOD meeting: 27 July @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)
- Lt Col Hodges thanked everyone for their support and expressed great appreciation for the progress that the post is making. The meeting closed at 0730.

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

All members should remember 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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