



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Meeting

23 August 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Anchorage Moose lodge
(Corner of Artic and Tudor)

Executive Board Meeting

31 August 2007, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen
346 E. Fifth Avenue
(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

Society of American Military Engineers August Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, August 23, 11:00 to 1300 at the Moose Lodge located just north of the intersection of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than August 21nd to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

SAME Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

The presenter this month will be Mr. Craig Lance, Past SAME Anchorage Post President. He will present his recent experiences in Iraq, where he was a project manger responsible for renovating and constructing new police stations.

Craig Lance just returned from Iraq in April where he was a project manger responsible for renovating and constructing new police stations. A site assessment was performed on each police station where force protection, site utilities and the facility condition was evaluated. Repair and construction requirements determined and turned into a design build project. Iraqi designers and constructors were used for 100% of the design and construction. Craig will walk us through the process for a typical police station in Iraq. The work was under the AFCEE HERC contract.

Craig Lance, CCM, is a project manager for Neeser Construction, Inc. He has over 24 years experience in

engineering and construction management on both vertical and horizontal projects. Craig started his career 1983 as an engineering officer in the U.S. Air Force where he spent over 9 ½ years. His first assignment was at Nellis AFB, Nevada where he held numerous positions including Base Pavements Engineer, Chief of Construction Management, and Chief of Environmental and Community Planning. He moved to Alaska in 1987 where he was assigned to the Alaskan Air Command. His last assignment was with the 3rd Civil Engineering Squadron on Elmendorf where he was the Chief of the SABER office. Craig left the Air Force in 1992 to join the private sector where he has been working since then. Here, his project experience has ranged widely from inspection services on taxiways and aprons at the Anchorage International Airport to project and construction management of numerous projects including the \$35 million Elmendorf AFB Exchange and Commissary. Other work experience includes construction claims analysis, and engineering and environmental studies. Craig's work has taken him throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and two assignments in Iraq. During his last assignment in Iraq, he was responsible for the design, renovation and construction of 33 Police Stations worth over \$40 million. Craig is active in SAME where he currently serves as a trustee on the Anchorage Post's Benjamin B. Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Summer is winding down, most of us have had a great summer of Alaskan outdoor activities, construction is continuing at a feverish pace in between rain showers to complete exterior work before cold weather sets in, and school is about to start. However, with the end of summer comes a renewed focus for our Anchorage Post to get into our fall schedule of programs and activities. It also presents an opportunity for engineers, architects, and other related professionals



that have recently moved to the area to get involved in our great society. I ask all members to spread the word about SAME to your new employees. This is THE society to interact with professionals in our industry from across many disciplines, the public, military, and private sectors. I've spread the word about SAME in my organization and challenge you to do the same.

I want to take this opportunity to thank two groups that make SAME in Anchorage the great organization it is. First, let me thank the Sustaining Members. Their involvement, support, and members of their organization are the life blood that sustains our great post year in and year out. They are the continuity that keeps us moving in the right strategic direction as a society. For example, they sponsor each month's newsletter, they to support the golf tournament and scholarships, they provide interesting topics for presentation at our monthly meetings, they enable their employees to be involved, they ensure we are postured for increased national relevance, and the list goes on. We don't say it near enough... THANKS to all the Sustaining Members for all you do.

The second group I want to thank are those that go into harms way when they deploy to far away places to answer America's call and ensure our security here at home. They are what the society is really all about. They put the "M" for military in the SAME name. It is that unique capability of applying engineering, architectural, construction, and management skills abroad and at home in support of national security. In fact, since I've been in Alaska, we've sent hundreds of engineers and technicians, military and civilian, from our organizations to Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other hot spots in the world. My thoughts and prayers go out to those that are deployed at this time. Additionally, we build and maintain the bases and national defense platforms right here in Alaska that help secure our borders and provide "top cover" for America. Brigadier General Billy Mitchell, one of the Air Force's early visionaries, once said, "Whoever holds Alaska will hold the world. I think it is the most important, strategic place in the world." To all the members of the Anchorage Post of SAME, thank you for making that vision a reality and for supporting our important SAME mission, "to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security."

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

Date/Time: 27 July 2007/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Col Kevin Wilson, Lt Col James Hodges, Mr Kevin Thomas, Mr Ted Trueblood, Mr Skip Koch, Mr Bill Kontess

Not Present: Mr Tim Gallagher, 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, Mr Jamie Spell, Capt Greg Mayer, Ms Kathy Jacobson, MAJ Bryan Erickson, SMSgt George Bunting, Mr Pat Coullahan, Mr Everett Mabry, Mr Bruce Steely, Mr Robert Wrentmore, Maj Gordon Taylor, Mr Joey Gillespie

Proceedings:

- Lt Col Hodges, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0635.
- Treasurer. No report this month. However, the Board approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the conference profits to the Talley Fund. Another transfer is expected after conference finances are finalized.
- A copy of last month's minutes was passed for review and approved.
- Goals. An Action Plan to implement the Post's 2007 goals is drafted and under review. Once finalized it will be sent to the BOD via e-mail. Lt Col Hodges stated that working with AGC during their November conference, both with presentations on military programs and in sponsoring a design-build workshop/seminar, were key parts of the Action Plan. Lt Col Hodges asked for suggestions on a project manager and champion for setting up the workshop/seminar. Ms Trish Opheen was suggested and Col Wilson said he would check with Ms Opheen and Mr Pete Perez on their availability. Ms Opheen has already been in contact with SAME National and the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) on the possibility of scheduling the workshop/seminar.
- Programs. Kevin Thomas shared that the topic for August's general membership meeting will be a contractor's perspective on Iraq reconstruction. The speaker will be Craig Lance from Neeser Construction. September's speaker will be Capt Mark Sakai with the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, who will speak about his time on a Provincial Reconstruction Team. Lt Col Hodges sent a letter to Governor Sarah Palin to invite her to speak at the October meeting. Besides providing a great speaker this would help the Post meet two of the 2007 Post goals. If the Governor accepts the October meeting would likely be at the Elmendorf AFB Officer's Club.
- Readiness & Homeland Security Committee. No report this month.
- Membership. Maj Taylor wasn't present so no report was given. However, Mr Ted Trueblood suggested the Post work harder to attract new sustaining members from the construction community. A start would be to contact the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and start with those firms who get booths at the November AGC conference. This will be followed up on as the Post begins to partner with AGC for a concurrent seminar and participation in the conference.

- Publicity. No report this month. The BOD asked that a reminder be sent out each month prior to the BOD meetings as a courtesy to the members.
- Newsletter. No report this month.
- Streamers. No report this month.
- Website. No updates this month.
- Golf Tournament. No report this month.
- Alibis.
 - o SAME Annual Awards. Skip Koch spoke with the 611 CES and 3 CES about annual awards for Air Force personnel and will speak with the Corps of Engineers about Army awards. Many, if not all of the awards, can be completed by using award packages the military organizations are already preparing. Winners will be honored at the annual banquet.
 - o Mr Tim Gallagher will be contacted for an update on his communication with the Anchorage Convention and Visitor's Bureau and SAME National concerning the 2013 national convention. [After the BOD meeting, Mr Gallagher provided the following report: he met with Julie Dodds, Director of Convention Sales for the Anchorage Convention and Visitor's Bureau, several weeks ago. Since then they had two additional conversations. Ms Dodds is poised to support the request for proposal (RFP) development that the post must send the RFP in by the last business day in January 2008. The other suspense the Anchorage Post has is to send a letter of intent to SAME HQ NLT 1 Jan 08, 5 years prior to the 2013 event.]
 - o Dr Wolf contacted Lt Col Hodges with a question on the Post's incorporation. Most Posts appear to be incorporated under SAME National, but Dr Wolf would like to confirm which posts are under the National charter and which are incorporated locally. Lt Col Hodges confirmed with various post leaders that our incorporation is not with the local state and relayed that information back to SAME National.
 - o The Talley Fund will be approaching \$250,000 in the foreseeable future, which will trigger additional accounting requirements. The September Talley Fund Board meeting will discuss the requirements, compliance costs, and options, which may include establishing a second fund.
 - o Capt Matt Anderson has arrived and will replace Lt Ross Dotzlaf as the Post Secretary.
- Next month's events:
 - o General Membership Meeting: 23 August (Moose Lodge)
 - o BOD meeting: 31 August @ 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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