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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting

27 September 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Lonestar Steakhouse
(4810 C Street)

Executive Board Meeting

28 September 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, September 27, 11:00 to 1300 at the Lonestar Steakhouse located at the intersection of C Street and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than August 25th to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

SAME Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker

The presenter this month will be Capt Mark Sakai. He is assigned to the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Elmendorf AFB. He was commissioned in 2003 from the United States Air Force Academy. His duty experience includes assignments in Operations Flight, Engineering Flight, and as Mehtar Lam Provincial Reconstruction Team Engineer. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the USAF Academy and a M.S. in Materials Science and Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fall is in the air now, leaves are turning, and I think I see more than just termination dust on the tops of the Chugach Mountains, it looks downright snowy up there! The summer move season is winding down and schools are back in session. With the school year starting to get back in full swing, it is important for Anchorage Post members to once again think about how we can develop our next generation of engineers.



Over the past few weeks, the SAME Anchorage Post joined with other engineering societies in Alaska to discuss the current and future engineering workforce. Most societies feel that they are in an engineering staff crisis with 40% of their workforce eligible to retire in the near future. The Department of Defense is in the same position with its civilian engineering work force. Compounding the problem is a nation-wide trend where less college students are pursuing engineering degrees. One additional challenge in Alaska is that the ability to educate more engineers is limited. The University of Alaska Anchorage is at maximum capacity in terms of its ability to educate and graduate more engineers due to its limited staff and facilities. As a result of these challenges, the State and the societies are going to expand efforts to generate interest in engineering and renew public outreach efforts.

The Anchorage SAME Post is in a particularly excellent position at this time to do our part to help out this problem. We already have a strong program where we support scholarships, engineering student activities, and events that generate interest in engineering prior to college. We can continue to build on that program. An area where we can expand our efforts to grow our profession's future leaders is developing our young members. I've seen a positive trend this past year with the involvement of our young officers and civilian engineers. If we can invest in and retain those young

members, we will be doing our part to grow the future leaders of the profession and of our society. General Eulberg, SAME National President, recently announced that developing our young members is one of his strategic emphasis items.

So, the need is clear and the opportunities are out there for you to get involved. Whether your passion is mentoring high schoolers, college students, or young engineers, you can help our profession by getting involved in the Anchorage Post's programs. We will be further publicizing specific opportunities and points of contact in the coming months. We look forward to you helping SAME making a difference.

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

Date/Time: 31 Aug 2007/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Lt Col James Hodges, Mr Kevin Thomas, Capt Greg Mayer, Capt Matthew Anderson, Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Ms. Kathy Jacobson

Not Present: Col Kevin Wilson, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Col Stu Hartford, Ms. Andrea Soland, Ms. Karen Padgett, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Tad Dean, Mr. Jamie Spell, Maj Bryan Erickson, SMSgt George Bunting, Mr. Everett Mabry, Mr. Bruce Steely, Maj Gordon Taylor, Mr. Joey Gillespie, Mr. Bill Kontess

Proceedings:

Lt Col Hodges, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0635.

Treasurer. \$20,000 from the conference profits were transferred to the Talley Fund and another transfer is expected after conference finances are finalized. Future expenses were reviewed, to include concrete canoe, math council and Science Fair. BOD agreed not to transfer any more money to Talley Fund until these expenses are taken care of. The golf tournament is not officially closed, and Ms. Jacobson will talk to Everett Mabry to finalize. There was discussion to move approximate \$700 balance from the golf tournament to general fund, but decision was made keep it going to Talley Fund.

Goals. Lt Col Hodges stated that he sent out the Post's goal via e-mail to the BOD for review and comments.

Programs. Kevin Thomas shared that the topic for September's general membership meeting will be Capt Mark Sakai with the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, who will

talk 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. Other possible future meeting topics could be to invite the UAA Engineering Club to discuss their recent Post sponsored trip to support Habitat for Humanity in the New Orleans reconstruction and to have MSgt Pastor from the Elmendorf AFB Fire Department speak about the National Incident Management System.

Readiness & Homeland Security Committee. Pat Coullahan talked about the need for everyone to take Incident Command System (ICS) 100/700 through FEMA. The AF Emergency Response Operations course will count for ICS 100/700/800 for those who have taken it.

Membership. Maj Taylor has moved, and his replacement is not here yet. Lt Col Hodges spoke about how we are in position for a membership growth, and he would work on contacting current Sustaining Members to increase participation in monthly meetings.

Publicity. No report this month.

Newsletter. No report this month.

Streamers. No report this month.

Website. No updates this month.

Golf Tournament. No report this month.

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UAA senior engineering design class support will start in January or early spring.

The BOD was told to start thinking about the Engineer of the Year award, and that fellow nominations will be due soon.

The AGC Seminar will be in November. The BOD brought up the item to move the November general membership lunch to a location corresponding to the AGC seminar.

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. The deadline for RFP is in January, and we would request to have the convention dates moved to early June to go along with the local weather.

Capt Matt Anderson was introduced as the Post Secretary.

Lt Col Hodges brought up that it is time to start looking for a new post president. He is supposed to move after his upcoming deployment in January.

Next month's events:

General Membership Meeting: 27 September (Lonestar)

BOD meeting: 28 September @ 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

The Anchorage Post is accepting nominations from our general and sustaining membership to be the Anchorage SAME Post's representative to the Alaska Engineer of the Year honorarium for 2007. To be nominated a candidate should have made recent contributions to the Anchorage SAME Post, have a history of contribution to SAME National, and the local engineering community. Additionally our candidate should be able to demonstrate community involvement. Please sent nominee names to Skip Koch at skip.koch@westonsolutions.com or call Skip at his office at 276-6610. **Nominations are due not later than Friday 26 October 2007.**

Again, Thanks to all sustaining members 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 the new membership director, Maj Erik Sell, at 552-9642, by e-mail at Erik.Sell@elmendorf.af.mil, or update your membership online at www.same.org.

From the Editor

The SAME Newsletter welcomes articles of interest and photos for the Newsletter. Please submit articles and photos with captions concerning SAME activities to the editor by the 10th of each month.

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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