



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting

15 November 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lonestar Steakhouse
(4810 C Street)

Executive Board Meeting

16 November 2007, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

Society of American Military Engineers November Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, November 22, 11:30 to 1300 at the Lonestar Steakhouse located at the intersection of C Street and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than November 21st to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

SAME Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Marcus Palmer, P.E., a geotechnical engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Gunnuk Creek has been a water source for the village of Kake since the 1920's. Kake is situated about 100 miles south of Juneau, Alaska on Kupreanof Island, is accessible only by boat or small airplane and experiences over 220 days of precipitation a year. Kake has a small commercial port, ferry terminal, and general aviation runway. The US Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, designed a concrete gravity dam to replace a failed timber-frame dam. Construction began in 2005, but was hindered by many challenges. There is a limited local workforce, no concrete batch plant, no road to the island, and limited heavy equipment locally. Environmental constraints on water quality because of a downstream fish hatchery also contributed to the difficulty of construction. This presentation will discuss a brief history of dams on Gunnuk creek, main features of the new dam, and show a case history of the challenges and

lessons learned during the successful construction of this concrete gravity dam in remote southeast Alaska.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lt Col Hodges has asked me to implement the succession plan as he deploys to fight the Global War on Terrorism. I will gladly accept the reins as he answers the call of duty and we wish him Godspeed until his safe return. Jim has provided tremendous leadership to our post in his tenure. The beauty of this organization is that the bench is deep and I know that all of the past post presidents will assist in providing guidance as we continue to serve our many causes.

It is difficult to imagine that Christmas and the New Year are a short five weeks away. That also means that one of our most significant events of the year is also quickly approaching- the annual scholarship banquet. For me, the banquet has always been an outstanding event and one I look forward to attending. It serves so many of the reasons that we exist as an organization. I would like to highlight a few. First, it promotes one of our most important goals as an organization to bring together and enhance communication between those that serve our service members- our private sector designers and builders and our Government agencies. Second, it allows us to recognize the cadre of volunteers that make SAME what it is through the installment of new board members. Third, it provides the forum to recognize the scholarship recipients for whom so many have worked throughout the year to support. And finally, of course, it gives us the chance to have fun and get a chance to win some art work representing the beauty of Alaska.

So the key message here is to plan on participating in this year's SAME scholarship banquet, January 26th, 2008. As always, your continued support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated by all.

~Tim Gallagher

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

Date/Time: 26 Oct 2007/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Capt Matthew Anderson, Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Maj Bryan Erickson, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. John Costello

Not Present: Col Kevin Wilson, Ms. Andrea Soland, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Tad Dean, Mr. Jamie Spell, Mr. Everett Mabry, Mr. Bruce Steely, , Capt Greg Mayer, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Lt Col James Hodges, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, SMSgt George Bunting, Col Stu Hartford, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Joey Gillespie, Maj Erik Sell

Proceedings:

- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post 2nd Vice President, opened the BOD meeting at 0643.
- President Report. No report this month.
- Treasurer. No report this month.
- VP Report. No report this month
- Programs. We plan to get Governor Sarah Palin for the Annual Banquet speaker. Future meeting topics being considered are a presentation on Kake Dam on Nov 15th, port construction in Dec (presented by Gov Sheffield), and Knik Arm Bridge in Feb. BOD moved to purchase more mugs for speakers, and the movement was approved. The BOD discussed a possible visit to Dowl's test lab in March for the general membership lunch. It was also discussed to extend the opportunity to open the monthly luncheon to the company that sponsored that month's newsletter. The BOD decided that after trying Lonestar a couple of times for the general membership lunches, future lunches will be held at the Moose Lodge and catered.
- National Convention. Since the 2013 convention was awarded to San Diego the board will work with Anchorage Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the 2014 convention. (Follow-up to the meeting: proposals are due January 2009 for the 2014 convention).
- Scholarship. Applications are due mid December, and will be reviewed by the committee. There is no teacher award or high school scholarship this year.
- Membership. No updates this month.
- Publicity. No updates this month
- Newsletter. A ballot for elections needs to be in the November newsletter. Other topics for the November

- newsletter are scholarship and annual banquet information.
- Streamers. No updates this month.
- Website. No updates this month.
- Readiness. The Post owes a gap analysis to SAME on readiness for natural disasters and emergencies. Maj Erickson will work with the COE readiness office for information and contacts they may have.
- Golf Tournament. No report this month.
- Annual Banquet. Date of the banquet is 26 January. Chris Turletes will contact Craig Lance about heading the banquet committee. We are looking to get Governor Sarah Palin or Fran Ulmer as the speaker.
- Alibis.
- o UAA senior design course will be led by Bart Quimby. They are working now to identify a project and around January Skip Koch will be looking for volunteers.
- o Engineer of the Year nominations were due 26 Oct 07. The EOY board is going to meet 31 Oct 07.
- o The city is hosting a FEMA Post Disaster Assessment course on Nov 24-25. It was suggested that this may be a good topic for a future seminar.
- o The election process for next year's officers needs to start. Col Hartford and Pat Coullahan will develop the slate.
- Next month's events:
 - o General Membership Meeting: 15 November @ 1130 (Moose Lodge)
 - o BOD meeting: 30 November @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)
- Mr. Kevin Thomas thanked everyone for their support, and the meeting closed at 0725.

2008 Anchorage Post SAME Annual Dinner

Please mark you calendars for 26 Jan 2008 for the SAME Anchorage Post Annual Dinner.

This year's GALA event will be on Saturday 26 January 2008 at the Egan Convention Center in Downtown Anchorage. Don't miss this cabin fever buster! Social Hour begins at 6PM, Dinner around 7 PM the event should conclude around 10PM. The Dinner will feature: Sustaining Member Displays (call Chris Turletes if you want a spot 244-8063), Social Hour, and Dinner, Post Dinner Entertainment, Scholarship and Awards Presentations, Installation of Post officers and the ever-popular Scholarship Auction.

Don't miss out on the fun...keep Saturday 26 Jan 2008 available for the big event.



**SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY
ENGINEERS
ANCHORAGE POST
2007 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—
APPLICANTS NEEDED**

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Anchorage Post is seeking candidates for the 2007/2008 Scholarship Program. Several scholarships of up to \$3000 will be awarded in early January 2008. It is desired that recipients attend a SAME Anchorage Post banquet in January that will include the presentation of the scholarships. Application can be found on the Post Web site:
http://www.sameanchorage.org/h_about/scholinfo.html

Requirements for Application:

- Resident of Alaska, attending college in Alaska, or an active duty or dependent of an active duty military member stationed in Alaska.
- Member of Anchorage SAME Post (SAME membership for students is free at www.same.org/membership or the post website www.sameanchorage.org/membership.htm).
- Sophomore, junior, or senior student of engineering, architecture, construction or project management, natural, physical, or applied sciences or mathematics at an accredited college or university. We intend to offer up to one scholarship to a master degree seeking student in any of the disciplines listed above.
- Citizen of the United States of America.
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater.
- Students who have received full scholarship are ineligible to compete for this scholarship.
- Submit application by 15 December 2007.

Requests for exemption to these eligibility requirements must be submitted in writing to the scholarship committee and mailed along with your application to the address below.

To be considered for a scholarship, you must complete the attached application and send it to:

SAME
Anchorage Post
P.O. Box 149
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506
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**Air Force AEF Cycles to Extend to Six-Month
Deployments
By Tech. Sgt. Olenda Peña-Perez
3rd Wing Public Affairs**

With the war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan having such high demands on combat support capability, some Air Force career fields have had to extend their rotations from the traditional 120-days, 20-month battle rhythm to 179-days to support the Global War on Terrorism. Specifically, some of the latest changes impact Civil Engineers and Contracting personnel.

With each passing day the number of Air Force specialties requiring deviations from the 20-month battle rhythm increases in order to meet the demands imposed by the GWOT. The heightened operations tempo in the AOR area of responsibility and increase in deployed personnel impacts our home station capability, but the new changes are intended to alleviate some of this burden. As Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg, Air Force Civil Engineer states in his recent letter to the career field, "Over the past three years, civil engineers have been in a surge operations tempo that has a majority of our forces on 179-day tours, others on 120-day tours and an increasing number on 365-day tours. To meet the continuing high demand while providing commanders a measure of predictability and stability to home station missions, we sought and received approval to place all civil engineers in an alternative construct for AEF Cycle 7 beginning January 2008."

Accordingly, Civil Engineer personnel, similar to Security Forces, will deploy in red, white and blue bundles for six months at a time over an 18-month cycle. "With the new bundles, the members will be on a 1:2 dwell cycle, meaning the member may only be at home for one year before they're deployed again for six months, and it also means that each base will have less of its capability deployed at any one time," said Capt. Gregory Mayer, 3rd Civil Engineer operations flight

commander. Instead of up to 140 Airmen gone at one time, there will now only be about 85 gone at once.

Along with our local Civil Engineers and Contracting personnel, all of our groups have personnel deploying on six-month rotations, which in some cases are longer than 179 days when advance training is required. Some of these units include the 3rd Medical Group, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, 732nd Air Mobility Squadron, and the 3rd Wing Staff.

The AEF's flexibility and adaptability enable the AF to meet the ever-changing needs of the mission. Accordingly, the AEF will not remain status quo. As Airmen we must be proactive in understanding the AEF construct and doing all we can to support the changes as they evolve.

"Supporting the war effort is our number one priority," said Col. Jim Harrold, 3rd Mission Support Group commander. "Across the Air Force, we have seen drastic growth in the number of 179-day and 365-day taskings. These have been especially pronounced for the support career fields, and I see no immediate slowdown on the horizon. Our Airmen continue to prove over and over again that they have trained and prepared well for these taskings."

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). 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 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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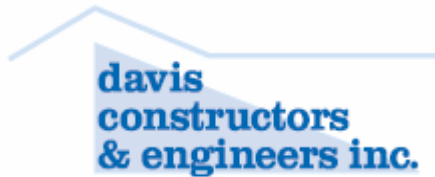
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