



North Winds

VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Meeting

13 December 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Moose Lodge
(41st & Arctic)

Executive Board Meeting

11 January 2008, 6:30 a.m.

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

Society of American Military Engineers December Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 11:30 to 1300 at the Moose Lodge located at the intersection of 41st Street and Arctic. Please RSVP no later than December 11th to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

SAME Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker

This month, Brett Flint will be speaking on the Port of Anchorage expansion. Brett will provide an update for the on-going work as well as future plans.

Brett is a University of Utah Civil Engineering graduate and is a P.E. with over 20 years of experience in engineering and project management.

Brett moved to Alaska in 2000 and has managed engineering design groups for EBA Engineers and URS Corporation and managed the facilities construction program and Northern Rail Extension for the Alaska Railroad Corporation. Since July of 2006 he has worked for Integrated Concepts and Research Corporation and is currently managing the construction program for the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project. His experience includes civil, structural, geotechnical, and environmental engineering on projects ranging from residential structures to large industrial facilities, including

land development, landfill design and construction, mining and nuclear facilities, water and wastewater, petroleum, and transportation projects. In addition, Brett has experience in World Bank environmental studies and has worked in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Tajikistan as well as throughout the western United States and Alaska.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well, I will keep this month's column short and sweet. It is difficult to believe that 2007 is coming to and end in the next couple of weeks we'll be charging into 2008. As I look out the window while writing this column, snow is falling which for many of us this year is a blessing and an opportunity for some outdoor activities. As an association, 2007 has provided many opportunities to be grateful. Most noteworthy, was the very successful conference that our staff planned and orchestrated. It was fun to be a part of the planning process where each week you could see the camaraderie and bonding taking place as we inched toward execution. I know many of those relationships have forged the teaming arrangements that service many of the design and construction projects for our airmen, soldiers and remote communities. The other added benefit was the funding support that we were able to provide to the scholarship effort. Also, we are grateful for the tremendous sacrifice and service of our military units that have been deployed in the last year. We welcome them home and keep those that have lost loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. I would like to conclude by encouraging everyone to participate in the annual banquet (26 January) with the ever popular art auction and scholarship presentations. Have a wonderful Holiday season.

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

Date/Time: 16 Nov 2007/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. John Costello, Col Stu Hartford, Capt Greg Mayer, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Bruce Steely, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Maj Bryan Erickson

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. Ted Trueblood, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Lt Col James Hodges, SMSgt George Bunting, Mr. Joey Gillespie, Maj Erik Sell, Capt Matthew Anderson, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bill Kontess

Proceedings:

- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post 2nd Vice President, opened the BOD meeting at 0647.
- President Report. No report this month.
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
 - Agreed to pay for 3 years of website hosting to take advantage of discounts
 - Talley Fund Dispersments already paid
 - Deposit to Egan Center for Banquet is complete
 - Need to decide how we want to budget for 2008
 - What commitments
 - Gift to Moose Lodge (thank you donation?)
 - Losing money on lunches. The reservations are sporadic, tips to servers, lunch for the speakers and other expenses must be paid
 - Discussed moving meetings to UAA, but parking is an issue
 - Discussed bringing pizza instead of using Lonestar
 - Kevin Thomas will take on exploring alternative venues.
 - Kathy Gardner proposed a \$500 line item to purchase materials for blankets for 2008 for community activities (relates to a streamer)
 - Capt Mayer proposed moving A-E club to Budgetary Commitments and upping the donation amount.
- Elections: Col Stu Hartford
 - Passed out slate of candidates and it will be included in the December newsletter.
- Programs: Kevin Thomas
 - December: Port of Anchorage
 - Feb: KABATA
 - March: Dowl Test Labs
 - Newsletter sponsors can have 5 minutes at general meeting

- Discussed having a joint meeting next November with AGC during their conference. This would also meet the requirement for a joint meeting for streamers.
- Newsletter: John Costello
 - Need to start lining up sponsors for next year.
- Skip Koch
 - Engineer of the Year for the post is Capt Greg Mayer
 - UAA
 - Sturgis and Goddard nominees need plaques. Skip will order the plaques through national.
 - Talley Fund is approx \$217,000
 - Need to get a 3rd Party auditor for the Fund
 - Examining a new investment opportunity
- Kathy Gardner
 - Requesting \$500 for a community service project
 - Wants to make 60 blankets for giving to the community
 - More info to follow
- Pat Coullahan:
 - Close to completing Gap analysis
 - MSgt Pastor needs to contact Pat Coullahan
- Banquet: Kevin Thomas
 - Craig Lance or Vivian Tokar will be taking the lead
 - Invite for speaker has been sent to Gov Palin
 - Date is 26 January
 - Kathy Jacobson recommend contacting a school group to provide entertainment
- Next month's events:
 - General Membership Meeting: 13 December
 - BOD meeting: 30 November @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)

B.B. TALLEY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

December 14th is the deadline for applications.
Apply Now!

Annual Scholarship Amount Announced

As most of you know, the B.B Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund honors Brigadier General Benjamin B. Talley, a distinguished engineer popularly known as the father of military engineering in Alaska. The Fund provides financial assistance and recognition to upper division students in engineering and natural sciences through award of scholarship grants.

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce the amount available to the SAME Anchorage Post for scholarships in 2008 is a record at \$15,000. The November 2007 vote by the Board was unanimous. The

normal amounts normally approved have been \$10,000. The only exceptions were last two year where the amounts were \$12,000 (2006) and \$9,000 (2005). The Board will continue to strive for larger amounts in the future. The big jump in this year's amount was attributed to income generated from the Regional Conference sponsored by the Post this past February. Distribution of the scholarships will take place at the Annual Post Banquet in February 2008.

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.

2008 Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy a pleasant evening with the Anchorage SAME Post on 26 Jan 08 at 1800 (6pm) at the Egan Center. Our annual event is a time to reflect on a great year and recognize our SAME Post Engineer of the Year nominee, our nominees for the Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year and for the Major General Lupia Award, and the recipients of the 2008 Benjamin Talley Scholarships. Entertainment will be provided by Magician Don Russell and Vivian Tokar (vtokar@ch2m.com) is taking names for which "audience members" should participate in his short show (anyone want to be sawed in half?).

The Annual Banquet is also time for everyone to try their luck during the Scholarship Fund Raffle. Kathy Gardner does a fantastic job all year finding great pieces of art to raffle off during the evening. All proceeds from the raffle go into the Benjamin Talley Scholarship Fund.

The Annual Banquet reservation form is included as a link with the newsletter and will be available online, please note RSVP date is 11 Jan 08. Different from last year, when the banquet was part of the Pacific/Northwest Regional Conference, free booth space is available to our Sustaining Members; please mark on the reservation form if you would like to set up a booth..



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

December 14th is the deadline for applications.
Apply Now!

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. Applications 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 online at SAME.org.

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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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