



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

February 2008 Edition

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Meeting

28 February 2008, 1130  
**Anchorage Moose Lodge**  
(Corner of Arctic and Tudor)

#### Executive Board Meeting

29 February 2008, 0630  
**Country Kitchen**  
346 E. Fifth Avenue  
(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

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### SAME Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers February Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 28 February, 1130 to 1300 at the Moose Lodge located just north of the intersection of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than 26 February to Andy Larson at [andy@discoverydrilling.com](mailto:andy@discoverydrilling.com).

#### Guest Speaker

February's speaker will be Verne Geidl, the Chief Engineer for the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA). Verne will be providing an update on the

bridge, including the public-private partnership, routes, environmental assessments, public input, and the selection process for a contractor to design, build and operate the bridge. Verne is a registered Civil Engineer in Alaska and Idaho and a registered Structural Engineer in Idaho. He has a Bachelors in Civil Engineering, a Masters in Business Administration and a PhD in Civil Engineering, all from the University of Idaho. Verne has taught extensively at the university level and conducted research on probabilistic design and code calibration. He has served both the private and public sectors for design and construction of bridges and highways for twenty years, including seven years at the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. A few of the many bridges he has worked on include the Eagle River Bridge, Gastineau Channel Bridge, Nenana at Windy Bridge, Kenai River Bridge, Forty-Mile River Bridge, and the Lowe River Bridge.

### President's Column

Now that we've officially ended one streamer campaign year and begun another, I guess it's time to focus on what the Post goals should be over the next year. We're already supporting a lot of great causes – scholarships, UAA A-E Club's Habitat for Humanity efforts, science fairs, etc., and will continue to, but at the end of last year the Board was starting discussions on how to help ourselves with continuing education. Some of the ideas tossed around were for a seminar(s) on design-build or post-disaster building damage assessment. With Alaska PEs now required to complete PDHs prior to renewal, this is a great opportunity for the Post to support its individual and sustaining members. If you have an idea for a seminar or other continuing education please pass on your ideas as a focus of

the coming year will be for the Post to provide opportunities for PDHs.

I'd also like to thank all those volunteers who make SAME great. The banquet crew for another successful endeavor and the E Week volunteers for helping to attract another generation of engineers to the profession. More opportunities are right around the corner as I've heard the kids are already putting their science projects together. We'll be looking for judges any day now. If you haven't been to a science fair lately or had to help putting a project together I recommend you volunteer. You'll be amazed at the projects and the thought and effort that goes into them. Give it a try, I guarantee you'll be a volunteer for this every year.

### **Brigadier General Benjamin B. Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund**

#### **Seat B Nominations Open!**

There are three seats (A, B and C) on the B.B. Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund Board of Trustees. Each seat has four Trustees-at-Large and they serve for three years. Board meetings occur quarterly. Nominations are now being accepted for those SAME members interested in running for the Seat B Trustee positions (April 2008 through March 2011). Candidates must be a fully paid SAME member in good standing.

Seat B elections will be held at the March 08 Post luncheon meeting. Interested members may contact any of the current Trustees for further information about being a Trustee. Nominations should be directed to Alan Quesnel (Fund Chairman), contact information below. Nominations will also be accepted at the Post's March 2008 luncheon meeting.

#### **Investment Report**

The Fund's balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$203,000. The Board held quarterly meetings and additional working meetings when the occasions arose during the accounting period October 2006 through September 2007.

The Fund maintains a cash reserve of at least \$16,000, to assure it can provide for the yearly

scholarships without having to "cash" in any account stocks or funds at an undesirable time. The October 2006 Fund account balance was \$172,319. Inflows were \$25,500. Outflows were \$10,000 for scholarships. Net profit was \$21,479 (includes \$901 disbursement for financial management). The ending balance on September 30, 2007 was \$209,298. The net gain for the year was 12.1%. Not bad, especially when this is the first year The Fund has topped \$200,000. We look forward to continued success during 2008.

The Fund first provided scholarship funding in January 2000. This year will be the eighth time The Fund has provided at least \$9,000 to the Post for the scholarships and grants. As such, in September 2007, the BG Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund Board approved a scholarship amount of \$15,000, a new record. The Fund is administered by the Board of Trustees and professionally managed by Steven Foster, of Raymond James Financial Services.

#### **2008 Officers & Trustees**

Trustee Emeritus: Virginia Talley

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#### **About the Fund**

The Fund honors Brigadier General Benjamin B. Talley, a charter member of the Anchorage Post and 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. For information on the Endowment Fund, contact Chairman, Alan Quesnel at 611CES, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska / 552-5222 or by email at: masteraj@mtaonline.net

## 2007- 2008 Scholarship Recipients

The SAME Anchorage Post and sustaining member firms awarded \$21,000 in college scholarships at the annual banquet on Jan 26, 2008. During Engineers week we will award our first high school scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship will be awarded in conjunction with the Engineers Week at their banquet through the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers' application process. These scholarships are the fruit of the Anchorage Post's efforts in fundraising and fiscal management. So thanks to the Regional Conference Committee, the Endowment Fund, the Anchorage Post Sustaining, individual members and committees that through a variety of activities keeps the endowment producing.

We had eight applicants for the General Benjamin B. Talley scholarships this year. All eight will be awarded scholarships. Two of the students are going to school out of state—one is an Architect and the other a Mechanical Engineer who is in ROTC. The other six are UAA students: two from the Construction Management four year program; two are Civil Engineering students, and two are Mechanical Engineering student. Three of the scholars are women, and three are either serving in the Guard or Reserve or are veterans. Two have served in Afghanistan and or Iraq. Four are repeat winners.

This years Scholarship Selection Committee was comprised of: Bob Wrentmore - Raymond James Financial Services, Patrick Coullahan - URS Corporation, John Magee - R&M Consultants, Inc.

### Sustaining Firms Directly Sponsoring Scholarships

- Watterson Construction-Represented by Bill and Jim Watterson - \$2,000
- R&M Consultants' Ralph Migliaccio Memorial Scholarship-Represented by Bret Coburn - \$1,000
- Marsh Creek, LLC-Represented by Brian Lund - \$1,000
- Enterprise Engineering, Inc. - Represented by Kevin Murphy - \$500
- Jacobs Engineering - Represented by Terry Heikkila - \$500

- Jacobs Carter Burgess - Represented by Melani Oakley - \$500
  - Rise Alaska-Represented by Cheryl Stewart - \$500
  - URS Corporation-Represented by Patrick Coullahan - \$500
  - The USKH Gordon Unwin Endowment - Represented By Greg Ingham - \$500
- ### The 2007 Anchorage Post Scholarship Recipients

#### • Alex J. P. Bergeron

Alex Bergeron received a \$2,000 scholarship. **His funding was from USKH \$500, and the Talley Endowment \$1,500.** He is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Alex is a member of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program at UAA, and a student member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Currently, he is working as an Engineer Intern at the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. Alex graduates in December of 2010.

#### • Theodore Champine, III

Ted Champine received a \$2,500 scholarship. **His funding came from Watterson Construction Company \$2,000 and the Talley endowment \$500.** He is a Construction Management student at the University of Alaska Anchorage and has 7 years of military service. Currently, he is serving as a mechanic in the Air National Guard, and has been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. Ted graduates in the spring of 2009. He ultimately would like to start his own contracting business.

#### • Michelle E. Gallagher

Michelle Gallagher received a \$3,000 scholarship. **Her funding came from Rise Alaska \$500, and the Talley endowment \$2,500.** She is a student at the University of Oregon studying Architecture. Michelle has worked summers for Watterson Construction, Charles Bettisworth and Company and RIM Architects. She spent her spring 2006 semester in Italy absorbing the great Mediterranean Architecture and plans to return to Italy to work sometime after her graduation this summer. Michelle has extensive involvement in community volunteer activities including the SAME Blanket for Kids project.

• **Elijah Keib**

Elijah Keib received a \$3,000 scholarship. **His funding came from URS Corporation \$500, and the Talley Endowment \$2,500.** He is a student at the University of Alaska Anchorage studying Civil Engineering. He is a member of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program. Elijah is an 8 year veteran of the US Marine Corps with multiple deployments overseas including Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Anchorage, is a math tutor at UAA, a member of SAME and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Elijah works with Michael Baker Jr. and expects to graduate in May.

• **Steven May**

Steven May received a \$2,500 scholarship. **His funding came from Enterprise Engineering Inc \$500, and the Talley Endowment \$2,000.** He is a Mechanical Engineering Major at the University of Idaho. Steven is a member of the US Army Reserves and is in the University of Idaho ROTC program. He has worked summers with the US Army Engineers, Alaska District. Upon graduation Steven will enter the Army as a 2LT hopefully serving with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

• **Dustin Smith**

Dustin Smith received a \$2000 scholarship. **His funding came from Marsh Creek \$500, Jacobs Engineering \$500, and the Talley Endowment \$1000.** He is a BSE –Mechanical Engineering student at University of Alaska Anchorage. He is a member of the ANSEP and has served as an Intern with BP Exploration and has some field experience working on cathodic protection of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. He also participated in alternate power options for remote drilling sites with BP. He is a volunteer worker for Habitat of Humanity, the Food Bank, and Park Founders Day. Dustin plans on graduating in the Spring of 2009.

• **Irene Turletes**

Irene Turletes received a \$3,000 scholarship. **Her funding came from R&M's Ralph Migliacco Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 and the Talley Endowment \$2,000.** She is a Civil Engineering Major, with a Minor in Spanish and Mathematics, at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Irene is a Big Sister and loves to travel. She just returned from a semester at Canterbury University in Christchurch, New Zealand. Irene has worked with RISE Alaska

as an office assistant, a Barista at the Sullivan Area for Coffee D'Arte and as an Engineer intern with Equinox Consulting. Irene plans to graduate in the Spring of 2010.

• **Lynette Warren**

Lynette Warren received a \$3,000 scholarship. **Her funding came from Jacobs Carter Burgess \$500 and the Talley Endowment.** She is a Construction Management student at the University of Alaska Anchorage and aspires to complete her degree in the spring of 2008. She has spent a fair amount of time on the Dean's and Chancellors list for academic achievement. Lynette is engaged in the community and does fundraising for numerous organizations including MDA, the Diabetes Association, STAR, and the American Cancer Society. She is a journeyman carpenter with over 10 years in the field. Currently, Lynette works as a project manager for Alaska Interstate Construction.

Congratulations to our scholars and may they use their skills to making our communities, state and nation better. Our thanks to the membership for continued outstanding support to our scholarship program; this was a record breaking year for dollars available for scholarships from the endowment and the sustaining firms. Finally, my apologies to Enterprise Engineering Inc and Kevin Murphy for not identifying during the presentations which student (Steven May) their scholarship supported.

**SAME Engineering and Construction  
Summer Camp**

**WANTED: Adventurous High School Student (s) for a week during a summer they will never forget.** The Anchorage Post is proud to be sponsoring, for our 7<sup>th</sup> year, an opportunity to for a qualified student to attend one of three SAME Engineering and Construction Summer Camps. This year the Camps are offered at US Army Engineers in Vicksburg MS in June; at the US AF Academy in Colorado Springs CO in early July; and at the Navy's Pacific homeport for the Seabees Port Heuneme, CA late July. The Anchorage Post has sent six campers to the SAME Camps: Kamron Gastineau from Dimond in 2003, Jon Herr from Chugiak in 2004, Justin Hickel from Grace Christian

in 2005, Alex Kontess from Eagle River in 2006 all attended the AF Academy Camp. In 2005 Brock Olson from Dimond attended the Seabee Camp at Port Heuneme, CA as did Daniel Dellinger from Service in 2006 and Grace Amundsen from Service in 2007. The Anchorage Post is looking to pay the tuition for up to 2 High School students who have completed their sophomore or junior year to attend the SAME Engineer and Construction Camp at one of the three camps in 2008. It's not too early to think about your summer adventures. Keep an eye on the SAME web site for details of the SAME summer Engineer and Construction Camps for 2008: <http://posts.same.org/camps/>

The post will sponsor the student(s) by paying the Camp tuition and a small stipend for transportation assistance, the attendee is responsible for transportation to and from the camp. If you are, or know of a student that is interested please call and talk to us. Chris Turletes can be reached at (907) 244-8063 or Pat Coullahan can be reached (907) 727-3934.

In order to be considered for the Post Sponsorship students must fill out the nomination packet on the website listed above and submit it to Chris Turletes at [ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ancmt2@uaa.alaska.edu) or Pat Coullahan at [Patrick.Coullahan@URSCorp.com](mailto:Patrick.Coullahan@URSCorp.com) by **27 March 2008**.

The successful candidate must have an interest in science and engineering, a connection to the Society of American Military Engineers and a strong desire to have an adventurous week at one of the camps and meet the criteria on the application form. Family or friends of the Post, Sustaining and Individual Members are strongly encouraged to participate.

### Newsletter Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the North Winds monthly newsletter. All sponsors will have their name and logo on the front page of the Newsletter and up to a two page flyer attached to the North Winds. New for 2008 all sponsors will be given five minutes at the monthly luncheon to pitch their firm.

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