



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Meeting

27 March 2008, 1130

Dowl Engineers & Alaska Testlab  
(4041 B Street, Anchorage)

Executive Board Meeting

28 March 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 March Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 27 March, 1130 to 1300 at the Dowl Engineers and Alaska Testlab offices located at 4041 B Street. Please RSVP no later than 25 March to Andy Larson at [andy@discoverydrilling.com](mailto:andy@discoverydrilling.com).

#### Guest Speaker

Captain David (PPT) Berrios will present photos and stories of his recent humanitarian deployment to Bangladesh. Capt. Berrios performed structural

assessments and design with a multi agency team supporting post cyclone recovery actions. Capt. Berrios is the Executive Officer for the 611th Air Support Group, Elmendorf AFB, AK. His most recent jobs included Chief of Environmental Compliance and Chief Design and Construction providing civil engineer functions for NORAD forward operating locations (FOLs) at Galena and King Salmon Airports, Eareckson AS, and 14 active and 19 inactive remote Alaskan communications and radar sites, constituting PACAF's largest cumulative base with 37,000 acres, 12 active airfields, and 1,186 facilities valued at \$3.9B. Captain Berrios earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon completion of Officer Training School program on 12 Jan 2001. His hometown is San Juan, Puerto Rico.

### President's Column

For those of you who haven't heard yet, the last month has brought lots of recognition to the Anchorage Post and its members. Steve Bettis of kpb architects was named the national winner of the Urbahn Medal recognizing his notable contributions to the field of architecture over the course of his career and the last five years in particular. Steve has spent a great deal of his career supporting the military and has many outstanding facilities on installations throughout Alaska. Some of these include the Eielson Chapel, Fort Richardson Community Center and support for the construction of the F-22 and C-17 facilities at Elmendorf AFB. Next time you see Steve congratulate him for this prestigious and well deserved honor.

Shortly after receiving word of Steve's award we were also notified that the Anchorage Post had been

awarded the Top Post for all of SAME. This is a great honor and validates all the hard work and dedication of the Post members and sustaining firms, not only in 2007, but over the years. While the regional conference certainly helped in earning Top Post, the on-going efforts of everyone for scholarships, outreach, and mentoring was just as important to the honor and even more important to the local community we serve. Without the countless hours that were volunteered and the incredible support of the sustaining firms the Post couldn't be what it is.

A large part of keeping the Post viable is growing new members and keeping them involved. Over the next year I'd like to work with the sustaining firms to make sure they're young member positions are filled. Of course our responsibility and challenge is to make SAME relevant for the young members.

**## Last Chance ##**  
**Nominations Due 27 March**  
**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.

**Annual Banquet Photos**



Tim Gallagher staring down the competition



John Magee...Second career?



Chris Turletes doing what he does best

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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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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