



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting

24 April 2008, 1130

Anchorage Moose Lodge
(Corner of Arctic and Tudor)

Executive Board Meeting

25 April 2008, 0630

Country Kitchen

346 E. Fifth Avenue

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

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Please contact John Costello at jcostello@northwind-inc.com or 277-5488

Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers April Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 24 April, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge located just north of the corner of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than 22 April to Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

Guest Speaker

LTC Steve Unfreid has spent the past three years leading the Alaska District Forward Engineer

Support Team-Advance (FEST-A). The FEST-A is a team which was initially designed to leverage the vast engineering expertise found state-side within USACE, for combat commanders in the field, and around the world. This team consists of eight engineers (two military and six civilian) who are capable of doing critical infrastructure assessment and design work for either military commanders or for other governments and nations impacted by natural/man made disasters.

The concept of building and deploying these USACE Field Force Engineering (FFE) teams (of which the FEST-A is just one), first originated with a phone call from Bosnia by a military engineer that had previous USACE experience. The engineer needed river crossing guidance and called back to a Corps Center of Expertise. Over the course of two weeks, a solution was developed. The value of leveraging state-side Corps assets for the deployed engineer became evident. Over the next few years USACE developed deployable teams, state-side teams, and a reach back center that serves as a "one-door-to-the-Corps" for our deployed military.

LTC Unfreid will describe his deployments around the Pacific and will discuss team capabilities, equipment used, and the future of the FFE program within USACE.

LTC Unfreid enlisted with the 28th Engineer Detachment, Ft. Greely Alaska in 1980, received his Army commission in 1984, and then served on active duty in Germany, Alaska, and South Dakota until 1997. He worked as a high school teacher, principal, and administrator from 1997 to 2004. He began working as the FEST-A team leader in 2005. LTC Unfreid holds a BA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a M.Ed. from South Dakota State University.

President's Column

I'd like to thank everyone who helped draft the Post goals for 2008. It was a team effort and I am very thankful for the support. The draft goals are now available on the Post website for review and under consideration by the Board of Directors. Please take the time to review them and if you have any questions or recommendations don't hesitate to get those to a board member.

I've noticed that one of the goals over the last couple of years has been to get articles published in *The Military Engineer*. Relative to all the other goals this is by far one of the easiest and yet we've never had anything published. Given the uniqueness of Alaska and the interesting projects on-going throughout the state I think this is a great opportunity for sustaining firms or young members to highlight a project and the great things we're doing up here in Alaska. Upcoming topics and due dates for 2008 are below:

TOPIC	Article Proposal	Manuscript Due
Facility Management	May 2	June 20
Program and Construction Management	May 2	June 20
Design and Construction	July 7	August 22
Small Business in DoD Programs	July 7	August 22

You can also get more information at:
www.same.org/ifa/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4194

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

Date/Time: 28 Mar 2008/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Mr. Pat Coullahan, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Maj Bryan Erickson, Mr. Alan Quesnel, Col Stu Hartford, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Bill Kontess

Not Present: Mr. John Costello, Ms Kathy Gardner, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Tad Dean, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Col Kevin Wilson, Capt Matthew Anderson, Capt

Matthew Albers, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Everett Mabry, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. Jamie Spell, Ms. Andrea Soland, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Chris Turletes, , Lt Col James Hodges, Maj Erik Sell, Capt Greg Mayer

Proceedings:

- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, opened the BOD meeting at 0635.
- President Report:
 - Post needs to begin working on 2008 goals. Last years goals will be e-mailed to the BOD with the goal of meeting and drafting 2008 goals for review prior to the April BOD.
 - The COE Alaska District small business advocate is looking for support in organizing and running a seminar for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOBs). The seminar would provide an opportunity for SDVOBs to learn about upcoming projects and programs from the USACOE, as well as sessions on bonding, and other topics. A goal of the seminar would also be to provide networking opportunities for SDVOBs to interact with larger businesses/primes and showcase their capabilities. This could happen by selling booth space. The COE would like assistance with registration and selling booth space. After much discussion the Board declined citing the narrow niche of the business market and short time frame for organizing the seminar.
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
 - Banquet numbers are not yet reconciled. The final figures for the banquet art raffle are still coming in, but it looks like the banquet may lose a little bit of money. This isn't unexpected as it was discussed at BOD meetings prior to the banquet and this year was to be a celebration and thank you for all the work on the regional conference.
 - Board discussed sponsorship/funding for local robotics teams. We will contact the robotics group prior to funding.
 - Discussed giving \$1000 scholarship in conjunction with E-Week, no decision made
 - Discussed \$5000 in seed money sent to Seattle Post for Regional Conference and the need to make sure they are aware money is for conference
- Readiness: Capt Anderson
 - No report.

- Other: UAA
 - The UAA A-E Club made a presentation to the Board to request support for their upcoming trip to Miami where they will be participating in construction on Habitat for Humanity homes. The A-E Club is looking to bring 12 people on the trip and expects costs of over \$25K. The Post agreed to provide \$1K.
- Skip Koch
 - Presenters for the UAA Senior Design class are scheduled and this years support is winding down.
- Alan Quesnel
 - The recent downturn in the stock market has impacted the Talley Fund. While it's too early to tell how this will impact the amount of scholarship money available next year, the Fund is invested for long term performance.
 - Alan provided feedback on his participation in a teleconference with the Regional Conference Task Force. Several recommendations will be forthcoming from National on changes to regional conferences.
- Golf Tournament
 - Col Hartford will contact Ev Mabry about the annual golf tournament.
- Monthly Meetings
 - Speakers are being arranged for upcoming monthly meetings.
 - Skip Koch will research the requirements for providing PDHs at the monthly meetings.
- Mr. Kevin Thomas, Post President, closed the BOD meeting at 0725
- Next month's events:
 - General Membership Meeting: 24 Apr @ Moose Lodge
 - BOD meeting: 25 Apr @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)

B.B. Talley Scholarship Endowment Fund

Seat B Election Results

At the SAME Anchorage Post's March 2008 meeting, there was an election held for Seat B on the BB Talley Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees. Please congratulate Mr. Tim Gould, Ms Kathy Prentki, Mr. Alan Quesnel and Mr. Steve Schwicht on their re-election to this Seat. The four positions run from April 2008 through March 2011.

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COL Kevin Wilson (representing COE)
Lt Col James Hodges (representing USAF)

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, AK / 552-5222 or by email at: masteraj@mtaonline.net

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