



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting

24 July 2008, 1130

Moose Lodge

Just North of Tudor on Arctic

Executive Board Meeting

25 July 2008, 0630

Country Kitchen

(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)

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Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers April Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 24 July, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge located just north of the corner of Arctic and Tudor. Please RSVP no later than 23 July to Andy Larson at:
andy@discoverydrilling.com.

Guest Speaker

LTC Bobby Stone will provide this month's SAME brief on Military Transition Teams (MiTT) and his experience serving as a Brigade MiTT Team Leader in Mosul, Iraq until January 2008. LTC Stone was the Alaskan Command Engineer prior to the deployment and is now serving as the Deputy Commander, Alaska District, Corps of Engineers.

President's Column

I'd like to offer a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in June's golf tournament, whether as an organizer, player, volunteer, or sponsor. While final numbers are still coming in, the tournament raised at least \$8,000 towards the Talley Fund scholarships! That's a tremendous increase over the last few years and a testament to the hard work of Ev Mabry, Vivian Tokar, Bruce Steley, Laura Rodgers, Larry Opperman, and everyone else who helped organize the tournament. It's also a testament to the generosity of the sustaining members who sponsored the tournament and our members who took time off from their busy schedules to play. I think everyone would agree that it was a beautiful day and a perfect excuse to get out of the office.

Behind the scenes we've begun planning a seminar for the Fall. With CEUs now required for PE renewals, the Board of Directors believes it's important for our members to help them meet this requirement. It's still too early for details, but the Fall seminar will be transportation related and will be professionally done. As always, volunteers to help organize and assist with the seminar are much appreciated. We'll be looking to hold regular seminars in the future, so if you've got an idea/topic for training or know of a good training provider, please let us know and we'll follow up on it.

Finally, we'd like to welcome home our past president, Lt Col Hodges and the men and women of the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron who will be returning from their six month deployment to Iraq.

Thank You Sponsors and Participants

The 19th Annual S.A.M.E. Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 20, 2008 at

Elmendorf Air Force Base Eagle Glenn Golf Course. Sponsors and Participants raised over \$7,000. Contributions from the Tournament benefited the Talley Scholarship 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.

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

Date/Time: 27 June 08/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Mr. Alan Quesnel, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr.

Patrick Coullahan, Mr. Craig Lance, 2d Lt Sam Logan.

Not Present: Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Tad Dean, Col Kevin Wilson, Capt Matthew Anderson, Capt Matthew Albers, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Everett Mabry, Ms. Karen Padgett, Mr. Jamie Spell, Ms. Andrea Soland, Mr. Chris Turletes, Lt Col James Hodges, Maj Erik Sell, Capt Greg Mayer, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Kevin Thomas, Maj Bryan Erickson, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. John Costello, Mr. John Magee, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Mr. Ted Trueblood.

Proceedings:

- Ms. Kathy Gardner, 1st Post Vice President, opened the BOD meeting at 0641.
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
 - \$7,900 was raised at the golf tournament earlier this month. This makes it the largest fundraiser in several years. \$400 in donations are still pending.
- Programs: Alan Quesnel
 - The July luncheon speaker was discussed. Mr. Quesnel indicated that US Navy SUPSALV personnel may speak, or BP representatives.
 - Embassy Suites was evaluated as a possible new venue for the monthly luncheon, however costs were estimated at approximately \$30/person for the meal and \$500 for rental. Embassy Suites is no longer being considered.
 - Ms. Jacobson brought up donating money to the Moose Lodge scholarship program or possibly buying wireless microphones/AV equipment for our use. An AV service contract was also suggested as an alternative to purchasing equipment with benefits including using the contract for the annual banquet and on-call tech support. Ms. Gardner stated she would follow up for the July BOD meeting with details.
- Other:
- PDHs for Monthly Meetings
 - Credits for continuing education were discussed. Difficulties in recording CEU's were brought up and Ms. Gardner expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to work this issue. Possible topics for a future conference or class included LEED Certification and BIM.
- National Conference:

- Mr. Pat Coullahan stated that the national conference had considerable facility issues. Large rooms were used for low-turnout seminars and smaller rooms were used for very popular briefings. Pins for streamers and a banner were received at the conference. Mr. Quesnel currently has them. Col Fryer, AFCESA/CC, indicated at the conference that he was interested in visiting Anchorage and speaking to SAME on whatever topic we could think of.
- Golf Tournament:
 - Mr. Dan Sterly's replacement as Golf Tournament POC was discussed. Mr. Larry Opperman was suggested as a possible replacement with Mr. Sterly as an assistant.
- Newsletter:
 - Topics are needed for the July newsletter. Ms. Vivian Tokar stated that Golf Tournament sponsors would be thanked in the July issue.
- Ms. Kathy Gardner, 1st Post Vice President, closed the BOD meeting at 0730

Newsletter Sponsorship

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The North Winds 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 20th of each month.

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