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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting
26 February, 2009
Anchorage Moose Lodge
BOD Meeting
27 February, 2009
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

This month's sponsor is:



Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers February Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 24 to Andy Larson at: and alarson@northwind-inc.com.

Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Jason Brune, Executive Director of the Resource Development Council for Alaska. He will be discussing the Resource Development Council charter and how that interfaces with various engineering initiatives throughout Alaska, including pipeline and development initiatives. Jason is a graduate of Carleton College with a degree in Biology, and has completed his Masters Degree coursework at Alaska Pacific University in Environmental Science.

He is an honorary commander in the 3rd Engineer Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base and was named to the Anchorage Chamber's Top 40 Under in 2006. In his free time, Jason plays soccer, softball, and coaches his four-year-olds soccer team. Jason and his wife, Robyn, have two children, Rowan and Bronwyn and a black lab named Barney.

President's Column

I would like to thank SAME for the opportunity for continued service. With 27 years of membership in SAME, I have come to believe in its purpose and value its role with great fondness. We have an energetic cadre of new volunteers serving on our board and I would like to thank them in advance for their service. While the Anchorage Post is a well-oiled machine, it does not automatically run itself. It is through the efforts of many selfless servants that volunteer their time that make this organization the effective entity that it is.

I thought 2008 was just a splendid year for our post. Kevin Thomas did a great job leading the team and it performed flawlessly. We had fun with our golf scramble and despite the economy and the performance of the Talley Fund, the post made a significant contribution to the scholarship fund. Equally enjoyable was the recent art auction and scholarship banquet. I would like to thank Kathy Jacobson, Kathy Gardner and Capt Chris Mercer for planning and delivering a wonderful evening for us all. As we proudly admired our science, architect and engineering students receiving their financial support from the post, all of the hard work by our members comes to fruition.

Thanks for all that you do and together we will make 2009 a great year for the Anchorage Post, SAME.

Tim Gallagher

AWARDS

2008 SAME Military Awards Winners were presented at the Annual Banquet

The 3rd Civil Engineering Squadron Commander, LTC Dean Hartman, presented awards to:

SMSgt Freddie G. Davis for the CHIEF MASTER SARGEANT LARRY R. DANIELS AWARD. SMSgt Davis was the Air Expeditionary Wing commander's liaison/superintendent in Iraq and is currently the Chief, Facility Systems Element, Operations Flight. SMSgt Davis is currently deployed to Palau.

SSgt Peter T. LeBorgne, Jr. for The MAJOR GENERAL EUGENE A. LUPIA AWARD Noncommissioned Officer Grade. SSgt LeBorgne led three craft teams in constructing a detainee holding facility and security over-watch of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq.

A1C James N. Parritt for The MAJOR GENERAL EUGENE A. LUPIA AWARD Airman Grade. Airman Parritt led a 10 person multi-skilled construction team to erect shelters and complete all the beddown tasks for a Wing bivouac in Iraq. He is currently in Iraq and his lovely wife Sherita Parritt accepted the award.

The 6th Engineer Battalion Commander, LTC Roosevelt Samuel, JR., presented awards to:

SFC Brad T. Brenner is the nominee for the STURGIS MEDAL for the outstanding Non Commissioned Officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. SFC Brenner was the Earth Moving Platoon Sergeant in C Co, 864th Engineer Battalion in Iraq. His Platoon Leader, Capt Joseph Betz, was the nominee for the WHEELER MEDAL for the outstanding Engineer Officer in the Corps and for their combat construction performance supporting Special Operation Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 611th Civil Engineering Commander, LTC Ron Pieri, presented the ENGINEER OF THE YEAR Award to:

CPT Billy Allen who has had two Iraqi tours and was the Maintenance Team Chief in the International

Zone (Green Zone) in Iraq from December 2007 through July 2008.

He is currently the 611th Programs Flight Commander, Elmendorf AFB, AK.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

2008-2009 Chancellor Fran Ulmer and Kevin Thomas pass out \$16K in Scholarships at the Banquet:

This year the SAME Anchorage Post and sustaining member firms awarded \$16,100 in college scholarships. These scholarships are the fruit of the Post's efforts in fundraising. So thanks to the Endowment Fund, the Post Sustaining and individual members and committees that through a variety of activities such as the raffle, golf tourney, seminars, and Regional Conferences keeps our scholarship program viable.

We had thirteen applicants for the General Benjamin B. Talley scholarships this year. All 13 were awarded scholarships:

- 1 to an Engineering Grad Student awarded to a UAA student
- 7 awards to UAA students,
- 3 to UAF students,
- 1 to a UH student,
- 1 to a BYU student.
- There are 3 women and 10 men applicants;
- 10 Engineering students, 1 Marine Science, and 2 in CM.
- 5 are either serving in the Guard or Reserve or are veterans. Two have served in Afghanistan and/or Iraq.
- 5 are repeat winners.

This years Scholarship Selection Committee was comprised of:

Mr. Pat Coullahan—US Army Corps of Engineers
Ms Michelle Gallagher—RIM Architects
Mr. John Magee—R&M Consultants Inc.

Mr. Bob Wrentmore—Raymond James Financial Services

Sustaining Firms directly sponsoring scholarships include:

Watterson Construction --\$2,000 represented by Bill and Jim Watterson

R&M Consultants Inc. the Ralph Migliaccio Memorial Scholarship--\$1,100 --represented by Bret Coburn

Enterprise Engineering --\$500—represented by Kevin Murphy
RISE Alaska--\$500
URS --\$500—represented by Ted Trueblood
USKH—Gordon Unwin Endowment \$500

The 2008/2009 Anchorage Post Scholarship Recipients in alphabetical order are:

Mr. Ryan Audett

Mr. Audett received an \$850 scholarship. He is a CM 4 year program student at UAA. He has been involved in the ASC National CM competition for the last 2 years, has raised money for the American Cancer society and coached little league baseball. He works for Davis Constructors and Engineers for the last several years. He is schedule to graduate in Dec 2009. His scholarship comes from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Alex J. P. Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron received a \$1,200 scholarship. He is a BSE-Mechanical Engineering Student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He is a member of the ANSEP program at UAA and a student member of ASME. He has worked with AWWU as an Engineer Intern. He spent the fall semester in Hawaii at UH Manoa where he was part of the Native Hawaiian Science & Engineering Mentorship Program. He is currently researching spinal rod fatigue testing and analysis. Alex graduates in May 2010. His scholarship is (\$500) from RISE Alaska and (\$700) from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment.

Mr. Theodore Champine III

Mr. Champine received a \$1,500 scholarship. He is a Construction Management Student at the University of Alaska Anchorage and has 7 years of Military service and is currently serving in the Air

National Guard. Ted has been deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq. Ted graduates in the spring of 2009. He is currently working in the Construction Division at the Corps of Engineers as a project engineer. He has spent several semesters on the Dean's list. He ultimately would like to start his own contracting business. His scholarship is from Watterson Construction Company (\$1,000) and (\$500) from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment

Mr. Gary Ellis

Mr. Ellis received an \$850 scholarship. He is a Civil Engineering Major and a Math and History minor at UAA. He has been on the Chancellors list for 3 years and served as the UAA Mat-Su Student Government President. He works part time for Heller Engineering in Wasilla. He is interested in working for the Department of Defense upon completion of his schooling. Gary is working his way thru school. He plans to Graduate in May 2010. His scholarship is from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$850).

Mr. Elijah Keib

Mr. Keib received a \$1,000 Graduate Student scholarship. He is a graduate student at the University of Alaska Anchorage and is studying Civil Engineering. He is an 8 yr veteran of the USMC with multiple deployments overseas including Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Anchorage, served as a Math Tutor at UAA, is a member of SAME and ASCE. Elijah works with Michael Baker Jr. when he's not in the library. He expects to complete his Masters in CE in December 2010 His Scholarship is from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$1,000).

Ms. Tonya Lloyd

Ms Lloyd received a \$1,000 scholarship. She is a Geological Engineering student at University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has a minor in Computer Science. She is frequently on the UAF Chancellor's list, and is a member of Society of Women Engineers, Alaska Miners Association, Golden Key Honor Society and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society she works for the UA Office of Information Technology during the school year and has interned with Avalon Development Group and DEC. She loves Alaska and will be graduating in May and

plans on staying in Alaska after graduation. Her scholarship is from USKH (\$500) and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$500)

Ms Kali Korach

Ms Korach received an \$850 scholarship. She is an ME student at UAA with a minor in mathematics. She is a member of the ANSEP program and spent the fall semester in Hawaii as part of the Native Hawaiian Engineering and Science Mentorship Program. She has worked with AWWU as an intern in GIS and Project Management. She has been a Corrosion Surveyor for Kakivik Asset Management. She is looking forward to working in renewable energy when she graduates in Dec 2010. Her scholarship is from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$850)

Mr. Chad Odom

Mr. Odom received a \$1,500 scholarships. He is a Civil Engineering Student at UAF; he is a member of two engineering honor societies and serves as a volunteer with Big Brother and Big Sisters. He has worked as an intern for DEC and Jacobs Engineering. He plans on getting a Masters in Petroleum Engineering after he finishes his BS. He came to Alaska in the 5th Grade with his military family, he plans to stay here after his formal education and give something back to Alaska. His scholarship is from Watterson Construction (\$1000) and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$500).

Mr. Jeffrey Schwicht

Mr. Schwicht received a \$1,200 scholarship. He is a CE student at BYU. Jeffery is a National Merit Scholar, an Eagle Scout, and has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has just completed his missionary service for his church and is back at BYU for his 3rd semester of engineering. Jeffery spent part of the fall working at Builder's Choice, Inc. preparing for his return to school. His scholarship is from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$1,200)

Mr. Dustin Smith

Mr. Smith received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a BSE –Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He is a member of the ANSEP, a math tutor and was a Resident Advisor; He has served as an intern with BP

Exploration and has field experience working on cathodic protection of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Dustin spent the fall semester in Hawaii as a mentor for their NHSEMP. Dustin already has a Design Award from UAA Engineering Student Design Comp in 2008. His scholarship is from Enterprise Engineering (\$500) and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$500)

Ms. Irene Turletes

Ms. Turletes received a \$1,800 scholarship. She is a Civil Engineering Major with a Minor in Spanish and Mathematics at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is a Big Sister, the Co-president of the UAA AE club, volunteers for Habitat of Humanity Housing here and with the AE club on their 2 week out of state project. She has been involved with many SAME events and is a member of UAA student chapter Engineers Without Borders. Irene has worked with RISE Alaska as an office assistant, and as an Engineer intern with Equinox Consulting and this past year with R&M Consultants Inc. Her scholarship is from the Ralph Migliaccio Memorial Scholarship Fund of R&M Consultants Inc. (\$1,100) and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$700).

Aram Wool

Mr. Wool received a \$1,000 scholarship. He is an Electrical Engineering Major at UAF with a Math minor. He has worked for the campus radio station KSUA, has worked as a Beaufort Sea Ice Project Assistant at the International Arctic Research Center, he has served as an Electrical Engineering intern at Sumitomo Teck-Pogo Joint Venture. He tutors HS students in math, and has won UAF academic contests and scholarships for his academic prowess. He graduates in May 2009 and is interested in the intern program offered by the US Army Corps of Engineers. After a few years of work he would like to get a Master's Degree. His scholarship is from the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$1,000)

Colin Zimmermann

Mr. Zimmerman received a \$1,500 scholarship. He is a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo studying Marine Science. He is on the UH baseball team, he tutors math, volunteers for the Special Olympics and has participated in community service work in Hawaii –South Beach Clean up. Colin is in

the Navy's Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program and is currently on active duty as an Officer Candidate. Colin is spending the spring semester here in Alaska and is actively pursuing oceanography internships with Conoco Phillip and NOAA. His scholarship is from URS (\$500) and the General Benjamin B. Talley Endowment (\$1,000)

These are the 2008/2009 Scholarship winners and Alaska's future scientists, constructors and engineers.

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 7th year, an opportunity 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, Mississippi 14-20 June 2009; at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado 26 June – 2 July 2009; and at the Navy's Pacific homeport for the Seabees Port Heuneme, CA 19-25 July 2009. The Anchorage Post has sent nine 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. In 2008 we sent Joseph Brown from Dimond to the AF academy Camp and Michael Larson from Service to the Seabee Camp.

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 2009. 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 2009: <http://posts.same.org/camps/2009/>

The post will sponsor the student(s) by paying the **full** Camp tuition \$550 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 one of us.**

Chris Turletes can be reached at (907) 244-8063 or Pat Coullahan can be reached (907) 223-7807. 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 or Pat Coullahan at Patrick.M.Coullahan@usace.army.mil by 5 PM on **10 April, 2009** .

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. For 2009, we will continue our practice of allowing sponsors five minutes at the monthly luncheon to pitch their firm.

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 10th of each month.

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