



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

May 2009 Edition

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Meeting 28 May, 2009  
Anchorage Moose Lodge  
BOD Meeting 29 May 2009  
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

This month's sponsor is:



### Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, May 26 to Andy Larson at: [al Larson@northwind-inc.com](mailto:al Larson@northwind-inc.com).

### Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker will be Patricia "Trish" Opheen, P.E. She will speak on Climate Change. A full biography appears at the end of this newsletter.

### President's Column

I probably shouldn't say this but, Spring 2009 is sure making up for last summer isn't it? That means our sustaining member, General Contractors should be having a great start at working the ground and getting super-structures erected.

Well, I made a verbal commitment to our membership in last month's newsletter to publish our fully staffed, and board approved, 2009 Goals. We're almost there with the exception of final board review and approval. The drill has been to get a small team together, Vivian Tokar, Jaci Mellot, Nicole Knox, and myself to review the objectives of the goals and then develop specific action items that will make them a reality. This part is complete. The other review item was to ensure that these goals are supportive of our post recognition, streamer program. Major Tom Fenoseff, Executive Officer for the 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion has graciously volunteered to coordinate our streamer program and has done a great job of ensuring our goals support that effort. Once we have final approval, we will publish the 2009 Goals on our website for your access.

As I write this, I am returning from the SAME national conference held in Salt Lake City. My understanding was that this was the largest conference ever. The three service chiefs opened the conference by providing the attendees an overview of their respective programs through 2010. Along with stimulus funding and other high priority programs, the opportunity to participate in DOD related studies, design, and construction has never been better. I could not help reflect on what a wonderful venue this is to learn from one another-builders, designers and the like and serve our military.

Let me close by making a push for maximum participation in the upcoming golf tournament- it is one of our major fund raisers for the scholarship program. Not only that, it is a great place to just relax and have fun on a Friday afternoon. Until next month, stay safe, work hard, and play enthusiastically!

Should you like to comment, please pass on your thoughts to our secretary, Jaci Mellot, at [jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com](mailto:jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com)

Thanks for all you do for our post.  
Tim Gallagher  
Post President

### Proceedings:

The following were present:

Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Tom York, Mr. Tom Fenoseff, Ms. Nicole Knox, Mr. John Magee, Ms. Kathy Gardner, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Tad Dean, Ms. Jaci Mellott, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Bryan Erickson.

- Ms. Vivian Tokar, First Vice President, opened the meeting at 0645.
  - Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
    - About one month behind in updating;
    - Banquet will come out okay;
    - Post taxes are due soon
  - Newsletter
    - On track
  - Programs: Colonel Dean Hartman
    - Mr. Dave Bennet (Weston) considering the role with support from Mr. Tom York
  - Seminars:
    - No new items at this time
  - Membership:
    - Board can increase SAME participation by getting other A/E consulting societies involved
  - Banquet: Chris Mercer
    - Banquet was a huge success overall
  - Talley Fund:
    - Ms. Kathy Jacobson will move \$5,000 into the Talley Fund

- Mr. Allen Quesnel will step down—looking for a replacement
- Golf Tournament:
  - Board requests coordinators attend May board meeting
- After Action:
  - No Update
- Awards
  - Mr. Skip Koch was presented with the RVP medal
- Other
  - Nominees to all three camps will attend the May meeting
  - Approved \$1,000 contingency for four candidates for camp

Mr. Tim Gallagher, President, closed the BOD meeting at 0750

### 2009 Anchorage Post GOALS

For 2009, the Anchorage Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is continuing the multi-year approach for its goals. Our primary focus is supporting the SAME mission nationally, regionally, and locally; meet all strategic and streamer requirements. The Anchorage Post will continue to have strong monthly programs, an annual banquet and golf tournament, and training workshops to raise a minimum of \$8,000 for the Talley scholarship fund. Additionally, the Post will continue to sponsor two engineer and construction camp candidates, provide volunteers for local science fair judging, support Engineers' Week activities and recognize members of the Post and military units through the awards and recognition.

We have five overarching goals:

#### **Goal 1: Education and Training**

Enhance and reinforce the professional and technical competence of members of the Anchorage Post through training and continuing education programs throughout the year.

#### **Goal 2: Relationships**

Foster inter-disciplinary, inter-agency, inter-service, and public/private sector sharing of information, technology, and business practices. Maintain relationships with other posts in the Pacific and Northwest regions achieved by the 2007 regional training conference.

**Goal 3: Relevance**

Develop and conduct high-interest programs that inspire membership growth and active involvement of Society members at Post, Regional, and National levels. Pull in national, regional and local expertise and talent for Post programs.

**Goal 4: National Security Programs**

Support national security engineering related priorities and programs. Ensure these are integrated throughout the year in presentations and in articles in the monthly newsletter.

**Goal 5: Recognition**

Recognize internal and external accomplishments of Anchorage Post members.

The following objectives outline the specific actions the Anchorage Post will undertake in support of the 2009 Goals.

**1. Education and Training Objectives**

1.1 Provide education and training programs on combat engineering, emerging technologies, efficient design and construction, small business concerns, environmental sustainability and stewardship, facility and infrastructure life cycle management, knowledge management, and water resources planning and management.

*Action Plan: The monthly post meetings programs will include presentations on education and training objective topics and speakers will include a mix of military engineers, Federal agency representatives, and private sector/industry firms. Proposed speakers/topics for 2009 include:*

- *Military Engineers- 2 monthly meetings; combat engineering related presentations such as current mission or deployment mission presentation*

- *Federal Agency Representatives- 4; Emergency Management, Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship, Efficient Design and Construction, Small Business Concerns*
- *Private Sector Firms – 4 – Emerging Technologies, Knowledge Management, Facility Infrastructure Life Cycle Management, Water Resources Planning and Management*

*PDHs will be provided to attendees for presentations meeting the technical content requirements.*

1.2 Support licensure and certification by awarding professional development hours (PDH) by the Anchorage Post Education and Training POC and support members preparing for licensure and certification examinations.

*Action Plan: PDHs are provided to attendees for monthly meetings that meet the technical content requirements. A representative from the AE/LS Registration Board will be invited to speak at a monthly meeting.*

1.3 Conduct meetings supporting sustaining member business interests to include future program, project and contract opportunity with various DoD and non-DoD federal, state or local agencies.

*Action Plan: The military programs will be briefed the AGC semi-annual conference and the Post will advertise COE small business out-reach seminars. Efforts will be made to encourage more participation by Alaska Native Corporations.*

1.4 Encourage members to submit articles to *The Military Engineer* and other professional journals.

*Action Plan: Upcoming themes for The Military Engineer will be provided to members and Sustaining Firms and advertised in the monthly newsletter. Young members will be encouraged to write articles.*

1.5 Establish and maintain mentoring programs.

*Action Plan: Mentoring is an on-going activity of the Post; Post members provide lectures and design guidance, oversight and feedback on senior projects to UAA students enrolled in University of Alaska Anchorage Senior Design Class. .*

1.6 Exhibit executive leadership to encourage and permit mid-level civil servants, junior officers, and young members time off to participate in SAME activities, especially training and educational events.

*Action Plan: The Post president will continue to target this membership block in his monthly newsletter articles and will encourage the heads of agencies and sustaining firms to encourage their young members to attend meetings and actively participate in post activities.*

1.7 Promote the engineering career field at colleges and universities through a Student Post, mentoring activities, scholarships, and career development information.

*Action Plan: The Post actively promotes the engineering career field through the work with UAA's Senior Design Class, scholarships, sponsoring the UAA Engineering Club, and internships.*

1.8 Inspire primary and secondary (K-12) students to enter the architecture, engineering and related career field through engineering camps, science fairs, jobsite tours, and related outreach programs.

*Action Plan: The Post actively supports primary and secondary students through sponsorships of MATH COUNTS, Floatable Motables during E Week, providing Science Fair judges and awards, and sponsoring two students to summer SAME construction camps.*

## **2. Relationships Objectives**

2.1 Maximize networking opportunities for public and private organizations to develop professional relationships and solve common problems.

*Action Plan: SAME meeting announcements will be provided to other professional societies and SAME will advertise the AGC (Associated General Contractors) Conference to our members. .*

2.2 Develop partnerships and alliances with other professional societies and related associations and joint workshops and seminars.

*Action Plan: SAME meeting announcements will be provided to other professional societies. A joint meeting will be held if an opportunity presents itself. The AGC Conference is another opportunity to network and other societies will be invited to attend the planned seminar.*

2.3 Actively seek new members from the private sector including professionals in companion fields such as surety/insurance, finance, legal, and contracting, and establish associations with them to increase long-term retention.

*Action Plan: Continue to look for opportunities to seek new members from various professions outside the engineering community and lay the foundation for continued growth of the Post. We currently have non-engineer members from the administrative, financial, and/or human resources fields that are members of the Post, but will continue to reach out to their peers as well as Alaska Native Corporations.*

2.4 Promote diversity at the Post, Regional, and National levels in terms of professional disciplines, private sector firms, and various government agencies.

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2.5 Establish a SAME internet portal with a single ASP/ISP to standardize and broadly convey timely Society related information that will aid public-private cooperation, advance education and training, and promote exchanges among Society members.

*Action Plan: The Post has a web page that contains timely information and is very successful in conveying information. PDH rosters are posted on the website for members.*

## **3. Relevance**

3.1 Provide current and forecast information on service policies, programs, projects, and requirements to individual and Sustaining Members.

*Action Plan: Military will be briefed again in November during the AGC semi-annual conference. In addition, key personnel and leadership visiting Anchorage from federal agencies such as the COE, PACAF and AFCEE will be invited to speak at special meetings if time allows.*

3.2 Conduct Regional and joint-Regional conferences and monthly Post programs to support the technical, professional and business interests of Society members.

*Action Plan: Monthly meetings will focus on speakers meeting this objective.*

3.3 Participate in joint conferences with other professional societies and related associations, when feasible, to add value for SAME members.

*Action Plan: The Post will participate in the AGC Conference where they will brief military and other programs and look to host a design-build seminar in which other societies will be invited.*

3.4 Link new Young Members and NCOs to the Society's K-12, college outreach, and mentoring programs.

*Action Plan: Young Members and NCOs are actively solicited to participate in various programs, including the UAA Senior Design Class, and they actively supported programs such as Floatable Motables, the Science Fair, and the UAA AFROTC program.*

3.5 Promote Post involvement in community service

*Action Plan: The Post actively supported community service through its support of educational programs, E Week, UAA Design Class, the science fair and sponsorship of organizations such as the UAA Engineering Club's Habitat for Humanity projects, blankets for and needy individuals/deployed families, and sending a local youth team to the international Lego robotics competition. The Post will support the local military until support organizations, such as, 6th Engineer Battalion's Family Readiness Group, through actions such as advertising their activities (as appropriate) to SAME membership and other needs requested by the organization and approved by the Board of Directors.*

3.6 Facilitate industry and government dialogue to improve:

- Design and construction methods
- Environmental sustainability

- Access to emerging trends and technologies

*Action Plan: Monthly meetings will focus on speakers meeting this objective. Speakers from*

*federal agencies and industry will address these topics.*

#### **4. National Security Programs Objectives**

4.1 Align the Post's readiness programs with the local, state, and national response plans supporting homeland security (i.e. anti-terrorism and bio-terrorism) as well as multi-hazard and emergency responses.

*Action Plan: The Post will fulfill the requirements for the Readiness and Homeland Security streamer which include: operating a Post Committee on Readiness and Homeland Defense/Security consisting of three or more members from different organizations and holding at least two committee meetings. A member must be listed as the POC to the National Readiness and Homeland Security Committee.*

4.2 Promote small business participation in the accomplishment of national security programs by facilitating collaboration with large businesses and supporting the small business program goals of the uniformed services.

*Action Plan: Small business seminars are routinely held by 3 CES and the Alaska District. Program briefs during the AGC Conference also provide opportunity for small businesses to develop work on military installations.*

4.3 Facilitate community understanding and acceptance of the role of engineering in national security and emergency preparedness.

*Action Plan: The Post will include Emergency Response/Management as a monthly meeting topic.*

4.4 Promote environmental safety and occupational health protection before, during and after a national security incident, contingency operation or natural disaster.

*Action Plan:*

*The Post will include Emergency Response/Management as a monthly meeting topic.*

#### **5. Relationships & Recognition Objectives**

5.1 Gain recognition of Anchorage Post Members at Post, Regional, and National levels:

- Recognize leadership, technical, and managerial achievements of members

Recognize Sustaining Member and public agencies that conduct mentoring programs

Recognize outstanding military and public service

*Action Plan: Use these types of achievements as the basis for the post's recognition and awards program. Look for opportunities where the awards for other organizations and SAME are compatible and submit nominations for those. When we have winners, publicize that information in the SAME monthly newsletter and local base papers. We already provided this type of recognition in the monthly newsletter when local organizations had significant awards or recognition. We have already solicited this info from the members' organizations and have appointed representatives to provide this info and award documentation to our awards committee chair.*

5.2 Publicize and promote internal and external recognition of the accomplishments of members and Posts :

Nominate members for non-SAME awards.

Publicize Society award winners in external media

Publicize SAME members' achievements recognized by other organizations

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5.3 Submit Post Awards

*Action Plan: We have already solicited this info from the members' organizations and have appointed representatives to provide this info and award documentation to our awards committee chair. We will submit a package in each award category for which we are eligible.*

5.4 Win Membership streamer

Attain net growth for individual and sustaining members

*Action Plan: The Post will focus on retaining members by maintaining its relevance and value with interesting monthly program, business and networking activities, and educational seminars. The post president will also contact sustaining firms to thank them and encourage them to publicize SAME membership in their organizations.*

5.5 Achieve Distinguished Post recognition

*Action Plan: Win membership streamer and four remaining streamers with distinction. Submit the Anchorage Post financial report not later than 1 March.*

5.6 Earn Top Post recognition

*Action Plan: Complete all actions of this action plan and submit the requisite documentation to demonstrate how the post's quality programs, activities, and accomplishments support strategic goals and objectives.*

### **Design-Build Forum to Discuss Elevating Quality**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District is sponsoring the 2009 Design-Build Industry Forum June 17 at Loussac Library's Wilda Marston Theater in Anchorage from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To attend this event, RSVP by June 10 via e-mail to [Dawn.M.Needham@usace.army.mil](mailto:Dawn.M.Needham@usace.army.mil) or by calling 907-753-2768.

This free forum is oriented to construction, architectural and engineering companies, and Department of Defense agencies interested in improving the Design-Build quality processes managed by the Corps in Alaska and taking Design-Build quality to the next level.

"The Alaska District is looking for collaborative industry and government perspectives with Corps Design-Build contracts from the award of the contract to substantial completion of the work in order to improve results," said Pat Coullahan, chief of the Alaska District Constructions and Operations Division. "We welcome and appreciate industry's participation."

The forum's goal is to gather information from panel members representing industry and government in addition to forum attendees to improve Design-Build processes. This is a deliberate effort to increase competition, reduce processes that hinder Design-Build contractors, as well as support the ultimate objectives of accomplishing the military and civil works programs that benefit Alaska.

Five panel topics planned are merits, challenges, risk management, claims/disputes and future acquisition strategies of Design-Build. Subject matter experts for each one-hour panel will speak for the first 40 minutes with the remaining time reserved for either an informal panel discussion, or question and answer session with the audience. A moderator will facilitate panel presentations, discussions and audience participation. An overall panel summary will conclude the day.

Six professional development hours are available for full-day participation.

This seminar is a follow-up event to the Design-Build industry forum the district led in October 2007, as the Army embraced Military Transformation and shifted from Design-Bid-Build for individual projects to Design-Build for standardized projects.

### **Campers Nominated for EC Summer Camps**

**FULL SLATE:** The Anchorage Post SAME will send our first Mentor and nominates 4 for Engineer and Construction Summer Camps 2009.

This year we have a new member, **Kevin Bingley**, who has volunteered to be a mentor at the USAF Camp in Colorado Springs. Kevin Bingley a LT in the USPHS is interested personally and supported by his organization to participate as a mentor this summer. Kevin met with the Post Board and told the Board he wants to "give back" and this was a great opportunity personally and professionally. Kevin will be the first mentor the Anchorage Post has sent to any of the SAME Engineer and Construction Camps.

We have nominated **four** high school students to attend SAME Engineer and Construction Camps this

summer. This is the most participation we have had in a single year since we have started participating in the camps. We have not heard back from the Camps yet but should in late May.

The First camper is **Michael Miranda**, a Dimond High School junior and Army JROTC leader who is our nominee to attend the Army E&C Camp in Vicksburg, Mississippi at the US Corps of Engineers center there. Michael is our first potential participant in the Army Camp. We have not heard back from the Camp but are hopeful.

Our second nominee is **Patricia Rose**, an ACS junior and is applying to the USAF Academy. Patricia is our primary nominee to the USAFA E&C Camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado in early July. Patricia is in her school and church choir and tutors others in math and piano.

Our third nominee and number two nominee to the USAFA E&C Camp is **Mason Weber**, a Dimond High School student and active leader of the Army JROTC program at Dimond. His first choice was the Army Camp but the Camp is full so he is nominated for the USAFA camp and our number two candidate.

Our fourth nominee is **Kristina Jeffords**, from Service High School, a Navy JROTC member who was nominated for the Seabee Camp at Port Heuneme, California. Kristina has been to the Navy's JROTC Leadership Academy in Woodby Island NAS and will be returning this year as camp staff.

We expect to hear from National about how our nominees fared in late May.

All of these students are in their junior year of high school. All are solid students, involved in their respective high schools and communities as leaders and volunteers. They are interested in math and science and considering engineering or construction and the military as possibilities for the future. Congratulations to all of our nominees.

This is the 7th round of campers that the Anchorage Post has sent to the SAME Engineer and Construction Camps. Here is a list of our past campers:

2003 USAFA Camper—Kamron Gastineau, Dimond High School, Army JROTC

2004 USAFA Camper—Jon Herr, Chugiak High School

2005 USAFA Camper—Justin Hickel, Grace Christian High School

2005 Seabee Camper --Brock Olson, Dimond High School, Army JROTC

2006 USAFA Camper—Alex Kontess, Eagle River High School

2006 Seabee Camper --Daniel Dellinger, Service High School, Navy JROTC

2007 Seabee Camper-- Grace Amundsen, Service High School, Navy ROTC

2008 USAFA Camper—Joseph Brown, Dimond High School, Army JROTC

2008 Seabee Camper—Michael Larson, Service High School, Navy JROTC.

To all of our travelers we wish you an enjoyable, adventurous and safe camping experience!

### **And now—the fun!**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Friday, 12 June, 1400 (2 PM) at Eagleleglen golf course on Elmendorf. Our new Tournament Director, Larry Opperman, who is currently leading the Joint Basing CE-DPW efforts for Elmendorf and Richardson, has instituted some changes to this year's tournament to make it even more enjoyable - and I know with the weather we've been having that everyone is ready to golf!

Faster Check-In! You may notice the entry cost has slightly increased this year. This increase is to account for higher Greens Fees *and* we've included in that price 3 Mulligans per person - you can skip finding the \$20 at check in. This year's check-in is one stop – only the Team Captain needs to check in and they will be provided with everything- nothing additional to buy!

Fast Speed of Play! To keep the course moving, all teams will have 2 carts. We've also allocated "string" to each team- once you're within the "string" distance to the hole, you're in! Time to keep moving.

Return of the Post -Tourney BBQ! We heard it was missed last year ... this year included in the entry fee is a burger, chips, drinks (as in past) after you get off the course. The winners will be announced at this time. Speaking of winners...

Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prizes! In past years the Top 3 teams have generously donated their cash winnings back to the Scholarship fund. As a "Thank You" for 20 great years, we want the winners to keep their prizes this year. The Top 3 teams will be awarded a non-cash prize...you'll have to show up (and win!) to find out what it is.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the course next month. Sign-Up Forms and Sponsorship Forms are included in this Northwind edition.





Sponsorship forms and tournament sign-up sheets are attached.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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