



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting 23 July, 2009
Anchorage Moose Lodge
BOD Meeting 24 July 2009
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

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This month's sponsor is:



This Month's Speaker:

This month's speaker will be Ms. Alison R. Stirling, Planning Engineer with the Engineering Division of the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. Ms. Stirling will discuss AWWU's Capital Program Overview.

Ms. Stirling has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage (2001). As a planning engineer for the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, she is responsible for coordinating the Utility's annual capital improvement plan, identifying future capital needs, and managing planning level studies.

President's Column

For this month's article, I would like to highlight some of the key talking points highlighted in a letter sent to all Post President's by LTG Van Antwerp, the National, SAME President. The central theme is membership. General Van Antwerp charges us with four key sub-themes:

- Make everyone in SAME acts as a recruiter. The charge here is to know your own personal, "thirty second commercial." My suggestion would be to memorize just three key benefits and use those to encourage participation
- Connect membership to active outreach. His theme in this point is to expound upon what SAME does for our community when we are out in the community. It is my observation that many of us are very active in the community with events like "math counts," "engineer week," and robotics competitions. These are excellent events to talk up SAME. It's fun to brag about the post's contribution in scholarship donations to our students.
- Engage military engineer units and organizations. As a trend, less and less of our military participate in SAME. We must do our best to reverse this direction. As more of our units are deployed and the demands on them grow, this becomes a challenge. This year our program leaders will continue to emphasize the military component of our programs.

- Make the majority of SAME meetings, “continuing credit,” opportunities. I think we are doing pretty well in this area with the initiative that was started last year. The bottom line is that our meeting programs must be stimulating and technically worthy.

Be sure and read the attached letter from General Van Antwerp.

Well—thanks for all that you do and be safe as we reach the mid-point of our summer construction season. And recruit!

Should you like to comment, please pass on your thoughts to our secretary, Jaci Mellot, at jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com

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

PROCEEDINGS:

The following were present:

Mr. Pat Coullahan, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Reinhard Koenig, Mr. Craig Lance, Mr. John K. Magee, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Tom York, Ms. Christina Anderson, Col Reinhard Koenig

- Ms. Vivian Tokar – 1st Vice President opened the meeting at 0645.
- Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
 - Board is looking for one more SAME check for camp registration.
 - Waiting on one more check for golf tournament. Current amount raised - \$7,288.00.
 - The Camping and Golf events were the two largest events that affected the SAME budget.

- Newsletter: Mr. Andy Larson
 - Need sponsor for the January 2010 newsletter.
 - Mr. Andy Larson was not present at the meeting. Through an email prior to this meeting, he mentioned that he needs sponsoring firms to submit their information for the Newsletters no later than the 10th of each month.
- Programs:
 - Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility will present at our next SAME meeting -July 23rd. Speaker is involved with the Capital Improvement Program in Anchorage.
 - ESC Labs will be at the meeting in July.
 - Mr. Ted Trueblood - One joint meeting is needed every year. Ms. Vivian Tokar will work with Mr. Tim Gallagher to arrange a joint meeting – possibly with ASCE.
- Seminars:
 - A one day seminar is needed to meet Post annual goal. Mr. Craig Lance to set up the one day training seminar. Seminar needs a non-Corps. Committee chair to take care of applications, collection of money, etc. Seminar would benefit construction staff. Information presented would include: baseline schedules and time impact analysis. Board mentioned event needs to be advertised a year in advance. Mr. Craig Lance would like to hold the seminar for February 2010, board mentioned advertising would need to begin no later than October. Mr. Tim Gallagher to contact Ms. Vivian Tokar for additional information and Mr. Tim Gallagher to write a letter for the seminar.

- Membership:
 - No update.
- Banquet: Mr. Chris Mercer
 - No update.
- Talley Fund: Mr. Craig Lance
 - Mr. John Magee noted the formal investment policy is resolved
 - Action: Ms. Tokar requested that Mr. Lance send the policy to the BOD prior to July BOD. The Policy brief will be on the Agenda for July
- Golf Tournament:
 - Mr. Craig Lance - SAME needs to get in touch with golf course early and try and avoid scheduling on the same day as AGC.
 - The 6th Engineer Battalion won the Red Lantern Award.
- Camp Event: Mr. Chris Turlletes
 - Mr. Michael Miranda completed the event.
 - Ms. Patricia Rose is heading out for camp.
 - 2 additional campers applied, but were not accepted.
 - Mr. Kevin Bingley in the public health service was SAME's first mentor.
- After Action:
 - Mr. Pat Coullahan asked who the readiness chairman was. Mr. Tom York to follow up with Maj Fennoseff for possible volunteer.
- Awards:
 - Mr. Koch mentioned that annual award time is approaching.
- Scholarships:
 - Mr. Turlletes gave the BOD a summary of SAME's scholarship process
 - Candidates are gathered at the end of October and awards occur at the SAME banquet at the end of January.
 - Scholarship opportunities are mentioned through word of mouth, are posted in the UAA engineering department, and are also listed on the website and in the SAME newsletter.
 - For 2009 SAME awarded its first High School Scholarship.
 - SAME distributes on average a total of \$15,000 in scholarships (\$500 - \$1,000 per person).
 - There was discussion at the meeting regarding the scholarship award amount
- Other:
 - Mr. John Magee commented that the Board needs to revisit amounts given out each year. Amounts were previously defined in 1995/1996 and need to be reviewed for amount distributed as well as what they are distributed for. The current written policy criterion for scholarships is on the website.
 - SAME has always been able to award scholarships to all that have applied for them. This will not be true in the future with the number of applications increasing.
 - The Board needs to work harder to bring in matching scholarships.
 - Ms. Vivian Tokar asked Chris if the Scholarship committee could brief the BOD on the committee process in August.
 - Mr. Ted Trueblood invited Christina Anderson to this morning's BOD meeting. Christina is actively involved in the USCG. She is a prior DoD employee and is active in Kodiak.

Mr. Ted Trueblood mentioned Christina may be interested in helping the guard interact with SAME. Christina may also help SAME convince the USCG to present at one of the monthly meetings.

- Mr. Dave Bennett is responsible for the programs. The board will have Dave contact Christina to follow up.
- Mr. Bruce Steeley offered to speak at a meeting on the Elmendorf Richardson Joint Basing. He has a short prepared presentation and would allow significant time for Q & A.
- Board mentioned that Major Sell could offer an overview membership process to the BOD and possibly at a monthly meeting and to Ms. Anderson to help with CG membership.
- SAME dependents qualify to respond to available SAME scholarships.
- Col. Reinhard Koenig was in attendance at this BOD meeting upon the invitation of Mr. Patrick Coullahan. Mr. Tim Gallagher to contact Col. Reinhard Koenig for further discussions on the SAME post.

○ Goals:

- No update

○ Ms. Vivian Tokar, 1st Vice President, closed the BOD meeting at 0730

Elmendorf Civil Engineer Squadron Successfully Launches Activity Management Plans

On 15 June, a Pacific Air Forces implementation team traveled to Elmendorf Air Force Base to assist in launching the base's Activity Management Plans. Each of the five plans is specific to the "core activities" civil engineering provides to an Air Force installation: Facilities, Natural Infrastructure, Transportation, Utilities, and

Waste Management. These plans will serve as the fundamental building blocks in achieving the Air Force Civil Engineer's stated objective of moving towards an asset management based business model, and will drive the activity plan execution through the year. The new business model will now standardize, throughout the Air Force, a more efficient means of collecting, assessing and measuring data, with the expectation of providing improved activity services to our installation customers.

The Air Force civil engineering community began looking to asset management after assessing both current, and future, manpower and funding projections. Air Force civil engineers then convened with industry leaders currently implementing the asset management model, and were quickly shown the many advantages an asset management approach offered. With this new management model comes a never-before-seen ability within the civil engineering community to standardize levels of service across the Air Force; Elmendorf Air Force Base will provide the same level of service as Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. This will now enable the Air Force to make informed asset decisions based on the sound business case principles of risk, cost, and benefits, while also allowing the base Civil Engineer to make decisions about how best, and when, to acquire, maintain, operate, rehabilitate and dispose of civil engineering assets to provide base wide services.

With the successful launch of the five Activity Management Plans, Elmendorf Air Force Base is one step closer to achieving the cultural change vital to transforming the way Air Force civil engineers provide installation support. As the asset management model gains traction, the Air Force civil engineering community will now be appropriately equipped to "better advocate for and allocate resources to the most important Air Force priorities."

-Nicholas Thomas,
2 LT, USAF
OIC, Asset
Optimization



Golf Tournament

Society of American Military Engineers 2009 Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 20th anniversary SAME 2009 Scholarship Golf Tournament is now in the history files. The tournament was held at Eagle Glen Golf Course on 12 June 2009 and 23 teams participated. There were three military sponsored teams this year and we filled the positions with two teams from the 3rd Civil Engineers from Elmendorf and one team from the 6th Engineering Battalion from Fort Richardson. Weather was a little overcast and cool with a few sprinkles...but no one got soaked...with water that is. We had a shotgun start at 2 P.M. and finished up with a burger burn and awards ceremony around 7 P.M.

There was quite a bit of skullduggery going on at this tournament as a few new rules were incorporated to make it a little more interesting and fun. We used dowel rods to use at any location on the course to improve your lie and improve putting scores. If a team lost or broke their dowel, they were out of luck and had to play with a broken piece or with no dowel at all. Other teams could use pieces of dowel they might have found along the way that other teams may have lost. This prompted someone to abscond with someone else's dowel...before we even teed off!! I was a roving tournament director and harangued as many players on the course that I could. I also was carrying around an extra dowel and tried to sell it several times throughout the day. It pains me to say this, but one of my own tournament directors pulled a pretty good sneak and...yes...they stole my dowel and gave it to their cohorts playing in the tournament. I won't point any fingers, but the company name has a mix of letters and a number in it, and the last part rhymes with pill. The instigator has what used to be a Sterleying reputation but who I think can no longer be trusted within our ranks...tsk...tsk...tsk!!!

It came down to the wire in a three way tie for first between last year's champions, Michael Foster, with Watterson and HDR Alaska. All three came in with a total score of 53...even with those darn dowel rods and mulligans, no one could break 50. To break the tie, we took hole scores backwards from the 18th hole with Watterson and HDR carding eagle threes and Michael Foster team carding a 4....so the Michael Foster team came in third place. Moving to

17 for the tiebreaker between Watterson and HDR had Watterson posting a par 3 on the hole with HDR carding a birdie 2...thereby winning the tiebreaker and winning the tournament.

With the 20th anniversary, we decided to give prizes instead of cash. As most of you know, most teams have magnanimously donated their cash winnings back to the scholarship fund over the years. For the 20th anniversary, we wanted everyone to have a tangible prize they could enjoy.

In third place, the Michael Foster team each won \$50 gift cards to Moose's Tooth.

In second place, Watterson players each won golf instruction books plus \$50 gift cards to Barnes & Noble.

In first place, the 2009 champions, HDR Alaska each won \$125 gift certificates to the Eagle Glen Pro Shop.

The red lantern award...or more succinctly...LAST PLACE...went to the 6th Engineering Battalion with a blistering 79...26 full strokes behind the 53s posted by the leaders. They received miscellaneous gratuities for their effort and we hope these gifts help alleviate the fact they played so horribly bad, and they'll come back next year for more torture.

Thanks for playing guys.

It was a pleasure to have the three active duty teams play and would be great if we could get more military teams sponsored and signed up to play. They are the primary recipients of the scholarships anyway and it's a pleasure supporting our young men and women in the engineering fields planning a military career.

Overall, the tournament raised \$7,816.88 for the scholarship fund, which is pretty decent when you look at the number of entries for this year. We were in competition with the AGC and Alliance tournaments on the same day...so...next year we'll try to prevent that conflict and shoot for a full field of 36 teams.

We also had some support from the community with prize donations from Eagle Glen Pro Shop and Moose's Tooth, and a prize purchase discount from Barnes & Noble. Try to thank them for their support the next time you frequent their establishment. Enterprise Engineering, PDC Harris, and First National Bank also provided some gratuities as special prizes and ditty bag extras.

A big thanks also goes out to the sustaining members who entered teams and provided additional sponsorship. These actions provide

additional monies to the fund by lowering total expenses for the tournament. There were three additional sponsorship opportunities: Golf Carts at \$500, Military Team Sponsors at \$240 and Hole Sponsors at \$150.

The following members hit a big Hole-In-One with their additional sponsorships:

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Weston	

Laura Rogers with AES also ran a fund raiser on the par 3 number 4 hole and raised an additional \$327 included in the bottom line. Vivian Tokar helped Laura in running the fundraiser and I spelled each of them once so they could have a break during the tournament. It was during this stand in for them that my dowel was lifted behind my back by a trusted member of the tournament committee. And let me tell you this...their initials do not stand for Virginia Tech!

And finally...a hearty thank you to the 2009 tournament committee for all their help. They are Vivian Tokar, Dan Sterley, and Laura Rogers. The tournament would have been much more work without their help. Although I could be forced to request updated background checks on several of the committee members prior to next year's tournament.

Thanks again to everyone who played and congratulations to the new and now defending champions HDR Alaska. The traveling trophy will reside in the HDR Alaska offices until next year.

Thanks

Larry Opperman

Tournament Director



Longest Drive Winner



HDR 2009 Winners



Red Lantern Winners



Larry's Sign-In Table

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