



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

February 2010 Edition

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Meeting 19 February 2010  
Anchorage Moose Lodge  
BOD Meeting 20 February 2010  
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

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This month's sponsor is:



### This Month's Speaker:

#### Mr. Kevin Thomas

Mr. Thomas will speak about the Alaska Air Force Reserve Engineers Recent Support Mission in Iraq.

Kevin Thomas is the Pacific Region manager for the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. In this position he is responsible for executing a \$60M a year program, including traditional engineering and construction, military construction, environmental restoration and other support to base customers in Alaska, Hawaii, Korea, Japan and locations throughout the Pacific. Kevin is also a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve and served as the commander of the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron (477 CES) from January 2006 - January 2010. The 477 CES was

mobilized and deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq in 2009 and Lt Col Thomas served as the deputy commander of the 506th Air Expeditionary Group. This month's presentation will highlight how the Air Force supported the US Army and other government agencies at Kirkuk in the rebuilding of Iraq.

### President's Column

I would like to start out with thanking all those that supported the Post's annual scholarship banquet and art raffle. What a great evening! Hearing our guest speaker, Mark Hoffmeister, and his tale of overcoming seemingly impossible odds, as his team climbed Denali was inspiring. Mark- thanks for joining us and sharing your tale. After a year-long effort to build our scholarship fund particularly after the 2009 market performance, it was rewarding to know that eighteen of our aspiring youth were able to benefit in their educational pursuits.

My goal early on as we start the next year is to revise our 2009 goals and set the path for another successful 2010. One of the areas that we need to improve on is our membership status and I have asked two new members of our board, Kelly McGovern of Jacobs and Mike Miller of Granite to assist us with.

Thanks for all that you do and we look forward to another successful year for 2010.

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

## Board of Directors Meeting Notes

### PROCEEDINGS:

The following were present:

Cpt. Dan Fox, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Craig Lance, Mr. Kelly McGovern, Ms. Jaci Mellott, Mr. Bruce Steely, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Tim Gallagher.

Mr. Tim Gallagher –President opened the meeting at 0648.

- Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
  - Ms. Jaci Mellott filled in for Ms. Kathy Jacobson. Ms. Mellott asked the BOD if they would approve a \$1,000 sponsorship for Engineers Week. Mr. Ted Trueblood motioned; Mr. Bruce Steely seconded the motion. BOD approved.
  - SAME received record ticket sales at the raffle.
  - Ms. Kathy Jacobson is finalizing the budget for the Banquet. Invoices are currently being sent out.
- Newsletter: Mr. Andy Larson
  - List of officers and contacts need to be updated for the newsletter. Ms. Mellott to update contact information for the newsletter.
- Programs: Mr. Dave Bennett/Mr. Tom York
  - No update
- Seminars:
  - Mr. Craig Lance has scheduled the training seminar Reviewing and Analyzing CPM Construction Schedules on February 19. The construction scheduling seminar is designed for consulting, construction, and legal professionals involved with the delivery and management of construction projects and the resolution of time impacts due to

contract modifications. Specifically, this seminar will discuss schedule fundamentals, reviewing and analyzing baseline and progress schedules and performing time impact analyses. This seminar is based on the schedule training provided to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Alaska District. The goal of this training seminar is to demystify critical path method (CPM) construction scheduling. Live demonstrations using Primavera P3 and P6 will be provided in all sessions.

- 14 people are registered, 61 seats currently open.
- Awards: Mr. Skip Koch
  - No update
- Scholarships:
  - Mr. Chris Turletes mentioned 18 scholarships were received at the banquet.
- Membership:
  - Mr. Kelly McGovern volunteered to report on the status of SAME memberships at each BOD meeting. Mr. Tim Gallagher to request Mr. Michael Miller's assistance with membership updates and status reports.
  - Mr. Tim Gallagher noted BOD should be proactively involved. He will mention memberships at each monthly luncheon.
- Banquet:
  - Anchorage Post saw a large increase in Military personnel who attended this year's banquet.
  - For future banquets, program needs to stay within time constraints to meet set times of banquet program. BOD suggested starting presentation during dinner.

- Talley Fund:
  - Profit has been made since last quarter.
  - Current fund, as of last week is \$171,000.
  - February 20<sup>th</sup>—periodic review of fund managers.
- Streamers: Mr. Tom Fenoseff
  - CPT Dan Fox mentioned the streamers are due on January 30, 2010. The two streamers (Relationships and Recognition) and (Outreach and Communication) are being finalized.
- Golf Tournament:
  - No Update
- Camp Event: Mr. Chris Turletes
  - No Update
- Awards: Mr. Skip Koch
  - No Update
- After Action:
  - No update
- Other:
  - BOD is looking at Regional Vice President's Medal for some current board members. BOD is to pursue getting Ms. Kathy Gardner declared a Fellow in 2010
  - Mr. Skip Koch is coordinating a presentation at UAA on Preparing Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimating to 25 students who have done some work on the Extension of West Dowling Road. The presentation is set for 30-45 minutes on March 5. Mr. Tim Gallagher to ask HDR Project Manager, who is currently working on West Dowling Road to present.
  - Ms. Kathy Gardner is seeking support from the BOD for the floatable moatables at E-Week. Mr. Chris Turletes motioned, Mr.

Skip Koch seconded the motion. BOD approved.

- Mr. Chris Turletes will introduce a member from E-Club from UAA at the next BOD meeting. E-Club would like to request support from the Anchorage Post.

- Goals:
  - Mr. Bill Kontess mentioned the goals for the Post are due soon.
- Mr. Tim Gallagher, President, closed the BOD meeting at 0744.

### **CPM Schedule Training—See Attached**

The Anchorage Post is sponsoring Critical Path Method (CPM) Construction Schedule Training on February 19 at the Captain Cook Hotel. Cost for this training course is \$125 for non-military and \$50 for military personnel. The goal is to demystify CPM scheduling. After this course you will have a higher proficiency reviewing schedules; will be able to use schedules as a management tool and increase project success; and reduce or eliminate delay claims. This course is currently being taught to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District.

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# The Society of American Military Engineers Anchorage Post

## *Construction Scheduling Seminar*

# Reviewing and Analyzing CPM Construction Schedules

**Date:** 19 February 2010  
**Time:** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Captain Cook Hotel  
**Cost:** \$150 non-military; \$50 military (Includes lunch and coffee/soda service)

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Anchorage Post is sponsoring a construction scheduling seminar designed for consulting, construction and legal professionals involved with the delivery and management of construction projects and the resolution of time impacts due to contract modifications. Specifically, this seminar will discuss schedule fundamentals, reviewing and analyzing baseline and progress schedules and performing time impact analyses. This seminar is based on the schedule training provided to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Alaska District. See *Seminar Profile* below for more information.

SAME is a nonprofit association, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, with chapters (called Posts) worldwide. Founded in 1920 to engage military and federal government engineers and scientists with those in private life for the purpose of improving the engineering and technological potential of the United States, today SAME has some 25,000 members from private industry, the military, government, and academia. For more information about SAME or this seminar, please contact Craig Lance at 907.753.2729.

**SEMINAR PROFILE:** The goal of this training seminar is to demystify critical path method (CPM) construction scheduling. Live demonstrations using Primavera P3 and P6 will be provided in all sessions.

### ***Session 1: CPM Scheduling Principles***

This session reviews key scheduling terms with an overview of CPM methodology. CPM calculations are demonstrated including total float and critical path calculations.

### ***Session 2: Initial Project Schedule (Baseline) Review and Analysis***

The importance of the baseline schedule is explained and essential elements discussed. A checklist is provided to help in the preparation and review of baseline schedules.

### ***Session 3: Pay Estimate (Progress) Schedule Review and Analysis***

The updated schedule used as management tool and for progress payments is discussed. Maintaining schedule integrity and processes for reviewing progress schedules are provided.

### ***Session 4: Time Impact Analysis***

The importance of a time impact analysis with contract modifications is discussed. A step-by-step process for performing a time impact analysis is demonstrated.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Debby Curnow** has worked for the Alaska District over the past 5 years as a Construction Schedule Analyst, and is currently USACE prospect course instructor for "Construction Scheduling Performance Management". Her construction career began in Prudhoe Bay in 1981 and for the next 23 years she worked for general contractors on large, mostly remote, construction projects around Alaska. For the past 15 years, her primary focus has been project controls management with extensive CPM schedule development and analysis.

**Craig Lance**, CCM, has BS in Civil Engineering from Utah State University (1982) and is a Certified Construction Manager. His career began in the US Air Force where he spent 9 years in the engineering career field. After leaving the Air Force, he worked for several engineering and construction firms over the next 15 years providing project and construction management services. In 2007, he started working for USACE as a claims analyst.

**SAME, Anchorage Post Presents**  
**Reviewing and Analyzing CPM Construction Schedules**  
**Registration Form**

<b>Date:</b>	February 19, 2010
<b>Place:</b>	Captain Cook Hotel
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
<b>Coffee/Soda Service:</b>	Coffee/Tea morning sessions Coffee/Tea/Sodas afternoon sessions
<b>Lunch:</b>	Deli Buffet
<b>RSVP:</b>	<b>No later than February 15, 2010</b>
<b>Reservation:</b>	Send to Kathy Jacobson Fax (907.751.2052) or email (jacobson@ak.net)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$150 per person

**Guest Speakers:** Debby Curnow, US Army Corps Engineers  
Northern Area Alaska Scheduler  
  
Craig Lance, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Alaska District Claims Analyst

**Morning Sessions:** Session 1: CPM Scheduling Principles  
Session 2: Initial Project Schedule (Baseline) Review and Analysis

**Afternoon Sessions:** Session 3: Pay Estimate (Progress) Schedule Review and Analysis  
Session 4: Time Impact Analysis

Name	Company	Phone Number

(Make copies of registration form for additional attendees)

**Total Attendance** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Registration due date and payment—completed forms must be received by 15 February 2010.** Fax or email registration form to Kathy Jacobson (receipt of registration forms are a commitment for payment regardless of attendance at the training seminar):

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