

Newsletter of the Robins AFB Post: Society of American Military Engineers



President's Corner



Spring cleaning—either you love it or you hate it. Either way it usually ends up as hard work that you are glad that you did. It is always a good idea to clean out the cob webs and dust, make room for new things, and get rid of some clutter. One of the good things to come from cleaning out sometimes is a chance to bring in something new. That is exactly what we are looking for with regards to our SAME Post at Robins AFB. At our last Post Officer/Directors meeting, we talked about the need to bring in more people to volunteer and help us be the best Post ever, more engaged in our community and more involved in professional development. Sounds good right? It can

be GREAT if we can find more opportunities to get together and make it happen.

Creating more leadership opportunities, more community involvement, and bringing more professional development options to our membership will take time and take money. As you know, every Fall, usually in October, we have a golf tournament to raise funds for things like scholarships, sending people to training conferences, and supporting local students' Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities, but to do more, we need more funds raised. It would be great if more people got involved in the golf out-

ing, but not everyone can do that on that one day each year. So we are looking for more ideas for fund raising. Maybe a skeet shoot, a bowling tournament, or some other activity will work. Do you have experience that you can share to help us get an event organized? You don't have to have experience in organizing or leading such an event, if you have ever participated in some of these events, I am sure that you have learned what works and what does not

SAME National Focus Areas

- I. Ensure Vibrant and Value Added Programs—Create Value for All
- 2. Support STEM—Share Your Passion, Grow Your Replacement
- 3. Focus on Veteran Transitions—Help 6,000 military transition from Service over the next 4 years

work—those "lessons learned" from first-hand experience is always worth a lot. We really need your input! What would you recommend as a fun way to team-build, network, support the community, etc.? It only takes one idea and a few people to pull it together and we all will benefit. Your idea could be something that we take and run with ourselves, or we can work with another organization to share the workload and create an even bigger event.

So please think about it and let one of the Post Officers or Directors know about it. See you around the Post!

> Thanks Mike Coats

Preview of April 2016 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be given by Mr. Wade Williams of Clark Nexsen and is scheduled for April 20th.



Turfgrass Research at UGA: Growing and Greening the Human Experience

A \$7.8 billion industry in Georgia alone, turfgrass is utilized for more than just beautifying your home lawn with sod – the science behind it supports golf courses, athletic fields, corporate parks, and urban and suburban communities. Per the US Congress, the

implementation of turfgrass sod in urban areas can aid in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, mitigate the heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, and contribute to efforts to reduce global warming trends.

In Growing and Greening the Human Experience, we will present and discuss how the turfgrass research facilities under construction on three UGA campuses leverage innovative greenhouse and laboratory design to support UGA's contribution to the turfgrass industry, the bigger picture of the industry's economic impact, and the role of sustainability in both facility design and industry efforts.

Presenter's Bio

Wade Williams, PE, Cx, LEED AP BD+C Mechanical Department Head & Associate Principal, Clark Nexsen

Mr. Williams offers his clients and colleagues more than 15 years of mechanical engineering design and commissioning experience, having joined Clark Nexsen shortly after his graduation from Mercer University in 2001. With broad experience in the design of mechanical and HVAC systems for scientific research and laboratory facilities, Mr. Williams

takes a consultative approach to each project, guiding the client in the selection of the ideal solution for their project – one that offers the best combination of sustainability, cost-efficiency, and functionality.

The STEM Corner

The MATHCOUNTS competition is a national program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests for middle schoolers. Every year, the Post donates to and has volunteers for the Middle Georgia MATHCOUNTS competition which is held at the Robins AFB

Air Museum. This is just one of the ways the Post supports Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities in our local community.

STEM activities are a way to engage our youth and potentially shape the future generation of engineers, scientists, and the like. In what ways does your organization support STEM? Let us know about your activities and stories about STEM and we'll highlight your organization in our STEM corner! Contact any board member for more details!





The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on 20 April 2016 at 11:30 am. The meeting will be held OFF BASE at our usual location, the China Buffet (605 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins 31088). All are welcome.

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2016:

20 April: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation will be given by Clark-Nexsen.

22 April: Earth Day Golf Tournament at Pine Oaks Golf Course. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details on base Earth Day activities.

18 May: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation will be given by the Redevelopment Agency & Economic Development office of the City of Warner Robins.

15 June: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation TBA



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Way to go, Joe Ballard!



The Deputy Vice President of the South Atlantic region, Ms Cindy Miller, visited our Post to present our own Mr. Joe Ballard with a Regional Vice President's (RVP) Medal for his dedication and outstanding service to the Robins SAME Post. Joe has been with our Post for many years and was the Emergency Preparedness Director for many years in the past but is currently serving as our Programs Director.

The RVP medal is given to those who go above and beyond in their service to their Posts and is a way to recognize the recipient's service and contribution to SAME MISSION

"To provide education and support to the engineering components of the military and uniformed services, and other federal, state and local government agencies responsible for the nation's infrastructure, and to advance the partnership between government and the architecture, engineering and construction industry in the interest of national security."

SAME VISION

"To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness and development of solutions to national security challenges."

the SAME. Joe always goes above and beyond to help others in need and to support this Post and SAME. If you see Joe at the next SAME meeting, give him a well deserved pat on the back! Thanks for all YOU do, Joe!



Sustaining Member Spotlight: AES

Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc., is a CVE certified Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business founded in 2004 by Pedro J. Camejo, PE. AES specializes in providing consulting engineering and sustainable design solutions for facility construction and renovation. Additionally, AES supplies skilled support personnel to assist our clients with their mission essential operations or time sensitive projects.



Applied Engineering Solutions' commitment to innovative solutions and exceptional customer service are the cornerstones to our continued steady growth.

Validation of this commitment is shown by AES being awarded three consecutive multiyear A/E IDIQs for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Carl Vinson VAMC and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



AES has also successfully completed A/E IDIQs with Robins AFB, Moody AFB, US Corps of Engineers, NAVFAC and USDA. Likewise, AES has completed sizeable support contracts for predeployment and Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training (TSIRT) at Fort Lewis, Yakima Training Center and Fort McCoy.

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Are you with a Sustaining Member Firm? If you would like to become one, or if you are not sure of your company's registration status, please contact Mr. Ervin Walker, our Membership Director at: <u>evin walker(Q accom com</u>.

Accepting Abstracts

We are accepting abstracts for presentations for 2016. Let us know what presentation topics, presenters, or tour ideas would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Joe Ballard at: <u>ine beliere (10) us ef mil</u> with feedback or for more information.



March & April	Earth Day Photo Contest
	Get outside and capture nature! Child, Teen, & Adult divisions. Categories: Flora, Fauna, People Enjoying Nature. Submissions accepted 1 March-7 April. Voting on Robins AFB Facebook, 11-21 April. Winners will be announced 22 April. See website for more details. POC: Kim Mullins, 327-8344
29 March	Bats and Bees at the Youth Center
Tuesday	A local bee keeper and bat specialist will speak to the youth about the two species. Youth will decorate a bat box to be hung on Robins AFB. POC: Mark Hickman, 327-8288
15 April	Waterways Clean-up
Friday	1300: Meet at Scout Lake. Supplies and water will be provided. Wear comfortable shoes, long pants, sunscreen and a hat. This is a Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Great American Cleanup qualified project. POC: Joe Bossi, 256-9216
20 April	Arbor Day Ceremony
Wednesday	1000-1100: Parade Field on Robins AFB near Forest Park. Celebrate the beauty of trees and witness the Georgia Forestry Commission presenting the 23 rd Tree City USA Award to the Air Base Wing. POC: Heidi Schwingle, 327-8287
20 April	Clean-up at Bryant Cemetery
Wednesday	1300: Meet at Building 359. AFCEC/CZOE, Robins IST, 78 CEG/CEIE and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Great American Clean-up at Bryant Cemetery. If possible, bring basic lawn tools (rake, shovel, pruning shears, string weed-eater (not blades), etc.), and be sure to wear gloves, a hat, sunscreen, and long pants. POC: Shan Williams, 327-8373
22 April	2016 Earth Day on the Greens
Friday	0930: Registration Begins; 0930-1100: Putting & Chipping Contests; 1030: Lunch; 1130: Shotgun Start; Rain Day: April 28, Pine Oaks Golf Course. E-mail Jennifer.Ludwig@Tepa.com for a registration form. POC: Jennifer Ludwig, 922-7751 (Tepa EC, LLC)
25 April	E-Cycling
Monday	0900-1300: Building 987; Hosted by Qualified Recycling Program and 78 CEG/CEIE Bring your old computers and other electronics to be recycled. For a full list of accepted items, visit the Earth Day SharePoint site. Non-government items only. Refreshments provided. POCs: Casey Lucas, 327-9283 and Darryl Mercer, 327-3976
25 April	Bat Box Decorating Competition
Monday	First annual bat box decorating competition. Contact Mark Hickman to obtain a Bat Box. Submission due 22 April 2016. Winners announced April 25. POC: Mark Hickman, 327-8288
29 April	Earth Day 5K
Friday	0700: Registration; 0800; Race Begins, Inaugural Earth Day 5K Fun Run will take place at the Base 5K Jogging Trail. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd fastest times in the Men's and Women's Divisions. Race Sign-Up will be held the day of the race at the start of the 5K Jogging Trail. POC: John Hyde, 327-4170
30 April	Bird Watching with Dr. Bob
Saturday	0745- 1200: Meet at Building 359. Bring binoculars, field guides, water, and snacks. Wear a hat, long pants, and sunblock. RSVP required. POC: Bob Sargent, 397-7962
	Note: You must take leave to participate in any event during duty hours. Sponsored by 78 CEG/CEIE Environmental Management Cosponsored by AFCEC/CZOE, Robins IST For more details visit: https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/cei/ceie/earthday
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