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President's Corner



Making Great Progress!

Fantastic turnout last month and those who were able to make it, to include many new folks, sure got their bang for their buck! Dr Mogge, SAME National President, gave a fantastic brief on three of his focus areas this year as shown to the right. He also briefed Investing in Green and Sustainable Infrastructure...in short, developing engineering solutions that address economic, environmental, and social aspects can deliver less costly solutions that are better for the environment and improve the communities they support. We also had Mr Chase McCard, Howard High School Student (Macon), brief the Post on his trip to the Air Force Academy Engineering Camp. For those who couldn't make it...Chase had a bursting-with-pride grin and sparkling eyes...the kind you can only get when all of a sudden you decide "I know what I want to be". Chase is applying to the USAFA! Oh, Chase's parents were there too...proud as only parents can be! Thank you Post for your fund raising contributions that allowed us to sponsor Chase...what a difference they make! And thank you Joe Ballard, who recently had a daughter graduate from the USAFA. He talked Chase's parents through the process...which highlights one of the important benefits of our SAME Post...provide networking and passing on lessons learned. Finally, Dr Mogge, myself, and our Education and Mentoring Director, Eric Robinson, met with Mercer University Dean of Engineering, Dean Shaw, who was very supportive about standing up a student chapter there. He'll follow up with his faculty in August and if one of them will sponsor then we would do an "Info Night" to students to see if one will take the lead to stand it up. We're making progress folks! Also, make sure you get to our next meeting when Mr Otis Hicks, 78 Civil Engineer Group Civilian Leader, will brief the Robins AFB program outlook...a nice peak under the hood for upcoming work opportunities! Remember, nothing good happens when good people do nothing. So do good. Confront evil. And press on! See you at the meeting!

SAME National Focus Areas

1. 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

ONE Person, ONE Idea... Every ONE makes a difference!

In 2013, our Post had the 3rd LARGEST DROP in membership in the nation. Let's fix that! If you are an active Post member, bring ONE new person to the next meeting. If you are a member but haven't participated in a while, c'mon back out and reconnect with your peers. And if you're new altogether, we'd love to have you. Once at the meeting, share ONE idea as to what our Post can do better to keep you coming back to develop professionally, network, and build a stronger America. Every ONE makes a difference!

Save the Date: **Fall Golf Tournament**

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The 17th Annual Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for 9 October at The Landings Golf Course with a Noon Shotgun Start. Proceeds from this event will help fund the Post's Education & Mentoring fund that supports our scholarship program so please mark your calendars for this great event!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help plan this event. Please contact Mike Coats at (478) 284-6909, or mcoats@hcr-construction.com for more information on this event. And we'll see you there!

Biography of the guest speaker Mr. Otis Hicks, Jr. of the 78th Civil Engineering Group. Mr. Hicks will be giving a presentation on the 78 CEG Program Review .

Otis L. Hicks, Jr., is the Base Civil Engineer of the 78th Civil Engineer Group, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. As host civil engineer, the 78th Civil Engineer Group supports the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the 78th Air Base Wing, 116th Air Control Wing, 461st Air Control Wing, Defense Logistics Agency, Headquarters Air Force Reserve, and numerous other hosted units on a 6,935 acre installation. The 78th Civil Engineer Group is responsible for maintenance of an infrastructure valued at \$2.9 billion.



Mr. Hicks earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Savannah State College and was commissioned in 1980 as a graduate of the Air Force Officers Training School. He has commanded two civil engineer squadrons, and served as Deputy Support Group Commander. Mr. Hicks has served in various civil engineering roles at the base level, to include design, planning, contract management, environmental planning, and operations. His major command level experience includes tours in the readiness, outsourcing and privatization, and CE operations arenas. Mr. Hicks retired from active duty in the rank of Colonel in December 2008.

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"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 next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **20 August 2014 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 2014:

20 August: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The 78th Civil Engineer Group will be giving their Program Review. This meeting will be at our regular meeting location, the China Buffet on Russell Pkwy.

17 September: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The HQ AFRC Security Forces Directorate will be giving a presentation on their Emergency Preparedness operations for the Air Force Reserve Command. Some items that will be discussed will include how they train and some of the challenges they face defending resources around the globe.

9 October: The Post will be holding its 17th Annual Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Landings Golf Course. Please contact our golf coordinator, Mike Coats at: mcoats@hcr-construction.com for more information on signing up for this tournament or becoming a sponsor.

November: The SAME Tour. Specific date and location TBA.

December: No general meeting but all are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

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