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## President's Corner



Last month I gave you a “HEADS UP”, or should I say “FORE” concerning our upcoming annual SAME Golf Tournament. We will play a round of golf on October 6, 2016 (rain date is October 20, 2016). Thanks in advance to our friends at Clark-Nexsen for being the FIRST ONES to step up with a commitment to sponsor a team and to help with volunteers on the event day. I really appreciate getting a quick response to our call out for support! OK other Sustaining Member Firms, you need to step up and catch up with Clark-Nexsen!

As I asked before, please start planning now and commit to attend and support the event. As most know, this is our main (historically only) fund raising event for the year. We use these funds for our college scholarships, sending a student to an Engineering & Construction Summer Camp, sending our members to training conferences, supporting our local Boy Scout Troop, sponsoring the local Math Counts competition, our Student Chapter at Mercer University, and hopefully, the Mercer University Engineering Honors program. We also have another opportunity for a fund raising effort and a great time for fellowship and service to our same-sake: Robins Air Force Base. On October 1-2, Robins AFB will host an Open House and Air Show. This year, we will have an opportunity to provide volunteer support to the many vendors that provide refreshments throughout the Open House areas. By volunteering to work at a refreshment booth, we will earn money from the vendor that will go directly to our Education and Mentoring fund. The more people we have helping out, the more fun we will have and the more funds we will have at the end of the day. So take a look at your calendars and block out one of those two days to spend out at the Robins AFB Open House and with your SAME friends to help raise funds for our various programs. If you want to learn more, SMSgt Mary Dearman is our point of contact. I really appreciate her taking this on for not only our SAME Post but also for the AFRC Top 3 organization. Isn't it great to be part of organizations whose sole purpose is to help others?

**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

Thanks and see you around the Post!  
-Mike Coats

*Preview of August 2016 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be given by Mr. Gary Schneider of the 78th Civil Engineer Group.*



The 78th Civil Engineer Group is located on Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, GA. The Group is responsible all facilities and infrastructure, emergency management, fire & emergency services, and environmental support across the 6,935 acre installation. The installation includes 92 miles of paved roads, 6.8 miles of fuel lines, and 1,178 facilities comprised of 13.8M square feet. Robins AFB also operates one of Georgia's longest runways, 12,001 feet long and 300 feet wide and over 18.7 million square feet of air-field pavements, averaging 23,000 flight operations each year. Robins AFB has grown to be one of the largest industrial facilities in the state of Georgia.

The Base Civil Engineer will be giving the annual overview of the 78th Civil Engineer Group Military Construction and Operation & Maintenance programs.

## Presenter's Bio:

Mr. Gary Schneider (Ret. Col) is the Director of the 78th Civil Engineer Group (CEG), 78th Air Base Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. 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 Command, and numerous other hosted units on the 6,935 acre installation. The 78th Civil Engineer Group is responsible for maintenance, repair and recapitalization of infrastructure valued at \$2.8 billion.



Mr. Schneider was active duty for 27 years and recently retired in March 2016. He has been in multiple leadership positions including Commander of the 18th CEG at Kadena Air Base and was the Command Civil Engineer and Associate Deputy Director of the Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection Directorate at HQ AFRC.

## SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Meet our new Director of Membership! Mr. Ervin Walker manages Individual Memberships and the Sustaining Membership for the Robins SAME Post. Mr. Walker currently serves as AECOM's Quality Assurance Manager (PM/CM) for the Georgia/Alabama Design and Consulting Services Group. He is specifically responsible for implementing AECOM's Quality Control Plan. Mr. Walker has over 34 years of military experience and a broad range of skills and training. He was employed for four years as a Construction

Control Representative for the USACE, Savannah District and for the last three years with AECOM. He previously provided QA services for the \$350M Martin Army Community Hospital and for multiple USACE construction projects.

Following a 28-year career in the U.S. Army, Mr. Walker retired as Command Sergeant Major. Ervin enjoys fishing and classic cars.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **17 August 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:

**17 August:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The 78th Civil Engineering Group will be giving a presentation for their annual Program Review.

**21 September:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The Robins Fire Chief will be giving a presentation on Emergency Management.

**01-02 October:** Robins AFB Air Show. Calling for Volunteers! The SAME Robins AFB Post is looking for volunteers for either or both days of the Air Show. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact SMSgt Mary Dearman at [mary.dearman@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.dearman@us.af.mil).



**06 October (Rain Date: 20 October):** Annual Fall Golf Tournament at the southern Landings Golf Course. Please contact Mr. Mike Coats at [mcoats@hcr-construction.com](mailto:mcoats@hcr-construction.com) for more information on how you can participate in or becoming a sponsor for this event.

## 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."*

## Upcoming SAME Events



**Post Leaders Conference—28-30 August (St. Petersburg, FL)**  
This year's conference is "filled to the gills" with multiple sessions focusing on recruitment and things your post can do to keep your members engaged. Plus, there are plenty of activities outside of the sessions for networking and fun! Please visit the SAME page for more information on this event.



**Fall Golf Tournament—06 October/Rain Date 20 October (at Southern Landings Golf Course)** Fall is just around the corner which means the Robins Post is gearing up for its annual golf tournament! We hope to get maximum participation this year so please see Mr. Mike Coats for more information on how you can participate or even become a sponsor for this wonderful event.



**Thunder over Georgia Air Show—(Robins AFB, GA)** Call for volunteers! The SAME Robins AFB Post is asking for volunteers for either or both days of the Air Show (01-02 October 2016). Volunteers will work with the various vendors helping out with selling food and/or merchandise. Please contact SMSgt Mary Dearman at [mary.dearman@us.af.mil](mailto:mary.dearman@us.af.mil) if you are interested.



**Emerging Leaders Alliance Conference—09-12 November (Falls Church, VA)** The Emerging Leaders Alliance (ELA) conference is a partnership among leading engineering and science-based organizations that provides high quality leadership training. The purpose of the ELA is to develop great leaders who can guide our professions in addressing the needs of the people in the

21st century.

## Sustaining Spotlight: CTI and Associates, Inc.

CTI and Associates, Inc. (CTI) is an Environmental, Remediation, Engineering, and Construction firm focused on protecting, enhancing and restoring our environment. Our mission is to provide our clients with the highest level of customer service while delivering



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CTI was founded in 1976 and today is a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) providing environmental (compliance, remediation, hazardous materials and health sciences), Engineering (civil, geotechnical, waste contamination, gas-to-energy) and Construction (horizontal, CMT, Heavy/Civil) services to Federal, municipal and private sector clients located throughout the United States. Since 2008, CTI has been awarded over \$50M in Federal and DoD Contracts and is continuing to expand its presence in the southeast. Today, we employ approximately 100 professionals and work out of 10 office locations.



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