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President's Corner

Happy New Year Robins Post and Thanks for a Great 2014!

Hello 2015! The new year brings new enthusi-

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

asm for what will be and closes another chapter in our lives called 2014. I hope your 2014 was as great as you wanted it to be. One of the highlights for me was the opportunity to serve as your Post President of which I say thank you to our membership and our Board of Direction and Officers who made it all possible. It was a fantastic year to work with so many professionals dedicated to advancing the Society's mission to improve our nation's strength through engineering. Whatever your touchpoint was: design, program management, marketing, finance...it took every ONE to make a difference. And that's what you did for our post too. We set the goal of increasing membership last year...we grew by 4 to 164 members. We wanted to establish a student chapter at Mercer University...we are doing that. We wanted to award \$5K in scholarships...we did and also raised \$5K for this year's scholarship already at the annual golf scholarship tourney last Oct. We increased membership professional development through presentations like the Hwy 96 corridor widening project and sent members to Post Leadership training and Regional/National Conferences. And on top of all this Mike Coats was selected as a SAME Fellow, recognizing over 32 years of commitment to the SAME mission! Wow! Great job Robins Post! As great as it was we need to look to the future and keep the momentum in 2015. So start the new year right and come out to the 21 Jan 15 post meeting where I'll give the Post President's Annual Report and Regional Vice President Bill Bersson will give us an update on National/Regional activities. More importantly, Bill

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

In 2013, our Post had the 3rd LARGEST DROP in membership in the nation. Thanks to your help in 2014 we've GROWN by 4! Let's keep it going! 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!

will induct the next Post Leadership team for 2015! I hope each of you made a New Year's resolution to stay involved with SAME and continue to help increase our nations strength and build tomorrow's leaders today..it's a resolution worth keeping. Every ONE makes a difference! And in 2014 EVERY ONE DID! Remember, nothing good happens when good people do nothing. So do good. Confront evil. And press on! See you at the meeting!

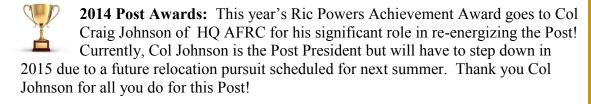
What to Expect for 2015!



The Post wishes everyone a wonderful end of year holiday and hopes that you a happy new year. Don't forget to join us for the first meeting of the new year, on 21 January, where the Post President will be giving his yearly summary of all the great things that the Post has done in 2014. This meeting will be an open discussion on things done in the past and what things the Post would like to see in the fu-

ture. We will also be welcoming new and returning directors to the Board. So, come out and join us to meet these new officers and to find out what all SAME has in store for the Post for 2015!

Awards, Accolades, and Other Announcements from the Post





2015 Class of Fellows: Congratulations to our newly elected President, Mr. Mike Coats, for being selected as a 2015 SAME Fellow! Mike has been a SAME member for over 30 years and has been a tremendous supporter of the Robins Post for over 10 years. If you see Mike out and about, make sure to

congratulate him on his achievement as it is a great honor to be a SAME Fellow!



Transition Workshop: The SAME 2015 Transition Workshop and Job Fair Transition Workshop and Joh Fair connects members of the uniformed services who are transitioning from public service in 2015 with SAME Sustaining Member companies and federal agen-

cies looking for talent to pursue their federal programs and projects. The event is open to Transitioning Military, and Veterans seeking employment in the A/E/C industry as well as unemployed veterans and SAME members.

See more at: http://www.same.org/index.php/events/topic-specific-workshops/transition -workshop#sthash.11gx7NLr.dpuf. For anyone who is interested in attending this event, let any Board member know as the Post may reimburse you for travel.



Southern Classic Robotics Competition: Middle Georgia has the chance to shine at a new GeorgiaFIRST (an affiliate of the international FIRST Robotics program) event taking place in late February/early March. The Southern Classic Robotics Competition will be held at the

Georgia Agricenter in Perry, Feb 27-Mar 1, 2015 (Fri-Sun). Georgia FIRST is looking for sponsors and volunteers for this large event that engages kids in the creative "handson, minds-on" process of technological innovation. Please visit: www.gafirst.org for more information on how your company can become a sponsor or if you would like to volunteer at this exciting competition!



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on 21 January 2015 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

Reminder that the 2015 Post Elections were held via email. Voting was held 15 December to 07 January and elections results are on page 3 of this flyer!



21 January: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. At this meeting, the Installation of Officers ceremony will be conducted as well the President's Annual Review where we will discuss the activities done in the past year and what next year holds for the Post.

18 February: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation

22-28 February: Engineers Week

Call for MathCounts Volunteers: MathCounts is looking for volunteers to help make this event MATTICOUNTS as successful as it has been in previous years! The Middle Georgia chapter MathCounts competition will be held Saturday, February 21st at Mercer University (at the Science and Engineering

Building). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Betty Jean Jordan at bettyjean@jordaneng.com for more information.

Introducing the 2015 Robins SAME Post Board of Directors! WINN

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The votes have all been tallied and it looks like we will be welcoming some new (and some returning) folks for the 2015 Board of Directors.

We are pleased to introduce the officers for YOUR Post:

President: Mr. Mike Coats

Vice President: Col Gary Schneider

Treasurer: Mr. James Griffin

Secretary: Ms. Esther Lee-Altman

Assistant Secretary Treasurer: MSgt Melissa Broussard

Senior Enlisted Advisor: SMSgt Tony Bourdeau

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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."



SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Ms. Anna Jackson is our new Director of Sustaining Memberships. She began working for CTI & Associates in November 2014. Anna has worked in the full spectrum of environmental, health, and safety arena with her first bit of work being in 1978 where she was working on a Federal Highway Administration project in North Carolina. Since then she has worked with Federal, state, local governments as well as private sector clients.

Anna has lived in eleven states. Her specialty is hazardous waste but is currently working for various clients on projects including EPCRA, Air emissions and reporting, RCRA permit modification, and Stormwater compliance.

She previously lived in Warner Robins from 1999 – 2007. She worked on several RAFB projects. She was also employed at Boeing. Anna has family living in Houston County and is glad to be back in the warm weather. Her last assignment was at US DOE site in Niskayuna, NY (near Albany).



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