Time for the 2013 Election!

Elections will be held on 16 January at our regularly scheduled meeting. Come out to the meeting to vote on your 2013 board!

It's a new year and that means if you are a member of the Robins Post, you are eligible to vote on our new officers for 2013! Here is a list of the positions that will be up for election:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Director, Programs
- Co-Director, Programs
- Director, Finance
- Director, Education & Mentoring
- Treasurer
- Senior Enlisted Advisor
- Alternate Senior Enlisted Advisor
- Director, Sustaining Membership

Preview of January 2013 SAME Presentation, entitled “Blast Protection Design”. This presentation will be given by Mr. Rob Philips of Pruitt, Eberley, Stone INC.

**Blast Protection Design**

This presentation will focus on Architectural concerns when dealing with blast or accidental chemical explosions for new or existing structures and when those structures should or have to be protected. Department of Defense (DOD) and General Services Administration (GSA) projects that require progressive collapse will also be discussed. Learning objectives include the following:

1. Learn the history of terrorist blasts and chemical explosions
2. Understand what is involved in Blast and Chemical Explosion Design
3. Understand what types of projects are required to meet certain blast or chemical explosion criteria
4. Understand the principles behind Progressive Collapse
5. Understand what types of projects are required to meet Progressive Collapse design requirements
Presenter’s Bio: Rob Phillips

Rob Phillips, P.E., LEED AP BD+C currently serves as a Project Manager with PES Structural Engineers. His experience includes 11 years in the structural design of Federal Government projects with the Department of Defense, General Services Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as State and Local Government projects, mixed use developments, hotels, office buildings, retirement facilities, condominiums, apartments, banks, retail, medical, educational and structural renovations / additions. Using UFC/TM manuals, Rob has provided blast mitigation and appropriate stand-off distances for new structures, as required by the Statement of Work. He is a member of the National ASCE/SEI Blast, Shock and Impact Committee of the Technical Administrative Group on Dynamic Effects and is a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council.

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Mr. Doug Nation has over 37 years of combined experience as a professional engineer in the Georgia Tech Research Institute, and the Department of the Air Force and DoD. He has conducted research and development, test and evaluation, acquisition, and sustainment of conventional weapons, electronic combat, and tactical electronic reconnaissance and C4ISR systems. He served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Special Assistant for DoD T&E policy and Major Range and Test Facility Base oversight. His assignments include multiple strategic realignment studies of the DoD’s research, development, acquisition, test and evaluation, and sustainment capabilities.

Mr. Nation currently serves as a Principal Research Engineer with the Electronic Systems Laboratory (ELSYS), one of 8 GTRI labs. He is the former Technical Director and Chief Engineer of the Electronic Warfare/Avionics Division of the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, GA. Prior to this assignment, he was Chief of the Systems Engineering Division at the Warner Robins ALC. His previous assignment was as the Technical Director of the 728th Armament Systems Group at the Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, FL, providing technical direction and oversight of the Air Force Aerial Targets, Miniature Air Launched Decoy, and Lethal SEAD programs. He entered civil service with the Department of the Air Force in 1975 as an electronics engineer in the Munitions Test Division at Eglin. His T&E experience includes conventional weapons, electronic combat, tactical electronic reconnaissance, and C4ISR systems. Doug advanced through the test and evaluation engineering and management ranks to the position of Technical Advisor of the 46th Test Wing at Eglin, then crossed over into Weapon Systems Acquisition. He served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Special Assistant for DoD T&E policy and Major Range and Test Facility Base oversight. His assignments included multiple strategic realignment studies of the DoD’s research, development, test and evaluation, and acquisition capabilities.
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**Accepting Abstracts**
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