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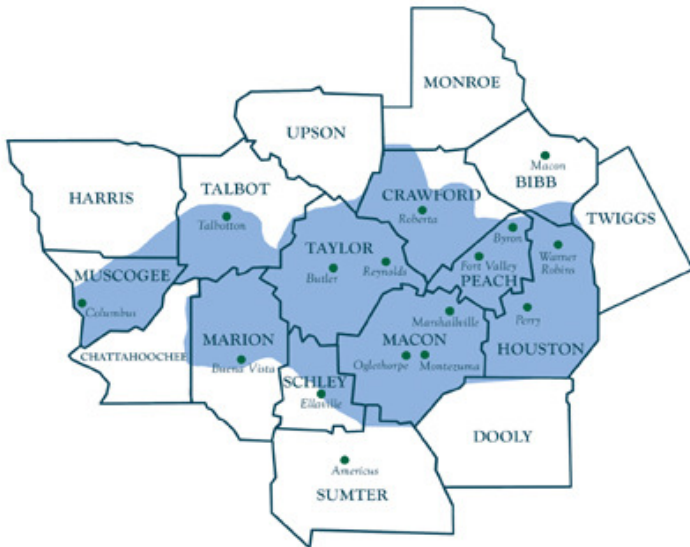
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Newsletter of the Robins AFB Post: Society of American Military Engineers



**Preview of July 2012 SAME Presentation, entitled "What's New at Flint Energies". This presentation will be given by Jimmy Autry of Flint Energies.**

## What's New at Flint Energies



Flint Energies will be giving a presentation on the many different projects and services that they provide, such as the deployment of Flint Energies' Smart Grid demonstration project which brings new, and usable, energy usage information to every member of the not-for-profit cooperative. Jimmy Autry will review the availability of "Hot Summer Rebates" for members, along with smart phone applications, hourly usage, and the very latest.....  
Pay Your Way Prepaid billing.

This presentation will be giving at Flint Energies Conference Room at their facility located off Russell Pkwy. A "home-cooking" style lunch will be provided at this meeting.



## SAME is now on Facebook!



The Robins SAME Post has joined the world of social media! Now you can get the latest information on all of our events, future tours, and topics for the general meetings on Facebook. Please visit us at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/SAME-Robins/249252775150214>, and don't forget to Like us so that you can receive the latest news from SAME!

## Presenter's Bio: Jimmy Autry

A native of southeastern North Carolina (Red Springs), Jimmy has 32 years of experience in public relations, marketing and advertising. He began his electricity career in 1980 at Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation in NC. Since then, he has served North Carolina EMC in Raleigh and Carroll EMC in Carrollton, GA, along with a bank which is now part of BB&T. Today he is the Senior Vice President of Member and Community Relations for Flint Energies, in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Jimmy is accredited in Public Relations and was named to the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) College of Fellows in 2006, one of less than 500 honored out of the 33,000 top public relations practitioners in the US. He is a Certified Cooperative Communicator who has served two terms on the CCC Board.

His greatest pleasure comes from volunteering at the Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation, supporting community events like Little League, the Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, Rebuilding Together, and teaching new communicators who come to work for electric cooperatives across the US.

## SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



**DAVID G. BENNETT, RLS**  
**PROJECT MANAGER/SAFETY DIRECTOR**  
**DONALDSON, GARRETT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Mr. Bennett began his career at DGA as an Instrument Technician in August 1993 and has progressed to Project Manager. As an Instrument Technician and later a Crew Chief, David worked on a variety of survey projects including Hazardous Waste Sites, Topographic, Boundary, ALTA/ACSM, Cellular Tower, GPS Control, and Construction Stakeout surveys. Mr. Bennett's duties at DGA primarily include Project Management for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys, Boundary, Topographic, Hazardous Waste Remediation and GPS surveys. Mr. Bennett serves as Safety Director at DGA. He also served as Field Crew Coordinator for 4 years, which consisted of supervising and scheduling several survey field crews on a daily basis and coordinating with other Project Managers and clients.

Mr. Bennett has worked on multiple projects at Robins AFB, including: LF-4 Ground Water Collection & Treatment System Survey, LF-4 Cover Renovation Survey, Duck Lake Sediment Removal Survey, Clear Zone Airfield Facility 3903 Topographic & Utility Survey, Commercial Gate 5 Entrance Topographic Survey, Building 215 Topographic & Utility Survey, and Precision Approach Radar Topographic & Utility Survey. Mr. Bennett has also worked on a variety of projects for other government entities, including: DOI, US Fish & Wildlife Service and at Fort McClellan and Fort Rucker in Alabama.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **18 July 2012 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held Flint Energies Conference Room. All are welcome.

### Upcoming Dates in 2012

**18 July:** 1130 hours: Jimmy Autry of Flint Energies will be giving a presentation on What's New at Flint Energies. Typically, our meetings are held at the Horizons Club but this meeting will be held in the one of the conference rooms at Flint Energies. For more details on the location change, turn to page 4.

**15 August:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. 78 CEG will present the 78 CEG Program Review.

**19 September:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The Chief of the Houston County Emergency Management Office will be giving a presentation on Homeland Security.

**October:** The SAME Fall Golf Tournament will be held this month. Exact date TBA.

**31 October:** 0900 to 1500 Hours: SAME will be taking a tour of the nuclear facility at Plant Vogtle. Located in Waynesboro, GA, this will be an all day tour. Security measures need to be "squared away" in advance so please sign up early. See page 4 for more details.

## SAME Mission

*"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."*

## 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."*

## Sustaining Member Spotlight: Porter Scientific

Porter Scientific Incorporated (PSI) is a North Carolina based American Indian woman owned SDB HUBZone small business with a distinguished award winning track record of providing environmental consulting services, and of supporting research and development. PSI also provides information technology and facility support services to a variety of clients including the Departments of Defense and Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), national commercial entities and local governments and municipalities.



Operating since 1997, PSI employs certified personnel working in and establishing innovations to industry standards in Database Management, Environmental Consulting, Environmental Assessments, Remediation and Cleanup, Pollution Prevention, Regulatory Compliance, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Project Management, Stormwater Management, Construction Quality Assurance Services, Monitoring and Inspection, Waste Management/Minimization/Treatment and Disposal, Information Technology, Education and Outreach, and capitalization of projects. The corporation has been successfully engaged in projects improving manufacturing processes, equipment and systems at the environmental level.



While primary operations exist in North Carolina, PSI has also been in collaboration or direct contractual services, as prime or subcontractor to clients in AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, MS, NJ, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX and VA. PSI serves more than 20% of the United States of America from its corporate headquarters in Pembroke, North Carolina in a 21,000 square foot facility adjacent to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

## Scholarship Winners

Each year, the Post sponsors two \$2,500 scholarships for students that are interested in Engineering. This year, the Post was also able to provide a one time scholarship of \$1,500 due to the generous donation from New South Construction in memory of Ric Powers, the former Executive Director of the Robins SAME Post.

### **Annual Engineering Scholarship Winner: Mr. Edward Davis Lacey IV and Mr. Forrester Mercier**



Davis currently attends Mercer University seeking a degree in Environmental Engineering with a 3.85 GPA. He is currently on the Dean' List for academic achievement. His current academic plans include an extended research in Bio-Sand Filter Modeling. He hopes to leverage his engineering skills into a career of public service.

Forrester Mercier (Photo Not Available) has just graduated from Houston County High School and has plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall. Forrester was valedictorian of his class with his 4.0 GPA. He has also won the Star Student Award for having the highest SAT scores in this school and won the Senior Award in Physics.

### **Ric Powers Memorial Scholarship Winner: Ms. Morgan Meilinger**



Morgan is a graduate from Warner Robins High School with a 4.0 GPA. She plans on attending Georgia Tech University this fall a major in Chemical Engineering. Her noteworthy achievements include: 2010 AP Scholar with Distinction, Georgia Certificate of Merit, Nation Science Award Nominee. She has also held leadership roles with First United Methodist Church Youth Fellowship, MU Alpha Theta, DECA, and High School Cross Country and Soccer. Her future goal is to work in pharmaceutical manufacturing in hopes to make drugs less expensive.



## Post Announcements

■ The SAME Live Learning Center: SAME National has announced the launch of the SAME Live Learning Center, which will provide its members with the ultimate online educational resource. SAME members will have the ability to gain access to educational sessions after the conference has ended. For example, you weren't able to attend the 2012 JETC? You can visit: <http://same.sclivelearningcenter.com/index.aspx?PID=4593> and view all of the recorded presentations.

■ Tampa Post Small Business (SBE) & Matchmaking Event: Wednesday, July 11th at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. For more information, refer to the flyer at the back of this newsletter.

■ **MEETING LOCATION CHANGE FOR JULY MEETING:** The general meeting for July has been moved to Flint Energies, which is located on the southeast corner of Houston Lake Road and Russell Pkwy. We will be meeting in the Atrium and then be escorted to the conference room. A "home-cooked" lunch will be provided by Flint Energies. Please do not park in the front area where the customer service spots are located as there is plenty of parking elsewhere.

■ Looking to help out SAME and our future generation of engineers? The Robins Post is working towards standing up a Student Chapter at Mercer University and needs volunteers that would be willing to assist with the logistics of setting up the Student Chapter. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact a board member today!

# Attention! Attention!



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## Upcoming Tour to Plant Vogtle

The Post is planning a tour to visit the nuclear facility at Plant Vogtle set for 31 October. This will be an all day trip as we will be traveling to Waynesboro, GA (near Augusta) and security clearances need to be obtained prior to tour. Spots are very limited so if you are really interested in attending this tour, please contact the Post Secretary by 09 August so that plans can be made accordingly. If you have any questions about the tour, please contact a Board Member for more details.



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## SAME Robins Post Sustaining Member News

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We are currently accepting abstracts for presenters and Presentations in 2012. Let us know what presentation topics or presenters would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Ken Branton at [kenneth\\_branton@urscorp.com](mailto:kenneth_branton@urscorp.com) with feedback or for more information.



## **SAME Tampa Small Business (SBE) & Matchmaking 2012 Event**

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Surf's Edge

MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida

### **Registration Costs:**

SAME Member \$65

Non-Member \$85

Military/DOD

Employee \$30

**When:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 am (Registration Opens) Event is 9:30 am until 2:30 pm

**Agenda** – Please see online registration for agenda.

### **Confirmed SBE Panel:**

- ❖ MacDill AFB SBE Liaison
- ❖ ACOE - Mobile
- ❖ ACOE - Savannah
- ❖ ACOE - Jacksonville
- ❖ NAVFAC SE

### **Confirmed for Matchmaking:**

#### Public Sector

- ❖ MacDill AFB SBE Liaison
- ❖ MacDill AFB 6<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron
- ❖ ACOE - Mobile
- ❖ ACOE - Savannah
- ❖ ACOE - Jacksonville
- ❖ NAVFAC SE

#### Private Sector

- ❖ AKIMA
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