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Preview of June 2012 SAME Presentation, entitled "HQ AFRC: Partnering with Industry". This presentation will be given by Col Desport of AFRC/A7 and the AFRC Engineers.

HQ AFRC: Partnering with Industry

Col Desport will be the opening speaker and be accompanied by several members of the AFRC Programs Division who will discuss where the Military Construction program has been and where it is headed at the Air Force level and specifically to AFRC. This includes a brief discussion of facility project requirements, installation development master plans, encroachment, energy, and installation sustainability.



Need Base Access?

For those of you that work outside of the gates and need to be sponsored in order to attend the general SAME meeting, please submit your name, phone number, and email address to the Post Secretary at esther.lee-altman@robins.af.mil by the Friday before the scheduled meeting.



On the day of the meeting, come in through the Main Gate (the Watson Boulevard gate) and stop by the Visitor's Center. Please have your driver's license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration handy as you will be required to show these before your pass is issued.

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Thomas E. (Tom) Driver, P.E., is the President of Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (GEC). Tom graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1983 and has over 29 years of experience in the geotechnical, environmental and construction materials testing fields. Tom is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE). He is a past State President of both the state and local GSPE chapters, a past President of the Macon Chapter of ASCE, and a past Regional Vice President for the Consulting Engineers Council of Georgia. Tom was named the 1992 Young Engineer of the Year and the 1996 Professional Engineer of the Year in Private Practice by the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers and is a registered Professional Engineer in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Currently, Tom serves on several community boards including Capital City Bank, the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences, Macon Habitat for Humanity, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the MEDCEN foundation and serves as an Elder at Northway Baptist Church. Prior to forming GEC in 1999, Tom was the Executive Vice President and Co-Founder of Geosciences, Inc., which was formed in 1991.

Tom has been married to Cathy Mills Driver for 29 years and has one child, Hannah, a senior in Nursing at Emory University. Tom grew up in Montgomery, Alabama prior to moving to Macon (by way of Atlanta) in 1988. He enjoys Golf, Tennis, Racquetball, Softball, yard work and Church activities in his spare time.

Presenter's Bio: Col Nicholas Desport

Colonel Nicholas L. Desport is The Civil Engineer, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, GA. He is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations of all facilities and systems for 67,500 reservists in three numbered air forces, operating 37 flying wings. Additionally, he provides functional management for 31 civil engineer squadrons and five RED HORSE squadrons comprising over 4,500 troops.



Colonel Desport was commissioned through Officer Training School in December 1982 following graduation from Kent State University. He has served at various base level, RED HORSE, major command, and Headquarters U.S.

Air Force assignments including the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron at Cannon AFB, New Mexico; the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron at Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; and the 96th Civil Engineer Squadron at Eglin AFB, Florida. He also commanded the 319th Expeditionary Support Squadron in Bahrain immediately following the attacks of Sept 11th, 2001. Col Desport has also previously served on the Headquarters Air Force staff twice, once at HQ Air Combat Command, and once at HQ Air Mobility Command in addition to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. During his first tour at the Pentagon, he also was selected as a White House Social Aide and served for three years under Presidents Bush and Clinton. Col Desport is a registered architect in the state of Virginia, and a LEED Certified Green Associate.

Col Desport is married to the former Doreen Neilan of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **20 June 2012 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held in the Horizons Club's Georgia Room. All are welcome.

Upcoming Dates in 2012

20 June: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. HQ AFRC program managers will present the "Partnership with Industry" program.

18 July: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Ronnie Sanders of Flint Energies will be giving a presentation.

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.

REMINDER:

The SAME Robins Post now has a Facebook Page! Check us out at: [http://](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/SAME-Robins/249252775150214)

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Don't forget to Like us so that you can receive the latest news from SAME!



Sustaining Member Spotlight: Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc.



Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (GEC) is an engineering consulting firm with offices in Macon and Columbus Georgia. GEC was founded in 1999, from the succession of the Macon and Columbus branch offices of Geosciences, Inc. (founded in 1991). GEC provides consultative ser-

vices in three key areas: Geotechnical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Construction Quality Control Testing. While each service area is different, all are founded in the basic principals of the earth sciences and are thus interrelated.

The current GEC staff consists of over 60 staff members including professional engineers and geologists, project engineers and geologists, biologists, environmental specialists, drillers, environmental and engineering technicians, and support staff and administrative personnel. Each GEC staff member is committed to providing our clientele with the utmost in quality, professional, cost effective services.

Geotechnical Engineering and Drilling Services:

Subsurface Evaluation, Foundation Evaluation, Soil Test Auger Borings, Monitoring Well Installation, Hydrometer Sampling, Pile Load Testing, Pile Installation Monitoring, Site Seismic Analysis

Environmental Engineering Services:

Environmental Site Assessments, HSRA Evaluation, Underground Storage Tank Consulting, Soil and Groundwater Monitoring and Testing, Asbestos Inspection and Testing, Lead Based Paint Inspection and Testing, Wetlands Delineation, On-Site Septic Application Soil Survey, Health and Safety Plan Preparation/Implementation, Regulatory Compliance, Storm-water Pollution and Prevention Plans

Construction Services:

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Announcements from the Post

Don't forget the 2012 South Atlantic/South Central SAME Joint Engineer Training Symposium will be held on 02-04 October at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL. The symposium theme for 2012 is "**Net Zero Through Emerging Technologies**" with technical tracks focusing on Building Technologies, Energy Consumption, Water/ Wastewater Management, Infrastructure Technologies, Waste Management, and TISP.



For more information, please visit: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1003806>



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!

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."

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Accepting Abstracts

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