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Preview of the July 2018 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be about Air Force Reserve Command Program Review and will be given by Mr. Joe Ballard of HQ AFRC.



Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, located at Robins Air Force Base, GA, ensures its three numbered air forces, one space wing, 33 flying wings, 12 flying groups and other subordinate units are prepared to accomplish their total force missions. The command supervises the unit-training program, provides logistics support and ensures combat readiness.

Mr. Joe Ballard of the Programs Office will be giving the annual overview of Air Force Reserve Command Installation Programs, which will include facilities, energy, environmental, and contracting projects.

SAME Events

Look out for these wonderful events sponsored by SAME!

Post Leaders Workshop: (19-21 August in Bonita Springs, FL) Have you ever wanted to learn the ins and outs of how SAME posts are run? This workshop is a great opportunity to cross-feed information and network with other posts. Please visit: <https://www.same.org/calendar/ModuleID/6303/ItemID/2002/mct/EventDetails> for more information.



2018 SAME Southeastern Tri-Regional Joint Engineer Training Symposium (JETS): (12-14 September in Sandestin, FL) This conference will be a two and a half days event that has many exciting and informative activities with a focus on “Ensuring National Readiness”. Please see the flyer for this event at the back of this newsletter for more details on how to register and/or becoming a sponsor.

Federal Small Business Conference: (Oct 31st to Nov 2nd in New Orleans, LA) The SAME 2018 SBC promises to be the best small business event ever, and new this year, we are co-locating with the National Veterans Small Business Engagement (NVSBE)! Get the latest information on upcoming A/E/C Small Business procurement opportunities and meet teaming partners & mentors to help you succeed! Please visit: <http://www.samesbc.org/> for more information.

Announcements from the Post...



Pull up your socks and dust off your clubs because our annual Fall Golf Tournament is just around the corner! This is the big fundraising event for our Ric Powers Scholarship Program where we give two deserving engineering students a \$2500 scholarship! Our event will be at the Landings Golf Course and is scheduled for the 11th of October with a rain date of 18 October.

Looking to be a sponsor or volunteer for this event? Please contact our Events and Small Business Director, Mr. Eric Anania (contact information is at the end of this newsletter), for more details!



The 2nd Annual STEAM event, sponsored by HQ AFRC and SAME, will be held at the Museum of Aviation sometime in November. Schools from around the middle Georgia area will be invited to participate in a paper rocket launch competition that will encourage students to engage themselves in not only

the world of engineering but the arts as well. Teams of students will construct a paper rocket, create a mission statement for the project as well as a logo for their team. Looking to volunteer or become a mentor for this event? Please contact our Education & Mentoring Director, Captain Garrett Chesonis, for more details.

Presenter's Bio

Mr. Joe Ballard, a graduate of Clemson University in South Carolina, is currently a Program Manager for HQ AFRC/A7CM, managing design and construction for multiple projects at several AFRC bases. He has been a member of SAME for over 25 years, serving in various leadership positions at local Posts around the world.



Currently, he is the Programs Director for the Robins AFB Post. Mr. Ballard retired from the Air Force in 2008 after serving over 25 years as a Civil Engineer officer. He held numerous assignments at the base and MAJCOM level, including 2 tours at Robins: 2002-2004 as the 778 CES/CC and 2006-2008 as HQ AFRC/A7X Division Chief. He served as a squadron commander 4 times -- twice deployed and twice in CONUS. After retirement, he served for a year as the 78 CEG Director before assuming his current position. Mr. Ballard is married to the former Marchien van der Werff from Haarlem, the Netherlands, and they have four children, Naomi, Femke, Glenn, and Ilse.

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"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."



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **18 July 2018 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held **OFF BASE** at the China Buffet (605 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins 31088). All are welcome.



UPCOMING DATES FOR 2018:

18 July: 1130 Hours: HQ AFRC will be presenting their annual Programs Overview to the Post.

15 August: 1130 Hours: The 78 Civil Engineer Group will be giving a Programs Overview.

19 September: 1130 Hours: An Emergency and Preparedness presentation is scheduled. Details coming soon.

11 October: Golf Tournament at the Landings. Rain Date set for 18 October. Details to come out soon.

01 November: Robins AFB Small Business Industry Day. Details TBD.

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