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Preview of July 2013 SAME Presentation, entitled "CE Work in Afghanistan". This presentation will be given by Col (Ret) Ben Wham of Davis & Floyd, Inc.

Civil Engineer Work in Afghanistan

Col Benjamin Wham II, PE, USAF, retired served as the Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Afghanistan Engineer District, South (AES) from 8 July 2011 to 12 July 2012. The district had responsibility for USACE construction across the entire southern part of Afghanistan to include the Regional Command South, Regional Command Southwest and Regional Command West Areas of Responsibility (AOR). The total land mass in his AOR is equivalent in square mileage to Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia and included 250+ projects ranging from \$200,000 to \$170,000,000. His total program for planning, design and execution was rough 2 billion dollars.



Col(R) Wham will discuss his observations associated with commanding a combat support unit in a kinetic environment; working with the people of Afghanistan and Afghan Contractors; and the challenges of construction projects within an active combat zone. He is only the second Air Force Officer to command a USACE Engineering District and provides a very unique perspective of joint combat support operations.

Post Project: SAME Build Day July 20th!

People of all construction backgrounds are welcome on Houston County (HoCo) Habitat for Humanity jobsites. HoCo Habitat builds are great opportunities both to share skills and to gain new ones. All the while you can know that you are giving a hand up to a deserving family in need.



The Robins SAME Post will be hosting a Build Day for the HoCo Habitat for Humanity group on July 20th (0730-1500). We will need at least 10-12 volunteers and lunch will be provided that day. Please contact MSgt Kerry Parsons at: kerry.parsons@us.af.mil for more information and sign up today!

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Mr. Kevin Long is a member of the board and serves the post as the financial director, overseeing the management of the posts investments. He is the Deputy Director of the 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron, 638th Supply Chain Management Group, 448th Supply Chain Management Wing, Air Force Sustainment Center, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He is Responsible for planning and leading nearly \$6.7B worth of equipment commodity life-cycle support activities. His responsibilities include developing and executing enterprise demand/supply plans and sourcing strategies to meet customer requirements and providing commodity support for all Air Force ground support equipment, propulsion support equipment, life support equipment, and Automatic Test Systems.



Mr. Long has 25 years experience in Supply Chain Management, Environmental Management, and Nuclear Test Engineering for DOD. He began his civil service career at the Charleston Naval Shipyard in South Carolina in 1988 as a Nuclear Test Engineer. He transferred to Robins Air Force Base in 1996 and served in various positions in Environmental Management and Civil Engineering. In 2008 he began working in logistics and took a position serving as a Flight Chief in the 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron.

Kevin lives in Perry with his wife Nicola and their two children, Matthew and Ashley.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **17 July 2013 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held at China Buffet on Russell Pkwy. All are welcome.

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2013:

17 July: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board Meeting. Retired Colonel Ben Wham will be giving a presentation on some Civil Engineering projects that he had worked on during his time in Afghanistan.

21 August: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board Meeting. The 778th Civil Engineer Squadron will be giving a presentation entitled "2013-2014 Program Requirements".

18 September: Tour of Houston County 9-1-1 Center. Time TBA.

10 October: Fall Golf Tournament at the Landings. See article on page 4 for more information.

22-24 October: The Mobile and Pensacola Post will be hosting this year's South Atlantic/South Central Joint Engineering Training Symposium with a theme of "Building upon Service: A Bridge to the Future". The SA/SC JETS is currently calling for abstracts for potential speakers. For more information, please contact Bill Bersson at bbersson@hcr-construction.com.

Presenter's Bio: Col (Ret) Wham



Col Wham is currently employed by Davis & Floyd, Inc. of Greenwood, South Carolina and works at the North Charleston Office as a Senior Program Director. He served 26 years in the United States Air Force at the base, Major Command and Headquarters Air Force level. He commanded the 366 CES at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; the 407 ECES at Ali Base, Iraq; the 437 and 628 Mission Support Groups at Charleston AFB then Joint Base

Charleston; and the Afghanistan Engineer District, South at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. He is married to the former Ellen Mary O'Connell of State College PA after 26 years and has two daughters Jennifer (22) and Elizabeth (18). He is a Registered Engineer in the states of Ohio and South Carolina.

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."

Our scholarship recipients plan to attend a future SAME meeting or two to talk about their future endeavors. This will provide a great opportunity for mentoring these students in the various aspects of Engineering. Come out to the next SAME meeting to meet our future engineers!

Thank You, Robins Post!

Each year the Post gives out two scholarships to a couple of highly qualified students that wish to pursue their careers in Engineering. The Post has received a Thank You note from one of the recipients.

Matthew Joseph Long
[REDACTED]

Perry, GA [REDACTED]
May 19, 2013

Dear Col. Munchmeyer,

Thank you for presenting me with the 2013 Society of American Military Engineers scholarship at the Perry High Award Ceremony. I consider it a great honor and a privilege to be selected by the Robins SAME Post among numerous qualified applicants. The money will be put to good use as I begin my college career at Mercer University this fall. It is my intention to reach and exceed my potential as an engineer and to continue to give back to my community as a member of the Mercer Service Scholars. Thank you for your yearly contribution to engineering students and I look forward to continuing my relationship with SAME in the future.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Long

Sustaining Member Spotlight: HCR Construction



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HCR Construction, Inc. (HCR) was formed in 2002 and is a privately held Minority-Owned, SBA certified 8(a) General Contractor. HCR specializes in design/build and construction services for new facilities and for renovation, repair and alteration of existing facilities and utilities systems.

HCR has 11 years of Department of Defense (DOD) prime contracting experience, and our personnel and systems drive process efficiencies and provide ease of government administration during construction projects. HCR strives to provide quality driven work, exemplary customer service, and competitive pricing while meeting client needs, project requirements, and the safety of each project. Our project execution capabilities, highly qualified personnel, USACE approved and project proven systems provide us with the exact experience and capabilities needed to provide safe and quality construction services on schedule and under budget.

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- ✦ General Services Administration (GSA)
 - ✦ Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC): MCAS Beaufort, SC; MCRD Parris Island; Naval Hospital Beaufort; JB Charleston, SC; MCLB Albany, GA
 - ✦ US Air Force: Lackland AFB, TX; Sheppard AFB, TX; Dobbins ARB, GA; Dover AFB, DE
 - ✦ US Property and Fiscal Office, GA (USPFO): Robins AFB, GA; Dobbins ARB, GA; Clay National Guard Center, GA
 - ✦ US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Tobyhanna Depot, PA; Ft Detrick, MD; Ft Meade, MD; Ft Belvoir, VA; Arlington Cemetery, VA, Carlisle Barracks, PA
 - ✦ US Army Contracting Command: Ft Stewart, GA; Hunter AAF, GA
 - ✦ US Department of State (DoS)
- Georgia Board of Regents (University System)

For more information, contact Mike Coats, 478-284-6909, or email at mcoats@hcr-construction.com

16th Annual Education & Mentoring Fundraising Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2013
(Rain Date: Oct 17)



Events will begin at 10:30 AM and the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:00 PM. We will once again honor our individual SAME members with a discounted cost of \$40 for golf and lunch while non-SAME Member individual player cost will remain at \$50 per player. This event will be held at the Landing Golf Course in Warner Robins, GA.

Corporate Sponsorship Packages are as follows:

- Eagle Pack:** \$400.00 (includes complete golf package for 4 people & hole sponsorship)
- Birdie Pack:** \$325.00 (includes complete golf package for 2 people & hole sponsorship)
- Par Pack:** \$275.00 (includes complete golf package for 1 person & hole sponsorship)
- Corporate Hole Sponsor (non-golfing):** \$250.00 (includes sponsorship of one hole)
- Lunch Sponsor:** \$250.00
- Beverage Sponsor:** \$250.00
- Driving Range Sponsor:** \$250.00

Please contact: **Mike Coats @ 478-284-6909** or email: **Michael.J.Coats@cox.net** for more information.



REMINDER:

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

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

Need Emergency Preparedness Training?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror. As it has for almost 30 years, FEMA's mission remains: to lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters with a vision of "A Nation Prepared."



For those of you who are interested in receiving some Emergency Preparedness training, you can receive free training from FEMA. Here is the link to the IS-100.b, IS-200.b, and IS-700.a courses:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

Click on the "NIMS Courses" link to find the course you want to take. Please note that in order to earn the Emergency Preparedness streamer, we need a minimum of three people to complete IS-100.b and three people to complete IS-200.b and/or IS-700.a. If you have completed any of these online courses in the past three years or can complete one or more of them this year, please

notify our Director of Emergency Preparedness (at Joe.Ballard.1@us.af.mil) know so we can take credit for that training on our streamer nomination package.



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We are accepting abstracts for presentations in 2013 and 2014. Let us know what presentation topics, presenters, or tour ideas would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Ken Branton at: Kenneth.Branton@urs.com with feedback or for more information.