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## President's Corner

Get ready for golf! Our annual SAME Golf Tournament is planned for October 6, 2016 (rain date is October 20, 2016). We will return to the Landings Golf Course again this year, however it is now known as Southern Landings. The course is now under new ownership, the same owners that run the Southern Hills Golf Course south of us in Hawkinsville, Georgia have taken over the former Landings Golf Course. If you go by there now, you will see a lot of work going on to address a lot of areas to be repaired and upgraded, so when we show up in October, it should be in great shape. We will also be adding some new challenges to our format to make the play more interesting this year.



Please start planning now and commit to attend and support the event. As most know, this is our main (historically only) fund raising event for the year. We use these funds for our college scholarships, sending a student to an Engineering & Construction Summer Camp, sending our members to training conferences, supporting our local Boy Scout Troop, sponsoring the local Math Counts competition, our Student Chapter at Mercer University, and most recently, the Mercer University Engineering Honors program that I mentioned at last month's meeting. Without an excellent turn out, we will not have the income to cover all of our wish list for community support. So the bottom line is that YOU need to be part of the bottom line.

### SAME National Focus Areas

1. Ensure Vibrant and Value Added Programs—Create Value for All
2. Support STEM—Share Your Passion, Grow Your Replacement
3. Focus on Veteran Transitions—Help 6,000 military transition from Service over the next 4 years

I will also need help in preparing for the event, getting teams and sponsors lined up, looking for donated items for door prizes and golfer goodie bags, and I will need volunteers to help with the registration and drink cart drivers. When I met with the Southern Landings Golf Course Manager, his statement to me was that "this will be the best tournament you have ever had". I plan to keep him at his word, but he only owns half of the deal, the other half is

with us. So plan to be here and bring others with you!

Thanks and see you around the Post!  
Mike Coats

*Preview of July 2016 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be given by Mr. Bob Staib 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. Bob Staib, the Deputy Command Civil Engineer, will be giving the annual overview of Air Force Reserve Command Installation Programs, which will include facilities, energy, environmental, and contracting projects.

## Presenter's Bio:



Mr. Robert J. Staib is the Chief, Civil Engineer Division and the Deputy Command Civil Engineer at HQ AFRC. He oversees installation assets at nine primary and 57 tenant locations comprising a \$6.7 billion plant replacement value and is responsible for the execution of \$1.41B MILCON and \$1.57B Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization programs. He leads a staff of 62 military and civilian professionals meeting the engineering needs of command's

3 numbered air forces, 35 wings, 10 independent groups and various mission support units.

## STEM Corner

Dr. Keith Landry is a PhD Civil Engineering, Assistant Dean for Research at GA Southern University (GSU), and a retired US Army O-6. He recently joined the engineering faculty at GSU and will be visiting the new Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center along with Robins AFB. He is also the SAME POC, replacing Dr. Frank Goforth.

Dr. Landry wishes to meet with military veterans with an engineering background at Robins to discuss mentorship opportunities with GSU students. The goal is to "integrate mentors who are also military veterans into a network that supports veteran students pursuing STEM degrees at GSU in order to improve graduation rates". He will be at Robins AFB on 19 July and there will be a meeting set up at the Civil Engineering building (B1555) at 10:30AM for those who are want to know more about this program. All are welcome that wish to contribute to the discussion of mentoring veteran students.



Informational Meeting and Discussion

July 19th at 10:30 AM

B1555, Civil Engineering

Please contact Ms. Nancy Manley ([nancy.manley@us.af.mil](mailto:nancy.manley@us.af.mil)) for more information.

WHAT'S  
COMING  
UP...

The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **20 July 2016 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held **OFF BASE** at our usual location, the China Buffet (605 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins 31088). All are welcome.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR 2016:

**20 July:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. HQ AFRC will be giving a presentation for their annual Program Review.

**17 August:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The 78th Civil Engineering Group will be giving a presentation for their annual Program Review.

**21 September:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The Robins Fire Chief will be giving a presentation on Emergency Management.



# Upcoming SAME Events



**Post Leaders Conference—28-30 August (St. Petersburg, FL)** This year's conference is "filled to the gills" with multiple sessions focusing on recruitment and things your post can do to keep your members engaged. Plus, there are plenty of activities outside of the sessions for networking and fun! Please visit the SAME page for more information on this event.



**Fall Golf Tournament—06 October/Rain Date 20 October (at Southern Landings Golf Course)** Fall is just around the corner which means the Robins Post is gearing up for its annual golf tournament! We hope to get maximum participation this year so please see Mr. Mike Coats for more information on how you can participate or even become a sponsor for this wonderful event.

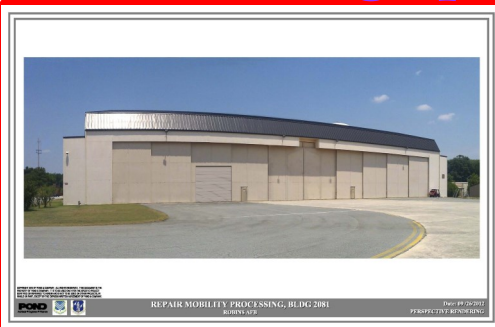
## SAME MISSION

*"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."*

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