

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



President's Corner



I wanted to take this time to first thank one of our long term Board of Directors, Mr. Joe Ballard for stepping up to take on the responsibilities of our Programs Director in addition to his responsibilities as Emergency Preparedness Director. Mr. Ken Branton, who held this position for more than 11 years (when I joined this Post), has retired. Since Ken lives in the Atlanta area, he will not be able to make to Warner Robins often enough to run our monthly

programs, so he left our board with regrets. We wish Ken and his family the very best, and hope to get him down at least one time this year so that we can all personally thank him. In the meantime, to finish out this

year, Joe has agreed to take on the responsibility of the Post Programs which entails lining up the speakers at our meetings and making sure we have a place to meet each month. So let us all thank Joe and support him by being at the meetings that he will work hard to arrange, and offer suggestions for new speakers. Surely there is a great project or program out there that you have seen or been involved with, or maybe there is a topic that you would like to hear about, just let Joe know. The topic does not

SAME National Focus Areas

- I. 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

always have to be engineering or construction related. If it would be of general interest, or if we can fulfill a training need for you, or if the speaker is really that dynamic, just let us know!

I know that Fall may seem a long time away, it will be here before we know it. So, we just signed up to have our Annual Education and Mentoring Fund Raising Golf Tournament on October 8, 2015 at the Landings Golf Course in Warner Robins, Georgia. This is the same course we played at last year. They are always such a great host with a great lunch for us, and it is as close to the base as you can get without the challenge of getting through the base gates. So mark that date down, get your team signed up early, and look for ways that you can help plan the event. If you are not a golfer, there are plenty of jobs for volunteers so that you can join us and spend a great fall day outside on the course. It really does take a great team to win, but also a great team to have a great tournament. Again, this is our only fund raiser for our college scholarships, engineering and construction summer camps, sending you to a conference or workshop, and many other ways that we support our community. We need everyone! Thanks again for being part of the Best Small Post in the Society!

Top Small Post of 2014 goes to the Robins AFB Post!





SAME Events

SAME Regional Roundtable: 29 July in Mobile, AL. SAME will spearhead a timely, interactive discussion of Challenges and Issues facing industry, with a focus on Developing Solutions. For more details, visit: <u>http://www.same.org/index.php/component/</u> <u>content/article/1080-mobile-post-regional-roundtable</u>.

Federal Project Delivery Symposium: 18-20 August in Washington, DC. Benefit from education sessions that highlight the spectrum of federal project types and stay cutting -edge by gaining access to design-build thought leaders in sessions aimed at explaining advances in the contracting methodology and the latest in design-build best practices. Please visit: <u>http://www.dbia.org/Conferences/federal/Pages/default.aspx</u> for more info.

South Central & South Atlantic JETS: 26-28 August in Nashville, TN. The theme this year is "Infrastructure: Preserving the Past while Building for the Future". For more details on this event, please take a look at the flyer on the last page of this flyer.

Post Leaders Workshop: 20-22 September in Alexandria, VA. Please visit: <u>http://</u> <u>www.same.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=378&Itemid=314</u> for more info.

Small Business Conference: 4-6 November in New Orleans, LA. With 1,800 attendees and more than 220 exhibitor each year, the SAME Small Business Conference is the



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on 15 July 2015 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 2015:

15 July: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. HQ AFRC will be giving their annual program review.

19 August: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. 78 CEG will be giving their annual program review.

16 September: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation TBA.

08 October: Education & Mentoring Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament at the Landings Golf Course.

perfect venue for small businesses in the A/E/C industry to connect with govt agencies and large businesses.

Preview of July 2015 SAME Presentation entitled "AFRC Program Review". This presentation will be given by Mr. Mike Klug 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. Mike Klug will be giving the annual overview of Air Force Reserve Command Installation Programs, which will include facilities, energy, environmental, and contracting projects.

'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 gov-ernment and the architecture, engineering and construction industry in the interest of national security."

"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.'

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Randy Peacock, PE is a principal with Clark Nexsen, Inc., a full-service architecture, engineering, planning, and interior design firm with office in Macon and Brunswick, Georgia; Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh, North Carolina; Virginia Beach, Roanoke, and Richmond, Virginia; Washington, DC; and Austin, Texas.

As a professional engineer, Randy has over 27 years experience in the A/E industry and is registered as both an electrical and fire protection engineer. Randy has worked with numerous Federal, State and Municipal agencies throughout his career including the Department of Defense. On the local level he has managed and designed new construction and renovation projects at

Robins Air Force Base for over 20 years.

Randy and his wife Angie live in Gray. He has two grown children Kyle and Kaley. He enjoys being active in his church, spending time with his family, and fishing.

Sustaining Spotlight: Tetra Tech

Based in Pasadena, CA, and founded in 1966 as a civil engineering firm, Tetra Tech is a full-service engineering and science firm with a substantial global presence. During its first decades, Tetra Tech provided engineering services primarily for waterways, harbors, and coastal areas and completed projects that had global significance. Today, Tetra Tech is recognized as a global leader in



sophisticated environmental analysis, modeling, and design and for delivering this expertise effectively across an entire project life cycle.

With \$2.5 billion in revenue in 2014, and a current contract capacity in excess of \$1.5 billion in support of the Air Force, Tetra Tech has delivered high quality traditional and environmental A/E services at more than 80 installations and operating locations in 19 countries. We offer fully integrated services, continuously adapting to the Air Force's new and emerging priorities, and emphasizing innovation and consistently high-quality work products.



Tetra Tech has offices and operational infrastructure throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. We employee approximately 13,000 at 330 offices in more than 120 countries on six continents. We have expanded our geographic presence significantly in recent years through strategic acquisitions and internal growth, especially in Canada, Latin America, and TETRA TECH Australia. We also have considerable operations in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

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Quite the Experience at the 2015 Engineering & Construction Camp!



Kristyn Edmondson (left in the pic) was the Robins Post selectee that recently attended the Marine Corps/SAME Engineering Summer Camp at Camp Lejune, NC. Kristyn is a rising sophomore at Central Christian Fellowship School in Macon, GA; where she maintains a 4.0 GPA while participating in varsity track, cheerleading as well as many other clubs and extra-curricular activities. She has a strong interest in math and science and plans to pursue a degree in engineering once she graduates. Her mother, Shannon, is a civilian employee at Robins AFB in the 78 Civil Engineering Group and her father, Chris, is an active duty Marine stationed at Camp

Lejune, NC.

And Claudia Penny (right in the pic above), a Young Member from our Post, was a mentor at the Engineering & Construction Camp. Below is a short summary of her experience at the summer camp:

The SAME-USMC Camp was a great success this year! The goal of the SAME Engineering and Construction Camps is to encourage students into the engineering profession. The Marine Corps Camp took place at Camp Lejeune from June 21-27, 2015. We had 40 students attend, including two from Hawaii and one student all the way from Naples, Italy. The students were divided into four squads (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta). The camp took place in Courthouse Bay, home to the Marine Corps Engineering School and featured a competition involving different engineering and construction activities.

The first full day of camp, the students got to design and construct a concrete beam, and take rides on the MRAPs (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles). The second day featured the student's favorite activity of designing and constructing a trebuchet that launched tennis balls. Day three of the camp featured a lesson on Stormwater BMP, and another favorite, the Devil Dog Reaction Course. Day four, the students got to get out of the heat and design/construct cardboard amphibious assault vehicles. On the final full day of the camp, the students got to go back to the construction shop and test the strength of the concrete beams they built on day one.

The students truly enjoyed their time at Camp Lejeune. As a mentor, it was very exciting to see high school students so excited about construction and engineering. The goal now, is to keep in touch with the students that attended and make sure that they continue to stay enthusiastic. They are the future for SAME!



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Accepting Abstracts

We are accepting abstracts for presentations for 2015 and 2016. 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. Joe Ballard at: <u>joe.ballard.1@us.af.mil</u> with feedback or for more information.



2015 South Central/South Atlantic Joint Engineer Training Symposium August 26 - 28, 2015 Nashville, TN



The SAME Nashville & Campbell Posts Welcome You to Music City USA!

This week Nashville is host to the CMA Music Fest and just a few miles down I-24, Bonnaroo is tuning up. Music is alive and well in the south! But 11 weeks from today, we hope that you will join us in Music City USA for an event that is near and dear to all of us.

I am delighted to invite you to the SAME South Central/South Atlantic Joint Engineer Training Symposium (JETS) on 26 - 28 August 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee. Our Symposium, will be located at Gaylord's historic Opryland Convention Center. Shucks, it is worth the price of admission just to see that place!

The program for the conference will reflect our theme, "Infrastructure: Preserving the Past while Building for the Future". Our technical program will deliver a diverse suite of topics that is sure to offer areas of interest to all. Personally, I am extremely excited about the energy presentations with Oak Ridge National Laboratories just east of us and the new focus on the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) / Y-12 National Security Complex. The professionally stimulating set of technical tracks will meet requirements for licensed engineers toward continuing education credits.

Our goal is to promote and honor the diversity of military and government missions supported by DoD throughout our region. USACE Districts will be represented by personnel from Louisville, Nashville, Huntsville and Mobile. Additional DoD representatives are working on travel approvals presently. USACE and DPW staff from Ft. Campbell will be present to discuss their construction programs.

We will offer our guests a variety of exceptional entertainment options including: southern cooking, local music and shopping venues and that Nashville Country Music experience that just can't be duplicated anywhere else. On Wednesday, join us for some fantastic golf at Hermitage Golf Course situated between the Cumberland River and the home of President Andrew Jackson. We kick things off in style that evening in our exhibit hall with a 'Taste of Nashville' – music, food and social. The young members will continue into the night at Dave & Busters. On Thursday, Craig Morgan, "country boy", veteran, TV host, outdoorsman, country music entertainer and family man will be with us during lunch along with some of veterans that our programs are assisting through higher education. On Thursday evening you will be transported to lower Broad where you will experience Nashville's world famous Honky Tonks. Folks, it just don't get better than this!

We realize that an important factor for exhibitors is the amount of exposure you will receive, therefore our planning supports substantial time in the exhibit hall, ensuring that our symposium delivers valuable interaction with everyone in the military, government, consultant and contractor community.

Consistent with our mission, our Posts will use the proceeds of the Symposium to fund college scholarships, guiding students to careers in engineering roles and hopefully future SAME leaders and veteran's assistance programs within our local communities.

Sponsorships are still open and you can register at: <u>https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1595136</u>

Come join us in Nashville where we hope to see you at the 2015 SA/SC JETS!

Mike Cochrane, PE 2015 SAME SD/SA JETS Chairman