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President's Corner



Col (Ret) John Mogge Returns! And FREE PIZZA too!

Wow! We have an amazing meeting for you in July! We'll be serving FREE PIZZA at the Horizons Event Center on Robins AFB on Wednesday, 30

July, while SAME National President and former 78 CEG/CC and AFRC Command Civil Engineer, Col (Ret) John Mogge talks to us about his National SAME focus areas (shown at right) and then make a presentation on facility sustainability and key decision points that engineers face. Hard to beat that line up! So c'mon out and reconnect with an ol' friend, get a FREE LUNCH, and learn about facility sustainability! Oh, by the way, thank you! We doubled our attendance at the June meeting from May's. So let's double it again for July and ensure our Post is never again recognized as having one of the largest DROPS in membership nationwide as we did in 2013! Instead, let's shoot for the largest GROWTH in 2014! Remember, nothing good happens when good people do nothing. So do good. Confront evil. And press on! See you at the meeting!

SAME National Focus Areas

1. Help 6,000 military transition from Service
2. Improve energy efficiency and sustainability
3. STEM—Get involved, share your passion

ONE Person, ONE Idea... Every ONE makes a difference!

In 2013, our Post had the 3rd LARGEST DROP in membership in the nation. Let's fix that! If you are an active Post member, bring ONE new person to the next meeting. If you are a member but haven't participated in a while, c'mon back out and reconnect with your peers. And if you're new altogether, we'd love to have you. Once at the meeting, share ONE idea as to what our Post can do better to keep you coming back to develop professionally, network, and build a stronger America. Every ONE makes a difference!

July Meeting Place & Date change...FREE lunch too!

This month the SAME Robins Post meeting will be **30 Jul 2014 ON Robins AFB at the Horizons Event Center (B542, located on Club Drive)** to accommodate our special guest speakers schedule. So mark your calendars and tie a string around your iPhone or Droid! And bring a friend too! P.S. If you show up on our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month meeting on 16 Jul at our normal meeting place, the China Buffett on Russell Parkway, you'll probably see tumbleweeds and swingin' saloon doors cause "thar ain't no one gunna be there from SAME 'cept you". **Access to base:** For those members who reside off base, details for gaining base access are available on page 2.

Save the Date: Fall Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The 17th Annual Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for 9 October at The Landings Golf Course with a Noon Shotgun Start. Proceeds from this event will help fund the Post's Education & Mentoring fund that supports our scholarship program so please mark your calendars for this great event!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help plan this event. Please contact Mike Coats at (478) 284-6909, or mcoats@hcr-constrection.com for more information on this event. And we'll see you there!

Biography of the guest speaker Col (Ret) John Mogge, the National SAME President 2014. Mr. Mogge will be giving the July presentation.



Col. John W. Mogge, Ph.D., RA, CSIP, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), is Global Director of Technology, Practice and Design, Environmental Services Business Group, CH2M HILL, and the 2013–2014 President-Elect of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

Col. Mogge joined CH2M HILL in 2001 as Southeast Business Group Manager in the firm's Transportation Business Group following a 27-year career with the U.S. Air Force. By January 2010, he was named a Senior Vice President with the firm and appointed to his current position as Global Director of Technology, Practice and Design.

Before transitioning to the private sector, Col. Mogge held a number of increasingly demanding positions such as the Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineer, Robins AFB, Ga., (1999–2001), the Commander and Base Civil Engineer, 78th Civil Engineer Group, Robins AFB, from 1996–1999, the Director of Civil Engineer Programs, HQ U.S. Air Force, The Pentagon (1994–1996), and he also served as Director of Environmental Programs, HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

An active member of SAME since 1980, Col. Mogge has served on the SAME National Board of Direction as an Elected Director and as the Middle Atlantic Regional Vice President. He also served as Robins Post President; was the 2012 South Atlantic/South Central Regional Conference Program Track Planner and Committee Mentor; and in 1996, served as Co-Chair of the SAME National Conference in Washington, D.C. Col. Mogge was invested into the SAME Academy of Fellows in 1996 and he is currently Chair of the SAME National Energy & Sustainability Committee. He also is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Col. Mogge graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Florida in 1973 and completed his master's degree in Architecture at the University of Florida in 1974. In 2004, he earned a doctorate in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Georgia Tech, with a focus on Sustainable Planning, Design and Construction.

Need Base Access?

For those of you that work outside of the gates but would like to attend the July meeting, SAME is working with Security Forces to obtain security clearance for you. Please submit your name, date of birth, and social security number to the Robins SAME Post Secretary (esther.lee-altman@us.af.mil) in order to gain base access.

Please submit your request by **Friday, July 15th**, as Security Forces requires two weeks before an event for processing. On the day of the meeting, come in through any of the gates and tell Security Forces that you are on the Base Access List for the SAME meeting. You will need to show them your driver's license to verify your identity and we will see you at the Horizons Event Center on 30 July!



NEW DATE/LOCATION: The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **30 July 2014 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held at **ON BASE** at the Horizons Event Center (B542, located on Club Drive). All are welcome.

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2014:

30 July: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. Presentation will be given by Col (Ret) John Mogge, SAME National President on facility sustainability.

4-6 August: The Post Leaders Workshop will be held in Alexandria, VA. This workshop provides Post Leaders with information on best practices and the SAME Strategic Plan and Goals. For more information, please visit the Calendar of Events on the SAME National page.

20 August: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The 78th Civil Engineer Group will be giving their Program Review. Location of this meeting will be at our regular location, the China Buffet on Russell Pkwy.

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.”

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Mr. Jimmy Whitmer, P.G., a Principal Hydrogeologist based in Georgia, has over 30 years practice experience directing small to large, multi-disciplinary projects focusing on site characterizations for waste containment facilities, environmental soil and groundwater assessment and remediation at CERCLA, RCRA, and underground storage tank sites, remedial process optimization at industrial and federal facilities, and water supply development. Mr. Whitmer is currently serving as Program Manager and regulatory lead for Geosyntec’s environmental compliance/permitting, restoration, and pollution prevention (P2) services at Robins AFB, GA. He has been a member of the Robins AFB SAME Post since 2000 and served as Chairman of the Exhibits Committee for the SAME SA/SC Regional Conference hosted by the Robins Post.



Mr. Whitmer currently lives in Acworth, Georgia with his wife Cheryl. He regularly travels to Japan to visit his daughter who just graduated from Temple University’s Tokyo, Japan campus and enjoys spending time with his son who is attending Kennesaw State University. His hobbies include spending time with his family, traveling and SCUBA diving.

Sustaining Member Spotlight:



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Columbia Engineering & Services, Inc. was incorporated in 1963. Our office has been located in the Atlanta area since its beginning and in Gwinnett County since 1989. Last year we celebrated 50 years of quality service to our clients. Our services include site design, LEED project design, roadway design, public utilities, landscape architecture and land surveying.

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