

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



President's Corner



Well summer is here! I hope you all can take some time to enjoy the warm weather and if you have school-aged children, you can enjoy some of their time off as well. We recently had the opportunity to introduce two new students to our Society by providing them with scholarships to help them further their careers in engineering. One is from our local area, and another is actually out of our area, but in an area not served by another SAME Post. So we really have a great chance to do some "missionary" work through him to introduce our Society to Virginia Tech without being too "Hokie" (sorry I could

not resist the pun). Hopefully, you will have a chance to read about our scholarship winners, but it was exciting to me to be able to reach beyond our geographic area of reach to support new development in our career field. We did the same thing with our summer Engineering & Construction Camp. We had been looking to support a local high school student to attend the camp held at the Air Force Academy, but he was not able to get into that camp and then had a scheduling conflict with the Marine Corps camp and so he could

not make it. By that time, the application period was closed for all of the camps, but again, thanks to our Education & Mentoring Director, Griff Cox, we were able to help two students attend the Air Force Academy camps that were accepted, but not fully funded by a local Post. Again, reaching beyond our geographic boundary to support the development of our future engineers. If you are interested in helping out with or if you know of or participate in other

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

Education and Mentoring activities, just let Griff Cox, or one the other Directors or Officers know.

Looking ahead, we hope to learn more about opportunities with our Mercer University Student Chapter as well as more opportunities with local schools interested in STEM programs. Although we rely heavily on the experience and talents of our great volunteers (members, friends, Directors, etc.), we really do much of this with funds earned from our annual golf outing in the fall. If you have any time available at all and can help with this year's event, please let me know. If you have any great ideas on how to make our tournament better than ever, please let me know what that idea is. I really need some help on this! Thanks and see you around the Post!

> Thanks, Mike Coats

Preview of June 2016 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be given by Mr. David Rast of Peachtree City.



From its beginnings as a collection of farming lands called Aberdeen, Kendron, and Shakerag, Peachtree City has developed into a thriving city of over 35,000 residents. A city within a city, Peachtree City is a mixed residential, commercial, and industrial

area that focuses on effective city planning to allow for projected growth and success.

This presentation will give an overview of the many initiatives being pursued by the city council and its committees to make Peachtree City a "Model City" and be the standard of what a thriving city should be.

Sustaining Member Spotlight: AMEC

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Upcoming events from HQ SAME

SAME Webinar: How to Engage and Position during Government Prospect Meetings– June 21st (1-2 PM) An educational, fast-paced, high-energy and thought-provoking session on how to approach the first meeting with a prospect. Please visit: <u>http://www.same.org/calendar/ModuleID/1581/ItemID/448/mctl/EventDetails</u> for more details on this event.

Post Leader Workshop: 28-30 August in St. Petersburg, FL. An event filled with sessions geared towards making your post the best post it can be. Visit the SAME events page for more details on how you can register for this event.

SAME Webinar: Learn about the Certified Construction Manager Credentials- July 25th (2-3 PM) This presentation will go into depth on the process, procedure, benefits, requirements, preparation and maintenance of the Certified Construction Manager (CCM) credential. Please visit: <u>http://www.same.org/calendar/ModuleID/1581/</u> ItemID/506/mctl/EventDetails for more details on this event.



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

15 June: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. A presentation on the Peachtree City's "Model City" will be given.

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.



A 2016 JETC Summary



Conference & Expo

Society of American Military Engineers Joint Education & Training Conference Phoenix, AZ May 24-26, 2016 SMSgt Anthony Bourdeau

The SAME JETC 2016 event was another wonderful SAME event to attend. This year, I was one of eight individuals selected from an international pool of applicants to receive a travel stipend from SAME National. The stipend was available to SAME Young Members or NCOs to help cover the cost of registration, lodging and airfare. The SAME Robins Post financial-

ly supported me for expenses not covered by the stipend. Thank you.

The three-day schedule of events was full of activities such as the Opening Reception, Society Leadership & Post Awards Breakfast, General Session with Keynote, All Hands Meetings (with each of the Armed Services Civil Engineers), and Society Ball & Awards Gala. In addition, I participated in the Mentoring Program & Reception for Young Members, NCOs, and Fellows, Energy & Sustainability: Enduring Policy Trends, The Role of Leadership in Innovative Organizations, Setting the Contingency Theater: A Total Joint Force Engineer Table Top Exercise, and STEM: Building Our Nation's Future Engineers sessions. During the General Session, attendees had the

opportunity to listen to Mr. Dan McNichol tell the story about his one-year adventure traveling around the United States raising awareness on the sustainment and maintenance of our nation's infrastructure. Mrs. Jane Penny closed out her eventful year on a positive note as SAME President. Her three simple guidelines of say yes, invite others, and have fun helped SAME progress in the right direction during her leadership tenure.

I look forward to our new direction which will be led by incoming President Mr. Michael Blount. I am very thankful for having the opportunity to attend SAME JETC 2016. I was proud to accept the Streamer on behalf of the Robins Post. The positive contributions made by the Robins Post members was recognized across the SAME community as one to emulate. The connections that I've made with public and private engineering community leaders will help me grow/advance in my professional and personal endeavors. It was nice to connect with old friends and make new ones too. I highly recommend that all SAME members attend JETC in the future.





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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."





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