The Advance Metal Finishing Facility (AMFF) was required to modernize plating techniques, enhance productivity, provide the best available technology and best available pollution control technology, and provide enhanced capability to electroplate aircraft components. This facility will provide Robins AFB with state-of-the-art electroplating processes in flexible modular plating lines that are expandable to meet dynamic aviation industry requirements.

Construction of the AMFF began in June 2008. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held 14 March 2013 and this facility boasts increased capacity for C-5 and C-17 workload while taking the environment into consideration by minimizing energy consumption, improving air scrubber efficiencies, and recycling 50-90% of its rinse wastewater.

Please join us for a tour of this state-of-the-art facility on 19 March, starting at 1PM. Spots are limited so please reserve your spot today! Contact the Post Secretary (esther.lee-altman@us.af.mil) for more details.

2013 Streamer Award Winners!

Each year, the Posts of the Society of American Military Engineers compete for Streamer Awards in recognition of outstanding performance and achievement. And as usually, the Robins SAME Post did not disappoint! The Post Streamer Awards will be presented at the Post Awards Breakfast at the Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo, which will held on 20-23 May in Orlando, FL.

Congratulations to the Robins SAME Post on winning the 2013 Streamers with Distinction in the categories of Education & Mentoring, Leadership & Mentoring, Relationships & Recognition, and Emergency Preparedness and Infrastructure Resilience. A special thanks goes out to those who helped with writing up the award packages!
Born and raised in Gloversville, New York, Senior Master Sergeant Edward (Ed) Quinn is currently assigned as the Manager, Command CE Force Development at Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC). In this role, he performs analysis on current processes to develop strategies for improvement and develops new initiatives, plans, projects, programs and strategies to enhance unit productivity levels. Sergeant Quinn ensures all Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) and Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) assets valued at $42.8M, in support of 44 units, are accurately represented in Air Force-level tracking systems. Sergeant Quinn also works projects, evaluates initiatives, and researches requirements for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Civil Engineer leadership and other mission partners; providing insight and ensuring that they have the most current data, an accurate evaluation and all the essential information necessary to make decisions. He prepares and presents briefings, reviews work and products of others, conducts training instruction, and participates in technical exchanges with internal and external customers. Sergeant Quinn also provides professional technical assistance to the AFR Expeditionary Combat Support-Training Certification Center (ECS-TCC) sites Operations Management instructor to enhance wartime readiness and contingency training activities.

SMSgt Quinn was the 2010 SAME Winner of the Society’s Paul R. Smith NCO Medal, was the former Secretary for the Panama City SAME post, and recently completed his Bachelors of Science (BS) Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). His hobbies include fishing, spending time with his family and collecting rare coins. His wife, the former Tammy Oravsky, works for the 325th Force Support Squadron as the sole community activity center recreation aide, assists with their youngest daughters Girl Scout Troop #595 and raises their four children while Sergeant Quinn is assigned at Robins AFB.

Regional VP visits Post: Installation of Officers Ceremony

The Vice President of the South Atlantic Region, Mr. Bill Bersson, had a visit with the Robins SAME Post to perform an Installation of Officers Ceremony at our February general meeting. Officers, old and new, were sworn in to their respective offices in this ceremonial event. Below, are pictures of some of our officers being sworn in by the VP. What a great start to a wonderful year!
Greetings SAME Robins Post! It is a great pleasure and privilege to serve as your next President for 2014. I'm excited about the year ahead and all of the great things we will do to help us achieve the SAME mission, "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." Let me start by saying thank you to Col Ted Munchmeyer who did a fantastic job leading the post in 2013 in this endeavor. Your time and talents shared are much appreciated and helped us to continue the post's award winning ways.

As we look ahead to 2014 I'd like our post to focus on three goals. First, develop a 2-3 year strategic plan that includes what YOU want our post to accomplish. This ensures we are all pullin' in the same direction and the post provides you the benefits you want. Second, invigorate the active participation of members and recruit at least 12 new members. We have a core group of dedicated members that come to each meeting, but our membership roster shows a whole lot more folks out there who have a lot to contribute to the team...and it's always good to keep adding new members so they can enjoy the benefits of SAME. And third, have fun! It's a no brainer...folks like to have fun. The more fun they have the more folks participate, and when more folks participate, our post improves, and when it improves, we all improve professionally, do more good for the community, and continue our award winning ways! So get your idea machine-a-crankin and c'mon out to the next couple of post meetings and help shape our future! See you soon! P.S. Bring a friend! :o)

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