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President's Corner



At our last meeting I briefly mentioned our efforts to start up a Student Chapter at Mercer University. Our own Col Craig Johnson and Eric Robinson got us off to a great start and now we are officially the owner of SAME's newest Student Chapter. SAME's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan has five goals with specific objectives to support those goals Goal # 5, Leadership and Mentoring, directs us to "Cultivate leadership competence and mentoring with SAME by providing opportunities for members, particularly Young Members, to fill leadership roles and to mentor and inspire students of all ages to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math." One of the five specific objectives to help us reach that goal is "Promote engineering and related career fields at colleges and universities through Student Chapters, mentoring programs, scholarships and career planning seminars."

One of the great thing about a Student Chapter is not only getting to work with some of the brightest students and their faculty members, but we get a chance to execute, in real time, the SAME Goals and Objectives. Ideals and actions such as "cultivate leadership", "mentoring", "providing opportunities", "scholarships", and "career planning" will unfold right in front of us if we get involved and stay involved in our new Student Chapter. With Mercer University relatively close by, it will be easy for us to attend their meetings, invite them to our meetings and special events, but as busy as we all are, it will be even easier for us just to assume they will be OK and not need us to help them. Our first opportunity to meet the new Student Chapter will be on March 19. We have a responsibility to support them as they have approved SAME becoming part of their campus environment. I hope to see you there to meet the students and faculty, cultivate, mentor, share your thoughts on career planning, and provide opportunities.

If you were checking my sentences and lists of key words, you might notice that I left out the word "scholarship" in my previous sentence and list of action words. Looking in a dictionary you might find a definition of scholarship as not just money for school but also "learning, knowledge acquired by study, and the academic achievements of a scholar. Yes we might actually learn something by being actively involved in a Student Chapter!

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

Thanks,
Mike Coats

Post wins Distinguished Post Award!

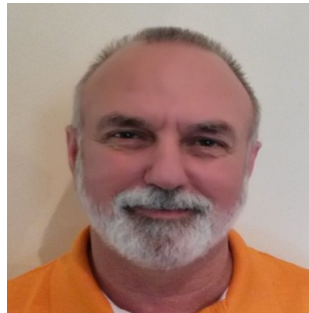


The Streamer Award packages allow the Post to show off the many wonderful activities and events that each Post holds for the year. Posts can win streamers with distinction if they satisfy all required elements plus a certain number of desired elements (depending on if the Post is a small, medium, or large Post).

Typically, the Post wins most of the streamers it submits but this year the Post was named a Distinguished Post for 2014! A big thank you for all those that help with the streamer packages and to those that making our Post the best there is!

Presenter's Bio

Mark Byrd is currently acting as the 78th ABW Energy Office Supervisor; he is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects, member of SAME, and a member of the National Guard Association. He retired from the Georgia Air National Guard with over 24 years of active military service, with 7 of those years as a Base Civil Engineer/ Squadron Commander. While as the Squadron Commander/BCE, he was directly responsible for one of the largest, nationwide, beddowns/conversions and unit moves in the history of the Air National Guard. This conversion consisted of the 116th TFW converting from F-15's, to B-1B's there for changing the Wing to 116 BW. The relocation took the Wing from Dobbins ARB, Marietta GA to Robins AFB, Warner Robins GA.



After retiring from the military Mr. Byrd went into the private industry as a Lead Project Architect for ISES Corporation located in Stone Mountain. In 2010, he obtained a position with the 78th CEG as an Energy Engineer. He currently is responsible for the Energy Office Supervision and directly responsible for the execution of energy program initiatives, energy reduction goals and mandates. Among these responsibilities are the development of Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC's) and Utility Energy Services Contracts (UESC's).

Preview of March 2015 SAME Presentation entitled "Robins AFB Energy Program Initiatives". This presentation will be given by Mark Byrd of the Robins AFB Energy Office.



Reducing energy usage is a hot topic for military installations in that they have certain requirements via executive orders and policy memos to reduce their energy consumption by 30% by 2015 using 2003 as a baseline. A presentation on the current status of Robins AFB and what the base is currently doing along with what they will do in the future to meet those energy metrics will be given by the 78 Civil Engineer Group Energy Office.

The Energy Office is looking at several options for further achieving its energy reduction goals and metrics which include Energy Saving Performance Contracts (ESPC) and Utility Energy Service Contracts (UESC). This presentation will explain what ESPCs and UESCs are and how they can benefit the base along with several continual process improvements to assist the base with not only reducing its energy consumption but save money as well.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **18 March 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:

18 March: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. A presentation on the Robins' AFB Energy Program Initiatives will be given by the base Energy Office.

19 March: 1800 Hours: The first ever Robins SAME Post Student Chapter meeting will be held at Mercer in the Engineering & Science Building (Rm 110). All are welcome to attend.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT:

In April: Joint meeting and Tour of Robins AFB with the Savannah Post Student Chapter. Date TBA.

24 April: SAME Earth Day Golf Tournament. Rain Date: 25 April. If interested becoming a sponsor, please contact Jen Ludwig at jenifer.ludwig@tepa.com.

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."

And Now for the News...

After months of working with the School of Engineering at Mercer University, the Robins SAME Post will be standing up a student chapter! Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 6PM in the Science and Engineering Building. A student chapter is a great way for future engineers to look for a possible mentor or to network with experienced engineers. So if you are looking to become a mentor or just wish to assist with the student chapter, come on out to the meeting. There will be free pizza!



HQ SAME offers numerous seminars, webinars, and conferences that can help you get up to speed on the latest technologies and techniques in the

many facets of engineering! Visit www.same.org for more information on the many opportunities for PDHs, training and even fun events!



Get ready for some easy, breezy Earth Day fun at our annual golf tournament scheduled for 23 April at the Base Golf Course! Sign up today by emailing Jennifer Ludwig at jennifer.ludwig@tepa.com. Contact Jennifer if you're interested donating any items for the tournament or in becoming a sponsor as well. This event is co-sponsored by the Base Environmental Office.

The Board is currently working on setting up a joint meeting and tour with the Savannah Post and its Georgia Southern University Student Chapter. Be on the lookout for more information on this meeting and a tour of various facilities at Robins AFB.

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Colonel Gary Schneider is the Command Civil Engineer and Deputy Director for Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He leads and provides oversight of Air Force Reserve mission support group, civil engineer, security forces and contracting activities at nine host and 57 tenant locations throughout the United States, supporting more than 71,000 Citizen Airmen in three numbered air forces and 34 wings.



Additionally, he provides functional management for 31 Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force and six RED HORSE squadrons, comprised of more than 5,400 Airmen.

Col Schneider is no stranger to SAME. He was previously the President of the Japan Post and has held various post positions over the past 25 years. He has commanded civil engineer squadrons at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; Peterson AFB, Colorado; and Baghdad, Iraq. Before coming to Robins AFB, Colonel Schneider served as the commander, 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Col Schneider is married to Nancy Mink of Boise, Idaho and they have a 4-year old daughter, Haley.

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