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

President's Corner



SUSTAINING MEMBER FIRMS WHERE ARE YOU???

I recently was able to listen in and participate in a conference webinar led by SAME National Headquarters with our Executive Director, Brigadier General Joe Shroeder (US Army Retired) leading the discussion. There were a couple of topics covered during this SAME Summit call, but one topic dominated much of the time, at least to my ears, one topic—Sustaining Member Firm participation. We heard from a couple of the larger Posts who have very active committees with Sustaining Member Firm Representatives involved at a number of levels. As I listened, and as I recalled being a Sustaining Member Firm Representative at one time myself, I recalled how amazingly busy every one of our volunteer leaders are, and as a Sustaining Member Firm Representative, they are already busy with work, but yet they somehow find the “extra” time to get involved. The energy they bring to us is amazing. I know that these companies not only donate their employee’s time and talents to local Posts, but they also pay a price for being a Sustaining Member Firm. So in a way, they pay twice. For that, I say THANK YOU to each of our Sustaining Member Firms’ leadership.

Sustaining Member Firms bring in talent from the best of the industry to serve installations and also many SAME Posts like ours. So for that, I am very grateful. I appreciate the sacrifice many of them make to travel in order to attend meetings and participate in various events, and I appreciate the level of commitment to our Post that many of our Sustaining Member Firms provide. We could not run a successful Post without them! So again, Sustaining Member Firms, where are you? Please step forward, show us who you are so that we can say THANK YOU!

I was also able to listen in on the SAME National’s webinar on its Young Member Initiative. If you are a member of our Post, and eligible to be a Young Member, please make sure your profile on the SAME National membership roster

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

correctly shows that you are a Young Member so that you can get information on various Young Member activities with SAME. I listened to a presentation from a Large Post and how they not only have a Young Member Director’s position on their Board of Directors, but they also have several committees of Young Members leading various activities targeted just for Young Members. It was pretty impressive, and although we don’t have as many Young Members as some of the larger Posts, we do offer just as much leadership, mentoring, and experience-gaining potential

as a larger Post. We just need you to step up, show up, and grow up with SAME helping you grow. We have several Young Members in leadership positions here at the Robins AFB Post, but there is definitely room for more. If you are a Young Member, speak with your supervisor about more leadership opportunities and see if SAME can provide some of those opportunities.

Thanks and see you around the Post!
Mike Coats

Preview of May 2016 SAME Presentation. This presentation will be given by Mr. Joe Ballard of HQ AFRC and is scheduled for May 18th.

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command (HQ AFRC) is one of the largest tenants at Robins AFB with a staff of about 1100 serving Reserve personnel at approximately 80 locations around the world. In an effort to create an adequate and efficient work environment for the Headquarters staff, Congress has authorized MILCON dollars to build a Consolidated Mission Complex (CMC) on base in a location that used to be occupied by base housing. The first phase of the CMC is currently under design. This presentation will provide an update on the scope of this project and how it affects various other AFRC work center relocations on Robins AFB.



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

18 May: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. A presentation will be given by Mr. Joe Ballard on the HQ AFRC Program Review.

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

20 July: 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. The 78th Civil Engineer Group 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. Presentation TBD.

Presenter's Bio



Joe Ballard, Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters, HQ AFRC/A4CM

Joe has been a Program Manager at HQ AFRC since 2009. He retired from the Air Force in 2008 after serving for 25 years as a Civil Engineer Officer. His military career included three tours as a Squadron Commander and two tours on Major Command staffs. After retirement, he served as the 78 Civil Engineer Group Director before assuming his current position at HQ AFRC.

The STEM Corner

From Jamie Cook, Chief of the Robins AFB Workforce Development Branch: Congratulations to Eagle Springs and Northside Elementary Schools in Warner Robins for being the first in Middle Georgia to be recognized as STEM Certified schools by the Georgia Department of Education. This effort spanned over three years and involved coordinating the curricula across all grades, incorporating hands-on STEM projects, and including parents in the journey. Engineers and scientists from Robins AFB, both military and civilian, supported these schools by providing speakers for Career Day, judges for science fairs, and hands-on demonstrations for STEM Family nights. Col Dawn Lancaster, Deputy Installation Commander, was recognized as an essential partner in achieving STEM Certification.



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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."

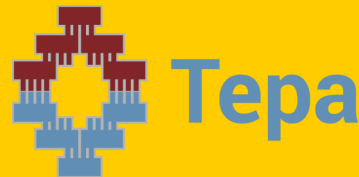
STEM Corner, continued...

The Georgia State School Superintendent, Mr. Richard Woods, made the presentation to both schools on 7 April. Other Middle Georgia schools are currently working to become STEM Certified, including Thomson Middle, Huntington Middle, and Westside Elementary. Watch for calls to volunteer!



STEM activities are a way to engage our youth and potentially shape the future generation of engineers, scientists, and the like. In what ways does your organization support STEM? Let us know about your activities and stories about STEM and we'll highlight your organization in our STEM corner! Contact any board member for more details!

Sustaining Member Spotlight:



Tepa Companies

Tepa, LLC, is a shared services organization owned by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. Tepa provides common leadership, administration and management for nine tribally-owned certified small businesses to ensure clients receive the greatest efficiencies, cost benefits and quality. The nine companies offer a diverse portfolio of services, including heavy, civil and vertical construction, environmental consulting, information technology, and geospatial mapping and processing solutions.

Roundhouse, LLC in Warner Robins, GA



Steve Hvizdzak, PG, is general manager of Roundhouse PBN, LLC, a tribally-owned 8(a) certified small business that delivers a wide range of construction services to federal, public works and private-sector clients nationwide. Mr. Hvizdzak has more than 29 years of experience in the construction industry, with a focus on design-build of warehouses and administration facilities, civil/infrastructure projects and water/wastewater treatment system construction projects.

Roundhouse is one of nine companies held by Tepa, LLC, a shared services organization owned by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. Tepa provides common leadership, administration and management for the companies to ensure clients receive the greatest efficiencies, cost benefits and quality. Through Roundhouse's organization alignment with the Tepa Companies, Mr. Hvizdzak and his team can reach back for resources, capabilities and expertise in any of Tepa's national offices, providing an even deeper toolbox of services.



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