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*Review of the 31 October 2012 SAME Tour of Plant Vogtle. This tour was given by Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia.*

## Tour of Plant Vogtle

The Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, located near Waynesboro in eastern Georgia near the South Carolina border, is jointly owned by Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and Dalton Utilities.

Unit 1 began commercial operation in May 1987. Unit 2 began commercial operation in May 1989. Each unit is capable of generating 1,215 megawatts (Mw) for a total capacity of 2,430 Mw. Unit 3 and Unit 4 are currently under construction.

MEAG hosted a tour on 31 October 2012. Ten SAME members had attended this very informational tour.



## Call for the 2013 Nominations!

**Elections will be in January. Are you interested in becoming a Board Member for our Post?**



The holidays are just around the corner; therefore, our Post has not scheduled any general meetings for November or December. But whenever we resume our meetings in January, the Post will be voting on our officers for 2013! Interested in getting on the ballot? Here is a list of the positions that will be up for election:

- President
- Secretary
- Director, Programs
- Director, Finance
- Vice President
- Assistant Secretary
- Co-Director, Programs
- Director, Education & Mentoring
- Treasurer
- Senior Enlisted Advisor
- Alternate Senior Enlisted Advisor
- Director, Sustaining Membership

Any of our Board Members will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have on the duties of the position you are interested in. Feel free to contact a Board Member today!

# Wounded Warrior Initiative: Quality of Life Plus (QL+)



The QL+ Accessible Cab Entry (ACE) Lift is a modified system to enable disabled Veterans to safely enter and exit the operating cabs of a wide range of heavy equipment, such as big rigs, tractors and trash trucks. The device is central to QL+'s 'Lift Vets to Work!' Program, a training and certification initiative designed to expand employment opportunities for wounded warriors in construction, waste management, agriculture and transportation. More information on this and other QL+ programs can be found at: <http://www.qlplus.org>.

Donations will go toward the engineering of the system to enable individuals with mobility issues to safely and easily enter and exit a range of heavy machinery. The Robins SAME Post is interested in donating to this cause. If you or your company is interested as well, you can make a donation via check by print out the contribution form (<http://www.same.org/images/stories/WWForm-2-27.pdf>) and sending this form and a check to SAME. Your donation will help a disable veteran the chance to re-enter the workforce. Thanks in advance for your contribution!

## SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Michael Reeves, P.E. started Reeves Design Services, LLC in March 2012. Reeves Design Services is located in Macon, Georgia and provides general civil design services in areas such as site development, wastewater treatment and collection, water distribution and environmental compliance. Prior to Reeves Design Services, Michael gained most of his design experience while working at two nationally recognized engineering design firms (Stantec and Jordan Jones & Goulding). He is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a BS in Agricultural Engineering and has over seventeen years of civil design experience for clients located in the southeastern United States. Michael has been a member of SAME for eight years.

Michael has been married to the former Sharon Hurt for 17 years and together they have two young children (James Michael and Georgia). Along with coaching James Michael's travelling soccer team, he enjoys attending UGA athletic events, spending time with his family and serving as a volunteer for the Georgia 4-H organization.

A few representative projects that Mr. Reeves has designed & managed include:

- Fort Benning Water System Improvements: 20,000 L.F. of 30 inch water main and 10,000 L.F. of 8 inch water main to serve as the primary water sources for Fort Benning.
- UGA Rhodes ADS Wastewater Pretreatment: Pretreatment improvements for 15,000 gpd animal research station.
- Medical Center of Central Georgia CSM Building: 2.5 acre site development for a multistory medical office building and parking garage expansion.
- City of Savannah Truman Parkway Utility Relocations: Relocated 5,000 L.F. of 8 – 24 inch water main to allow for roadway widening.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **16 January 2013 at 11:30 am**. The meeting will be held at China Buffet on Russell Pkwy. All are welcome.

### REMINDERS FOR THE POST:

**14 November:** No general meeting but there will be a Board meeting on this day at the Pizza Depot. All are welcome to attend.

**December:** No general meeting but there will be a Board meeting. Date and Location TBA.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR 2013:

**16 January:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting.

**Elections** will be held at this meeting and Pruitt, Eberley, Stone, Inc will be giving a presentation on Blast Protection Design.

**17-23 February:** 2013 National Engineer Week



The Robins SAME Post is now on Facebook!

Please visit us at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/SAME-Robins/249252775150214>, and don't forget to Like us so that you can receive the latest news from SAME!

## Sustaining Member Spotlight:



CAPE delivers construction, environmental remediation, and fuel systems solutions to governmental and private organizations worldwide. Top-caliber personnel respond quickly to customer challenges guided by stringent safety/management controls. CAPE's clients value our dedication to their mission and the accountability demonstrated by every member of the CAPE team. CAPE has 19 CONUS office locations and several OCONUS offices, including Hawaii, Central/South America, and Afghanistan. CAPE is currently performing work for USACE, AFCEC, NAVFAC, DOE, and GSA, as well as for many industrial clients.

CAPE has a long history of supporting Robins AFB, performing more than 85 projects over the past 12 years. The firm has performed a wide variety of projects at the Base, including various environmental studies, assessments, and surveys; preparation of planning documents and hazardous waste permitting; industrial wastewater treatment plant/solid waste treatment plant repair and replacement; facility repair, replacement, demolition, and/or maintenance; fuel systems repair; remediation design, construction, operations and maintenance and optimization; and technical support.

Currently, CAPE is conducting a large performance-based remediation project at Robins AFB. This project involves 18 sites, spans 9 years (2011–2020), and will ultimately be valued at \$49.9M. Work includes interim operation of the groundwater treatment system with the ultimate goal of shutdown of the system; basewide groundwater monitoring; compliance, performance monitoring, and other sampling; analytical data review and management; remediation progress reporting; and hazardous material and waste management. It is anticipated that by the end of this project, 8 of the 18 sites will receive site closure, 4 sites will achieve response complete, and the remaining 6 sites will have an optimized exit strategy.



## *SAME Mission*

*"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."*

## *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."*

## Post Members doing great things for SAME!



Congratulations to our President, Col Nicholas Desport, USAF (ret.) on his retirement! Unfortunately, he will be stepping down as president at the end of his term this year but Col Desport will still be involved with SAME for years to come! Col Desport recently accepted the Deputy Director and Director of Programs position at HQ SAME which he will start on 01 December.

SMSgt Andy Weeks attended the Post Leaders Conference last August. Not only did SMSgt Weeks get to learn about how SAME works but he got to participate in discussions about increasing military membership and mentoring opportunities. SMSgt Weeks is our alternate Senior Enlisted Advisor as well so this was a great chance for him to increase his involvement in SAME.



Ms. Esther Lee-Altman attended the Emerging Leadership Alliance workshop in Reston, VA. This three day workshop allowed engineers and other related career fields to come together and engage one another on the many facets of leadership. As college prepares us for the technical expertise needed for your chosen field, development of leadership skills is left largely to the individual. This workshop is an excellent way to hone in on these skills.

# 2012 Fall Golf Tournament

Golfers for the Robins SAME Post 2012 Fall Golf Tournament not only got to enjoy some beautiful weather this year but also received some nice door prizes as well. With the sun shining and a chance to win a tail gater's grill and some cash, how could you not enjoy the day? The profits from this tournament will help fund our annual scholarships and once again we were successful in raising close to \$5,000!



Below are some pictures from the tournament and list of winners:

1st Place Team: Eric Anania, Bobby Cheney, Tom Toombs, and Mike Hellwage of TEPA

2nd Place Team: Scott Wall, Tim Greene, and Mike Keyes of HQ AFRC

3rd Place Team: Tom Troutman, Jared Hardy, Dale Barlow, and Terry Stab of New South Construction

Longest Drive Winner: Brandon Higgins

Closest to the Pin Winner: Dale Barlow

Putting Contest Winner: MSgt Gregg Gwynn



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