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

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# President's Corner

First off I just wanted to say thank you again to everyone that participated in our 18th Annual Education and Mentoring Golf Tournament. It was a great event and I really appreciate the turn out. I especially want to thank all of our sponsors and those that donated items: New South Construction, Flint Energies, Cape Environmental Management, EA Engineering, Test America, F3 Solutions, Tepa LLC., Georgia Power, Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants (GEC), Clark-Nexsen, Merrick, Raymond Engineering, Top Gun Contracting, Geosyntec Consultants, and Kroger. The tournament simply could not work without all of our sponsors and donors.



Yes it is almost Post election time! We will be looking for leadership in every one of our positions. We have a number of people who have held leadership positions for a number of years that may remain, some may rotate to a new position, and some may rotate off all together. We have a great deal of opportunities coming

#### **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

up and WE REALLY NEED YOUR TALENT AND EXPERI-ENCE to make our Post even more productive than before. Any of the Directors and Officers listed in the back of this Flyer would be glad to talk with you about what they do. It has been said that "many hands make light work" and the same is true when it comes to running a volunteer organization like ours. So join us!

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Thanks, Mike Coats

## Make a Difference: Election Season



As we finish up the year and start ramping for the new year, the Post will be holding its elections for the 2016 Board in January. Wish to get more involved with this wonderful organization? Have a desire to "Lead The Way" for the Post? The Post has several positions available for YOU to get more involved with SAME.

Feel free to contact any Board member (contact information is at the end of this flyer) for more information on how you can increase your involvement with SAME!

**Review of December 2015 SAME Presentation.** This presentation will be given by Chief Jimmy Williams of the Houston County Fire Department and is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd.



In 2003, Georgia Emergency Management Agency established Georgia's first Urban Search and Rescue teams located in the central, metro, and coastal areas of the state. The Warner Robins Fire Department is a core member of the central area which is now designated Task Force 4.

The Chief of the Houston County Fire Department will be giving a presentation on the mission of the Emergency Management department with a special focus on their Search and Rescue team.

#### Presenter's Bio

Chief Jimmy Williams hails from the southeast Georgia town of Blackshear, but has lived almost his entire life in Warner Robins. He has been in the public safety field since 1982 starting out as a volunteer firefighter. He became the assistant emergency management director in 1989 and in 1994 was promoted to director and fire chief.



Chief Williams currently serves as the secretary-treasurer of the GA Fire Chiefs Association, Chairman of the Area IV All Hazards Council which consist of 25 counties in middle GA, Chairman of the Houston County Emergency Food and Shelter Board through United Way, member of the Houston County school system safety committee, permanent member of the Houston County Safety Committee, coordinator for the Central GA Senior Leadership Training Seminar, Founding Member of the Safe Kids of Houston County, and Chairman of the Central GA Search and Rescue Task Force. Chief Williams also serves on the Curriculum Committee for Central Georgia Technical College.

He is married to his high school sweetheart and has two sons age 15 and 10. He is an active member of Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and fishing.

#### What's happening in SAME...

SAME has many wonderful webinars and conferences to assist you with your continuing education and keeping you up to date on the latest trends in the industry. Visit the SAME National page (www.same.org) for more details.

Here's a list of some upcoming events:

A webinar to sharpen your relationship building skills is being offered on 03 December. Visit: <u>http://www.same.org/index.php/component/content/</u> article/213 webinars/1127 business-is-personal to register for this event.

The Jacksonville Post will be hosting an Industry Day on 8-9 December at the UNF University Center. Please view the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.



The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **02 December 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 November:** No general meeting but there will be a Board meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**02 December:** 1130 Hours: The Houston County Fire Chief will be giving a presentation on the Georgia State Search and Training Team.

**20 January:** 1130 Hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/ Officer's Meeting. Presentation will be given by Mercer engineering Research Center.

**20 January:** ELECTIONS!!! Please have nominations in by **06 January.** Note that only Post members can vote in the elections.

Positions that will be voted on include: President; Vice President; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Senior Enlisted Advisor. Also, we will vote on several Director positions: Sustaining Memberships; Events/Small Business; National Security; Membership (Individuals); Programs

Talk to any Board Member for more information on how you or someone you think would be a great candidate can get on the ballot!

#### 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."

# Student Chapter Update: First Meeting

The SAME Mercer Student Chapter had a meeting on the morning of 26 October where they were given a presentation by our Post Treasurer, Mr. James Griffin, about the Consulting side of Engineering. Mr. Griffin also went into some detail about resumes, interviews, and stressed how important communication skills are in any facet of business. Overall, a great presentation for the students to hear first hand about what they can do to better their chances in a continuously growing industry.





# SAME Spotlight: Genesis Joy House

The primary mission of the Genesis Joy House Model is to drastically reduce homelessness among female veterans throughout the state of Georgia -- by providing advocacy programs to improve the quality of life for our veteran women. Genesis Joy House is collaborating and bridging a great network of resources in Middle and Central Georgia to help our veterans and our community. We're here to serve!

Our veterans and the general public are welcomed to participate in our programs. These programs will train individuals how to develop effective relationships, build self-esteem, deal with life's challenges, sustainability, and more. We believe that individuals can better contribute to their communities when they are properly equipped to do so. It is very important to us that all individuals who want a secure, supportive place to learn life skills, heal wounds, and make positive changes in their lives have a safe AND affordable place to go.



Genesis will be the only transitional housing facility in Houston county for homeless female veterans. If you would like more information, please visit: www.genesisjoyhouse.org.

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#### **Accepting Abstracts**

We are accepting abstracts for presentations for 2016. Let us know what presentation topics, presenters, or tour ideas would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Joe Ballard at: <u>not believed topus of mill</u> with feedback or for more information.









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# **December 8th**

December 9th