



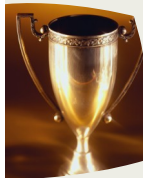
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Preview of February 2010 SAME Presentation, entitled "The Deeds of the Houston County Habitat for Humanity." This presentation will be given by Thomas A. Prior, Executive Director of Houston County Habitat for Humanity.

The Deeds of Houston County Habitat for Humanity

Houston County Habitat for Humanity (HoCo Habitat) became an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International on October 1, 1991. To date, HoCo Habitat has built 43 homes in Houston County. Presently HoCo Habitat is building homes in the Wellston Villas – Neighborhood Revitalization project south of Watson Blvd. Since 2005 HCHH has raised over \$600,000 to build 15 homes with a goal to raise \$1.2 million contributing to a total of 27 homes. One of Habitat for Humanity's slogan is *"We are not giving a hand out, but a hand up."* This is especially true in these difficult economic times. HoCo Habitat seeks to partner with those groups and individuals who embrace the opportunity to make a difference. A difference in the lives of our partner families as well as a difference in our community.

This presentation will highlight the many accomplishments of HoCo Habitat and share the stories of a couple of our partner families as well as our goals for the future with regard to Energy Star and Green build.



Post Election Results

The SAME Robins Post election results for officer/director positions are presented below:

President: Col. Nicholas Desport
Vice President: Mr. Michael Coats
Secretary: Ms. Esther Lee
Assistant Secretary: Ms. Casey Spinks
Treasurer: Mr. Griff Cox
National Security Director: Mr. Joe Ballard
Events/Small Business Director: Mr. Steve Hvizdzak
Sustaining Memberships Director: Mr. Paul Koch

Officer positions are one-year terms and director positions are two-year terms. **SAME Robins Post elections were held at the 20 January 2010 General Meeting.** Congratulations to our new officers and directors!



Presenter's Bio: Thomas A. Prior, Houston County Habitat for Humanity

Originally from Oregon, Thomas A. Prior served in the Air Force for 30 years retiring as a Colonel in December 2007. During his Air Force career he logged over 6000 hours flying air refueling and worldwide reconnaissance missions. Following his flying adventures, he served on several staffs. As a planner on the Air Mobility Command IG Team he developed the mobility ORI concept for the newly acquired air refueling units. Tom and his family arrived in Warner Robins in 2001 and he became the Team Chief on the Air Force Reserve Command IG Team. After three years and visiting almost every Reserve unit, the command tapped him to lead the Current Operations Division. Here he led a team supervising the Reserve Command's daily operational flying.



In January 2008, following his USAF retirement, Tom became a fundraising volunteer with Habitat and later joined the Habitat Board of Directors. In February 2009, when long-time Houston County Habitat leader John Sillers retired, Tom became the Executive Director.

SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month



Richard "Ric" Powers is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Area Engineer at Robins AFB out of Savannah District. He has been at Robins since 1987 and is responsible for all MILCON construction undertaken at Robins AFB and for construction undertaken by the Moody AFB Resident Office and the Atlanta Resident Office and Dobbins ARB Project Office in Atlanta, who supervise work at Fort Gillem, Camp Merrill and Dobbins ARB.

Ric was born in Ohio, spent time in Kentucky and Tennessee before his family settled in Indiana. He graduated from Rose Hulman (Rose Polytechnic) Institute of Technology, located in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1974, with a degree in civil engineering. He began his meandering with the Corps

in the Louisville District immediately upon graduation.

Ric's desire to be in construction has required him to be mobile and first resulted in his moving to Nashville District to work on the Wolf Creek Dam ICOS 280 ft. deep concrete cutoff wall. From there he transferred to Savannah District's contract administration branch where he worked for two and a half years. From Savannah, Ric transferred to the Corps' Middle East Division, where he worked in field, district, and division level assignments in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He also served two tours in the Sultanate of Oman, the first in Muscat and the second in Thumrait. From Thumrait, he was transferred to Beni Suef, Egypt, as Resident Engineer. He returned to CONUS in 1985 as Resident Engineer, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.

Ric has been an active member of SAME in that he has served in several officer positions such as president, vice president, treasurer. In the past, he has been Programs Director and became a Designated Fellow in 2004. Ric has been a lifetime member since 1997. In 2006, he received the Robins SAME Post President's Award, which was renamed the Ric Powers Achievement Award that year in honor of his dedication and commitment to SAME.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on **17 February 2010 at 11:30 am.** The meeting will be held in the Horizon's Atrium. All are welcome.

Upcoming Dates in 2010

14-20 February: National Engineers Week (observance). The Middle Georgia chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers is hosting a luncheon on **17 February**. The Keynote speaker will be Mr. F. Allen Barnes, the GA EPD Director. See attached flyer for details.

17 February: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by the SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting for current Officers at the Horizon's Atrium. The Executive Director of Houston County Habitat for Humanity, Thomas A. Prior, will be presenting 'The Deeds of Houston County Habitat for Humanity' which will highlight the many accomplishments of the organizations and discuss the future goals of Habitat for Humanity in terms of Green build and Energy Star.

17 March: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. LaFarge Concrete Products will be the featured presenter and will present on alternative technologies with concrete materials.

23 April: Earth Day Golf Tournament at Robins AFB.

4-7 May: SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo 2010, Atlanta, Georgia (SAME National Conference). Would your company like to sponsor or volunteer for an event? See last page of the flyer for more details.

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."

Distinguished Service Honored with Award Presentation

Mr. Bill Nagel was recognized by the SAME Robins Post Board for his service in SAME and was acknowledged as the recipient of the prestigious **Ric Powers' Achievement Award**. Mr. Nagel has served as The SAME Robins Post Secretary for the past 3 years. Mr. Nagel is a 1993 University of Buffalo Engineering Graduate and is a Project Engineer at Geosyntec Consultants' local office located in Warner Robins.



Ms. Laurel Cordell was also recognized by the SAME Robins Post Board for all of her contributions to SAME and to the Post, and was named the recipient of the **Outstanding Young Member Award**. Ms. Cordell has served as a Programs Director for the post this

past year. Ms. Cordell is a 2007 Mercer University Engineering Graduate and serves as a Project Manager for the Environmental Division on restoration projects.

The SAME Robins Post would like to congratulate Mr. Nagel and Ms. Cordell on these awards. The awards were presented at the January 20th SAME Robins Post General Meeting.

The Post appreciates all of their contributions to SAME over the past year.

Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms: MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. (MACTEC) is a full-service engineering, environmental, and construction services firm headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia (Atlanta metropolitan area). Since its beginning in 1946, the firm has emphasized technical excellence with personal service from a local office. As a result, the firm has grown to nearly 3,000 employees in approximately 80 offices and more than 30 states.

MACTEC's expanded and technically diverse services include geotechnical and materials testing, environmental, facilities engineering, civil design, transportation, water, land planning, and landscape architecture capabilities. The firm offers this broad array of engineering, scientific, and technical services to more than 8,000 public and private sector clients.

MACTEC has a long history of working for military agencies. Since 1986, the firm has closed 281 prime and 279 subcontract agreements for the U.S. Department of Defense. MACTEC has provided design and construction services for such security-sensitive projects as the Air Force One complex, the Presidential Communications complex, the National Maritime Intelligence Center, National Command and Control facilities, and various U.S. Embassy upgrades.

MACTEC also is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and has LEED-accredited personnel in various engineering disciplines. Over the past five years, the firm has participated in a number of LEED-certified projects, including the Atlantic Station brownfield development, which won the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2004 Grand Prize Phoenix Award. The firm helps clients achieve LEED certification and sustainability by applying green design principles, streamlining industrial processes, meeting regulatory requirements, and conserving natural resources.



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Are you with a Sustaining Member Firm?

If you would like to become one, or if you are not sure of your company's registration status, please contact Mr. Paul Koch, our Sustaining Member Director, at 478.923.5999 or pdkoch@mactec.com.

Accepting Abstracts

We are currently accepting abstracts for presenters and Presentations in 2010. Let us know what presentation topics or presenters would most interest you. We want to know what is important to you. Please contact Mr. Ken Branton at kenneth_branton@urscorp.com with feedback or for more information.



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Mercer University
School of Engineering

2010 Engineers Week Luncheon

Keynote Speaker:

**Mr. F. Allen Barnes,
Georgia EPD Director**

Mr. Barnes will speak about current and upcoming environmental issues affecting the State of Georgia

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010
Registration: 11:15 a.m.
Program: 12:00 p.m.
*Location: Mercer University - Macon
University Center
President's Dining Room*
Cost: \$20 per person (payable at door)

*RSVP by Friday, February 12, 2010
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Seating is limited to the first 100 guests.

No cancellations after February 12th



F. Allen Barnes was appointed Director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources on Oct. 28, 2009.

Mr. Barnes served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 office in Atlanta. While at EPA, he worked with senior management and staff on compliance, permitting, enforcement and policy matters related to air and water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste management.

Mr. Barnes also was a prosecutor in the Florida State Attorney's Office, a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Pensacola, Florida, and a lawyer/mediator in private practice. Mr. Barnes was most recently a partner in King & Spalding's environmental practice. He earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of West Florida.



The Society of American Military Engineers Atlanta Post

As we move closer to the upcoming 2010 JETC, hosted by the Atlanta post, we are gaining in both sponsorship and volunteers for this great event. As members of the Region, we would like to encourage you to step up and sponsor and/or volunteer to help make this one of the best National JETC events.

The Joint Engineering and Training Conference (JETC) provides an unequalled opportunity to build essential private and public sector partnerships, engage in professional development, networking and mentoring opportunities, and participate in discussions about some of the most important issues facing our private and public sector partners.

A sponsorship at JETC 10, is an effective way not only to increase your company's visibility, also a great opportunity to help SAME continue to grow and provide the invaluable resources needed for the engineers of tomorrow. We have sponsorships ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 that feature incredible opportunities for your company to reach its targeted audience. I have also included the most current matrix of available sponsorships available for you to review.

I hope that you will consider becoming a sponsor for JETC 10 and that you will help us continue to fortify our foundation here at SAME.

Please contact either Stephanie Murillo, SAME Marketing Communications Specialist at (703)-549-3800, Ext. 144, or Kieu-Anh Tran (770) 939-6500, to further discuss what a sponsorship at JETC 10 will do for you. Note that you can also log on and register at the JETC Web Page for any sponsorship level.

In addition to the sponsorship we are always looking for volunteers to assist us in making this a great event. If you would like to participate by volunteering, then please contact Ray Ramos at 770-483-9592 or by e-mail ray.Ramos@raymondengineeringga.com.

Thank you for your consideration of becoming a JETC 2010 Sponsor or Volunteer.

Respectfully

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