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Preview of August 2009 SAME presentation, entitled "Cuba – From Both Sides of the Fence." This presentation will be given by Mr. Lou Martinez, PE, Martinez Management.

Cuba – From Both Sides of the Fence

In December 2001, Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR) was tasked to construct temporary facilities for the detainees from the Global War on Terrorism at Guantanamo Naval Base Cuba. The project was under the Navy's Contingency Capability Contract, or CONCAP, and had to be completed in less than 90 days. KBR would later construct multiple additional facilities, including the state of the art prisons. These are the facilities that are scheduled to be closed before the end of 2009, but subject to much discussion concerning how the detainees would be managed elsewhere. At the same time, KBR was tasked by the Department of State to upgrade the US Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy to current Anti-terrorism Force Protection standards in Havana.

This talk will address the special challenges of each project as well as discuss some of the processes for operating in Cuba under the Trade Embargo.



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SAME Spotlight: Member of the Month

Colonel Nicholas L. Desport is the The Civil Engineer, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. He is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations of all facilities and systems for 74,700 reservists in three numbered air forces, operating 37 flying wings. Additionally, he provides functional management for 39 civil engineer squadrons and two RED HORSE squadrons comprising over 5,000 troops.

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Presenter's Bio: Lou Martinez, PE Martinez Management



Thirty-four years of experience in charge of worldwide engineering organizations specializing in contracted and in-house resources for design, construction, operations and maintenance, and housing. Pioneered the concept of partnering, or team building for total quality, on projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Former Senior VP for Design and Construction for Kellogg Brown and Root, supervising 850 in house engineers and construction managers and thousands of subcontractor personnel, with a \$ 750 MM annual program. Currently President of Martinez Engineering and Management Services, Inc., a consulting firm advising construction and engineering companies on design build project management and marketing.

Atlanta Post "Shrimp Boil" Announcement

Please join us for our annual shrimp boil as we attempt to devour more than 50 lbs. of boiled shrimp. Remember, all the boiled shrimp you can eat; we've never had someone walk away hungry. As always, drinks (water, soda, beer) will be provided and for those landlubbers in attendance, sandwiches and chicken tenders will be served. We are expecting 60+ attendees for this annual feast (including representation from USACE SAD) and promise a festive, networking atmosphere for all.

Where: American Legion Post 140 - Chastain Park, Atlanta, GA

When: 17 September 2009 from 1600 - 1900

Cost: \$25.00/person \$20.00/Young Member (ID required)

RSVP: Robbie Huffman at robbie.huffman@wolverton-assoc.com or (770) 447-8999 by Thursday, September 10, 2009



WHAT'S COMING UP...

The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on 19 August 2009 at 11:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Horizon's Atrium. All are welcome.



Upcoming Dates in 2009

19 August: 1130 a.m.: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officers' Meeting. Mr. Lou Martinez will be presenting on "Cuba - From Both Sides of the Fence."

16 September: 1130 a.m.: SAME General Meeting immediately preceded by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting.

22 October: SAME Robins Golf Tournament (No General Meeting in October)

Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms: GEC

Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (GEC) is an engineering consulting firm with offices in Macon, Columbus, LaGrange and Atlanta, Georgia. GEC was founded in 1999, from the succession of the Macon and Columbus branch offices of Geosciences, Inc. (founded in 1991).

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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.”

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GEC provides consultative services in three key areas: Geotechnical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Construction Quality Control Testing.

The GEC staff consists of over 60 staff members including professional engineers and geologists, project engineers and geologists, biologists, environmental specialists, drillers, environmental and engineering technicians, and support staff and administrative personnel.

GEC received the 2004 Small Existing Industry Award from the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and strongly believes that a company should give back to the community, as evidenced by its' involvement in numerous community organizations and activities.

The staff at GEC has provided consulting services to Robins AFB for over 18 years and has worked collectively on over 175 projects at Robins.

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