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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROBINS AFB POST:
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS

The Monthly Mentor

There will be a mentoring session held at 11:00 a.m. prior to the monthly meeting on 21 June. Open to all, the session will be conducted this month by Ms. Nancy Manley, Chief, Engineering Flight, 778 Civil Engineer Squadron. Nancy will discuss - "Licensure/Continuing Education - Why Are They Important?"

This topic will promote an understanding of the civilian grade structure how to help employees obtain the promotions and recognition they need.

Happy Hour

Every 3rd Friday of the Month, all SAME members, both young and seasoned, are invited to meet at the Wellston, behind the Officer's Club, for a drink or two.



In 1894, Lord Kelvin predicted that radio had no future; he also predicted that heavier-than-air flying machines were impossible.

What's Going On...

**Wednesday 21 June 2006
Officer's Club Atrium**

11:30 a.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

**Guest Speaker:
Col David Nakayama, 542 CSW
Vice Director and former
Columbia Accident Investigation
Board Investigator**

Col Nakayama will discuss the role of three overarching concepts in the January 2003 Columbia space shuttle accident that claimed the lives of seven astronauts. These concepts are the roles of history, organization, and culture in this tragedy.

What does this mean for the organizations we work at? The shuttle program has returned to nearly the same status organizationally as prior to the Challenger incident in 1986. Despite numerous corrective actions initiated in 1986, the program reverted to its near original form. How can NASA and your organization keep this from happening? What key lessons must be embraced?



Post It Notes

**Recap of the 16 May Tour:
*Georgia Power's Plant
Scherer***

Sixteen SAME Post members were able to attend the tour of Georgia Power's facility north of Macon on the shores of Lake Juliette. The largest coal-fired facility in the world has been in operation since 1982, burning 40,000 tons of coal per day, incorporates four turbines each supplied 5.8M pounds of steam an hour and producing 880,000 kW each.

The tour took the participants throughout the facility, make an impression on all due to the size and volume of materials, utilities, and equipment utilized at the site.



**Mark your calendars for the
South Atlantic/South Central
Regional Education and
Training Conference
October 31 - November 2,
2006**



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Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms

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Disciplines: Groundwater Assessment and Remediation; Surface Water & Natural Resources Management; Site Investigation & Remedial Design/Action; Geoenvironmental Engineering; Geotechnical Engineering; Risk Assessment & Management; Environmental Management; Pollution Prevention; Wastewater Management; Brownfield Site Development; Waste Disposal Facility Permitting, Design, Construction & Closure

Number of Employees: 175 in the Southeast, 90 in GA, 600 worldwide

Expertise: GeoSyntec's expertise includes testing and application of innovative passive remediation technologies such as in-situ chemical oxidation, permeable chemical reactive barriers, and bioaugmentation. Cutting-edge innovation is applied in a variety of practice areas including remedial optimization, process engineering, and natural resource enhancement. Georgia advanced technology applications include in-situ chemical oxidation and natural attenuation, plus bioaugmentation at Robins AFB.

SAME Interest: GeoSyntec serves in a number of post activities nationally. Our staff serves in a variety of capacities including participation as post board members. We leverage our SAME membership to introduce staff to federal sector technology advances and establish professional relationships with our federal sector colleagues.

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