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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 May 25th. Open to all, and conducted this month by Ms. Nancy Manley, Chief, Engineering Flight, 778 Civil Engineer Squadron.

The topic descriptor is why one should be active in professional societies. Nancy will take the lead, but asks for input from other SAME members.

2005 SAME Scholarship recipients:

The Post provided scholarships to the following in mid May: Jonathan A. Broadie, Northside High School & Lauren A. Janelle, Mercer University.

Both have expressed their deep appreciation for the financial assistance

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.

Recap of the 15 June 2005 General Meeting:

Geobase

Bob Akridge and Craig Henry provided an excellent overview of the use, extent, and application of Geobase from the standpoint of both command and organization levels at Robins.

Their vision: **One Base, One Network, One Map!**



What's Going On...

**Wednesday 20 July 2005
in the Atrium of the
Robins AFB Officer's Club**

11:30 a.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

**Guest Speaker:
Mr. Dave Phillips, PE,
(Col, US Army Ret.)
Senior Consultant,
GeoSyntec Consultants**

Dave will provide an overview of work at Fernald, OH providing engineering and field services to design, construct, and fill an on-site disposal facility for low level radioactive and treated RCRA waste.

Fernald is a former uranium processing facility for nuclear materials for the U.S. weapons program during the cold war. The site was placed on the National Priorities List in 1989 and was the first environmental cleanup facility in the Department of Energy complex.

The design life was specified as "1,000 years to the extent reasonable and in any case for 200 years." Design was completed and approved by USEPA and OEPA in 1996, construction began in 1997, and final closure is 2006.

The facility was designed for a waste capacity of 2.5 million banked cubic yards, covering approximately 70 acres.

Post It Notes

For those with College-bound children....

The United States House Science, State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriations & Environment, Technology & Standards Subcommittees jointly introduced legislation to create a new student loan forgiveness program to encourage math, science and engineering careers.

H.R 1547/S. 765 would establish an Education Department program in which the government would pay the student loan interest in return for the person working for 5 years in a job related to science, math, or engineering, including teaching in those fields. The government would initiate payment at the beginning of the service; the cap is \$10,000 per person. See the following sites:

- http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=109_cong_bills&docid=f:h1547ih.txt.pdf
- <http://www.house.gov/wolf/news/2005/04-12-loanforgive.html>
- <http://www.house.gov/science/press/109/109-49.htm>



Bob and Craig do standup!



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Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms

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

Number of Employees: 90 in Georgia, 500+ internationally

Expertise: Geosyntec's expertise includes the testing and application of innovative passive remediation technologies such as in-situ chemical oxidation, permeable chemical reactive barriers, and bioaugmentation. Innovative applications of advanced technologies applied in Georgia include in-situ chemical oxidation at an industrial site near Hartwell, and a demonstration of bioaugmentation here at Robins AFB.

SAME Interest: GeoSyntec staff participates in a number of post activities around the country. 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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