



The Flyer

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 15 March. Open to all, the session will be conducted this month by Jeff VanAtten of Mactec. Jeff will discuss Value Engineering and the importance of it in the engineering design process.

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 February 2006 General Meeting:

Iraqi Water Rebuild Program

Ted Clark with Earth Tech presented an overview of his company's Iraqi Water Rebuild Project. Contracts for the project included construction of six large (>1000 cm/hr) plants using simple design with no automation. Challenges of the contract included limited raw water quality data, limited surveys due to war conditions, non-existent industry or transportation network for supplies, language barrier (spoken and written), politics and security (1/3 of project cost was dedicated to security efforts).



What's Going On...

The March Post General Meeting returns to the Officer's Club.

Wednesday 15 March 2006

11:30 a.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Phillip McQuiston, Vice President - AMEC

Mr. McQuiston will present AMEC's experience at Andersen AFB, Guam. AMEC was contracted by AFCEE for more than 20 projects to provide infrastructure support following Super Typhoon Pongsana. The projects included back-up generators, fuel tanks, blast doors, runway repairs, facility construction, electrical distribution line burial and other airfield work.

Please join us to hear this fascinating project and subsequent lessons learned.

Engineering Trivia....

Two irrigation dams built by Roman engineers in the 2nd century AD in Merida Spain, are still in use. The only major maintenance work they have needed in the past 1,800 years has been the renewal of their stone facings, carried out in the 1930's.



Message from the President

I am extremely excited about 2006 and the direction of the Robins AFB Post. We have several initiatives for the upcoming year that I wanted to share. The first priority for 2006 will be increasing membership and attendance at our monthly meetings. Although our sustaining membership has been increasing over the last few years, our general membership has been in decline. We will focus on increasing our membership from civil engineering as well as active duty personnel on base. There is support for SAME at the highest levels and we expect to capitalize on that. In regards to increasing our monthly meeting attendance, we are looking hard at what we feel our Post members want to see the most based on past attendance numbers. Expect more "field-trips" and presentations on technical subjects that are relevant. We are back at the Officer's Club now that construction is over, so hopefully, there will not be any confusion to the meeting place. If anyone has any suggestions on meeting topics or ways to help increase attendance, please feel free to email or call me. In next month's newsletter, I will present some of our other initiatives for 2006. – Mark MacEwan

Upcoming SAME Events



2006 SAME Joint Engineer Education and Training Conference & Expo
May 30 – June 2, 2006
New Orleans, LA

<http://posts.same.org/JEETCE2006/>

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Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms

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Disciplines: Primary business lines are: Environmental Services, Title I/II Design & Management Services, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Construction & Operation, and Range Management & Sustainment.

Expertise: Operating in more than 40 countries and in 700 locations from the Australian outback to the Arctic, AMEC is one of the largest and most technically proficient environmental, engineering design and construction firms in the world. AMEC has completed crucial, time-sensitive projects for the Air Force, Army and Navy at bases in every time zone around the globe.

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