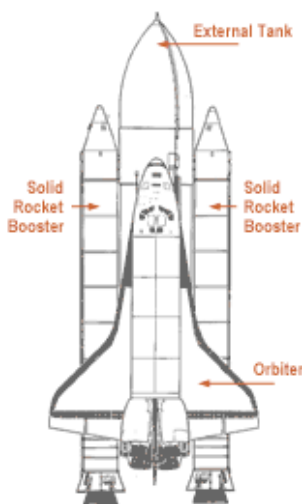




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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROBINS AFB POST:
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS

Preview of June Post General Meeting 21 June 2006



Space Shuttle
(launch configuration)

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

Speaking on:
The Role of History, Organization, and Culture

in the Columbia Accident ...
What Can We Learn About Our Own Organizations?

Despite numerous corrective actions following the loss of Challenger in 1986, the shuttle program had returned to a nearly identical organization at the time of Columbia's loss. How could this have happened? Hear valuable lessons applicable to all organizations.

This briefing has been recorded and is part of the Air War College curriculum

Engineering Trivia

The variety of aluminum used to manufacture airplane wings is capable of withstanding loads of more than 90,000 pounds per square inch. Aluminum can be spun into a filament so fine that 1.5 pounds of it could encircle the world.

What's Coming Up...

May

No Post General Meeting
A tour of Georgia Power's Plant Scherer was conducted on May 16

June

Col. Nakayama speaking on his work on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board

July

Presentation on construction materials by Modcast

SAME Century House



"Thank you for the Robins AFB Post's \$750 Medium-Post Sponsorship of the SAME Century House Fund! Your Post has led the way, as the first Post to make a contribution to the fund! The Post's contribution will go toward the establishment of a *Gallery of Military Engineer Leaders* and fund needed restoration of the facades and windows on the exterior of the historic SAME Headquarters building."

- Robert Wolf
SAME Executive Director

Mike Coats presented a SAME \$1000 Scholarship at Houston County (top right) and Peach County (bottom right) High Schools

Earth Day 2006 Activities

Wrap-Up

Wellston Trail Greenway Cleanup was a great success with over 23 volunteers participating

The Earth Day Golf Tournament was also a great success with 85 participants with a net gain of \$1000 which will go towards SAME Scholarships

SAME Scholarship Winners



Billy Heaburg with Mr. Coats



Christopher Wilson with Mr. Coats

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Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms

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Disciplines: Displaying the cooperative difference by meeting member's needs through providing energy services to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural members and value added services like surge protection, water heater warranty program, load management, and appliance sales.

Expertise: Incorporated in 1937 as an electric membership cooperative to provide energy services to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural members in parts of 17 central Georgia counties. Flint has 226 employees serving more than 255,000 Georgians through more than 75,000 meters with 6,000 miles of distribution line and 49 substations located within Bibb, Chattahoochee, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Houston, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Muscogee, Peach, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, Talbot, Twiggs, and Upson Counties. The system also includes the Fort Benning. Acquired in June 1999, the groundbreaking partnership with Fort Benning has resulted in a successful relationship between Flint Energies and the Army. Substantial growth makes Flint the seventh largest of Georgia's 42 EMCs and the 34th largest of the nation's nearly 1,000 rural electric cooperatives. Keeping members first, Flint Energies continues the legacy of accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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