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Newsletter of the Robins AFB Post
Society of American Military Engineers

Dues

National has been notified that dues have been increased to ten dollars (\$10) for individual members; reduced to zero (\$0) for young, under 35yrs, and student members.

MATH Counts

MathCounts, a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement is a Society supported K-12 activity. Information packets are available from HQ. Contact Nancy Manley for more information.

SAME Store Is Up And Running!

Individuals and Posts interested in purchasing awards, apparel and other SAME merchandise can do so now online at www.same.org/merchandise. The SAME Store will allow you to search for an item, select items for your shopping cart and make payments—all online. This quick and easy feature will make purchasing your SAME merchandise a breeze. Individual apparel order can be made up to **Jan 31, 2005**. Next order time for individuals is April.

What's Going On...

**19 January 2005
in the Atrium of the
Robins AFB Officer's Club**

11:30 a.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Guest Speaker(s)

Wilt Lee, NILE Inc.
Bob Somers, 2RW Engineering
"Energy Conservation and Building Occupants"

Energy conservation program savings are not just the result of installing new, more efficient technologies for space heating, cooling, and illumination. Significant savings can also be achieved by changes in how occupants use the building and its systems. An educational and public relations program can change occupant behavior and maintain utility savings over time.

The first objective of an occupant behavioral modification program is to address the negative connotations of the term "energy conservation" which many people associate with discomfort or doing without. The informational program should define a savings goal and give building occupants periodic updates about how the community is doing in achieving the goal. Occupants should be informed about the

changes that are to be made in their facilities – what changes are being made, how the new systems and equipment work, and the advantages of the new hardware.

The education program should not end when the energy savings equipment is installed: a continuing information campaign will help energy savings to persist, reminding occupants how their actions influence energy use.



Ideally, the program will permit two-way communication with the community, enabling users to ask questions, report problems, and contribute additional strategies to achieve savings targets. Feedback from building occupants will be valuable during system commissioning in uncovering and correcting problems.

By enlisting the help of building occupants and keeping them informed of the energy program's progress, greater and more persistent savings can be realized.

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Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms

Name: NILE Inc.

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Expertise: Design/Construction

SAME Interest: Energy Conservation

Services:

NILE Inc is a quality focused 8 (a) SDB and HUBZone engineering & construction company specializing in energy conservation, facility renovations, infrastructure improvements, demolition, hazardous materials removal & Health & Safety consulting. Founded in 1996 as a design and construction company. NILE's expanded services include asbestos, lead-based paint & mold abatement, industrial hygiene and other related environmental services. The company is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with branch offices in Corpus Christi, TX and Barnwell, SC.

NILE's staff of experienced Sr. Project Managers, Construction Managers, Safety personnel and Site Superintendents, as well as it's ability to offer quality services at competitive pricing, has made the company a "preferred contractor" with many notable federal, municipal and commercial clients throughout the eastern and southwestern US.