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*SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Recipients attend the 2006 DC Post Scholarship Dinner at the Army Navy Club, Washington DC. (Pg. 6-7)*

As we reflect on 2005, we recall a year of record accomplishments made by the SAME Washington DC Post, including training programs with record attendance, networking events that attracted new members, record fundraising for our Scholarship Program, support of our Deployed Engineer Team, Joint Meetings with other organizations, among many other successes.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Tony Maida (Col. USAF, Ret.), 2005 Washington DC Post President, for his inspirational and visionary leadership, and for focusing our tireless team of volunteers to make it happen! Special thanks also go to all the 2005 Washington DC Post Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, and Volunteers without whose commitment and enthusiasm 2005 would not have been Washington DC Post's Best-Year-Ever! The Washington DC Post's outstanding success in 2005 stands a good chance of being recognized with the prestigious national SAME Top Post of the Year award. This achievement would realize the 2005 goal of last year's Washington DC Post President Col Maida and the Post's Board of Directors.

As the 2006 SAME Washington DC Post President, I am cognizant of the five (5) most significant reasons our members state they belong to SAME, and plan to make them the backbone of our strategic efforts for 2006.

1. Professional and Personal Relationships
2. Networking
3. Belief in the SAME mission
4. Giving Back to the Profession
5. Training and Education

With these reasons in mind, I challenge our Post to capitalize on the enthusiasm and momentum of this past year in 2006 in order to:



- \* Increase our Post's membership by 10%, with significant emphasis on Young Members (35 or younger).
- \* Increase member participation at our Post programs, by leveraging technology and the resources of our Region. This includes broadcast Webinars of select programs, and holding meetings in the northeast and northwest sectors of the DC region to make program attendance more convenient to members located in those areas.
- \* Increase recognition of Individual and Sustaining Post members, and specifically our military and civilian engineers that have been deployed overseas by recognizing their special achievements.
- \* Expand Corporate Sponsorships by 20%. With the increased worldwide involvement of private industry supporting DoD and military operations, giving back to our profession through SAME sponsorship provides for continuous training opportunities, legacy information sharing, and education for our future engineering leaders.
- \* Substantially grow our Post's Scholarship Program with a new Gala Event.
- \* Host Joint-Programs with the Northern Virginia Post and Baltimore Post in recognition of the significant DoD transformation that is about to affect our entire metropolitan DC - Baltimore metropolitan area.

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## Post President's Message *Cont. from Pg. 1*

\* Increase our Post's MENTOR program participation by Young Members, and expand our already robust Education and Mentoring Programs for local College and High Schools to foster interest in engineering and military careers.

\* The goals for 2006 cannot be accomplished without the continued efforts of our faithful volunteers and members. I urge all of you to be involved, commit the resources of your organizations, and make the goals, achievements, and value of our organization known.

\* Washington DC Post contributions made by training, education and scholarship programs are becoming well-recognized throughout our region, and we are having an impact on our membership, particularly Young Members and local students.

I want to thank the SAME Washington DC Post membership for bestowing on me the honor of Post President of our prestigious Post. I am in awe of the significance of this position and the achievements of our recent Past Post Presidents, Col. Maida and James Peck before him.

They are tough acts to follow. I look forward to the challenges of our ambitious goals for the coming year and will strive to make it a rewarding and exciting coming time. I openly solicit your comments and suggestions on ways to make your Post membership even more valuable to you.

Before closing, let me remind you that 2006 is packed with programs at the Washington DC Post, and is abundant with SAME National events. Please review the event calendars soon, register early for events as they will fill up fast, and use these events to involve and mentor young members.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to lead this model SAME Post. I am confident we will capitalize on our success in 2006, and exceed expectations once again!

Michael Pavlides  
2006 President, Washington DC Post

## 2006 SAME Washington DC Post Installation of Officers and Directors

The SAME Washington DC Post held its Annual Installation Ceremony of Officers and Directors on 12 January 2006, at the world renowned National Press Club, in Washington DC.

More than 100 SAME members and guests attended this program. This event is a fantastic opportunity to thank our Officers and Directors from 2005 and welcome the new Officers and Directors for 2006. Most important of note is Col. Tony Maida's incredible achievements as 2005 SAME Washington DC Post President. His leadership, attention to detail, and drive kept us all going and meeting each and every single criteria of our Streamers. Many thanks to Tony for his time and commitment to our Post. The Post Presidents recognition and exchange was a testament to the strong relationships we have at the Post and our commitment to excellence each and every single here. Here are some photos from the event. A list of the SAME Washington DC Post 2006 Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs appears on Pg. 8-9.



*Tony Maida, 2005 SAME Washington DC Post President.* Tony receives the Post President's plaque for exceptional service to the Washington DC Post.



*Installation Ceremony of 2006 SAME Washington DC Post Officers and Directors (not all are included in this photo).* Jeff Moran, SAME Middle Atlantic Region Vice President, led the ceremony.



*Tony Maida, 2005 SAME Washington DC Post President presents the Washington DC Post Charter to Mike Pavlides, 2006 SAME Washington DC Post President.*



*Mike Pavlides sworn in as SAME Washington DC Post 2006 President.* Mike Pavlides takes the oath of Post President and is sworn in by Jeff Moran, SAME Middle Atlantic Regional Vice President.



*Mike Pavlides, 2006 SAME Washington DC Post President, presents the 2006 Post President's goals and objectives for the year.*



## Firm Spotlight



PBS&J ([www.pbsj.com](http://www.pbsj.com)) is celebrating its 45th year of continuous growth and success in meeting the challenging planning, architectural, engineering, environmental, construction management, AT/FP, information technology, and program management needs of their clients. PBS&J topped \$520 million in annual fees for FY05 more than doubling the company since FY00. With 3,700+ employees in 70 offices throughout the U.S. and abroad, PBS&J is proud to be an employee-owned firm and ranked by Engineering News-Record as the nation's 21st A-E consulting firm and the 3rd largest "pure design".

With parallel dedication to professional service to their clients and community, and to the professional growth and job satisfaction of our employees, PBS&J has recently been recognized as the 9th Best CE Firm to Work For by CE News magazine; received the USACE, Jacksonville District "Exceptional Performance Award", was named ESRI's GIS Foundation Partner of the Year in 2003; and received the 2005 Award of Excellence from the Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce (BWCC), among several other distinctive awards.

PBS&J is proud of their SAME Corporate Sponsorship and that over 125 of their staff are members of 32 SAME Posts nationwide. Several of their staff are Post Officers, active volunteers at scholarship fund-raising events, and PBS&J is one of the top ten advertisers in the SAME The Military Engineer magazine.

### PBS&J Spotlight Project: Army Modular Force (AMF) Initiatives at Fort Bliss, TX

The USACE is using a design-build contract to expedite construction of temporary facilities to house 2,400 troops and provide the support for a 3,500 person Brigade Combat Team (BCT). PBS&J is an integral part of the design-build team led by Clark Construction, providing the design of preliminary and final site and construction plans for drainage, grading, roads, and utilities. The project covers 230 acres, for 390 barracks, 5 motor pools, 6 battalions, and 30 company headquarters. The project is

scheduled to be completed under an accelerated delivery schedule of 8 months.



*Master Plan Rendering for the Design/Build Temporary Unit of Action, Ft. Bliss, Texas*



*Landscape Design for Baldwin Park Mixed-use Community*

### PBS&J Spotlight Project: From BRAC-ed Navy Base to New Community - Baldwin Park Mixed-use Community

Orlando's Naval Training Center (NTC) was closed by the Federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission in 1993 and is being converted into a new 52-acre mixed-use development community. PBS&J is providing professional engineering, planning, landscape architecture, and survey services for several sections of the NTC - now renamed Baldwin Park. In 2004, Baldwin Park was awarded an Urban Land Institute Award of Excellence, recognizing it as the best community of its kind in America.

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## SAME Washington DC Post 10th Annual Awards Ceremony

The SAME Washington DC Post held its 10th Annual Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on 12 January 2006, at the world renowned National Press Club.

Steve TerMaath, SAME Washington DC Post Awards Program Chair led the program with a brief history of the awards program and mention that the SAME Washington DC Post Awards Program began 10 years ago under the leadership of Bob Wolff, current SAME Executive Director. Each year the SAME Washington DC Post has been awarding deserving individuals and sustaining members with awards recognizing their contributions and their continued support of membership in the Society and at the Washington DC Post.



James Peck receives Distinguished Service Award from Bob Wolff, SAME Executive Director.

The program followed a brief overview by James Peck, SAME Washington DC Post's 2005 Programs Chairs, 2004 Post President, and 2003 Programs Chair. Jeff Moran, SAME Middle Atlantic Region Vice President (RVP) attended the Awards Program and thanked everyone for their continued support and contributions.

The Awards Program recognizes Individual and Sustaining Member outstanding contributions to the SAME Washington DC Post and to our respective industries. Over 100 SAME members and guests attended this 10th Annual Event.

The following is a list of Individual and Sustaining Member Award Recipients, along with our Corporate Sponsors (for service year 2005).



CDR Randall Gardner accepts Award (center), with RADM Richard Barror, USPHS, and Tony Maida, SAME DC Post 2005 President.

### *Distinguished Service to the Washington DC Post*

**JAMES T.V.L. PECK, P.E., CCM**  
McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc.

### *Outstanding Contributions to the Engineering Profession*

**CDR RANDALL JAMES FRANKLIN GARDNER**  
Indian Health Service

### *Outstanding Contributions by a Young Military Member*

**MAJOR AARON DAVID ALTWIES**  
US Air Force

### *Outstanding Contributions by a Young Civilian Member*

**MARSHA MILLER**  
Vanderweil Engineering

### *Sustaining Member of the Year*



### *Corporate Sponsors Recognition*



Steve TerMaath, Awards Chair



James Peck, 2005 Programs Chair



Jeff Moran, SAME Middle Atlantic RVP



Major Aaron Altwies (left) accepts Award.



Marsha Walden accepts Award.



PBS&J Sustaining Member of the Year Award.



# SAME Washington DC Post 10th Annual Awards Ceremony

The SAME Washington DC Post'S 10th Annual Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on 12 January 2006, at the world renowned National Press Club also recognized the SAME Washington DC Post Sustaining Members with Membership Awards



**25 Years**

Buchart-Horn Inc.  
HNTB

**20 Years**

Patton Harris Rust & Associates

**15 Years**

Energy Systems Engineering  
Greenhorne & O'Mara Inc.

**10 Years**

UXB International  
Tetra Tech FW Inc.  
Exchange/Monitor Pub. Inc.  
MWH

EA Engineering Science & Technology Inc.  
Jacobs  
Linguist

**5 Years**

US Air Force Office of the Civil Engineers  
Consolidated Engineering Services  
Fluor Government Group  
ECS Ltd.  
DMJM  
Setty & Associates Ltd.  
BearingPoint Inc.  
Battelle  
Gannett Fleming Inc.  
Tetra Tech EM Inc.  
The Clark Construction Group  
PBS&J  
Dynamc Corporation  
Grunley Construction Co. Inc.  
Jones Technologies Inc.



*Greenhorne & O'Mara  
15 Years*



*Buchart-Horn, Inc.  
25 Years*



*Tetra Tech FW Inc.  
10 Years*



*HNTB  
25 Years*



*MWH  
10 Years*



*Patton Harris Rust & Associates  
20 Years*



*Jacobs  
10 Years*



*Linguist  
10 Years*



# SAME Washington DC Post Annual Scholarship Dinner

The SAME Washington DC Post 2006 Scholarship Dinner was held at the elegant Army Navy Club, in Washington DC, on 28 February 2006, and was attended by more than 100 SAME members and guests. This event continues to grow each year, and it is due to the continued support of our individual and our sustaining members that we are able to grow our Scholarship Program each year! Thank you.



*RADM Richard Barror,  
United States Public Health Service*



Pictured from left to right. Mike Pavlides, SAME Washington DC Post 2006 Post President, Anita Hsieh, recipient of the Hubbard Scholarship, Kristen Mui, recipient of the Paul Brott Scholarship - Fifth Annual, Steven Hoffenson, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship, Nicholas Berg, recipient of the Linda McCarthy Scholarship - Ninth Annual, Thomas Medek, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship, Randall Rhodes, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship.

Many thanks to Al O'Konski, SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Program Chair, for his tireless commitment to growing this program each year, and making sure that each annual Scholarship Dinner is a success. With advance planning, the SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Committee is considering hosting its Inaugural SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Gala Dinner Dance at the Mayflower Hotel on 30 September 2006. We will announce additional information as it becomes available.

Brandon Small, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship, Emily Porter-Goff, recipient of the T-Bird - RPI Environmental Scholarship - Eleventh Annual, Sarah Stein, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship, and Robin Beyak, recipient of the DC Post Scholarship were not able to attend the program but thanked the SAME Washington DC Post for the Scholarship.

RADM Richard Barror, United States Public Health Service gave an excellent presentation during the Scholarship Dinner on Engineering Opportunities in the Public Health Service, and presented the history of the PHS Commissioned Corps and described engineering opportunities, including the COSTEP (Commissioned Officers Student Training Extern Program).



# SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Recipients



**THOMAS MEDEK**

Architecture, Catholic University of America  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship

**NICHOLAS BERG**

Mechanical Engineer, Catholic University of America  
SAME Washington DC Post Linda McCarthy  
Scholarship - Ninth Annual

**RANDALL RHODES**

Civil Engineering, Howard University  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship

**BRANDON SMALL**

Mechanical Engineer, Howard University  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship

**EMILY PORTER-GOFF**

Biology Ph.D., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
SAME Washington DC Post T-Bird - RPI  
Environmental Scholarship - Eleventh Annual

**KRISTEN MUI**

Architecture, University of Maryland  
SAME Washington DC Post Paul Brott  
Scholarship - Fifth Annual

**SARAH STEIN**

Architecture, University of Maryland  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship

**ANITA HSIEH**

Architecture, University of Maryland  
SAME Washington DC Post Ronald Hubbard  
Scholarship - Eight Annual

**ROBIN BEYAK**

Electrical Engineering, University of Maryland  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship

**STEVEN HOFFENSON**

Mechanical Engineer, University of Maryland  
SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship



*ANITA HSIEH*



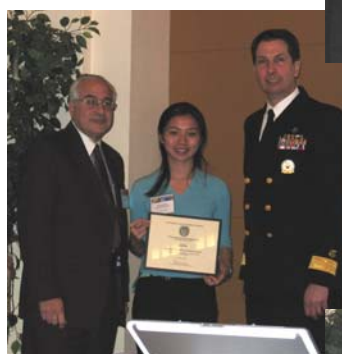
*STEVEN HOFFENSON*



*NICHOLAS BERG*



*RANDALL RHODES*



*KRISTEN MUI*



*THOMAS MEDEK*



## 2006 SAME Washington DC Post Officers and Directors

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### Past Post Presidents

James Peck (2004)  
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Rose Dela Vega (2002)

### 2006-2007 DIRECTORS

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Booz Allen Hamilton  
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## SAME Washington DC Post Upcoming Program

Date: **Thursday, 23 March 2006**  
 Speaker: Scott Bernotas, Commander, US Navy, HQ Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
 Program: **COMBAT ENGINEERING**  
 Location: Conference Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC

### 2006 SAME WASHINGTON DC POST

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

##### Mission Committees

###### Education and Training

Marsha Miller (Chair)  
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 Steve TerMaath (Awards and Streamer Awards)  
 Lauren Myers (Young Members)

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Oanh Tran (Chair)

Task Forces

###### Nominating

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###### Strategic Planning and Post Recognition

Ben Pina

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