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Post President's Message: Action and Involvement!

It's hard to believe summer is upon us, and we are quickly approaching the middle of the calendar year. Since our last newsletter we've had some great lunch programs (on BRAC and the National Response Framework), and another successful golf tournament. I want to thank all those you participated in those events and especially the Board of Direction members that helped plan those events!



*CDR Nelson Mix, PE, CHMM
2008 President, Washington DC Post
Society of American Military Engineers*

The Washington DC Post is once again a Distinguished Post!

In March we learned the out post was chosen to be a 2007 Distinguished Post of the Society! We earned all the streamers (Education, Outreach, Readiness, Relationships, and Membership). CONGRATULATIONS to all of you for making this possible and special recognition should go to our past post president for his leadership during this period – CAPT Ben Pina, USN, CEC!

2008 Sponsorship Drive

I am pleased to announce that several firms have become sponsors of our post. Sponsorship not only further recognizes a company, but more importantly contributes to ensuring Post activities are successful and this helps the membership. My sincere thanks to those who took advantage of this! It's also still not late to become a sponsor! See the additional information below.

2008 Focus Areas Update

In January we set a few goals and I'd like to give a brief update on our progress.

- Establish at least one Washington DC Post Student Chapter at a local university. We have met with two universities about this and are making progress.
- Ease program registration and logistics. We have incorporated new software into our post

business processes, resulting in a savings of time by our sustaining members who support our Board of Direction and actually put together the programs.

- Better leverage the large number of members in the post through varying the locations of activities. Our May 14 program in White Oak, MD is an example of this.
- Increase committee participation. This is an area of focus that seems to be in continuous need of help from post members. I encourage everyone to participate in one that interests you, as your time permits. Just contact the particular committee chair and let them know of your interest. Also, please feel free to contact me or a member of the BOD with any suggestions or concerns you may have.
- Continue with our fundraising activities for the Education and Mentoring Fund. Our April 23 Golf outing helped with this! I thank all our sponsors and players who participated!

Machinatores Vitae (Engineering for Life)

This is the US Public Health Service Engineering Category slogan. Many are familiar with terms like "Essayons", "Semper Fi" or "Semper Paratus". SAME has the mission to bring people together for the betterment of National Defense, and anytime we gather together, we can learn from each other. It makes us better. In mid April at the 2008 Georgetown Hoya Battalion Military Ball, I had the opportunity to present a SAME award to a ROTC cadet, and say some remarks. I said that SAME brought the services together with the private sector, and has helped teach me the meaning of the "Purple Uniform and Jointness". Learning from and working with others is one of the most satisfying parts of my career. I encourage all of you to be active with the post or whatever interests you, and "Spring into Action". I hope to see you future post events

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US Public Health Service
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Washington DC Post Programs

Halfway through the year - and the DC Post has been active!

LABQuest & FDA Lunch Program and Tour

On Wednesday May 14, 2008 dozens of Washington DC Post members received a great lunch of salmon and prime rib, while listening to an engineering and construction success story at the Food and Drug Administration's White Oak campus in Maryland.

Starting in 1990 as a part of a Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) project, White Oak is the latest project to consolidate 39 FDA facilities at one state-of-the-art campus (4.8 million square feet of office and laboratory space). The consolidation project was brought about in part due to funding of over \$700 million for FDA White Oak since 2000.

The White Oak campus is the former site of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. Four other office buildings are currently under construction, and when complete, the facility will house about 7,700 workers. The buildings include office and laboratories. Two of the labs, Life Sciences and Engineering and Physics, are already complete.

The headquarters consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration, on 130 acres in suburban Maryland, appears on track to become one of the government's most successful construction and development projects.

"The project is going beautifully," Betsy L. Bretz, chairman of LabQuest, a community group that has kept close watch over the site. "They have been good neighbors, and they are doing this responsibly."

When the project is completed, probably in 2011, Congress estimates the General Services Administration, which owns the property and is managing the construction, will spend about \$900 million on buildings and site improvement.

At the close of the lunch presentations, CDR Nelson Mix, USPHS, Post President,

presented SAME Washington DC Post coins to presenters Ms. Betsy Bratz, chairwoman of LabQuest; Mr. John Dyer, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer of the FDA; Mr. Shapour Ebadi, General Services Administration project executive (since 1994), Mr. Dan Mann of the former Naval Ordnance Laboratory; Mr. Charles Warr of the Engineering and Physics Laboratory; and CDR James Simpson, USPHS, who arranged the program.

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grams for the post.*

2008 Scholarship Golf Tournament



Players at the 2008 Scholarship Golf Tournament

This year's annual SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Golf Tournament took place on the afternoon of April 23rd and took place on the South Course of Andrews Air Force Base with beautiful weather and a great group of golfers, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (I&E), Mr. Dennis Biddick.

As usual, the tournament had some great prizes, including a Hole-in-One opportunity for 2008 Cadillac CTS! Thanks to nearly

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Washington DC Post Recognized at SAME National Conference

The Washington DC Post was recognized - and well-represented - at SAME's annual Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, May 20-23. Tracy Allen, ECS, our Corporate Member Chair was inducted into the Academy of Fellows. SAME bestows the designation of Fellow to those Society members who have rendered dedicated and outstanding service to The Society and to military engineering.

The DC Post was also recognized as having "the largest net increase in individual members for a large post" at the Post Leaders Awards Breakfast. The award was accepted by CDR Nelson Mix, PE, CHMM, President, Washington D.C. Post.



Tracy Allen being inducted into the Academy of Fellows



CDR Nelson Mix accepting an award on behalf of the DC Post



Washington DC Post Programs, cont.

100 golfers and all our sponsors - especially our major sponsors KBR, MBP, Clark Construction, Booz Allen Hamilton, and URS - over \$17,000 was raised for the Post Scholarship fund!

The first place team this year was the team of LCDR Brian Clapp (Navy), Todd Blaszak (HSMM), Jerry Elmore (Grunley), and John Greenwell (Grunley). Finishing 2nd was the team of Tom Hodges (OBO, Department of State), George Mino (OBO, Department of State), Dave Hand (USACE) and Bryan Bryson (USACE).

Long Drive winner was LCDR Clapp and Closest to the Pin winner was LCDR Tom George (Navy).

Special thanks to Tournament Chairman, James Peck (MBP) and all the volunteers who helped make this another great event. We look forward to having another great tournament next year!



KBR team hoping to win the Hole-in-One Car Prize

National Response Framework Lunch Program

On Thursday March 20, 2008 dozens of Washington DC Post members at the Navy Yard received a great update from FEMA about the emergency planning and preparedness.

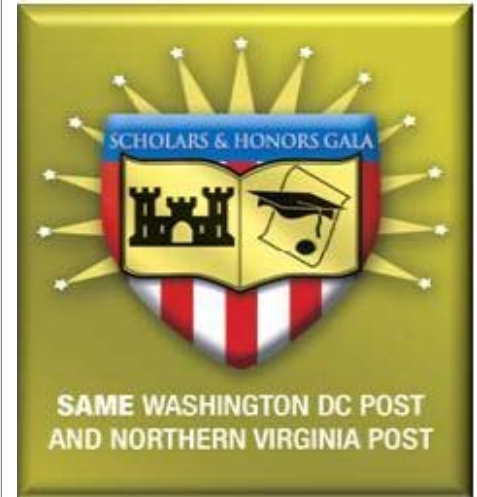
Mr. Marko Bourne, FEMA Director of Policy and Program Analysis addressed the Post about a variety of topics including the pre-positioning of emergency response assets, the new National Response Framework, hurricane planning, integrating hazard planning at federal, state, and local levels, and lessons learned from past natural disasters.

For more information about FEMA and the National Response Plan please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/>. At the conclusion of Mr. Bourne's remarks, Post President CDR Nelson Mix, USPHS presented him with SAME Washington DC Post coin. For more information about the Post Readiness Committee, visit http://www.samedcpost.org/comm_security.html

Please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter for upcoming program information.

2008 Scholars and Honors Gala

Save the Date: September 20, 2008



This year's Scholars and Honors Gala is being held on Saturday, September 20 at the historic Mayflower Renaissance Hotel. The Gala raises money for the SAME Scholarship Fund, which benefits students in the engineering and architecture disciplines. This year the event is co-hosted by the DC Post and Northern Virginia Post.

For information on registration and sponsorship, please visit: www.samedcpost.org or <http://posts.same.org/belvoir>

Young Members Corner

Young Members US Capitol Visitor Center Tour

On April 1, nearly two dozen DC Post members and young members gathered for a special hosted tour of the 580,000 sf US Capitol Visitor Center. The tour featured insider knowledge about the design and construction process of this monumental project. Attendees visited the educational exhibits, auditoriums and more.

Nationals Baseball Stadium Tour

The Young Members hosted a behind-the-scenes tour of the new National Baseball Stadium on June 17. The event was fol-

lowed by a networking happy hour at Cantina Marina, on the waterfront.

Four tickets to a Nationals game were raffled off at the end of the tour, courtesy of RTKL. The event was sponsored by Schnabel Engineering.

And remember - All SAME members are welcome at Young Member events!



Attendees at the YM Capitol Visitor Center Tour



Member News

Michael C. McGeady Joins Total Site Solutions

Michael C. McGeady joined Total Site Solutions as its Federal Programs Leader. Mr. McGeady will focus on strategic planning services for critical facility infrastructure for Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and civilian Federal agencies. He is a member of SAME and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA).

Total Site Solutions (TSS) is a leading provider of comprehensive services for the planning, design, construction and maintenance of mission-critical facilities and IT infrastructure.

EYP Celebrates Grand Opening of Chase Hall at US Coast Guard Academy

On June 13, the US Coast Guard Academy, Nutmeg Construction and EYP Architecture & Engineering celebrated the grand opening of the new Chase Hall barracks. The Chase Hall complex is the primary dormitory for the cadets at the Academy. This new addition houses 150 cadets, and was designed to blend seamlessly with the existing historic wings.

Hankins and Anderson Awarded Second Design/Build Contract in Fort Lee Expansion

Hankins and Anderson, Inc. will provide engineering design services for Balfour Beatty Construction under a Multiple Award Task Order Contract awarded by the US Army Corps of Engineers in Norfolk for the new TA5 Central Campus in Fort Lee, Virginia.

Hankins and Anderson will provide civil, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, telecommunications, structural, sustainable and anti-terrorism/force protection design services for the primary Central Campus Ordinance Training Facilities.

SAME Washington DC Post is a Sustaining Organization for the Builders' Ball

The DC Post is a Sustaining Organization for the 2008 Builders' Ball. Our support of this event helps the Builders' Ball achieve its mission of raising funds for local charities in the National Capital Area.

The Builders' Ball is being held on November 8, 2008 at the National Building Museum. For information, visit: www.buildersball.org.

Email your Member News to Katherine Ollinger at kollinger@eypae.com for inclusion in future newsletters.

2008 Corporate Sponsors

Many thanks to our current 2008 Corporate Sponsors

Their sponsorship helps support our scholarship and education programs such as:

- University and College Educational Scholarships
- Sponsorship of High School students to attend SAME Engineering Construction Camps
- K-12 programs such as active participation with Project Lead The Way and National Engineers Week

- Construction Project Tours and Site Visits

Thank you!

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HSM
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PBS&J
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2008-2009 Corporate Sponsorship Drive

There's still time!

The SAME Washington DC Post invites DC Post Sustaining Members to become 2008-2009 Corporate Sponsors. Corporate Sponsorship supports our scholarship and education programs. In September 2007, we awarded \$30,000 in University and College Scholarships to engineering, architecture and environmental students in the DC region. We plan an ambitious expansion of our Scholarship Program but can only do so with your involvement and sponsorship support. Please consider becoming a 2008 Corporate Sponsor.

SAME Washington DC Post 2008/2009 Corporate Sponsor Benefits:

- Company description and logo for 12 months to appear on the SAME DC Post website
- A "Spotlight" article on your firm in our newsletter and on our web site
- An opportunity to introduce your firm to attendees at a SAME DC Post lunch meeting
- Invitation to sit at the Post President's Reserved Table with our speakers at a meeting
- Sponsorship and plaque recognition at our 2008 Awards Luncheon in January 2009
- Discounted hole sponsorship at the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Discount on table sponsorship at our Scholarship Dinner Dance and Honors Gala at the Mayflower Hotel, September 20, 2008 (mark your calendars)

WE NEED YOUR HELP - through our 2008 Corporate Sponsorship Drive - to maintain and enhance our legacy of scholarship funding for:

- University and College Educational Scholarships
- Sponsorship of High School students to attend SAME Engineering Construction Camps
- K-12 programs such as active participation with Project Lead The Way and National Engineers Week
- Construction Project Tours and Site Visits

Our 12-month Corporate Sponsorship is \$1000, and 6-month is \$500. Our 2008 Goal is 12 Corporate Sponsors. Please help us reach this goal. **Simply fill out the sponsorship application below - also found at www.samedcpost.org/sponsors.html - or contact Tracy Allen at tallen@ecslimited.com.**



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Yes _____ (Name of Firm) will be a Corporate Sponsor.

Contact Name: _____

Firm Name: _____

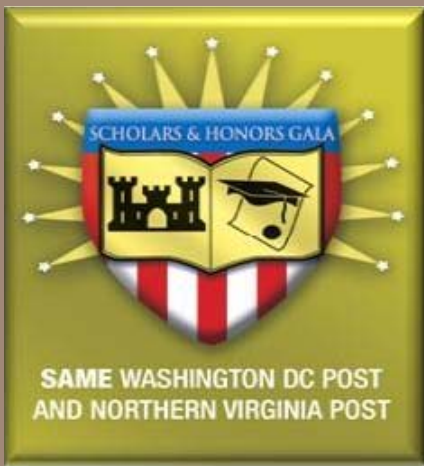
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2008 Scholars and Honors Gala

September 20, 2008

Mayflower Hotel

Cocktail Reception 6pm
Dinner 7pm

For information on registration and sponsorships, please visit:
www.samedcpost.org or
<http://posts.same.org/belvoir>

2008 Washington DC Post Events Calendar

January

25 Annual Awards Luncheon
National Press Club

February

21 Army BRAC and Grow the Army
Washington Navy Yard

March

20 FEMA National Response Framework
Washington Navy Yard

April

1 Young Members Capitol Visitor Center Tour

23 Scholarship Golf Tournament
The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base

May

14 LabQuest
Federal Research Center, White Oak, MD

June

4 ACEC/MW 2008 Annual Conference:
Success for the Future, Diversifying Business
Hilton McLean, Tyson's Corner, VA

17 Young Members Nationals Baseball Stadium Tour

July

24 Educational Technical Programs

August

28 Educational Technical Programs

September

20 Annual Scholars and Honors Gala (co-hosted with SAME NoVA Post)
Mayflower Hotel

October

23 Small Business Conference/Federal Opportunities Industry Day

November

27 Sustaining Member Industry Day

December

TBD Holiday Party



We look forward to seeing you!