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Designing and Building Independence

What better time than America's favorite holiday to stop and think about the role of the many professionals who protect and defend her – specifically the military and civilian engineers who perform their duties in peacetime and wartime, here and abroad.

This month marks the 227th celebration of our nation's independence, and of course, not the first when our military was engaged in conflict, not only to protect our independence but to help other countries gain this coveted freedom. In our system of governance, we encourage differences and dissent because we have a system of checks and balances in place to preserve the rights of the individual.

We train military personnel to lead and to follow, to design and build, to perform every possible function required in any community, and yes, to fight.

The media focus our attention on the obvious, the fighting arm of our military services.

Not many in the public think about the non-fighting skills, those in uniform and civilians who teach, preach, clean, string electric lines, dig conduits, write, keep the books, and manage the business of the Services.

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is a diverse and talented group, dedicated to one of those less glamorous, yet essential functions. This group comes together to share knowledge, learn new resources, and develop professionally, in order to support our military.

On the 186th celebration, President John F. Kennedy said: "And today this Nation, conceived in revolution, nurtured in liberty, maturing in independence – has no intention of abdicating its leadership in that worldwide movement of independence to any nation or society committed to systematic human oppression."



Take the time on this holiday to remember the role in preserving peace and freedom. ■

Jean Freeman, Communications Committee

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"Colonel's Two Bits"

What a Great Day for Engineers!

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Greetings fellow members of the Washington DC Post!

I was just on the daily tele-video conference call with our engineers in Iraq. Our engineers, from all Services and contract support, are on the Office of the Coalition Provisional Authority (OCPA) team. They are members, and in many cases designated leaders, of the ministries for health, religion, transportation, communication and many more. They are working from about 0630 hrs to 2330 hrs – 7 days a week in support of Iraqi freedom, to restore the oil infrastructure to help generate the cash reserves needed to rebuild the country for the Iraqi people. In fact, the first shipment of crude from a **free Iraq** was loaded and transported earlier last week, with a second shipment scheduled within days. Our engineers are restoring the power grids, upgrading roads, laying asphalt, dredging the ports, and providing the engineering requirements to open the Baghdad Airport.

Also today, I was discussing with a friend his work with the State Department. He is working on a team that is designing embassies in China. The challenges, the specifications required, the transport of materials and workmen... It was a very interesting perspective with a great exchange of ideas.

Today reminded me again of one of our greatest national strengths. The important efforts of engineers that help drive our economy, protect our environment, and ensure national strength.

Engineers help America remain at the forefront of technological development and contribute in countless ways to improve the quality of life for people throughout the world.

What a great day for engineers!

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And as the nation celebrates the Fourth of July, it's an appropriate time to reflect on the Declaration of Independence and its powerful meaning. Our flag, as well, with a single glance is a recognized symbol of our humility but fierce resolve.

Every day, at home and abroad, American men and women demonstrate that the spirit of Independence Day lives throughout the year as they defend America's liberty and principles of democracy. These great Americans remind us that dedicated people, not words or land, are what truly sustain a nation and its ideals.

Since we last celebrated the Fourth of July, America has helped to bring liberty to the Iraqi people. Some of your Engineer brothers and sisters won't be celebrating Independence Day at home this year because they are helping freedom take root in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Think about them this holiday.



Firm Spotlight!



Since RTKL's founding as a two-person office 57 years ago, RTKL Associates Inc. (RTKL) has become one of the nation's leaders in architecture, engineering, and planning. RTKL's Public Architecture Studio is among the top five providers of A/E design services to the U.S. government.

RTKL's 700+ person, multi-discipline firm is headquartered in Baltimore and maintains offices in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, CA, Dallas, TX, Denver, CO, Chicago, IL, Miami, FL, London, Tokyo, Shanghai and Madrid. Through RTKL's offices and strategic alliances in the United States and abroad, RTKL offers a wide range of services including architecture, historic preservation, building and property evaluation, planning and urban design, mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering, interior architecture, landscape architecture, project and program management, security planning, and graphic design.

Commissioned by some of the world's most prestigious public and private clients, RTKL has developed an international portfolio of government, mixed-use, retail, health sciences, hotel, public sector, planning and interiors projects. Projects for the federal government play a key role in RTKL's portfolio and account for a sixth of RTKL's billings. RTKL has performed multiple assignments for federal government departments and agencies, including the Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense, General Services Administration, Department of State, Architect of the Capitol, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Veterans Affairs, the Internal Revenue Service, Food and Drug Administration, and Smithsonian Institution.

The approach to design that has guided RTKL's government work has been characterized by the following:

- Design excellence
- A thorough understanding of the agency involved, including its contracting methods, standards and requirements
- An integrated, full-service approach that involves an ongoing, collaborative relationship with the client
- Sensitivity to cost issues, and the ramifications of cost on public projects
- Responsive service that has led to on-going relationships

This approach has led to recognition by government clients for both RTKL's level of service and RTKL's design talents in the form of four GSA design excellence selection awards, and awards granted by the DOD, the Society of American Military Engineers, and NAVFAC. The National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, VA was the recipient of the 2002 Chief of Engineers Design Award for Excellence. ■



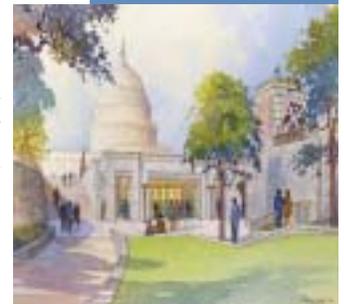
RTKL provided comprehensive A/E services for the National Ground Intelligence Center's new headquarters in Charlottesville, VA.



RTKL developed the renovation master plan for the U.S. Naval Academy's Bancroft Hall and provided design services for this 9-phase rehabilitation.



Following the terrorist attack of 9/11, RTKL was selected as Building and Coordinating Architect to help redesign and rebuild the Pentagon.



RTKL was selected to design the 580,000-GSF U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, currently under construction.

Members In-the-News



A Tribute to **Rose Dela Vega**

Rose Dela Vega, a name many of you know, and a face that glows like our American Beauty Rose. A few words to let this Special Lady know how much we appreciate her contributions to The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), and how much we hope she will remain engaged with us for years to come.



Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson, Commander NAVFAC, and current SAME President & Rose Dela Vega at the 2003 DC Post Awards Dinner.

Rose Dela Vega recently Vice President and Director of Federal Marketing with RTKL Associates Inc. a major architectural firm, will continue as a consultant with RTKL. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. Her prior experience includes the following:

Manager, A&E Contracts Branch, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. She also served as an instructor for the Navy's Design Contract Management Course. Other teaching experience includes: Federal Government A&E Contracting at the University of Virginia and George Washington University.

"SAME is a very unique organization. It is a place to network with professionals in the A&E Industry where my firm can learn about new business opportunities in the government."

Rose Dela Vega

Ms. Dela Vega has written several articles on A&E Contracting for Contract Design Magazine, Society for Marketing Professional Services Handbook, PSMJ Magazine and the Virginia Association of Professionals.

Ms. Rose Dela Vega has made significant contributions to the Society of American Military Engineers during the past 17 years, and her notable contributions have a wide-reaching and positive effect on the entire Society at the Post, Region, and National levels.

Most recently, during the 2003 SAME National Conference, Rose was honored with The Society's highest honor - The Gold Medal for Distinguished Service.

A Gold Medal is awarded annually to that member of The Society who has rendered the most conspicuous and meritorious service to The Society during the previous calendar year in context with past notable contributions. The award was made for the first time in 1926, and was made retroactive to include 1920.

Ms. Dela Vega is a member of both the Washington and Baltimore Posts and served as the 2002-2003 President of the Washington DC Post. She has served on the Board of Direction for each Post since 1987. She has also served as chair of the Washington Post Programs, Fund Raising, Scholarship and Education Committees. She is a Fellow in the Society. As a member of the Washington Post Scholarship Committee for 16 years, Ms. Dela Vega has been instrumental in helping to develop the Scholarship Program from several thousand dollars to several hundred thousand dollars.

She personally created the Paul S. Brott Memorial Scholarship as a named scholarship within the Washington Post Scholarship program. Paul Brott was a longtime member of the Washington Post and the Philadelphia Post. Ms. Dela Vega has raised over \$20,000 in his honor and annually the Washington Post now awards a \$1,000 scholarship in his name.

At the Regional level, Ms. Dela Vega served on the Middle Atlantic Region Training and Education Conference Committees in 1995, 2000 and 2002. Since 1988, she has supported every Middle Atlantic Region Conference by having her firm purchase a booth in the exhibit hall. The proceeds from the Mid Atlantic Region Conferences in 1988, 1991, 1995, 2000 and 2002 were deposited in the Washington Post Scholarship Fund. For the 1995 Mid Atlantic Region Conference, which was planned, organized and conducted solely by the Young Members of the Washington Post, Ms. Dela Vega served as one of the mentors to the conference Committee.

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At the National level, Ms. Dela Vega has served in many capacities, ranging from National Committees, National Conferences to the Academy of Fellows.

Ms. Dela Vega was instrumental in the establishment and development of The Society's International Action Committee, bringing a wealth of professional and individual expertise to the committee. She served on the Society's academy of Fellows Executive Committee. She served twice, in 2002 and 2003, as the Vice Chair of the Academy of Fellows' Golden Eagle Awards Dinner held annually at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. She was also the Master of the Ceremonies for the 2002 and 2003 dinners, which were both very successful events.

The Society of American Military Engineers established the Academy of Fellows in 1995 as a forum for the recognition of those members of The Society who have so distinguished themselves as to be nominated and selected to the prestigious Academy. Nominees to the Academy must meet certain standards and each nominee is carefully considered by the reviewing committee and referred to the Board of Direction of The Society for approval. The Constitution of The Society provides that Fellows are *"Persons who have rendered dedicated and outstanding service to The Society and to the engineering profession. Nominees shall have been Members of The Society for a minimum of ten years. Fellows shall be Individual Members currently in good standing in The Society."* While the Academy itself was created in 1995, many Fellows were honored by earlier selection and were admitted to the Academy at its creation.

The Academy annually hosts a dinner of recognition in April for those honored by selection for the Golden Eagle Award. Each year a member of The Society is chosen for recognition along with a non-member who has served our nation with distinction. Past such awards have been presented to Vice President Dick Cheney, Norman Augustine, former Senator Bob Dole, former Representative Bill Hefner, and author, the late Stephen Ambrose.

The Academy is currently some 800 strong, and represents much of the finest talent and recognized service to the Nation in our land. The Society is proud of its Fellows and their dedication to engineering and the national defense.

Ms. Dela Vega's professional accomplishments are also very noteworthy. During her 18-year Navy civilian career, she became the first woman to head the Architect and Engineering Contracts Branch, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Also, she was the first woman from the Chesapeake Division to be selected into the Navy's Executive Management Institute and the first person to be nominated for a Procurement Scholarship.

She also has served as an instructor for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command "Design Contract Management" course; the University of Virginia's and the George Washington University's "Federal Government A&E Contracting" course; and the SMPS "Federal Procurement of A&E Services" course.

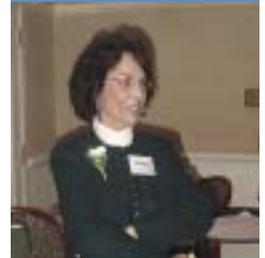
Out of site, out of mind! Says Who!!! We'll see you around Rose - and Often!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION AND TO THE SOCIETY,
AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A MENTOR AND A TRUE FRIEND!

Anna Ross, Chair, Communications Committee. ■



Colonel Michael J. Walsh, Washington DC Post President, and Rose Dela Vega at the 2003 DC Post Awards Dinner accepting the DC Post's Distinguished Service Award.



Rose Dela Vega, at the Paul Brott Scholarship 2003 Reception.



Rose Dela Vega, Fellows Dinner Vice-Chair, and 2003 Golden Eagle Award Recipient, Ret. Army Lt. Gen. Henry J. Hatch.

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Committee News

Mentoring Committee - a call for volunteers

The Washington DC Post wants to extend an invitation to our members to join the Mentoring Committee, and provide a recommendation to the Post for the Mentoring Chair. An essential component of The Society's goals, mentoring cannot be overlooked. Mentoring is a joint-venture, one where Young Members and Mentors have the opportunity to educate and motivate each other, reveal new ways of orienting their own work and experience, and share in the many tutoring and networking opportunities this joint-venture has to offer.

Let us know if you would like to join the efforts of this Committee, and lead key initiatives that would bring this joint-venture to fruition. Please contact our Post President if you would like to lead, join, or simply if you have a recommendation. ■

Readiness Committee

Jill Harrison, Readiness Committee

Operation Fast Start – Please return questionnaires!

A few minutes of your time will improve Readiness of America's capital region.

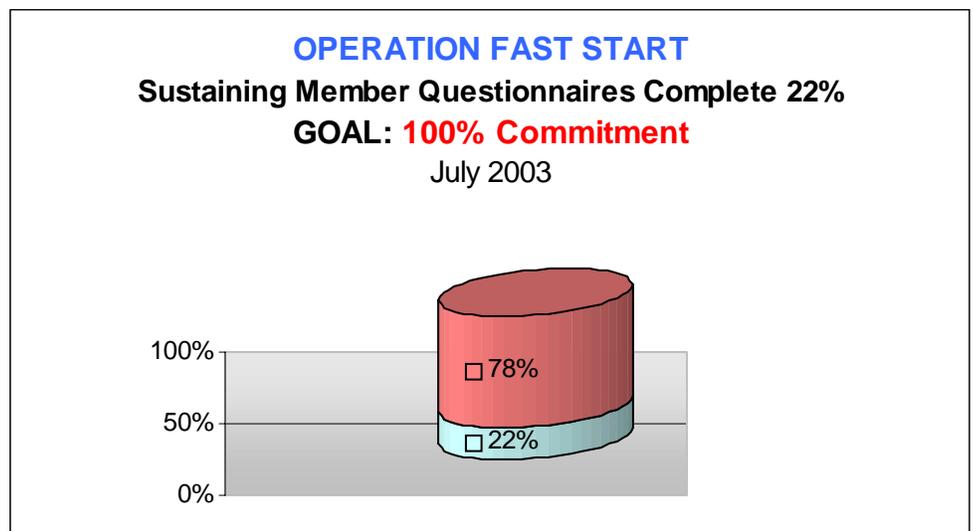
In order to prepare for recovery from a potential disaster, the Readiness Committee is updating the DC Post's Fast Start Plan. Toward this end, the committee is looking for sustaining member firms to complete a short questionnaire of firm capabilities. In the event of a disaster, information about firm capabilities would be available to EMA personnel.

The DC Post is looking for 100% participation from DC member firms. To date 22% of Sustaining Member firms have returned questionnaires with their capabilities. 22% may not seem much at first, but look here – we are aiming for a 20% increase per month. That would bring us way over 80% complete by November. Help Fill It Up!

Please visit the Readiness Web page at www.samedcpost.org/readiness.htm for a copy of the Commitment Letter and Capabilities Questionnaire.

Please take a moment to aid in Washington's Readiness by completing the form and faxing to Jill Harrison at 301.210.5159

Thank you for your participation. ■



JULY PROGRAM!

"Emergency Preparation in post-9/11 Environment"

Please join us for our next program, on Thursday, 17 July 2003.

R. David Paulison, Director of the Preparedness Division of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Directorate/FEMA, in the newly created Department of Homeland Security will give a presentation on Emergency Preparation in a post 9-11 environment.

As director of the Preparedness Division, Mr. Paulison administers a broad range of programs designed to reduce injuries and death due to disasters, strengthen states and communities and prevent or reduce damage to public and personal property. He is also responsible for enhancing state and local emergency preparedness, training federal, state, and local emergency managers, and conducting a nationwide program of exercises.

While serving as the Direct of the Preparedness Division, Mr. Paulison continues to serve as the administrator for the U.S. Fire Administration, a position to which he was appointed in December 2001. As head of the U.S. Fire Administration, Mr. Paulison also supports state and local fire service programs and oversees programs to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities.

Please join us for what is sure to be an informative presentation.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make your reservations by 14 July 2003.

An extra \$5 will apply without a reservation.

Date: **Thursday, 17 July 2003**

Location: Conference Center Bldg. #211 (NEW LOCATION)
Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC
(Please visit our www.sameDCpost.org for directions to the event.)

Cost: \$15 Young Member / Military / Gov't
\$25 Member
\$35 Non-Member

Time: 1130-1200 Registration (NEW TIME)
1200-1330 Lunch and Program

PLEASE CALL OR FAX RESERVATION FORM TO:

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Young Members Corner

Tracy Knott, Chair, Young Members Committee

Please mark the date for the next Young Member Happy Hour!

We invite all SAME members "Young at Heart" to attend. The more the merrier!



Our Next YM Happy Hour

When: Thursday, 24 July 2003

Time: 1815-1830 meet

Where: Cafe Deluxe (Next to Crate & Barrel) 1800 International Dr. McLean, VA 703-761-0600

Please contact Tracy Knott if you would like to be involved on the Young Member Committee. We need your support! tknott@esclimited.com ■



**Happy Birthday,
America!**

MAMMA-MIA!

Join the Young Members for a night out on the town. All of you ABBA Fans get ready because we are going to go see the smash hit musical "Mamma-Mia!"

Let me know if you are interested in attending.

The show runs from November 20th - February 14th

Please email Tracy if you would like to purchase tickets, they are \$41 each (group sales rate). tknott@esclimited.com

More information about the show can be found at www.mamma-mia.com

MAMMA- MIA !!! NOT MUCH LONGER TO WAIT!!!

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The Republic From "The Building Of The Ship"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on the fate!
We know what Master laid the keel,
What Workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,
In what forge and what a heat
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!
Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
And not a rent made by the gale!
In spite of rock and tempest's roar,
In spite of false lights on the shore,
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee, - are all with thee!



MAMMA-MIA! A MUSICAL LIKE NO OTHER!

Program Highlights

National Strategy for Homeland Security

Members of the Washington DC Post recently heard Michael Byrne, Director of National Capital Region Coordination for Emergency Response for the Department of Homeland Security, give a presentation on National Strategy for Homeland Security and the challenges of implementing it within the capital region.

The *National Strategy for Homeland Security*, which Byrne helped develop, aims to provide a national incidence management system and a single response plan that plans to lay out the foundation for emergency preparedness and response in the U.S. The need for a national strategy, Byrne said, also recognized by Secretary Ridge, is “consistent with what is articulated by the President.”

A former New York City firefighter, Byrne helped direct the Federal government’s response at the World Trade Center in 2001. Byrne said, “We were the first to arrive and the last to leave.” The challenge, noted Byrne, is to “build that Early Response.” Local responders included “public works specialists, engineers, emergency management personnel, public health officials, and others – not just police and fire” said Byrne. “We can’t do it without each other.” The *President’s First Responder Initiative*, which Byrne also helped to develop, supports efforts for this early response.

The challenge, said Byrne, is that “our existing resources are pretty robust, but our systems are not advanced.” Thus, came the need for a national response plan and the national incident management system. However, the initiative was not there from the start.

Back in the 1960’s, the NYC Fire Department merged with EMS, with response to calls at a minimum. By the late 1970’s, a time of urban decline, calls went up radically. Response was slow in coming and weak in organization. “Different departments in different bureaus were working without [the] centralization of resources. This made it difficult to have a comprehensive Responder Program.” A common operation program became necessary to merge resources in various NYC bureaus, “to share people and skills – to respond.” As a result, the city came together and became stronger. Byrne noted, “The Trade Center disaster in 1993 worked, but would not have worked had we not had a program.”

Today, there is a need for a “common terminology, single command and control system that is scalable”.

Byrne said, “If we don’t improve, we won’t be able to do it – the system should line up.”

Byrne works with private, local, and Federal entities. His oversight includes 3 governments (DC, VA, MD), 17 local jurisdictions, and 35 police forces. Speaking of the National Capital Region, Byrne said he is impressed with the “unbelievable willingness to work together, to make it work and make it happen.”

Asked whether the Metropolitan Council of Governments is leading an effort to design an Evacuation Plan in case of a local emergency, Byrne replied, “I prefer not to call it Evacuation, but rather a Protective Action – a Shelter and a Place Plan.”

Asked if there is any initiative for an emergency management exercise in the DC area, Byrne replied, “There is no specific plan, but lots of interest”. Byrne noted that state and local entities, in unison with the Office of Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security, under an urban initiative, may incorporate a regional emergency plan in the near future.

Colonel Michael J. Walsh, Washington DC Post President, and Michael Pavlides, DC Post Readiness Committee Chair, presented Mr. Byrne with a copy of the Post’s Readiness Plan (Operation Fast Start) and the SAME coin.

“It’s organizations like this [SAME] that provide the leverage points, and project Fast Start is one that is going to help support this effort”, said Byrne.

The DC Post Readiness Committee, under the leadership of Michael Pavlides, is committed to active readiness and emergency response programs, and plans to enhance the Post’s readiness plan as a community outreach initiative.

This informative presentation, attended by many members and guests, defined and highlighted the importance of a National Strategy plan, one that will provide the necessary structure and manpower in time of response.

Anna Ross, Readiness Committee co-chair, article.
Jill Harrison, Readiness Committee, photos ■



Michael Byrne, Director National Capital Region Coordination for Emergency Response, Department of Homeland Security.



Michael Pavlides, Readiness Committee Chair, Anna Ross, co-chair, Michael Byrne, Colonel Michael J. Walsh, President, Washington DC Post.



Michael Pavlides, and Colonel Michael J. Walsh, presenting Michael Byrne with a copy of the DC Post's Readiness Plan and the SAME coin.

Upcoming Events



*Michael Pavlides, Chair
DC Post Readiness
Committee, Michael
Byrne, Department of
Homeland Security, and
Colonel Michael J. Walsh,
DC Post President, at the
"National Strategy for
Homeland Security" June
program .*

17 JULY
David Paulison, FEMA
Navy Yard, Washington DC

24 JULY
Young Member Happy Hour
Cafe Deluxe, McLean, VA

21 AUGUST
Don Evick, USACE (SF 330)
Navy Yard, Washington DC

3 SEPTEMBER Annual Golf Tournament!!!

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We look forward to seeing you at future
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Quote of the Month!

"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails."
William Ward



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