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## Post President's Message: Embracing Change

As autumn arrives and we are reminded of change, I am reminded of one of the Post goals set this year by the Board of Direction: establishing a student chapter. Since last year, the number of student chapters nationally has grown from about 16 to 25.



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

This desired change for our Post will formalize the mentoring we already accomplish with students, and formalize the already great scholarship and college outreach programs that we have established. With school back in session, we are anxious to pursue our chartering of a chapter with local universities. To sustain a student chapter, we need the support of uniformed members, sustaining members, and Fellows. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact myself, Al O'Konski, or any member of the Post Board of Direction.

### Board of Direction Changes

Ms. **Susan Merrigan**, 1st Vice President of the Post, has moved with her family to Florida! Susan served on the Board for over 8 years in a variety of positions and will be missed. We appreciate her service, and the generosity of her former employer, Leo A Daly in allowing her to support Post activities. Also, Mr. **Stephen Termaath**, PhD, PE, (USAF) our post Awards Chair for over the past 12 years, has moved to San Antonio, TX! Steve will also be missed and has served the Post with distinction. With these changes, we are pleased to welcome Mr. **David A. Schoenwolf**, PE, of as our new Awards Chair, and on to our Board of Direction. David has served in the past as the president of the American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington Chapter, and is a Senior Vice President with Haley and Aldrich.

At this time I'd also like to encourage the uniformed services that support our Post to become more engaged in the Post Board of Direction (BOD), committees and activities. We are approaching the 'nominations season' for new BOD members and the Post benefits with service members at functions along with our sustaining members. Individuals

benefit by contributing and participating. There is a lot of opportunity to serve and provide leadership in the Post, and the Post needs you! This is easy for me to write about, but requires your participation!

### Summer Activities and September Partnering

Since our last newsletter, the Post has partnered and presented several great programs highlighted in greater detail elsewhere in this newsletter. It participated in the ACEC / MW annual meeting in June. The Post sponsored Caroline Schweitzer, a high school student, for the SeaBee construction camp in California, and heard her fantastic presentation about her experience during the August program. The July program featured the Bethesda BRAC, and the August program was about the Smithsonian Institution. On September 4, and again on September 20 our Post co-hosted the Small Business Program and the Scholars and Honors Gala with the Northern Virginia Post. On September 5-6, two of our Post leaders, Al O'Konski (URS) and Marsha Miller (Vanderweil Engineering) attended the SAME Headquarters' Post Leaders Workshop in Alexandria, VA, and several of our Post Directors attended a welcome reception for the workshop participants with SAME HQ staff. Wow! That's a lot of activity!

### September is National Preparedness Month

Hurricanes, political conventions & debates, and financial market bailout have received recent attention. Evacuations of New Orleans and Louisiana due to Hurricane Gustav can be contrasted to evacuations 3 years ago due to Katrina. Hurricane Ike caused severe damage this year. A change in preparedness activities undertaken by the government, individuals, and even Post readiness committees can make a difference in our quality of life. As a society with the values of Integrity, Patriotism, Public Service, National Security, Technical Competence, Excellence and Environmental Stewardship, I challenge all of you to embrace one of these values with the commitment to change for the better to help the post or whatever interests you. I hope to see you future post events.

CDR Nelson Mix, PE, CHMM  
US Public Health Service  
2008 President, Washington D.C. Post Society of American Military Engineers



# 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala

September 20, 2008

The SAME Washington DC Post and the Northern Virginia Post co-hosted a joint 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC on September 20, 2008. Michael Pavlides of the DC Post and Jay Manix of the NoVA Post were the Masters of Ceremonies for the event, at which both Posts bestowed their 2008 scholarship awards. We were honored to have several distinguished guests in attendance including The Honorable B.J. Penn, Asst. Sec. of the Navy I&E; MG Temple, USACE; RADM Barror, USPHS; Col. Donovan, DASA, Civil Works; Capt. Mitchell, NAVFAC; and Dr. Wolf of SAME.

The keynote address was given by Mr. Randy Atkins, Senior Media and Public Affairs Officer for US National Academy of Engineering of the National Academies. Randy has had an illustrious career reporting engineering and scientific issues of interest to our peers and the public. He showed a very interesting and highly relevant DVD clip of a blue-ribbon committee – on which he is currently serving – that is identifying the 21st Century’s “Grand Challenges for Engineering.” Randy helped us honor our student scholarship awardees by presenting them with their scholarship certificates. We had 13 student scholars join us for the evening to receive their awards.



Guests at the Gala

Al O’Konski, DC Post Scholarship Chair announced the opening of a fundraising drive to establish a new named scholarship in honor of Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA. The scholarship will be awarded annually starting next year, dependant on fundraising. Bonnie Kreidler, widow of Jerold Kreidler, and her family presented the DC Post with a \$10,000 check to open the fund drive. A minimum amount of \$20,000 is required to establish a named scholarship with the DC Post, so please send contributions to Al O’Konski or Jennifer Norton at URS.

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Gala Ballroom, Mayflower Hotel



## Gala Sponsors

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## 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala, cont.

We were very fortunate to have a 50+ year SAME member, Mr. Denver Collins attend the Gala. He was honored by CDR. Nelson Mix, the DC Post President, who introduced him and conferred an SAME Honor Certificate and Post coin.

Two travel packages – a 3 day stay in Washington DC donated by Sofitel Hotels combined with a AAA annual membership, and a 7-day resort stay anywhere in the world donated by Interval International, Inc. - were raffled off to benefit our scholarship programs.

The evening concluded with songs by Dr. Teresa Pohlman, F.SAME, a grand dessert buffet with complimentary cordials, and dancing to the sounds of Backstage – a 10 piece dance and show band.

## 2008 Scholarship Winners

*Alicia Walker*

(Murphy Tuomey Scholarship)

*Andrew Kalna*

*Jeremy Farrell*

(T Bird RPI Enviro Scholarship)

*Kalin Peterson*

*Kebhat Falik*

*Kristen Mui*

*Laura Pohlman*

*Lloyd Eley*

*Matthew Abbott*

*Moriya Morris*

(Paul Brott Scholarship)

*Nicholas Berg*

(Linda McCarthy Scholarship)

*Zachary Klipstein*

(Ronald Hubbard Scholarship)

## New Annual Scholarship Established

### Fundraising Drive for The Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA Scholarship



*Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA*

At the 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala, Mrs. Bonnie Kreidler and family presented the DC Post with a \$10,000 check to establish a scholarship in her late husband's name. The minimum amount to establish a named scholarship is

\$20,000, so the DC Post is formally announcing a fundraising drive to raise the remaining amount.

Jerry Kreidler, AIA, whose last position was as a senior manager at HDR Architecture, Inc., passed away February 26, 2008. Jerry received his Bachelor of Architecture from The University of Virginia and was a member of the SAME, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Association, and Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC. A retired Colonel with 32 years of service with the Air National Guard, Jerry received numerous design awards as well as the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. He was a great mentor, friend, and professional. He will be missed by all.

To contribute to the Jerry Kreidler scholarship please make checks payable to the SAME Washington DC Post send donations to:

DC Post Kriedler Fundraising Campaign  
c/o Ms. Jennifer Norton  
URS Corporation  
2020 K Street, NW, Ste 300  
Washington, DC 20006

Questions and pledges may be directed to Jennifer at 202.772.0813



*2008 Scholarship Award Winner Attendees*



# Upcoming Young Member Networking Event

*Young Member Networking  
Happy Hour  
Tuesday, October 7*

Please join the SAME Washington DC Post Young Members for a networking event on October 7th. This networking happy hour is open to all including the young and young at heart!

**When:** Tuesday, October 7th, 5 - 7:00pm  
**Where:** Eat Bar at Tallula Restaurant  
2761 Washington Blvd, Arlington  
703.778.9951

Eat Bar is located on Washington Blvd. in Arlington, VA. It is the wine bar next to Tallula Restaurant and is about a 10 minute walk from the Clarendon metro (Orange Line metro).

For questions, contact Lauren Myers, Young Member Committee Chair, at 202-386-8972 or lmyers@rtkl.com.

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



*Young Members Networking Happy Hour*

## Member News

### *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.

### *Hankins and Anderson, Inc. Announces Employee Certifications*

Hankins and Anderson, a consulting engineering firm, announces the following:

- Beau Blythe completed his NICET Level 1 certification
- Will Wheeler, P.E., LEED AP is a certified Project Management Professional
- Trevor Gooding is a Registered Communications Distribution Designer

### *EYP Awarded Renovation of Building 200, Washington Navy Yard*

The design-build team of EYP Architecture & Engineering and Forrester Construction were awarded modernization of Building 200 at the Washington Navy Yard. The project is a \$68 million full renovation that also includes a secure temporary compound for NCIS and parking expansion.

Email your Member News to Katherine Ollinger at [kollinger@eypae.com](mailto:kollinger@eypae.com) for inclusion in future newsletters.

## DC Post Sponsors Student for SAME Engineering and Construction Camp

The DC Post sponsored Caroline Schweitzer to attend the SAME/US Navy Seabees 2008 Engineering and Construction Camp, held July 20-26 at Naval Base Ventura County, California. Forty high school students attended this annual camp.

The goal of the camp was to provide opportunities for high school students to engage in long-term mentorships with professional engineers and to interest students in the engineering profession. To accomplish this, Caroline met with VIP speakers, participated in activities such as a popsicle stick bridge design and cardboard boat design, toured the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center/Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center as well as A/E firm and jobsite tours, and had fun competing in the Seabee Olympics.

Caroline attends Sherwood High School and will graduate in June 2009. She is still deciding on colleges, but her top picks are Wisconsin at Madison; University of Maryland; Rochester Institute of Technology; Purdue; and Colorado. She is planning to go into ROTC, and is hoping to pursue a civil engineering degree.



*Caroline Schweitzer and her father, Tom Schweitzer*



*Cardboard Boat Design, Construction and Relay*





# Washington DC Post Programs

## ACEC/MW Annual Conference June 4, 2008

For the second year, our Post had the opportunity to partner with the American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington Chapter on their annual conference, "Innovation Meeting Partnership". Continuing Education credits were awarded for sessions on Transportation, BIM, and Federal & Local Government projects. Post President CDR Nelson Mix opened the event by leading the pledge of allegiance with a moment of silence, and also gave some remarks during the lunch portion of the meeting. Special thanks to Mr. Philios Angelides, PE, Alpha Corporation, for moderating sessions and realizing the partnership.

## Consolidation of Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed July 31, 2008

CDR J.D. Mitchell provided an update on the current and future construction of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda, MD. As the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for NAVFAC Washington, CDR Mitchell has been heavily involved in the expansion required at Bethesda to accommodate the movement of services from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Bethesda.

The construction program at Bethesda is approximately \$1B over 3 years. It includes two million square feet of new construction and renovation. To complete the program on-time, CDR Mitchell anticipates a daily workforce of 1000+ persons from July 2009 to March 2010.



Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



## Preserving Smithsonian Treasures: Building, Operating and Maintaining Its Facilities August 28, 2008

MG Clair F. Gill, USA (Ret), Deputy Director/Chief of Staff for the Office of Facilities and Operations, Smithsonian Institution discussed the challenges facing the Smithsonian Institution, including facilities that are aged, with obsolete systems, a track record of understated need, and a long history of underfunding. These are compounded by buildings that have high traffic, functional diversity and architectural variety. The Smithsonian Institution consists of over 710 facilities of 12 million square feet on 19,000 acres.



Presentation slide on the diversity of Smithsonian facilities

## Small Business/Industry Day Forum

### September 4, 2008

For the first time, The Washington DC Post teamed up with the Northern Virginia Post in hosting an event dedicated to small business opportunities. Copies of the presentations are posted at <http://www.novasame.org/Links.htm>. Speakers were from the US Army Corps of Engineers and NAVFAC small business offices. The well attended event was at Ft. Belvoir, and Post Presidents CDR Nelson Mix and LTC Regan McDonald (USA ret) presented their respective post coins to the speakers.

Visit the Washington DC Post's web page for the latest updates and to register for the next Washington DC Post event. [www.sameDCpost.org](http://www.sameDCpost.org)

# DC Post Attends Post Leadership Workshop

On September 5-6, two of our Post leaders, Al O'Konski (URS) and Marsha Miller (Vanderweil Engineering) attended the SAME Headquarters' Post Leaders Workshop in Arlington, VA. Attendees came from Posts across the US.

Activities included a reception on Friday, September 5 at the Century House, and breakout educational sessions, including:

- Membership-CLAS & Post Administration
- Continuing Education
- Communications (& Website)
- Finance & Accounting

Marsha Miller found the workshop to be extremely useful, saying, "I feel that one of the most influential and valuable portions of the conference was hearing other members from other posts discuss the activities of their particular posts. It was great to hear some of the innovative ideas that other posts had implemented as well as problem areas. Not only did you come away with ideas that the Washington, DC Post might be able to implement; you heard possible solutions to your problems and with your experiences, could suggest possible solutions to other post members that might help them. It was a great learning experience."





SAME DC Post  
*Holiday Party*  
**Save the Date!**  
**December 11, 2008**  
**5-8pm**  
**Army Navy Club**  
**901 17th Street**  
**Washington, DC**

*Additional Information will be posted on the website [www.samedcpost.org](http://www.samedcpost.org)*

# 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

31 Consolidation of Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed  
Washington Navy Yard

### August

28 Smithsonian Institution Construction Program, Washington Navy Yard

### September

4 Small Business Industry Forum (co-hosted with SAME NoVA Post)  
Fort Belvoir Officers' Club  
  
20 Annual Scholars and Honors Gala (co-hosted with SAME NoVA Post)  
Mayflower Hotel

### October

7 Young Members Networking Happy Hour, Eat Bar at Tallula Restaurant  
  
16 US Marine Corps Grow the Force, Washington Navy Yard

### November

20 Department of Energy: Energy and Project Initiatives, Washington Navy Yard

### December

11 Holiday Party, Army Navy Club



*We look forward to seeing you!*



# 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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