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As we near the end of yet another successful year at the SAME Washington DC Post, we can look back with pride and look forward with renewed excitement. A year ago I said that "an opportunity was within our grasp" to reach higher levels of success and challenged you to "get engaged and help make it happen." Well, you did. As a result we've surpassed our goals and objectives for 2005 because of your fantastic support and contributions, as we ardently continue to uphold the Society's mission - Support to Our National Defense! Thank You! You all have done a great job this year. You grasped the opportunity and met the challenge. Success! We look back on the progress we've made during the course of 2005 with pride, and with purpose: to acknowledge our successes, assess where we are, and evaluate where to go next. At the SAME national level, the Washington DC Post supported the visions of General Fox and then Admiral Loose, our Society's Presidents, by tailoring the Washington DC Post goals and objectives with those of the National SAME Strategic Plan. From increasing the relevance and diversity of our programs and public sector participation in the Society, to supporting our deployed engineering teams and their families, and many other accomplishments; we made positive contributions to the vision and mission of the entire society. At the Washington DC Post level, made excellent contributions to and added valuable benefits for our members, we made impressive community outreach initiatives come to fruition, and improved our already stellar readiness, mentoring, communications, recognition, and scholarship programs.

We also made exception contributions in support of our industry and have been an organization of value to our member.

The SAME Washington DC Post 2005 vision was to archive the Top Post recognition. All indications point to achieving that vision this year. This achievement is not only the accumulation of accomplishments in 2005, but all accomplishments in years past that have led up to this recognition. The SAME Washington DC Post will be judged with all other SAME Posts, in the large Post category. If selected, this will be an outstanding achievement for the SAME Washington DC Post that will truly reflect the significant contributions and efforts made by all our members and specifically our Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Some SAME Washington DC Post accomplishments in 2005 include the following:

- Hosted programs of high interest for our members - BRAC and Service Chief Engineer briefings.
- Held professional training seminar that awarded Professional Development Hours (PDH) for those that attended.
- Initiated our Post involvement in "Project Lead The Way" (High School program with an engineering focus).
- Increased our individual and sustaining member firm memberships.
- Launched a successful 1 on 1 MENTOR program
- Participated in an outreach program to support our Deployed Engineering Team.
- Held a recognition ceremony for representatives of our deployed troops to let them know we care.

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These and many other accomplishments in 2005, and during the last few years, have brought the SAME Washington DC Post into the spotlight - a modest spotlight that shows a model Post in the Society of American Military Engineers. As we peek into next year's initiatives, we see continuing the opportunities for professional development seminars to add value for our members, enhancing our mentoring program, increasing the number of scholarships we award, bringing the high school project Lead The Way Program up to full speed, and increasing our membership further.

The SAME Washington DC Post 2006 Officers and Directors are a strong team of dedicated volunteers, from military, public and private sectors, who are looking forward to continue the successes and professionalism of the SAME Washington DC Post.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this fantastic Post during 2005. I'm thankful for this wonderful opportunity and will continue to contribute to its successes in the future.

Thank you for your support this year and best wishes for a prosperous 2006. God Bless America!

Colonel Tony Maida USAF
2005 SAME Washington DC Post President

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) - November Program Spotlight

The SAME Washington DC Post Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program was held on 17 November 2005 at the Conference Center, Washington Navy Yard in Washington DC. This program was attended by over 130 SAME members and guests.

Mr. Philip Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Defense Installations and Environment, gave an excellent presentation. Mr. Grone has management and oversight responsibility for military installations worldwide, that have a land area covering 46,000 square miles and containing 587,000 buildings and structures valued at more than \$640 billion. His responsibilities include base realignment and closure; privatization of military housing and utilities; the development of installation capabilities, programs and budgets; and integrating installations and environment needs into the weapon acquisition process. Mr. Grone gave an excellent presentation on the current status of BRAC and its impact on the greater Washington DC - Baltimore metropolitan area.

SAME Washington DC Post Support Our Troops Phone Card Drive



The SAME Washington DC Post held a three month drive as part of the Support Our Troops program, to raise funds toward the purchase of phone cards in support of our troops abroad. The SAME Washington DC Post, thanks to your generous donations, raised over \$1,500. The funds collected for this program give us the opportunity to purchase over 150 phone cards so that over 150 of our dedicated men and women stationed in the Iraq Region will have the opportunity to call home. This program is being led with the assistance of the Baghdad Post who will assist with the distribution of the phone cards to our troops. So, a joint international Post effort to Support Our Troops is something we are very proud of.

LTC Mike Summers was instrumental in assisting with this program, and Col Tony Maida, our Post President also made strides to motivate our members to participate.

The SAME Washington DC Post is committed to making a difference at home and abroad. And it is with our members' contributions that we were able to make this program such a huge success.

Many thanks to all the individuals and companies who contributed to this program.



SAME Washington DC Post Recognition Ceremony of Our Deployed Engineering Team



In an unprecedented initiative, the SAME Washington DC Post organized and held a first rate protocol Recognition Ceremony of our Nation's Deployed Engineering Team. The Recognition Ceremony took place on 20 December 2005 at the Army Navy Country Club, in Arlington, VA. This was a phenomenal program with each of the military services represented and recognized. Individual service members were recognized as well as the actual service. Individual members were presented with a SAME coin that was presented to them in a formal manner by the officer representing that military service present at the ceremony.



In addition, each officer who attended the ceremony to represent their service received a

Certificate of Appreciation from the SAME Washington DC Post for that military service. To thank our members for their incredible support during 2005, the SAME Washington DC Post provided each program attendee with the new SAME lapel pin with the new SAME logo.





SAME Washington DC Post Recognition Ceremony of Our Deployed Engineer Team

The following individuals were recognized at the ceremony.

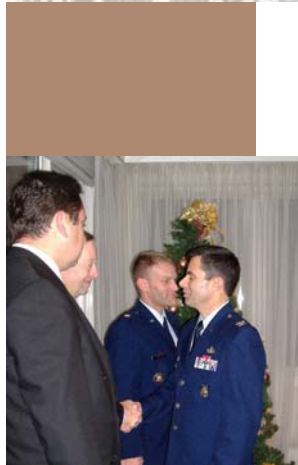
Maj. Peter Domahoski, NCO TSgt John Mc Adams, Michael Meuleners, and Hisham Alsado from USAF.

Maj Denise Boyer, CMSgt David Beal, Mr. John Felt from USANG.

LTC (P) Rick Howley (RC), SGT Lawrence Newton (249th), Mr. Alan Williams (MP-PID) and Susan Turek (MP-PID) from USACE.

LT Paul Lucia, BU1 Edward Wilson, and Ellsworth Spicher from NAVFAC.

CDR Nelson Mix, CDR Randall Gardner, CDR Kathy Pneleit, LCDR Hilda Scharen and LCDR Jennifer Mosser from USPHS.



SAME Washington DC Post NEWS

SAME Washington DC Post Sponsors Student to Attend 2005 SAME / USACE Small Business Conference

The SAME Washington DC Post Sponsored Rob Purvis, an undergraduate student of Structural Engineering at George Mason University to attend the 2005 SAME / USACE Small Business Conference, held on 5-7 December 2005 in Alexandria, VA. Mr. Purvis is an active member in the SAME Washington DC Post and was honored to have been selected as the sponsored student to attend this conference. The SAME Washington DC Post is proud to have had the opportunity to sponsor Mr. Purvis' attendance at this conference with a full conference registration.

SAME Washington DC Post Sponsors Student to Attend 2006 SAME Student Leadership Conference

The SAME Washington DC Post sponsored Anita Hsieh, a sophomore Architecture student at the University of Maryland to attend the first annual SAME Student Leadership Conference, to be held in Salt Lake City, UT in 2006. Anita is the SAME Washington DC Post 2005 Ronald Hubbard Scholarship - seventh annual Recipient, and a SAME Washington DC Post Student Member. The SAME Washington DC Post Board of Directors voted to approved the sponsorship of airfare, hotel and taxi to and from hotel, to attend the conference for Anita. The SAME Washington DC Post is pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor Anita's attendance at this SAME Student Leadership Conference.

Congratulations to the 2005 SAME Washington DC Post Fellows (F.SAME)

The SAME Washington DC Post 2005 Fellows (F.SAME) were approved by the Board of Direction on March 23, 2005 and were inducted into the Academy of Fellows on November 3, 2005 during the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Region Education and Training Conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

Washington DC Post 2005 Fellows:

- Dwight A. Beranek, P.E., SES
- RADM Michael K. Loose, P.E., CEC, USN
- COL Joe R. Miller, USA, Ret.
- Carol S. Mowder, P.E.
- Murphy E.A. Tuomey

92 Fellows (F.SAME) are members of the SAME Washington DC Post.

Sustaining Member News

Heavyweight Award

Boxing champion George Foreman, sitting, presents AARP's top award to Stanley Consultants' President and CEO Gregs Thomopoulos. Foreman was the keynote speaker to AARP's awards reception and dinner held at Chicago's Drake Hotel where Stanley Consultants was honored as the country's Best Employer for Workers Over 50. Also pictured, from left, William D. Novelli, CEO of AARP, Marie Smith, President of AARP, and Dick Stanley, Stanley Consultants' Chairman of the Board. Stanley Consultants provides engineering, environmental and construction services worldwide.

Submitted by: Stanley Consultants





SAME Washington DC Post Sustaining Member Assists in Hurricane Katrina Recovery

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Stanley Consultants Assisting in New Orleans' Hurricane Recovery Mission



Hurricane Katrina flood waters re-parked cars in Orleans Parish.

Stanley Consultants has been tapped by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist with hurricane recovery repairs in New Orleans. The company was awarded a Quality Control and Management Support task order to support the effort through an existing contract. A six-member team is currently in New Orleans assisting with the effort.

Repairing the extensive damage to New Orleans' hurricane and flood protection system caused by the devastating winds and flood waters generated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is high priority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The goal is to bring the levees back to pre-Katrina protection levels by June 1, 2006, the beginning of the next hurricane season.

The USACE formed Task Force Guardian to manage the New Orleans' levees and floodwalls repair. The task force is composed of Corps employees supplemented by contracting forces. Stanley Consultants' Quality Control and Management Support (QCMS) task order assembles engineering expertise to provide program planning, quality assurance oversight, program communication, and cost/schedule management. The team will work closely with the USACE staff to implement a series of design and construction contracts.

It is critical that construction activities proceed in a coordinated manner to allow the most efficient progress possible. Stanley Consultants' team will work as liaisons to provide strategic coordination and scheduling services so that all entities will work as a unit toward a common goal.

A Web site is available through USACE for the public to track progress on Task Force Guardian and other efforts to reconstruct and provide additional protection to the New Orleans region.



Sail boats capsized at Lake Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

Submitted by: Stanley Consultants



Flood damaged possessions moved to the curb in Orleans Parish.

SAME Washington DC Post Has Successful Toys for Tots Drive



The SAME Washington DC Post held its annual Toys for Tots drive on Thursday, 17 November 2005 at the Post's monthly program. Tawania McFadden, Community Outreach Chair organized this event. Many thanks to Tawania for making this happen.

The SAME Washington DC Post collected over 200 Toys for needy children in the DC metropolitan area.

And many thanks to all of our SAME members and guests who brought toys with them for this drive. THANK YOU!!!

Together, the SAME Washington DC Post made a difference in the lives of many children in the National Capital Area with toys during the holiday season.



SAME Washington DC Post Sustaining Members Win CANstruction Event

Several SAME Washington DC Post Sustaining Members participated in and Won at the 2005 CANstruction Event. This event is organized by the Washington Architect Foundation. CANstruction donates 26,000 cans to the capital area food bank. CANstruction's eight Washington DC competition put a visual spotlight on hunger while showcasing the design and construction industry giving back to the communities it helps build. Architects, engineers and contractors were challenged to design and build giant sculptures using canned food as their primary building block. Tape and cardboard served as nails and cement. The colors and design on food product labels formed the artists' pallet. "Bricks" came in a variety of sizes from the smallest tuna to the industrial-size tomato can. On 10 September 2005, 11 architectural and engineering firms built their structures at the shops of Pennsylvania Avenue. After a week of public display, the sculptors were awarded prizes. The food was donated to the Capital Area Food Bank.

SAME Washington DC Post Sustaining Member 2005 CANstruction Award Winners:

- Jurors' Favorite: "Toast Hunger!" by **Smith Group**
- Best Use of Labels: "Keep Hunger at Bay" by **RTKL Associates, Inc.**
- Best Meal: "It's Kool to Aid the Fight Against Hunger" by **Einhorn Yaffe Prescott**
- Structural Ingenuity: "Food Bank Under Construction" by **DMJMH&N**
- People's Choice Award: "Toast Hunger!" by **Smith Group**

Calendar of Events

SAME Washington DC Post Upcoming Program

Date: **12 January 2006**
 Program: **Annual Post Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers and Directors**
 Location: **National Press Club, Washington DC**

Date: **28 February 2006**
 Speaker: **RADM Richard Barror, United States Public Health Service (USPHS)**
 Program: **Annual Scholarship Dinner and USPHS Program**
 Location: **Army Navy Club, Washington DC**



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