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Post President's Message: Exchange Ideas, Find Solutions, and Make it Happen!

As the end of 2007 approaches, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. I also want to thank our members for their continued support of and contributions to the Washington D.C. Post. Together, we continue to persevere and make a difference in so many ways. Here are just a few highlights from the last few months.

2007 Scholars and Honors Gala

The 2007 Washington D.C. Post's Scholars and Honors Gala was a huge success! The gala featured a tribute to retired Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, USA, for his leadership during his years while on active duty. The gala also included a scholarship awards ceremony. With contributions from our sponsors and guests, the Washington D.C. Post raised \$53K for future Post scholarships. During the scholarship ceremony, the Washington D.C. Post awarded 15 scholarships of \$2,500 each to deserving architecture and engineering university and college students. Thank you and congratulations to Mike Pavlides, Scholars and Honors Gala Chair and Past Post President, and our gala committee members for organizing this very successful event.

2008 Scholars and Honors Gala

Preparations for the 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala are already underway. The Washington D.C. Post will co-host the 2008 gala together with the Northern Virginia Post. The gala is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20, 2008 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Additional information will be posted to the Scholars and Honors Gala web page, announced at upcoming Post programs and in upcoming newsletter issues.

2007 Industry Day

Successful private and public partnerships are essential to advance our respective missions and industry goals and objectives. The Washington D.C. Post is committed to facilitating programs and events that bring together private and public sector members and partners to exchange ideas and find solutions to complex national and international

SAME DC Post
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challenges that demand our attention. The Post's 2007 Industry Day was a resounding success! Many sustaining member firms and members participated and exhibited at this event. The Washington D.C. Post plans to make this an annual event. Many thanks go to Tracy Allen, Katherine Ollinger and Buster Barksdale for coordinating this event.

2007 Small Business Conference

Another success story is the Washington D.C. Post's 2007 Small Business Conference. Held on October 18, this conference brought together members from

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the public and private sectors to engage in constructive dialogue and involve our small businesses who bring value to our industries and to our Society. Our gratitude is extended to Linda Wright, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Col. Mike Rossie, Ft. Belvoir BRAC office; Carlen Capenos, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Chrisy Kyrgos, Department of Veterans Affairs; and to Angela Williams, Department of Homeland Security for participating in this event. Special thanks to Fidel Rodriguez, Philios Angelides and Tawania McFadden who served on the Small Business Conference Committee and led the effort to organize this event.

Looking Ahead to 2008 Programs

The Washington D.C. Post is planning exciting programs for 2008 that include:

- HQMC Grow the Force – Reset, Reconstitute, Revitalize
- NAVFAC and BUMED Take On Bethesda
- Department of Energy Leads Change Visit the Washington D.C. Post's Seminars, Programs and Workshops web page for the latest updates.

Call for 2008 Volunteers

The Washington D.C. Post continues to seek volunteers who want to make a difference. As we put together the slate for next year's Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, we have a number of opportunities for active Society members to take the lead. If you would like to become more involved with the Post as a Director, Committee Chair or to serve in a support role, please let us know. Getting involved as a volunteer is a rewarding experience and contributes to professional growth and membership outreach.

This has been a fantastic year! With so much dedication and commitment, it is no wonder the Washington D.C. Post continues to exceed expectations and to thrive as a vibrant and active Society Post. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Post President. It has truly been an honor.

*Capt. Ben Pina, P.E., CEC, USN
NAVFAC Washington
President, Washington DC Post*

Small Business Conference

On Oct. 18, 2007 the SAME DC Post hosted the 2007 Small Business Conference. This all-day event was held at the University of Maryland University College Inn and Conference Center by Marriott and was attended by over 90 professionals representing architectural, engineering, construction, technology and technical service industries.

The event was kicked-off with an inspiring presentation by Ms. Susan Ballard Hirsch, President of Government Services Integrated Process Team, an 8(a) certified, small, woman-owned business. Ms. Ballard described the challenges, strategies, and guiding principles that led to the successful development of her firm into a competitive player in the government services sector.

The morning part of the event included briefings by contracting representatives and managers from various federal government agencies. Through various presentations they provided information on how to engage with each agency's small business procurement office, mentoring opportunities, websites for business opportunities and an overview of on-going and upcoming programs (Ft. Belvoir BRAC). The speakers included:

Ms. Linda Wright, Associate Director of Small Business, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)

Mr. Jim Turkel, Director of Integration Office, Belvoir BRAC Office

Ms. Carlen Capenos, Deputy for Small Business, US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District

Mr. Cordell Smith, Small Business Specialist, Department of Veteran Affairs

Ms. Angela Williams, Small Business Advocate/DHS Mentor Protégé Program Manager, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

The presentations from all the speakers are available on the DC Post website: www.samedc.post.com.

The luncheon keynote speaker was Mr. Victor Ciardello, DOD Mentor Protégé Program Manager, who discussed procedures and other background information regarding participating in the program. The afternoon sessions were dedicated to one-on-one networking sessions between participant firms and the government agencies or other large businesses who were present at the event.

The feedback received on the event was very positive, with a number of firms expressing their satisfaction with the content of the presentations as well as their new business opportunity prospects received through the one-on-one networking. Mr. Ernest Bland, President, EBA Ernest Bland & Associates, a small business architectural design firm, stated "...Of the small business conferences I have attended over the years, yours was the most positive I have experienced. We made several new contacts and have already had follow-up calls to and from some of the participants.."

Many thanks and appreciation also go to our Gold Sponsors, Kim Engineering, Inc. and KIC Development, LLC, as well as our Exhibitors (listed below) who, through their support and participation added to the success of the networking component of the event.

- Department of Homeland Security
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- MWH Americas, Inc.
- Spectrum Environmental
- Tidewater, Inc.

We look forward to welcoming everybody again to next year's event.



Member News

LEO A DALY Announces New Managing Principal and Design Director

International architecture, planning, engineering and interior design firm LEO A DALY is pleased to announce the appointment of former Ambassador Richard N. Swett, FAIA, as Vice President and Managing Principal of the firm's Washington D.C. office. In this role, the former U.S. Representative and Ambassador is responsible for leading business opportunities in the global and regional arenas. Mr. Swett has achieved a distinguished record during his 28-year career in both the private and public realms as an American diplomat, U.S. Congressman, business leader, architect and author. An accomplished architect and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, he has written articles for numerous professional journals about his passion for the interconnections between diplomacy, leadership and architecture. He is the author of the book *Leadership by Design: Creating an Architecture of Trust*.

Janis J. Saltans, AIA has recently joined LEO A DALY as Director of Design for its Washington, DC office. Mr. Saltans is a very talented international architect who has, among other experiences, lived and worked in China for Epstein International Design Consultant (Beijing) Co., Ltd. He has experience designing a broad range of project types including commercial highrise, aviation, resort, athletic, and technical facilities.

Hankins and Anderson

Hankins and Anderson, Inc., a Richmond-based consulting engineering firm, is pleased to announce the following:

Christopher D'Alessio, Adam Torborg, and Matthew Williams, E.I.T. have joined the firm's Mechanical Department. Mr. D'Alessio was formerly with Colonial Webb Contractors of Richmond. Adam Torborg was formerly with Roach Consulting Engineers of Norfolk, and Matthew Williams was formerly with Northrop Grumman of Newport News. Winston Phillips, PMP has joined the firm

as a Project Manager. Mr. Phillips was formerly with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Jane Ray, PMP has also joined the firm as a Project Manager. Ms. Ray was formerly with McKinney and Company.

Michelle Dmytryszyn has joined the firm as an IT Technician. Ms. Dmytryszyn was formerly with Schweiger Construction Company. Laurie Watts has joined the firm as an Administrative Assistant. Ms. Watts was formerly with State Electric Supply Company.

HSMM Announces DC Office Promotions

HSMM, a leading architectural, engineering and planning firm, has announced that the following professionals in the Washington, DC office have been promoted:

Sharon R. Kemmlein, PE, has been promoted from Associate to Senior Associate of the firm. As the Structural Engineering Department Head, Ms. Kemmlein leads the structural engineering efforts of some of HSMM's largest government and military contracts. She received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University.

Josh Levy, PE, LEED AP, has been promoted to Associate of the firm. Recently promoted to Project Manager, he has experience working on a variety of projects including healthcare, education, courthouses and government and commercial ventures. Mr. Levy received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Tulane University.

Eric P. Buck, PE, LEED AP, has been promoted from Associate to Senior Associate of the firm. As Project Manager, Mr. Buck has nearly 20 years of experience in civil engineering design and management involving a wide variety of site development for new construction, renovation and expansion projects. With 17 years of experience designing for military agencies, he is highly knowledgeable of AT/FP design requirements. Mr. Buck received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology from University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Natoya L. Miller, PE, LEED AP, has been promoted to Associate of the firm. Ms. Miller was recently promoted to Electrical Engineering Department Head and is an experienced designer for electrical systems for a variety of facilities including museums and offices. She has worked extensively at the Smithsonian and has designed electrical systems at the National Museum of Natural History. Ms. Miller received her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

Gerardo F. Rivera, CCA, LEED AP, has been promoted to Associate of the firm. As the Construction Administration Department Head, Mr. Rivera is responsible for developing implementing manpower plans consistent with office goals, utilization, and training, and for ensuring the firm delivers quality products and services to clients. He got his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from University of Maryland, College Park.

Ed G. Donnelly, PE, CEM, LEED AP, has been promoted from Associate to Senior Associate of the firm. Mr. Donnelly is a senior mechanical engineer experienced in design and design management for mechanical and HVAC systems for various military, educational, correctional facilities and institutional facilities. With 40 years in the industry he has served as Project Manager with the responsibility of managing, programming, designing, and coordinating construction for new and renovated facilities. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Maryland, College Park.

Grunley Construction

Grunley Construction has been awarded an initial \$37 million to construct two new buildings at the U.S. Department of State's George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, VA.

Please email your Member News to Susan Merrigan at sbmerrigan@leoadaly.com for inclusion in future newsletters!



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In business for over 50 years, Grunley Construction Company, Inc. is a large construction contractor that provides general contracting, design-build, and construction management "at risk" services in and around the Washington, DC region. The firm is ranked as the fifth largest interior construction firm in metropolitan Washington and Engineering News Record has ranked it among the "Top 400" contractors in the nation.

Most often Grunley Construction is recognized for its extensive background in managing complex federal renovations, many of which involve historic, occupied, and secure structures. However, the firm has completed, and is in the process of completing, a number of commercial construction projects.

Recent Projects

Fairfax High School Renovation and New Additions – Completed renovations to the existing 340,000 SF school and built three additions totaling 70,000 SF at this City of Fairfax Public School. The project totaled \$40M and spanned 34 months with 16 phases.

1401 New York Avenue, NW – Construction will be complete on this project in Jan 08. The \$9M project involves re-cladding the brick façade of the fully occupied, 12-story building with new stone panels, ornamental fins, and new glass.

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, House and Senate Shell Space Fit-Out – Construction substantially complete on the interior fit-out of 170,000 SF of House and Senate expansion space inside the new U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. The project is valued at \$38M.

Please visit www.grunley.com.

Young Members Networking Social

On November 28th, nearly 50 young members (and some not so young members) gathered at Sine Irish Pub in Arlington for a Young Member joint Washington DC / Northern Virginia Post sponsored networking happy hour. The event was a great success and by far one of the best attended networking socials in recent memory. A wide variety of members and non-members from the military and private sector companies had a chance to meet new people and reacquaint with old friends.



Young Members at Sine Irish Pub

Thanks to Lauren Myers, DC Post Young Member chair, Matt Wallace, Northern Virginia Post Young Member for putting together this event. Many of our board members also assisted in recruiting first time attendees. This event was hosted by the DC Post and Northern Virginia Post, with additional sponsorship from Schnabel Engineering, RTKL, and Jacobs, all of whom picked up the tab for this event. And as you can imagine, free food and drinks were a big hit! And finally, the members themselves made this a great success. Everyone is very busy,

especially at this time of year. But these folks took time from their busy work and personal lives to participate. We thank them for that.

Leading by example, Captain Ben Pina, USN (DC Post President), Mary Anderson (NOVA Post President), Cmdr Nelson Mix (DC Post First V. Pres.), and several Post Directors supported this event with their attendance.

If you couldn't make it, you missed a great event but we hope you can attend the next time this event is held. Cheers!!

Next DC Post Event

January 24
12th Annual Awards Luncheon
National Press Club

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