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This is the fourth and last formal message I am privileged to leave with the Post membership. As my term as the 2008 Washington DC Post President ends I reflect on the ambitious goals I had set, and the disappointments and successes experienced throughout the year. This opportunity to serve has been a great leadership experience for me. When I first spoke with the Board of Direction (BOD) as Post President, I assured everyone I would "do no harm" – a term the medical profession sometimes uses when treating a patient (a doctor may not cure you or relieve the symptoms of your ailment, but you can usually rest assured you won't leave the doctor's office any worse off or dead). I vowed I would not leave the Post in worse condition than I inherited from Captain **Ben Pina** (USN) and all of the other previous Post Presidents that served before me (and trust me, I did not inherit anything bad)! With a troubled economy, the BOD has seen Post investments lose value (on paper) over the past few months, consistent with financial markets and our IRAs. I give the BOD credit in 2008 for instituting a new event registration system, successful lunchtime presentations, partnering with other organizations, successful golf and gala fund raisers, and other great programs (Readiness, K-12 Outreach, Small Business, Young Members, Awards, etc), and I do not attribute any real or perceived financial woes that Post investments are currently experiencing to the BOD. I thank the 2008 BOD for a great year and their support!

So how does this affect you as a member of one of the greatest Posts in SAME, and what should you take away from this column? Every year I set the same goals at New Years – save money and lose weight. These are probably the same goals many of you set. But how do we fare in accomplishing them? I know for myself, it's easier to click a mouse and track finances than break a sweat (and it takes less time than working out). As creatures of comfort and habit (usually bad habits), we tend to do what is fun and easy, and what serves our interests. The key is motivating oneself to change to accomplish a goal. Our incoming DC Post President (Col. **John Elwood**, USAF) will probably set some new short term goals, while honoring a commitment to working towards existing, longer range goals. As Post members, why should you give of your time or money to the post to help support these goals? Well, there



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are probably as many reasons as members (that's over 1,000 for our Post). A simple rule for deciding to donate time or money is "Work for visibility, give for recognition". More complex and less selfless principles of fellowship, service, and mentoring are also reasons to be active in the Society.

Others Posts have referred (somewhat jokingly and in admiration) to the DC Post as a 'MegaPost' (SAME Headquarters recognizes Posts as small, medium or large based on membership). The DC Post has more resources than most Posts with respect to finances and membership. However, being so large also brings additional onuses: prudent spending, wise investing, and accommodating a larger and more diverse constituent with more diverse needs. It's been my observation that individual members need to and can do more, while the sustaining membership is very supportive and active. (Some BOD members theorize that in the DC area individuals tend to take a lot of the area's offerings and opportunities for granted, such as membership in a very viable and active Post). Each monthly meeting and newsletter column I say or write something like "volunteer, do what interests you, join a committee, etc". It is not without rationale. I know time and money are scarce commodities, but are there. The Post will always be here, ready to receive your support. The Post, its members, and the future engineers and architects will benefit from your generosity. Most importantly, you or your firm will benefit also.

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# 2008 Holiday Party

December 11, 2008

On December 11, 2008 nearly 100 Post members gathered at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC for the annual Post "holiday" party. Distinguished guests included Mr. **Howard Snow**, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (and the Marine Corps) for Installations & Facilities and also Mr. **Dennis Biddick**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (and the Marine Corps) for Infrastructure, Strategy, and Analysis. Mr. Snow, a retired military officer with a background in strategic planning, congressional affairs, military basing issues as well as having a solid understanding of the military command structure and internal workings of the Department of Defense, addressed the audience briefly about energy, and was presented a Post coin.

Special thanks went to the board members who organized the event, **Emily Boyd of EDAW**, **Philios Angelides of Alpha Corporation**, and **Tom Randolph of Conti Construction**. Given away were two gift baskets from Conti, an American Express gift card from Alpha, two Washington Capital hockey tickets from ECS, and two University of Maryland basketball tickets from A. Morton Thomas (with a parking pass). Winners were Sandra Gitlin of STV incorporated Aurora Shapleigh of KCI Technologies, David M. Lowe of McDonough Bolyard Peck, Robert Derrick of Heery International, Inc, and Jerry Strauss of Dewberry. It was a great event!



Attendees Enjoying the 2008 Holiday Party



Distinguished Guest Howard Snow Addressing Attendees



## Post President's Message, cont.

I was very humbled when I was installed as Post President in January 2008. I said at the November 2008 lunch program "I believe you can get more out SAME, than what you put into it". At the recent Holiday party, I was very pleased to meet new people who want to be active with the Post. I hope that I have done well, and have not done 'any harm' to the Post. It's my challenge to each of you to be proactive in changing not just whatever interests you, but to change the Post for the better. I hope to see you future post events, and I promise support of the Post will better you.

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US Public Health Service  
2008 President, Washington D.C. Post  
Society of American Military Engineers*

## 20 Year History of DC Post Presidents!

- 2009 COL John Elwood, PE, USAF
- 2008 CDR Nelson Mix, PE, USPHS
- 2007 CAPT Ben Pina, PE, USN
- 2006 Mr. Michael Pavlides, CFM, PBS&J
- 2005 COL. Tony Maida, PE, USAF
- 2004 CAPT James Peck, PE, USN
- 2003 COL Mike Walsh, PE, USA
- 2002 Ms. Rose M. Dela Vega, RTKL
- 2001 COL Timothy Byers, PE, USAF
- 2000 CAPT Paul G. McMahon, USN
- 1999 COL Eric R. Potts, USA
- 1998 Mr. John Wilson, Sverdrup
- 1997 Dr. Robert Wolff P.E., F.SAME, USA
- 1996 Dr. Robert Wolff P.E., F.SAME, USA
- 1995 COL Connie Brown, USA,
- 93-94\* Mr. Thomas Delaney, PE, DynCorp
- 92-93 CAPT Rick Brown, USN
- 91-92 CAPT Jim Donahue, USCG
- 90-91 Mr. Bill Stanley, NOAA
- 89-90 COL Don Thomas USAF
- 88-89 COL Dale Means, USA

\*Note, the President's term of office was 1 July to 30 June up until 1994. Starting calendar year 1994 the Post converted to a term of office that was 1 January to 31 December.



# 13th Annual Awards Luncheon

To be held 29 January 2009 at the National Press Club

The Washington, DC Post will be having its 13th Annual Awards Luncheon on 29 January 2009. The luncheon will be held at the National Press Club on 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The costs are \$20 for Young Members, Military or Government employees, and \$70 for all others.

The Washington DC Post has a large membership, over 1,400 members. The Awards Luncheon is the Post's opportunity to recognize the contributions made by many individual and sustaining members to the Washington DC Post, National SAME and their profession. In addition to individual awardees, the Post will recognize Sustaining Member Firms of the Post with 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 year anniversaries.

The award categories are:

- Distinguished Service to the Washington Post
- Outstanding Contributions to the Engineering Profession
- Outstanding Contributions to Architecture
- Young Member Award

- Outstanding Contributions by Young Military Member
- Outstanding Contributions by Young Civilian Member
- Outstanding Contribution to Technology or the Engineering Profession
- Outstanding Contributions to Marketing and/or Communications
- Sustaining Member of the Year
- Sustaining Small Business Member of the Year

The Awards Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to submit a nomination. Recipients of the Washington Post awards are nominated for SAME National Awards.

Please reserve this date in your calendar and watch for further details about the luncheon in your e-mail. Everyone is welcome to come and join in on recognizing the contributions of the Awardees.

## Member News

### The Conti Group Awarded Replacement of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge

Conti of New York, LLC was awarded Replacement of the Bronx Approach and Miscellaneous Repairs to the Queens Approach at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge in New York, NY. The Project is generally described as the staged replacement of the existing Bronx approach up to the Bronx anchorage while maintaining traffic and miscellaneous repairs to the Queens approach.

### EYP Designing AFMIC Expansion

The design-build team of EYP Architecture & Engineering and Grunley Construction were awarded the expansion of the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center (AFMIC) at Fort Detrick, MD. The expansion

provides new space for additional personnel to support the revised mission of AFMIC. The building is a SCIF facility.

### Hankins and Anderson, Inc. Announces New Employees

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

- Wayne Morrissette, P.E., Senior Electrical Engineer
- Louise Clark, Senior Electrical Designer
- Mike J. Goodman, RCDD, CPD, Senior Telecommunications Engineer
- Angela Lilly, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer
- Christine Swanson, P.E., CFPS, Senior Fire Protection Engineer

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

# Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA Scholarship Fund Raising Drive

## Contributions Requested



Jerold E. Kreidler, AIA

At the 2008 Scholars and Honors Gala on September 20th, Mrs. Bonnie Kreidler and family presented the DC Post with \$10,000 to establish a scholarship in her late husband's name. The minimum amount to establish a

named scholarship at the DC Post is \$20,000, so the Post has announced a fund raising drive to raise the remaining amount.

Jerry Kreidler, AIA, 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, the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the USAF Outstanding Unit Award. He was a great mentor, friend, and professional and is missed by all.

On December 11, 2008 at the Post Holiday Party, Post Directors individually donated \$700 to help support the post in achieving this goal of matching the \$10,000 in donations for the post to move forward with this named scholarship.

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



# Upcoming Young Member Networking Event

**Young Member Networking  
Happy Hour  
Tuesday, February 10**

Please join the SAME Washington DC Post Young Members for a networking event on February 10. **Appetizers will be provided!**

**When:** Tuesday, February 10, 5 - 7:00pm  
**Where:** Sine Irish Pub and Restaurant  
1301 S Joyce St  
Arlington, VA 22202  
(703) 415-4420

Sine Irish Pub is located at Pentagon Row (behind the Pentagon City shopping mall). It is easily accessible from the Pentagon City metro stop, on the Yellow and Blue lines.

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*

## Gala Sponsors

*The DC and Northern Virginia Posts are proud to recognize our 2008 Gala Sponsors, including Turner, who was omitted in our last newsletter.*

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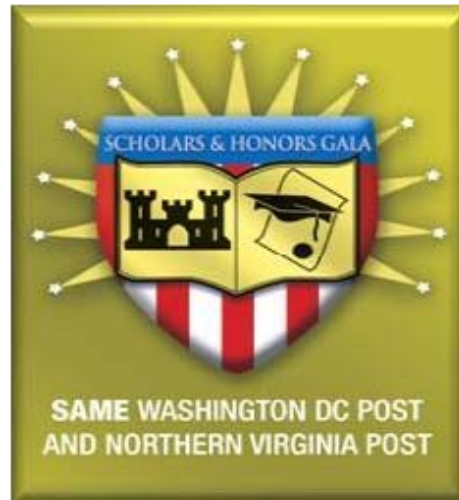
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### **Raffle Donations:**

AAA Mid-Atlantic  
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### **Programs:**

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## DC Post News

### **Post Membership Ratifies Updated Bylaws at Holiday Party**

The Post Board of Direction revised the bylaws to permit the Post to have an assistant treasurer, without voting rights or serving as an officer (modifying the 2003 update that required this position to be a voting member and Post officer). The Bylaws were also updated to reflect the recent change of having SAME National Headquarters administer the collection and disbursement of members' dues to the Post. The updated Bylaws are at [www.samedcpost.org/docs/bylaws\\_121108.pdf](http://www.samedcpost.org/docs/bylaws_121108.pdf).

### **Post Membership Elects 2009 Officers**

The formal business of approving a slate of officers and directors, in accordance with Post Bylaws Article IV, 3 took place on December 11, 2008 at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC.

### **DC Post List Serve**

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# Washington DC Post Programs Recap

## USMC Grow the Force October 16th, 2008

Mr. Brian Sanders, Director of Military Construction Programming under Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, US Marine Corps (USMC), provided an interesting and timely presentation on the USMC construction program. He presented a summary of the \$2.1B FY2009 Military Construction Program. He also provided a clear explanation of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Initiative and the bachelor housing standards. Mr. Sanders' presentation included an informative discussion of the Grow the Force Pro-

gram for the Marine Corps. This program includes the use of interim facilities (see below), as well as a plan to build new permanent facilities 2-4 years after unit stand-up. Mr. Sanders concluded with a discussion of the challenges to the USMC construction program. The concurrent key initiatives of the large Guam buildup and the Grow the Force and BEQ initiatives will severely strain funding, material, management and construction workforce resources. In addition, the programs must deal with the rising cost of construction.

## Department of Energy Programs November 20th, 2008

Mr. Paul Bosco, Director, Office of Engineering and Construction Management, Department of Energy (DOE), provided a lively and informative presentation on the responsibilities of his office and the major design and construction projects on-going and planned for the near future. He provided a useful comparison between the DOE and DOD construction programs to aid the audience in the understanding of his department. The \$25M FY09 Congressional Budget Request comes from primarily nine offices, with more than two-thirds programmed for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Office of Environmental Management (EM) and the Office of Science (SC). NNSA currently has 28 projects with a total construction project cost of \$11.5B in their post-budget approval portfolio. Mr. Bosco provided a useful summary of new design and construction requests.

He concluded his presentation with an interesting pictorial review of several key projects, including the \$1B National Synchrotron Light Source II project at Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York depicted below.



## Grow the Force Interim Facilities Strategy

### Operational

- Combination of:
  - Existing Spaces
  - Pre-Engineered Buildings
  - Sprung Structures
  - Trailers



### Billeting

- Combination of:
  - Existing Spaces
  - Trailers
  - BAH



Slide from Brian Sanders presentation on USMC



National Synchrotron Light Source II at Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York



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## 2009 National Events

Visit [same.org](http://same.org) for more information

### January

6 SAME LEED for DOD Projects Workshop

### January

21-23 SAME Design-Build Workshop

### January

22-23 SAME Transition Workshop and Job Fair

### March

26 DOD and Federal Agency FY10 Program Briefings

# SAME Transition Workshop and Job Fair

### Transition Workshop

The Transition Workshop features panel discussions with members of the uniformed services and civilians who have transitioned out of service and into the private sector. Additionally, representatives from architecture, engineering, construction, environmental services, and facility management organizations will be on-hand to discuss positions in these industries.

### Job Fair

As an SAME Member you have the opportunity to meet and interview with Sustaining Member Companies. SAME will provide your resume to all participating organizations prior to the Job Fair, and each company will have a private suite where you can learn more or be interviewed for current openings.

Register Today at

<http://posts.same.org/transition/2009/>

# 2009 Washington DC Post Events Calendar

### January

29 Annual Awards Luncheon  
National Press Club

### February

10 Young Members Networking Happy Hour  
Sine Irish Pub, Arlington

26 St. Elizabeths Program, GSA  
Washington Navy Yard

### March

26 Luncheon Program  
Washington Navy Yard

### April

Young Members Event

Scholarship Golf Tournament  
The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base

### May

28 Luncheon Program

### June

ACEC/MW 2009 Annual Conference:

Young Members Event

### July

23 Luncheon Program

### August

27 Luncheon Program

### September

10 Small Business Industry Forum (co-hosted with SAME NoVA Post)

### October

22 Luncheon Program

Young Member Event

### November

19 Luncheon Program

### December

Annual Holiday Party



*We look forward to seeing you!*

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- 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

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