NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 SAME CHICAGO POST OFFICERS

Nominations for the 2017 SAME Chicago Post Officers and Board is now opened.

As per the Post’s bylaws, elections shall be held annually such that new and continuing Officers and Directors are installed in December or January. This year’s elections will be at the December 21st Post Meeting and installation of new officers/board will be held in January.

Officers of the Post shall consist of President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall be elected by the Post membership for a one-year term. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Post Officers and Elected Directors. The Post President can nominate one or more Appointed Directors as appropriate. The term of office for an Elected Director shall be three years with a staggered turnover to provide continuity in the governance of the Post. The term of office for Appointed Directors shall be one year.

Nominations can be made by contacting Mary Jo Mullen at (847) 602-9720 or by email at mmullen@advantagestrat.com.

See last page of newsletter for the preliminary ballot. An updated ballot will be distributed after nominations close.

Upcoming Post Events

SAME Chicago Luncheon
October 19, 2016
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Registration and Networking
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch/Post Meeting

Topic: Mission of the 416th Engineer Command
Speaker: COL Scott Schrader
Location: 416th Theater Engineer Command, 10S100 S Frontage St, Darien, IL 60561

Post Meeting Costs
$15/Person.

Payment Options
At the Meeting: Cash or check only, payable to the SAME Chicago Post.

Reservations
Please RSVP by contacting Rob Foster: (708) 533-7111 or robert.foster@akana.us

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SAME Chicago Post Golf Outing
By Nick Nigro - Post Golf Tournament Chair

After a two-year hiatus, the SAME Chicago Post Golf Outing was back with a new twist. This year we decided to collaborate with the Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), figuring the more engineers the better. Right? Held on Thursday, August 25, this first of its kind collaboration was an instant success. Following are a few of the highlights:

- We were blessed with wonderful weather, and continue to get “lucky” with our late summer/early fall date year after year. Hopefully I did not jinx us for next year!
- Four sponsors were central to our fund-raising efforts, notably Geosyntec (HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR); Pace Analytical – Mobile Lab Services (EAGLE SPONSOR); and Michael Baker and Veolia (BIRDIE SPONSORS).
- Writing this on the heels of watching an exciting Ryder Cup this past weekend, the first annual ENGINEERS CUP was almost as exciting. The low teams (each nine under) were shared by two “S.A.M.E.” four-somes. The tie-breaker went to Geosyntec via a coin toss, so Year One ENGINEERS CUP goes to SAME Chicago Post. Next year this will surely be a hotly contested item (and we may actually procure a cup).
- In total, the Scholarship Fund for this coming year netted almost $1,500! These monies go directly into the scholarship fund to be able to offer so many young students a head start in their journey to becoming our next generation of engineers and scientists. This could not be done without the wonderful support we get from our sponsors and participants.

Army Camp, Vicksburg, MS
By Jim Wescott - Post 2nd Vice President

Allison Wescott, a junior at Glenbard South High School, attended the SAME/Army Engineering & Construction Camp in Vicksburg, MS. The 5 day camp included a diverse series of seminars and hands on events covering a range of engineering disciplines. The camp was attended by approximately 40 students from across the United States. Activities began with a team orienteering contest at the Vicksburg Military Park, site of the famous Civil War battle. Later that day the attendees toured the geotechnical and structures laboratory at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). This facility also was the venue for computer modeling, river engineering, and environmental analysis over the course of the week.

When not exploring the various engineering capabilities of ERDC, the students participated in tours of local facilities with significant engineering operations, including a Nissan manufacturing plant and an Entergy power plant.

The time was not all about engineering. A swim party, hamburger cook out, bowling, and team Jeopardy contest helped the camp attendees interact in a relaxed setting. Lodging for the students was provided at the 168th National Guard facility east of Vicksburg. The camp culminated with a discussion of engineering career opportunities and an award ceremony followed by a final cookout.
**SAME Mission, Vision, and Values**

**MISSION**
“To provide education and support to the engineering components of the military and uniformed services and other federal, state and local government agencies responsible for the nation’s infrastructure, and to advance the partnership between government and the architecture, engineering and construction industry in the interest of national security.”

**VISION**
“To be a premier global engineering organization advancing the professional and personal growth of its members, the military and public sector engineering community, and the architecture, engineering and construction industry.”

**VALUES**
- Integrity: Unwavering commitment to always do what is right, regardless of consequences.
- Patriotism: Support our national ideals and take pride in our country.
- Public Service: Recognize the critical contribution that public servants make in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the nation.
- National Security: Recognize the dedication of our national security team, comprised of the uniformed services, civil service and contractors, in defending freedom.
- Technical Competence: Deliver high-quality solutions.
- Excellence: Strive for the highest standards of performance in all actions, both personal and professional.
- Environmental Stewardship: Preserve, protect, conserve and restore our national resources through sustainable practices.

**SAME Chicago Post Events Calendar for 2016**

The SAME Chicago Post holds regular lunch meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, unless “special events” supersede. Networking begins at 11:30, with presentations starting at about 12:00. Meetings are held at the USACE Chicago District Office, 231 S. LaSalle Street, 16th Floor. Reservations are required for lunch and for building access. Check website for details: [http://www.same-chicago.org/CalendarOfEvents.aspx](http://www.same-chicago.org/CalendarOfEvents.aspx). Contact Jim Wescott at jim.wescott@itemi.com or (312) 201-7781, if you would like to present or have ideas for presentations.

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10th Annual Boat Cruise Fundraiser – Another HUGE Success!

By Rob Foster

In 2007, SAME’s Chicago and Lake Michigan Post co-hosted the 1st Annual Chicago River and Lake Michigan Boat Cruise Fundraiser. The inaugural event raised funds to support construction of the Fisher House at Hines VA Hospital, which opened in 2010, and was attended by then Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and then Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Tammy Duckworth. This summer’s 10th annual cruise was held on July 27, with 114 attendees – including six current residents of Fisher House; two WWII veterans; the founders of the Warrior Summit Coalition, which supports veterans on their return to civilian life. The weather was (again) perfect for an evening cruise, and despite a food mix-up, attendees appeared to be having a great time!

Our beneficiaries gave brief overviews of their programs during the Cruise. To learn more about this year’s beneficiaries, including volunteer opportunities, or to make additional personal donations, please visit their websites:

- Warrior Summit Coalition – [www.warriorsummit.org](http://www.warriorsummit.org) (Chicago)

Since its inception, thanks to generous corporate member sponsorships, individual member donations, and our 50-50 split-the-pot raffle, SAME has donated almost $25,000 to a diverse group of Veterans and Military Family support organizations, and this year’s Cruise raised over $5,000 – a new record! A big thank you to our Sponsors:

- Captain Sponsors (5): Cardno, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Michael Baker, Stantec, and Aldridge
- First Mate Sponsors (9): Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell, Crawford Murphy & Tilly, Environmental Design International (EDI), F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen, Geosyntec Consultants, HNTB, Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES), and Veolia.

Thanks to our Committee -- Bill Santelik, Carol McCoy, Angggie Richter, Greg Gibbons, Sabina Stankevicius, April Ricketts, Tobin Richter, Anna Culcasi and Rob Foster. And, thanks to all our participants (members and guests), and to Tom Sydelko for generously forgoing his winnings from our 50-50 raffle. We look forward to seeing you on board again next year!
This summer, from June 19 to 25, 2016, I had the opportunity to attend the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) U.S. Marine Corps Engineering and Construction Camp at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, North Carolina. During the week I spent at the camp, I was hoping to get an idea of what it was like to work for the military in a non-combat role, and to learn more about engineering work.

While at the camp, I stayed in the Marines’ barracks with three roommates. I met other campers from all over the country, and one from Germany. The 40 campers were separated into four squads of 10, and a military engineer was appointed as a squad leader. Each morning after we ate breakfast in the mess hall, an engineering challenge was presented to the squads, and we spent the rest of the day competing against the other squads in the challenge. The challenges included constructing a concrete and rebar beam designed to support a military truck, transporting water up a hill without the use of pumps, building a structure to drain runoff, building a trebuchet, and building a boat out of cardboard that we raced across the pool.

My favorite of these challenges was building the concrete beam. We measured out the materials for the concrete, mixed them, decided where to place our rebar, and poured out the concrete. After competing the build, the Marines drove a massive truck over each group’s elevated beam to see which one lasted the longest under the weight. Our squad (Delta) ended up winning.

We got some free time as well, and we played ultimate Frisbee, watched a demolition demonstration, and had a cookout on the beach. Team building and leadership were also features of the camp. A different leader was assigned in all of the squads for every challenge, and we had to work together to problem solve and complete the challenges set in front of us.

Another great feature of the camp were the human resources around us at all times. I personally got to know a Marine Sapper, who was an expert on explosive ordinance. I talked to him about his deployments, as well as some of the math that went into the placement of explosives.

It was certainly a memorable experience, and it was very helpful to have the opportunity to talk with military engineers about career paths and advice. I want to thank the SAME Chicago Post for presenting me with the opportunity to attend this camp because I learned all about engineering, and military life, and I certainly got out of this camp what I wanted to.
SAME Chicago Post 2017 Election Ballot

Below is a copy of the ballot for the 2016 Chicago Post Officers and Board.

If you are a member in good standings and would like to have your name added to the ballot, please contact Mary Jo Mullen before the closing of nominations at the November 2016 Post Meeting.

If you have question on the roles of the Post Officers and Board, take a look at the Post Bylaws at http://www.same-chicago.org/AboutSAME/2011%20bylaws.PDF

The Society of American Military Engineers - Chicago Post Officers and Board of Direction Call for 2017 Nominations

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Nominations open until November meeting **
Elections at December 2016 Post meeting
Installation at January 2017 Post event

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