SAME Fort Bragg Post  July-December 2017

The Fort Bragg SAME Post holds general membership meetings at the Iron Mike Conference and Catering Center, usually on the fourth Tuesday at lunch time. To receive invitation flyers, email Bill Sabata (sabata2@mindspring.com) or Anna Turlik, (aturlik@gmail.com) or check our post website (http://www.same.org/Fort-Bragg. All are welcome at board meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at the Iron Mike CCC.

As we wrap up another year...

Your SAME Board stayed as busy as ever this year.

Our 2017 Streamer Awards bought us recognition for Professional Development and Personal Growth, Leadership and Mentoring and for Relationships. All three streamers were won with distinction, thanks to our ‘Streamstress’, Carrie Kennedy who painstakingly keeps up with the changing requirements and puts our application packages together.

It is hard to believe, but it is time for us to send in the award applications for the 2018 streamers already!

We received a wonderful thank you letter from our three-time scholarship winner, Emily Jasienowski. We love hearing from our scholarship winners!

SAME participated in the 16th annual NCMBC Defense and Economic Defense Trade Show at Fayetteville Technical Community College on August 7th. Jury Brown and Janette Tudor set up and manned the table with banner stands supplied by SAME National office. SAME is grateful for the support NCMBC always extends to our organization.

We continued to get our membership together monthly for general membership meetings as described below.

At our July meeting, Anna Turlik was presented with the coveted Regional Vice President’s coin in recognition of her dedicated contributions to the Engineering and Construction Camps. She has been a mentor for 5 consecutive years.

Quick Summary

- Two new SAME Fellows recognized!
- Continuation of our ‘Meet your DPW’ staff introductions.
- Post Leaders Workshop was held in St. Pete Beach Florida.
- New school year at FTCC! Our Student Chapter at FTCC always needs speakers.
- 10 monthly technical presentations this year.
- New Awards announced-MVP, Young Member, and Sustaining Member of the Year.
- Another year of Camps completed.

Fort Bragg Access Update

Driver’s Licenses for several states are no longer considered valid ID for entering Fort Bragg. Those states include South Carolina, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Montana and Maine. For more information, see the Fayetteville Observer article. http://www.fayobserver.com/military/fort-bragg-to-decline-driver-s-licenses-from-more-states/article_f7abb38-033c-9a0d-b240-1164c936599f.html

Your technical presentations, month by month

July 2017 - LIDAR Mapping of Building Interior presented by Ryan Belyea, GISP, AECOM with a live demonstration.

August 2017 - Fort Bragg Industry Day

September 2017 – PFAS: An Emerging Contaminant Class with Far-Reaching Environmental and Human Health Implications presented by Ms. Bonani Langan, PE

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), including the sub-class of compounds more commonly referred to as Perfluorocarbons (PFCs), are a widely-used class of synthetic chemicals. Emerging and rising levels of PFAS in the environment are a growing concern. Current and past users of these chemicals may face potential liabilities. The history of the emerging contaminant class, as well as its uses and sources, fate and transport, toxicology, remediation, and regulatory framework was presented. A discussion followed that provided an understanding of how these issues impact DoD, industry, regulators and consultants.

October 2017-no general membership meeting was held. Our Clay Shoot at Kidd’s Place was October 20th.

November 2017-US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Military Construction Program

COL Lee Hicks, Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering-Presentation focused on three areas: (1) USASOC Overview of Army Special Operations (2) Overview of the Command Engineer Organization and (3) presentation of their MILCON and FSRM program.

December 2017-Placing a 48-inch Cast Iron Sewer Pipe Across-The Neuse River at Goldsboro, NC, presented by Bill Sabata of ES&GS Services
Congratulations to Bill Sabata and Scott Hartung! The SAME Academy of Fellows recognizes those members who have rendered dedicated and outstanding service to the Society, military engineering, and the A/E/C profession. SAME has bestowed the title of Fellow on select members since 1972; however in 1995 an academy was founded to formally acknowledge these distinguished individuals for their dedication to SAME and the A/E/C profession. Today, there are more than 700 members of the Academy of Fellows.

LTC (Retired) Sabata was the first non-military, non-government employee to serve as Post President at Fort Bragg. During his first term, 2006 – 2007, Bill challenged the Executive Board and Post membership to improve the results of several of its historic programs and take on new ones. He re-energized lagging committees and recruited new blood. Bill’s 2007 fund-raising golf tournament exceeded that year’s expectations and those of previous events, netting nearly $10,000 and making it possible to award 10 engineering scholarships that year. To enhance local student awareness and involvement in SAME, Bill instituted a policy to give a year of student membership in SAME for each scholarship winner. Bill has served two terms as president of our post, his second term was 2014-2015. Bill continues to take charge of our Programs committee. Bill Sabata’s consistent leadership in this voluntary organization through dedicated efforts and achievements make him worthy of election to the grade of Fellow. As a business owner in a small business, carving out the time to focus on something for which he is passionate, but which does not provide financial gain is admirable. Continuously, whether serving the Post as an officer, Board Director, committee chairperson, or committee member, Bill has been a critical member of the Post’s Executive Board. He is always the first to volunteer for the dirty-work, always the first to ask, “how will this idea/proposal help the military and the society?” He is always a keeper of the Fort Bragg Post’s positive identity and culture. His service to SAME has always reflected his love of soldiers and the Post, and can truly be called outstanding.

Scott Hartung began his tenure with SAME as the Young Member Committee Chair while an Air Force officer stationed at Edwards AFB, California in 1991. He has been a crucial member of the Fort Bragg Post board for the last 10 years, serving as post president for the 2011-2012 term. Scott was the creator and positive force behind the development and implementation of the first Carolinas Region JETS from start to finish. Scott lent his expertise in contracts review as he negotiated contracts with the conference planner, Pinehurst lodging, the golf course, the catering service and IT services. He participated in and led countless committee meetings over the 18-month planning period as the post determined the Agenda/Theme/Speakers/Call for Presentations. In addition, Scott reached out to Sponsors to increase booth sales and was responsible for the overall layout and booth assignment. He also authorized and procured company resources for folders, nametags, signs, flyers and agendas. His calm, stalwart actions helped save the symposium from cancellation as Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast during the conference and the Army had implemented stringent restrictions for officer attendance one week before the JETS kicked off. He coordinated daily phone calls with the SAME Executive Director to discuss operational alternatives, some of which (e.g., keynote speaker attendance via teleconference) had to be implemented and all of which came off without a noticeable hitch. With over 300 attendees, many called the Regional JETS at Pinehurst the best SAME event they had attended in years. During the symposium, Scott served as Master of Ceremonies for all plenary sessions, introducing the local Mayor, keynote speaker, and the architect who designed the extensive Pinehurst #2 golf course renovations for the upcoming 2014 U.S. Open. Scott plans to encourage the military to take another look at SAME as an organization key to integrating officers, civilians, and contractors in the engineering industry. He is committed to the National President’s vision of increasing not only membership count, but the dedication of those members on committees and executive boards. He plans to serve again as Fort Bragg Post President in the near future, helping lead SAME as it heads towards its 100-year anniversary.
Engineering and Construction Camps:

The SAME – US Marine Corps STEM Camp kicked off at Courthouse Bay aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC on Sunday the 18th of June with 50 high school students arriving from 21 different states. The Campers were sponsored by 45 different Posts from around the Society. Organized into 5 Squads of 10 Campers each, each Squad was led during the week by a Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) and two SAME affiliated mentors. Including Camp leadership and activity coordinators, the home to the Marine Corps Engineer School (MCES) hosted roughly 80 Campers and Staff per day. Campers and staff berthed in camp barracks and the majority of meals were provided through the Courthouse Bay Chow Hall. In additional to chow hall meals, Campers enjoyed a Southern Style Shrimp Boil, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Mexican, Pulled Pork Barbeque meal and the always popular MRE – Meals Ready to Eat.

The 5 Squads competed in a number of STEM related events throughout the week including the design and construction of a concrete beam, trebuchet, cardboard AAV (Canoe), BMP (Stormwater management device), and numerous other STEM related and sports activities. Each event was graded by the activity coordinators and camp staff and points were issued for each event. The Squad that won each event was awarded a streamer for their Squad guide-on and at the end of the week, the Top Squad award was presented to Echo Squad. Top Campers were recognized for each Squad and an overall Top Camper award and scholarship was presented to Todd Stancil of Greenville, NC.

Saturday the 24th of June saw the entire Camp collecting and turning in Camp gear, packing up personal items, field-daying the barracks, sharing contact information and heading to the airport or main gate to begin their journeys home. The support of our hosts at MCES Camp Lejeune, particularly 1LT Logan Baisden, 2LT Jachin Anrig and Mr. Jim Barton was tremendous the entire week. MCB Camp Lejeune Public Works and ROICC staff were also instrumental in the success of the Camp, particularly Commander Jim Roche and LCDRs Billy Woodward and Chris James. Despite some heavy rain periods, we were able to accomplish activities either inside MCES facilities or adjust our schedule to ensure all outdoor activities could be performed.

The dedication and heavy lifting of the Camp Staff ensured our Campers experienced life as a STEM professional in a military environment. Many thanks are due to:

ENS Meredith Renz (ROICC Camp Lejeune) – Assistant to Camp Director
Mr. Will Breeden (MSE Group) – Manpower and Transportation Director
COL (Ret) Gil Burnet, USAFR (AECOM) – Curriculum Director

Special Note: Our own Anna Turlik was a camp counselor/mentor for the 5th year in a row at the US Air Force Camp in Colorado Springs this year. Way to go Anna!

2017 JETC in Columbus, Ohio

We are Continuing the Rolling Slide Show in 2017!

Thanks to Nora Zirps of ESP Associates, each month we have a rolling slide show presented during our networking time leading up to our general membership meetings. Nora does a great job highlighting engineering trivia, post accomplishments, upcoming and past events and our sustaining member companies. She also highlights some of the benefits of membership, Networking, Education, Involvement, Mentorship and Fun!
Post Awards Announced!

Fort Bragg Post MVP for:
• Conspicuous and meritorious service to the Ft Bragg Post during the previous year in concert with past notable contributions.
• Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society mission.
• Contributions to the engineering or architectural profession

Fort Bragg Post Sustaining Member of the Year for:
• Appointing individuals to sustaining member representative positions at the Ft Bragg Post
• The sustaining member representative(s) takes on leadership positions at the Ft Bragg Post, including Board of Direction and committees
• The firm supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities
• The firm participates in programs sponsored by the Post, the Society, or public agencies
• The firm exhibits and sponsors at SAME regional and national conferences

Fort Bragg Young Member of the Year:
• For a member 39 or younger who has provided conspicuous and meritorious service to the Ft Bragg Post during the previous year in concert with past notable contributions.
• For outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society mission.
• For contributions to the engineering or architectural profession

And the Awards go to ....

MVP: Monica Stephenson The Post has selected Monica Stephenson for her willingness to support the staff at DPW in furthering our mission to encourage collaboration with the DPW. As a direct result of our meetings with her, we have had a member of the DPW staff scheduled to speak and introduce themselves to us at each general membership meeting. They tell us a bit about their background, a bit about their role, and most importantly, they share potential ways that we can help them solve issues they face in their day to day operations. Thank you Monica for helping make SAME a part of the equation!

Sustaining Member of the Year: SR&R Environmental under the leadership of Jim Shannon, has been a vital supporter of many post events, but none more memorable or important than the Scholarship Golf Tournaments. Planning a tournament and procuring so many of the prizes takes a lot of time and dedication and SR&R has been very generous with Jim’s time. For that we are very thankful!

Young Member of the Year: Robert Pointer Robert Pointer of Summer Consultants has stepped up in a big way this year. He has filled in a lot of gaps for us, volunteering to be our representative at Future Cities Competition in January and supporting Jim Shannon in the Golf tournament planning and Glenn Craig in the Clay Shoot. We can always count on Robert to step up. Thank you Robert!
Thank you to all who participated!!!

SAME Fall 2017 Shooting Clay Social

October 20, 2017
“Shotgun” Start at 10:00 AM

Top Teams and Prize Table—
Congratulations to all!

Thank you Glenn Craig, Committee Chair! Pictured at the right with Janette Tudor, Post President.
We wrapped up our year by sending care packages overseas to be distributed to a Company deployed in Poland. The packages contained a few comforts of home—candy, gum, toiletries, books, movies, blankets and whatever else our members managed to collect during the year. Pictured here are Scott Hartung of AECOM and Jury Brown of Zapata at the post office making the drop.

In August, Janette Tudor attended the Post Leaders’ Conference at the Don Cesar in St. Pete Beach, FL, and it was amazing! They began their days with sunrise yoga on the beach and were inspired to motivate our member volunteers by the sessions hosted by stand-up comedienne and presenter Cynthia D’Amour of People Power Unlimited. If you ever get a chance to attend, it is not to be missed!

Our 2018 Calendar is under development. In red are some of the national SAME events. In general, we try to have our board meetings the first Tuesday of the month and our general membership meetings on the fourth Tuesday, unless there are holidays or other conflicts to be accommodated. We try to keep the calendar up to date on the post website, but you can always contact a board member for confirmation of dates and times.

We wish you health, happiness and success in the coming year. We hope you will join us at our monthly presentations and special events, and we would love for you to share your ideas with us for making our organization stronger and more valuable to all who attend.

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