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- **April 19, 2017**  
  TAMU General Meeting  
  Chris Hart of ExxonMobil presents to the SAME Student Chapter how to adapt in the world of the wind and oil industries

- **April 20, 2017**  
  Prairie View A&M ROTC Award Ceremony  
  Post member and SAME Fellow Ramon Herrera presents awards to Midshipman 2nd Class Allen King

- **April 20, 2017**  
  Fort Hood Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program Conference  
  SAME Post Member Firms participated in the event organized by NextOp including networking and career skills program for enlisted soldiers transitioning from active duty service to civilian life.

- **May 3, 2017**  
  General Membership Meeting  
  Chief of Infrastructure Resiliency, Steve Costello, presents an overview of his office and challenges they face

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Texas A&M SAME Chapter General Meeting was held April 19th. The speaker, Chris Hart, was terrific. Around 30 students showed up and were extremely interested in his success. Chris did a great job keeping the students engaged and taught them many valuable lessons on how he got through many years adapting and succeeding in both the Wind and Oil industries.

The students of TAMU SAME Student Chapter would like to provide a special thanks to Sean Bowman for coming down to watch Chris's presentation tonight and providing food for the event.
Ramon Herrera, P.E., F.SAME attended the Prairie View A&M ROTC Award Ceremony on April 20, 2017 and presented a plaque, certificate, and check to Midshipman 2nd Class Allen King. Mr. King is a Mechanical Engineering major with a focus on nuclear engineering. After graduation from Prairie View A&M University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, he will initiate his career in the U.S. Navy. Captain Michael A. Carambas, USN presided over the Navy ROTC awards. The event was a Joint Awards Ceremony which included both the Navy ROTC and the Army ROTC. Ceremony concluded with a reception and refreshments for all attendees, staff and award recipients.
Fort Hood Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program Conference

By: Mike Fitzgerald

On April 20, 2017, Houston/Galveston Post participated in this event organized by NextOp, which included a Career Skills Program for enlisted soldiers transitioning from active duty service to the civilian job market, as well as networking opportunities for those soldiers to talk to private firms interested in hiring veterans. SAME’s Executive Director Joe Schroedel (Brig. Gen. Retired) also attended the event and spoke to the participants during the lunch hour. Post Member firms represented at the conference included Pulice Construction, Jacobs and BGE.
Mr. Steven Costello, Chief of Infrastructure Resiliency was our featured presenter on May 3rd at HESS Club. Mr. Costello provided an informative presentation on what his office has accomplished and is planning as well as a discussion of the complexity of project prioritization in flood prevention and mitigation. He shared a few anecdotal examples of recent success stories and challenges with coordinating stakeholders and funding to best serve the greater good. Attendees enjoyed a good exchange of questions and answers and it was a pleasure to have Mr. Costello as our guest.

Mr. James Kisiel presented our Military Minute explaining the complexity of and challenges of the military organization adapting to the ever-changing threat environment.
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<td>The SAME Houston/Galveston Post presents the 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament, set for May 31st from 3pm until 7pm at the American Shooting Centers. SAME is partnering with NextOp so each team can be assigned a veteran teammate! Find more information as well as the flyer for this event on the post website</td>
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<td>The SAME Houston/Galveston Post of the Society of American Military Engineers presents the 16th Annual Public Agency Awards Banquet to be held the evening of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Hilton Westchase. Social Hour beings at 6:00pm and dinner starts at 7:00pm. The post will be presenting the Public Agency of the Year Award and will recognize and thank all public agency employees for their service. The keynote speaker is State Representative Dennis Paul</td>
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| June 29th – Young Member Happy Hour |
| Come join the Young Members at a Happy Hour at Texas Tea Tavern – Look out for more details in future blasts! |

**National Events**

For More information on upcoming National events such as elections, scholarship applications, and STEM camps, please visit the SAME National's calendar: [http://www.same.org/calendar](http://www.same.org/calendar)