**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 2019**

**June 12**
Public Agency Committee Meeting
Port Houston presentation on land, water and coastal protection projects that will influence the Port’s operations

**June 14**
Public Agency Banquet & Military Ball
Keynote Speaker Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field

**July 2019**

**July**
General Membership Meeting
Keynote Speaker Commissioner Jack Cagle and the presentation of scholarships

**May 1, 2019**
**May General Membership Meeting**
Keynote Speaker Mr. Jason Brock, Maintenance Engineering Department Manager with Harris County Flood Control District

**May 7-9, 2019**
**Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo**
SAME’s Annual National Convention Summary

**May 17, 2019**
**4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament**
SAME’s Annual Sporting Clay Tournament Summary

**May 2019**
**2019 SAME Leadership Series**
Update on the 2019 Leadership Series
On May 1, 2019, Jason Brock with the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCDD) presented information about the Harvey Disaster Recovery Program. He started by describing the scope and scale of the damage assessment completed by HCFCDD. In just three months, over 2,000 points of damage were assessed in an area of approximately 17,000 square miles spanning 22 watersheds. Brock explained that this amount of damage was typical for a 3-year time period over the whole country. The common types of damage seen after Hurricane Harvey were scour, erosion, pipe failures, sinkholes, pipe separation, concrete failures, toe line failures and voids behind slope paving. Brock also reviewed the damage assessment process completed by the program and briefly described the submittal processes to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He also talked about project formulation and how HCFCDD avoided overlaps on Damage Site Reports and grouped projects according to location and watersheds. The program also extended coverage for debris removal teams, emergency measures, repairs, equipment and utilities, administrative costs and grant management. Brock also presented information about the three agreements that HCFCDD entered with USACE, FEMA and NRCS. Each agreement covered project costs ranging from $9.5M to $18M, far exceeding the typical $12M for the annual budget for the area. HCFCDD currently has 850 damage sites under design and construction for repair with 19 engineering firms engaged, which includes 8 program managers and utility coordinators, 10 geotechnical engineering firms, 4 construction management firms, and 6 construction materials testing firms.

For more information regarding the recovery program, please visit https://csd.harriscountytx.gov/Pages/DisasterRecovery.aspx. Brock also mentioned that HCFCDD is open to giving site tours to any groups interested in learning more about current repairs from damage resulting from Hurricane Harvey. Please contact jason.brock@hcfcd.org to set up a tour.
In May, several of our Houston-Galveston Post members attended JETC (Joint Engineering and Training Conference), which is SAME’s annual national convention. It is always an educational, exciting, and inspiring event. But this year, there were a few significant accomplishments that highlighted our post! One of them was that Liz Parent won the SAME Young Member Award for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society Mission over her entire period of membership in the Society. Another one is that our very own Buddy Barnes became the National President of SAME! We are very proud to have him representing Houston at the national level. Finally, the Houston-Galveston Post achieved SAME’s Top Large Post of 2018! We were recognized on-stage at JETC for all of our hard work under the direction of our 2018 President, Tom Martens. Congratulations to the Houston-Galveston Post!
On May 17th the Houston Galveston Post held its 4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament at American Shooting Center. One of the goals of the tournament was not only to raise money for the Post’s scholarship program but also to support and interact with veterans in the Houston/Galveston area. By partnering with The Mission Continues, a local non-profit that serves veterans and their families by providing social and career services, we reached out to local veterans that have recently left military service and offered them positions as shooters on each of the member teams. A total of 13 member teams were sponsored for the event, resulting in the participation of 34 SAME Houston/Galveston Post Members and 16 veteran shooters. The tournament ended with a BBQ dinner followed by awards that were presented by Shaun Sallee, a Young member of the Post and organizer for this event. We managed to raise over $2,000 for the post’s scholarship fund. The 4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament was a great success and we look forward to next year’s event!
The SAME Leadership Series is well underway with our Class of 2019 proteges. The program kicked off with a team building exercise at the Escape Game. Our Session 1 guest speaker was SAME National President Lt. Col. Wendell “Buddy” Barnes, P.E., F. SAME and our Session 2 guest speaker was City of Houston - Houston Public Works Director Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E. Both of our guest speakers have incredible Leadership Journeys that enriched our leadership training and supplemented our book reading quite well. The book for our leadership series is titled “The 360 Degree Leader” by John C. Maxwell. The basis of the book is that anyone can be a leader regardless of their position within an organization. You can lead up, lead across and/or lead down and essentially always practice true leadership even if you are not the CEO or President of your organization.

We have 4 more sessions remaining with 4 more guest speakers. The Class of 2019 will be recognized at the SAME September Luncheon.
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June 2019

★ June 12th
Public Agency Committee Meeting
Join us on Wednesday, June 12th as Port Houston presents information on land, water and coastal protection projects that will influence the Port’s operations with the next 10 years. The event is held at Port Houston and attendance is limited to the first 50.

★ June 14th
Public Agency Banquet and Military Ball
Join us on Friday, June 14th at the 2019 Public Agency Banquet and Military Ball at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field. Our Keynote Speaker will be Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

July 2019

★ July
General Membership Meeting
Join us for our July General Membership Meeting for a presentation from Commissioner R. Jack Cagle for Harris County Precinct 4 and the presentation of scholarships.

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